

Lethbridge BMX

May Newsletter

Hi all and welcome to another season of racing. Already we have had a great start, good weather (most of the time) and some great races.

We would like to remind everybody about the importance of having the correct plate and number on your bike. If you race at the provincial or higher level, you already know that you must use the number assigned to you on the correct type of plate. When you receive your license it will state your number, or check out our website. Under the **STANDINGS** crank there is a hit for the assigned number plates, if you raced at a Provincial level or higher. I am hoping to get the proper plates and numbers available at the track for purchase. Male riders race with a white plate, black numbers, females need a blue plate with white numbers and Cruisers race with a red plate and white numbers. Having the correct plate and number color also really helps at the finish line - they can read your plate! Please see Carmen in the moto shack if you have questions.

Another housekeeping item is a reminder to **ALL** riders and parents that foul language is not acceptable, on or off the track. UCI regulations state that "Riders using such language will be penalized in a manner to be determined by the chief commissaire." This will be enforced at our track. Please remember that you represent the sport of BMX and if we want to be respected in our sport, we must conduct ourselves worthy.

OK on to the fun stuff. A reminder of the upcoming Provincial races: Medicine Hat June 4, Edmonton June 18, Cochrane July 9, St. Albert August 6, Lethbridge August 20, Grand Provincial September 16, Calgary, Provincial Championships September 17, Calgary.

Lethbridge is hosting the Southern Alberta Summer Games and BMX is one of the sporting events. The event is open to all ages 6 and over.....Mom's and Dad's too. The track will be open to all newcomers July 5th from 12-8 and July 6 from 12-5. The race is July 6th at 6::00. Mark your calendars and tell all your school friends. Registration forms will be available soon (there is no registering the night of the race)

Red Deer is hosting the Alberta Summer Games July 27 - 30. These games are for ages 12-17. There will be a qualifying race at our track to be announced and a qualifying race in Redcliff June 10, \$5 fee.

We have temporary memberships this year. A \$25.00 fee give you 5 days at the track and would be credited toward your license if you decide to join. This is a great way to bring out your friends and relatives who may be interested.

We need first aiders at the track. If you are qualified in first aid, and are willing to help, please bring us a copy of your certificate and let us know when you are available. Also, for those who don't have first aid already, the club is willing to pay for a course in return for man hours on the track. Talk to any member of the executive if you are interested.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We need everyone's help selling tickets for a bike raffle to be held on May 15!!

We are having a Progressive 50/50 draw that will be drawn for at our Provincial. Please pick up your booklet to sell at the Moto shack.

The cub is having a virtual bottle drive this year. Take your bottles to either of the Rehab Society depots and tell them to put the money toward Lethbridge BMX.

A very big thanks to all our volunteers. Our executive works hard to make sure the club runs smoothly. However, if it weren't for the volunteers who work the casino, run the concession, sell 50/50, work at motocross races, rake, water, sweep, announce, keep our web site up to date, stand on the track so the kids can race, write up motos, score the racers, provide first aid and stage the riders. **WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL.**

OUR EXECUTIVE

Bindy and Shane Clark, Carmen DeLauw, Len Gundlock, John Lavorato, Jim Richardson, Kyle Van ee, Adonus and Darren Williams. Please approach anyone of the above if you have any concerns, we can't help if we don't know about an issue.