

The Spokesman

T R I - C I T Y B I C Y C L E C L U B

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Half of all the parts of a typical bicycle are in the chain.**
- **Cycling is one of only five sports that have featured in every modern Olympics.**
- **The tallest rideable bicycle is more than 14 feet tall.**

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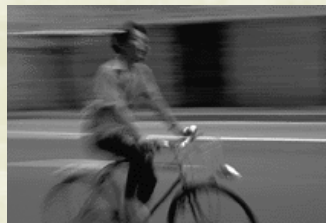
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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Members of the Tri-City Bicycle Club have been working hard to get the Tri-Cities listed as Bicycle Friendly Communities. Thanks to their hard work the cities of Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco are well on their way.

The Bicycle Friendly Community campaign recognizes cities and towns that actively work toward being bicycle friendly. Communities are ranked platinum, gold, silver or bronze depending on their level of engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation efforts (the Five Es). The rank is good for four years and then re-evaluated. Currently Washington is ranked NUMBER 1 as a

state with seven Bicycle Friendly Communities listed.



Richland may soon be Washington's newest Bicycle Friendly Community

The City of Richland sent a liaison to the last TCBC meeting. He was very informative, updated us on Richland's status, and plans to attend future meeting. This is a great

chance for club members to ask questions and voice their opinion so plan to be at the next meeting!

The City of Richland is already past the first stage of the application and things are looking good. The fact that all new roads in Richland must include a bike path is great news for us and a big plus in getting recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Once Richland attains recognition Pasco and Kennewick should follow suit without too much trouble. The more support we show the more important it will be to the cities accomplish this goal so everyone's support is important!

GROUP HEALTH IEC NEEDS YOU

The 29th annual Group Health Inland Empire Century needs help from the Tri-City Bicycle Club. Although the century is now in the hands of two local Kiwanis clubs, they still need help from cyclists to pull off a quality event. Of utmost importance are SAG drivers to

patrol the course and render assistance, sweep the route (not with a broom) for stragglers, and keep the organizers appraised of the progress and need for other assistance. TCBC member help at Registration and each rest stop is needed for answering ques-

tions riders have about the route, roads, etc. TCBC receives considerable compensation for helping with this event and SAG drivers will also be compensated for their mileage. For more information or to volunteer email info@tricitybicycleclub.org.

REASON FOR CHANGES

Over the past two years, due mostly to turning the Century over to the Kiwanis, the TCBC Treasurer, John Ittner, has received comments and criticism regarding the decision to turn the IEC over to another operator. This was not a unilateral decision, and it was not done just to be rid of the responsibility. The club is still significantly involved in order to ensure that the GHIEC remains a premier event for cyclists.

The primary reason for turning over the reins of the IEC was legal: the club's non-profit status as a 501(c)(7) Social/Recreational organization was seriously threatened. That IRS rule requires that the club receive no more than 35% of gross receipts from non-members.

The rule exists to keep organizations such as ours from subsidizing our operation with money from non-members. The non-profit specialist at a local accounting firm also advised against changing tax status to 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, since it would have to be the overriding reason for our existence rather than the current one: getting out there and riding.

Late last Fall another reason emerged that made the decision even more timely: the State Attorney General's office contacted TCBC and demanded that we either register with the State as a fundraising organization or explain how we are exempt from the State's rules. Had TCBC remained the operator of the GHIEC, we would

not have been able to justify the exemption from state rules.

Some of the related comments about the changes to TCBC funding centered around the obvious disconnect between the amount of money the club was making and the doubling of member dues. Over the years, as the IEC grew from a 50 rider century to a 300+ rider event, the club's normal operating expenses (newsletter, website, corporate registration, insurance) have increased to almost twice what the club received in dues. Without a dues increase, operations were certainly subsidized by non-member revenue. That situation had to be corrected, and it was.

