

# Pedal Power

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**The Prez Sez**   
By Joe Fischer

**I am enormously proud of the Bay View Bicycle Club--and that includes ALL of you.**

While many bicycle clubs across the nation curtailed their riding activities, or canceled them altogether, we did not. Our board chose to ride, implemented new procedures aimed at making the experience fun and safe, and left the decision to ride up to our members. But, to paraphrase the 1970 film title: "What if they gave a war (ride) and nobody came?"

But you did. Our attendance has been as good, or better, than past years. That is a tribute to YOU, our members. We continue to welcome guests, and we continue, as recently as last week, to add new members looking for an opportunity to ride with a group.

It is easy to take things for granted. We should all be proud that the Bay View Bicycle Club offers members the opportunity to ride every weekend, Saturday and Sunday through November 1<sup>st</sup> on vetted routes, with multiple distance options, provided with the best maps and cue sheets I have ever seen, in what is the some of the best, if not the best, bicycling in the country. Think about that for minute. (If Chicago had been awarded the Summer Olympics a few years ago, their plan was to stage the road riding evens in our back yard). And, when our Tuesday rides were in danger of being canceled, several of you stepped up and volunteered to lead them. I don't believe we have missed one—except for weather.

Tell me, where can you do better?

Now for the bad news.

## ANNUAL BANQUET CANCELED

I regret to report that our annual banquet is canceled, for all the reasons you have become accustomed to hearing. You probably saw that coming. The Board's vote was unanimous. We expect attendance would be low, difficult to predict, and there would be very few venue options offering a buffet—if any.

We gave some thought to postponing the typical things we do at the banquet and rolling them into our annual pizza party in February, but it is difficult to imagine enough things will have changed by then to hold that event. Hopefully, we will be able to, but right now we can't count on it. So here is plan B. Or maybe plan C+?

**ANNUAL AWARDS.** We will continue to track and report rider points, and at the end of the season (October 31) we will announce the six winners with the most rider points (the top three male and top three female for those new to the club). We will mail the gift cards. There will not be any other awards given out this year. (some of you might feel a sense of relief that you won't be roasted for your amusing transgressions. Don't. I have a long memory and lots of eager sources of information.)

**ANNUAL BOARD ELECTIONS.** We will not be conducting our typical annual board election. Absent the banquet, I don't see any practical way of conducting the election as we have in the past. (Insert mail in ballot joke here). Typically, we solicit candidates (volunteers) at the banquet, and vote. Anyone who runs, is voted in unanimously. I cannot remember a time where we had more volunteers than positions.

If you are interested in joining the board, have ideas for ways that we can improve the club, please let one of the current members know. The board members are listed at the end of newsletter.

The board will conduct the "election" at our board meeting in November. That meeting will include the existing, outgoing, and new board members. We discuss the various interests of all members and then agree on who will fill what job title, if any—see below about member at large. Even a job title is not as binding as you might think. For example, when planning an event like the banquet or pizza party, everyone chips in where they can. So don't get hung up on what job title you might end up with. And just because a position appears to be filled, doesn't mean we would not consider making a change. Want to be President? Join the board and let's talk about it (although we might ask you to submit a psychological evaluation). Just kidding.

It is important to remember that the Board is, foremost, the governing body for the club. The actual positions or titles that we have are secondary. This year our meetings were predominately discussions around the many important governing decisions we had to make. Next year promises more of the same.

Our by-laws allow for up to nine members, with four positions required: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The rest of the positions are "at large." Historically we have included the Ride Chair, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Social Chair.

We will enter the new year with three open positions. Our current Secretary, Jill Litzenberg, will be stepping down. Thank you, Jill for your hard work and dedication to the club. You will be missed.

We will need to fill the secretary position from the board members. The remaining two job titles could be filled, or not. Last year we did not have a Social chair. (One of you missed out on a pretty easy gig). Or we could invent a new position, Promotions? Or maybe a Safety chair? Or no title at all other than member at large.

Board members get a free annual membership. Our compensation plan is admittedly not terribly competitive, no one is in it for the money. We held our meetings this year via conference call and may do so again next

year. It wasn't as much fun as our previous in person meetings, but, as Dean pointed out, without all the socializing they were much more efficient.

Again, if you are interested in joining the board, please discuss it with one of our current board members listed at the end of the newsletter.

One last thing.

Please read the article submitted by Linda Roessl concerning best practices for safely riding in a group. Please read it with an open mind to how you can apply better safety practices. Watching this year's Tour de France, I observed a cyclist swerve unexpectedly (and unnecessarily) in front of another, causing the one behind to crash, and sadly causing injuries that resulted in his resigning from the race. So even professional riders have room to improve.

