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**2013 is here!
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2013 Race Calendar

Special

- 1/26 Learn to TT Clinic, Portland
- 2/2 Officials Training, Salem
- 2/9 Intro to Racing Clinic, Portland
- 2/9 Annual Meeting and Awards Party, Portland
- 2/16 Promoters Meeting, Portland

Road Races

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Cyclocross

Cyclocross schedule to be released in April.

Membership

Visit www.obra.org for membership forms and information. Full year memberships purchased online are \$20 plus a small processing fee. Memberships purchased via paper or at the race venue are \$25. Renewing online reduces errors and reduces processing time. Your 2013 membership will expire on December 31, 2013.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter for interesting OBRA news, interviews and offers. Simply select OK for OBRA to e-mail when you check out online or check the opt-in on the paper form.

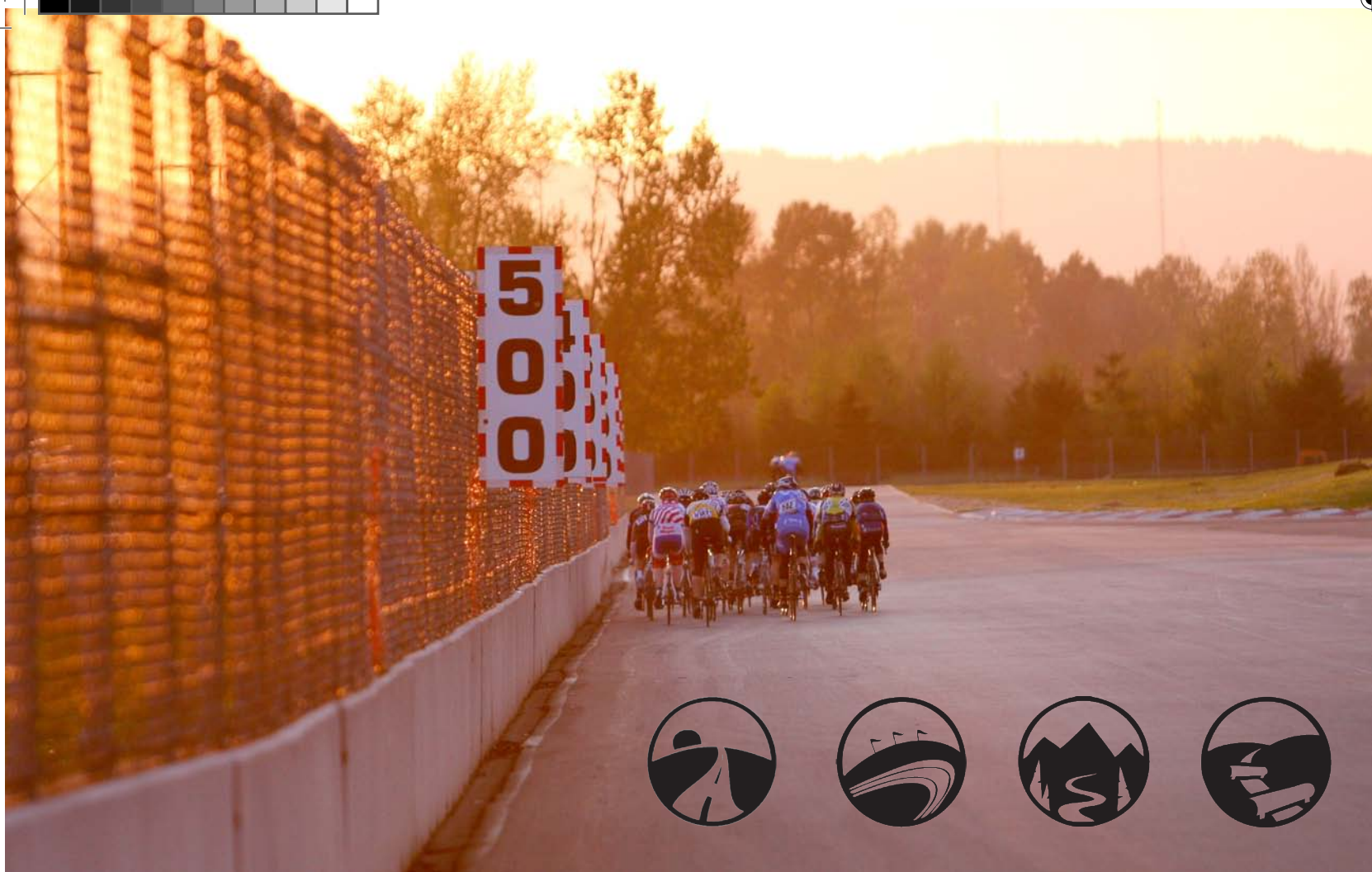


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Welcome to 2013

Thanks to all of you we had another great year in 2012. Membership was up but we faced some challenges. Races were hampered by early season weather, races had been canceled, but through it all OBRA members raced close to an astonishing 51,000 times. As organization we moved forward and upward.

I am confident that 2013 will be one of our best years ever. We have lost some races but we have gained new ones. Watch for new and exciting events on the OBRA calendar.

With the help of all of you- our racers, officials, promoters, sponsors and volunteers we will continue to be the best place on earth to race a bike.

Do your best, invite your friends- and see you out on the roads, trails, fields and track!

Kenji Sugahara
Executive Director
Oregon Bicycle Racing Association

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Photo by Darcy Stockton



An Interview with Scott Jones, OBRA Official

Many of you know that OBRA racing would not be what it is without the support of our officials. We took the time to ask some questions from one of our very dedicated officials, Scott Jones. Scott is a native Oregonian born in Portland and grew up in Damascus. He currently works part time at Sam Barlow High School as an AVID Tutor while also coaching basketball and track. Scott races as a CAT 3 as well as officiating many of the OBRA races in the calendar.



How long have you been involved in bike racing?

