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## Top 3 Things to Do This Summer

*Britany Statt*

2013 has been a remarkable year for bikes so far, and the fun only continues! The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition's triple crown of events is about to begin. Support the SDCBC and local bicycling and join us for these events in the coming months.

### CicloSDias San Diego

Get ready for San Diego's first ever "open streets" event on Sunday, August 11th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. CicloSDias, a car-free event, will open 5.2 miles of streets in the heart of San Diego to pedestrians, cyclists, families and anyone who can imagine a new way to use them. Visit the CicloSDias website to check out the route: a continuous loop from Logan Heights to City Heights.

The event will include "Hubs" in 4 different neighborhoods in San Diego: City Heights, Logan Heights, North Park, and South Park. Each Hub will feature CicloSDias merchandise, showcase event sponsors, and host a bicycle repair booth. Event participants are encouraged to check in at each Hub and receive a free entry into our Bike raffle.

This free open street event will also feature activities along the route. Shops and restaurants will be open for business and neighbors and friends from all over will make our streets come alive.

## From the Director



The SDCBC kicked off our “Summer of Riding” with a Summer Solstice Ride held at the beautiful new Stone Brewery at Liberty Station. What a great evening, as we gathered with dozens of our members and friends for a casual ride and enjoyed some great locally brewed beer. Summer in San Diego is here and there is nowhere I’d rather be, especially when it comes to perfect riding conditions and so many great options. Whether I’m pedaling to the beach, the park, my local brew pub or restaurants, getting there by bike is the only way to roll. As all of us who ride know, we make an incredible impact in our local communities by getting around by bike. We are not only not polluting, but we are demonstrating our commitment to a healthy active lifestyle while helping our local economy by biking, shopping and dining locally. San Diego is a region where we can truly ride the ride when it comes to a bike-friendly lifestyle. AND it continues to get better and better, as you will read in this issue of ChainGuard.

The summer schedule is packed! There are regional bike corridor meetings where we are getting lots of great support from our network of advocates. Plus we’ve got an incredible line up of rides and our first ever “Open Streets” event, CicloSDias, which will bring thousands of San Diegans together for a car-free community celebration. And more is on the horizon. Read on for news about our incredibly exciting Bike Share program that will launch early next year in the City of San Diego, along with other important updates, helpful tips and more.

Finally, we dedicate this issue of ChainGuard to our friend and local bicycling legend Gordy Shields. We recently lost Gordy, but his impact on making our region better for bicycling will be with us forever.

It’s an amazing time for us as people who ride in San Diego County. Have a great summer of riding!

*Happy Riding!*

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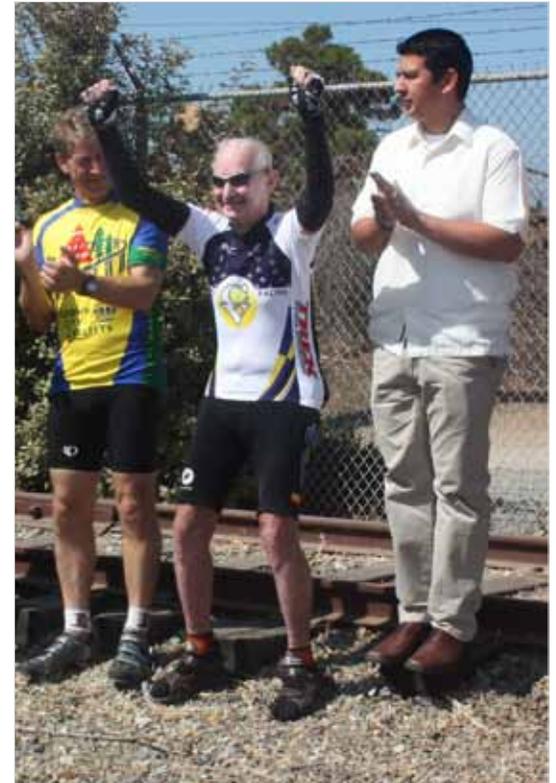
# Gordy Shields, San Diego Cycling Legend, Passes

*By Kathy Keehan, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition Board Member and former Executive Director*

Gordy Shields, San Diego cycling legend, passed away recently from complications from open heart surgery.

