

May 2019

New Club Kit: Pre-Order Window Now Open + May 8th Fit Session

(See below for details)

UPCOMING MONTHLY EVENTS

Judy Kuban, Events Director

Something fun is just around the corner. Mark these dates in your calendar!

Saturday, May 11 - Eden Mills Ride - All groups meet in Eden Mills for a catered lunch, compliments of the Club. Please RSVP [here](#) with the group you are riding with by May 7th, so we can be sure to have sufficient food for everyone to enjoy.

Sunday, June 2 - Women's Day Ride - Bringing women together who share a passion for cycling. Dedicated to encouraging more women to ride! Spread the word!

June 21-23 - Finger Lakes Tour - Thanks to BCC member, Allen McGregor, for coordinating this well-liked tour. More details on accommodations and other special events over this weekend can be found on the [Forum](#).

Saturday, July 13 - Family Picnic - Following the scheduled ride, all members are invited to Forge Park in Terra Cotta to enjoy a family picnic, sponsored by the Club. Be sure to wear your BCC jersey for the group photo at this special event!

Saturday, August 17 - Niagara Ride - A great ride in the Niagara region, with lunch at the Henry of Pelham Estate Winery. An annual favourite!

September 7-8 - Blue Mountain Tour - This tour is back by popular demand! Stay tuned for more details.

CLUB CLOTHING

Doug Richards, Membership Secretary & Clothing Coordinator

The Jersey, shorts, arm warmers, leg warmers and vest have all been designed.

Information and pricing is on our site. It includes the direct link to purchasing through the Louis Garneau on-line purchasing portal. The link to the purchasing portal is [here](#).

A fit kit evening is set up at Cyclepath Mississauga (Burnhamthorpe and Creditview) for May 8th between 5pm and 7pm. I will be there to help.

The first round of clothing purchases will be cut off May 15th.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Doug Richards, Membership Secretary & Clothing Coordinator

Membership numbers continue to increase in spite of the cool and very wet April. At the time of publication our count is 167.

RIDE ACHIEVEMENT

Steve Maxwell, Webmaster

The weather has not been favourable for riding for the first four weeks of the season, however it has not stopped some club members from posting 5 or more rides. Seven members have earned badges so far and you can be in the running too just by registering and coming out for club rides. With the weather improving over the next couple of days, we look forward to seeing more of you out on club rides.

Welcome to the new members of the club, your eagerness to get started for the season is already impacting the leaderboard. With the Beginners starting this month we hope you challenge yourselves to meet other club members and earn as many badges as you can.

One final note, every registration for a ride counts. If you register for a ride but did not attend, please un-register in order to preserve the integrity of the leaderboard. The ride achievement program is based on a honour system and it is expected that members will only get credited for rides that they actually attend.

TOURING UPDATE

Steve Juniper, VP Touring

Unfortunately, with the cold, wet and windy conditions we've been experiencing this spring many of our early season rides have been cancelled, including 3 of our first 5 Saturday starts. I will continue to ask our Tour Leaders to keep their route distances on the low end for at least a few more weeks as most of our members haven't ridden too many kilometres yet this season.

If you check the *Events Calendar* you'll see that starting on Saturday June 1st and continuing on most Saturdays until the end of August we have new "Short" rides scheduled for the Easy Rollers and Touring Groups. These new rides are in addition to the regular longer rides. I've asked tour leaders for the "Short" rides to plan routes in the 50-70 km range. And the tour leader can decide, with input from their group, if and how long they want to stop for a break on the ride.

Our first Group Riding Clinic of the 2019 season had to be rescheduled from April to Sunday May 5th because of weather, and a second Group Riding Clinic is scheduled for Sunday May 26th. I have designated the May 26th Clinic as a "Trial Ride" with the OCA which will allow non-BCC members to participate if they first contact me for approval. So if you have any friends or acquaintances who may be interested in cycling with a club this would be a great opportunity for them to experience group cycling in a very safe setting and learn about the BCC. Note these Clinics start from the Meadowvale GO location and any interested BCC members are welcome to join us to help support our new or prospective members.

The OCA is again this year coordinating and promoting a "Women's Ride Day" event across the province and the BCC has agreed to be a participating club. Our Women's Ride Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday June 2nd starting at 9:00 am from the Southfields Village School. Watch the BCC website for further details.