



PENVELO
SUMMIT BICYCLES

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Happy New Year! Welcome to the first edition of the Pen Velo Newsletter. The newsletter will take the place of the club meetings and will provide information of general interest to all club members. Race team meetings will continue as scheduled. To submit questions, comments or content, please email: social@penvelo.org

Pen Velo thanks outgoing officers Andrew Hsu (President), Cory Roay (Vice-President) and Tommy Evans (Secretary) for their many years of dedicated service.

The officers for 2018 are:

President: Randy Smith (new)
Vice-President: Andrew Chew (new)
Treasurer: Michael Tauber (continuing)
Secretary: Norma Hilton (former Board member)

At Large Board of Directors:

Colleen Chew (continuing)
Andrew Horvai (continuing)
Chris Levins (new)
Jeffrey Patterson (continuing)
Chris Sontag (new)
Brandon Tyler (continuing)

Bill Fallis is resigning as a voting member of the Board and as Athletic Director. He will remain in an advisory capacity. Current and former officers and directors are truly appreciative of Bill's many years of leadership and guidance. (Read more about Bill on page 3.)

Appointed key volunteers:

Athletic Director: Menko Johnson (new)
Membership Director: Tommy Evans (continuing)
Sponsorship Director: Travis Ma (continuing)
Web Director: Yvonne Walbroehl (continuing)

Reminder: Membership renewals are due by January 31, 2018. Anyone joining after that date will be charged the full new member price of \$65. Go to the "Join/Renew" page at Penvelo.org and renew today for \$45.



**SAN BRUNO
MOUNTAIN
HILL CLIMB**

January 1, 2018, ushered in a new year of racing and once again, Pen Velo hosted the classic San Bruno Mountain Hill Climb. Over 120 racers braved the foggy, cold morning, not to mention more than a few hangovers, to start the year off right: racing their bikes! Thanks again to the dozens of volunteers who made this race a success. Pen Velo dominated the M65+ event with Frank Masterson (2nd) and Glenn Fetsch (3rd) stepping onto the podium and Frank Rice close behind in 4th. Full results can be found at: USA Cycling.

A little bit of history: The San Bruno Mountain Hill Climb has been in existence since 1974. It was sponsored by Club Endspurt and referred to as "Hungover Hill Climb." Pen Velo/Bill Fallis took over promoting the race in 1980. Watch for a full history of the club coming soon to the club web site. If you have photos or stories of historical interest please email: social@penvelo.org



(History and photo courtesy of Bill Fallis)



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Summit Bicycles has been a supporter of Pen Velo for many years. In 2010 it became an official sponsor and in 2015 became the title sponsor. The Summit Bicycles stores that

we know and love today began way back in 1922 as Burlingame Cyclery. In 1993, Leslie Austere, along with a partner, purchased Burlingame Cyclery and Foster City Cyclery. Leslie acquired all rights to each company and changed the name to Summit Bicycles in January 1995.

In 1997 Leslie opened a third location in Los Gatos. Locations in San Rafael and Berkeley followed during the next two years. The Berkeley store closed at the end of its lease. San Rafael was purchased from Summit by the store manager in 2005 and it is now "Acme Bikes."

The Los Gatos store moved to its current location on East Main Street in 2000. Leslie built out the store, and knowing how much cyclists love their caffeine, he included a cafe. He sold the cafe approximately three years later.

The Burlingame location moved in the fall of 2004 from Burlingame Avenue to its current location at 1031 California Avenue. The new location is more than double the size of the old store.

Current owner, Ian Christie, started working for Summit Bicycles at age 13, in exchange for bike parts. He did just about anything and everything Leslie would allow him to do. Ian lived in Santa Cruz, but in the summer his father would drop Ian off at the cafe in the morning on his way to work. Ian would clean the cafe and when the bike shop opened, he would then clean the bike shop.

In case you are wondering why Leslie let a 13 year old work for him, Ian was close friends was Leslie's son, Cole. Ian was fortunate enough to be included in various trips and adventures Leslie organized for his family, friends and co-workers. It was through persistent asking that Ian got the coveted "grom" position.

At 16 years old Ian moved to the sales floor, where he was very successful. Ian became the store manager at 18 and at age 20 he took over operations for the Burlingame store.

In April of 2008 Leslie and Ian agreed to a transition of ownership. The transition would take almost six years to complete. Leslie provided Ian with a tremendous opportunity and became his mentor.

In August of 2010 Summit bought the Trek Store of San Jose. In March of 2015 Summit moved the San Jose store to its current location at "The Plant" shopping center, changing the name from the Trek Store of San Jose to Summit Bicycles.