As members of a bike club we have a responsibility to set a good example to the public. To observe good etiquette, especially on crowded trails. How we ride reflects not only on our club, but cyclists in general. Many people have a negative attitude toward cyclists and some of that criticism is valid.

But most importantly, we have a responsibility to each other. To ensure that our actions do not endanger those riding near us. We need to be mindful of communicating to each other when turning, slowing down, stopping, passing each other, alerting each other to vehicles, pedestrians, and other cyclists, road hazards, etc.

Thank you, Linda, for your concern and for taking the time to share it with the club.

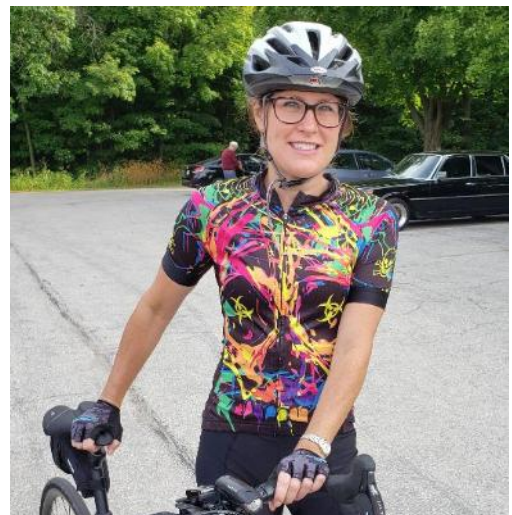
And remember, let's have some fun out there.....and ride safely!



## Membership Notes

By Rich Temple

We have had fifteen new members join since the last newsletter, please welcome **Abbey Bornemeier, Randy Jaeckel, Eric Benz, Patty Fronberry, Emily Meyer, Paul Solomon, Joseph Fasi II, Douglas and Cindy Howe, Carsten Canchola, Matt Wensch, Brittany Kinser, Mary Frances Pokrzywinski, Linda Meagher and Karl Vogt** to the BVBC. Including the renewals that have come in, we are up to 156 members for the 2020 season. Here are just a few of their pictures:





## Ride Control Central



By Andy Sikorski



This is a reminder that unless otherwise communicated by the board, all BVBC rides start at 9:00 am from May through September. Individuals who choose to start at a different time are considered to be riding separately from the club. It is important for safety and insurance reasons that all riders are present and attentive during the pre-ride briefing to ensure they are aware of any special instructions or conditions related to the route, the weather, etc.

Occasionally, due to weather or other circumstances, an optional earlier start time may be offered. Note that this is only possible when there is adequate Ride Coordinator coverage for both start times. Since the Ride Coordinator is responsible for: logging the names of riders who are present, supplying cue sheets, ensuring that any guests sign the insurance waiver, and conducting the pre-ride briefing - this is not something which can be easily done 'on the fly'.

On those rare occasions when a different or additional start time is being offered, it will be announced via the weekly ride email and the corresponding Facebook post.



# BVBC 2020 SCHEDULE

Date		Route Name	Starting Location		Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 3
			Place	City/Town			
Saturday	October 3rd	Lakeshore Interurban	Port Washington Marina	Port Washington	30	38	50
Sunday	October 4th	Wind Lake	Hales Corners Park	Hales Corners	25	36	
Saturday	October 10th	Kenosha Southport Harbor	Petrifying Springs Park	Kenosha	35		
Saturday	October 10th	Holy Moly Hills	Plat Elementary School	Colgate	14		
Sunday	October 11th	Ottawa Lake	Dousman Muni Parking	Dousman	29	41	
Saturday	October 17th	East Troy Trolley Dodger	East Troy High School	East Troy	23	35	46
Sunday	October 18th	Gorney Park	Gorney Park	Caledonia	24	33	
Saturday	October 24th	(Was TBD) Oconomowoc Lake Country	Roosevelt Park	Oconomowoc	29	37	51
Sunday	October 25th	(Was TBD) River Hills Roll	Kletzsch Park	Glendale	26	35	
Saturday	October 31st	(Was TBD) Burlington Roll	Heg Park	Town of Norway	23	33	50
Sunday	November 1st	Halloween	Mequon Interurban Lot	Mequon	30		
Saturday	November 28th	Too Much Turkey	Pantheon Restaurant	Franklin	16		

Click on this link <https://bayviewbikeclub.org/> to access specific ride details.

