

Regular Weekly Rides

Various Days

...and Various Times. Class C-/D, 15-40 miles. Come and join the fun with a new ride every time. The rides will start at, of course, Various Locations and will tour the beautiful countryside of the western suburbs of Philadelphia, Maryland, Delaware, and Chester County, Pa. Contact Rosalyn Chasin, 302-478-1610, to be put on a telephone notification list for ride start times, locations and distances.

Sundays

Sunday Morning Breakfast Ride. Class C, up to 30 miles. Meet 8:45 at the SE corner of 22nd & Spring Garden for a delightful ride to a delightful place to have a delightful breakfast. Bring locks and money for brunch in the middle of the ride. We always need volunteers to lead us to delightful eating spots and pretty biking areas. Ride may be canceled at temperatures below 32 degrees. *Leaders: January 2 - Joseph Feeney, 215-332-0283, jfe7378071@aol.com; 9th - Linda McGrane, 267-251-7862,*

mcgranel@mlhs.org; 16th - Henry Lazarus, 267-259-6275 (cell phone), hlazar@netaxs.com; 23rd - Ben Sears, 215-844-3784, bikerbenn@aol.com, 30th - Joe Murphy, 267-254-1866, murphyphil@aol.com.

B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, approx. 40 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Check the Monthly Calendar for leaders, ride descriptions, and cancellations.

Sunny Sunday Afternoon Class D Ride is over for the season. See you in the spring!

Sunny Sunday Spin-Off Ride. Class C, usually 25-30 miles. A true C ride which cheerfully waits to regroup. All welcome. Meets 12:15 at the rock near the Italian Fountain, behind the Art Museum. *Leaders: January 2 - Chuck Martin, 215-923-1887; 9th - Tom Witt, 215-977-2164; 16th - Sheryl Oleski, 215-713-9184; 23rd - Tom Witt; 30th - Lyn Hedrick (no Sunday calls please), 215-483-3618.*

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President's message

Board of Directors in November and December 2004. It was compiled by Gary Morris.

Elected officers as follows:

President	Jeff Bakely
Vice President	Howie Wiener
Secretary	Gary Morris
Treasurer	Dave S Johnson

Received the final IRS determination that BCP is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code.

Approved a new membership application reflecting the increased dues for the membership year beginning 4/1/05.

Voted to change insurance companies. (The new company will provide broader protection and charge us less. Their policy is specifically designed for bicycle clubs.)

Adopted a percentage allocation of BCP's charitable gifts to various cycling organizations, and approved a gift total of \$2,000.

Appointed Hans van Naerssen to the vacant position of Law and Government Liaison.

Coming Events

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual awards banquet. Debbie Hollein, Cathy Flynn, banquet co-chairs and their committee seem to be doing a wonderful job of organiz-

ing this year's edition. Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter. Register early and prepare to share the fun, food and awards with your biking friends.

Linda McGrane is doing her usual thorough job of organizing the Spring Weekend Event to take place May 13, 14, and 15 in Danville, between Bloomsberg and Lewisburg in the Susquehanna Valley. There will be plenty of hills for those who want them.

Event Chairs Needed

Please consider volunteering to chair or co-chair one of the two events that the Club hosts each year – the annual swap meet which we hold in the Spring, usually in the Italian Fountain area behind the Art Museum and, of course, the Schuylkill Valley Century, held in September. The Century is the BCP's premier event. Unfortunately, neither of last year's co-chairmen is able to do it again this year, but they and others who have chaired it in the past are still active in the club and able to confer and advise this year's chairs. There is a ready core of volunteers who help out every year, so the task is not as daunting as it may first appear. If you are willing to take on one of these tasks, please contact me.

Input to the Club's Leadership

Any club member is welcome to attend the Board's monthly meetings and participate in our discussions, although not the votes, of course. If you have any suggestions or issues that you want to raise, please feel free to contact me. I will do my best to address your concerns or get someone else to do so. I look forward to serving as your President in the coming months.

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Tuesdays

NightRiders. Class C, 10-20 miles. We spin around Southern DelCo in the dark. Bike lights front and rear are a must. You must call or e-mail the leader to confirm the start time and location. Very cold or wet weather will cancel ride. Most rides start at 6 PM. *Leader: Dave Trout, 610-368-0760, brider-ride@usa.net.*

Wednesdays

MTB on the Pennypack Trails. Class B-/C+. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park at 6:30 PM. Lights and a trail permit are required. We ride for approximately 1-1/2 hours. Come enjoy the great outdoors after dark! Depending on weather and/or trail conditions, the day may change. Call or e-mail to confirm that the ride is on or with questions. Day-of ride inquiries - call only. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Fridays

Wallyball. January 7 and 21. Come to the Aquatic & Fitness Center at Riverside Racquet at 600 Righters Ferry Road in Bala Cynwyd at 7 PM for a fun and invigorating game of Wallyball. What is that, you ask? Good question - it's volleyball in a racquetball court. We play until at least 9:00. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Bring your own lock for a locker. Call the club at 610-664-6464 for directions. Call or email *coordinator Nikki Marx, 215-963-9377, bcpwallyball@hotmail.com* to let her know you are coming or there may not be a game. Also call or email Nikki if you would like to be on the Wallyball e-mail list to remind you of upcoming games.

