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## Elections this month: Be there!

Hello BCBC members and riders!

The Memorial Day Weekend is here, and the unofficial start to summer has finally arrived.

Although it has warmed up, there still have been some cool riding days and nights. The air is taking its sweet old time to warm up and stay warm!

As of this writing I am still president, and some volunteers have stepped up for positions, but some are still being debated. You can vote in the leadership on Monday, June 23. (More info below.)

Brain Kovatch, previously the Shoo-Fly coordinator for a few years, has stepped up to assume the vice presidency. He will be a great addition to the board and myself if elected; an excellent resource for the club has returned. Please make every effort to congratulate him when you see him Tuesday nights, or if he ever puts his pickle-ball paddle down, on a weekend ride.

One position I will continue to fulfill is



**The President's Spin**  
by Randy Gonzalez

the ride coordinator position, a daunting task nobody wants, which I can attest to sometimes, but some still feel the need to have opinions. I will take any feedback from members except negative feedback.

Rides are in full swing, with the schedule packed and plenty of options. Thanks to Diane Reider and Michele Wolfskill for making Thursday night rides a regular part of the schedule again.

I still tweak the schedule here and there but after years of making it more beginner friendly,

it just wasn't working out, so I am going back to scheduling rides around the riders who ride all the time during the week and weekends.

Peeps, enjoy the early part of the riding season, and I hope to see most of you out there on the road.

Lastly, please all members and riders continue to enjoy your riding no matter what your route/bike preference is. Be safe on your rides, and aware of your surroundings as traffic is picking up after that cabin fever winter.

Until I see you on an upcoming ride, Godspeed...

## General Membership Meeting at Sly Fox 🍻

Have a great meal with your cycling friends, sip on some suds, and help guide the club! BCBC will hold a general membership meeting on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 PM at the Sly Fox Taphouse, 820 Knitting Mills Way #100, Wyomissing.

UPDATED: The main purpose of the meeting is to elect club officers. Currently, the nominees are Randy Gonzales

and Alan Fineman for president, and Brian Kovatch for vice president. Club members can nominate others or themselves for the positions, which also include treasurer (currently Alan) and secretary (Jane Brown is serving in the interim).

To submit a nomination, contact a member of the executive committee, or nominate at the membership meeting.

## BCBC CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024

For privacy reasons, the BCBC officer list no longer contains phone numbers. Please contact them via email, and if you know any phone numbers, please do not share these on the Facebook page.

### President & Ride Coordinator:

Randy Gonzalez, [day2day-life19@gmail.com](mailto:day2day-life19@gmail.com)

**Vice President:** Brian Kovatch

**Secretary:** Jane Brown, [joe\\_orjane@verizon.net](mailto:joe_orjane@verizon.net)

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### Newsletter Editor:

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### Social Media Liaison/Consultant:

Kellie Grimner

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**Racing Division Chair:** Gary Rollman, [garyroll@ptd.net](mailto:garyroll@ptd.net)

**Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator**  
Scott Franzen, [jsfranzen@comcast.net](mailto:jsfranzen@comcast.net)



## BCBC BIKE SHOP DISCOUNTS

The following bike shops offer BCBC members discounts on merchandise. The shops will give 10% off regularly priced accessories and 5% off regularly priced bikes (unless stated otherwise).

Current member ID is required to claim the discount.

### BICYCLE BARN

839 Reading Blvd. (Rt.625), East Earl, 717-445-8508  
[bicyclebarnllc.com](http://bicyclebarnllc.com)

### GO GRAVA BICYCLE

840 N Park Road  
Wyomissing, 610-898-4855  
[gograva.com](http://gograva.com)

### JB'S BIKE SHOP

214 W. Lancaster Ave, Shillington, 610-777-5253  
[jbsbikeshop.com](http://jbsbikeshop.com)

### SHIRK'S BIKE SHOP

1649 Ligalaw Rd., East Earl, 717-445-5731  
[www.facebook.com/ShirksBike](https://www.facebook.com/ShirksBike)

### SKYLINE BICYCLES & SKATEBOARDS

2573 Perkiomen Ave. Mt. Penn, 610-378-9778  
[www.facebook.com/skylinebike](https://www.facebook.com/skylinebike)

### SPOKES BIKE SHOP

1073 Pottsville Pike [Route 61] Suite 8, Shoemakersville, 610-562-8900,  
[www.spokesbikeshop.com](http://www.spokesbikeshop.com)

