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January 2015

Annual Winter Party & Awards Banquet

Friday, January 23, 2015

Maldaner's Restaurant  
222 South 6th Street

6:00 p.m. Social Time  
7:00 p.m. Dinner

**Menu**

Chicken Breast with Mushroom Sauce  
Penne Pasta with Vegetables  
Mashed Potatoes  
Chef's Choice of Two Hot Vegetables  
Mixed Green Salad with Three Dressings  
Bread, Butter, Coffee & Tea  
Dessert: Apple Crisp w/Ice Cream &  
Homemade Caramel Sauce



Please RSVP by January 16 to  
Julie Love at 217-306-6313

or

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## *A few words from Tom Clark, SBC President . . .*



Our December Socializer at Julia's drew over 35 members and friends. Kudos to our Social Chair, **Julie Ann Love**! Julie will host our **Annual Awards Banquet and Winter Party** at Maldaner's on Friday, January 23. **An RSVP is required by January 16. Please email Julie at [social@spfldcycling.org](mailto:social@spfldcycling.org) to RSVP.** Each member may bring one guest. Once again, the cost of the catered buffet dinner is \$10 per attendee at the door (**check or exact change, please!**).

Each meal actually costs us about \$25; attendees receive a discount equivalent to our basic annual membership fee. *NOTE: Julie has started an MBA program that will prevent her from attending Wednesday night socializers. We are looking for a Social Co-Chair to host these events and assist with the summer picnic. Contact [social@spfldcycling.org](mailto:social@spfldcycling.org) if interested.*

Awards presented during the Banquet will include the Cycling Challenge Awards, the NoBell, the Spinners, and the Grover Everett Award. **Derek and Brigetta Ewing** organized the SBC Great Cycling Challenge once again in 2014. A total of 51 riders earned a Challenge award, while only one attained the maximum possible miles by completing four centuries and a double metric.

The NoBell is our "lifetime achievement" award, presented to a club member who has made significant contributions to cycling in the Springfield area. Thanks to everyone who submitted a nomination. Our awards ceremony ends with the Spinner Awards for SBC cycling mileage, and the **Grover Everett** Award for our top mileage ride of the year. A slide show of member photos rounds out the evening. Please send your photos to [photos@spfldcycling.org](mailto:photos@spfldcycling.org) by **January 12**.

For the third straight year, SBC is sponsoring a team for American Lung Association's **Fight for Air** stair climb at the Hilton on **February 8**. We named this team **SBC Mt Everett Memorial Climbers** in memory of Grover Everett, our all-time mileage champion, who died tragically in a bicycle-car accident. Google "2015 climb springfield" to locate the team, where you can donate or join. Questions? Contact Kristina at 766-2054 (cell) or at [kmucinkas@gmail.com](mailto:kmucinkas@gmail.com).

The League of Illinois Bicyclists' Executive Director **Ed Barsotti** has asked SBC to help get the word out about [www.bikesafetyquiz.com](http://www.bikesafetyquiz.com), LIB's online Bicycle Safety Quiz and bicycle safety campaign. LIB is looking for local reps who'd like to earn extra cash promoting use of the site. The deadline to apply by sending a brief resume to [lib@bikelib.org](mailto:lib@bikelib.org) is January 7.

During the winter months, we schedule mostly Show-N-Go ride opportunities. But if you want to organize a ride or event, great! Email [vp@spfldcycling.org](mailto:vp@spfldcycling.org) to volunteer. The weekend and holiday A-Rides organized by **Lisa Kidd** continue through the winter. These A-Rides are faster and longer than our moderately paced club rides.

Happy 2015! Hope to see you at the Awards Banquet & Winter Party! -Tom

## Incentive Awards

*Stephen Paca, Incentive Chair*



**RIDE OF THE MONTH:** Mike Kokal's ride to Danenberger Family Vineyards was voted Ride of the Month for November. Even though the day presented the group of riders with headwinds and slightly chilly temps on the way to DFV, there were bonfires waiting and the group gathered inside the winery's new enclosure to enjoy beverages and snacks in comfort. A few club members didn't ride, but were in the area and stopped in to the winery to hang out. After a few hours of relaxing, the riders set out to return to Rotary Park with a tailwind and Sun to keep them warm. Thanks, Mike, for putting together an enjoyable ride!

**ALMOST ANYTHING AWARD:** There were no nominations for the AAA this month.

**RIDE LEADER INCENTIVE DRAWING:** Mike Kokal's name was drawn for the Ride Leader Incentive award. He will receive a gift certificate to the local bicycle shop of his choice. Congratulations, Mike!

