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Goodbyes and thanks are in order

Hello Fellow BCBC members and riders! As I write possibly my last "Spin," I think I overwhelmingly feel like many of our members and riders: enough of winter, not a bad one in regard to snowfalls and accumulations, but the ice, bitter cold day in and day out left us wondering when it will end. Indoors is great for maintaining, but not for months at a time, giving a new definition to "cabin fever."

My last time outside on a bike was early December. I know some of you have gotten out here and there, kudos to you; it's just tough to self-motivate most of the time when the mercury barely reaches 30 degrees.

Elections are up in March and there has been at least one nomination for presidency that I am aware of. As most of you know 1/2 of the elected positions are up for nominations this month at the banquet. Please give it some thought, as new minds and ideas are always welcome and needed to keep the club moving forward for years to come.

I am thankful for my time over the last 4-plus years and have hopefully maintained the BCBC torch for all members and riders.

I also want to thank ALL of the board members who have helped me and the club over these years. They are the ones who did most of the work behind the scenes making the club better, stronger, and hopefully more cohesive as we had a solid 4 year run of events, improve-

ments, and fresh ideas to help improve the club as much as possible.

Best of luck to the next regime as I feel it will be a tough act to follow. As always, I, as president and the board are here to help in any way for the betterment of BCBC. We will all see in March how the board forms and moves the club forward.

Shifting out of that saddle ... spring is right around the corner and as I just said, goodbye to winter. The ride schedule will reflect longer rides, Rambles, and the return of Tuesday night Oley rides. Rides coming soon: morning rides during the week, and Thursday nights and more weekend options.

Also, please try and make efforts to host rides! Hosts are needed every month and greatly appreciated by all.

Hopefully as many members as possible were able to order jerseys and shorts from the latest BCBC online store from Peak 1. It closed on Feb. 28th and as of now only five jerseys and shorts orders have been placed, not exactly what I thought when doing all the work to get this store up and running. Oh well, can't make you drink.

Thank you all again for your support over the years. It was a good run.

Lastly, please, all members and riders continue to enjoy your riding no matter what your route/bike preference is. Be safe on your rides, and aware of your surroundings. Until I see you on an upcoming ride, Godspeed ...

Nominations for positions are welcome

The Executive Committee is accepting nominations for the four elected BCBC positions: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Paul DeLong has been nominated for

president, and Alan Fineman, current treasurer, for treasurer. The formal vote will be held at the Awards Banquet, Saturday, March 29.

For more information, see page 3.

BCBC CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024

For privacy reasons, the BCBC officer list no longer contains phone numbers. Please contact them via email, and if you know any phone numbers, please do not share these on the Facebook page.

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Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator

Scott Franzen, jsfranzen@comcast.net



Shoo-Fly Coordinator will have assistance

Shoo-Fly Coordinator Scott Franzen is stepping down from his duties this year, but he wants the next coordinator to know that they'll have plenty of help preparing for the event.

That's where the bulk of the work falls: organizing volunteers, arranging for supplies, deliveries, and pick-ups, securing sponsorships, coordinating details about marking the routes, getting the T-shirt order to the screen printer on time, securing goodies to hand out the day of the event—plus whatever else comes up.

Scott can help with all of this, likely with volunteer assistance.

However, he may not be available the day-of, and now is the time to begin working with the new coordinator about all that has to happen and how and when to get it done.

Per Scott, the Shoo-Fly also needs more marketing expertise on the team, either in the coordinator or a marketing advisor.

If you are willing to step up for either role, or just want to know more, contact Scott: jsfranzen@comcast.net.

BTW: The date for the 2025 Shoo-Fly is Saturday September 27th and the Oley Fairgrounds is already reserved.

BCBC BIKE SHOP DISCOUNTS

The following bike shops offer BCBC members discounts on merchandise. Members are required to show their current membership ID card in order to qualify for bike shop discounts.

The shops will give 10% off regularly priced accessories and 5% off regularly priced bikes (unless stated otherwise).