### WOLVERTON'S CYCLING & FITNESS

2904 Kutztown Rd., Hyde Park, 610-929-8205  
[www.wolvertonsbikes.com](http://www.wolvertonsbikes.com)

## About Cycling Times

*Cycling Times* is the Berks County Bicycle Club's official newsletter, a digital publication, published in March, June, September and December. It is distributed digitally via email to members and posted on the Web at [www.berksbicycle.com/newsletter](http://www.berksbicycle.com/newsletter).

A ride schedule, also digital, is published in the intervening months.

## Shoo-Fly Coordinator will have assistance

Shoo-Fly Coordinator Scott Franzen is stepping down from his duties this year, but he wants the next coordinator to know that they'll have plenty of help preparing for the event.

That's where the bulk of the work falls: organizing volunteers, arranging for supplies, deliveries, and pick-ups, securing sponsorships, coordinating details about marking the routes, getting the T-shirt order to the screen printer on time, securing goodies to hand out the day of the event—plus whatever else comes up.

Scott can help with all of this, likely with volunteer assistance.

However, he may not be available the day-of, and now is the time to begin working with the new coordinator about all that has to happen and how and when to get it done.

Per Scott, the Shoo-Fly also needs more marketing expertise on the team, either in the coordinator or a marketing advisor.

If you are willing to step up for either role, or just want to know more, contact Scott: [jsfranzen@comcast.net](mailto:jsfranzen@comcast.net).

BTW: The date for the 2025 Shoo-Fly is Saturday, September 27, and the Oley Fairgrounds is already reserved.

## Welcome Our New Members to the club!

Frani More

Craig Cole

Miguel Villegas

Bill Dupree

Ryan, Beth,

and Sebastian Bowers

Bill Bull



## Ride hosts: Read this!

- Please send in any ride sheets as soon as possible after hosting the ride. Also, Gary needs all information completed: the date, ride number, mileage, and ride host name. Write/print legibly!

# BCBC Rides



## Berks County Bicycle Club: May-June 2025

[www.berksbicycle.com](http://www.berksbicycle.com)



**First Number: Terrain Rating** Terrain rating 1-5 rates the total hilliness of the ride.

**1 = FLAT**—easiest

**2 = GENTLY ROLLING HILLS**—moderate terrain with easiest of hills (Almost anyone can handle).

**3 = SOME HILLS**—Moderate hills with some steeper grades (Moderately Challenging—but within the ability of most riders).

**4 = HILLY**—The number and difficulty of hills is quite substantial (Very Challenging).

**5 = EXTREMELY HILLY**—Extreme Challenge—steep and long hills most of the ride. Requires a very high fitness level).

**Second Number: Total Mileage for ride**

Please note the Club policy on protective headgear: ALL riders must wear Snell/ANSI rated helmets. Ride Host/Hostess will NOT give cue sheets to riders without helmets and that rider will not be considered an official participant of the Club ride.

Please have your bike in proper working order BEFORE the start of ride. Arrive 10-15 minutes before start time so that all rides leave on time. Bring a spare tube or patch kit, and at least one water bottle.

If weather conditions are questionable, the ride host may notify club members by post-

ing a message on [Facebook](#) prior to the ride or make a decision at the starting location based on road conditions and the forecast.

### SPECIAL RIDE DETAILS

Special rides during the months will be highlighted in color. If you are hosting a special ride, please contact Newsletter Editor Poncho (aka Félix) Peña or Ride Coordinator Randy Gonzales before the 15th of each month.

**Cue sheets & GPS files at:**

[www.berksbicycle.com/cues](http://www.berksbicycle.com/cues).

