

# Festival of Cycling in Lancelin

Cyclo Sportif tried something new, with the support of the Lancelin community Cyclo Sportif held a weekend of cycling.

On Saturday afternoon, CS President Paul Fiddes led 20 cyclists around in the 30 minute 'participation' criterium through the main streets of Lancelin, giving riders an insight into criterium racing over a 1.8km course.

Then the spectators got a look at how criterium racing is really done, with 30 of Western Australia's top cyclists racing for over \$1000 in prize money. With money up for grabs and preens every couple of laps the pace was on from the start with riders attacking and counter attacking throughout the 40 minute race.

Luke Durbridge finally broke away with a few laps to go to win comfortably. Ryan Suckling chased hard and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. The other placings went to Michael Frieberg 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jordan van der Togt 4<sup>th</sup> and Russell Brooks 5<sup>th</sup>.

While the racing was going on, the Lancelin community held a food and wine festival showcasing local produce which included jam, olive, crayfish and wine tasting, also local handicrafts for sale.

On Sunday, the usual format of team participation cycling over three distances took place. This year, the Lancelin event broke last years record with 650 cyclists (97 teams) enjoying the 'mildly' undulating course, well mildly undulating until the "hill" on the way home!

A huge pat on the back to all cyclists who took part, it was noticed the improvement in 'team' riding and safety on the road. The passing of teams was done with courtesy and teams encouraged other teams. As you would all know, it is more fun when you ride as a team and finish as a team, which is the concept!

The town of Lancelin put on suburb weather again and the Endeavour Tavern a splendid lunch. A BIG THANKS to the town folk for being so accommodating and next year, we look forward to an even bigger event.

Bike Force Balcatta donated some wonderful spot prizes and Fresh Corp provided fruit for the event. We hope everyone enjoyed the meal, the ride and the Cyclo Sportif experience.

The jersey winners were awarded to:

**Ce Cavalier:** (*Awarded to a rider with 'questionable deeds'*)

Matt Schmidt, ConocoPhillips – for ruining his new bar tape with his breakfast within the first 10kms. He shall now be known as 'chuck' or chuck chunder!

**Le Revolver:** (*Awarded to rider showing 'feats of strength, daring and chivalry'*)

Murray, Park Street – for not coming off his bike when his pump came out and went through his spokes and destroyed his rear wheel.

**Le Petit General:** (*Awarded to rider with 'leadership in the peleton'*)

Barb Glenister + Gabriel Andrews, Spokes Geraldton – for telling the boys how fast to go!!

**Most courteous and best dressed team:** Total Triathlon, Team J

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And last but by no means least, thank you to everyone for participating in this event and we look forward to seeing you (and your friends) at the next event in the Swan Valley on Sunday 28 June.

Happy cycling and stay safe