



# Off The Back



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## Important Dates:

- January 14th  
Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
General Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Six  
Rivers Brewery in  
McKinleyville
- January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Kneeland Hill Climb  
Three Corners
- January 5<sup>th</sup>  
South Bay Time  
Trial at CR

## President's Corner

With the December elections behind us and a new exciting year ahead, I'm thrilled to welcome two new Board members to this years Directors. Jim Robbins will take over as Newsletter Editor and Justin Brown is the Club's new Vice President. They are excellent additions to the Board. Their enthusiasm and talents have already paid dividends for the Club. At that meeting we also unveiled the Club's first T-shirts, which are still available for ten dollars! Check your local bike shops or call me if interested.

Other key events have unfolded as well. The Club's web site is up and running. The site can be found at [www.bigfootbicycle.org](http://www.bigfootbicycle.org). Special thanks to Matt Hodgson for all his hard work. He did a great job on the club's web page!

Another issue has arisen, which is not so favorable for the BBC. It seems most local merchants, cyclists and even some club members are a little confused about who and what the Bigfoot Bicycle Club is and is not. This Club has absolutely no ties with Team Bigfoot. Team Bigfoot promotes cycling events (mostly racing) exclusively and is it's own separate entity. This Club promotes all aspects of riding, and education here in Humboldt County. We are a nonprofit organization and any money this club earns will be used to help other service organizations such as ours or to make Humboldt

County a little better place to bicycle in. I hope this clears up any misconceptions between the two groups and names. For further details on the BBC, read our Mission Statement and By-Laws on our web page. Hope to see you all on a ride soon, John Dostal

## Video Premier a Success!

The Premiere of *NEW WORLD DISORDER* and *CHAINSMOKE 2* at Cafe Tomo was a great success. Over 100 people come to the show and we sold tons of raffle tickets! Meredith Singer or Arcata was the lucky winner of the Giant Rainier mountain bike. The hardtail featured disc brakes and a Marzocchi fork. Fox, Kona, Giant, and Marzocchi donated numerous other prizes. We also enjoyed a local mountain bike video made by local John Martin. Special thanks to Cafe Tomo and Revolution Bicycle Repair.

## Web Site

The web site is up and running thanks to web site director Matt Hodgson. Check it out at <http://www.bigfootbicycle.org> We welcome any suggestions or criticisms that would make the site more informative. We will add more information, especially about local events and rides in Humboldt County. Please e-mail suggestions to [bigfootbicycle@hotmail.com](mailto:bigfootbicycle@hotmail.com).

## New T-Shirts

Club T-shirts are here and they are only \$10. They are available at Henderson Center Bikes, Adventure's Edge, and Revolution Bicycle Repair. You can also get one at the next club meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Local Rides

We are still doing our Wednesday night ride in the community forest. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at Revolution Bicycle Repair. We've had up to 14 riders, but numbers have dwindled with the wet weather. We will continue the ride through the winter and hope to add a weekend road ride too. We all need to get in shape for the Tour of the Unknown Coast! If anyone wants to host a weekend road ride let us know. Also, an organized mountain bike ride in McKinleyville may return this spring.

## Rules for the Ride

Non-members are welcome on all Club rides. But, the following guidelines must be followed by all cyclists:

- Helmets are mandatory!
- Wear comfortable and adequate clothing for the ride.
- Bring the basic tools to repair your bike (pump, patch kit, various wrenches, & spare tube).
- Some tool options include a spoke wrench and a chain tool.
- Food and drink along with money for food, calls, or fixing that blown tire.
- Have fun! That's what riding a bike is all about.

## Events

**Trail 13 Work Days:** We are taking a break in December for the holidays. We will continue working on Trail 13 in mid-January. The next trail day will be announced by E-mail as soon as a date is set. The more members that show up, the faster we can complete Trail 13 and move on to bigger projects!

**January General Meeting:** The next general meeting will take place at Six Rivers Brewery in McKinleyville on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing potential events for the 2002 year

such as club rides and club organized events. Anyone with ideas should come to the meeting.

## Stomach Churn

Thanks to the creativity and organization of Jack Fraser, the Stomach Churn Cyclocross race was a success. About 40 riders turned out. Riders brought donations for Toys for Tots and Miranda's Rescue. The results for the men's 5 lap race were: 1) Matt Hodgson 2) Jonathon Thomas 3) Justin Graves. In the women's 5 lap race the results were: 1) Suzanne Aubin 2) Denise Walker 3) Dawn Graydon. The hard-core racers completed 10 laps. Jack Fraser won the race followed by Leif Mortensen and Jeff Farnum. Thanks to Tony Lucchasi for letting everyone use his property for the race! Small local events like this are what make Humboldt County a fun place to ride. Check out the event calendar on page 3 for a complete listing of upcoming events.

## 2002 Board of Directors

President: John Dostal 442-0726 for info

Vice President: Justin Brown

Treasurers: Todd & Jolien Olsen

Secretary: Michael Butler

Newsletter: Jim Robbins

Wed Site Director: Matt Hodgson

Director at Large: Tim Wykle



## 2002 Event Calendar

The following events are expected to take place in 2002. This is by no means a complete list of events for California but events the club may participate in because of their proximity to Humboldt. The information presented is the most recent information available. Check local bike shops and the web for more detailed information.

- **January 1<sup>st</sup> - Kneeland Hill Climb**, Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: Three Corners
- **January 5<sup>th</sup> - South Bay Time Trial**, Time: 8:30 a.m. registration and 9:00 a.m. start, Location: College of the Redwoods, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **March 2<sup>nd</sup> - CR Time Trial**, Time: 8:30 a.m. registration and 9:00 a.m. start, Location: College of the Redwoods, Organizer: Henderson Center Bikes
- **March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day Massacre Cyclocross Event**, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **March 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - Sea Otter Classic**, road, mountain bike and more, Monterey, CA. web site: [www.seaotterclassic.com](http://www.seaotterclassic.com)
- **April 28<sup>th</sup> - Chico Wildflower**, tour, Chico, CA, web info: [www.chicovelo.com](http://www.chicovelo.com)
- **May 4<sup>th</sup> - Lemurian Shasta Classic 2002**, mountain bike race, Location: Shasta Dam, web site: [www.shastalemurian.org](http://www.shastalemurian.org)
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Thaw XC/DH**, mountain bike cross country and downhill, Location: Ashland, OR, web site: [www.obra.org](http://www.obra.org)
- **May 11<sup>th</sup> - Tour of the Unknown Coast**, Location: Ferndale, CA, web site: [www.tuccycle.org](http://www.tuccycle.org)
- **May 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Bigfoot 1**, mountain bike cross country and downhill, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12 Hours of Humboldt**, mountain bike, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **July 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Bigfoot II**, mountain bike cross country and downhill, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **July 13<sup>th</sup> - Death Ride**, tour, Markleeville, CA, web site: [www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com)
- **August 10<sup>th</sup> - Humboldt 100**, road bike tour, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **August 18<sup>th</sup> - Return of the Jedi**, mountain bike cross country, Location: Grants Pass, OR, web site: [www.obra.org](http://www.obra.org)
- **September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - Humboldt Hoe-Down**, mountain bike cross country and downhill, Organizer: Vic Armijo of Team Bigfoot
- **October 26<sup>th</sup> - CR Time Trial**, Time: 8:30 a.m. registration and 9:00 a.m. start, Location: College of the Redwoods, Organizer: Henderson Center Bikes

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