



Summer 2015

**News  
from the  
Owen Sound  
Cycling Club**

# OUTSPOKEN

## President's Message

by *Deb Val*

What a fantastic summer to enjoy the breeze on your back, the sun on your face and that amazing feeling in your legs as you crest one on Owen Sound's famous hills!

Take it from me (8 months pregnant... and unable to enjoy a good ride as much as usual)... enjoy your body and ability to crank out the miles this summer.

Do it because you can. Do it because you love it!... and put an extra mile or two on for me!

Be safe out there, enjoy some new routes and soak it all in!

## Ed.

by *Tom Hakala*

As mentioned later in this newsletter, John Brown has revived the Monday Rec. Ride. I took in the first week and we had a half dozen show up. Not a huge turn out, but it was respectable. Then the second week had only John and one other and this last week there were three plus John.

It is a bit disheartening to make the effort to lead a ride and have one person show up. There were certainly voices of interest about continuing the recreation rides, but we all need to make an effort to get out and do it. This applies not only to the Monday evening event, but Frank's mountain bike races, time trials and the other events that the club provides.

It's the middle of summer and it won't last long, so you better get out while the weather is as perfect as it has been for the last few weeks.

## Notes from Trevor

by *Trevor Stokes*

There's really not much to report in this section of the newsletter. The website is fairly static except for the results, the stop press and the events calendar. The ride leaders have been very good at keeping the calendar current. Remember, it's a Google calendar so you can add it to your personal calendar on your mobile device. For last minute changes there's always email and,

although underused, there's the stop press section. This is really a Twitter feed, so you can follow us and receive tweets if there's a last minute change. We don't follow anyone else, and we don't tweet anything but alerts.

I wasn't able to attend the points party, but I hear that it was a big success and a lot of fun. So we are collecting points again this year. I maintain a spread sheet and everything is up to date for early registration, TT's, Breakfast rides and the new Monday night rides. As of today, we don't have any details of the women's Tuesday and Wednesday rides. If you don't place any value on having points tracked, then that's OK. But if you want to have an accurate count, please send me (tstokes@xplornet.ca) an email with the total number of rides you participated in for April, May, June and the first week of July. No need to list individual rides. Going forward, there will be a ride leader or volunteer who will track them for you and feed them to me at least monthly. Once they are on my spread sheet a summary is fed to the Member Info page. An important by product of tracking points: we can identify non-members who may be riding with us. It has happened – a time trial result is reported and the rider is not listed on the CCNBikes report. As Tom has pointed out, non-members participating in our rides could have serious financial and legal consequences.

At the spring Points Party club member Joanne Barber and husband Doug won with their bid on a sailing excursion with Trevor and Emese on MiYotie. They redeemed the voucher on Sunday. Just an example of how collecting and spending points can be fun.



## MTB Race Series

Frank Elliot is planning on holding Thursday evening mountain bike races at Sawmill Trails this summer starting on July 23rd. They will be low key fun races for club members and OCA card holders. These races would be a great build up to the Whemmys. Check the club website for times and details.

## Time Trial Schedule for 2015

by Scott Thomson

Here is the revised schedule for this season's time trials. Check your email and the OSCC calendar on our website for updates and changes.

July 15 - Walters Falls

July 22 - Annan South

July 29 - Island View Drive

Aug 5 - Walter's Falls

Aug 12 - Shallow Lake

Aug 19 - Island View Drive

Aug 26 - Colpoys

Sept 2 - Hepworth

Sept 9 - Annan North

## Breakie Rides Again

by John Brown

The Breakie Rides have been successful so far this season. It is a fun way to start your weekend and meet with friends. The rides will start at 8:30 a.m. from the parking lot behind Greyfair on 1st Ave E. The distances (40 - 60 Km) and pace will be moderate with a stop at the midpoint for breakfast.



If there is sufficient demand, there will be an A and B route intended to arrive at the destination at the same time. This is intended to be a social ride so we encourage that you bring another club member who can ride at your speed and distance. There will be a different

ride destination and breakfast restaurant each month.

