

Dear NIMBA friends and members,

As we sit here in the snow and cold, we look forward to a great year of mountain biking in 2010. The beginning of the season is just around the corner!

2009 was a very exciting year for our club. We had our first ever 4 race time trial series at several different locations. It was a big success. The races were held in partnership with our friends at Imagination Glen in Portage. Thanks to your participation, these races help us raise much needed funds for trail construction and maintenance.

As you may or may not know, NIMBA is responsible for the construction and maintenance of Rum Village, TK Lawless, and Potato Creek. Our friends at Outback Trail Organization are responsible for Imagination Glen and Bluhm County trails. Those responsibilities include paying for all trail enhancements including bridges, signs and any necessary improvements. The property managers do not pay for this, we do. It is important that we have funds readily available for these improvements. The time trials were started as a way to raise money and to have some fun events for the club. Because of a lot of first time investments for the races, we did not make much money this year, but hope to improve on that in 2010.

We also had very productive trail work days at each location. The workdays were publicized in advance, we had great turnouts and accomplished a lot of work in a short amount of time. These successful workdays are critical in keeping our trails open and safe. Thanks very much to everyone who participated. It was fun to surprise the volunteers who accumulated the most volunteer hours last year with gift certificates at the final race.

We are thrilled to announce a 6 race series this year, with the series finale at Potato Creek State Park in conjunction with the National IMBA Take-A-Kid Mountain Biking Day weekend. We have bike shop sponsorship for each of our races again this year and have also applied for sponsorship from Hammer Nutrition and Clif Bar. We hope to continually improve the race experience for each participant. The race committee has also reviewed all the race data from 2009 to see how we can improve for 2010.

We will be expanding our race categories to 12 from 5 and will be offering some opportunities for kids to race. We will continue to medal the top 3 finishers in each category and will also give a series award to the top 3 in each category. We will also be offering early registration by mail. If you register for all the races before the first race or at the first race, the 6th race is free! Just pay \$100.00 for all 6 races. Registration can be done at the monthly meetings, via mail, or even at the swap meet. This also helps us plan better for the number of riders we expect.

I would like to give a special thanks to the bike shops who sponsored the races last year, they were:

Cycle and Fitness, Niles
Pro Form Bike Shop, South Bend
Trek Bike Store, Schererville
Spin Zone Cycling Outfitters, Granger

These shops provided a lot of great giveaways for the racers and much needed help on race day. Please support them. I am happy to report that they are all on board again this year with their sponsorship.

I would also like to thank those who work tirelessly at each race and give up their chance to race to help all of us.

I have enclosed a schedule for the trail work days and race days. Each race will begin at 10:00AM. The faster categories will start first and end with the beginners. We will post more detailed race information on our new website for the races, the site name is www.nimbaseries.org. Here you will find race info, pictures and results. Thanks much to our friend Will Smith at Outback Trail who is building and will maintain this site throughout the series. We are also working to upgrade our normal NIMBA website. We recognize that we need to improve this. Dana (our webmaster) will be working hard on the site to improve it. We also have a facebook page under construction, there will be more details coming soon.

One last thank you to Shelly Glick at Pro Form Bike Shop, Shelly has served as the Treasurer for NIMBA many years and she will be retiring this year. Her years of service are appreciated.

Don't forget about the annual Bike Swap Meet at Pinhook Park on Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can renew your membership and register for the Race Series at the Swap Meet if it is more convenient, NIMBA will have a table near the entrance.

Saving our biggest news for last is a potential new trail at Bendix Woods in South Bend. We are in the process of flagging this trail and after approval from the St Joe County Parks, will begin construction, which could happen this spring if things go well. The trail has a lot of elevation change and is a mature forest. This will be a beautiful trail, we hope to squeeze in a 5-6 mile trail at Bendix Woods.

I have enclosed a membership renewal form, please send in your renewal today. Our membership numbers help us secure donations, show property managers how much support we have and provide much needed funds for our trails. Your support keeps YOUR trails open and safe!!

Thanks for your support in 2009 and I am very excited about 2010!

Kathy Serrat
President
NIMBA



NORTHERN INDIANA MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION 2010 TIME TRIAL SERIES



#1 6/6/10 TK Lawless, Vandalia, MI 10:00 AM

#2 7/11/10 Potato Creek State Park 10:00 AM

#3 8/1/10 Imagination Glen 10:00 AM
CENTRAL TIME

#4 9/05/10 Bluhm County 10:00 AM
CENTRAL TIME

#5 9/19/10 Rum Village, 10:00 AM

#6 10/03/10 Potato Creek, 10:00 AM
SERIES FINALE!