- Please REFRAIN from riding with the club if you are not feeling well, or have a known exposure to COVID-19.
- We do not require masks, but suggest that you carry one to use prior to and following the ride and at rest stops or other situations when proper social distancing cannot be maintained. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask during the group ride, you are welcome to do so.
- **Effective as of July 16, 2020, the city of Milwaukee has implemented a mask mandate, therefore, we now ask all riders to wear masks in compliance with Milwaukee's mask ordinance during any portion of club rides which enter into the city of Milwaukee.**
- Maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet between bikes and people, and pay special attention to social distancing when stopped at intersections or when passing other cyclists or pedestrians.
- To reduce risks of entering the airflow of another cyclist, be sure to maintain much more distance when riding behind someone, or altogether avoid being directly behind another cyclist, either by traveling side by side, when it may safely be done, or by moving together in a staggered formation.
- Club members will not be required to sign in. The ride coordinator will note attendance and record distances for rider points. Guests will be required to sign in for insurance purposes.
- Copies of the cue sheets and maps will be attached to the weekly ride email for members to print at home and bring to the ride (cue sheets/maps will continue to be available at the ride start).
- Note that rest room facilities at the ride starting locations and rest stops may not be available.

# Subject: Interesting but useless info that comes from too much self isolation

Submitted by: Mark & Evonne Zalewski from the New York Times



For those in the BVBC who keep track of their mileage - here is an interesting factoid

A goal for many is to accumulate enough mileage to be the equivalent of riding around the world. Most of us know that the earth is about 24,900 miles in circumference at the equator. But of course we don't live at the Equator - we live in Milwaukee - about 43 degrees N. At this latitude the circumference of the earth is 18,240 miles — a bit easier to achieve. That might be a cool year-end party award. Over the years a few BVBC'ers may be there.

Also at this latitude the earth is rotating at 762 mph. You are going that fast - just standing still. And if you are biking east you are moving at least that fast + your bike speed. Wow. But if you are going West - it's 762 mph - less your ground speed. No wonder it always seems harder pedaling West. Of course North or South doesn't matter - in an hour you will be 762 miles further east no matter what.

So roll these numbers around after a few beers.

BTW - according to my Garmin app - I'm at 14,839 (of course not all of these were Club miles )



# Bay View Bicycle Club



Rider Points (11/1/19-9/13/20) – Andy Sikorski

Below, is the first Rider Points Report of the season - it's in a different format than in past years. Since the total number of members who have ridden at least once is still relatively low, I've listed the detail of how many points each person has received for each ride.

Feel free to review the points you've been credited with and email me with any corrections ([ajsikorski@hotmail.com](mailto:ajsikorski@hotmail.com)). With the changes to club procedures for this season, I'm still trying to perfect my new method of logging riders who are present. It's definitely a bit more difficult to confirm the accuracy of my entries - after all, I can no longer blame everyone else's penmanship (only my own sloppy note taking).

Rider	Points	Rider	Points	Rider	Points
Michael Smiley	1168	Joan Dadian	262	Pat Douglas	72
Joseph Soriano	1049	Kevin Matson	255	Rick Ripple	72
Linda Roessl	1042	Ron Santoro	241	Carsten Canchola	71
Suzanne Ziegler	951	Matthew Turner	239	Mark Zalewski	70
Joel Ziegler	931	Ted Maus	235	Eric Benz	65
Andy Sikorski	890	David Rosenberg	231	Dan Neesley	60
Craig Meyer	884	Janet Talberg	231	Arvind Narayan	54
Ted Gast	815	Becky White	231	Kelly Kuhs	50
Kimberley Zur	715	Dean Mowery	224	John Zellner	43
Chuck Blakely	687	Tod Templin	220	Abbey Bornemeier	42
Rich Heller	682	William Dames	217	Matt Wensch	38
Helen Hogan	675	Joseph Kitzinger	201	Linda Reid	35
Jeff Torres	639	Richard Temple	185	Jean Sabinash	34
Prati Wojtal	611	Mark Sandler	180	Lisa Stueland	34
Roger Retzlaff	579	Pete Cannon	147	Evonne Zalewski	34
Steven Turner	526	Doug Howe	141	Cindy Howe	33
Ron Talsky	459	Pauline Ellington	136	Mary Frances Pokrzywinski	33
Jerry Burdick	435	Beth Peterson	135	Patty Fronberry	31
Jeff Borchardt	425	Jeff Schmidt	122	Sharon Stephens	30
Michael Dix	402	Nancy Nottley	119	Lois Gresl	29
Debra Tuckwood	380	Clare Beachkofski	118	Sharon Roy	28
Scott Siebers	379	Mike Bansemar	109	Rob Manke	27
Norm Wojtal	375	Pat Peterson	107	Paul Solomon	27
Diane Yurasovich	363	Collin Smith	101	Linda Hunn	25
JD Rindahl	331	David Cheever	100	Jill Kenahan-Krey	23
Joseph Fischer	320	Joseph Fasi	97	Brittany Kinser	22
Andrew Martinez	309	Eric Krumpelbeck	96	Sandy Byrne	20
Joyce Stoner	298	Mary Turner	86	Tim Sullivan	20
Gary Aschenbrenner	291	Erica Moranski	80	Emily Meyer	19
Jill Litzenberg	290	Harriet Pfersch	77	Bryan Alexander	18
Carol Hegland	285	Mark Steckhahn	77	Sue Volkman	18
Jen May	274	Steve Nicol	75	Jay Zinn	18
Patricia McBride	270	Vicki Samolyk	75	Terese Zinn	18
Kim Lamers	264				

