



Welcome to Summit Biking's 2023 Season

April 20, 2023

Group Rides

A new biking season is about to begin, and we are eager to see all your smiling faces at our group rides. Please wear any type of name tag so we get to know each other. Following the Monday ride, please join us for our apres-ride pot luck picnics so you can catch up with old friends and make new friends. Bring a chair, your lunch and drink, and something to share. The club supplies paper goods and cutlery.

Rides usually resume in mid-May, dependent on weather conditions. The first rides may be in Denver or the front range to insure drier conditions and higher temperatures. The rides typically begin at 9:30 a.m. in Summit County, and 10 a.m. when traveling out of the county.

You can access the complete ride schedule at [Summit Biking Group Ride page](#). An email each week will give particulars for that week's ride and picnic location. Our primary club rides will continue to be on Mondays until the first Monday in October. The Monday rides are available to all ability levels and will have options to do shorter or longer routes. A pre-ride meeting will be held prior to each ride where we will introduce newcomers and discuss route options.

John has been our ride coordinator for many years and is looking to step back from his responsibilities. At our Annual Meeting last year, we had offers from several folks to handle ride leadership for a month at a time. As some things have changed since then, we are still seeking volunteers for this function, particularly for May and June. A ride leader does not have to "lead" the ride, but sends out the informational email (text will be provided), gives the pre-ride introduction, and introduces new members. **If you want to see our club continue, please step up and volunteer.** Please speak to any board member if you think you can help out.

We would like to have a sweep assisting the ride leader so we don't lose anyone who is unfamiliar with the route. Those of you who assisted in that role last year were very much appreciated. We will be looking for assistance from the membership again this year.

The loosely structured Wednesday and Friday rides will be continuing this year. Any member can send an e-mail to the group with a suggested route. (Send to summitbiking@googlegroups.com). Our typical Friday ride is around the lake, ending up at the farmer's market in Dillon for lunch. Watch for emails the day before that will tell you where and when to meet.

Our Annual Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 24 following the ride and picnic.

Bring a Friend

We encourage our members to bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker to join us for a ride. We hope everyone is welcoming to them, and we gain new members.

Bike Maintenance

It's always a good idea to get your bike tuned up and serviced at the start of the season. Please keep in mind that our local bicycle shops are very busy this time of year, and any parts they may need to order may be in short supply and/or take a while to ship. Please don't procrastinate.

Summit Biking Board

Our board now consists of co-Presidents Polly Koch and Roberta Dakan, treasurer Terese Tane, ride coordinator John Bowyer, webmaster Chip Babbitt, community liaison Don Hansen, secretary Pat Crum, and members at large Charlie Shofnos and Nola Chavez. We are hard at work to prepare for the beginning of bike season.

As many of our board members have served several terms, we are looking for some new “blood” and fresh ideas going forward. If you have any interest in serving, please see any board member. We’re a pretty low-key group and the commitment is only two or three meetings a year, sometimes by Zoom.

Summit Biking Dues

The club continues to need your support to pay for ongoing expenses (general and liability insurance, community charitable activities, party supplies, and more).

The dues rate for 2023 is \$20 per person. This does not even cover the insurance for our organization. Dues are due ASAP, as May 1st is the start of our fiscal year. [Click here](#) to take care of it while you are thinking about it, or for more information, go to the [Membership page](#) of our website, summitbiking.org. PayPal is the club’s preferred method of payment. You don’t need a PayPal account to pay by credit card to use this. Follow the online links to digitally sign your waiver and pay. Please also add your emergency contact information.

If you absolutely refuse to use PayPal, you can send a check, along with a printed copy of your application and signed waiver to Summit Biking Inc., PO Box 2184, Silverthorne, CO 80498-2184.

Please use one of these payment methods. We cannot accept cash.

Your dues must be paid in full and your waiver signed in order to participate in any rides or club activities.

As a member of Summit Biking, you can continue to enjoy the physical benefits of cycling as well as camaraderie, mental rejuvenation, and knowing we support one another, the club, and the community.

Donations

As we are now a 501c3 tax-exempt organization, any additional donations you care to make will be tax exempt and we can continue to raise money for Summit County biking projects. Among these projects have been the Swan Mountain Rec Path, lights in Vail Pass tunnel, improved signage throughout the Rec Path System, and maintenance of the Vail Pass rec path.

You can make a donation [here](#).

In late 2018, Summit Biking contributed \$20,000 toward the 3-mile rec path extension project from Copper towards Fremont Pass. This project was completed last July and Summit Biking participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. For more on the dedication and our part in it, click [here](#). This is a beautiful, peaceful section of trail to ride as it follows an abandoned railbed of the historic Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad.

We are pursuing other charitable projects including funding bikes for kids in need.



Rec Paths

Summit County Rec Paths are open and fully plowed as early in the season as weather allows. Although the path is plowed there remain a few icy patches, especially in shady areas and underpasses. Please use caution. You can check the county's website for current conditions and which trails are open [here](#).

Summit Biking Website

Thanks to Manjul Shrestha and Chip, our new website at www.summitbiking.org is up and running. Our old website, developed many years ago by lifetime member Rick Oshlo, was no longer supported and could only be maintained on an Apple Mac system. Manjul has rebuilt the site on a current website development platform that Chip will be able to maintain going forward. We appreciate all the time and effort they put into this. Please check it out!

Jerseys

Our project to design and manufacture a new club jersey was a smashing success. If you missed out and are interested in getting a jersey, please contact Charlie ASAP at chocoshof@aol.com. He has been working with various manufacturers to produce a new run with a reduced minimum order. If we have enough interest, he will pursue this and will get the new info out regarding price, styles, and features.

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Governor Jared Polis signed this into law on April 13, 2022. This means bicyclists have a new safe and legal option to proceed through intersections across the state. When an intersection is clear and you already have the right of way, bicyclists age 15 and older may now proceed to treat stop signs as yield signs and treat stop lights as stop signs. Thanks to Bicycle Colorado, a nonprofit advocacy organization, for promoting this bill which helps prevent bicyclist-driver crashes where they happen the most--at intersections.

Our board member Nola has volunteered to be a liaison to Bicycle Colorado and we applaud her interest and efforts. Check out www.bicyclecolorado.org for a vast array of information.

Guthrie Memorial Stone

A continuing project is landscaping and maintenance of the Bob Guthrie Stone which honors our former leader and motivating force for rec path and bicycle infrastructure improvements. Please enjoy the bench and setting as you traverse the Swan Mountain rec path. Thanks to Lisa Kidd for keeping this tidy.

Adopt-A-Recpath Volunteer Program

We also volunteer to pick up trash on the portion of the rec path from the Guthrie Memorial to Swan Mountain Road as part of the Adopt-A-Recpath Volunteer Program in conjunction with Summit County Open Spaces and Trails. Don is in charge of this program and will send out an e-mail for volunteers as needed.

Other Member Benefits

Polly arranged a **Pearl Izumi** sale day for the club on June 12th (time to be decided). This is always a great time to meet your fellow bikers, enjoy some snacks, and spruce up your bike wardrobe/helmets/shoes at a great discount.

We will also have **Medical ID's** for distribution at the rides. Make sure your contact info is in your helmet! This was very handy for at least one member after a crash.

Another safety accessory is a **Road ID product**. Access their products at www.roadid.com. They offer wrist and shoe styles, as well as ID's that work with fitbits, etc. These include an updateable online Emergency Response Profile. Charlie is working to get club members a discount on these products. Stay tuned for further information.

Please stay safe and healthy. Here's to another great biking season.

Polly Koch and Roberta Dakan, Co-Presidents, Summit Biking, Inc.

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