SAVE A TREE BUY A HELMET

About 40% of you are reading this newsletter electronically, or at least you received it that way. At the request of several members, the TCBC Board agreed that members should be given the opportunity to opt out of dead-

tree snail-mail distribution. The savings would be plowed into programs of general benefit to cyclists. For example, TCBC covered the room rental for the recent LCI seminar. TCBC also makes contributions to the Bicycle Alli-

ance of Washington, League of American Bicyclists, Adventure Cycling Association, and the Benton Franklin Safe Kids Coalition for low-cost helmet purchase.



T C B C F O R U M N E W S



Due to the ridiculous number of spambots and other miscreants attempting to sign up as Forum members, member registration was disabled. Only the Forum Administrator can register a new member. If you want to be a part of the discussions on the forum please notify the Forum Administrator at info@tricitybicycleclub.org.

Any problems with your account, username, or password should be sent to the Forum Administrator. He will be able to reset your password and issue you a temporary one to access your account.

The Forum provides two-way communication not available through the website, such as discussion of road conditions, bikes for sale, Bicycle Friendly Community Status and more. It's a great place to chat about the latest bicycling news in the Tri-Cities, make ride suggestions, or find someone to ride or carpool with!

Visit the Forum at <http://www.tricitybicycleclub.org/TCBC-Forum/>.



*Join the forum
and talk about
rides, events, news,
and other bicycle
related topics!*

S L O W F O O D S E W A R I D E

Clear your calendar on Sunday, May 17th for a great afternoon of biking, wine, and good food. Slow Food SE Washington has a ride planned which will visit several of Prosser's wineries and wind through some pretty scenery. Several TCBC members attended the last ride and had a great time!

Start at 12:30 at Wine O'Clock, in Prosser's Vinters' Village.

Cost: \$5 for SFSEWA members and \$10 for non-members.

Route: Cycle from Wine O'Clock to Daven Lore Winery, 4.1 miles. Then onto Alexandria Nicole on a .7 mile leg. Final leg back to Wine O'Clock is 4 miles. Terrain is flat with overpasses as the only hills plus a

gentle climb on SR-22. 13.8 miles total distance. The ride should finish no later than 4:30pm.

Limit 20 riders

RSVP—Slow Food SEWA Winery
BicycleTourzubsin@charter.net



Tuesday and Thursday morning rides start at 8:30a.m. Meet at the Richland Community Center for coffee before the ride. Destination is chosen by group. For more information contact **Bill Painter - 946-1076**.

Saturday rides start from Some Bagels in the Uptown Mall in Richland unless otherwise specified in the [ride calendar](#).

Ride Codes: **Green** – less than 15 miles with nearly level terrain; **Blue** – 15 - 40 miles with moderate terrain; **Black** – greater than 40 miles with moderate terrain, or fewer than 40 with challenging hills.

Riders: No need to call ahead unless otherwise indicated. Just show up at the start. Feel free to contact the club for more information.

Leaders and Sweeps: Ride leaders and sweeps are always needed. As a leader, you can choose a ride that's been done before, or create the ride of your choice and have it immortalized in the next Spokesman ride calendar. The day you lead the group on your ride, you may be surprised at the number of riders who have never followed your route before. Ride sweeps provide the "rear guard" for the ride, ensuring that slower riders or those with mechanical troubles don't fall back behind the pack.

And two more Very Important Notes: First, **WEAR YOUR HELMET!** Second, please obey the [Rules of the Road](#) at all times. The Club is active in community affairs, which helps us promote legislation that could provide better facilities for cyclists. Don't ruin it by blowing through stop signs, tailgating left turns, or riding against traffic. If you wouldn't do it in a car, don't do it on a bike!

Beginning riders and those who want a shorter ride: Show up at the longer rides and let the ride Sweep or Leader know you'd like a less strenuous ride. They can help you with a shorter route and try to match you up with someone to ride with. We won't leave you dangling.

May 10—"Afterglow" Winery Tour—Leave from the registration desk area in Howard Amon Park at 11:00am. Winery Tour is for our members and guest riders. The ride is about 25 miles roundtrip from Richland with a sag wagon available to carry our wine purchase. Route to be decided by those who show up!

