

Davis Bike Club

Annual Meeting



December 8, 2024

The Davis Bike Club held its annual meeting and celebrated the Holiday Season at The Cannery RanchHouse in Davis, CA on Sunday December 8, 2024.

Nearly 100 Club members, spouses and guests attended and were welcomed by the following volunteers:

Martha Gegan in her always warm and welcoming manner greeted the entering guests, who were quickly provided raffle tickets by **Barbara Anderson**.

The flurry of volunteers, food preparers, servers and gadflies around the snack and hors-d'oeuvres buffet included: **Jim Wellington** with knife in hand, **Marnelle Gleason**, **Maria Contreras-Tebbutt**, **Mark Tebbutt**, and Vice President and Host, **Michael St. Paul** and his daughter, **Judy Chang**, and others I am sure whose names I have failed to gather and for whose omission herein I humbly apologize.

Later in the evening for the annual meeting portion of the holiday celebration, DBC President, **Dave Joshel**, served as a genial Master of Ceremonies, recognizing each of the 2024 Board Members for their service and contributions, with additional special thanks and recognition delivered to the following:

Rich Rifkin for obtaining all of the necessary permits for Foxy's Fall Century;

Bob Starkston for maintaining the Club Website.

Russell Reagan for compiling and editing the *Changing Gears* DBC newsletter.

Kathy Ormiston for coordinating DBC's March Madness.

Dave Starkovich for continuing to be such an asset managing and overseeing the storage locker as Club Quartermaster.

Hector Galura for managing the Club Google account and has volunteered to take over Directing the Double Century next year, after having managed rest stops in past years with his entire family.

Kim Wilhelm as a jack of all trades and frequent reliable ride and rest stop leader.

Ann Huber as a jill of all trades and frequent reliable ride and rest stop leader.

Dick Mansfield who, like Kim Wilhelm, was always available when needed.

Robert Enzerink who is far more than your average volunteer and ride leader.

Lifetime Achievement Awards were announced for **Diane Richter** and **Rick Waters** for their decades of dedicated volunteerism for the Club.

Dave then yielded the floor to Martha Gegan for the Board election. Martha masterfully introduced the slate of electors for the DBC 2024 Board of Directors. It is always an interesting process, as no eye contact is made throughout, since no one in the audience wants to risk being nominated to one of the 'Open' positions. Fortunately, Robert Enzerink had stepped forward and willingly filled the only open position on the slate of nominees, as Tour and Ride Director. The offered slate of nominees was read, moved and seconded for acceptance and then by voice vote approved unanimously, with neither abstentions nor negotiations.

Those elected are as follows:

President – Dave Joshel
Vice President – Michael St. Paul
Treasurer – Kurt Giles
Secretary – Russ Ewers
Race Team Director – Heidi Verbeeck and Ray Spore
Philanthropy Director– John Hess
Tour and Ride Director – Robert Enzerink
Membership Director – Aimer Bhat
Outreach Director – Maria Contreras Tebbutt
Director-at-Large, Double Century – Hector Galura
Director-at-Large, Foxy's Fall Century – Eric Senter
Director-at-Large, Ultra Cycling Events – Debra Banks

In summary, a good time was had by ALL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Ewers
Secretary, Davis Bike Club Board of Directors

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The State of the Club

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1. The Club had a successful 2024 Calendar year, with increased rides and ridership, during the weeks and weekends.
2. The Club now has 448 members and thanks especially to Aimer Baht who has managed his role as Membership Director along with his 'no sleep status' of now being a new Dad. Congratulations Aimer!
3. The Double Century, March Madness, The Fourth of July Criterium, and Foxy's Fall Century netted profits this year of nearly \$ 22,000 thanks to the brilliant volunteer efforts of our entire membership and the outstanding leadership of those events Directors-at-Large:

The Double Century – Stewart Thompson
March Madness – Kathy Ormiston
The Fourth of July Criterium – Ray Spore and Heidi Verbeeck
Foxy's Fall Century – Eric Senter
4. And what would these events be without our Quartermaster, Dave Starkovich? There would be a hopeless shambles at the storage locker without Dave's thorough attention to detail and organization. Dave does an exceptional job ensuring that all the club's equipment is kept clean, organized and inventoried. Thanks Dave.
5. What??? We have a Fourth of July Criterium again??? That's great news and a tribute to our Race Team Co-Directors: Ray Spore and Heidi ('Hay-Dee' for those of you who are pronunciation snobs) Verbeeck. The Criterium is back with a new route, new name now being dedicated to Helen Poole and a new energetic leadership, yearning for cooler weather. Welcome Ray and Heidi and a congratulatory 'Well Done' for this year's energy, participation and success.
6. Speaking of success, due to prudent fiscal leadership through the Pandemic and the several years since, the profits from the Club's fund-raising rides have enabled the Club financially to now be able to give back to our local community in support of cycling. John Hess, as Philanthropy Director, is leading a Board Committee in the selection process for whom donations will be made. This undertaking by John along with Kurt Giles' watchful stewardship as Treasurer is keeping us sound.

7. The Club examined this year the possibility and desirability of shifting from our current and historical tax status as a 501(c) 4 (Social Welfare Organization) to status as a 501(c)3 (Charity). The Board determined that such a change is neither necessary nor desirable at this time. Russ Ewers, as Secretary, has recorded and stored that study information as well as Minutes, Financials and other Club business documents and knows where they all are ... mostly.
8. In other news of interest and notice, the outstanding efforts by Bob Starkston in upgrading and maintaining the Website and Russell Reagan's compiling and editing the Changing Gears Newsletter are to be noted, appreciated and applauded.
9. Thanks to Michael St. Paul for not only creatively enlivening the monthly membership meetings, bringing increased attendance, but also, we have Michael to thank for Sunday evening's annual Holiday dinner celebration, as well.
10. And what would a list of thank yous and recognition of accomplishments be without our noting the DBC's own Energizer Maria Contreras-Tebutt. Thank you, Maria, for your constant Outreach, Energy and Direction.
11. Did you know that the DBC has collectively reached 13,700 viewers on our social media connections? Thanks to Elise Conzelmann for managing our social media.
12. Occasionally lost in the shuffle, but never to be overlooked are those intimate Ultra Cycling events offered under the ever-enthusiastic guidance of Deb Banks. Deb was double booked with entertainment options and only able to attend the beginning of this year's holiday celebration. With Deb's having to leave early, it is regrettable then that many of you likely missed the opportunity of her sharing personalized 150-mile routes for each of you to ride to your homes. Too bad, sorry to have missed that.
13. Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented at the Holiday celebration to Diane Richter and Rick Waters. The DBC sincerely thanks and congratulates these two well deserving members of our Club for their decades of support and service.
14. Last, but certainly not 'least', an especial thanks are due to our President, Dave Joshel, who has held us all together and accountable.

Thanks to the entire Board for stepping up and leading us through 2024 ... Bring on 2025!

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