



In Memoriam of Larry Green

Marian Venturini, DVBC President

It is with a huge sense of loss that we pass along this sad news: Larry Green passed away a few days ago due to a severe asthma attack. His wife, Ann, has our deepest sympathy.

Larry has served on the DVBC Board since 2006 and led the famous Doc's ride, along with Woody, for many years. He's played a major role in the club in many ways.

Last year, when Larry lost his son to diabetes, he told me that he should have died long ago from that disease, so every day is a gift. As we grieve this wonderful man let us remember that – every day is a gift – and let's make them count just as he did.



Larry at the 2004 Brandywine Tour

Memories of Doc's Ride

Mary Huis

I think it was around 2009 or so that I mustered up the courage to join the popular Docs ride after just 2 years of becoming a cyclist. Concerns centered around a couple things – Can I keep up with Larry and the other cyclists? Can I ride the long miles? Turns out the answer to both questions was yes and I was hooked. Doc had been leading these rides a long time before I started to join them. Larry had great routes and we always had a great food stop with fun conversation. Whether it was a metric to Country Butcher in Kennett Square or Limoncello's lunch buffet in West Chester or a nice 50+ miler out to Northbrook, I looked forward to Wednesdays. Sometimes we would do what Larry called the "southern route" and we would stay south of Route 1. This included Brookhaven, Aston, Naaman's Creek, Garnet Mine, and Smithbridge Roads.



Larry at early '00s Bonkers Metric

We did a lot of hills as Larry was a great climber. And as bike rides go, you never know what can happen. We rode by the filming of "Marley & Me" at Meetinghouse and Creek Roads but our volunteering as "extras" was to no avail. We had to avoid a runaway horse cart on Meetinghouse Rd and help the rider regain control of the horse. I was

with Larry on many of his birthday rides. The list goes on and on. But one thing is for sure – Docs Ride was a long tradition in DVBC, and I am grateful that I had a chance to join in the fun. Thanks, Larry!

Memories of Larry

Marian Venturini

I met Larry on a warm summer morning, a Wednesday, as we gathered for Doc's Ride. As a teacher I had been looking forward to a long, leisurely ride in the middle of the week – a real luxury, but as luck would have it, Larry had included an educational portion to our ride, something he often did. We were maybe 5 miles into our ride when he pulled off the road and pointed out this obscure marker, giving us a bit of a history lesson. It was so obscure I was never able to find it again. Back on the road we headed for West Chester and a delicious lunch with friendly conversation, a staple for Doc's Ride. That summer I spent many Wednesdays with Larry along with a predominantly female group of riders. By the end of the summer we had been dubbed "Larry's Angels". What Larry started as Doc's ride in 2005 has continued to the present day with various leaders but the same idea – a long leisurely ride in the middle of the week with good food and good company.

In 2006 Larry joined the DVBC Board and has been an integral part of it ever since. Just last month, after correcting me for the umpteenth time on procedure, he gave me a book – 'Robert's Rules of Order'. I read it cover to cover, but his memory proved much better than mine. Even at our October meeting I was checking with him to make sure I'd handled a motion correctly. I promise to pass this book along onto the next president so Larry can continue to guide us.

Larry has been an inspiration to me, and I'm sure to others, as a ride leader, a board member, and just a wonderful person. He will be sorely missed.



Larry speaking at a DVBC Banquet



Larry Green and Maria Kotch (Woody's wife) at 2015 Banquet

Remembering Larry

Bob LaDrew

First of all let me say how saddened I am by the passing of Larry Green. Due to my own decreased club activity and probably Larry's decline I have not seen much of Larry of late but I have held him in the highest regard since first meeting him in August '98 on a Bob Leon club century ride down to Mays Landing. Always accessible and gentlemanly, ever unassuming, and a hardworking contributor to the club. That's the way I shall remember Larry Green.

Thoughts from the Editor

Taylor Sproul

I didn't meet Larry until I joined the Board in 2018, but I will always remember his presence at our board meetings. He was the club's memory, reminding us of the original reasoning behind some of the "well, we've always done it this way" decisions surrounding the Brandywine Tour and other club activities. He knew Robert's Rules of Order like a grizzled Speaker of the House, and kept us focused on whatever motion was on the table, after ensuring that it had been properly seconded (more than once, I drew an exasperated sigh from him for thirding a motion, which he liked to remind me was unnecessary). Our Board meetings won't be the same without him.

If anyone has additional articles or photos of Larry that they would like to share in the November newsletter, please send them to me at taylor.sproul@gmail.com.

Pro Cyclist of the Month and Cartoon & Crossword will be postponed to the November issue.