

Aaah, what a beautiful evening to start off the 2018 GMBC Practice Crit season! Blue sky, sunny, 80F and a strong wind on the uphill part.

First I would like to thank Doug Gardner and Scott Lawrence for helping with setup and marshalling, Sharon Sturm at the registration, and our referee Dorothy Pumo!

The C race had with 8 starters a very nice attendance, including three ladies, and many riders who tried a crit for the first time. After the initial 10 minute group training phase the pace picked up significantly and broke the race apart quickly. The leading group of three battled it out in a sprint won by Marc Meredyth.

To stimulate and reward attendance I had said we will have a drawing for \$20 gift cards to Skirack, a continuing great supporter of the GMBC and it's members, if there are 10 or more starters in the B and A fields. Both fields achieved that, and the lucky winners are Jonny Meyer (B) and Patrick Murphy (A).

The B race with 11 starters had what looked like a slow beginning. However, when Evan Osler launched the first attack about ten minutes in, the field quickly broke apart and made it obvious that appearance from the side lines may not do justice to what it is in the race. Especially with a stiff headwind coming up the incline. The race ended completely splintered into onesies and twosomes, and Jonny Meyer beat Matthew Solomon in the sprint for the win.

The A race had 15 starters, dominated by the baby-blue 1k2go kits. The A's did not wait around long, and the first attack of three riders came already within the first lap, but was reeled in after a few minutes. Then Charles McCarthy was solo out front for quite a while, before things came back together again, and more attacks broke the field apart into two leaders and two groups. Junior Gaelen Kilburn and Bobby Bailey circled in front in what looked like Gaelen doing most of the work on the uphill part. They eventually lapped the field(s), and it was fun watching them attack each other over the last 5 laps. Bobby got the upper hand in the sprint to the line, maybe next time we need to limit him also to junior gearing to level the playing field. The first group of the field also lapped the second group with a couple laps to go which made for a bit messy finish.

The next 2018 GMBC Practice Crit is scheduled for Tuesday July 10th. As always we are in need of volunteers, so if you could help for an hour or two, mark your calendars, and bring the family!

2018 Green Mountain Bicycle Club
Practice Criterium

Date: 6/12/2018

Colchester Watertower Hill, 80F, sunny, strong wind uphill

C-Race; 8 starters, 20 minutes

1. 386 Marc Meredyth
2. 387 Tor Dworshak
3. 385 Michael Lee
4. 384 Dee Barbic
5. 383 Julia McCarthy
6. 506 Joseph Giancarlo
7. 382 Jason Bellavance
8. 199 Hethba Fatnassi

B-Race; 11 starters, 30 minutes

1. 287 Jonathan Meyer
2. 289 Matthew Solomon
3. 288 Dunbar Oehmig
4. 286 Whitney Hanson
5. 290 Evan Osler
6. 284 Marc Hammond
7. 285 Brian Conchieri
8. 283 Joanne Grogan
9. 292 Noah Chabot
10. 282 David White
11. 291 Jerry Chabot

A-Race; 15 starters, 41 minutes

1. 99 Bobby Bailey
2. 88 Gaelen Kilburn
3. 86 Jared Katz -1lap
4. 97 Joshua Saxe
5. 90 Riley Joinnides
6. 293 Ian Clarke -1lap
7. 98 Alain Boisjoli
8. 84 Charles McCarthy

9. 92 John McGill
10. 87 Rob Montgomery
11. 89 Michael Elmore
12. 83 Willem Jewett
13. 91 Matthew Owens
14. 85 Kevin Duniho
15. 294 Patrick Murphy