**Cancellations, changes, etc.:** For updates, visit the club Facebook page, [tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook](http://tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sun Jun 1	9:00 AM	SL15 Pine Forge Loop	3	34	Exeter School District Office	Brad S.
Tue Jun 3	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jun 3	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL05	2	25	Oley <b>ELEMENTARY School</b> Parking Lot Friedensburg Rd	Scott F.
Thu Jun 5	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			Gouglersville - UCC Church Vermont Rd, Gouglersville - exit Rt 222 South at Gouglersville, turn left	Butch U.
Sat Jun 7	9:00 AM	WI14 Charming Forge Loop	3	30	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Bill R.
Sun Jun 8	8:00 AM	RM02 Lititz - New Holland Ramble	3	60	Reamstown Park - Church St.	Jane B.
Sun Jun 8	9:00 AM	FL32 RD32	3	33	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St. in Fleetwood	Alan F.
Tue Jun 10	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jun 10	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL12	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	Scott F.
Thu Jun 12	6:00 PM	CW02 Kleinfeltersville Loop	2	28	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Diane R.
Sat Jun 14	9:00 AM	New Smithville SCB06	3	34	Saucony Creek Brewing Company on Kutztown Rd in Kutztown	TBD
Sun Jun 15	9:00 AM	NT40 Cheesy Loop	3	41	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Tue Jun 17	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jun 17	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL24b	2	26	Oley High School Parking Lot	Scott F.
Thu Jun 19	6:00 PM	AD06 Lancaster County	3	26	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Michele W.

**BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES (cont'd)**

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sat Jun 21	8:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride WY10r Berk County in Reverse	4	101	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Matt F.
Sat Jun 21	9:00 AM	South Mountain Circle WY16	3	38	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	TBD
Sun Jun 22	9:00 AM	MCP01a Maxatawny	3	33	Maiden Creek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Jane B.
Tue Jun 24	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jun 24	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL22	2	27	Oley High School Parking Lot	Michele W.
Thu Jun 26	6:00 PM	FL36 Foliage Farm - Knittle	3	26	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St. in Fleetwood	TBD
Sat Jun 28	9:00 AM	cpgk04p	2	37	Chapel Gate Park off of Fritztown Road	Randy G.
Sun Jun 29	8:00 AM	Lancaster Covered Bridge Ramble BR16	3	69	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Jane B.
Sun Jun 29	9:00 AM	BR21 New Holland Loop	2	33	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	TBD
Tue Jul 1	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jul 1	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL47	2	27	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Jul 3	6:00 PM	Smoketown Loop WY14	3	26	Wyomissing High School off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Diane R.
Sat Jul 5	8:00 AM	Ramble to Macungie OL46	4	46	Oley High School Parking Lot	Jane B.
Sat Jul 5	9:00 AM	Oley - Pine Forge - Boyertown Loop OL07	3	29	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Sun Jul 6	9:00 AM	Virginville Ride I SV01	3	34	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G.
Tue Jul 8	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jul 8	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL18b	3	26	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Jul 10	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			Wilson Southern Middle School	Butch U.
Sat Jul 12	9:00 AM	Monocacy Oley Loop SL11	2	35	Exeter School District office, 2 Blks off Rt 562 in St. Lawrence	Brad S.
Sun Jul 13	8:00 AM	Ramble to Trexlerstown SCB04	3	46	Saucony Creek Brewing Company on Kutztown Rd in Kutztown	Jane B.
Sun Jul 13	9:00 AM	Klines Corner SCB02	2	23	Saucony Creek Brewing Company on Kutztown Rd in Kutztown	TBD
Tue Jul 15	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jul 15	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL11	2	27	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Jul 17	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			St. Ignatius Church Spring Twp.	Diane R.
Sat Jul 19	8:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride Ride Thru Quarryville AD12	3	99	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Matt F.
Sat Jul 19	9:00 AM	Stevens - Weidmansville - Denver Loop AD14a	3	25	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Michele W.
Sun Jul 20	9:00 AM	Oley Loop DB11	2	25	Daniel Boone Middle School on Weavertown Rd. in Amityville	TBD
Tue Jul 22	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jul 22	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL05b	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Jul 24	6:00 PM	Oley Valley Loop # Who Knows OL24b	2	26	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD



## BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES (cont'd)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sat Jul 26	8:00 AM	4S Adventure Ramble CW41	4	59	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Jane B.
Sat Jul 26	9:00 AM	Dierwechter Loop CW01	2	30	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	TBD
Sun Jul 27	9:00 AM	Ontelaunee - Kutztown Loop NT07	3	40	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Tue Jul 29	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59 (see p. 6)	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedens- burg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jul 29	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL17c	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Jul 31	6:00 PM	WI09 Bunker Hill Loop	3	29	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Diane R.



## SEASONED SPOKES



These are group rides of roughly 20 to 40 miles in length. Rides are rated 1, 2 or 3 with 3 being the hilliest and most difficult. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time with a bicycle in good condition, a bicycle helmet, and anything you need to repair a flat tire.

Please see top of page 1 for important information

about riding with BCBC groups.

Links to route maps are on the Seasoned Spokes tab of the BCBC website: [www.berksbicycle.com/seasonedspokes](http://www.berksbicycle.com/seasonedspokes) and [www.berksbicycle.com/cues#!ss](http://www.berksbicycle.com/cues#!ss)

Cancellations, changes, etc.: For updates, visit the club Facebook page, [tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook](http://tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook)

**More information: David Cruzan, 484-225-7048, [pjcrusan@comcast.net](mailto:pjcrusan@comcast.net)**

Date	Time	Ride Name & GPS Link	Rating	Miles	Starting Location	Host
Thu Jun 5	8:20 AM	Fmrk04p	2	38.8	Farming Ridge Park, Farming Ridge Blvd and Ritters Rd	Alan F
Thu Jun 5	9 AM	olyz06m olyz06s	2 2	30 20.4	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Alan F
Thu Jun 12	8:20 AM	ertk05p ertk05m	2 2	39.8 29.8	Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St, Ephrata	David C
Thu Jun 12	9 AM	lol02s	2	20.2	Leola Community Park, Maple Ave, Leola	David C
Thu Jun 19	9 AM	cmdk05p cmdk05m cmdk05s	3 3 3	39.5 30.2 20.2	Cacoosing Meadows Park, Reedy Rd, Spring Township	Bill W
Thu Jun 26	9 AM	amtk05p amtk05m amtk05s	3 2 2	41.1 29.7 20.9	Amity Community Park, Weavertown Rd, Amityville	Kat C
Thu Jul 3	9 AM	cpgk04p cpgk04m dnvt04s	2 2 1	36.7 31.9 20.2	Chapel Gate Park, Parkview Dr, Reinholds	TBD
Thu Jul10	9 AM	wmdk03p wmdk03m wmdk03s	2 2 2	39.8 29 19.2	Womelsdorf Park, Water St, Womelsdorf	TBD
Thu Jul 17	9 AM	rdbk03p rdbk03m rdbk03s	3 3 3	32.6 25.3 19.9	Red Bridge, Tulpehocken Rd, Spring Township	TBD
Thu Jul 24	8:15 AM	ertk06p ertk06m	2 2	42 30.3	Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St, Ephrata	TBD
Thu Jul 24	9 AM	nhsz01s	2	21.6	New Holland Shopping Center, Main St and Shirk Rd, New Holland	TBD
Thu Jul 31	8:15 AM	olyz07p	3	39	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	TBD
Thu Jul 31	9 AM	Fwdk01m fwdk01s	2 2	30.3 21.9	Fleetwood Community Park, Maple and Arch Sts, Fleetwood	TBD

