

Owensound Spoken

Final Edition 2011

News from the Owen Sound Cycling Club

Retirement

After this season has ended I have decided to retire as president of the Owen Sound Cycling Club... once again. My plan all along was to take the job on as an interim leader and I hope someone will step forward to run with it from here.

It has been a good two seasons and with the help of the other executives we accomplished a lot. I would like to thank John Brown for his longtime efforts to keep our books balanced and keep the fees as low as possible. Scott and Mary Thomson have both put in many hours organizing and timing the time trials and I hope they continue the job in the future. Fred Zottl has kept our registrations in order as well as organized the Whemmys Enduro. And Trevor Stokes continues to do wonders with our website and our other electronic media resources. This year Patty Marr added a women's perspective to our team with her energy and great ideas. Patty also organized the women's rides and the entry level mountain bike rides.

Thanks to everyone for taking part in the season and good luck. If you are interested in taking on the role as president, please email me at: president@owensoundcycling.ca.

Tom Hakala

Whemmys

Thanks to Fred Zottl, the Whemmys Enduro ended our cycling season with a day of great off-road racing. This year the weather cooperated and we rode the trails with a pleasant warm sun beating on our backs. Thanks again, Fred, great event!

Here are the Whemmys results:

Teams

Age category		Male team	laps		Mixed team	laps
45 to 79	1st	Purple Snow Leopards	10 + 0:22sec.	1st	Arrow	11 +17:26
				2nd	The Ryders	9 + 0:49
80 to 149	1st	Cross Agers	9 + :8:46	1st	Broken Arrows	10 + :10:59
	2nd	MacFamily	9 + :14:53			
150+	1st	Broken Chains	9 + :4:43	1st	Super Sevens	11 + :9:26

Solo Racers

Age Category		Name	Laps
18 to 34	1st	Matt Martindill	12 + :11:32
	2nd	Jason Rody	9 + :5:35
	3rd	Lucas Linde	7 + :4:31
35 to 49	1st	Greg Nicol	10 + :6:27
	2nd	David White	8
	3rd	David Collie	8 + :13:17
	4th	Brent Hannusch	7
	5th	Frank Elliott	7 + :5:22
50+ Male	1st	Scott Thomson	11 + :7:51
	2nd	Dan Gieruszczak	3
	3rd	Tom Hakala	2
		Len Rhodes	2

The Annual Club BBQ

Though the turnout was not as large as some years, the setting was outstanding and the food and conversation were great. Our thanks to Lynne and Reg Vaughn/MacDonald for hosting this season's club BBQ.

Cycling on Sportsnet

Amazingly, this season Rogers Sportsnet has dropped their seemingly endless marathon of "poker after hours" and ran bicycle racing in its place.

Not only did they show all three of the major "Tours", but we were treated to the Cycling World Championships, The Tour of America and numerous women's and men's world cup events. There were also mountain bike, BMX and triathlon races. Not only cycling but canoeing, kayaking, rowing and a host of other non-mainstream sports were available on Sportsnet. What are they thinking... showing real sports on a sports network.

Thanks Sportsnet... keep up the good work. If you would like to show your support for Rogers new and innovative programming go to: www.sportsnet.ca/contact

Club Jerseys are Still Here... Time to Wear the Colours!

The OSCC jerseys are still available in most sizes. They are at Bikeface Cycling for members to try on and purchase. Purchase price will be a great buy at \$65.00 each. Tom Hakala

I.D.

Just a reminder... when you go out for a club ride (or any ride for that matter) take some I.D. with you. In case you have a mishap, at least someone will know who you are and who to contact.

Bike Lanes Added to Highway #26

After badgering the MTO for the past year, it appears our scheme finally paid off. They have now agreed to add one metre bike lanes on the new Highway #26 re-surfacing project between the St. Vincent/Sydenham Townline and the 12th Line of Meaford. Here is the official letter from Ann Baldwin, Regional Director, West Division of the MTO.

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September 26, 2011

Mr. Tom Hakala
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Dear Mr. Hakala:

Thank you for your response to the letter I sent you September 8, 2011 concerning wider partially paved shoulders on Highway 26 from Woodford to Meaford.

As a follow up to your discussion with Amy McGuire and after further consideration of the alternative routes available to cyclists, I wish to inform you that the ministry has decided to construct a 1.0m wide partially paved shoulder on Highway 26 from 300m east of St. Vincent / Sydenham Townline easterly to the 12th Line. This will provide the same width as Highway 6 south of Tobermory.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

Ann Baldwin
Regional Director
West Region