***Any rider or member can nominate rides or leaders for the above recognition. Please send nominations or ride anecdotes to incentive (at) spfldcycling.org***



## Membership News

*by Alan Whitaker, Secretary*

I would like to introduce and welcome these **new members** to our club:

Ashley Fishman

Joining us at the **Sustaining Level:** Julie Ann Love

Julie actually joined us in April but was inadvertently omitted from the Secretary's Report.

I would also like to thank the following renewing members for their continued support of the Springfield Bicycle Club:

### Renewals

Don & Lorena Harvey and family  
 Chuck & Gerry Orwig  
 Bill & Dara Voss  
 Don Daniels

### Renewals at Contributing Level

Roger Schnelten  
 Steve Schroll & Ann Baker  
 Les & Pam Warden

## December 2014 Ride Schedule

For updates, corrections and last minute changes to the ride schedule please check the SBC website at [www.spfldcycling.org](http://www.spfldcycling.org). Unless otherwise indicated, **weekday** daytime rides will not take place on holidays. All rides return to the starting point unless otherwise noted.

Weekday Daytime Rides		Check start times!
Monday 10:00 a.m.	Lewis Memorial Park Koke Mill Rd Robert LaBonte, 787-0237	MB – Meet at the pavilion and ride the church trails for an hour or so. This ride will be at an easy pace and is suitable for beginner and intermediate riders. Ride is dependent on trail conditions so call Robert for details.
Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m.	Morning Geezer Ride Washington Park Pavilion on the South side of the park Pete Gudmundson, 523- 8200	Show-N-Go ride for retired geezers or those hoping to become geezers. No leader or map, but Pete shows up often enough for this ride that he should be able to answer questions. Please use ride sheet if riding together. Participating riders should turn in miles to the club records keeper. *Disclaimer: Geezer riders occasionally change the start time due to weather and other considerations. Please call ahead.
Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m.	Daily Pana Trail Ride Lake Taylorville parking lot Rt 29 Pat Stephens, 287-7056	Show-N-Go along the Lincoln Heritage Trail. Turn in miles to the records keeper. There is no ride leader, but Pat may be able to answer questions about this ride.
Monday thru Friday 12:20 p.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr& Crusaders Rd Tom Clark, 726-5560 Dave Ross 789-4823	BC — Westside Lunch Ride. Dave or Tom will hit the trails or go out in the country.
Weekday Evening Rides		Check start times!
Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	IDOT Dirksen Pkwy & Ash St Show-N-Go	BCD — Show-N-Go along the Lost Bridge Trail. Turn miles in to the club records keeper. Lights required.
Thursday 6:00 p.m.	Parkway Pointe Theater Lindbergh & Robbins Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end parking lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thursday 6:00 p.m.	Pana Trail Lake Taylorville parking lot Rt 29 Charlie Witsman, 299-7038	Show-N-Go – Ride on the Lincoln Heritage Trail. Turn in miles to the club records keeper. Call Charlie if you need information about trail conditions or directions. Lights required.
Weekend Daytime Rides		
Saturdays time varies (see Dis- claimer)	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr& Crusaders Rd Lisa Kidd, 341-6181	Weekend A-Ride. This ride is intended for extremely strong and competitive riders with expert bike handling skills. Expect riders to be self-sufficient and to maintain speeds of 19+ mph for extended distances using pace lines. Riders will agree on a destination and determine a route at the time of the ride. Developmental A-riders are welcome, but they should be self-sufficient and familiar with local roads, or accompanied by an experienced rider. *Disclaimer: Schedule sometimes changes due to weather. Please call ahead.

Sundays time varies (see Dis- claimer)	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Lisa Kidd, 341-6181	Weekend A-Ride. See Saturday Weekend A-Ride descrip- tion. *Disclaimer: Schedule sometimes changes due to weather. Please call ahead.
Scheduled Rides and Events		Check start times!
Thursday January 1 Time varies	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Lisa Kidd, 546-1698	Holiday A-Ride. See Saturday Weekend A-Ride description. *Disclaimer: Schedule sometimes changes in fall due to weather. Please call ahead.
Thursday January 1 11:00 a.m.	Rock 'N Roll Hardees 2501 Adlai Stevenson Dr Marty Celnick, 522-4206	ABCD – New Years Day Ride. Ride for 10-25 miles. Start the new year by keeping your resolution to ride more miles!
Saturday January 3 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end parking lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Sunday January 4 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end parking lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Wednesday January 7 7:00 p.m.	Residence 2301 Sangamon Avenue Ken Anderson, 522-3876	NC – Board Meeting. All SBC members are invited to attend the board meeting.
Saturday January 10 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end parking lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Sunday January 11 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end parking lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Saturday January 17 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end park- ing lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Sunday January 18 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from west end parking lot on Robbins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Monday January 19 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go – Martin Luther King's Birthday Ride. Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from the west end parking lot on Rob- bins Rd. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.

