

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
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Prez Sez

Three things you should know, and how to mow your lawn

1. On our website bikesclub.org, there's a page called **Other Clubs' Rides**. It's in the Rides + Events menu. Here, any club member can list a ride from, wait for it ... another club(!) which she or he thinks BIKES Club members would enjoy. Keep your eye on this page. In fact, since this page is a "forum", you can subscribe to it so every time someone lists another club's ride there, you'll be notified. That's what I recommend.
2. Another page on our website is called **Discounts**. It's in the Members Only menu. Here we put discount codes which club members can use and get, wait for it ... discounts! It is on this page where you'll find discounts for upcoming rides like Skagit Spring Classic and Tour de Whidbey. Those discount codes are not there yet, but will be soon. Keep your eye on this page too.
3. You probably all know to be careful of spam emails. Sometimes they look pretty legit, and sometimes they make you raise your eyebrows with a "huh?". It has happened in the past that bad people out there have tried to spoof our club email addresses and have sent emails that look like they are from the club when they are not. Yours truly almost got sucked into one of those a couple of years ago. Fortunately I figured it out in time. So this is just a word of caution that if you receive an email from "someone"@bikesclub.org and it doesn't look or sound quite right, it would be wise to verify with the sender (phone call or text) that it is legitimate before replying. Better safe than sorry!

Warm weather is coming and the grass is starting to grow, as well as our desire to get out and ride our bikes. Are you conflicted as to which you should prioritize - mowing or riding? It's been weighing heavy on my mind, so I did a little research and I think I found a solution.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOXSXXr5G-k

Keep on pedalin',

Prez Drew

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Vice Prez Sez



Thank you Steve Fox, for finding and sharing this little gem from the “way back” machine. I had to leave a few of them off for space, but I’ll attach the whole article somewhere on the internets. Watch those elbows everyone!

RULES OF THE ROAD FOR CYCLISTS - FROM 1923 (as written and published)

A code of universal traffic rules for bicycle riders in all cities has been framed. The special rules are timely and appropriate for present day conditions, and they serve to emphasize the point that cyclists not only enjoy the privileges of streets and highways, but also that they have responsibilities as well. The rules follow:

- While riding a bicycle never take anything for granted. The other fellow

- may be deaf.
- Do not believe that you own the whole road. Room for your elbows is all that you require.
 - The good rider is one who follows a straight line.
 - Never attempt to pass on the right side of an automobile when you are overtaking it. The vehicle may turn suddenly toward the curb.
 - Do not try to show speed in crossing an intersection. You never can tell what will come next.
 - Riding along the wrong side of the road is a “foul”. If you do so, you are liable to be bumped over to the proper side.
 - The traffic policeman is not in the center of the street for an ornament. Watch him or he will watch you.
 - Do not annoy the people who use street cars by riding through them as they get into a car. These people are in a bad state anyway.
 - Handlebars are made for steering purposes. The stage is the place for fancy riders.
 - Come to a complete stop if you see a pedestrian dancing in front of you.
 - Use your brains with your bell and people will thank you.
 - Remember, you are riding a noiseless vehicle.
 - Many pedestrians suddenly become blind when they are crossing a street. Give them lots of room.
 - Cutting a corner is the shortest way to a police court. Make it a wide swing and stay healthy.
 - It is not advisable for a bicyclist to ride closely behind an automobile. Bear in mind that the bicycle has no reverse gear.
 - Side streets frequently make better riding than crowded thoroughfares. Try the next street over tomorrow.
 - If you are expecting trouble and are disappointed, try coasting down a hill with both feet off the pedals.
 - If you hear an automobile behind you, the right thing to do is to keep to the right.
 - Above all, carry a lamp at night. No matter how careful the person behind or in front of you may be, he can't see through the dark. Give him and yourself a sporting chance to avoid collision.

Tailwinds

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News You can Use....

