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Group Health Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic Records a Sell-Out Ride and a Stellar Event

SEATTLE, JULY 21, 2004 – The Group Health Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic, held on Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18, hosted a sell-out crowd of bicyclists on this 200-mile journey.

Statistics

- 8,051 riders - including volunteers and safety riders
- 1,845 riders completed the trip in one day. At 23%, that's a large increase over the usual 15% - 18% who usually ride in one day.
- Oldest rider: 82
- Youngest rider: 3
- Blind, one-day riders: 1
- 27.8% female
- 72.2% male
- Riders from 42 states, plus British Columbia
- 75% from Washington; 15% from Oregon; 4% from CA; 1.5% from BC and 1.5% from ID

Ride incidents

- 2004: 17 serious injuries out of 8,051 riders = 0.21% incident rate
To the best of our knowledge, all riders are recovering and doing fine.
- 2003: 6 injuries
- 2002: 13 injuries
- 2001: 9 injuries

Historical figures

- 1979: 187 riders (time trial)

- 1984: 3,000
- 1985: 3,500
- 1986: 3,500

- 1989: ~9,500
- 1990: ~9,500

- 1991: 10,000 (all-time record high)
- 1993: 9,954
- 1994: 9,900
- 1995: 9,900
- 1996: 9,982
- 1997: 9,071
- 1998: 8,497
- 1999: 6,535
- 2000: 6,839
- 2001: 6,821
- 2002: 7,048
- 2003: 7,213
- 2004: 8,000

Thanks to the sponsors of the 2004 ride: Group Health Cooperative; Newsradio 710 KIRO; Whole Foods Market; Supergo Bike Shops; REI; Nextel; New Belgium Brewing Company; Sports Rack Vehicle Outfitters; Clif Bar; Ultima Replenisher; Stark Tours; Verity Credit Union.

About Cascade Bicycle Club

Cascade Bicycle Club is the nations largest bicycle club with over 5,200 members in Greater Seattle. Cascade produces eight annual events, including three marquee events: Group Health Seattle International Bicycle Expo; WRQ Bike to Work Month; and Group Health Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic. CBC promotes bicycling for transportation, recreation and health – providing over 1,000 recreational rides annually. Cascade is a non-profit organization, directed by a board of nine elected volunteer directors and ten professional staff. The Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation, a 501 (c3) organization, promotes bicycling safety and skills throughout the Washington State.

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