Cycling record holder (national time trial record holder for the 80, 85, 90 and 95 age groups) and passionate cycling advocate, Gordy was a personal hero to me. We attended many meetings together, most of which were about the Bayshore Bikeway, the regional treasure he championed from the 1970s onward. What struck me most about Gordy was his ability to be a strong advocate for cycling, while still being a warm compassionate person. He was kind to me when I was a new advocate still struggling to find my footing in a confusing bike world. He didn't care how far I rode or how fast, so long as I spoke up for cyclists. He understood that advocacy took a long time, and he always said that he hoped the Bayshore Bikeway would be finished before he passed. He never gave up, even during the dark days when it seemed the bikeway would never get started, let alone finished. The legacy of his perseverance lives on in the Bayshore Bikeway, along with other bicycling improvements all throughout the county. In his later years, Gordy was also an inspiring advocate for aging with grace and style, and was recently honored as one of San Diego County's "San Diego Legends."

What made Gordy special to so many was his warmth and kindness. He had a delight in everything he did, and that delight spread to every person whose life he touched. Gordy, we will miss your strength, your spirit, and your joy. Godspeed.



*Ground breaking for the H to Palomar section of the Bayshore Bikeway (2011)*



*From left: Gordy Shields, Rep. Scott Peters, NBA Legend Bill Walton, Andy Hanshaw (SDCBC), Coronado Councilmember Mike Woivode and County Supervisor Greg Cox*

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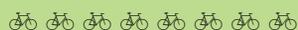
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## Top 3 Things... (cont'd from page 1)

### Getting to CicloSDias:

Walk, ride your bike, car2go, take public transit: this day is all about promoting alternative transportation. If this is new for you, don't worry! We have some ways to help:

- Feeder rides: Join a pre-ride to CicloSDias. Visit [www.ciclosdias.com](http://www.ciclosdias.com) for more info.
- car2go hubs: there will be a [car2go](#) hub at each end of the CicloSDias route for easy drop off and pick up to and from the route.
- Public transit map and schedule: [www.sdmts.com/map\\_timetable.asp](http://www.sdmts.com/map_timetable.asp).

*Interested in volunteering at any of these events? Please contact Jason Holland at 619-985-8764 or [jholland14@gmail.com](mailto:jholland14@gmail.com)*

### What to do while you're there:

Play in the streets! Walk, ride your bike, roller blade, skateboard, dance, and simply get to know your community. Shop and dine at the many local businesses you will pass along the way.

### Support future CicloSDias Celebrations:

Help ensure the sustainability of CicloSDias events in the future. Visit [www.ciclosdias.org](http://www.ciclosdias.org) to make a donation today. Our goal is to have these events multiple times a year and extend the route to new neighborhoods!

## 6th Annual Bike the Bay Community Bike Ride

Bike the Bay is a fun ride for people of all levels of riding ability. It brings together individuals, families, corporate teams, serious and not-so-serious riders to experience a scenic bayside ride and enjoy their only opportunity of the year to ride over the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge. The 25-mile route passes through the cities of San Diego, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista and National City. It finishes at Embarcadero Marina Park South with a festive celebration featuring food, entertainment and a New Belgium beer garden. This year's event will take place on Sunday, August 25th, 2013 and we hope you, your family and friends can join us! Register today at [www.bikethebay.net/registration.html](http://www.bikethebay.net/registration.html).

## Tour de Fat

If dressing freaky, riding bikes, listening to bands and drinking beer are things you like, then don't miss the most FUN fund-raiser around...Tour de Fat is coming back to

**Top 3 Things...** *(cont'd from page 4)*

town! New Belgium Brewing, maker of Fat Tire Amber Ale and other award-winning beers, is bringing the 14th annual Tour de Fat to San Diego on Saturday, September 28 in Balboa Park.

Gather up your friends, family and neighbors and come enjoy eclectic entertainment and stellar beer, all while helping local bicycle non-profits raise funds. The event is free, and all proceeds from beer and merchandise sales and donations from parade participants go to help make San Diego a better place to ride a bike. Last year, approximately 3,500 people came to the festival and raised nearly \$30,000 for local non-profits including the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition and the San Diego Mountain Biking Association.