In the fall of 2013 Summit remodeled the Los Gatos store, completely removing the cafe. In October of 2014 Summit opened a fourth location in Santa Clara.

All that flurry of activity resulted in three store build-outs in approximately two and a half years. But it didn't stop there. On March 1, 2017, Summit purchased the rights and assets to operate the Beeline mobile repair franchise which covers the area from San Francisco to Santa Cruz. On April 1, 2017, Summit opened its fifth location in Palo Alto. In between all of that, in the winter of 2015, Summit started a rental specific brand/company called "San Jose Bike Rentals."

Today Summit Bicycles has five retail locations, an online business, seven mobile repair vans, more than a 100 rental bikes and over 50 employees. Summit has changed a lot over the years. The goal, however, has never changed: to help people love bikes as much as Summit does.

Leslie Austere built Summit Bicycles and created a phenomenal foundation that Ian is still building upon. Ian and everyone at Summit Bicycles thank Leslie for his exemplary leadership and friendship over the years.



Meet Ian's family

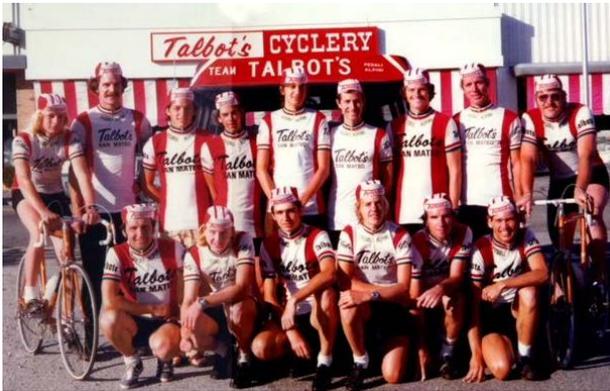
Ian lives in Scotts Valley with his wife Katie and three daughters: Kennedy, 7, Audrey, 4, and Elodie, 18 months. Ian and his family also share their home with an Australian Shepherd, two Maine Coon cats, and a chicken. Katie graduated from U.C. Berkeley, earning a BA in rhetoric with honors. Ian would like to point out that there are no arguments in their household, because

Katie wins them all! The family loves spending time together and taking trips to Disneyland.

Summit history and photo courtesy of Ian Christie

Peninsula Velo Cycling Club: A snapshot in time – 1975.

In 1975 Peninsula Velo spun off from the Pedali Alpini club with the 15 "A" riders pictured below. The club received cash sponsorship from Talbot's Cyclery of San Mateo. Tom Simpson was the athletic director, jersey designer, and equipment procurer (Nishiki frames). Bill Fallis was the President for the first 20 years and was the only Masters athlete in 1975. The team went through 14 jersey designs for 45 years and grew in membership from the original 15 to 300 in 2017. Steve Aldridge was the team mechanic working at Talbot's. Team meetings were held at the San Mateo Beresford Park center and then moved to the Belmont Library. Team meetings were announced by postcards from Bill. Training ride dates were communicated via phone trees.



1975 team

Back row - Bill Robertson, Matt Criste, Craig Elliot, Tom Hardy, Bill Henner, Tim Nicholson, Dick Spear, Bill Fallis, Alex Koslov.

Front row - Vince Moran, Tim Johnson, George Walruff, Tom Hill, Joe Terhar, Mike Jacobousky

(History and photos courtesy of Bill Fallis)

Meet Bill Fallis:



Pen Velo would not be the club it is without Bill's tireless efforts to keep the club on track and growing. As mentioned above, a full history of the club is in the works, but for now here is a brief history about Bill. He purchased his first road bike (Gitane) when living in Palo Alto in 1965. He spent many hours riding the Peninsula and coast routes with locals. He made his first of many four-day trips to Los Angeles in mid-1960s. He started racing at the Northbrook track in late 60s while working in Chicago. Bill moved back to San Mateo in 1974 and started racing with the Pedali Alpini Club, which became Peninsula Velo in 1975. He assumed role of club president and held that position for 20 years. He later transitioned to the position of Athletic Director beginning in 2000, a position he held until the end of 2017. In his 45-year career he completed about 1500 races, winning 86 times. In 1995 he moved to Vienna, Austria for two years racing and coaching for Tyrolia, a local continental team. He raced at the local 250 meter, 45-degree board track for two winters and in masters' road races in Northern Italy. He had a part time gig as consultant working for Amdahl on applications for Austrian Post Telecom. He joined Clark Natwick to assist him in the 1996 pro world Cyclocross championships in Munich, Germany. Clark and Bill received USCF (now USAC) elite coaching certificates at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bill was lucky to coach Deidre Murphy (Irish national team) placing 1st in world's road masters 35+, Linda Jackson (Canadian national team) placing 3rd in pro world championships in 1996 Lugano, Switzerland, and Andrew Bradley (Austrian national team).

