



## December 7, 2021 - Newsletter

### **EBTC 2021 Volunteer Appreciation Event EBTC 'Ad Hoc' Winter Rides Have Begun EBTC Membership Survey - three key Results**

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#### **EBTC 2021 Volunteer Appreciation 'Zoom' Event**

**June MacGregor**, EBTC President

Over 30 members volunteered during the summer ride season. They led rides and supported our riding program. Since the ongoing pandemic made a face-to-face get together risky, EBTC held an evening Zoom event to thank every volunteer for the time and expertise they dedicated to the Club. Attendees at the Zoom event each received a goodie and drink delivered to their door by a Board member. The treats were enjoyed while big virtual 'thank you' hugs and quick updates about the Club were given. Everyone was then moved to smaller Breakout Groups to chat. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to connect with their summer riding friends and gave a thumbs up to the Zoom event.

EBTC has no paid staff and depends on volunteers to develop and run its programs and to do all other member-oriented and operational functions. Without volunteers, the Club could not exist. If you'd like to volunteer over the winter or during the summer of 2022, there are roles we'd happily have you fill!

[Click here if you'd like to learn about the EBTC and volunteer opportunities](#)

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#### **EBTC 'Ad Hoc' Winter Rides Have Begun!**

**Danielle Amerongen**, EBTC Ride Coordinator

We now have 5 ride leaders ready to play in the snow: Sandy McDonald, Charmaine Beliveau-Folster, Sig Jensen, Michel Lamontagne and Danielle Amerongen. They have begun planning and leading rides for club members. These rides are not scheduled well in advance and are weather dependent. The details are at the top of each ride description, and vary depending on the ride leader. To receive information about the rides, you need to sign up for the **Winter Rider List**. You will then receive emails announcing rides, providing registration links. You register to participate. Registration is open up to 1 hour before a ride. If you have already registered, you have until 1 hour before the ride to cancel your registration. Please don't email ride leaders. Use the Karelo registration system!





[Click here to sign up for the EBTC Winter Riders List](#)

## Three Success Stories from the Member Survey

Phil Davidson, EBTC Treasurer

Many thanks to the 177 members (47% of the EBTC membership) who shared their experiences in the survey. The EBTC Board is learning a lot from the responses!

COVID19 turned our lives upside down, including the EBTC ride schedule. Thirty percent of respondents said that they didn't go on a single EBTC ride during the summer of 2022. Even so, 20% of those respondents said they used EBTC RideWithGPS (RWGPS) routes on their own.

**RWGPS implementation was a success!** Yes, there was a bit of a learning curve, but it became a valuable tool for those who wanted to head out on their own (or just didn't want to get lost on EBTC rides):

- 84% of those who went on at least one EBTC ride this year installed RWGPS on their phones. Of those 82% used it on EBTC rides.
- 60% used RWGPS EBTC routes on non-club rides.
- 36% used RWGPS to plan their own routes.

**EBTC Ride registration using Karelo was a success!** EBTC insurance requires that we have a list of members on each ride. Ride registration means not wasting time with paper sign-up sheets at the beginning of rides, and it allows ride leaders to communicate last-minute changes due to weather, etc. to riders. The EBTC board has decided to continue using Karelo for ride registration for 2022.

- 70% of respondents said that ride registration was easy. 15 % said it was neither easy or nor difficult. Only 15% found it difficult.

**EBTC Board decision to implement winter rides!**

The decision to introduce winter rides was also supported by the survey results. Although over 2/3 of respondents often go on road rides, almost 2/3 go on trail rides at least sometimes, and over 1/3 go on winter rides at least sometimes.

Member opinions matter! Stay tuned for more survey outcomes!

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