

Off The Back



March/April

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow, it's already March! Time flies when you're staying busy and having fun. The mild winter we've been having (in this part of the state) has allowed for some pretty good riding conditions. I haven't felt confined to riding pavement like I did last winter. The weather has been so unusual that I'm a quite curious what spring and summer are going to bring.

The (almost) regular Thursday night MTB ride has been a great success. There were nine riders on February 24th. Riders with a wide range of abilities were in attendance. Nobody was left behind (me), there were no mechanicals, and everybody had a great time.

I have not participated in the Saturday ride from Wildberries but it definitely has its appeal to many of our members. Even I find myself wanting to go. Saturday is a workday for me so just about anything sounds better. One of these days I'll finish building my road bike... okay, I guess I have to start it before I can finish it. A bare frame does not constitute much of a start.

I don't know if it's just my imagination or if things are really starting to happen. It seems like the channels of communication are opening up. Riders are hooking up for rides. Advocates are in contact with land managers. IMBA is calling US! Congressman Mike Thompson's aide, even called. It seems a letter or two have been sent regarding HR233. I like it, I like it!

Let's have a great spring. I'll see you on the trails.

Tim

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Special points of interest:

- ***New membership schedule***
- ***Club Jerseys***
- ***Team Bigfoot Bucks***



Flying Colors!

Four local riders were spotted in Willows, at the Tour of the Unknown Valley on March 6th: several sporting club colors. Three of them (Chris, Dan and Eli) finished in about 6 hours. Dan's brother Greg finished his first century in over 20 years in well under 7 hours.

What Is New?

New Membership Schedule– The recent proposal to amend the Club By-laws was voted on at the last General Meeting, on March 4th, and passed without opposition. You may ask what this means to you. For starters, it will mean that you will pay a prorated membership fee if your renewal comes up between now and next year. The new membership schedule is included on the updated membership application. The prorated schedule will also apply to those that are becoming members for the first time and don't want to wait to the beginning of the year to join. Starting next year, all current memberships will be renewed at the beginning of the year.

Team Bigfoot Bucks– Thanks to a generous offer from Team Bigfoot, all members in good standing will be receiving "Bigfoot Bucks" in the near future. Bigfoot Bucks can be used toward admission to Team Bigfoot events or toward Team Bigfoot merchandise. Each family membership will receive two vouchers and single memberships will receive one voucher.

Club Jerseys– Enclosed is an order form for BBC Jerseys. The design will be new this time around (which will make some happy and some not). I've included a very crude representation of what the jersey will be like. What isn't shown on my sketch is that there should be a black and yellow checker pattern on the bottom edge of the sleeve, about an inch wide. Also, our web address will be included on the black portion of the jersey (on the side panel), and our current sponsors, at the time of order submission, will also be included on the jersey. Voler will be producing the jerseys and we have a delivery date of mid-July reserved. The sooner order requests are submitted the better so I can keep you apprised of any price changes or minimum order restrictions not being met (prices are based on procurement quantities). All orders requests must be received by mid May. This is the deadline provided by Voler to get our order processed in time.

The enclosed order form is pretty straight forward but if you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail me at 707-445-1738 or sunshinetripper@earthlink.net. Also, additional order forms can be downloaded from the club homepage or from our Yahoo! Group site. Thanks, Jessica

Clubbing It

By Michael Butler, Assistant Editor

Ah, glorious spring riding! Oh wait, it's still winter! You may have noticed that we have been blessed with rather cooperative weather this year and the riding has been pretty excellent. The club started hosting a Saturday at 9:00 road ride back in February, kicking it off with a cross ride to Snow camp. That ride will be one talked about for years to come.

Our ride leader and vice president Dan Goldsmith led a group up old 299. They had only ridden over the bridge when they came across John Doe who had committed suicide. After the Sheriff had arrived, we regrouped and continued by car to Lord Ellis summit where we had spectacular views and a bit of the white stuff to ride through.

Since that ride, we have been meeting at Wildberries Market in Arcata at 9:00 on Saturdays and doing around 60 miles. We have ridden north to Patrick's Point, south to Fortuna, and east to Butler valley (one of my favorites). The groups have been great. There are mixed ability levels and we have been splitting into two groups as needed. So, if you have not already, dust off that road ride and come out and join us! Even if you only do the first 20 miles or so, you'll enjoy the pleasures of riding in a group and meet some of the nicest cyclists in Humboldt County.

Rumor has it that there is a fairly regular mountain bike ride happening Thursday nights. The venue has moved from the Arcata Community forest to McKinleyville and the conditions have been sweet. This ride may move locations again, so keep an eye on the postings on the Yahoo club site for current times and location. When the time change happens (April2) the ride will no longer require lights.