**SEASONED SPOKES (cont'd)**

Date	Time	Ride Name & GPS Link	Rating	Miles	Starting Location	Host
Thu Aug 7	9 AM	cpgk05p	3	38.5	Chapel Gate Park, Parkview Dr, Reinholds	TBD
		cpgk05m	3	30.8		
		cpgk05s	3	19.8		
Thu Aug 14	9 AM	cmdk06p	3	39.7	Cacoosing Meadows Park, Reedy Rd, Spring Township	TBD
		cmdk06m	3	30.9		
		cmdk06s	3	19.9		
Thu Aug 21	8:15 AM	rmtk03p	3	39.5	Reamstown Memorial Park/Community Pool, East Church St, Reamstown	TBD
Thu Aug 21	9 AM	ertk04m ertk03s	2 2	30.5 20.8	Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St, Ephrata	TBD
Thu Aug 28	9 AM	fmrk05p	3	42.1	Farming Ridge Park, Farming Ridge Blvd and Ritters Rd	TBD
		fmrk05m	3	30.4		
		fmrk05	3	20.2		

**More MATT'S ADVENTURE RIDES 2025**

Note: Check [www.berksbicycle.com/rides](http://www.berksbicycle.com/rides) and Facebook, [tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook](https://tinyurl.com/bcbcfacbook), for changes.

- ◆ July 19: AD12 Modified to go on the Safe Harbor area of the [Enola Low Grade Rail Trail](#).

- ◆ Aug 23: New ride thru Jim Thorpe
  - ◆ Sept 27: WI35 (3-100) Hershey Adventure Ride
  - ◆ Oct 25: CW08 (4-68) Mt Gretna Lunch Ride
- Questions: [Mtrek520@msn.com](mailto:Mtrek520@msn.com).

**Tuesday morning rides will offer stay-together option**

Once again, Wendy is hosting stay-together Tuesday morning rides: May 20 through Sept. 30.

The ride will be OL59, departing from the Weis Market parking lot, Friedensburg Road and Route 73, always starting at 9 a.m.

Riders may extend the ride on their own. The shorter ride will stay together.

Rain or threat of rain cancels: Check BCBC Facebook page, [tinyurl.com/BCBCFacebook](https://tinyurl.com/BCBCFacebook).

Questions? Contact Wendy at [cyclerad@ptd.net](mailto:cyclerad@ptd.net).

**Regional Cycling Events****Tour de Lebanon Valley**

The Tour de Lebanon Valley rolls out on June 14, offering a full metric, a mid-distance (30 mi.), and a family trail ride (6 to 15 mi.)

The routes take you through beautiful forests, farmlands, and small villages that make up Lebanon County

The metric includes some challenging hills and rewarding downhills!

All rides are fully supported with rest stops. Food, beer and other beverages are available at the finish!

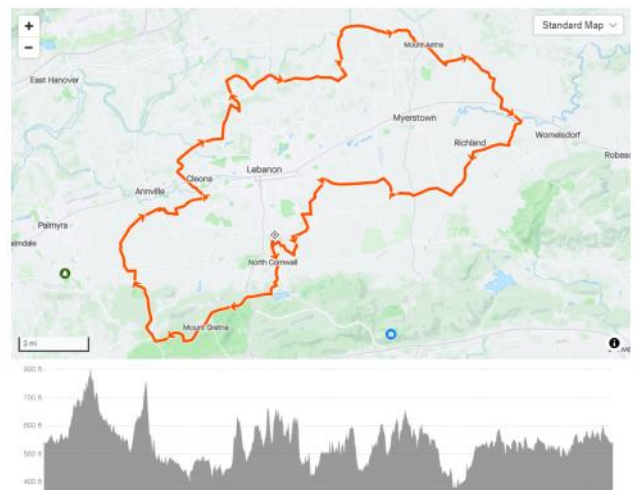
The event supports Cycling, Environmental and Community health initiatives.

More details at: [tourdelebanonvalley.com](http://tourdelebanonvalley.com)

Sign up at: [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com)

Route URL: <https://tourdelebanonvalley.com/routes/>

Facebook URL: [www.facebook.com/events/s/tour-de-lebanon-valley-2025/1534377450575193/](https://www.facebook.com/events/s/tour-de-lebanon-valley-2025/1534377450575193/)



Above: The Tour de Lebanon Valley Metric Century

**2025 BCBC Shoo-Fly Classic**

**Saturday, Sept. 27**

[www.berksbicycle.com/shoofly.php](http://www.berksbicycle.com/shoofly.php)

**And more and more ...**

To see additional events, visit [scu.clubexpress.com/content.aspx](http://scu.clubexpress.com/content.aspx) and click on "Regional Calendar." (Thanks to our friends at Suburban Cyclists Unlimited.)

