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Hello all!

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***“When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race.”
H.G. Wells***

1. Dubai Roadsters – Jordan Trip 12-16 October 2007

Here are the details for the Dubai Roadsters planned cycling trip to Jordan. Please find attached both the Agenda and Registration Form.

Unfortunately the rates are high but due to the season and the high demand we do not have much choice.

The biker's rate per person is AED 4,900 accommodated in a Double or Twin room. Single supplement is AED 520. Meanwhile, the rate for non-bikers is only AED 4,710 per person and for the children the rate would depend on whether they are accommodated with the parents or in a separate room.

A bus will be available for all spouses and children. The spouses could remain longer in the hotels for spa treatment or simple relaxation, separate shopping trips or sightseeing, which could be arranged.

In order to guarantee the airline seats and the room, I need a confirmation latest by 15 June 2007.

Please fill in the attached form, guarantee a cash down payment of 20% to be forwarded to Wolfi and the ticket will be reserved. The full payment has to be done latest on 15 August 2007.

Looking forward to bike with you through Jordan!

Best regards,

Thomas Tapken

2. Scott Bikes News – Saunier Duval Prodir at the Giro d'Italia

The most spectacular Giro d'Italia ever (dated 1/06/2007)





Sweeping victories on Scott bikes

For two days the athletes still have to fight at this year's Giro d'Italia to get the final decision. But, the riders of Saunier Duval Prodir can already be proud of their efforts during the last stages! Iban Mayo, Leonardo di Piepoli, Gilberto Simoni, Riccardo Ricco are the names which are skyrocketing the yellow team to the most popular one of the whole Giro

WINNER OF 4 STAGES

2 DOUBLE VICTORIES

GREEN JERSEY FOR THE BEST CLIMBER

4 victories, 3 riders, 3 stages, 1 bike! The riders are the luckiest ones because they get to compete on the lightest frames in the Pro Tour! 790 grams of carbon, a high-end frame which offers highest stiffness while riding in best comfort! The Addict, built for 100% racing! Nevertheless the CR1 road bike was still used at this Giro! Leonardo di Piepoli won the mountain stage on a CR1 frame, saving 100 grams of weight again, only due to the frame weight of 880 grams.

The new Scott Addict (and all other models) can be seen at Wolfi's. A new shipment of bikes arrived today from Scott.

3. Comments about the Dubai Roadster Road Rides – your feedback

Hi Wolfi,

Just thought that I would send you my thoughts on how we may be able to avoid any serious accidents riding with the peloton moving forward. I am the first to agree that riding should be enjoyed by all regardless of your fitness level. However, it is obvious that there are people who ride in the group that have little exposure to riding not only in a peloton but at high speed also. With this in mind it is putting not only those who have little or no experience at risk but those who have had many years experience. Last night's accident wasn't about who was right or who was wrong; it was just a case of the rider who caused the accident being sorry to the rider who was injured. My thoughts are as follows for those who are wanting to ride in a peloton:

- Let common sense prevail at all times
- Establish either 2 or 3 groups that are consistent with experience (Sunday & Tuesday riders only)
- With these groups it should be made perfectly clear that a "speed limit" or range be enforced.
- Distance between the groups be kept at all times
- Obey the "code" of the peloton, riding two abreast and keeping to the right of the lane at all times
- Give consideration for those riding alone and give plenty of space to them.

Having ridden for the past 30 years at a high level, I have not yet encountered any issues that can't be resolved amicably; this current issue is one that needs to be addressed in a group level with more senior riders taking an active part in encouraging those who are less experienced. We ALL need to remember that we too were inexperienced at the start.

Regards
Paul Douglass

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Wolfi and Riders,

Firstly, thank you all very much for the assistance offered when Vanessa came down, she remembers only colours, such as the tall guy in the yellow shirt and Gaby with the guy in the blue coloured top who helped her into the car. Thanks to Desmond for the roadside medical check over and of course Wolfi.

Vanessa not knowing which day of the week it was thankfully had nothing to do with concussion, but was rather just a blonde thing, she just did not know :)

Vanessa will be fine, but may require further root canal and or cap tooth treatment should this flare up with the break being so near the root/ nerve. We will wait a few days and see. She has thus officially passed her crash test dummy course with the token cuts, grazes and bruises.

Vanessa was attended to in emergency rooms by Dr. Matthieu Gabriele who was also riding on Tuesday night, who offers the following advice to anyone suffering a broken tooth. Keep the piece of the tooth in your mouth, or milk or distilled water, DO NOT PUT IT IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE. The properties of normal water differ and will destroy any hope of saving the piece of tooth.

We as cyclists are prone to many dangers and always expect it to be from a road related obstacle or vehicle and consider riding in a bunch as safe.