BICYCLE BARN

839 Reading Blvd. (Rt.625), East Earl, 717-445-8508
bicyclebarnllc.com

GO GRAVA BICYCLE

840 N Park Road Wyomissing, 610-898-4855
gograva.com

JB'S BIKE SHOP

214 W. Lancaster Ave, Shillington, 610-777-5253
jbsbikeshop.com

SHIRK'S BIKE SHOP

1649 Lugalaw Rd., East Earl, 717-445-5731
www.facebook.com/ShirksBike

SKYLINE BICYCLES & SKATEBOARDS

2573 Perkiomen Ave. Mt. Penn, 610-378-9778
www.facebook.com/skylinebike

SPOKES BIKE SHOP

1073 Pottsville Pike [Route 61] Suite 8, Shoemakersville, 610-562-8900,
www.spokesbikeshop.com

WOLVERTON'S CYCLING & FITNESS

2904 Kutztown Rd., Hyde Park, 610-929-8205
www.wolvertonsbikes.com

About *Cycling Times*

Cycling Times is the Berks County Bicycle Club official newsletter, a digital publication, published in March, June, September and December. It is distributed digitally via email and posted on the Web. A ride schedule, also digital, is published in the intervening months.

Welcome Our New Members to the club!

Tanya Perova
Jen Bressan
Cyndee Smith
Gene Chessen
Ginny Kelbish

Daryl Faust
Michael Gallen
Kris Mammarella
Jeff & Lori Hills



Ride hosts: Read this!

- Please send in any ride sheets as soon as possible after hosting the ride. Also, Gary needs all information completed: the date, ride number, mileage, and ride host name. Write/print legibly!

Officer and coordinator positions per BCBC bylaws

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall be four—president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary—and shall be elected in accordance with the stipulations of these bylaws. They are listed in order of authority for purposes of conducting club business.

President: shall be the chief administrator who shall call and preside at all meetings; shall schedule meetings; be an ex-officio member of all other committees; perform any and all such duties to effectuate the powers of the president in his absence;

Vice-President: shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President perform any and all such powers to effectuate the powers of the president in his absence;

Secretary: shall establish, keep, and maintain a record (minutes) of all meetings; assume the responsibility of correspondence;

Treasurer: shall have custody of the club's funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the books of the club. He/she shall keep the money of the club in accounts to the credit of the club and shall disburse the funds of the club as may be appropriate in accordance with the authority granted or as otherwise ordered by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall comprise the four elected officers in addition to any non-elected officers, also referred to as coordinators, listed in this article and standing or ad hoc committee chairs appointed pursuant to Article VII hereunder. The Executive Committee shall have the power to make the day-to-day decisions necessary to the efficient running of the club subject to the powers of the other committees set forth herein. The Executive Committee shall meet on a

monthly basis as determined by the President or by agreement of a majority of the active members of the executive committee. The non-elected officers and their duties shall consist of the following:

Ride Coordinator: Shall schedule club rides; provide the schedule to the newsletter editor and webmaster for publication on a monthly basis;

Membership Coordinator: shall maintain a current list of all members, maintain a directory of members and endeavor to increase membership. maintain and update the membership roster. *(Editor's note: Per Kathleen Casner, duties also include maintaining and updating the ride waiver, mailing out member discount cards, and sending monthly emails to the membership.)*

Newsletter Editor Coordinator: shall prepare, review, edit and compose the monthly newsletter on a timely basis to be distributed by the 25th of each month. He/she shall send complete ride list to webmaster.

Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator: shall organize the annual Shoo-Fly Classic ride and oversee activities during the ride.

Webmaster Coordinator: shall maintain the structure and content of the club web site, and ensure that it is available (up). May delegate the maintenance of content to one or more individuals, as needed or appropriate.

Media Liaison & Public Relations Coordinator: shall serve as a liaison with news media and post items on social media as needed or as requested by the executive committee.

Racing Division Committee Chair: shall organize and oversee any activities related to bicycle racing activities.