# Shoo-Fly Classic set for Sept. 27 from Oley

The 2025 Shoo-Fly Classic is set for Saturday, Sept. 27, and we're offering both road and GRAVEL options!

**Roadies:** Pick from the three traditional mileage options of 20, 40 or 62 miles.

**Gravel grinders:** Come join us for a new, more approach-able yet challenging 26-mile loop with just under 1,900-feet of climbing!

**Cyclists of all ages and abilities** will enjoy the scenic roads of the Oley Valley in beautiful Berks County. Meander through gently rolling farmland, take on punchy climbs, roll over a covered bridge, see multiple historic landmarks of the Oley Valley, and enjoy an assortment of great food and drinks from our local county businesses.

The ride offers stocked rest stops, SAG support, cue-sheets and Ride with GPS routes, road markings for the road routes, and lunch.

A commemorative shirt is included for all participants who register on or before September 1!



**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$50 on or before September 1; \$55 after September 1, with no commemorative shirt; \$60 event-day registration.

BCBC members get a \$5 discount coupon code; contact Scott Franzen for details.

**RIDE LOCATION AND START/FINISH:** Oley Fairgrounds, 26 Jefferson St, Oley, PA, 19547 (Two blocks from the intersection of Route 662 and Route 73).

**CHECK-IN, RIDE START, AND**

**EVENT-DAY REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:** Check-in and ride start will be open from 8 to 9:30 a.m. This is NOT a mass-start event. You may start your ride anytime between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. after you have checked in, signed the waiver (if needed), and received your ride sheet.

For anyone planning event-day registration, please note:

**The acceptable forms of payment will be cash or check.**

**NO CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**Sign up here (registration opens June 9): [www.bikereg.com/shoo-fly-classic-bike-ride](http://www.bikereg.com/shoo-fly-classic-bike-ride)**

## 2025 Berks County Bicycle Club Membership Form

Names of people in household\* (see "Dues," below) who will be riding on BCBC rides:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact, relationship, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check one: ☐ New Applicant, or ☐ Renewing Member

Note: The BCBC *Cycling Times* newsletter is published quarterly, with a ride schedule published in the intervening months. Both are distributed via email to members and on our website, [www.berksbicycle.com](http://www.berksbicycle.com).

May we publish your name, address, and telephone number in a club directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate your interests by checking as many items as may apply: ( ) Ride Host/Hostess;  
☐ Updating Ride sheets; ☐ Road Rides; ☐ Trail Riding; ☐ Social Events (Helping with picnic and/or annual banquet); ☐ Helping with our Shoo-Fly Classic Bike Ride

How did you find out about BCBC? ☐ Friends or family; ☐ Newspaper; ☐ Online

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicant is under 18, parent or legal guardian must also sign.)

\*Dues: \$20 per household, per year. Renewing memberships are due and payable by MARCH 31 of each year. Dues benefits include quarterly newsletter, *Cycling Times*, sent via email, and a membership card for discounts at bike shops listed in newsletter. Website: [www.berksbicycle.com](http://www.berksbicycle.com)

Make all checks payable to: The Berks County Bicycle Club, Inc.

## Berks County Bicycle Club Meeting Minutes 28 April 2025, via Zoom

### Updates

**President:** Randy sent a message thanking Jane for providing accurate information about the issues being discussed. He pointed out that we need to see if the interested people can fill the vacant slots on the executive board ASAP so we can do some transition training before the current people depart.

**Vice President:** We welcomed Brian to the meeting, he attended via ZOOM.

**Treasurer:** Alan reported that he filed taxes on time but needs to file state non-profit.

**Ride Coordinator:** Poncho, Randy and Jane updated and corrected the latest ride schedule; the corrected one was emailed to team.

**Membership:** Position open.

**Mileage Master:** Gary reports that he still needs ride hosts to complete all the information on the ride sign in sheets.

