



Official Newsletter
September 2004
Come Ride with Us



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Team Yellowjackets Bike Against the Odds

Save the date: 24 October.

On this day join your fellow club members for the second annual Bike Against the Odds ride. It will be a spectacular event made more special by your participation.

Team Yellowjackets has an online web page, where you are able to join our team of cyclists or make an online team donation.

<http://tbcf.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=57653&lis=1&kntae57653=DF5B5604B2A7470D8600EF41EFB1C7C8&team=478135>

or, <http://tbcf.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?> in the Team Rank section, click on the Team YellowJackets link.

Our Recruitment goal is 150 cyclists, with each cyclist raising the minimum \$100 that puts us at \$15,000; however if each rider raises enough for a jersey (\$1000) then Team YellowJackets would raise \$150,000 for breast cancer research. Imagine the difference that

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**Next Membership Meeting
7 pm, September 15, 2004 (Wednesday)
Rockridge Branch Library
5366 College Ave (at Manila)**

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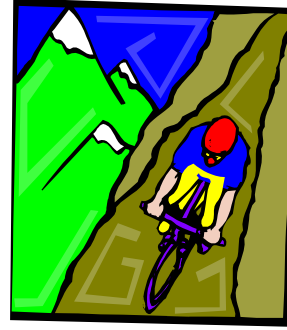
would make for our community!

This is an event for everyone. The routes are designed for all levels, each ride includes at least one climb – otherwise it wouldn't be a YellowJacket ride, right? Invite your friends, neighbors or co-workers to ride with you and show them what you do on any given Saturday.

Once you register, design your web page, send out emails and watch your fundraising goal get nearer. If you need help maneuvering around the website, email me (solorzano30@excite.com) and I will help you.

If you are not able to ride that day, consider posting a Bike Against the Odds flyer at work or on a listserv to which you subscribe. Help get the word out about this special event.

As of this writing, Team YellowJackets has 14 members who have raised over \$1600. Way to go team! But I know there are more of you out there who are planning to participate. Register today and show your community that the YellowJackets are not only the best social cycling club in the Bay Area but also the most committed to helping eliminate a deadly disease that affects one in seven women.



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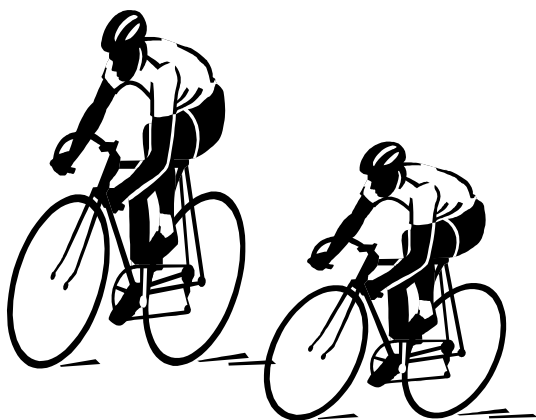
Submit *Free Wheelin'* articles at any ride or club meeting, or call the Oakland Yellowjackets voice mail (510.986.9011) to make special arrangements. Handwritten or typed articles or hard copy with the accompanying file on diskette, are accepted. Electronic files can also be sent to the club's e-mail address.



Meeting Schedule

Membership meetings are on the second Thursday (unless otherwise noted in the newsletter) of every riding season month. Meetings are held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library, located at 5366 College Ave. (at Manila). Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday,
September 15, 2004**



Ride Schedule

September 11/12 – AWAY 18th Annual Monterey Ride

120/85 miles

PACIFICA START (120 MILE): Pacific Manor Shopping Plaza

PESCADERO START (85 MILE, no overnight parking): Pescadero State Beach

Our famous season-closer: a one-way ride to Pacific Grove in the Monterey Peninsula with dinner banquet and overnight accommodations at the Asilomar Conference Center, then a bus trip back to the start the next day. Registration and advanced room reservations required.

September 18 – BART Fog City / SF Grand Prix Option

37 miles

START: Embarcadero at Bryant St, San Francisco

Nearest BART station: Embarcadero

Departs: Lake @ 7:15 AM // Ride Start @ 8:00 AM

Take a scenic tour around San Francisco and get a taste of the T-Mobile International pro race course (an optional climb up Fillmore Street) if you dare! Light riders travel to the beach along the Great Highway and have the option to end at BART. Others enjoy stretches of the San Francisco scenic drive, including Twin Peaks.

September 25 – AWAY Lucas Valley

27/62 miles

START: Smith Ranch Rd Park-and-Ride

LIGHT RIDERS START: Nicasio General Store

Departs: Lake @ 7:15 AM // Ride Start @ 8:00 AM

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RIDE-AND-DECIDE OPTION: Those who prefer to ride locally may meet at Children's Fairyland and depart on a decided route at 9:00 AM.

The Yellowjackets have a no drop policy and will leave no light or humane intermediate rider behind!

REQUIRED: Helmet, waiver, ID with emergency Info.

RECOMMENDED: Two bottles of water minimum, high energy food, pump, spare tubes, tools, patch kit, padded gloves, padded cycling shorts, protective eye wear, sun block.



From the Office of the President

Thanks To All:

As we approach the Monterey ride and the season ending months of riding I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all you have, and continue to do to make the club the most successful (Presidents bias here) in the bay area. Bottom-line you are making it happen.

What's next:

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have approximately one month to assure that the Bike Against The Odds event becomes an overwhelming success. As previously stated, a dedicated group of your fellow cyclists have been working for over a year to assure that everything will go well and everyone will have a great ride. **NOW IT IS YOUR TURN...** Sign up now, raise as much as you can, every little bit helps, ride and be proud that you belong to a group that is willing to take on a challenge that will eventually find a reason for, or cure of this malady which strikes so many.

Also of Importance:

Since the last meeting we have had a dedicated group of individuals, a nominating committee, who have been working hard to make sure that we have a strong group of candidates to take on the ever growing responsibilities which come with an expanding organization. They are going to present there list of candidates at the September meeting. It is important, if you believe in democracy, that you participate in choosing your leaders. It is therefor important that you attend the session and let your wishes be known.

See you on the road and or at the meeting..

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