

# THE FREEWHEELER

## West Sound Cycling Club

There is no general meeting December 14; in its place, the club holds its annual Holiday Dinner Party.

Registration for that event is now closed.

**The next general WSCC meeting is 7 pm**

**Wednesday January 11**

United Way Kitsap, 647 4th St, Bremerton, WA 98337

Next **WSCC Board Meeting** is Thurs., January 5, 5:30 pm

Location: Charlie Michel's home, 6088 Kingfisher Court  
Bremerton, WA 98312

## WSCC Holiday Party

Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Kingston Village Green Community Center this year, starting at 6 pm, December 14, 26151 Dulay Road, N.E. Registration is closed, but I have a few messages for the 35 folks coming. The party is BYOB, so don't neglect the sparkly. We encourage folks to bring a wrapped gift of under \$10. We'll give out a random number to each person attending to order the gift exchange, and the subsequent give-away of donated bike items. Charlie Michel will be Master of Ceremonies.

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## Board Meeting Summary

The board met Thursday December 8th

### 1. Review of officers and duties:

The President currently sends out the Freewheeler, the monthly newsletter, weekly memos regarding club activities, and presides at club meetings. He is currently chair of the advocacy committee.

The new VP, Court Hartranft, is replacing Charlie Michel as our finder-of-speakers for our monthly meeting and special events lead.

Deb Saldivar is the club's treasurer, but will not have a voting role on the board. The board offered Deb a \$500 annual stipend because of the extensive accounting duties the job now entails, but the club's Bylaws state board membership must be entirely voluntary. The board offered Deb the choice of our requesting a change in the bylaws to permit the Treasurer to have a stipend, or we could reimburse Deb for accounting services rendered and not have her be a voting board member. Deb prefers the second option, given her difficulty in coming to board meetings due to job constraints. Many boards have non-voting Treasurer positions, and that will be the status of our Treasurer position for now. The President has check writing privileges, and will help the Treasurer by interfacing with club members *at meetings* to supply reimbursements and collect membership fees etc.

**The position of Secretary is open.** This is a voting position on the board. Secretary responsibilities will be rotated among current board members until a secretary is found.

Jay Spady has spent the last two years serving as Past President on the board. He will continue in that role.

Board Members at large this term are Charlie Michel, Dianne Iverson, and Doug Rhoades.

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### 2. Sponsored club rides for 2017

- a. The Board voted unanimously to sponsor the Dyes Inlet Loop ride as part of the Silverdale Water Trails Festival on June 25. All members of the advocacy committee have agreed to support this ride. We will construct a page on the Club's website explaining this event and how to register for it. We'll forward the link to the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce so they can promote the event to riders and "drive" interested participants to our website. The Chamber plans to release its first "save the date" video in January of 2017.
- b. The board has voted to support the 100 mile "Route Canal" ride (previously known as the TdK) IF a volunteer comes forward to coordinate rest stops and mobile support services for the ride. This task was done superbly by Maureen Walker at this year's TdK. Responsibilities of this position consist of making sure the three planned rest stops and five mobile support stations have sufficient volunteers, food, drink, signage, and equipment to support our riders. Courtney has agreed to be Ride Coordinator, and other volunteers have come forward to handle insurance riders, sponsorships, route markings and signage, etc. We will not do a TdK in 2017 without finding a volunteer rest stop coordinator before the first of the year.

The board felt we could support both the Dyes Inlet Loop ride and a Tdk on the same day IF we divided the effort up and began planning now. We will benefit significantly from the advertising that the Silverdale Chamber has earmarked for event sponsors (us) during the festival if we do both rides on the same day. The initial plan for the two rides can be viewed here: [Route Canal Ride](#)

- c. The board liked the idea of a Spring ride (similar to the Arizona and California rides that Chris Susi sponsored the last two years). Eastern Washington in April was suggested as a destination this year - closer to home. No volunteer coordinator was identified, however.
- d. A Member's Appreciation ride in August was also proposed. These have been well received by club members. A destination in the San Juan Islands was suggested. No volunteer coordinator was identified, however.

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### 3. Noel Barrett Fund

The Noel Barrett Fund is a memorial fund set aside for bike education. WSCC's advocacy work may result in donations, which will need a formal repository. The board voted to dedicate the Noel Barrett Fund to Bike Advocacy concerns, controlled by the Bike Advocacy Committee.

The Dyes Inlet Loop ride will be family-oriented, and showcase not only Dyes Inlet and the outstanding viewpoints and Parks surrounding it, but also potential bike facilities that will make moving about on human power much more enjoyable and safe, while significantly increasing the livability and attractiveness of our community. We do not anticipate having rest stops as there are commercial eateries along the route. We do intend to charge an admission fee dedicated wholly to bike advocacy.

## BICYCLE ADVOCACY

The next Advocacy Meeting is January 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Paul Dutky's home at 6018 Peregrine Court, Bremerton. Committee members will present their individual road marking recommendations for Bremerton, and have them vetted by the group. Rick has measuring wheels to borrow, available at Paul's house.

To put in perspective what is possible in bike advocacy, have a look at this suspended roundabout in Holland, above a huge intersection. [Hovenring Video](#) For fun, how many cyclists are wearing lycra?

