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Phil Giddings has been putting in a huge effort into his bike riding. He rode the 250 km Bright-Mt Hotham-Omeo-Anglers Rest-Falls Creek-Bright endurance event recently in 14 hours and he will be tackling the Odyssey MTB 100 km Classic in the Otways on Feb 20. Phil won the M50 category of the DuO held at Ballarat on Australia Day. He will be setting the courses for the Victorian MTBO Champs in July on our Muckleford map.

Other club members to compete in the DuO were Jeff Hughes, Peter and Kevin Maloney, Ron Frederick and Rob Edmonds in a field of 74 starters. The courses proved navigationally and physically challenging to many, especially newcomers leading to a high attrition rate.



Paul Adrian and Gordon Clarke
relaxing at the 2009 World
Masters



Street'O Freya Horn with pooch
Josh



Helen at the Bowral Lookout
Xmas 5 Day

Street'O This Thursday, 4th Feb at 7pm

Jeff Hughes is setting the courses for this event.

Greensborough, Civic Circuit car park - park towards the library - Melways: 11 A10

Cost: \$4 per event for adults, \$2 for juniors/students

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early. This will provide more than enough time to show you how to register for the event and explain how to take part. If you have any questions, please ring Geoff Hudson on 9888 8121

Summer Series MTBO Our Club is running the Summer Series MTBO event at the You Yangs on Feb 20th. This is a 75 minute score event. The riders take off in groups of 20 every 5 minutes from 6 pm onwards. With 80 to 100 riders likely to take part, everyone should be started by 6:20pm. Rob Edmonds is course setting and some help would be very useful in running registration from 4:30pm. Please contact Rob if you can assist on 9438 3378. There is a lovely network of tracks in flat terrain that will suit novices to mountain bike riding. BBQ snacks and refreshments will be available at a small cost or bring your own.

Marion and Bill Johnson After some 20 years, Marion and Bill have decided to retire from bush orienteering. They intend to continue with the Street series including Wally Cavill's Tuesdays. It is remarkable how Bill and Marion have continued to go to bush events into their 80's. Their contribution to the organisation of events and their participation will be sadly missed. Their daughter Erica Johnson continues to look after club equipment and trailer in her garage. Other daughters, Janet and Rachel are also often seen at street events.

Two Way Radios At the AGM, there was a positive response to Barry Moore's suggestion to look at the purchase of two way radios.. Barry has found a discounted price from Kathmandu for \$100 a pair and they come in a recharger cradle and he bought 3 pairs. They have 2 W of power and a range of 10 kms. They are very small and neat and look easy to operate.

Club Meeting Tuesday, 16th Feb at 8pm

At Laurie and Rex Niven's place, 15 Rockliffe St Eltham

Melways: 22 A8

All members are welcome to attend



Sue, Dorothy and Joyce at World Masters

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