My first season of racing was in 2000, so this year is 12 years being an OBRA member. I started officiating in 2007 after moving home from Eugene. It doesn't seem like it has been that long, but time flies when you are having fun! I'm more of a criterium specialist, but enjoy the occasional flat road race. I've done plenty of stage racing as well, but I'm not much for big climbs, which most stage races seem to have plenty of.

How did you get involved with bike racing?

I got involved when my college track coach told us to buy a bike for the summer training. I bought my first bike, a carbon Trek 5200 in 1998. I rode a lot on my own, but in early 2000 I was out on a ride one day and some crazy bike racer named Rocky Serna came upon me suffering on the climb back up to crown point from Multnomah Falls. He told me all about this bike racing stuff in Oregon and that I should try it. I wasn't keen on the idea of it, but gave it a shot anyway. My first race was PIR and like most cat 5's who first start out, I got dropped early and often. It took about 10 races before I could finish with the group, but from then on I did well.

What are the best parts of officiating?

The best part, well the two best parts for me are the racers and other officials I get to work with. Seriously though, the racers make my job enjoyable and I also enjoy working within a team of officials.

What are the toughest parts?

The crazy racers! Yeah, they make it tough sometimes. A close second can be those pesky locals who don't like people on bikes.

What is your biggest officiating pet peeve?

I struggle with knowing how racers fail to learn how to properly pin their numbers on for a race. This is especially true for the more experienced racers. It makes it very tough on officials trying to score a race when the numbers are unreadable.

Any memorable moments?

My first win as a bike racer is probably my most memorable moment so far. I won the Silverton Criterium as a cat 4 racer. I went off the front about 5 or 6 laps into the race, won all the primes, and the final sprint. The whole time I was off the front I had a couple of teammates screaming at me to go back to the pack and sit in. If you have raced a criterium with me, you know that I usually take a flyer sometime within the first few laps of a race just to get a feel for the field I'm racing with.

What do you think about the OBRA community?

I love OBRA and think it is a great community to be involved in. You can send an email out to the list serve needing a referral, help, or advice and you can usually expect to receive multiple replies within the hour. This community is truly amazing!



Scott and his wife Tabitha with their beautiful 10 month old boy, Owen.