To properly kick-start the festival, Tour de Fat begins with a giant bicycle parade that weaves through city streets. Each parade route is designed for people of all skill levels; everyone is welcome and colorful costumes are encouraged. For the rest of the afternoon, the stages heat up with world-class acts like Reggie Watts and He's My Brother She's My Sister, and the park becomes a celebration unlike any other.

Kids of all ages can ride funky bikes, eat delicious fare, relax on the grass, and participate in games and activities like the "Thousand Person Dance Contest," which will determine the winner of a 2013 New Belgium Cruiser Bike. Everyone 21 and older can sample new and classic favorites from New Belgium, including the brewery's flagship brew, Fat Tire, this summer's seasonal, Rolle Bolle, and selections from the acclaimed Lips of Faith series.

# Calendar

## JULY

July 28: BLT Ride: Bike & Learn Together (Coronado)

## AUGUST

- Aug 3: Spin Your Wheels: Ride Smart with SDCBC (University Community Library)
- Aug 5: Urban Bicycling Part 1: Intro to Safe Cycling (Oceanside)
- Aug 8: Education Committee Meeting
- Aug 10: Urban Bicycling Part 2: Street Skills (Oceanside)
- Aug 11: CicloSDias San Diego: [www.ciclosdias.com](http://www.ciclosdias.com)
- Aug 21: Organizational Development Committee Meeting
- Aug 23: Urban Bicycling Part 1: Intro to Safe Cycling (Oceanside)
- Aug 25: Bike the Bay: [www.bikethebay.net](http://www.bikethebay.net)  
Bike Local Sunday: [www.bikelocal.org](http://www.bikelocal.org)
- Aug 31: Urban Bicycling Part 2: Street Skills (Oceanside)

## SEPTEMBER

- Sep 7: Spin your Wheels: Ride Smart with SDCBC (Coronado Public Library)
- Sep 18: Organizational Development Committee Meeting
- Sep 22: Bike Local Sunday: Pacific Beach [www.bikelocal.org](http://www.bikelocal.org)
- Sep 23: Urban Bicycling Part 1: Intro to Safe Cycling (Oceanside)
- Sep 28: Tour de Fat  
Urban Bicycling Part 2: Street Skills (Oceanside)
- Sep 29: BLT Ride: Bike & Learn Together (Oceanside)

## OCTOBER

- Oct 20: Bike Local Sunday: Ocean Beach [www.bikelocal.org](http://www.bikelocal.org)
- Oct 26: BLT Ride: Bike & Learn Together (Highway 56)

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## City Council Approves Bike Share

SDCBC celebrates San Diego City Council's unanimous vote on July 9th approving the city's first-ever bicycle sharing program.

"This is a turning point for all of San Diego, and for our entire transportation system," said Andy Hanshaw, executive director at SDCBC. "We couldn't be happier about the City Council recognizing San Diego's strong bicycling culture and giving DecoBike the green light to grow our community."

DecoBike, a company dedicated to developing bicycle-sharing programs to move cities and improve communities' quality of life, won the approved bike share contract that the City Council vote put into action. With millions of miles pedaled in its award-winning programs in Florida and Long Beach, New York, DecoBike expects to see the same success in San Diego.

San Diegans can look forward to seeing bike share stations throughout the city beginning 2014. The bicycles live at solar-powered docking stations and come equipped with adjustable seats, large baskets and LED lighting. Station locations and user prices will be decided in the upcoming months with community input.

Bike share enthusiasts hope that with this new public transportation system in place, the region could see reduced miles driven and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

"The advantages of a bike share program are too vast to ignore—we're giving commuters more options to benefit the environment and their own personal health," said Hanshaw. "Plus, it's just plain fun."

Once the system is installed, San Diego will join an international list of bicycle sharing cities, including Montreal, Melbourne, Mexico City, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Boston. SDCBC enthusiastically hails the DecoBike bike-share launch as a win for the bicycling movement and a big step in the right direction for our city.

## San Diego Rides: Seven Bridges Loop

Carrie Stemrich

**The Seven Bridges Loop in Uptown** is a great ride for beginners: it's a mellow 6.5-mile circuit with little climbing involved, perfect for a cruiser or similar bike. It's a family-friendly too, as most of these streets tend to have fewer cars.