Saturdays

Krank with Kolman. Class C, 30-40 miles, 12-14 mph. Come on down and discover a new area to ride. This is wonderful, open flat to slightly rolling farm land. We will hold a "C" pace but faster riders are welcome and may ride off. Meet at baseball field parking lot, Sharp & Columbia Sts, Millville, NJ. From 55 S, take exit 27. Go south. Cross light. Bear right at the Y. Stay right at second Y. Go about 1 mile. Laundromat is on left; parking lot for the ride is on the right. Usual start time is 9:00, but ride may start later or be canceled depending on the weather, so call to confirm. Rain or snow cancels. Joint ride with SJ Wheelmen. *Leader: Kolman Kleinbord, 856-787-9677, kolman39@hotmail.com.*

'Off-Season' Training Ride. Class B-, 14 mph, approx. 40 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain at 11 and head out to either Ambler with a short cafe stop or to Devon with a refreshment stop at Whole Foods. Cue sheets will be provided. Precipitation at 10:00 cancels. Call or email leaders if

the weather is questionable or if the temperatures are below freezing to confirm the ride is still on. *Leaders: Sheryl Oleski, 215-713-9184 (home), 215-833-9285 (mobile), sheryloleski@hotmail.com, and Michael Kim, 215-713-9184 (home), 267-577-9285 (mobile), mdskim1@hotmail.com.*

BCP Annual Awards Banquet

Once again it's time to recognize the people who make BCP special. The BCP Awards Banquet will take place on Saturday January 29, 2005, from 6 – 10 pm. We will be returning to Mishkan Shalom Synagogue in Manayunk – that great central location with free parking. This year's cocktail hour will feature the Jazzanmore trio. Our favorite bartenders will again offer complimentary beverages to accompany a variety of appetizers. It's always fun to see our bike friends off the road and catch up during the cold winter months.

Our buffet meal, including vegetarian options, will be provided by Bruno's. Dinner will be followed by the awards ceremony and coffee and dessert.

The cost for these festivities is only \$30.00 (same as last year.) We look forward to seeing you.

Directions to Mishkan Shalom, 4101 Freeland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, from Center City:

West on Ridge Ave to left on Shurs Lane, three blocks to right on Freeland Ave. (Ugly Moose Restaurant is on the left). Mishkan Shalom's parking lots are 300 feet from this intersection. OR West on Main Street, right on Shurs Lane up hill to Freeland Ave. (Ugly Moose is on the right), left on Freeland to parking lots. Public transportation is also available, with stops at the intersection of Shurs Lane and Ridge Ave or Main Street.

Please mail in registration form and check by January 15, 2005.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

\$30 per ticket \$30

Number of tickets x _____

Total = _____

Mail with check payable to "BCP" to:
 Penelope Myers
 7126 Cresheim Road
 Philadelphia, PA 19119

January Ride Listings

Saturday, January 1 - New Year's Day Ride into Philly.

ATB bikes only. Class B-, approx 13 mph, approx 50 miles. Starts at 8:15 from behind the Dunkin Donuts at MacDade Blvd and Fairview Ave in Woodlyn, just off Blue Route exit #1 (MacDade Blvd East). We will tour some of the sights in Philadelphia including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the Mummer's parade before we head out through Gladwyne to complete our ride. Sorry, no cue sheets on this one. Several stops for food or bring your own. ATB type bikes only as will we go through the Heinz Wildlife Refuge on the way into town. Repeat, NO ROAD BIKES! *Leaders: Doug Kennedy, 610-543-4664, dougkennedy7@yahoo.ca, and Debbie Wilson, 302-798-1243, djwbike@aol.com.*

Sunday January 2 - Afternoon Mystery Ride. Class D, 10-20 miles. May have brief stop for refreshment. Call for starting time and location. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Sunday, January 2 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40 or 50 miles. Leaves from the Italian Fountain at noon. If the day is warm, we will travel to The Muffin Shop, a little west of Valley Forge Park (about 50 miles). If the day is cold, we will ride to Le Bus Bakery Outlet near King Manor in Upper Merion (about 40 miles). If the roads are icy, we will play paintball. Since the day will be short, I plan to return by 4:30. *Leader: Jack Echols, 610-622-6997, jackvortex@aol.com.*

Saturday, January 8 - Northeast Ramble. Class C minus, morning start, 25-35 miles with lunch stop. Call for starting time and location. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey.*