Here is a partial list of Bill's local victories:

- Cherry Pie criterium 1981
- Benicia road race 1983
- Cherry Pie criterium 1984
- Tassajara road race 1984
- Camellia Festival 1984
- Brentwood road race 1984
- Modesto road race 1984
- Park Plaza road race 1984
- Memorial Day omnium overall 1984
- Camellia Festival 1985
- Lodi criterium 1985
- Benicia road race 1985
- District Criterium Championship 2004
- District Pursuit Championship 2007

Bill also participated in many major races:

- 1976 Masters National Criterium, Wisconsin: 7th
- 1978 Wildwood, NJ Criterium: 1st (beating two former US road champions with lead-out by PV'er Fred Fisk, winner of 1971 Cat 1/2 Nevada City)
- 1980 Michelob Tour of Hawaii: 3rd
- 1980 Masters National Road Race, San Diego: 5th
- 1984 Speed Week Omro Criterium: 1st (beat World track champion Manfred Nepp)
- 1984/1985 Wisconsin Lowenbrau Speed Week: 1st, 2nd, 2nd
- 1986 Tour of Canada: 1st
- 1987 Tour of Mexico: 2nd, 1st
- 1991 Masters National Criterium: 11th
- 2011 Masters Nationals Criterium, Bend OR: 5th
- 2012 Masters District Track Points, San Jose: 1st
- 2012 Masters National Track Points, San Jose: 2nd

(History and photos courtesy of Bill Fallis)

Pen Velo Racing Recap

2017 was a very successful year for Pen Velo, including 14 District Championships and participation at National and World championship events. Here is a summary of the team's wins and major accomplishments for the year:

NCNCA BAT (Best All-Around Team)

- Overall Team – 2nd
- 35+ cat 4 – 1st
- 45+ cat 4 – 2nd
- E3 – 3rd
- E4 – 3rd
- M55+ - 3rd
- W35+ - 4th
- W4 – 7th
- W3 – 9th

Individual Accomplishments

District Championships (14)

Road

- W55-59 Time Trial (Yvonne Walbroehl)
- W55-59 Road Race (Helen Casabona)
- W65-69 Time Trial (Norma Hilton)
- W65-69 Road Race (Norma Hilton)
- W65-69 Criterium (Sara Stearns)

Track

- W60+ 500m TT (Sara Stearns)
- W60+ 2km TT (Sara Stearns)
- W65+ Team Sprint (Sara Stearns)
- M55-59 Scratch Race (Bill Brissman)

Red Kite Omnium Series

- Overall Team – 1st
- E3/4 – 1st (3 top 10)
- M35+ 3/4 – 1st (3 top 10)
- E4 – 2nd
- M55+ 3/4 - 2nd
- M45+ 3/4 – 3rd (2 top 10)
- M55+ 1/2/3 – 3rd

- M60-64 2km TT (Greg Bollella)
 - M45-49 3km TT (Andreas Schulten)
- ### Cyclocross
- M45+ cat 1/2/3 (Murray Swanson)
 - M45+ cat 4/5 (Shawn Becker)
 - M55+ cat 4/5 (Ken Salvail)

Major Wins

- San Bruno Hillclimb (Jarno Rajahalme)
- Snelling Road Race (Bryan Cheung)
- Copperopolis Road Race (Brian Kellison, Reed Williams, Yvonne Walbroehl)
- Chico Stage Race (Lanier Benkard)
- Mt. Hamilton Road Race (Lanier Benkard)
- Davis Criterium (Andrew Chew)
- Modesto Road Race (Richard Graetz)
- Nevada City Classic (Colleen Chew)
- Burlingame Criterium (Reed Williams)
- Leesville Gap Road Race (James Rainbow)
- Red Kite Summer Bump Circuit Race (Helen Casabona)

Team Totals

55 Wins. 159 Top 3s. 461 Top 10s.

(Results compiled by Yvonne Walbroehl and Matt McNamara)

Cyclocross season recap.