We are in no way apportioning any blame, other than stating the obvious to ride safely by keeping to the basics. What upset us last night was that the comment was made that "he is a kid"

We should all understand our limits and the associated risks when riding within a peloton at that pace.

Our youngsters should understand and be made aware of the associated dangers and the basics of road use. Riding with a group like this brings with it the same responsibilities as anyone else carries when riding within a group.

What can we do to prevent a recurrence of such an incident at Nad Al Sheba or anywhere else for that matter?

The scenario:

- Vanessa was clearly in the run off paved area with me slightly behind and to her left on the road to offer protection from the approaching bunch. I had informed her the bunch was approaching and she maintained her pace and held her line.
- A few riders passed us very close to the left but safely before a rider overtook me on the "RIGHT" and crashed into Vanessa.

On looking back, it appears the lead riders exercised a peel off and did not leave enough room for this manouever with the minimal distance left approaching slower riders.

We were unaware of this until post incident investigation, detailed it.

In looking back what could have been done to prevent this occurrence and what can we take into consideration for the future.

- Lead riders need to communicate to the bunch via hand signal or verbally that they are approaching slower riders and in so doing CONTROL the bunch by passing further away so riders in the middle to back of the bunch have enough time to move across to the left. We all know what it feels like to have a truck surge past us when we least expect it.
- For the sake of the riders you are approaching, make them aware, "shout incoming or whatever" In our case, we knew the bunch was approaching and held our line.
- On passing, leave enough room incase of other riders in the bunch being unaware a manouever is taking place. Make the other riders in your bunch aware that the peleton is passing an "obstacle / slower riders.
- Allow the riders that have peeled off to get back into the middle of the bunch, do not allow them to slip off the back and ride home alone.
- The basic rule applies, overtake on the LEFT ONLY.
- The paved run off area at the Nad Al Sheba roadside is where you can expect slower riders, recumbents etc.

As a rider, be aware, employ the **IPDE Principle** of **Interpret** the conditions, **Predict** what could happen, **determine** your course of action, and be prepared to **EXCEUTE** it safely. By looking ahead **FAR, MIDDLE, NEAR - NEAR MIDDLE FAR** you and those around you will all be much safer.

Thanks again to all concerned for your assistance and well wishes.

Guys - It is not just a guy thing! , she did ask how her bike was :)

Get up, scrape off the tar and continue riding.

Regards,

Vanessa & Mark

4. Pictures from the Friday Ride 1/6/2007

Can you find yourself in the bunch?



5. Wolfi's Corner – Meet the Staff!

Here is the next installment of people you will find at Wolfi's.



King Sunny – “King” Service Technician & Sales

Our BMX specialist has ridden BMX bikes for over ten years. His specialty is Freestyle flatland tricks. If you're lucky you may see him balancing, spinning and twirling his bike in a breathtaking way. King loves the freedom of riding and is always looking to express himself through his antics on his BMX. His enthusiasm is contagious.



Mujeer Accountant

Our newly-wed Mujeer is the 'go to' guy whenever things are lost. His near photographic memory helps us in many ways. Not only does he balance the books but can also tread the sales floor with ease. Mujeer is an all-rounder who has made himself invaluable since joining the team in 2006.

6. Dubai Roadsters have Road Rides for everyone

I wanted to remind everyone that the Dubai Roadsters have group rides every Tuesday and Sunday evenings at Nad Al Sheba. This is on a closed circuit and caters to all levels of rider. The rides begin at approximately 7.30pm, though there are always riders training here, and you can finish whenever you wish.

For the more experienced there is a longer Ride every Friday morning, starting at the Lime Tree Café on Jumeirah Beach Road at 5.30am. This ride attracts around 70 riders and there are 3 distances that you can do; 70km, 100km, or 120km. The Ride finishes at the Café where you can enjoy a great coffee and meet all your fellow cyclists.

If you would like further information about these rides including maps, please email me at david@wbs.ae and I will send the information to you.

OTHER NEWS

7. Canada Coast to Coast Charity Ride 2007

U.A.E. resident Andrew Baker and his mate Ben Knock will attempt to cycle across Canada and raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Support charity along the way.

See attached flyer "Canada Coast to Coast Charity Ride 2007" for details.

8. Tony Griffin Foundation – cycling for charity

Tony is cycling across Canada to help raise money for cancer charities. Take a look at the website www.tonygriffinfoundation.com for more details. He has the support of Lance Armstrong as well. Any cyclist who is interested can follow his progress on the web and also make a donation if they wish.

9. Ride for the Roses - Netherlands

This is the Dutch version of the Lance Armstrong Foundation's Ride of the Roses, a charity ride that raises money for cancer charities. For more information please go to www.ridefortheroses.nl. This website is in Dutch only.

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