

Pedal Power

November/December 2018

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President's Award Recipient **Ron Santoro**

Ron Santoro is the recipient of the President's Award this year! Ron has been our club photographer over the years and has always put on a fantastic slide show for the end of the season banquet. For many years Ron managed the club's web page. Thanks Ron for documenting the years in pictures!

(The recipient of the President's award has their name added onto the plaque and is able to keep the plaque for the year.)



Ron & President Joe

The Prez Sez

By Joe Fischer

This is the last newsletter of 2018. A time to look back at this year's accomplishments and look forward to next year—hopefully without straining your neck.

First, thank you everyone who attended the banquet. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. We had a bit of a rocky start when we arrived to begin setting up and learned that the Beulah Center had double booked the room that we normally meet in. Since the other party was a cooking class that required the kitchen facilities we were asked to move. Thanks to outstanding teamwork of the club members that had arrived early, and with the cooperation of the Beulah staff, we managed to improvise, adapt, and overcome—as the saying goes. The only causality was the sweet potato casserole that wound up on the floor of Andy's van.

We had some very nice prizes this year and had our usual awards; some serious and some not so much. Jill Liitzenberg won most improved rider and received an elegant tiara. Dean Mowery was awarded a new inner tube in recognition of his seven flat tires. Janet Tallberg received a cheese head cup holder for hosting the Packer Chili Party at her condo complex. Todd Templin received a nifty Spiderman mask to match his Spiderman kit and Steve Fishman received this year's Evil Knievel award for his Tuesday morning crash. Steve was awarded a pair of training wheels. Suzanne Ziegler received a Playskool doctor's bag for the next time she is a ride leader and Mary Jo Schwabe and Jill Hass were co-winners of this year's Twisted Monkey award for completing both the Riverwest 24 and the 175 mile Pedal Across Wisconsin rides.

Ron Santoro received this year's Presidents Award in recognition of his many years of service as the club's web master and the unofficial club photographer. Each year Ron creates the year in review slide show for the banquet—which he did again this year. Congratulations Ron and thank you for your service.

We had a great year. We tried some new things and made a lot of changes. Here is a short list: We created a new website and began using PayPal to accept membership applications and payments online. It rained a lot. We changed our general membership meetings to every other month and held two of them at beer gardens; we had short rides prior to those meetings. We moved the year-end banquet to November. It rained some more. Andy sniffed out a few hills that had somehow managed to escape his cartographer's eye and he created some new routes around them. We ordered club t-shirts, acquired a feather banner, staffed a Tour de Cure rest stop, added a Packer Chili Party, and moved our February pizza party to a new location. I probably left something out. Did I mention it rained a lot.....

That was a lot of change. Did you like it? Do you have some ideas for improvement? Please let us know. The board will be discussing keeping these changes and adding new items for the coming year.

Looking forward to next year, several club members are planning an additional trip to ride in the Eagle River area August 13-18. Watch for more information on this trip. We will be looking for a new email service, exploring ways to celebrate our club's 30th anniversary, increase our involvement with the Tour de Cure, and maybe build an Arc.

I want to thank departing board members Scott Siebers and Kim Lamers for their service and contributions this year, and welcome Sharon Stephens and Diane Yurasovich to the board.

Enjoy the off season and I hope to see you soon.

And remember, let's have fun out there!

Joe

Santa Rampage

Saturday, December 1st

By Mike Dix



The Santa Cycle Rampage started 17 years ago with a handful of people who rode their bikes all year. For many years it was an unofficial informal event primarily organized online and by word of mouth. Now it's grown into one of the largest bicycle events in the city and has spread to many other cities as well. Last year the Milwaukee police estimated 2500 people rode from Wauwatosa down North Ave to Lakefront Brewery. The nice weather helped.

You really need to be in some kind of Christmas/Holiday character costume for the ride. I've seen Santa's, elves, trees, Jesus, rabbis, Yukon Cornelius, angels, and abominable snowmen. It's a very slow ride; traffic is more or less controlled by the police for the main ride on North Ave.

Registering for the event helps support the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin. If you don't officially register, you can still ride. To register go to <http://www.bfw.org>. Even if you don't participate, check out the Wisconsin Bike Federation web site and the Face book page for more fun pictures and information.

