

# Pedal Power

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[www.BayViewBikeClub.org](http://www.BayViewBikeClub.org)



## The Prez Sez

By Joe Fischer



Our annual banquet will be held on Thursday February 3 at the Wheel and Sprocket in Bayview. The store's Joy Ride Café will be open, serving beer, wine, and cocktails before and during the banquet. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a cocktail hour with snacks you can enjoy while touring the store. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. We will be returning to a more traditional menu with pizza, salad and dessert on the menu. See below for details. As in the past, we will present the rider points awards, valuable door prizes, and perhaps a few others (the Twisted Monkey maybe??) The what? You read that correctly. Come to the banquet and find out what that is about.

We will have the dinner on the main display floor. At the end of the cocktail hour we will need a crew to help move the merchandise displays (they are all on wheels) and set up our tables and chairs, and again after the event to help with clean up and taking down the tables. If you would like to volunteer for the crew, please email me at [info@bayviewbikeclub.org](mailto:info@bayviewbikeclub.org)

Due to changing life and professional circumstances, Secretary Joe Fasi has moved to Florida full time and has resigned his position on the board. Thank you Joe for your service to the club (and your frequent weather updates from the Sunshine State). Good luck Joe!

Welcome to the board, Roger Retzlaff! Roger has agreed to assume the secretary position on an interim basis until our board election at the banquet.

Wishing all of you a safe and joyous holiday season. I am really looking forward to next year!

And remember.....lets have fun out there!

Merry Christmas, Joe

# BVBC Annual Banquet

- WHO:** Club members.
- WHAT:** Annual banquet and awards program.
- WHERE:** Wheel and Sprocket Bay View, 187 East Becher St., Milwaukee.
- WHEN:** Thursday February 3.
- 6:00 pm Cocktails and snacks
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Awards and slide show.
- RSVP:** We will set up a link to SignUpGenius. Stay tuned.
- COST:** Cash bar. There is no charge for dinner.





# Membership Notes

By Rich Temple

2021 has proven to be another... interesting year. One bright spot, at least for me, has been the ability to meet up with friends, both old and newly made, and enjoy a great time riding bikes around southeast Wisconsin.

As a club, the BVBC had 188 members for the 2021 season, 63 of which were new. This is close to record membership, which is impressive considering it was during a pandemic, and without the benefit of the Wheel and Sprocket Bike Expo, which typically gives the club lots of exposure to new members. So, as Andy always says at his pre-ride briefings, "if you see someone new, say hi, and make a new friend".

It's a little early to remind you about renewing for next year, so I won't do that now, but keep an eye out for our winter rides and I hope to see you all next year!



## 2022 Holiday Ride Schedule



By Andy Sikorski



Saturday, Jan 01, 2022: Polar Bear Ride - Mileage options: 15

Annual ride to Bradford Beach to watch the only folks who are crazier than those who would plan a bike ride on New Year's Day. Ride Starting Location: South Shore Park, 2900 S. Shore Drive, Milwaukee

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Saturday, Feb 12, 2022: Urban Fixx - Mileage options: 15

Sweetheart Ride Mostly flat loop from St. Francis on city streets. During the ride: We take our annual opportunity to remind our bikes how much we love them. Why else would we ride in Milwaukee in February? Ride Starting Location: La Finca, 3558 E Sivyer Avenue, St Francis

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Saturday, Mar 19, 2022: Pantheon - Mileage options: 17

St. Patrick's Day Ride Easy ride through Franklin. During the ride: Yes, 'High vis green' counts as dressing up for the holiday. Ride Starting Location: Wheel & Sprocket, 7044 S. Ballpark Dr Franklin

Click here for ride detail:

<https://bayviewbikeclubblog.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/detailed-schedule-15may2021-to-27jun2021-08may2021.pdf>

# Bay View Bicycle Club Members go Wild with Flour Bakery

By Linda Roessl



Just a little play on words to spread the excitement of this new endeavor. Stephen Blanchard and his wife, Christine, have partnered with Wild Flour Bakery to jump start their bread company. In fall of 2021, Stephen and Christine became partners with the retiring owners of Wild Flour Bakery. This is a win-win situation since they now have a commercial space to expand their vision. The Bakery is located at 1205 Milwaukee Ave., in South Milwaukee. Just a block west of the Crusher's monument.

Stephen started his sourdough bread making as a hobby almost 10 years ago. At this time, Christine was his partner just eating Stephen's creations. They had other jobs outside their home and rode their bike with BVBC. They have been members of the club since 2016. Stephen mostly road with the Tuesday morning group, while Christine joined Stephen as a weekend warrior. The bakery has kept Stephen and Christine busy, but they assured me they will continue to ride their bikes with the club!