END

FYI: Full list of officers and coordinator positions

| Position | Current | 2025-2027 Nominee | Position | Current | Open/Filled 2025-2027 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| President | Randy Gonzalez | Paul DeLong | Ride Coordinator | Randy Gonzalez | Open |
| Vice President | Linda Gross | | Membership Coordinator | Kathleen Casner | Open |
| Treasurer | Alan Fineman | Alan Fineman | Mileage Master | Gary Rollman | Gary Rollman |
| Secretary | Jane Brown | | Racing Division Chair | Gary Rollman | Gary Rollman |
| <p>Officers (elected): You may nominate a member for any position, in which case be sure that the person is interested in filling it. You may also nominate yourself. If there is more than one candidate for a position, the membership will vote on this at the general meeting held during the Spring Awards Banquet (exact date yet to be determined).</p> | | | Newsletter Editor | Félix Peña | Open |
| | | | Webmaster | Scott Franzen | Scott Franzen |
| | | | Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator | Scott Franzen | Open |
| | | | Media Liaison & Public Relation | Open | Open |

*Scott will be available to assist the new coordinator.

**Spring Awards Dinner: Saturday, March 29, Ozgood's in Robesonia
General meeting, election of officers, plus friends and fun. See back page.**

BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES

First Number: Terrain Rating Terrain rating 1-5 rates the total hilliness of the ride.

1 = FLAT—easiest

2= GENTLY ROLLING HILLS—moderate terrain with easiest of hills (Almost anyone can handle).

3= SOME HILLS—Moderate hills with some steeper grades (Moderately Challenging—but within the ability of most riders).

4= HILLY—The number and difficulty of hills is quite substantial (Very Challenging).

5= EXTREMELY HILLY—Extreme Challenge- steep and long hills most of the ride. Requires a very high fitness level).

Second Number: Total Mileage for ride

Please note the Club policy on protective headgear: ALL Riders must wear

Snell/ANSI rated helmets. Ride Host/ Hostess will NOT give cue sheets to riders without helmets and that rider will not be considered an official participant of the Club ride.

Please have your bike in proper working order BEFORE the start of ride. Arrive 10-15 minutes before start time so that all rides leave on time. Bring a spare tube or patch kit, and at least one water bottle.

If weather conditions are questionable, the ride host may notify club members by post-

ing a message on Facebook prior to the ride or make a decision at the starting location based on road conditions and the forecast.

SPECIAL RIDE DETAILS

Special rides during the months will be highlighted in color. If you are hosting a special ride, please contact Newsletter Editor Poncho (aka Félix) Peña or Ride Coordinator Randy Gonzales before the 15th of each month.



Did you have a great experience on a ride? Let us know and we'll add pictures and stories about your ride!

Cue sheets & GPS files at:

<http://www.berksbicycle.com/cues>.

| Date | Time | Ride Name/Description | Rating | Mileage | Location | Host |
|------------|-----------|---|--------|---------|---|----------|
| Sat Mar 1 | 11:00 AM | WI12 Kricks Mill Ride | 3 | 36 | Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper | Bill R. |
| Sun Mar 2 | 11:00 AM | NT25 Shartelsville - Shoemakersville Loop | 3 | 41 | North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222, Temple (Behind McDonalds) | Randy G. |
| Sat Mar 8 | 11:00 AM | BR30 Blue Lake Loop | 4 | 30 | Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568 | Kent S. |
| Sun Mar 9 | 11:00 AM | OL57 BCBC RVO | 2 | 33 | Oley High School Parking Lot | Deb M. |
| Sat Mar 15 | 11:00 AM | CPGK04p | 2 | 37 | Chapel Gate Park off Fritztown Rd. | Randy G. |
| Sun Mar 16 | 11:00 AM | FL41 Rodale Loop | 3 | 35 | Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St. in Fleetwood | Alan F. |
| Sat Mar 22 | 11:00 AM | MCP03 Kutztown / Moselem Loop | 3 | 36 | Maidencreek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon | Randy G. |
| Sun Mar 23 | 11:00 AM | CW21 Millcreek - Wolmelsdorf Coffee Shop | 3 | 38 | Conrad Weiser East Elementary School, Lincoln Rd., Wernersville | Matt F. |
| Sat Mar 29 | 11:00 AM | WY29 Wolmelsdorf - Robeson | 3 | 41 | Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing | Randy G. |
| Sun Mar 30 | 11:00 AM | SV08 Blue Marsh Lake Loop | 3 | 37 | Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport | Randy G. |
| Sat Apr 5 | 9:00 AM | CW40 Ramble to Reistville | 2 | 51 | Conrad Weiser East Elementary School, Lincoln Rd., Wernersville | Jane B. |
| Sat Apr 5 | 10:00 AM | AD14b Stevens - Weidmansville - Denver Loop | 3 | 25 | Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store | TBD |
| Sun Apr 6 | 10:00 AM | DB27b Chester County | 4 | 36 | Daniel Boone Middle School Weavertown Rd. Amityville | TBD |
| Sat Apr 12 | 10:00 AM | WI34b South Mountain - Middle Creek Loop | 3 | 39 | Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper | Bill R. |
| Sun Apr 13 | 9:00 AM | SV02 Ramble Dryville Hotel Ride | 4 | 42 | Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport | Jane B. |
| Sun Apr 13 | 10:00 AM | SL08 Limekiln - Oley Ride | 2 | 27 | Exeter School District Office | Brad S. |
| Sat Apr 19 | 9:00 AM | AD13 Lancaster County Ramble | 2 | 62 | Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store | Jane B. |
| Sat Apr 19 | 10:00 AM | AD08 Denver - Schoeneck (more hills) | 3 | 25 | Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store | TBD |
| Sun Apr 20 | 10:00 AM | NT14 Backwards Penn Valley Ride | 2 | 42 | North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222, Temple (Behind McDonalds) | Randy G. |
| Tue Apr 22 | 6:00 P.M. | Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C, OL20 | 2 | ~20 | Oley High School Parking Lot | TBD |
| Sat Apr 26 | 9:00 AM? | CW41 4S Adventure Ride | 4 | 59 | Conrad Weiser East Elementary School, Lincoln Rd., Wernersville | Matt F. |