- Matt McNamara

Cyclocross season, in all its abbreviated glory, is nearing the crux of the season. That's right, District and National Championships are just around the corner and Pen Velo is taking a strong and capable squad to both races. U.S. Nationals has been a focal point for the team all season, a season built on lots of racing. It all kicked off in early September with the always challenging Central Coast CX series, host of 4 events during the month. Andrew Horvai led the team with a win and two other podium performances. Shawn Becker, Matt Johnson, and Brooke Horvai also pulled podium performances during the series.

The stakes went up a bit at the 2 day USA Cycling Sanctioned West Sacramento Gran Prix at the end of the month. Justin Etinger pulled an impressive 3rd place on day 1 in the 35+ "B's", while Bryan Cheung (35A), Basil Moutsopoulos (45A), Bill Harkola (55A) and Ross Tinline (55A) also finished in the top 10 over the weekend.

October saw new riders in the mix with Serge Plasschaert (45C), Matt Johnson (C), Martin Kozera (35B), Tom Switzer (45B), Bryan Kwan (35A), Mark Koenig (55+), Yvonne Walbroehl (MW55) and David Porter (35B) all cracking the top 10 across top notch events like the Surf

City Halloween Cup, Central Coast CX, and the Rock Lobster cup.

In November the results just kept coming, thanks in part to the overall depth of the team. As evidenced by the 17 different racers above scoring top 10 finishes, Pen Velo puts a lot of riders on start lines across Northern California during the season! Nearly everyone's favorite race of the year is the always thrilling Bay Area Super Prestige course at Coyote Point. This year a total of 17 riders from PVCX took part on a course that was the most technical and fun one of the season. It was all the regular characters with Warrick Taylor, Steve Hindman, and even team coach Matt McNamara toeing the line. Andrew Horvai lead the way with an impressive 2nd in 45C and 6th in 45B, Coach Matt rode to 3rd in 45A, while Bill Harkola (4th), Ross Tinline (6th) and Ken Salvail (9th) had strong showings in the M55+ race. Horvai followed up with a 45B win at the "Super Pro" race in Vallejo the next weekend and we put 6 riders in the top 10 at the Surf City "Turkey Cross" race on November 19th.

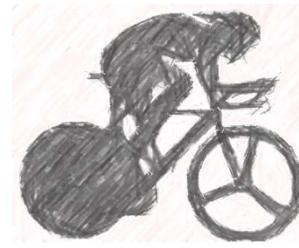
The racing tapered off a bit in December, but not to be dissuaded Pen Velo racers ventured abroad to race the always excellent Sacramento Cyclocross series the first two weekends. Shawn Becker, Mark Koenig, Bret Benton, Ethan Benton, and Yvonne Walbroehl joined recently-returned-to-racing Rene Larro for the festivities. The run to Nationals is in full swing now with nearly a dozen riders set to compete. Here's wishing the squad luck as they gear up for Reno!!

Cyclocross in action:



Coach Matt

- Bob Stender photo



The triumphant return of the Beat the Clock Time Trial series!

After spending a year chasing down a World Champion's jersey, World Champion Jeromy Cottell is back with some additional support (that's Chris Levins, Lanier Benkard, and Andrew Hsu) to get the Beat the Clock Time Trial Series going again for 2018. What is "Beat the Clock" you may ask? Well, just like bicycling, it's many things to many people. First off, it's a "low-key" (you know, low key events just never really are), non-sanctioned time trial series started in 2005 by Patt Baenen-Tapscott and Carola Berger of Alto Velo as a fundraiser for Livestrong Foundation. In 2015 Jeromy Cottell single-handedly took over the series as a fundraiser for the San Mateo County Parks Foundation. The "non-sanctioned" portion of the series means that it is not an official race, so the event is open to anyone who registers. USAC licensed bike racers and unlicensed riders, triathletes and mountain bikers can all try their hand at racing against the clock on the rolling ten mile Canada Road course. Since BTC is not officially a race, no prizes are given out, but results are posted, so everyone will know who "won." BTC works great for riders to try out their TT gear under realistic racing conditions. The astute reader will notice that the series dates were chosen to be just before some key TT races on the NCNCA race calendar. The *tentative* dates right now are:

Feb 10
Apr 14
May 19
July 28

Currently we are in the process of securing permits and insurance for each of the above dates. If you have any questions and/or would like to help volunteer, please contact one of the organizers. Stay tuned for more details on registration, volunteering, and other logistics. In the meantime, dust-off your TT bike and spread the word to your friends who have always wanted to try their hand at a bike race, but were too afraid to mix it up in a pack setting.

- Andrew Hsu, on behalf of Jeromy Cottell,
Lanier Benkard, and Chris Levins