

Off The Back



January/February

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi! For those of you who don't know me, I'm your new club president. My name is Tim Daniels. I was raised in Southern California and have spent most of my life in the coastal areas of this state including Los Angeles, Orange, SF, Alameda, and Humboldt Counties. I retired from the USCG in September 2003 after 20 years of service. Jess (my wife), the kids, and I moved here after I retired and joined the club shortly afterwards. The year following our joining we heard from the club...um, maybe two or three times.



When it came time to renew our membership we asked ourselves, *why?* We discussed it at length and decided it was time to call it quits or do something about our dissatisfaction. We opted for the latter. This past November I was nominated by Jess and subsequently inducted into the presidency of our club by default.

The main thing on which we will focus is to create a more cohesive group through communication. The Yahoo! Group we started is one example of things we can do to bring us together. I would like to see all members signed up and getting the benefits of this outstanding resource. We will be sending out bimonthly newsletters as well.

Another goal is to increase membership. In order to do this we are implementing programs to make the club more attractive. I have scheduled six "Bicycle Maintenance Clinics" for members this year. We will be creating a membership card and will be soliciting local bike shops for "member discounts". We will be sponsoring more rides and will be hooking up with other clubs in the area for rides.

I have a lot more to say but I need to leave room for other "stuff". You'll be hearing from me soon enough anyway.

Ride On!

Tim

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MEET THE "BOARD"

It is a new year, and we would like to start it off by introducing the current Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT: DAN GOLDSMITH

Hi club members,

I have been a cyclist dating back to high school (my oldest bike is 22 years old). I started mountain biking in '92, and now I am active in road, mountain, cross, and even some racing. I really love the social and competitive aspects of cycling. I also enjoy how sometimes a ride among friends may start out as an easy cruise and then turn into an all out hammerfest that we talk about for months on end.

Due to my schedule, most of my riding in the past was done alone. However, a club like ours encourages communication between fellow riders so that we can frequently enjoy the company of a

riding partner. My goals as vice-president of the club are to increase member participation in group rides of all types. I would also like to see our members using the available resources to help generate an effective communication network. This way, all members will have the opportunity to participate in rides that others are planning, which will expand the social aspects of the club.

Another major goal that I have is to increase participation in local trail maintenance. We as a club have a responsibility to maintain the trails upon which we ride. If we leave it up to others, the trails will disappear, or we will lose access. Therefore, we must be contributors of trail advocacy.

With that said, I hope to see many of you out on the roads and trails as the riding season ramps up this spring and summer.

Dan



TREASURER/NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JESSICA HUGHES

Greetings in the name of cycling!

My name is Jessica "Sunshine" Hughes. Throughout this year I will be serving you, the club member, by producing/editing the newsletter, as well as performing the duties of the treasurer.

As a business oriented person that loves cycling, I consider it a privilege to participate in the above capacities, and it is my goal to serve you as best I can. I encourage your comments and feedback so that I may provide a product and service that is beneficial to you.



Many of you I have yet to meet, but hopefully that will soon change. This year's "Board" is looking forward to engaging current club members along with proliferating our Bigfoot Family.

In the meantime, here are a few tidbits about myself.

Married with Children

Fulltime Student at HSU

Major: Business Administration

Favorites: My Husband, Mountain Biking, Swoopedie Single-track, My Motorcycle, Planning (yes, I'm sick), and Steak.

Questions/Comments?

Send to: sunshinetripper@earthlink.net



WEBSITE DIRECTOR: TIM KOHBERGER

It all started many years ago. I used to ride ten speeds down the dirt roads of Mt. Umunhum in the Santa Cruz mountains, but that didn't last long with those skinny wheels. Later when I ended up in college at HSU, I met Michael Butler. We traded "How to brew beer" with "How to mountain bike", and we spent many afternoons riding the "J" line off Fox Farm Road in Trinidad. Biking evolved, and so did I, which led to hi-tech bikes and hours of riding. My favorite riding is cross-country mountain biking, although after spending the summer on a new road bike, the road comes in a close second. My favorite local riding is in the hills behind Mckinleyville.

