

Club News



March 2018

TOURING NEWS

Steve Juniper, VP Touring

The beginning of the BCC's 2018 cycling season is almost here! Our **first official rides** are scheduled for this Saturday March 31st starting from the Meadowvale GO parking lot at 9:00am. If you plan to ride don't forget to check the Events Calendar and register for your chosen Tour Group. Also remember to check the calendar before leaving home on ride day for a possible cancellation notice. As we experienced in 2017 it's not uncommon for rides to be cancelled early in the season due to any combination of wet, cold or windy conditions. Ride cancellations are always posted at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start time.

Although it's not mandatory to **pre-register for an upcoming BCC ride on the Events Calendar** I would strongly recommend that our members get in the habit of registering for all rides they plan to join. First of all, you must register for a ride if you want to count the kilometres ridden towards your BCC Ride Achievement statistics; which is definitely very cool! Ride registration also lets Tour Leaders know who and how many riders to expect in their tour group. This season we will be adhering to our "12 rider maximum group size" policy so your ride registration will help tour leaders know beforehand if they'll need to split their tour group and assign another pack leader.

For new BCC members, or anyone else interested to join us, we have **Group Riding Clinics** currently scheduled for Sunday April 22nd and Sunday May 6th at the Meadowvale GO station starting at 9:30 am. These clinics run about 2 hours and include instructions and "dry land training" in the parking lot before we get on our bikes to practice group riding techniques out on the road. Additional clinics may be scheduled this season based on demand.

Before joining your first BCC tour this season make sure to carefully check your tires, brakes, gearing, oil your chain, and **take your bike out for at least one test ride**. And finally, please remember to always focus on safety and practice safe riding techniques whether you're out cycling on your own or with one of our tour groups.

THANKS TO OUR BIKE SHOW VOLUNTEERS

John Bachmann, President

Member support is key to the success of our presence at the Bike Show. Thanks to Brad Hains for arranging the booth and all who volunteered their time. If you have not yet submitted your parking stubs for reimbursement please send them to Pierre Dussault at treasurer@bramptoncyclingclub.com.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

John Bachmann, President

New members make up 20 percent of those who have registered to date. Most of these have learned about us through friends and acquaintances who apparently enjoy riding with us – a lot!

If you are one of our new members please do the following:

- Review the information in our *Group Riding Techniques, Touring Guide* and *Risk Management Policy* found under the Membership > Club Documents tabs on our website. Doing this will get you much better prepared for your first ride.
- Contact VP Touring Steve Juniper before your first ride with us to determine which group will be the best for you to join. This will allow Steve to give the Tour Leader for your group a heads up that you will be joining.
- If you have no or very limited experience riding in a group consider holding off your first ride until you have attended one of the *Group Riding Clinics* mentioned by Steve above.

We look forward to getting to know you better on the road!

BCC RIDE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Steve Maxwell, BCC Webmaster

With the new season starting in a few days, I would like to remind everyone of our goal of 80,000 combined kilometers. This is certainly an achievable target but we must remember to register for rides. Claiming rides will be much easier as only one person from each group is required to perform the claim.

Individually, there are monthly awards for the most kilometers and elevation accumulated on club rides. But while it is great to top the overall leaderboard, it will be more achievable to top the leaderboard for a given touring group. With this, new members can immediately join in on the fun as they try to top the leaderboard for the Beginners or Easy Rollers group.

Looking forward to an increased participation from new and returning members. Ride safe.

FIRST 2018 CLOTHING ORDER

John Bachmann, President

The window for pre-ordering club clothing and a few accessory items is now open. Check the posting under *Clothing* on our website *Forum* for details.

Please note that this is probably the last year that we will be offering the current blue, black and white design so if you don't have it already, don't miss this opportunity to order this very popular design.

WATER BOTTLES

John Bachmann, President

Club water bottles will be on sale at most Saturday club rides. They are \$8 each or two for \$15. If you are interested please find me in the parking lot. Exact change will be appreciated.