Stephen & Christine have a great vision for this gem in the rough. They are planning an outdoor space located next to the building; there is currently limited indoor seating. This will be so inviting for riders to visit the bakery after a ride, or any time you are in the area. Grab some coffee and a snack. Or buy some bread to take home to enjoy.

They offer so many choices of bread; flour and sourdough to choose from. Cinnamon raisin or Cherry pecan, Cranberry walnut, they are all taste wonderful. They have mini loaves, full loaves, muffins, cookies and pastries. BVBC members will get a discount when you purchase bread.

In time, they plan to add Japanese bakery (expertise provided by a new team member). There is an area inside the bakery with some arts and crafts created by Christine, friends and family. I am not sure how Christine finds time for crafts since the bakery keeps them very busy. The bakery now has a team of seven but they are still looking to add a packaging team member. If you have sometime in the afternoons, contact Stephen.

Since we are in the off season for bicycling, take a drive to South Milwaukee to visit the bakery and neighboring South Milwaukee Sausage & Meats located across the street; an adventure to find your specialty shopping needs.

At this time, they are open Tuesday thru Friday 8am until 4pm; Saturday and Sunday hours are TBD.



# Izzy Rest In Peace

By Linda Roessl



My beloved Golden Retriever, Izzy went to doggie heaven on Friday, October 15, 2021. She was 13.5 years old. If you attended any of the Bay View Bike Club Up North Memorial Day Weekenders in the past, you met Izzy. She welcomed you at the door and leaned or nudged you until she was acknowledged. Izzy had a way to make you her new friend. She was a push over and you just couldn't resist her charming personality. She worked the crowd and didn't miss anyone with an available hand. Izzy is pictured below protecting one of her favorite toys by laying on it. Holding down the rug was her job.

Izzy was a beautiful dog and in her golden years, every day was a bonus. Izzy leaves a huge void in our home and our family. Thanks to all of you for being her friend.

## Something to Check Out for 2022!

### ABOUT MILWAUKEE BY BIKE

At Milwaukee By Bike we're proud to offer our 40+ years of expertise in cycling, touring and recreation to create the best biking experience of the Cream City! With our Skyline Tour, you'll discover the sights and sounds and culture of our beloved city and with our Brewery Tour, you get to immerse yourself in the rich tastes and even smells of Milwaukee! Want to explore the city on your own? We also offer bike rentals from four hours to a whole week! Book with us online today!



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# Ride Safety

The following is from Arlington Transportation Partners

## COLD WEATHER BIKING TIPS...

Riding in the cold doesn't have to be miserable. With a little planning, riding in colder temps can be quite enjoyable.

**LAYER IT.**  
Layering clothes is the key to comfort! Start with a base layer that wicks sweat, then a medium-weight layer (such as a light fleece) and finish off with a windproof jacket. A light windbreaker is good for temps near 40 degrees, but a heavier jacket can be used for temps around freezing and below.

**COVER UP.**  
Legs should be covered completely in the cold, but thick layers are not usually necessary. Workout pants, athletic tights, jeans and slacks are generally fine. Layering pants in freezing temps also helps!

**FAT TIRES.**  
Wider tires with some tread add stability, traction and control on winter surfaces that can sometimes be wet, snowy or even icy. Depending on your wheel size, adding thicker and knobbier tires may make winter riding easier. Talk to your local bike shop about the best tire choice for your riding conditions.

**TREAD LIGHTLY.**  
If you encounter snow or ice, don't panic! Sudden braking or swerving can cause you to slide. Be light on your pedal strokes, delicate on the brakes and ride in a straight line if possible. You can always dismount and walk the bike if it looks too dangerous.

**PROTECT THE EXTREMITIES.**  
Your hands, feet and head get colder more quickly than your core so make sure to always wear gloves, thick socks (such as wool) or even shoe covers, as well as a hat that fits under your helmet. Using a helmet with less ventilation helps keep your noggin toasty too.

**BE FLASHY.**  
Because the days are shorter in the winter (and sometimes duller), it's important to be visible. Wear bright clothing (neon) with reflective strips and always have lights on your bike (white for the front and red for the rear).

**ACCESSORIZE.**  
Fenders make a huge difference on wet days because they block the rain from splashing on your shoes and clothes, keeping you nice and dry. They're inexpensive yet very effective, so totally worth the (small) investment.

**PLAN AHEAD.**  
The most important advice for riding your bike in the winter is to check the weather forecast ahead of time! Don't ride if conditions are poor (heavy snow and ice), but don't be afraid to ride if the bike paths and roads are clear and temps are above freezing!

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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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## **Club Website**



Thanks Dean for keeping our website updated!  
[www.BayViewBikeClub.org](http://www.BayViewBikeClub.org)



## **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!