Friday January 23 6:00 p.m. Party 7:00 p.m. Food	Maldaners Restaurant (upstairs) 222 S Sixth St Julie Ann Love 306-6313	NC – Annual Awards Banquet and Winter Party. The event is open to all SBC members and 1 guest each. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per attendee this year. ( <b>Check or exact change please!</b> ) The event is open to current SBC members and their guests. A RSVP will be necessary, so please email Julie at <a href="mailto:social@spfldcycling.org">social@spfldcycling.org</a> by January 16 <sup>th</sup> for your reservations. Party begins at 6:00PM and the catered dinner is at 7:00 PM. Deadline for reservations is January 16. Dinner will be followed by incentive drawings and presentations of the Cycling Challenge medals, the NoBell Award, the Spinner Awards and the Grover Everett Award. A traditional slide show will be shown, so please send photos to <a href="mailto:photos@spfldcycling.org">photos@spfldcycling.org</a> .
Saturday January 24 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go –Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from the west end parking lot on Robbins Road. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Sunday January 25 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go –Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from the west end parking lot on Robbins Road. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.
Saturday January 31 11:00 a.m.	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Show-N-Go	Show N-Go –Ride the trails or go out in the country. If the trail is not clear and dry but the roads are, start from the west end parking lot on Robbins Road. Turn in your miles to the club records keeper.

## Other Area Rides

Springfield area bike shops and other entities sponsor or host a number of rides and events each year. When we receive requests to help publicize these activities, we'll post them in this new section of the QR. *NOTE: 'Other area ride' miles count for club miles, as they are organized rides.*

Other Area Rides & Events		
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.	Washington Park Pavilion on the South side of the park Jeff Williams, 546-8819 Jeff(at)jeffveloart.com Facebook: Jeff Curtis Williams	<b>Tuesday Night Trail Rides</b> – MTB/cyclocross/off road bikes recommended. All Are welcome! We will split off at Washington & Koke Mill to do the “church trail”. <b>LIGHTS and HELMETS</b> please and thanks!!! Disclaimer: <b>Routes will vary based on conditions.</b> Contact Jeff for more information.
Friday January 24 5:30 p.m.	State Capitol Visitors' Center 425 S. College St. (west of the Stratton Building across College Street) Alan Escobar, 638-9523	EZ – <b>Critical Mass Ride.</b> Ride for about 1 hour at a slow pace. Suitable for all bikes. Critical Mass is a worldwide event held the last Friday of every month. It is open to all, and it welcomes all riders to join in a celebration of riding bicycles. Why? Because bikes are fun! Bring front and rear <b>LIGHTS</b> , please.



## **Board Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2014**

*Chanell Hamilton, Recording Secretary; reported this month by Alan Whitaker*

Present. Tom Clark, John Nelson, Alan Whitaker, Jim Hajek, Julie Ann Love, Bill Donels, Stephen Paca, Ken Anderson, and Marty Celnick

The meeting was called to order by Tom Clark at 7:11 p.m.

President's Remarks. Tom had no remarks.

Vice President's Report. John Nelson reported that the draft January schedule was almost complete, pending a few details to be resolved at that night's board meeting.

Secretary's Report. Alan Whitaker reported 5 new memberships and 22 renewals.

Minutes. Stephen Paca previously distributed a draft of the minutes from the November Board meeting via e-mail, and made corrections based on feedback. Alan Whitaker made a motion to approve the November Board meeting minutes; Ken Anderson seconded the motion; and the Board approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Hajek distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting via e-mail. He reported a balance of \$29,842.52 for the period ending 11/30/14. Ken Anderson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; John Nelson seconded the motion; and the Board approved the report.

Jim proposed including a \$100 donation to the League of American Bicyclists, in addition to the \$100 LAB membership already in the club budget. Ken Anderson motioned to approve the proposal; Alan Whitaker seconded and the motion was approved.

Incentive Chair Report. Stephen Paca conducted the Incentive Awards. Mike Kokal's Winery ride was voted Ride of the Month for November.

Mike Kokal's name was drawn for the monthly ride leader incentive award.

Special Events Report. There was no Special Events report.

Legislative/Education Report. Bill Donels reported that Springfield was one of 51 communities nationwide to receive Honorable Mention for its application for recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community. We will receive detailed feedback on our application during January.

Social Chair Report. Julie Ann Love reported that the December socializer will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Julia's Kitchen and Lounge in Vinegar Hill Mall.

The Annual Winter Party will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Maldaners. After much discussion it was decided to keep the \$10 per person charge for attending the party. Attendance will be limited to active members and guests, and reservations will be due to Julie by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter Editor Report. There was no Newsletter report.

Webmaster Report. Alan Whitaker reported that he plans to send an announcement detailing the upcoming socializer, NoBell nominations, and the Winter Party.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ken and Sandy Anderson.

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**QR Deadline is the  
15th  
of the month**