Berks County Bicycle Club Rides (continued from page 4)

| Date | Time | Ride Name/Description | Rating | Mileage | Location | Host |
|------------|-----------|---|--------|---------|--|----------|
| Sat Apr 26 | 10:00 AM | NT37 Short Penn Valley Ride | 3 | 28 | North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222, Temple (Behind McDonalds) | TBD |
| Sun Apr 27 | 10:00 AM |  SX01 Sly Fox to Sly Fox  | 1 | 42 | Parking lot N end of 8th Ave near Sly Fox Wyomissing | Randy G. |
| Tue Apr 29 | 6:00 P.M. | Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C, OL20 | 2 | ~20 | Oley High School Parking Lot | TBD |



SEASONED SPOKES



These are group rides of roughly 20 to 40 miles in length. Rides are rated 1, 2 or 3 with 3 being the hilliest and most difficult. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time with a bicycle in good condition, a bicycle helmet, and anything you need to repair a flat tire.

Please see top of page 4 for important information about riding with BCBC groups.

Links to route maps are on the Seasoned Spokes tab of the BCBC website:

www.berksbicycle.com/seasonedspokes

More information: David Cruzan, 484-225-7048; pjcruzan@comcast.net

| Date | Time | Ride Name & GPS Link | Rating | Miles | Starting Location | Host |
|------------|----------|--|--------|-------|---|---------|
| Thu Mar 6 | 10:00 AM | amtk03p ridewithgps.com/routes/46776499 | 3 | 30 | Amity Community Park, Weavertown Rd, Amityville | Deb M |
| | | amtk03s ridewithgps.com/routes/46776562 | 3 | 20.7 | | |
| Thu Mar 13 | 10:00 AM | shtl01p ridewithgps.com/routes/37864738 | 3 | 30.3 | Shillington Pool, Broad St, Shillington | David C |
| | | shtl01s ridewithgps.com/routes/18261997 | 3 | 21 | | |
| Thu Mar 20 | 10:00 AM | lpfm04p ridewithgps.com/routes/48108342 | 3 | 29.9 | Leesport Farmers Market, Spring Garden St, Leesport | Bill W |
| | | lpfm04s ridewithgps.com/routes/42815323 | 3 | 24.3 | | |
| Thu Mar 27 | 10:00 AM | ertk04p ridewithgps.com/routes/46202371 | 2 | 34.2 | Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St, Ephrata | David C |
| | | ertk04s ridewithgps.com/routes/37865245 | 2 | 20.9 | | |
| Thu Apr 3 | 9:00 AM | fwdl03p ridewithgps.com/routes/46202588 | 2 | 35.2 | Fleetwood Community Pool, Vine St, Fleetwood | TBD |
| | | fwdl03s ridewithgps.com/routes/35316922 | 2 | 20.7 | | |
| Thu Apr 10 | 9:00 AM | dnvt01p ridewithgps.com/routes/46214054 | 2 | 34.7 | Cocalico High School, 4th St, Denver | TBD |
| | | dnvt01s ridewithgps.com/routes/37865552 | 1 | 20.8 | | |