1. **Vermont Street Bridge.** Start behind the Hillcrest Trader Joe's on Vermont Street, and cross this bridge over Washington Street. Turn right on Lincoln and head across Park Blvd. to Georgia Street and the next bridge.
2. **Georgia Street Bridge.** Go south on Georgia Street to cross this North Park bridge over University Ave. From here, go back over to Park Boulevard and head south to Village Place. Stop by the Bea Evenson Fountain near the Rueben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. Follow the Promenade west from the fountain, and you will come onto El Prado.
3. **Cabrillo Bridge.** El Prado brings you over the Cabrillo Bridge, taking you out of Balboa Park to Laurel Street.
4. **First Ave. Bridge.** Go straight along Laurel to First Ave. and turn right (north) through Banker's Hill, where you will cross this bridge between Nutmeg and Palm.
5. **Spruce Street Bridge.** Continue north on First Ave. and turn left on Spruce to find this suspension footbridge built in 1912. This bridge tends to sway, but it is safe to ride across.
6. **Quince Street Bridge.** Make your way north along Brant Street and turn right on West Walnut Avenue. Then turn right again on Third Avenue to cross the bridge at Third and Quince.
7. **Upas Street Bridge.** Continue east along Quince Street, then turn left on 5th Avenue and make your way up to a right at Upas Street. The Upas Street path winds across the north edge of Balboa Park, down to a bridge across Route 163 and back up the other side. This is a pretty steep climb, but there is no shame in walking up this one.

To complete this route, keep going east on Upas, then left on Richmond, left on Essex and right on Vermont Street back up to your starting point. This is a great ride to explore aspects of the streets you may not see every day.

If you are new to cycling in this city or want to refresh your routine, you can find more rides for all skill levels at the SDCBC blog: [www.sdcbc.org/Blog.html](http://www.sdcbc.org/Blog.html)



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are held quarterly.

See Calendar for dates  
and locations.

# Two Wins for Bicyclists in Court

By Richard Duquette

Local cyclists have scored two wins in recent court cases.

Paul Bash was cited for a violation of CVC 22400: impeding traffic in Oceanside on Harbor Drive near the Monterey Fish house restaurant. Mr Bash hired me to defend him. A Not Guilty plea was entered and the case was set for trial. At trial, when the case was about to be reassigned to Commissioner Larry Jones, I filed a CCP 170.6 challenge form. As a result, Commissioner Armento kept the case. (See my [www.cc4j.org](http://www.cc4j.org) website and look under the “judicial” link for the form to challenge a judge.)

When testimony was taken, the Oceanside PD officer testified that Mr. Bash impeded traffic. On cross exam, the officer was impeached by photos, video and audio recording taken from a Contour video helmet camera worn by Mr. Bash while he was riding.

Then Mr. Bash testified, and again impeached the officer with the video, audio and a transcript of the recording. It clearly proved Mr. Bash had obstructed no one, and that the officer’s SUV drove around Bash just after he was motioned to pull over for a violation. The video cam also proved that just prior to detention by the officer, Bash was following a motor home, and that there was no one behind Bash. So, Bash impeded no one that day on Harbor Drive.

Then, American League of Bicyclists licensed Instructor Howard La Grange testified *pro bono* as an expert witness that Bash’s bicycling was safe and not impeding traffic. The video clip, photos, audio recording transcript evidence was introduced into evidence.

The case was taken under submission, and a few days later the court ruled Bash was Not Guilty. Thanks to members of the SDCBC for their sage bicycle expert advice in advance of the trial.

Earlier in the week in a different case, I represented William Hunt in Orange County for a violation of 21202 (a), failing to stay to the right. Hunt was riding home from work and was in the number one lane preparing for a left turn at the next intersection.

I represented Mr. Hunt *pro bono*. Again, SDCBC members provided expert advice before trial. At trial, the commissioner took the bench and called the case, but the Irvine police officer failed to appear. As a result, the case was dismissed for lack of prosecution.

Both Mr. Bash & Mr. Hunt gave me permission to post this summary. Their wins saved them fines and a DMV record, while upholding bicyclists’ rights. The hope is to educate the law enforcement and judicial community of the laws related to bicyclists and their rights to ride safely on the road.



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