Registration is 1 hour prior to race, race fees are

\$20.00 per race or \$100 for all 6!

Medals to top 3 finishers in each category.

Categories are:

Beginner Men 12-19

Beginner Men 20-34

Beginner Men 35+

Sport Men 34 & Under

Sport Men 35+

Expert/Elite Men 34 & Under

Expert/Elite Men 35+

Single Speed Beginner/Sport

Single Speed Elite/Expert

Women Beginner/Sport

Women Expert/Elite

Kids 11 & Under

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The Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association is YOUR voice in local & regional trail access issues. Without your support NIMBA can not exist.

Your membership dollars fund NIMBA's efforts to expand trail access and maintenance in Northern Indiana. Thanks to the support of our members we have built and expanded trails in Northern Indiana!

By keeping our members informed and aware of the challenges and opportunities continues to allow us to develop new trails in the area! But our greatest asset is keeping the trails under our watch maintained.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your memberships and donations to help with our costs, but not all of NIMBA's needs are financial. Join, attend a meeting and see where your talents can be utilized!

Membership Application / Renewal Form

- New Membership Renewal Change of Address
 Family \$25 Individual \$20 Patron / Shop \$50
 Donation \$ _____ I still want a paper newsletter. Opt out of email.

Name: _____
First Last

Address: _____
Apt

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

How did you find NIMBA? NIMBA Event Newsletter / Brochure Web Site
 Friend or Co-Worker Bike Shop Other: _____

General Release

The undersigned hereby releases, on behalf of myself and all other persons, the Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association, Inc. (NIMBA) and its officers, members, and agents from any and all claims and causes of action which may accrue as a result of any accident or event which may occur as a result of the undersigned's participation in any event sponsored by, or promoted by, NIMBA or its officers, members or agents, or which may occur as a result of the undersigned's use of any property or equipment owned or obtained through NIMBA, its officers, members or agents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

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Local Events

January

Sun 31 MMBA Expo in Lansing

February

Sun 21 Swiss Valley Mountain Bike race 10:00 AM

March

Fri 5 Swiss Valley Mountain Bike race 6:30 PM

Sat 6 HMBA Annual Meeting at Brown County

Sat 27 Swap meet: Pinhook Park 10-2

Sun 28 NIMBA TK Lawless Trail Cleanup & Workday 9-1

April

Sun 11 NIMBA Rum Village Spring Kickoff & Trail Cleanup 9-1

Sun 18 NIMBA Rum Village Rain Date

Sun 18 MMBA Yankee Springs Time Trial

Sun 25 Tailwind Pontiac Lake Time Trial

May

Sat/Sun 1-2 NIMBA Potato Creek Camping

/Trail Cleanup Weekend

Sat 1 DINO Winona Lake XC race

Sun 2 MMBA Ft Custer XC race

Sun 9 NIMBA Potato Creek rain date

Sat/Sun 15-16 Tailwind Brighton Stage race

Sat 29 Tailwind Bloomer XC race

Mon 31 NIMBA Part of South Bend West Side Parade

June

Sun 6 NIMBA TK Lawless Time Trial

Sun 13 Tailwind Ruby Campground XC Race

Sun 20 NIMBA Potato Creek Trail Trimming weekend 9 - 1

Sun 27 Tailwind Big M XC race

July

Sun 3 Tailwind Stony Creek Marathon race

Sun 11 NIMBA Potato Creek Time Trial

Sun 25 Tailwind Stony Creek Time Trial

August

Sun 1 NIMBA Imagination Glen

Time Trial

Sun 8 Tailwind Pontiac Lake XC race

Sun 14 Ore to Shore

Sun 22 CAMBR Palos Meltdown

Sun 22 Tailwind Ft custer Time Trial

Sun 29 Tailwind Stony Creek XC

September

Sun 5 NIMBA Bluhm Co Time Trial

Sun 12 Hospice Ride

Sun 19 NIMBA Rum Village Time Trial

Sun 26 Pando race

October

Sat/Sun 2-3 NIMBA Potato Creek Fall Camping/Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

Sun 3 NIMBA Potato Creek Time Trial & Series Awards

Sat 30 NIMBA Annual Rum Village Ride & Cookout

November

Sat 6 Iceman Race

Thu 25 NIMBA Annual Thanksgiving Ride

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