**Newsletter:** Position open, but Poncho is continuing to lay out the schedule and newsletter. In response to request, he created a Word template for the BCBC ride schedule, along with a quick guide to laying out the schedule and placed these in the Google common folder, in case it would be useful to whomever takes the Newsletter Coordinator position.

He also made two recommendations that he emailed for the meeting:

"Delegate, delegate, delegate: Find people to assume parts of the more difficult tasks; otherwise, folks get burned out and new leadership is not brought into the club, which is tied to the following.

"Look for younger people to start volunteering. ... They may start doing things differently, but if that's what necessary for the club to stay viable, let it be so. ... Without younger people becoming active, the club is going to fade away."

**Webmaster:** Scott explained our current usage of Ride with GPS. Basically the club is using a membership owned and paid for by Dave Cruzan. We have talked several times at meetings regarding buying a club membership. This would be a nice benefit for club members.

**Racing Division:** Gary gave details on the tubes and tires he has

### General Membership Meeting/Elections

6:30 p.m., June 23  
Sly Fox Taproom,  
Wyomissing

available to sell. It was recommended he provide a current availability list for the website and newsletter.

**Shoofly Coordinator:** Scott again encouraged that we have committees to run the Shoo-Fly. Brian offered to assist. Registration will open June 1, 2025.

**Secretary:** Position open. Jane volunteered to continue taking and reporting notes for this meeting and perhaps the next few meetings

### Old/New Business

**Elections:** We had no new nominations for President or Secretary going into this meeting. It was suggested that we did not need election since we had no nominations.

**For review:** At the meeting March 29, 2025 we had the following positions open and no new nominations:

### **Coordinator Positions Open/Filled, 2025-2027**

**Ride Coordinator:** Randy Gonzalez serving in the interim, position open.

**Membership Coordinator:** Kathleen Casner serving in the interim, position open.

**Mileage Master:** Gary Rollman.

**Racing Division Chair:** Gary Rollman.

**Newsletter Editor:** Félix Peña serving in the interim, position open.

**Webmaster:** Scott Franzen.

**Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator:** Scott Franzen in the interim, but he has stressed the need for a replacement.

**Social Media Liaison/  
Consultant:** Kellie Grimner.

### **Elected Positions Nominees 2025-2027**

**President:** Randy Gonzalez, incumbent; Alan Fineman

**Vice President:** Brian Kovatch.

**Treasurer:** open if Alan is elected president.

**Secretary:** open

### At the 4/28/2025 meeting

♦ Alan Fineman was nominated for president.

♦ Brian Kovatch agreed to serve as vice president; he would like to know more of the BCBC club direction.

♦ Michele Wolfskill attended the meeting and agreed to help Alan with BCBC treasury. Michele also offered to help Randy with ride schedule development. Michele is already hosting many BCBC rides, including Tuesday nights.

♦ Gary said he would consider keeping the membership list up to date.

**Voting:** The executive committee discussed several ideas regarding how to proceed with club elections. Nominations will be opened and then elections will take place. Suggestions for when and how to have elections included moving the picnic up to June and having elections then. Another suggestion was to have elections before and after a ride in June. We looked at perhaps ride for Maiden Creek Park or Saucony Creek Brewery as possible election sites and dates.

**Transitions:** Everyone is willing to help with transitioning a new leadership team.

**Picnic:** There was discussion regarding having picnic moved up to June in order to hold elections.

### **Discussion and Planning Items: To-do List**

♦ Announce officer nominations are open (if elections are to be held).

♦ Select date, location, and procedures for elections.

♦ Brian and Michele both shared information regarding Club Express. This is a subscription-based management system that would greatly benefit our club. The system automates payments and membership reminders, ride signups, event information, and club communications and other tasks. We were sent links to access this app as used by other clubs, including local clubs Flying Dutchmen and Sussex Cycling.

♦ **Next Meeting:** 6:30 p.m., June 23, Sly Fox Taproom, Wyomissing (see page 1 for more information).

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Brown, interim secretary*





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