Bay View Bike Club members should gather 1/2 block south of North Avenue on 69th St. The ride officially starts at 9:30am. The group ride--more of a parade really, ends at Lakefront brewery. At 11:30 or so, we will ride to the Lakefront distillery on 6th and Florida streets. There will be food trucks there as well as lots of space indoors in the basement of Lakefront.

E-mail Mike Dix at dix83@sbcglobal.net if you have any specific questions. If you'd like to leave your car at the end of the ride, you can meet me in front of Lakefront Distillery at 8:45am. We can ride to Wauwatosa as a group.

New Year's Day Ride



Join the club for a New Year's Day ride along the Shore of Lake Michigan. The destination is Bradford Beach where we will watch the crazy Polar Bears swim. The ride starts at South Shore Park at 11:00. The Polar Bears take their plunge at noon. If you don't feel like riding that day, meet at Bradford Beach around 11:45. Afterwards, let's go for a warm drink and a bite to eat. Watch for details in a future email and on Facebook as the day nears.

COLD WEATHER RIDING

Not letting the cold weather stop you from getting out for a ride? Be sure to stay warm out there!



DRESS IN 3 LAYERS

1 LAYER TO WICK

Wear a lightweight, high performance wicking material next to the skin. This layer will help to move moisture from sweat away from your skin.

2 LAYER TO TRAP

Wear a slightly loose insulating layer. You want to trap air near the skin to help retain warmth while allowing the material to breathe.

3 LAYER TO BLOCK

Wear a breathable jacket that is wind-blocking and water-resistant. You want to hold the warmth in while blocking out the cold air and wind.

HAPPY RIDING!

Northwoods Bike Trip

August 13-18, 2019

By Rich Temple



Are you looking to put a little adventure in your riding? Consider joining us in what many consider bicycling paradise: the North woods of Wisconsin! **The BVBC is planning a trip to the Vilas county area of northern Wisconsin (think Eagle River area) from August 13 – 18, 2019.**

We are using the winter months to iron out the details, but the highlight of the trip will be four fantastic days of riding in one of the most beautiful and peaceful areas of Wisconsin. The routes being planned will be in the 30 – 50 mile range and will showcase quiet country roads and relaxing lake views.

Want to know more? Keep looking in the newsletter, ask me, or come to the membership meetings when they start up next year.

Rich Temple (rtemple161@gmail.com)

Iron Girl Triathlon

August 11, 2019

By Sharon Stephens



Want to add a little more spice to your biking? How about trying a triathlon? Pleasant Prairie Iron Girl is being held on **Sunday, August 11, 2019**. This all women event includes a half mile swim, an 11 mile bike ride, and a 5k (three mile) run. The event aspires to bring women of all ages together by offering a supportive, energetic, and estrogen empowering environment. Last year Jill Litzenberg, Sara Long, and I participated in this event and had a great experience. A number of members have expressed interest in participating in this event so we would like to get a group together. Let us know if you are interested! Invite your friends to join us too! Everyone is welcome! See Iron Girl web site for more information. The earlier you sign-up, the less expensive the entrance fee is.

Memorial Day Weekender in the Northwoods 2019

May 24-27, 2019

By Linda Roesel



Twas six months before Memorial Day weekend and all through the club
Not a bike was spinning, just waiting for spring and a new hub
The bikes were hung by the rear wheel with care
In hopes that Linda will announce a weekend of fanfare
Club members were nestled all snug in their fleece
While waiting for 2019 bike tours to be released
I had just settled my brain with a tall glass of wine
When looking outside, I thought about warmth and sunshine
Reservations need to be made ASAP I'm thinking
An article with details is needed more than drinking
May 24th through May 27th is the weekend to plan
Bike riding in Vilas County if you can
St Germain at the Hearthside Inn or Northwoods Rest
Two great places to call for the weekend to be a guest
Get busy you all with lodging plans at best
You have all winter to drink hot toddies and get some rest
Since spring will be here as soon as you know
Riding in Vilas County is where you want to go



Newsletter

By Jill Litzenberg

All club members are welcomed and encouraged to submit articles of interest and pictures to the newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor position is vacant.

Let a board member know if you are interested in this position.

Please ask me if you have any questions. I'll help you get started!

The newsletter editor may develop their own format for the newsletter.

Let your creative juices flow!