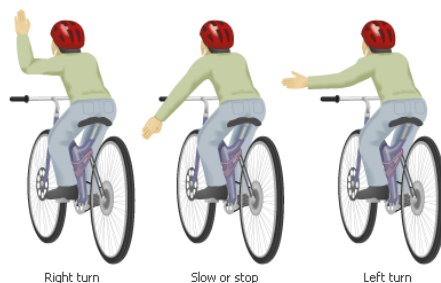
# Please Read This...

By Linda Roessl

Many members of the Bay View Bike club have been riding many miles and for many years, but even experienced riders can use a refresher on the rules of the road and trail etiquette. I realize our Club President, Joe, our Club Ride Chair, Andy, and a few other members have been reminding riders in attendance regarding this subject. Unfortunately, not all of us are heeding these messages. This year, more than in the past, has put more folks outdoors on bikes, running, and walking. We, as experienced cyclists, need to set an example for all others to follow and to stay safe. These are not my rules. I gathered them from CABDA Bicyclist Survival and Bike Sense; The Wisconsin Bicycle Operators Manual and the Bike Fed Riding Guide. They are not listed in any order of importance because they are all important safety precautions.

- Always make a hand signal well in advance of any turn to increase communication.
- Ride in a straight line without weaving.
- The law requires bicyclists to ride as close as practicable to the right of the road.
- Never make a left turn from the right side of the road even if you are in the bike lane.
- Do not block the right turn lane, use the rightmost lane that goes straight ahead.
- When overtaking a slower bicycle, it is safer to pass on the left and communicate you are passing.
- Riding on a multi-use paths, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians, joggers, skaters, children & pets.
- You are SHARING the path with others and need to respect their rights. Give an audible warning when passing “on the left” of other path users.
- Trails are for riding single file. Don’t clog up at the intersections so on-coming trail traffic has nowhere to cross.
- Signal and pull off the trail if you are stopping. Stopping in the middle is unsafe even for you.
- Riding two abreast is permitted in Wisconsin on any street as long as other traffic is not impeded.
- Stop at red lights and STOP signs; use common sense and not ride through the stopped group of riders since we are stopped for a reason. Not all lanes of cross traffic have agreed to stop for us to continue through safely.
- Calling “clear” at intersections is highly discouraged. Let every rider approaching the intersection make the judgment call for them self.
- My two cents; when you bring a visitor on a club ride review these best practices with them and show them by riding safe.

I have witnessed all of the above practices displayed incorrectly on club rides many times. By no means are these the only rules of the road to be practiced. We want everyone to be safe. If you don’t normally ride with a group, it’s sometimes easy to forget to take others safety into consideration. We don’t want to see anyone injured and lose valued biking miles in the short Wisconsin cycling season. Please read this and practice it on every club ride. Thank you.





# Wheel & Sprocket Discounts

The Club received the following email from Amelia Kegel and asked that we pass it along to our members:

“Effective immediately, Wheel & Sprocket is pausing all club/team/partner discounts due to low levels of product availability now through the end of the year.

We hope you can understand and know that we will be monitoring inventory closely to open back up our partnerships as soon as possible.

Please inform your teams and members. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me directly.

Thanks again for the partnership, it has been a great year in many ways to see so many people out and riding. We are excited for the future and we will reach back out as soon as our inventory levels have improved.”

Amelia Kegel, Owner, Vice President



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## Newsletter

By Diane Yurasovich

Don't forget, all club members are welcomed **and encouraged** to submit articles of interest and pictures to the newsletter.

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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!