

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
January 2022



Prez Sez

Happy New Year! Winter gloom is in top gear with likelihood for cold wind, ice, and snow mixed in with short days. Maybe some rain too. We are now past the winter solstice, so the days are getting longer. Low angle sun breaks may spur an urge to get out for a bike ride when the roads are thawed. Prepare well, then go forth and ride!

The annual BIKES Club Year-End Holiday Party was held the evening of Thursday December 4th in a Zoom meeting with 18 bike-oriented people. A good time was had by all with lots of conversation, decorated helmets, a slide show of some BIKES Club rides, bike trivia, and more conversation. Thanks to Debby Grant, Bill Weber, and Raquel Haunreiter for their efforts in making this event a good one. And special thanks to Drew Ellison for donating the drawing prizes.

Stay well and have a great ride!

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Who Makes the BIKES Club Go In 2021

We live in a land with scenic wonders, a four-season climate, and a conspicuous devotion to bicycling. Our BIKES Club provides year-round opportunities to get out on bike rides with friends. We are an all-volunteer organization, and the mission of our BIKES Club is “encourage bicycling for recreation, transportation and exploration”, with the following goals:

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Coming Up...

January Club rides

Winter season bike rides offer the opportunity to check out any remaining holiday season decorations along your route. If you find your ride is too cold for comfort, consider upgrades to what you wear.

Ride leaders, as we move into a new year, hopefully you will look for “weather opportunities” to list some rides. And thanks for doing so!

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through January on the [Calendar](#). Some rides may be posted the day before the scheduled activity. Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul as determined by the Ride Leaders and which forecasts they think may be accurate. Keep up with ride changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)

Next BIKES Club Meeting

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for 7 PM January 13th, 2022 and will be online using Zoom due to the persistent COVID-19 situation. BIKES Club members will be e-mailed the agenda and meeting details.

BIKES Club has monthly club meetings for members on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to May. No meetings in the summer or December.

Our Bicycling Future is Bright

There are good reasons why the future for bicycling looks bright. Despite the gloom brought about by the COVID situation over the past couple of years, bicycling has flourished around the world. The growth in the popularity of bicycling has brought it onto the radar screens of policymakers at the national level.

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Q: How do snowmen get around?



A: They ride an icicle!



News You Can Use...

Ride Leaders-Ride Posting Update:

When you post your ride, state an end time as well as a start time on the template. This will correct a glitch for late registrants that has come to light. If you're unsure what I mean, contact me at

leadaride@bikesclub.org

Under the registrants tab of the template is the spot to designate yourself as ride leader after you register.

Also, don't forget to check in your riders when you lead the ride.

Keep on riding.

Dan Scott, ride coordinator

COVID-19 persists

[Temporary Precautions for BIKES Club Ride During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#)

Online Ride Registration, the new normal for BIKES members

All rides require online registration as described in the ride posting on our website Calendar page. Efforts are underway for future non-member riders to use online registration. BIKES Club is moving toward 100% paper free for all registrations and waivers.

Max Group Sizes

Ride groups may now have 12 riders or less as determined by the Ride Leader. The number includes the Ride Leader. The ride posting and registration page should indicate the maximum number of riders for the ride

[Online Reg - Tips for Ride Leaders >>>](#)

[Online Reg - Tips for Everyone >>>](#)

Ride Leaders Vest

Several years ago, BIKES Club provided unique orange vests with the BIKES Club logo for Ride Leaders. We are out of the popular vest sizes, and we do not expect to order any more in the near future. Meanwhile, we have new Ride Leaders without a Ride Leader vest. If you have a Ride Leader vest that you do not expect to use, please consider returning it for reallocation.



Rider Miles

[How many Club miles do you have?](#)



Club meeting minutes

Catch up here to read the most recent meeting minutes. Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes. NOTE: we did not have a meeting in December, **here is November's minutes if you miss them**

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels
possible New Site



Sharing Wheels
possible New Space



Wreath Making Class

Sharing Wheels Update

Before we grow, we need to know...

After 15 years in our current location, wouldn't it be nice to have windows, heat, a door that opens directly into a welcoming shop? Sharing Wheels has an opportunity to move into better retail space in the Broadway Mall Building in 2022.

Before our nonprofit board commits to doubling our rent, we need to know we have your support. Despite generous donations from many of you, we have not yet met our fundraising goals for 2021.

If you were a volunteer, customer, or bike donor this past year, thank you. Now **we need your financial gift to finish (or start) the year.**

[A donation now](#) will make a difference to Sharing Wheels, so we can keep making a difference in our community.

Annual Meeting Jan. 26

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in our January board meeting. The agenda includes our annual report, board elections, and our 2022 budget. Can we afford to move and improve? That is a key question to be discussed. To participate, [email the shop](#) by Jan. 24 to request the meeting link.

[Sharing Wheels Website >>>](#)

Other Links

League of American Bicyclists

Click on the link below to read the League blog and catch up on League efforts around the country. BIKES is a member of the League of American Bicyclists and it is through the League that we purchase our club insurance.

[League of American Bicyclists>>>](#)

Adventure Cycling

Whether you like your adventures in the saddle or from the armchair, Adventure Cycling will inspire. You might also find reviews of new bikes and equipment and tips on how to enjoy or improve what you already have.

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