| Thu Apr 17 | 8:30 AM | kztk09p ridewithgps.com/routes/48084262 | 2 | 32.9 | Kutztown Community Park, S Laurel St, Kutztown | TBD |
| Thu Apr 17 | 9:00 AM | tpgk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/3947406 | 2 | 20.1 | Topton Playground, Callowhill St, Topton | TBD |
| Thu Apr 24 | 8:10 AM | ertk02p ridewithgps.com/routes/37865917 | 2 | 40.3 | Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St, Ephrata | TBD |
| | | ertk02m ridewithgps.com/routes/47507246 | 2 | 30 | | |
| Thu Apr 24 | 9:00 AM | nfmk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/37865915 | 2 | 21 | Community Memorial Park, E Jackson St, New Holland | TBD |
| Thu May 1 | 8:15 AM | fwdl04p ridewithgps.com/routes/46217003 | 2 | 39 | Fleetwood Community Pool, Vine St, Fleetwood | TBD |
| Thu May 1 | 9:00 AM | wdlk02m ridewithgps.com/routes/47520887 | 2 | 30.2 | Wm DeLong Park, Bowers | TBD |
| | | wdlk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/37866152 | 2 | 21.3 | | |
| Thu May 8 | 9:00 AM | wvms01p ridewithgps.com/routes/36051930 | 2 | 39.9 | Weaver Markets, Rt 272, Swartzville | TBD |
| | | wvms01m ridewithgps.com/routes/47521451 | 2 | 31.1 | | |
| | | wvms01s ridewithgps.com/routes/35317768 | 2 | 20.8 | | |
| Thu May 15 | 8:10 AM | mdck03p ridewithgps.com/routes/35317934 | 2 | 40 | Maidencreek Community Park, Park Rd, Blandon | TBD |
| Thu May 15 | 9:00 AM | kztk04m ridewithgps.com/routes/47521786 | 2 | 30.4 | Kutztown Community Park, S Laurel St, Kutztown | TBD |
| | | kztk04s ridewithgps.com/routes/39360563 | 2 | 19.4 | | |
| Thu May 22 | 9:00 AM | hrwr04p ridewithgps.com/routes/46230732 | 3 | 39.2 | Heidelberg Run West Recreation Area, Arthur Dr, South Heidelberg Township | TBD |
| | | hrwr04m ridewithgps.com/routes/47525418 | 3 | 31.3 | | |
| | | hrwr04s ridewithgps.com/routes/37921674 | 3 | 19.7 | | |
| Thu May 29 | 9:00 AM | nrdz05p ridewithgps.com/routes/37872313 | 3 | 38.6 | North Reading Plaza, Leesport Ave & Allentown Pike, Temple | TBD |
| | | nrdz05m ridewithgps.com/routes/47530014 | 3 | 26.9 | | |
| | | nrdz05s ridewithgps.com/routes/37872257 | 3 | 21.3 | | |

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Ramble Rides!

Ramble Rides are a time to relax and enjoy the day at a leisurely pace.

This schedule is tentative. In some cases there may be a conflict with Matt's Adventure Rides, and the Ramble will be canceled or rescheduled. Note *.

Note difficulty level/miles, in parentheses, and departure information. GPS files and cue sheets are

available at www.berksbicycle.com/cues.