Upcoming Events

- *March 7th* - Maintenance Clinic II: The Drivetrain, Tim's garage, Cutten
Call: 445-1738 or visit <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/BigfootBicycleClub/> for more information.
- *April 14th-17th* - Sea Otter Classic, Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey, CA
<http://www.seaotterclassic.com/>
- *April 24th* - Napa Valley Dirt Classic, Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA
<http://www.puc.edu/Pioneers/NVDC/>
- *April 30th*- Lemurian Shasta Classic, Whiskeytown, CA
<http://www.shastalemurian.org>
- *May 7th* - Tour of the Unknown Coast, Ferndale, CA
<http://www.teambigfoot.net/>
- *May 22nd* - Arcata Downtown Criterium, Arcata, CA
<http://www.teambigfoot.net/>

Election Results

Bigfoot Bicycle Club Board of Director elections were held at the general meeting on Wednesday, December 8th, 2004 at Chapala's Mexican Restaurant. Results are as follows:

President	Tim Daniels
Vice President	Dan Goldsmith
Treasurer	Jessica Hughes
Membership Director	Tim Daniels
Newsletter Editor	Jessica Hughes/Mike Butler (assist.)
Website director	Tim Kohberger
Secretary	Vacant

Regular Rides

Thursday Night Ride– Meet at Revolution in Arcata at 6:30pm. The ride will be in the Community Forest. Rain usually cancels the ride. Stay posted at our Yahoo! Group.

Saturday Morning Road Ride (Starting Feb. 5th)–Meet at Wildberries parking lot in Arcata at 10AM. This is a moderate paced social ride. Rain or Shine!

What Is New?

- ◆ **Staying in touch**—Bigfoot Bicycle Club members are making the switch to Yahoo! Groups for on-line communications. The site includes a message board, calendar, a place to share your cool cycling photos, and add your favorite links. Go to:
<http://sports.group.yahoo.com/group/BigfootBicycleClub/>
- ◆ **Membership Card Contest**—Winner receives one year of free Club membership. Submission deadline is February 28th, 2005. Send to Club P.O. Box or submit electronically (Word or PDF only) to: twowheelintim@earthlink.net. Judging will be held at the March General Meeting. Time and place TBD. The winner will be announced in the March/April newsletter.
- ◆ **Member Profile Submissions**— In an effort to get to know our fellow members better we would like to reserve a section of our newsletter for member profiles. If you are interested in sharing a little bit about yourself with the rest of us then please respond. Send a brief profile (200 words or less) and photo of yourself to the Club P.O. Box or submit electronically to: sunshinetripper@earthlink.net. Profiles will be published on a first come first serve basis. Any materials sent are not guaranteed to be returned.
- ◆ **Family Rides**—This coming year the Club will be hosting several family rides. The rides will be suitable for the entire family and will include a picnic/BBO of some sort. The first ride will take place sometime this spring. Stay tuned for further details.

Proposition to Amend Club By-Laws

As per Bigfoot Bicycle Club By-Laws, this by-law amendment proposition is being posted at least one month prior to the meeting at which the changes will be submitted for a vote. All members will be encouraged to attend the meeting and cast their vote. Time and place TBA.

Membership Dues Amendment Proposition, Article IV, Section A:

Section A. Dues. Dues shall be assessed and are payable on the first day of January for all members. Non-payment of dues by the last day of February shall automatically drop a member from the club roll. Dues for new members will be based on a quarterly pro-rate.

Current by-law:

Section A. Dues. Dues shall be assessed and are payable on the first day of the anniversary month of the initial dues payment. Notice will be printed on the newsletter mailing label, or be made available to the member by other means adopted by the board of Directors. Non-payment of dues by the end of the month following the anniversary month shall automatically drop a member from the Club roll.

Explanation: To allow for adapting current members to the new dues schedule, renewal dues for calendar year 2005 will follow the quarterly pro-rate schedule. Starting calendar year 2006 dues for all members will be due January 1st, 2006. Dues for new members will be based on the quarterly pro-rate. The following is the quarterly pro-rate schedule.

	Family	Individual
Jan-Mar	20	15
Apr-Jun	16	12
Jul-Sep	12	9
Oct-Dec	8	6

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BIGFOOT BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ DOB _____

Significant Other _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

New Membership ___ Renewal ___ Change of Address ___

Annual Membership Dues: Single (\$15) _____ Family (\$20) _____

Additional Family Members:

Name _____ DOB: _____

Name _____ DOB: _____

Name _____ DOB: _____

***Release of Responsibility:** For consideration of membership in the Bigfoot Bicycle Club, Inc., I hereby release for myself and for all my agents, the Bigfoot Bicycle Club, Inc., its agents, officers and successors, from all responsibility for damages to my property or me from any Bigfoot Bicycle Club, Inc., activity or event. I acknowledge that cycling entails certain risks and hazards, almost none of which arise from the organization of cycling events. I agree to abide by the rules established for club activities and events.

Helmets are required on all club rides.

Signature _____ Date: ___/___/___

Signature _____ Date: ___/___/___

*(All adult members must sign release; signature of Parent or Guardian **required** for members under age 18.)

Make checks payable to **Bigfoot Bicycle Club** and return completed form to: **BBC, P.O. Box 2823, McKinleyville, CA, 95519**

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