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WELCOME TO ALL YOU NEW RIDERS

YAHOO! It's racing season again. Since our annual general meeting last October, our newly elected executive board has been busy with monthly meetings to set up & gear up for our new season of racing beginning April 16th. Not to mention the many other volunteers that have been showing up thus far to do track work & facility clean up. Who can forget last years success. Our executive / volunteers had an unprecedented year on all fronts, having a record number of riders with well organized events. And for those efforts Kelowna, for the first time became B.C.'s largest BMX club. . . We are #1

25 Years!

This year The Kelowna BMX Club celebrates 25 years of BMX racing in our community. Our first track was built here in 1982. It was 1983 when the club became a registered non-profit society in the province and scheduled their first full season of bicycle motocross racing. A lot of people have come and gone over the years, and still the club survives and thrives as a local park. Some ways that we're celebrating is by making available commemorative 25 year racing plates and the release of a vintage design t-shirt, both in limited quantities and will be soon be available in the motoshed.



Sign-up For A Race

Any veterans to the sport will have learned & understood the process. Anybody new needs to learn & understand the SIGN-UP process (it's simple). An ABA license allows you to sign-up for a race. For EACH and EVERY race there is a 'sign-up' time (eg.5:30-6:00). During that time EVERYBODY intending to race MUST go to the registration window to pay and SIGN UP for that days event by the DEADLINE TIME. After the race motos have been 'posted' . . . you are responsible for checking that the riders name, plate #, class, age & license # are all correct. If not, YOU MUST immediately inform the registration desk of any changes. If necessary, we will then 're-post' the motos before racing can commence. If you think that you might not make it to the track in time, you may call the track phone to sign-up a rider before the closing time. But then when you arrive at the track you must make your presence be known & pay at the sign-up desk.

**If you're running late for sign-up, call the track phone 470-3734*

Practice Schedule Changes

New for 2008, Monday night practices will be scheduled differently than in past years. With the growing amount of riders on the track during scheduled practice sessions, we've had to break apart the ages. Gate practice will begin at 6 - 6:45pm for 9yrs.& under, then at 6:45 - 7:45pm for 10yrs.& over. With these changes there will be better quality track time for the younger & older riders. If a rider requests, they may step in to the other practice group, but only if approved by the Head Track Official or Track Operator. We are still hoping to adapt specific training for each age group & caliber of rider.

kelownabmx.com

The website has a new look this year. Lots of information and places to go. Keep informed with frequent updates, all your contacts, sponsors, race schedules, buy & sell on the classified, Firestorm Nationals, and watch for the newly reborn 'riders profile' page (coming soon).

Send comments or suggestions about this news letter to the club president, he wrote it.

Track Has Changed

In the middle of March we hired the services of the ABA's track builder, Billy Allen. Last year we did a complete re-build of the track, this year about half. With much input from various riders, Billy went and piled some dirt. The outcome is fast & furious, we can't wait to see some superb racing action. We've had a lot of help with the re-build from various local companies & of course the many volunteer's that donated time.



- THE CAT RENTAL STORE - donated a new loader for dirt artist, Billy Allen
- WINN RENTALS - donated a large packer for a weekend & also other equip.
- REDLINE BOBCAT - donated labour, bobcats, excavators, dump trucks, & soil.
- COLLEE EXCAVATING - donated labour, a bobcat, excavator & fill.
- WILDCAT LOADER - donated labour, a bobcat & excavator.
- LONEY PLUMBING - donated irrigation & drainage pipe.

Turf it
ELLISON TURF FARM will be donating 100 sq.feet of grass for our new spectators area.

If You Fence It . . .

. . . we can better maintain it.
In cooperation & support by The City of Kelowna, we've been able to fence our entire facility like many other tracks in the Country. We've hired the services of TRI-WEST FENCING for the project. Don't worry, the track facility will only be locked in the evenings and when the track is deemed unsafe or vulnerable due to weather conditions like excessive rain or snow. The gates should be opened by 7:00am and locked by 10pm daily. With these actions, we are hoping that the evening vandalism that takes place will stop and that activity on the track after heavier rains is eliminated. Leaving ruts & grooves in the wet track only creates hazards & extra work when it dries.

COMING UP

- 2008 First Race: April 16
- Used BMX Swap: April 21
- Provincial Qualifier: May 18
- May Day Parade: May 19

OUT OF TOWN

- Vernon: races every Tuesday
- Penticton: races every Thursday
- Kamloops: Supercamp April 19 & 20 : races every Thursday
- Grand Forks: starts racing, May 6

Don't Be Shy

Although we do have a dedicated & talented group on the Board of Directors for track duties, it is imperative that the club receive assistance from the parents of racers in order to ensure a safe, friendly & professional atmosphere. We all started on the bench, pitch in to make a difference.

Vouchers?

If volunteering for the kids isn't quite enough, we've brought back our 'Product & Concession' voucher. They are given to the volunteers that fill the 20 positions needed to host our weekly event. Save them up or use them right away for food, drinks, t-shirts, jerseys, tubes, etc. at the moto shed.

NO RC's

Any motorized vehicle is prohibited in the Kelowna BMX Park Facility, including Remote Controlled Vehicles. Violators may be subject to fines by Kelowna's Parks & Recreation.