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Club Banquet in November

We enjoyed each other's company, awards, raffles, and food at our annual Membership Banquet on November 12. Thank you to the board members and to the many people who pitched in and helped make this event a success. President Joe Fischer was our MC for the evening, Ron Santoro provided a spectacular slide show of club pictures from the year, and Sharon Stephens, Debra Tuckwood, and Helen Hogan organized the food table. We had fun with the raffle prizes and gifts. Two new board members were elected and they will be co-social chairs: Sharon Stephens and Diane Yurasovich. Ron Santoro was presented with the President's Award for his years of service to the club. Below are pictures that Ron took at the banquet.



Stepping Down From the Board



A big thank you goes out to Kim Lamers and Scott Siebers for serving on the board this last year as social chair and secretary. We appreciate your service to the club!

New Co-Social Chair

By Diane Yurasovich



Hello. My name is Diane Yurasovich and I have yet to finish my first year with the club. This summer was my first summer off in over 41 years, so I decided to take advantage of the time off to spend more time doing something I enjoy – biking, and thankfully, I came upon the BVBC!

I started out with the Tuesday morning rides until I had to return to school in August and eventually expanded my horizons by joining in on a couple of the weekend rides. What better way to explore new routes and make new friends with like interests? I'm no pro, but with the tips and encouragement I've received from those I've ridden with, I'm getting better.

P.S. I am more experienced in event planning than bike riding, so hold onto your helmets, as Sharon and I work on events for 2019 riding season! Social@BayViewBikeClub.org

New Co-Social Chair

By Sharon Stephens



Hello club members,

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Sharon Stephens and I have accepted the Social Chair position with the BVBC for 2019. I will be working with Diane Yurasovich who accepted this position as well. I decided to join to BVBC after talking to Jill Litzenberg, who told me how much she enjoyed riding with the club. Being a shy person, I will never forget how nervous I was for my first group ride. At that time Jill was a slower rider then me, so I had to find different people to ride with. Now I'm having a hard time keeping up with Jill! This will be my fourth year in the club. I have enjoyed riding with so many nice people and I hope to meet many more. I am excited to take on the social chair position and I have a few ideas for social events. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please email Diane or me.

Looking forward to the 2019 biking season! Social@BayViewBikeClub.org



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Kim & Scott Bicycling all Year Long!

Why stop biking just because there's snow on the ground and it's freezing out?





Thank you Andy for planning and managing the fantastic routes that we were able to ride this year!

(Joe thought that there were too many uphill and not enough downhill, but the rest of us thought that the routes were great!)

Rider Point Totals

2018 Final

By Andy Sikorski

Rider	Points	Rider	Points	Rider	Points
Soriano, Joseph	1,985	Stephens, Sharon	307	Scheeler, Elyse	70
Schmidt, Jeff	1,932	Murray, Bob	305	Wojciechowski, Marsha	70
Mowery, Dean	1,677	Stoner, Joyce	285	Burkard, Nancy	67
Sikorski, Andy	1,505	Franco, Julie	274	Niebruegge, Doug	66
Ziegler, Suzanne	1,434	Panagiotopoulos, Harry	265	Labinski, Mary	64
Roessl, Linda	1,353	Lambeth, Kelly	258	Ganter, Victor	63
Fishman, Steve	1,282	Montgomery, Bobbie	248	Routhier, Art	61
Blakely, Chuck	965	Taylor, Clyde	237	Wilcox, Ken	59
Hogan, Helen	959	Kliegman, Sharon	230	Medina, Celeste	52
Ziegler, Joel	933	Haas, Jill	215	Burke, Christine	51
Smiley, Michael	932	Hancock, Mary	206	Long, Sara	51
Gast, Ted	868	Burton, Becky	204	Rosenberg, David	48
Torres, Jeff	853	Henn, Milton	203	Carse, Cecelia	44
Tuckwood, Debra	809	Gresl, Lois	199	Krueger, Gil	44
Dix, Michael	691	Wolfgram, Heather	198	Wild, Mary Beth	44
Zur, Kimberley	664	Brinkman, Ashley	179	Marx, James	43
Sullivan, Tim	634	Moranski, Erica	173	Ellington, Pauline	41
Aschenbrenner, Gary	632	Peterson, Pat	172	Christensen, Jean	37
Siebers, Scott	625	Orosa, Jojo	166	Benz, Eric	36
Temple, Rich	605	Ritchie, Sharon	166	Hoff, Alyssa	35
Burdick, Jerry	587	Klein, Robert	163	Giese, Kevin	34
Lerand, Bill	584	Nicol, Steve	161	Gietzen, Catie	34
Temple, Mark	571	Labinski, Dennis	160	Zellner, John	33
Templin, Tod	569	Blanchard, Stephen	148	Walsh, Jen	32
Lerand, Carol	564	Schwabe, John	145	Lalor, Tierney	29
Santoro, Ron	549	Gibbs, Tamara	143	Pauli, Stan	29
Donahue, David	532	Locher, Chris	142	Polk, Bob	29
Rindahl, J D	523	Neesley, Dan	142	Schaver, H Roger	27
Borchardt, Jeff	498	Beachkofski, Clare	138	Lewis, Lois	26
Meyer, Craig	480	Sandler, Mark	132	Lewis, Scott	26
Tallberg, Janet	468	Schmidt, Deb	132	Meagher, Gary	26