Rides are subject to change. Please check future [newsletters](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information. GPS routes and details will be posted on Facebook the week before the ride. Contact Jane Brown joeorja-ne@verizon.net with questions and suggestions!

| Date | Ride | Start |
|---------------|--|--------|
| Sat. April 5 | CW40 (2-51) Ramble to Reistville | 9 a.m. |
| Sun. April 13 | SV02 (4-42) Dryville Hotel Ride | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. April 19 | AD 13 (2-62) Lancaster County Ramble | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. May 3 | CG01 (3-50) Chapel Gate Ramble | 9 a.m. |
| Sun. May 11 | DB09 (4-61) Batman! Oley-Seisholtzville | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. May 31 | SP03 (3-56) French Creek Ramble to Pequea Creek | 9 a.m. |
| Sun. June 8 | RM 02 (3-60) Lititz-New Holland Ramble | 8 a.m. |
| Sun. June 29 | BR16 (3-69) Lancaster Covered Bridge | 8 a.m. |
| Sat. July 5 | OL46 (4-46) Ramble to Macungie | 8 a.m. |

| Date | Ride | Start |
|---------------|---|--------|
| Sun. July 13 | SCB 04 (3-46) To Trexlertown | 8 a.m. |
| Sat. July 26 | CW41 (4-59) 4S Adventure | 8 a.m. |
| Sun. Aug, 3 | BR26 (3-56) Denver-Ephrata Express | 8 a.m. |
| Sat. Aug. 16 | CW 37 (3-66) Ramble to Cleona | 8 a.m. |
| Sun. Aug. 24 | AD04 (4-81) Tour of Lancaster County | 8 a.m. |
| Sat. Sept. 6 | CW39 (3-71) Mt Gretna Ramble | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. Sept. 20 | Hershey | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. Oct. 4 | NT16 (4-70) Eastern Berks 3/4 | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. Oct. 18 | MCP05 (3-50) Almost Velo | 9 a.m. |

Always check the club Facebook page for notices of cancellations or changes: tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook

MATT'S ADVENTURE RIDES

Here's what Matt has lined up for 2025

- ◆ April 26: CW41 (4-59) 4S Adventure ride
- ◆ May 24: NT13 (4-101) Kempton-Topton century
- ◆ June 21: WY10R (94-101) Berks County Century in reverse
- ◆ July 19: AD12 Modified to go on the Safe Harbor area of the [Enola Low Grade Rail Trail](#).
- ◆ Aug 23: New ride thru Jim Thrope ride
- ◆ Sept 27: WI35 (3-100) Hershey Adventure ride
- ◆ Oct 25: CW08 (4-68) Mt Gretna Lunch ride

Questions: Mtrek520@msn.com.

BCBC needs more volunteers to step up and host rides

BCBC needs ride hosts. At this point, rides are on weekends, so this is not an every-week type of obligation. If you are available, let the ride coordinator know and from which departure point.

Also, include any limitations on dates, if that applies: E.G. J. Doe, can host from Daniel Boone Middle School, a Saturday in April.

To see all departure points, go to www.berksbicycle.com/cues. It's likely you'll find one just a few minutes from your home.

As host, you make sure everybody signs in and has their helmet and equipment in good working condition. If new people show up, give them a brief orientation about the route, etiquette, etc., as needed.

If you must cancel the event do so via Facebook, in a timely fashion. After the ride, mail the completed sign-in sheet to Gary, mileage master.

Scheduling rides is a complex, time-consuming task. If you can help out, please let Randy know ASAP: day2daylife19@gmail.com.

Club member taking on ultra challenge: Can you help?

Diane Grim is getting ready to take on a challenge, an adventure that few will envy: a 100-mile run.

The longtime board member, and also designer of our jerseys, by the way, received an athlete sponsorship from HOKA to compete in the Western States Endurance Run 100-Miler on June 28-29 this year.

In an email, Diane points out that this event ranks as a "Tour de France" for trail runners, with 40,000 feet of elevation gain in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

That said, Diane is raising funds to take her support crew, which is essential for this 30-hour run.

