

## RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL RIDER:

- Preparation for a bunch ride,
- Food and drink,
- Able to change punctures,
- Bike mechanical fitness,
- Selection of group to ride with,
- **Knowledge of our bunch etiquette**, (see website for details)
- Being on time for their particular group departure,
- Knowing the route they wish to ride on the day,
- To talk to fellow riders who may not be complying to club standards,
- Nurture any other rider who is struggling.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDE MANAGER:

Ensure bunch sizes are in keeping with the Club protocol. This is a maximum of 12, but preferably 8 to 10 riders per group.

- Nominate from the experienced riders a Bunch Leader, and a Tail End Charlie. Anyone with who has been with the club for a season should be reasonably expected to fill either of these duties!
- Remind the bunch; of known special conditions (sunstrike, roadwork's, air pageants, etc) ;
- Remind riders of our riding protocol (could be a different aspect each Sunday)
- Ensure someone does know the route;
- Advise new riders which bunch they should ride with, if the display they are probably in the wrong group;
- Where identifiable, introduce any new riders to the bunch.
- Ensure at least one has a phone for contact back to the Hall.

One accepts that as the expertise and speed improves through the groups, so does the knowledge and understanding. As it becomes second nature on how to ride together, the Tail End Charlie position is not so much needed. They do however have to be particular about their responsibilities in passing the slower groups, or (*shudder shudder*) coming across an "abandoned" solo Club rider from a slower group.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUNCH LEADER:

To be **the decision maker for the ride**, and represents our Club's best interests for safe riding.

- to ensure a new rider is preferably buddied up with an experienced rider, and at least introduced to the group.;
- Have a good knowledge of Bunch riding Etiquette, especially lapping techniques and turns.
- Ensure the road code is adhered to and that safe riding is practiced.
- determine where single file is the safest and most preferable option,

- to ensure a bunch member nurtures those who are new or struggling.
- Keep a numbers count to ensure that the group maintains a neat group presence and that no one is left behind, aided by the Tail End Charlie where appointed.
- Electing where and when re-grouping should occur, (after hill climbs and fast descents, some climb slowly {big guys} and descend fast, some climb fast but descend very nervously and slowly and lose touch with their bunch).
- Decision maker for altering the route or shortening the ride.
- Electing when a stop for tops to be put on or taken off, or if needed, a toilet stop.
- During or after a ride advise any rider that has become obvious that they should be in a slower or fast bunch from next weeks or to attach to a faster bunch coming through. This should be happening regularly as each rider finds and tests their level of ability.
- If there is an incident during the ride the bunch leader should be spokesperson if required, and should record any and all incidents in the club incidents book on return to the club. If there is a better witness within the group, the leader should get that person to also record what they saw.

**THE BUNCH LEADER AND TAIL END CHARLIE ARE NOT:**

- not legally responsible for the group,
- not the rider designated to be the rider at the front of the bunch,
- not necessarily the fastest or best rider in the bunch,
- not your catering manager,
- not the first aider or doctor,
- not the bunch mechanic or puncture repair expert,
- not the bunch police officer.