

Club News

November 2017



BCC ANNUAL YEAR END SOCIAL

Saturday, November 18th

Cash bar opens: 6:00 pm Light buffet dinner: 7:00 pm

Terra Cotta Inn Tea Room

175 King St., Terra Cotta

If you are planning to attend, please register on the Events Calendar no later than Sunday, November 12th, so that we know how much food to prepare.

Look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

SEASON-END TOURING NEWS

Steve Juniper, VP Touring

The final ride of the BCC's 2017 touring season was on Sunday Oct 29th. Unfortunately rain in October resulted in the cancellation of three out of four Saturday rides plus the Thanksgiving holiday ride. Weather also impacted the start of our season with three Saturday ride calculations in March and April. The rest of our 2017 season however had mostly ideal cycling weather with few extreme heat days in mid-summer and beautiful riding conditions through September.

We implemented some new & revised Group Riding Guidelines for the 2017 season to enhance ride safety and compliance with the Highway Traffic Act. I'd like to thank all our members, and especially our tour leaders, for your efforts in adjusting to the new guidelines. I'd also like to thank everyone for another season of safe riding. There were a few minor incidents but no accidents on club rides requiring us to file a formal Injury/Accident Report Form with the OCA.

Our 2017 season included a well-attended Finger Lakes tour in June with good weather and great cycling. Thanks to Allen for leading this event! The Helen Bick Memorial Niagara ride in August also had good participation with three groups of riders. We had a great lunch at the Henry of Pelham Estate Winery. Thanks to Thomas for pre-scouting the Niagara region route and leading one of the groups. In September we had our first (hopefully annual) Blue Mountains weekend tour with good participation. We had to do some climbing but were rewarded with great cycling and beautiful vistas of the Blue Mountains, Beaver Valley, and Georgian Bay.

Although the BCC's formal riding season is over, members can use the Forum and/or email to coordinate "unofficial" rides in the off-season. The Forum includes an "*Unofficial Rides*" topic to post a planned ride or view other posted rides. Note that *Unofficial* club rides are uninsured and the Brampton Cycling Club is not responsible for any events on these rides. Please ride safely and obey the rules of the road on all rides.

RIDE ACHIEVEMENT

Steve Maxwell, BCC Webmaster

The ride achievement program was a great success for 2017. We had just over 45 club members combining for a total of 71,200 kilometers despite having well over 50 cancelled rides during the season. Congratulations to the top four achievers (Geoff, John B, Andrei, Rodrigo) that managed to claim all eight badges. Returning champion Geoff had an amazing season as he logged 74 rides and more than 5,800 kilometers. Well done Geoff! Notable mentions go to the other top 10 finishers that each earned five or more individual badges and to the 10 new members that participated in the program. Thank you all and hoping for good weather in 2018 and another fun-filled and rewarding year on the bike.

HALTON HILLS BIKE CHALLENGE

Steve Maxwell, BCC Webmaster

Over 22,750 kilometers was contributed to the *Halton Hills Bike Challenge* to help them reach their goal of 416,000 kilometers and raising \$45,000 for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. We could have contributed a whole lot more if there wasn't a cap of ten on the number of members in a group/family account. In 2018, we are encouraging members to sign-up individually and log their kilometers. Residents, employees and visitors in Mississauga can also participate in the *Mississauga Bike Challenge* and help them plant trees. Fellow club member Roy Buchanan has done a wonderful job organizing community rides and planting several trees.

WEBSITE NEWS

Steve Maxwell, BCC Webmaster

Plans are in place to move the website to a new hosting provider by the end of the year. Several Canadian hosting providers are being considered and a decision will be made shortly. Time permitting, the website will continue to evolve to serve the needs of our members.

IN MEMORIAM

John Bachmann, President

This has been a particularly sad year for deaths of former BCC members.

In June, **Don Leeder** passed away. Always upbeat, Don was a keen rider and often volunteered to timekeep at the races and time trials that were part of the BCC's racing program in the 1990s and early 2000s.

In July we lost a gentle giant, **Travis Lytle**, 63, whom many of us got to know through club rides and outside events like Rideau Lakes. Travis was a member until the early 2000s.

And on November 3rd we said goodbye to **Ken Wilkes**, 82. As late as 2005, Ken was still repeatedly powering his way up Creditview hill in Cheltenham as part of the 100 km road race we regularly held there. He was a member of the BCC until 2015 and since then tried never to miss the Old Farts (retirees) monthly lunches. Nobody who met Ken will ever forget his mischievous smile. Ken was predeceased by his wife Alma by only 12 days. They were always very close.

Roger Broadwell and Bill Harper have written a tribute to Ken that has been posted on the *Forum* under *General Discussions* along with a link to a photo album dedicated to him.

May they all rest in peace.

BCC JOINS VULNERABLE ROAD USERS COALITION: WRITE YOUR MPP TODAY

John Bachmann, President

At our October 17th AGM, the BCC agreed to join the Vulnerable Road Users Coalition. For those of you that missed the presentation last spring by Patrick Brown (of Bike Law not the provincial PC Party) on this topic, the Vulnerable Road Users movement is working to provide better protection from motorists for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Coalition's current main focus is to get a *Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Law* passed that is intended to dramatically increase the penalties assessed to motorists at fault in a collision with a cyclist or pedestrian. To that end it is supporting [Private Members Bill 158](#) and asking for you to indicate your support by sending a letter to [your MPP](#), a sample of which is [here](#).

While (as the sample letter notes) “the Minister of Transportation has announced that his Ministry will be developing changes to the Highway Traffic Act which involve increased penalties for careless and distracted driving causing death or bodily harm”, there are legitimate concerns that the Liberal’s legislation will not be tough enough.

Please do your bit to make Ontario roads safer for us as cyclists. Send your letter today!

2018 BCC EXECUTIVE

John Bachmann, President

Also at our AGM, your 2018 Executive was acclaimed and remains the same as for this past year.

<i>President</i>	John Bachmann
<i>VP Touring</i>	Steve Juniper
<i>Treasurer</i>	Pierre Dussault
<i>Secretary</i>	Jamie Flinn
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Sue Norman
<i>Webmaster</i>	Steve Maxwell
<i>Events Director</i>	Brad Hains

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: THANK YOU

John Bachmann, President

Thank you to:

- All the members for their quality riding this year and for coming out to support our out-of-town rides in the Finger Lakes, Niagara and Collingwood. It was great chatting on our rides and at the lunch stops.
- Our Tour Leaders and their assistants for shepherding us safely around well-planned routes, and
- Our Executive. The two Steves, Jamie, Pierre, Brad and Sue for all the behind-the-scenes work that keeps our club functioning smoothly.

See you at the Year-End Social!