Here's how you can help out:

- ◆ Sign up for the 10-Mile Trail Run and 5K Fun Run/Walk on April 6 in Birdsboro: www.pretzelcitysports.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Whats-your-story-race-app-final-to-post.pdf. This will download or open a PDF file with plenty of info about the event.
- ◆ Online registration: www.pretzelcitysports.com/onlineform1.php?id=1828
- ◆ Can't make the race? You can make a donation here: www.pretzelcitysports.com/onlineform1.php?id=1829

10 Mile Trail Run and 5k Fun Run/Walk*

Assisted by

**Pretzel City Sports
Trail Sister approved!
Rustic Park, Birdsboro
Sunday, April 6, 2025
8 AM Registration
9 AM Start**

*Proceeds will help Diane Grim transport her support team for the 100-mile Western Endurance Run,

- ◆ A complete link to everything: www.pretzelcitysports.com/calendar_event/whats-your-story-10-mile-trail-run-and-5k-fun-run-walk-hike/

Berks County Bicycle Club Meeting Minutes

Feb. 10, 2025, Bella Italia, Oley

Attendees: Kathleen Casner, Scott Franzen, Linda Gross, Félix Peña (Poncho), Jane Brown.

In lieu of standard updates, discussion focused on rides, ride schedules, elections, and Spring Awards Banquet.

Discussion and Planning Items:

Rides and Ride Schedule:

Jane provided dates for the Ramble Rides 2025 and asked if anyone had any requests for rides. Scott did recommend three rides from Conrad Weiser. The team also discussed changing March ride start times to 10:00 a.m. Currently they start at 11:00. Poncho has put a survey on Facebook to see which time is preferred. Any change will begin March 2026. (*Editor's Note: The Facebook survey showed an overwhelming preference, 77%, for a 10 a.m. start time. 11% had no preference, and 6% preferred the 11 a.m. departure time.*)

Elections: It is time to nominate people for BCBC Officers positions. The election will take place Spring 2025. All elected positions



are open. These positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please let one of the current members of the Executive Committee know of nominations. We do have several nominations but would love to see more folks step up and help their club! We also need to fill positions on the Executive Committee: ride coordinator, membership coordinator, newsletter editor coordinator, Shoo-Fly coordinator, media liaison coordinator. Please let a current Committee member know if you are willing and able to help your club! Elections will

be March 29, 2025.

Spring Banquet: Kat provided an update on the Spring Banquet, date is set for Saturday, March 29, 2025 6:00-9:00 pm OzGood's Grill & Bar Robesonia. Election Night!

Ride Hosts Needed: The club needs ride hosts. We have several people stepping in to fill the void, thank you, but we would like to have permanent folks assigned; we can always find substitutes if needed. Currently we need hosts for North Temple, Daniel Boone, Saint Lawrence, Maiden Creek Park (Jane), Wyomissing Adamstown and Schuylkill Valley. This is an easy task and you will meet club members and help us all! We will provide support and direction as to what your responsibilities are.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2025, Bella Italia, Oley. All members are welcome!

Topics: Elections, Rides and ride schedule, Banquet.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary*



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We need your help to keep the club healthy and growing. Every little bit counts!

Let us know as soon as possible. Simply contact a club officer; their contact information is on page 2.

And spread the good word about BCBC!

BCBC Awards Dinner/ Spring Banquet Reservation Form

Saturday, March 29, 2025, 6-9 p.m.

Ozgood's Grill & Bar, 319 E. Penn Ave., Robesonia

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$25.00 per person

Number of guests: _____ X \$25.00 = Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to BCBC

Reservations Due No Later Than March 21

[You can add your annual dues-\$20- and send one check]

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2025 Berks County Bicycle Club Membership Form

Names of people in household* (see "Dues," below) who will be riding on BCBC rides:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency contact, relationship, phone: _____

Please Check one: New Applicant, or Renewing Member

Note: The BCBC *Cycling Times* newsletter is published quarterly, with a ride schedule published in the intervening months. Both are distributed via email to members and on our website, www.berksbicycle.com.

May we publish your name, address, and telephone number in a club directory? Yes No

Please indicate your interests by checking as many items as may apply: () Ride Host/Hostess;

Updating Ride sheets; Road Rides; Trail Riding; Social Events (Helping with picnic and/or annual banquet); Helping with our Shoo-Fly Classic Bike Ride

How did you find out about BCBC? Friends or family; Newspaper; Online

Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If applicant is under 18, parent or legal guardian must also sign.)

*Dues: \$20 per household, per year. Renewing memberships are due and payable by MARCH 31 of each year. Dues benefits include quarterly newsletter, *Cycling Times*, sent via email, and a membership card for discounts at bike shops listed in newsletter. Website: www.berksbicycle.com

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