Photos courtesy Scott Jones



Photo by Matthew Lasala



Cyclocross

I have just returned from the UCI World Cyclocross Championships and now have a bit of time to reflect on the amazing cross season that has just wrapped up. My best estimate is that over 100 people from Oregon travelled to Louisville to either race or spectate. We were extremely well represented. Congrats to Sue Butler on her snazzy new rainbow jersey.

OBRA and the state of Oregon continue to lead the way when it comes to participation in the sport of cyclocross. While the Cross Crusade held on to its mantle as the world largest series, there were other series' and stand alone events that thrived in 2012. The Blind Date evening races had over 600 racers. The GPTB also continued to grow in popularity and prestige this year. It's not just a Portland thing either. Races around the state from Medford to Bend to Hood River are drawing big numbers.

For 2013, OBRA and the Cross Crusade have a few new things in store. Including a possible West Coast Championship Series and a three day point to point CX stage race. The crusade also has some new amazing venues that we are working trying to procure.

As a race promoter and OBRA board member, I am committed to the continued growth and success of cross throughout Oregon. We are an amazing community of people and feel very comfortable that we will lead the way for the rest of the country for a long time to come. Have fun this off season and we'll hook up again in September.

Brad Ross, Director
 Cross Crusade Cyclocross Series
 Cascade Cycling Classic
 Portland Twilight Criterium



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Junior Cyclocross Racing continues to grow in Oregon with the Oregon Junior Cyclocross Series.

2012 Junior Cyclocross Winners

Oregon Junior Cyclocross Series, presented by Pacific Power and Willamette Valley Cycling

Junior Men 10-12

Keelan Ontiveros
 Jonathan Wimberly
 Owen Szwaya

Junior Women 10-12

Gabrielle Lehnert
 Jennelle Holmes
 Sierra Kelly

Junior Men 13-14

Cameron Beard
 Zach Mikkelson
 Donovan Birky

Junior Women 13-14

Ivy Taylor
 Catherine Lehman
 Aubrey Whitty

Junior Men 15-16

Lance Haidet
 Sam Rosenberg
 Javier Colton

Junior Women 15-16

Susannah Hart
 Hannah McDade
 Katie Ryan

Junior Men 17-18

John Crandall
 Henry Peterson
 Connor Dunn

Junior Women 17-18

Sharon Hart
 Maddy Cripe
 Julia Schobben

For full results, visit:
http://www.obra.org/junior_cyclocross_series/results.html





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Mountain

Just around the corner marks the start of 5 months of solid off-road adventure across OBRA land. What makes OBRA so strong are its riders and the ability to go on a road trip during the early season for new adventure and new dirt then mix it up locally for a weekday short track on the side.

So many events from lap courses to 50 and 100 mile events, 6 and 24 hrs of bumps/berms and singletrack waiting for your new 29er, 27.5 or trusty 26er.

See you on the Dirt

Mike Ripley
OBRA MTB Rep



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2012 Series Winners Oregon Cup

Men

1. Paul Bourcier, Veloce Racing powered by Smith & Nephew
2. Scott Gray, Team Oregon presented by Laurelwood Brewing
3. Stephen Bedford, Team Oregon presented by Laurelwood Brewing

Women

1. Brianna Walle, IRONCLAD presented by Yakima
2. Brenna Lopez-Otero, Bend Memorial Clinic Total Care Racing Team
3. Heather VanValkenburg, Upper Echelon Fitness: Sports Medicine and Training

Veloforma Norman Babcock Cat 4 Women's Series

1. Christine Jerko, Sorella Forte presented by St Honoré Bakery
2. Rachel Dana, Sorella Forte presented by 'St Honoré Bakery
3. Heather Johnson, Beaverton Bicycle Club

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Oregon bicycle racing offers one of the most prestigious communities in the nation through its dedicated athletes, organized officiating and numerous racing opportunities. Whether its weekend Road and Time Trials racing or mid-week Criterium racing, there's plenty of options to get out and race your bike.

