

# Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County  
October 2023



# Prez Sez

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DONUTS

Your Ride Leaders ...



got to enjoy ...



at a recent Ride Leader training get-together. After all the donuts and coffee were consumed, RL Dan leisurely led the group on a short and fun (and mildly challenging) course around Everett based on the 1993 Everett Classic race course. It was a great morning with much camaraderie.

Now, doesn't that make you want to become a certified BIKES Club Ride Leader? If so, contact Dan Scott for more information. Donuts included!

### NEW E-BIKE POLICY

In addition to class 1 and class 3 e-bikes being allowed on all club group rides, class 2 e-bikes (pedal assist e-bike with a throttle) are now allowed, but only on social-pace and steady-pace group rides. If your e-bike (or other motorized bike) does not meet the class 1, 2, or 3 designations, it is not allowed on any club rides. See the e-bike policy page on the website for all the details.

Now, go ride your bike.

— Prez Drew

Until then, keep on pedalin',

Prez Drew

[president@bikesclub.org](mailto:president@bikesclub.org).



# Vice Prez Sez

*Books, just like bicycles, can transport us  
wherever we want to go...*



*...Only our will can decide how long the trip  
is going to last.*

## **Any good bicycles reads to suggest to the club?**

Now that the seasons are changing, and maybe not as many opportunities to get out on the bicycle, some of us are returning to our other favorite pastime – reading. And the best of all worlds – reading about bicycling!

Books and bicycles have lots in common, and not just the letter “B”. They can each take you on a wonderful adventure.

In October at the general club meeting, we will give folks an opportunity to share or review their favorite cycling related books. It might be a book about a former or current pro racer or team, history of cycling, or a cross country journey, or maybe about how cycling infrastructure is promoted in other countries.

If you have a book you don't mind sharing or lending please put a label with your name inside somewhere. If you'd rather not part with a favorite book, bring it and share your thoughts on it. We'll keep our reviews to about five minutes each for time considerations.

Ride safe, and...

Tailwinds

Vice Prez Cindy  
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# News You can Use....

The RBW has taken the this month off. If you have a topic you would like me to cover sent me an e-mail.

Road Bike Wrench

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## Advocacy and Infrastructure News

by Rick Proctor

### Letter of Support for Centennial Trail South:

A letter of support from our BIKES Club has been sent to support the application Snohomish County is preparing for the federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program for planning and design of the [Centennial Trail South](#) corridor, a 12-mile regional, shared-use trail that will connect the City of Snohomish to the City of Woodinville. This trail segment will link the Centennial Trail to the Eastrail, creating a 72-mile continuous trail corridor connecting 3 counties and 9 cities. The benefits we see include:

- Significant expansion of safe routes for bicyclists to use for environmentally friendly forms of recreation and transportation.
- Stimulating bicycle tourism for day rides and multi-day tours across our region.

### New Information and Links:

New additions to our [BIKES Club](#) website [Advocacy](#) page are shown below and will include the date added. Older information and links will be revised, replaced, or removed as new information becomes available.

#### Bothell:

[North Creek Trail Section 4 | Bothell WA](#) - added 5-Sep-2023

[Bike Plan | Bothell WA](#) - added 5-Sep-2023

#### Everett:

[Edgewater Bridge Replacement Project Update](#) - added 4-Sep-2023 Note: this is the bridge on Mukilteo Blvd at the Mukilteo & Everett border.

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## BIKES Club Meeting.

### October Meeting

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for **6:30 PM**, on October 12, 2023 at the Snohomish County PUD Building. 2030 California St. Everett, WA 98201

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



## Coming Up...

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### October Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through October 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 >>>](#)



# Ride Leader Corner

Hello Ride leaders,

## How to canceling a Ride listing.

As we move into Fall, and weather becomes less predictably good for riding, we need to be aware of the process for canceling a ride

First, do not delete your event. Find your event from the Admin view of the club website. Open it, click "edit" and add "Cancelled" to the title. Save.

Then click the 'Allow registration' button to turn off registration.

After saving this, send an email to the registrants through the basic and simple options as spelled out here. <https://bikesclub.org/page-1791886>

At the recent RL donut and gab session, one of the topics was pacing of a ride. All of our pace categories span a couple of mph (10-12, 12-14 etc). As well as trying to be conscientious about maintaining that pace, and knowing where your riders are, it's important that your ride listing is clear about the terrain. Regroups are usually necessary; try to find enough room to do this safely.

As always, thanks for listing rides. They are what makes this club tick.

Dan Scott,

Ride Leader Coordinator

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## New Membership options

[Membership Benefits>>>](#)

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





# Rider Miles

## Top riders for September

Linari	Steve	4702
Proctor	Rick	3185
Tweedy	Christine	2763
Rivetti	Lou	1653
Heydron	Paul	1618

[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

Nonprofit partnerships make biking better

By Kristen Kinnamon

## Kid Bike Work Parties start Oct. 10

Over the past 20 years, Sharing Wheels has given more than 1,700 refurbished bikes to low income kids for the holidays.

The goal is to fix 100+ kid bikes this fall. Work parties start Oct. 10 and run every Tuesday and Thursday evening through Dec. 5. Size is limited to 6 people each night. *Advanced registration required.*

Mechanical experience is not required. Expect to get greasy, enjoy some great snacks (thanks Nothing Bundt Cake), and relive your childhood as you clean up a Barbie bike or classic Huffy.

Speaking of snacks ... if you'd like to sponsor pizza or sub sandwiches to help fuel our volunteers, you can make a cash donation to Sharing Wheels or get us a gift card or coupon we can use at a local establishment.

[Learn More](#)

## Make Wheel Art this Fall

Velo Art is an opportunity to get creative with bike parts. It's also a fun-draiser for Sharing Wheels.

[Learn more on the website.](#)

## Bike Maintenance Classes

Learn about lubing your chain, fixing a flat, and making basic bike adjustments in this 3 hour class at Sharing Wheels. Classes are generally offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Cost is \$35. [Advanced registration is required.](#)

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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