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From the Board

Become a 2026 EBTC Member

Join us now so that, before the cycling season, you can register for winter outdoor activities, socials and other events. Click to [join EBTC or renew](#) your membership.

Sign up for EBTC Pop-Ups

Winter outdoor activities are weather-dependent pop-ups. Sign up for our Pop-up List [here](#) to receive an email with the link to register whenever a pop-up is available. In March, we hope for a month of 'pop-ups' for walking and for cross-country skiing.

A Vision and Mission for EBTC

You will see the Club's Vision (what we want to be into the future) and Mission (how we get there in a general way) in our member and public communications. They were developed by a team of members, with a few Board members, as part of a strategic plan for EBTC. The plan includes mid-term targets and strategies to help get us there. Come out to the AGM to hear more about why EBTC needs a plan and the go-forward strategies.

Vision: *EBTC is a vibrant, member-led club sharing a passion for cycling and other outdoor activities.*

Mission: *EBTC continues to build a welcoming community of adult riders and outdoor enthusiasts through member-led and coordinated cycling*

activities. We embrace the off-season with other outdoor activities that keep our members connected year-round.

Do Projects: A New Way to Support Your Club

The EBTC Board is looking for members interested in doing short-term initiatives, many building on the plan for the Club's ongoing success referenced above. As a 'Director-at-Large' (8 to 12 hours per month) on the Board, you can be a generalist involved in various activities depending on your interests and background. Neither Board experience nor skills in a particular field are required. We'll slot you in accordingly and provide guidance to get you started. Click [here](#) to learn more... and, if you are interested, please register so that we can follow up with you. It's not a commitment to join the Board.

Upcoming Event

Sunday, March 29: Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Recent newsletters have had a 'save the date' and info on the post-brunch 'show and tell' about developments in bikes/e-bikes and cycling gear. Here are more details:

Where: Laurier Heights Community Hall (14405 85 Ave NW)

Registration: It opens on the upcoming weekend with links in the Calendar and March 9 Newsletter. You will need to register separately for each event for us to have attendee #s for the AGM quorum and for Brunch food planning.

Schedule: 10:30 a.m. to noon AGM. Doors open **early**, so fill your cup and grab a muffin before the meeting starts. Hear how things went in 2025, learn what's in the works for 2026 and have your say. **12:30 to 2:45 p.m.**

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. We'll have a catered brunch buffet, followed by the 'show and tell' from bike experts.

Brunch Cost: Same as last year: (i) **free** for 2025 volunteers, who will be contacted by email; (ii) **\$25.00** for EBTC members, paid by credit card when you register in Karelo; (iii) **\$30.00** for non-member guests, paid in cash at the door but please email Social@bikeclub.ca beforehand with the guest's name to track attendee #s for food planning.

Club Jersey

EBTC Club Jersey: Online Store Opening End of March
Sonja Taylor, Apparel Coordinator

Did you miss out last year in ordering your EBTC Club Jersey? No worries as Nimblewear Canada will open an online store at the end of March so that you may order/re-order yours. They look great on the road so don't miss out this year.

The two short sleeve versions will be available again as per last year:



1. Fondo Short Sleeve Cycling Jersey - Fabric: COOL FRESH 140 gsm [\$49.92 + Tax]
2. Silver Short Sleeve Cycling Jersey - Fabric: DIMPLE DRY 130 gsm with one waterproof rear zip pocket [\$80.70 + Tax]

NEW this year are two **LONG SLEEVE** versions:



1. SILVER Long Sleeve Cycling Jersey - Fabric: DIMPLE DRY 130 gsm with one waterproof rear zip pocket [\$86.60 + Tax]
2. SILVER Thermal Long Sleeve Cycling Jersey - Fabric: CROSS FLEECE 230 gsm (Thermal) with one waterproof rear zip pocket [\$98.38 + Tax]

STAY TUNED for information about opportunities to try on the sizing kit provided by Nimblewear to find the one that will fit best for you. This year there are two fit options: a club fit regular and a club fit relaxed (a little roomier.)

Weekly Recap

Wednesday, Feb. 25: Strathcona Wilderness Centre Ski

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

Sometimes luck frowns on our endeavours, but not this time! Great tracks, sunshine, warm temperatures (just a tad too warm to preserve the tracks ideally for the next day, when some of us found Riverside Golf Course noticeably different from perfect). Nine skiers (4+4+1 doing somewhat different routes) had a great time. Most reconvened after at Gratitude Coffee in Sherwood Park – definitely on the list for the ride season.



Saturday, Feb. 28: Bike Expo, St. Albert

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

Very short notice but the Pres pulled six volunteers together to promote EBTC at the Vicious Cycle and Snow Expo that brought a few hundred shoppers out to see the latest in bikes (some pretty impressive machinery!). Not that many new road bikes compared to gravel, fat and mountain, with lots of e-bikes in all categories. Chatted with some old friends, some reps and some potential new members who didn't know about EBTC. If you're an n+1 type and missed this event, make sure to come out for the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch to hear about new gear.

Thanks to Julie, Ava, Larry and Kevin for spelling off June and me.



From the Saddle

Where in the World are EBTC Members?

Ann Sutherland, Newsletter Editor

Have you been some place warm to cycle this winter? Or do you embrace winter and have been touring on your bike in areas closer to home? We'd like to know about your adventures, near and far. Send in a write-up and some pictures of your escapades to feature in From the Saddle. It's always inspiring to read about members' cycling trips. Email your story to newsletter@bikeclub.ca.

Helpful Links

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