The 2013 OBRA Road Racing calendar has several new additions and omissions. The inaugural Cherry Pie road race that begins the road season is sadly missing from the calendar this year and so is the tough and gritty Piece of Cake road race. Many other newcomers have been added such as the Heiser Farms Grand Island and Dirty Circles series in Portland. We also see the long awaited return of the historic Ankeny road race this year while other adored and favored races such as the Banana Belt series shuffles from the cold and weather stricken month of March to the warm and inviting month of May. In 2012 the scenic Montinore road race was introduced and this year returns with welcomed anticipation.

Over the years we've seen many changes in the sport of Road Racing. Technology has begun to infuse the sport on a social and community level more so than ever before. Now you can record rides from your smart phone or GPS device, post them to a social sharing website where you can then see how you stack up against others on segments of the road where riders are elevated to the status of Kings and Queens. Riders can follow other riders tracking both their achievements and training. This level of transparency and social awareness will no doubt have a profound effect on the OBRA racing scene now and into the future.

This year we welcome back the Veloforma Norman Babcock Cat 4/5 Women's Series, the Oregon Cup Series and welcome the OBRA Time Trial Cup.

Come out and race!

Sage Freeman
CAT 2 Road OBRA

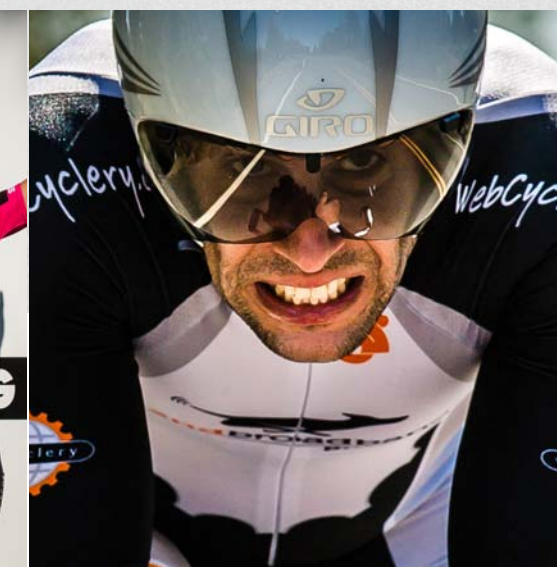




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Alpenrose Velodrome

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Track Hours & Training Sessions

The track is open during daylight hours, when it's not raining, and if there isn't a race or session scheduled. If there's a training session, you can ride if you check in with the lead person and you follow their direction.

Sessions are scheduled by contacting Mike Murray, 503-661-5874, mike.murray@obra.org.

Track Location

6149 SW Shattuck, Portland, Oregon

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Alpenrose Velodrome is one most exciting tracks in the United States. Alpenrose is also one of the steepest velodromes in the country. The steep banks make races on the velodrome interesting to watch and just plain fun to ride.

Because Alpenrose track is not your typical 25 to 33 degree banked track, at least one or two training sessions are recommended before venturing out for a mass start race.

The Alpenrose Velodrome offers Track Development Classes and rental bikes. Riders are grouped in the class by ability and skill level. Track Development Classes are primarily designed for beginners and are not intended as training sessions.

There's no advanced sign up for classes, only day of. This means, it's first come first serve for the rental bikes and class. The classes are limited to 30 riders and fill up occasionally so come early and get your name on the sign-up/waiver sheet to be one of the 30.

The rental bikes are available for the classes (the cost is included in the \$10 fee).

For the classes you may also use your own track bike (fixed gear) if it passes OBRA's track bike requirements for mass starts. Basically, that states the bike must be a fixed gear, have drop bars with plugs and no brake levers.

\$10 for the class (rental is included). Please bring exact change. Checks should be payable to "Portland Velodrome Committee".

Please arrive by 5:30 if you need a rental bike.

Bring your own water, helmet, pedals, and shoes. If you have only sneakers, pedals with toe clips are available. Also, bring warm clothes if it is cold - there will be time spent standing around.

For more info contact Meg Mautner, 503-805-1361, mautner3@comcast.net