Saturday, January 8 - Weather Roulette. Class B-, 13-14 mph for about 40 miles. Destination will be Doylestown if weather is upper 40s or more (because of the cold descent on the return out of the town) or Skippack, if it is colder. Rolling terrain in Montgomery County in either case. Expect a sit-down food stop. Meet at Bruno's at 9:45 for a 10:00 start. Call if weather is questionable or below 40 degrees at start time. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Sunday, January 9 - MTB on the Pennypack Trails. Class B-/C+. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park at 9:00. A longer and more challenging version of the ride that we do on Wednesday evenings. We ride for approximately 2.5 hours. Please note: a trail permit is required! The ride may be canceled because of

poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call ahead or e-mail to confirm. Also, call or e-mail with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, January 9 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-45 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. Food stop at Whole Foods Market in Devon. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jim Laurino, 215-476-5091, bcpbit01.x.jimlaur@dfgh.net.*

Tuesday, January 11 - BCP Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM at the Imperial Inn, 146 N. 10th St, Philadelphia, 215-627-2299. All BCP members are encouraged to attend. To get something on the agenda, contact *Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Sunday, January 16 - Fun Wheelers: Winter-Limbering. Class C, 30 miles, about 12 mph. We leave from Manhattan Bagel in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center at 10:00 (it's accessible from US 202 or Pa 252). An urban ride with some hills, rolling terrain and a few flats. We ride through parts of Tredyffrin, Upper Merion, Gulph Mills, W Conshohocken, Swedeland, and Bridgeport. Brunch at Frosty Falls. Finally we wind our way back across Valley Forge National Historical Park to the initial point. No one dropped. Cue sheets provided. Bring snack, H2O & \$. A multi-club ride. Call!! No calls = no ride!. In the event of weather concerns or for directions, please call. *Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Sunday, January 16 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Show and Go.

Sunday, January 23 - MTB on the Wissahickon Trails. Class B-/C+. Starts from Valley Green (upper parking lot) at 9:00. We ride for approximately 2.5 hours. Please note: a trail permit is required! Canceled if poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call ahead or e-mail to confirm or with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, January 23 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, about 40 miles. I have discovered a wormhole that is disguising itself as a new trail that runs from Radnor to Berwyn with no hills. If you don't believe it, come on this great scientific journey. Call if the weather is questionable. We leave from the Italian Fountain at noon. *Leader: Jeff Kimmel,*

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January Ride Listings

610-446-1334, jeff_signs@yahoo.com.

Sunday, January 30 - Norristown Farm Park. Class C, 13 mph, +/- 25 miles. 9:00 departure from Spring Mill train station parking lot. We will follow the Schuylkill trail to Norristown and then take to the roads to reach Norristown Farm Park. It will be cold so dress accordingly. Snow or rain at the start cancels. Bring snacks, water and money for a possible breakfast stop. No calls = No ride. *Leader: Len Langsdorf, 610-278-7779, (home), 215-826-6998 (work).*

Sunday, January 30 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, about 40 miles. Destination is Ambler or beyond (if we happen to get a warmish day). Some climbs out the city, then rolling terrain. Cue sheets provided. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. Call if weather is questionable or below 40 degrees at start time. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Tuesday, February 1 - Mailing the February Newsletter. Meet 6:30 at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, 1650 Arch Street, southeast corner 17th & Arch Sts. *Coordinator: Tom Witt, 215-977-2164.*

Saturday, February 12 - Parkesburg or Bust. Class B-, approx 14 mph, approx 62 miles. From the Brandywine Valley to Parkesburg for brunch. Leaving at 8:30 from behind the Wawa in Chadd's Ford. Snowed out twice last winter, we'll give this one a try again. *Leaders: Doug Kennedy, 610-543-4664, dougkennedy7@yahoo.ca, and Debbie Wilson, 302-798-1243, djwbike@aol.com.*



February Ride Leaders

Jeff Bakely
Chris Beetham
Jack Echols
Joseph Feeney
Lyn Hedrick
Doug Kennedy
Michael Kim
Jeff Kimmel
Kolman Kleinbord
Len Langsdorf
Jim Laurino
Henry Lazarus
Chuck Martin
Nikki Marx
Linda McGrane
Joe Murphy
Sheryl Oleski
Arnie Roseman
Ben Sears
Dick/Madge Trickey
Dave Trout
Debbie Wilson
Tom Witt

BCP Banquet – Call for Photographs

We're putting together a photo show for the BCP Banquet. So we need your help! If you have photographs that show BCP people, cycling, or BCP activities, please send them to me **NO LATER THAN January 10, 2005.**

How to get the photos to me: I prefer them in electronic form...so

1. You may email them to **me**, **IF YOU HAVE ONLY A FEW FILES** and they aren't that large. (Between 200KB and 500KB is ideal size for projected files). Do NOT send them to the elist. Send them to: BCP@WeberConsult.com

2. If you have more than a few photos, please create a CD and send it to me via the US mail.

BCP Banquet Photos

c/o Leigh Weber
 1420 Glenn Dr
 Ambler, PA 19002-3107

3. If you have an on-line album, please send me the logon information including password. PLEASE CREATE A SEPARATE ALBUM of the ones you want me to consider using.

4. If you have paper prints - you may mail them to me at the above address and I'll scan them.

If you want them back, send a to that effect and remember to include your name and address on the note.

THANKS!

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