Advocacy and Infrastructure News

by Rick Proctor

Be An Advocate

There are many ways to be an advocate for bicycling. It can be as easy as riding your bike. If bicycling is one of your favorite activities and you want to see more people riding bikes, then go for a ride. Most adults rode bikes when they were younger and dropped it when the challenges of modern life came along. Experienced bicyclists make riding look easy and fun, which could be enough to convince an onlooker to try it again.

Going out for a solo bike ride is a form of advocacy where the rider displays not only riding skills but also independence and self-confidence, qualities that onlookers may sense and think they could also do while getting some socially distanced exercise.

Riding with a group offers more visibility and opportunities to chat with others. Riding with experienced riders is a special experience as the group flows through neighborhoods and the chatter changes topics as the ride unfolds before them. There is also the aspect of a group of people sharing an experience and bantering about it during a coffee stop. Onlookers with a more cautious desire to ride may be attracted to the social interactions of a group and may think there is safety in numbers.

When we ride, we show bicycling is more than just possible, but also a practically perfect way to move about our planet. A friendly wave, a nod, or a smile to an onlooker can establish a link of recognition, especially if eye contact is made. Sometimes curious and envious people will ask how they can join. It's good to have an easy to remember response. Our website is "bikesclub.org" which can lead a curious person to lots of information about who we are and what we do. We are all ambassadors for bicycling every time we go for a ride.

BIKES Club Meeting.

February Meeting

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for **6:30 PM**, on February 8, 2024 at the Snohomish County PUD Building. 2030 California St. Everett, WA 98201

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.



Coming Up...

February Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through February 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 >>>](#)



Ride Leader Corner

Hello Ride leaders,

I'm wondering how many Ride Leaders, and other club members as well, have made use of the club '**Ride with GPS**' benefits available to us. If you're not sure what I'm talking about, look at the website under 'members only' in the blue header. There you'll find your RWGPS information. There is a club library of routes that become available to you (found when you have logged onto your RWGPS account) that has many routes. You can use search filters such as distance to find a route. Then go drive it or better yet ride it, if you're a Ride Leader and want to use it, go for it. You may want to contact the member who planned it to find out any particulars that might be helpful.

At any rate, Ride Leaders, if the weather and your schedule permits, please continue to list rides. And thanks to those who have bravely led rides so far in 2024.

Dan Scott,

Ride Leader Coordinator

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New Membership options

[Membership Benefits>>>](#)

[Online Reg - Step by Step>>>>](#)



Rider Miles

Top riders for January

Warren	Wayne	173
Linari	Steve	158
Proctor	Rick	157
Growden	Stephen	113
Bardin	Earl	98
Pahlman	Bob	87

[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.

January BIKES Club meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels

Sharing Wheels News

Nonprofit partnerships make biking better

By Kristen Kinnamon

Board wants help with big goals

The Sharing Wheels Board spent the last six months of 2023 in a strategic planning process facilitated by the Community Foundation of Snohomish County.

Board members found it fairly easy to agree on our updated vision (for the world we'd like to help create) and our top 3 goals for the coming few years (see below). What will be harder is implementing our strategies and tactics to reach those goals.

We welcome volunteers and supporters to be part of our efforts. You might join a committee, give input at a stakeholder meeting, or share your professional expertise or community connections.

You can [email Executive Director Christy Cowley](#) or talk to Shop Manager Ed Roos in person at the shop if you would like to get involved.

Vision: A Snohomish County where anyone can ride, fix and recycle a bike
Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop

Goal 1 : Establish a Sharing Wheels location that meets the needs of staff, volunteers, customers and stakeholders

Strategy: Define what we need in a location with input from staff, volunteers, customers and stakeholders

Goal 2: A bike shop staffed with enthusiastic and highly skilled employees and volunteers

Strategy: Nurture and train current employees and volunteers

Goal 3: A trusted bike shop that provides reliable bikes, parts & accessories along with friendly expertise

Strategy: Process bikes and other donations in a timely and cost-effective manner

Bike Classes

See all the events at [Sharing Wheels Calendar](#)

[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.

[Adventure Cycling >>>](#)



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