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NEWS FROM THE ABA

Upcoming Events



COACHING & COMMISSAIRE COURSES

Coaching and Commissaire courses are now being scheduled.

The schedule for Commissaire courses can be found at <http://www.albertabicycle.ab.ca/register-for-courses>

The schedule for Coaching courses can be found at <http://www.albertabicycle.ab.ca/course-registration-schedule-coaches>

ABA WINTER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS- CALGARY & EDMONTON

The ABA will be offering Winter Development Camps in both Calgary (February 25th) and Edmonton (March 3rd). The goal of these camps is to offer sport science services to existing and prospective racing cyclists (ages 15 – 20). All abilities are welcome. There will also be an overview of the 2012 Provincial Team Program/Racing Projects. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Cameron McKnight at cam@albertabicycle.ab.ca

CCA WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION PROJECT

The CCA is accepting applications for funding for programs aimed at engaging more women (target age group is 12-18 years old) in organized cycling in Canada. Grants from \$500-\$3,000 are available. For more information please visit <http://www.albertabicycle.ab.ca/cca-2012-women-s-participation-project?id=921>

BMX INDOOR TRACK

The BMX indoor track in Olds is available for rent to any mountain bike groups looking to get some training in. Availability is 3:30-7:30 Saturdays and Sundays at a cost of \$150/hr or \$400 for 4 hours. If you are interested please email Dale Tuchscherer at d.tucher@shaw.ca

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FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY

Just want to give you a short update on our efforts this fall. The Whistler Chapter's containers have arrived in the Karamoja Region and represent the first two shipments to this remote war torn area of Uganda. Paul and April, of Vancouver, traveled with the containers and spent a couple of months this fall helping establish the containers as Bicycle Empowerment Centres (BEC) and providing training in bikes mechanics. See the attached photos of some of the people who received bikes and their stories.

The container that Calgary packed in June is about to finally be shipped. After the hard time that the Whistler Chapter had in getting the containers released from the Ugandan costumes we chose to work on getting a solid team in Uganda to make sure that the container moves quickly and smoothly. Currently the brokers are working on getting the container moving as soon as possible. This container is loaded with 400 bikes, parts and tools. Many of the bikes were collected by Calgary youths including St. James Junior High School student Coleman Downe and Westmount Chartered High School students, Nicole Evans, Maddie Alvarez, Dylan Pinter and Steven MacInnis. Furthermore, students at The Calgary Academy and St. Luke's Outreach Program collected refurbished some bikes. The Westmount students have also fundraised over \$2,000.00 since June including a presentation to Nexen who made a \$1,600.00 donation as a result.

Cycling celebrity, Paul Sherwen and the team in Uganda continue to provide in Africa support and are in the process of establishing a Bicycles for Humanity - Uganda Chapter. The hope is that this will help streamline the shipping process and help reduce taxation among other things. This fall we have also received the support of another celebrity, Ben Stiller and through the Stiller Foundation he will help by coving in Africa costs. This will be such a great help in getting the bikes to the Karamoja Region.

Through the fall we continued to collect bikes with almost a 100 bikes being dropped off at BikeBike, another 100 bikes brought to headquarters and over 200 bikes collected at the SCA community fall clean-up. Of these bikes 90 were pass along to Calcycle and have been shipped to Ghana and 70 kids bikes were passed along to Bowcycle for their "Bikes for Kids" Christmas drive. Bikes donations have



slowed as winter has settled in but we have approximately 250 bikes in storage and under tarps and we will likely have enough collected by spring to fill another container. We are still hopeful that we can secure a warehouse space for the winter in order to prepare and organize the bikes. Let us know if you have any ideas.

This fall we have also had a successful fundraising program. This included collecting \$230.00 at the SCA Community Clean-up. Another \$500.00 was raised at the "Devil Takes the Hindmost Cyclocross Bike Race". This was a great time and we are looking forward to being back next year. Lastly, our 1st annual "Taste of Africa" fundraiser hosted by Cassel Marche and J. Webb Wine Merchant was a sold out event and lots of fun. Wow! Tickets, donations and silent auction items raised \$4,250.00. These funds put us in great shape to purchase the next container for the spring's shipment.

Looking ahead to the New Year we are hoping to continue to fundraising to cover costs of a spring shipment. There are a couple of ideas in the works and we look forward to continuing to work with Calgary's youth and cycling community. Stay tuned for information about these as well as the journey of our first container of bikes to the Karamoja.

In closing I would like to say that without your help none of this would be possible. Thank you all for your great efforts and time.

Thian Hundert and the Bicycles for Humanity team in Calgary