BBC Saturday Morning Road Ride, March 12th, 2005



There is also a rumor of the Church of the Wheel starting up again. This is a regular Sunday morning mountain bike ride that usually runs out of McKinleyville, but again, watch the Yahoo site for the latest location and times. This ride has taken in such great rides as the Ossagon and Lost Man Creek to the north and Albee Creek and Grasshopper Peak the south.

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/>

Upcoming Races

- *March 26th* –The Pre-Otter: Short-Track XC MTB Race, Aldergrove Rd., Arcata (Site of the Stomach Churn):
10:00 am - 30-min. Beginner Race
11:00 am - 45-min. Sport Race
12:15 am - 60-min. Expert Race
Entry Fee: \$15, for more info, call 707-845-3095
- *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 24th* - Chico Wildflower Century, Chico, CA
Provides numerous opportunities to enjoy the spring bloom via bicycle: 100mi., 65mi., 60mi., 30mi., and a 15mile ride.
<http://www.chicovelo.org>
- *April 30th*- Lemurian Shasta Classic, Whiskeytown Lake NRA, CA
26-mile, 20- mile, and 8-mile course. Race is limited to 400 riders (total for all courses). Everyone starts at the same time and place.
<http://www.shastalemurian.org>
- *May 7th* - Tour of the Unknown Coast, Ferndale, CA
Road Race/Rides: 100-mile, 100-K, 50-mile, 20-mile, 10-mile. Register on-line at:
<http://www.tuccycle.org>
- *May 22nd* - Arcata Downtown Criterium, Arcata , CA
<http://www.teambigfoot.net/>
- *May 28th* - 12 Hours of Weaverville, Trinity High School, Weaverville, CA
Relay for teams of 4,3,2 or solo, 8am to 8pm.
<http://www.teambigfoot.net>

Club Events

- ◆ *April 10th* -Ladies Ride. 9am. Meet at Hiller Park on the Hammond Trail. Route, pace, and distance will be determined by participating riders. For more information call Jessica at 707-445-1738 or e-mail: sunshinetripper@earthlink.net
- ◆ *May 9th*– Bicycle Maintenance Clinic: Brakes. 7pm. Tim’s garage, Cutten. For info or directions call 707-445-1738 or e-mail: twowheelintim@earthlink.net
- ◆ *May 15th* -Ladies Ride. 9am. Place TBD. Details will be posted on the Yahoo! Group site as the date draws near.
- ◆ *June 12th* -Family Ride/BBO will take place at Hiller Park on the Hammond Trail. This will be a great opportunity for the whole family to come out to ride, grub, and socialize.

Weekly Rides

Thursday Night MTB Ride– Stay posted at our Yahoo! Group.
Saturday Morning Road Ride -Meet at Wildberries parking lot in Arcata at 9AM. This is a moderate paced social ride. Rain or Shine!

Saturday Speedy Ride : March 19th - April 16th

What? A fast paced group road ride that focuses on road tactics. Emphasizes preparation for the upcoming race season (Sea Otter, Tour of the Unknown Coast) while improving fitness and group riding skills (drafting, pace-lining, echelons).

When? Starting March 19, Meet at Revolution Bike Shop in Arcata @ 9:00 (leaving no later than 9:05).

Where? The route will be the same as last year (West End Road to Fieldbrook to Patrick's Point Park).

Why? To improve fitness, prepare for the upcoming season and learn race tactics and group riding skills.

Who? Everyone is welcome. Riders will re-group after major climbs (i.e. Demonstration Forest, Fieldbrook, West Haven).

*****This is a Rain or Shine Ride*****

This is a **No Host Ride. All riders assume own responsibilities.

Destination: Sea Otter Classic

It sounds like quite a few of us will be traveling to Monterey for the Sea Otter Classic next month. We will have the Club “easy up” outfitted with tools and a workstand for our members. We will be on top of the hill in “Grand Prix” Campground A, campsite #156. Mechanical assistance and repairs will be available when I’m not out riding or visiting. I plan on bringing a load of fire wood too so we’ll have a campfire going every night. Everybody is more than welcome to come up, if for no other reason than to hang out. See you there, Tim.

Special Thanks to Larry and Domi Tubbs for their generous donation to the club.

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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 ___

Additional Family Members:

Name _____ DOB: _____
Name _____ DOB: _____
Name _____ DOB: _____

<u>Membership Dues</u>		
	Family	Individual
Jan-Mar	\$20	\$15
Apr-Jun	\$16	\$12
Jul-Sep	\$12	\$9
Oct-Dec	\$8	\$6

***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**