Fischer, Joe	465	Rutkowski, Ron	129	Umhoefer, Ron	26
Litzenberg, Jill	432	Cannon, Pete	118	Milinovich, Sarah	25
McAttee, Eric	430	Yurasovich, Diane	116	Sibinski, Elisa	25
Wojtal, Prati	427	Patterson, Maria	112	Stachowiak Jr, Keith	25
Wojtal, Norm	423	Connors, Dennis	110	Stachowiak Sr, Keith	25
Dames, William	407	Cadkin, Lewis	109	Stueland, Lisa	25
Matson, Kevin	407	Kitzinger, Joe	108	Truskowski, Chris	25
Hegland, Carol	400	Douglas, Pat	102	Byrne, Sandy	24
Kuhs, Kelly	395	Ziegler, Megan	102	White, Becky	24
Talsky, Ron	393	Duffey, Diane	97	Trusky, Pauline	23
Paque, Sam	390	Thaller, Susan	95	Wild, Michael	22
Schwabe, MaryJo	363	Patterson, Andy	87	Gajewski, Sherry	21
Dadian, Joan	354	Zalewski, Mark	86	Pokrzywinski, Mary Frances	20
Lamers, Kim	348	Kops, Tammy	82	Wodke, Christine	20
Peterson, Beth	334	Binkowski, Joslyn	79	Schaver, Sharon	18
Crown, Ron	322	Heller, Brenda	75	Bivens, Bob	10
Manteau, Carl	320	Pessarelli, Luigi	72	McNaughton, Jamison	8
Willman, Jan Marie	312	Martinez, Andy	70		

Free Bike Rack

By Rich Temple



Hey cycling friends:

While being highly productive on some very important projects at work today, I noticed that there was a bike rack (the kind you see outside a business or school etc.) in our storage area. Being the naturally curious person that I am, I asked my boss what the heck we had a bike rack for. The rack was slightly damaged during shipping and the customer refused it (imagine the gall of people expecting their new bike rack to be... well...new). Anyway, what this means is that after paying the claim for the bike rack, the company I work for finds itself the proud owner of a slightly "customized" bike rack, which it really has no use for. So, here is my question for all y'all: Do you know of any organizations which might find such a rack useful? I hate to see it get scrapped if someone can use it.

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Club Website



Thanks Dean for keeping our website updated!

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Facebook

Check out our club Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

Bike Fed Group Riding Information



Please see the link below for the Bike Fed's brochure on group riding safety. It is a great learning tool for new riders and a good refresher for seasoned riders. Let's be safe out there!

<http://wisconsinbikefed.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2013-GROUPRIDINGREV.pdf>

A Word About Your Electronic Information

Your privacy is important to us. We don't share any of our membership information with anyone. We don't sell or forward your email address to any outside organizations. The BVBC board has decided not to make our member names, addresses or e-mails available electronically to members. We will continue to print a paper membership directory available in June. With very few exceptions, all of the e-mails you get from us will be directly related to club activities

Please don't ask us to forward any e-mails to our membership. We don't do that. If you would like to share your experiences about a particular ride, feel free to do that in the newsletter. Many bicycle event organizers ask us to forward information about their ride to our members. In order to limit the number of e-mails you get from the club, we don't forward e-mails from outside organizations. We will publish information about rides, events etc if it is submitted to the newsletter.



Let's Be Safe Out There!