The ride schedule is:

July 18 - Tilly's at the OS Airport

Aug. 8 - Elsie's Diner

Sept. 26 - Legacy Ridge Golf Course (breakfast doesn't open until 11:00AM)

The ride organizers would appreciate participants' notification of intent to do the ride so that reservations can be made in advance. Some restaurants may have limited capacity and reservations may be required.

Ride Organizers are:

Ann West: 519-371-2820

or email: westmoriarty@gmail.com

John Brown: 519-372-2502

or email: jab-rae@sympatico.ca

## Monday Fitness Ride Revived

We now have a new Monday evening Rec. Ride with ride leader, John Brown. This ride will leave from the parking lot behind Greyfair at 6:00 p.m. every Monday evening (unless posted otherwise due to bad weather). The rides will range from 40 to 60 km. (Depending on group assembled, wind or conditions). The pace will average around 28 to 30 kph. Time to get out and ride!

## Whemmys... See You in September

by Frank Elliot

Our season wrap-up will again be at Sawmill Trail, this year on September 27th. The same format as has been in previous years... A cross-country mountain bike race of solo or 3 person relay teams.



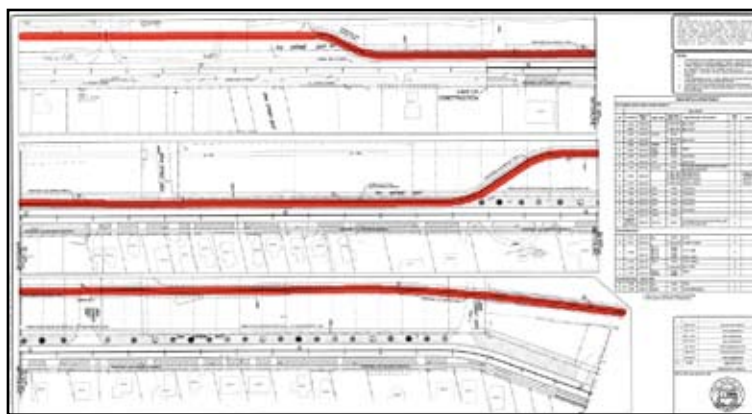
Like last year, we are offering one day permits to non-club members for \$25, which includes entry into the race. All OSCC club members or members from other OCA clubs, as well as UCI holders and citizen permit holders will only pay the \$6 entry fee. Proof of club membership from OSCC or another Ontario Cycling Association club must be given at registration. The same rules apply for UCI or Citizens Permits. You must have your OCA membership card to race.

Registration runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Racing starts at 1:00 p.m.

There is no water available on site so please bring your own. Watch for details on the club website closer to the date.

## Tom Thomson Trail Construction

Please note that the road construction on 3rd Avenue East will also effect the Tom Thomson Trail. As part of the re-development for the area between 3rd Avenue and the waterfront, the Tom Thomson Trail will be re-routed closer to 3rd Avenue for about 500 metres. The area where the trail crosses Bayshore Road/3rd Avenue East has already been re-aligned so it crosses the road at a 90° angle.



Engineering diagrams showing how the trail (in red) will curve close to 3rd Ave. E.

When the construction is finally completed on the water treatment plant the plan calls for the trail to be routed along the shoreline. (Note: There still seems to be some confusion as to exactly where the new trail route will be in this area.) In the end, the trail will be paved from the Bayshore parking lot to the water treatment plant.

While this work is being completed, there will be times when the trail is closed between the Bayshore parking lot and the water treatment plant. If the trail is closed signs will be erected to direct riders up to the Stoney Orchard Park Trail.

Lastly, if you see anyone driving their cars or trucks along the trail to get around the road construction, please take down the licence number and report it to the police.

## Georgian Bay Waterfront Trail

**Note:** I received the following from Marlaine. I also received an email from one of our members presenting the idea that the club partners with Grey County so the county could access this funding. I have contacted Grey County to see if this is a viable idea. If I receive a response I'll pass the information on to members. *Tom Hakala*

*by Marlaine Koehler*

While our Georgian Bay communities may not be formally part of the partnership at this time, we promote the communities and route as part of our imminent future. I'm writing today to share news about new funding opportunities to support the development of cycling infrastructure in Ontario: the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Fund and the Cycle Training Fund to which we encourage you to apply. We also provide an update below on work to expand to the north along the Lake Huron North Channel and Georgian Bay. In January we learned that the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) led application to Ontario Trillium Fund had been granted, providing the Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) with funding needed to map and sign the route between Sault Ste Marie and Sudbury by 2017.

Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program

- \$10M to support the development of cycling infrastructure including paved shoulders, separated bicycle lanes, multi-use paths, and bicycle traffic control measures <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/ontario-municipal-cycling-infrastructure-program.shtml>
- Municipalities are eligible to apply for funding up to 50% of total eligible costs to a maximum of \$325K
- Funding provided between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018
- Two stage application process that involves submitting an expression of interest (EOI). Deadline for the Expression of Interest is August 6, 2015.
- One EOI per municipality and MTO is expecting to hold a single intake.

The Infrastructure fund is a good opportunity to improve roads and trails that will form part of the Waterfront Trail or connections to it from your local businesses and communities. Be sure to indicate on applications



for Waterfront Trail projects and/or connections that your project enhances the provincially significant Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, a 1600 km signed route from Quebec to Grand Bend, with plans underway to expand to Sault Ste Marie by 2017. The Great Lakes Waterfront Trail is an initiative undertaken by a partnership that includes 78 municipalities co-ordinated by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. The partnership and provincial scope of the Waterfront Trail will enhance the rating of the application.

### **Connecting Northern Ontario—Lake Huron North Channel and Georgian Bay**

Major progress has been achieved on our work to expand the Waterfront Trail into Northern Ontario along the Lake Huron North Channel and Georgian Bay:

- Trans Canada Trail National led a successful application to the Ontario Trillium Fund with the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Tourism Northern Ontario. As a result we have received funding to mount an ambitious 18-month program to finalize, map and sign the 370km route from Sault Ste Marie to Sudbury as both Trans Canada Trail and Waterfront Trail.
- 19 communities and First Nations along the North Channel have agreed to work with WRT as part of the Waterfront Trail partnership to implement the initiative.
- A series of Mapping workshops with the Lake Huron North Channel communities were held in the spring. Through the mapping workshops we identify trail attributes, amenities, attractions, alerts and connection, and discuss future opportunities. The findings are with the cartographers and will be used to create web and pdf based detailed maps of the route.
- The Ministry of Transportation is working with the WRT to make improvements to the sections of provincial highways, including HWY 17, needed for the Lake Huron North Channel Route, and sign it as TCT and Waterfront Trail. Funding for the improvements is coming from the \$25M Provincial Cycling Infrastructure Fund announced in April 2015. In addition to Hwy 17, the Province is paving the shoulders along HWY 6 on Manitoulin Island.
- Wonderful article was published in “This is Manitoulin and the Lacloche Region” promoting the Georgian Bay cycle route and future Waterfront Trail. Thanks to Maja Mielonen for her work securing the coverage.
- WRT continues to promote the need to close the gap between Sudbury and Parry Sound with policy and political staff in the MTO.
- WRT gave a presentation on the northern expansion to the All Party cycling caucus co-chaired by Eleanor McMahon, MPP Burlington and to MTO’s annual staff

awards ceremony.

- In October 2014 the WRT will present on the northern expansion to the Georgian Bay Destination Development Partnership.
- Next spring the WRT will host the LHNC Waterfront Trail mobile workshop to ground truth the maps, review the wayfinding strategy and promotions program.

### **Cycling Training Fund**

- \$380K to support local cycle training programs in 2015 and 2016
- develop, enhance and deliver cycling skills training programs in the province.
- Municipalities, school boards, schools, businesses and non-profit organizations are all eligible to apply.
- Applications are now being accepted until September 4, 2015.
- Learn more about the Cycling Training Fund and how to apply on the Ministry of Transportation web site (<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/cycling-training-fund.shtml>) or by contacting us at the Cycling Training Fund, Ministry of Transportation by phone: 1-844-637-6464 or by email: [CyclingTrainingFund@ontario.ca](mailto:CyclingTrainingFund@ontario.ca)

Kathryn McGarry, MPP Cambridge and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation announces the Ontario Municipal Infrastructure Funding and Cycle Training Fund.

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Waterfront Regeneration Trust