May 16—Wannawish Dam—Leave from Some Bagels in Richland at 8:30am. Bike path thru Howard Amon Park and Haines to Van Giesen, out to Fallon, Canal and Grosscup to Harrington. Follow Harrington to the pavement end beyond the Wannawish Dam. Return to West Richland via Harrington and Yakima River Road. Blue, approx. 25 miles.

May 23—Umatilla—Leave Espresso world in Kennewick at 8:30. Kennewick to Umatilla by way of Kellogg, 10th, Union, Bofer Canyon Rd to Coffin Rd and onto I-82. Water and lunch in Umatilla. Return along Lake Wallula on Hwy 730. Take Hwy 12 to "A" Street. Black, approx. 80 miles.

May 30—Free Ride! - Leave from Some Bagels in Richland at 8:30am after deciding where to ride over some coffee and bagels.

June 6—Red Mountain Loop—Leave from Some Bagels in Richland at 8:30am. Ride to Benton City via Van Giessen, Ruppert, Demoss. Lunch in Benton City at the Shadow Mountain Grill. Back on Kennedy, Bombing Range, and Van Giessen. Blue approx 35 miles.

June 13—Chocolate Factory and Beyond—Leave from Some Bagels in Richland at 8:30am. Cross Columbia River on I-182, Court, Harris, left to Dent. Let on Rd 68, right at fire station, out to Hwy 395 and Inch at the Chocolate Factory. Return via Taylor Flats or Glade. Blue 40+ miles depending on route.

June 20—Zintel Dam—Leave from Some Bagels in Richland at 9:30am. Take Kellogg to 10th, Union to 27th. Ride up to Dam. Continue through Canyon Lakes to Ely, left on 27th and retrace back to Kellogg. Black with steep hill approx. 40 miles.

June 27—Cherry Hill Loop—Meet at Some Bagels in Richland at 8:30am. Carpool to the Dairygold dairy store in Sunnyside. Leave from there about 9:00am. Head east to randview then loop back around to the west through the orchards and vineyards north of I-182, around Cherry Hill. Return along the Yakima River. Late lunch at the dairy store in Sunnyside. Blue approx. 40 miles.

July 4—Independence Ride—Meet at Some Bagels in Richland at 8:30am and assert your independence by choosing where to ride.

July 11—Webber Canyon Celebration! - Webber should be finished so let's check it out. Meet at Benton City Park & Ride at 8:30am or Some Bagels at 7:30. Up the new and improved Webber Canyon Road to County Wells Rd. Over to Patterson Hwy and down into Prosser for lunch at the Blue Goose. Back via the Old Inland Empire Hwy to Benton City. Black approx. 35-65 miles depending on starting point.



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Serving Richland, Kenewick, Pasco and surrounding areas

The Tri-City Bicycle club (TCBC) attracts adult riders of various ages and riding abilities. We are a “touring” club, meaning the emphasis is on the joy and adventure of cycling, not competition. Organized weekend rides are scheduled year-round and are open to any rider wearing a bicycle helmet. It is our policy never to leave anyone behind or stranded. The club encourages bicycle riding for recreation, better health, and transportation. It supports its members and the community by holding recreational rides and social events. The club is an active advocate for the safety and interests of bicyclists and conducts bicycle safety programs for adults and children.

THANK YOU TCBC SUPPORTERS!

The following businesses support cycling in the Tri-Cities by offering discounts to club members or simply by existing. Please let them know you are a member. Special offers are specific to each business and may change from time to time.

Some Bagels—1317 George Washington Way, Richland
(509)946-3185

REI—Recreational Equipment Inc.—129 N Ely, Kennewick
(509)734-8989

Scott's Cycle & Sports—704 S Ely St. Kennewick
(509)374-8424

Markee's Cycling Center—4723 W Clearwater Ave. Kennewick (509)736-7500 and 1330 Jadwin Ave, Richland (509)946-2527

Kennewick Cycles & Fitness—131 Vista Way, Kennewick

(509)736-7500

Greenies—701 George Washington Way, Richland
(509)946-3787

