

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
June 2022



Prez Sez - Newly Elected

Three things all BIKES Club members should know!

Before we get to the heart of the matter (what three things you should know), I, as BIKES Club's newly elected president, want to take some time to recognize the great job our outgoing president did. Rick Proctor, with the able assistance of the board of directors, helped steer the club through the whole COVID-19 pandemic. Most other local clubs cut way back on group rides or eliminated them altogether. But with dogged determination, Rick helped the club to find ways to legally and safely continue group rides all year long for the last two worry- and stress-filled years. Our membership level stayed high, members continued group rides, and we learned we could continue to provide a valuable service to our members even as other activities dropped away.

I think we all owe Rick a hearty THANK YOU for his years of service as President. Bravo, Rick!

Now, here are the three things all members should know. Pay attention as there may be a quiz later.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW #1: Stay In Tune With <https://bikesclub.org/>

The club website is the source for all important information regarding club activities and rides and news and updates. All group rides are on the online calendar and registration is required and done through the listings on the calendar.

Check in with the club website often and you'll be in the know!

Strong suggestion: you ought to subscribe to updates on the members forums, under Community Stuff on the website. And you can use the member forums for sharing information that you think other club members would benefit from.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW #2: Know Your Board of Directors

BIKES Club has a board of directors, with the term through May 31, 2023. This is the group of people which make policy and legal decisions for the club. You should know who they are.

President – Drew Ellison

Vice President – Jim Stewart

Treasurer – Debby Grant

Secretary – Leslie Strickland

Member At Large – Lou Rivetti

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Past President - Rick Proctor.

If you have questions, comments, or recommendations for the club, you can contact one of these board members. All the email addresses are on the ... wait for it ... club website! Look under About Us for all the club contacts.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW #3: You Should Go To Club Meetings

Our club meetings are a good way to meet great people, hear about what's going on in the club like tours and events, and learn new and interesting things about bikes or cycling or advocacy. We sometimes make decisions you might want to be a part of. Sometimes there are even snacks!

Our next club meeting will be in September. We normally don't hold club meetings during the summer. We anticipate being able to meet in person once again, but you never know. Please stay tuned to ... wait for it ... the club website (!!!) for news and updates.

Until then,

Keep on pedalin'

—Drew

Prez Sez - Outgoing Prez

I've served four years as President of our BIKES Club with a focus on supporting a vibrant year round rides program. So far, the 2020s have presented numerous unexpected challenges for all of us, and we have still found a way to have fun riding bikes. We must be doing something right!

It's time for me to shift gears out of the Club President role. Club elections were held at our club meeting on Thursday, May 12th.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your club's President. Although I'm retiring from the President's role, I intend to continue to help our club be successful as a Ride Leader and bicycling advocate.

Stay well and have a great ride!

Rick Proctor

Past President, BIKES Club of Snohomish County

Forget Something?

I've experienced situations of not having something with me on a bike ride – and I'll bet you have too. Part of being human is to occasionally forget something, although this thought alone doesn't ease the self-disgust when I discover my water bottle, jacket, sunglasses, or whatever is missing because I forgot to bring it. I knew this problem would only get worse with time unless I had a system of reminders to keep myself on track. Through years of trial and error I've developed a simple process to use when preparing for a bike ride that helps me be successful in keeping my bicyclist act together, and it just might work for you too.

[Read More >>>](#)

BIKES Club Picnic

The annual BIKES Club picnic is back in the plan for this year on Saturday, July 30st at Hauge Homestead Park in south Everett next to Silver Lake. This event is typically 11 AM – 3 PM. More details will be provided via e-mail to members and the event link on the [Calendar](#) page. No alcohol allowed per Everett Parks rules. The restrooms at this park are open. Please register online so we will know how many plan to attend. Club rides before the lunch are expected.

New Membership options:

[Membership Benefits>>>](#)



Coming Up...

June Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through June on the [Calendar](#). Some rides may be posted the day before the scheduled activity. Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul as determined by the Ride Leaders and which forecasts they think may be accurate. Keep up with ride changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)

Next BIKES Club Meeting

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for 7 PM September 8th, 2022. Details to follow

BIKES Club has monthly club meetings for members on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to May. No meetings in the summer or December.

Two Benefits of being a BIKES Club member you may not know about.

Want to take an extended multi day bike ride but don't have racks or panniers? Check out the club's bike luggage trailer. Contact leadaride@bikesclub.org to reserve.





Ready to fly-away on a bike adventure but need a bike box, the club has one you can borrow. Contact leadaride@bikesclub.org to reserve.



Ride Leader Corner:

Ride Coordinator thoughts

Ride leaders, keep up your great efforts in posting rides for different pace groups. And don't forget to designate yourself as ride leader on your template after you register for your own ride. If you don't recall how, drop me a line.

Have a safe and fun ride!

Dan Scott, Ride Leader Coordinator

leadaride@bikesclub.org

COVID-19 persists

[Temporary Precautions for BIKES Club Ride During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#)

Max Group Sizes

Ride groups may now have 12 riders or less as determined by the Ride Leader. The number includes the Ride Leader. The ride posting and registration page should indicate the maximum number of riders for the ride.

Ride Safe!

Dan Scott, Ride Leader Coordinator

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[Online Reg - Step by Step>>>](#)

[Ride Leader Guidelines>>>](#)

[Online Registration Process for Ride Leaders >>>](#)



Rider Miles

Top riders for May

Linari	Steve	931
Proctor	Rick	911
Kawamoto	Debbie	716
Heydron	Paul	708
Tweedy	Christine	673

[How many Club miles do you have?](#)



Club meeting minutes

Catch up here to read the most recent meeting minutes. Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes.

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels

Sharing Wheels News

Now open Sundays!

We are open noon to 4 p.m. Sundays through the summer. We also offer a free [Fix a Flat class](#) on the Second Sunday of each month.

Upcoming Events:

June 7 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm [Kids Bike Repair Party](#)

Volunteers help clean and refurbish used kids bikes on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. No experience needed, just a willingness to get greasy. Learn more about our Volunteer Work Parties. RSVP so we know you'll be there. We'll have snacks on hand.

[RSVP Now](#)

June 18 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm [Bike Garage Sale](#)

Used Bikes & Parts on Sale. Great deals in our parking lot and garage all day long: Refurbished bikes, vintage classics and as-is bikes, tires, clothing & accessories. All proceeds support the free and low cost programs of Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop.

June 19 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm [Everett Farmers Market](#) *Hewitt & Wetmore Everett, WA*

Local, sustainable, community-focused - those words apply to our community bike shop, and to the Everett Farmers Market. Find us in downtown Everett the third Sunday of the month, May through August. We'll offer free bike information, bike safety checks, maybe a game with prizes? Volunteers needed to staff the booth. RSVP below.

[RSVP Now](#)

See all the events at [Sharing Wheels Calendar](#)

[Sharing Wheels Website >>>](#)

Other Links

League of American Bicyclists

Click on the link below to read the League blog and catch up on League efforts around the country. BIKES is a member of the League of American Bicyclists and it is through the League that we purchase our club insurance.

[League of American Bicyclists>>>](#)

Adventure Cycling

Whether you like your adventures in the saddle or from the armchair, Adventure Cycling will inspire. You might also find reviews of new bikes and equipment and tips on how to enjoy or improve what you already have.

[Adventure Cycling >>>](#)



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