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### **Cyclists take back the track for fast and exciting Monday night race series at Portland International Raceway. Races are organized for five months from April 14 – August 25.**

PORTLAND, Ore. (March 18, 2014) Ladies and gentlemen, turn off your engines! Cyclists will take over Portland International Raceway as the Monday Night Bike Race Series kicks off the season on April 14th. Hundreds of racers of all levels will participate in the long running series, which runs through August 25th.

“Bicycle racing continues to grow in Oregon, and we see new racers each year trying it out. PIR is a great place to learn about racing,” said series race organizer Jim Anderson. “The race series is designed for experienced, novice and curious bike racers alike. There are a wide variety of categories to fit the needs of a growing sport. Also, with the addition of the track being easily accessible in North Portland, we expect our great bike racing venue to be packed with racers this summer.”

All levels and abilities are welcome and encouraged to attend: all that’s required is a helmet, a road bike and a sense of adventure. There are separate races for novice men and novice women, two categories for more experienced master (aged 30+) men, and two categories for women (any age).

The course is a 1.9-mile, flat, wide and smooth paved loop of the Portland International Raceway in North Portland. The raceway circuit is closed to all car traffic.

Entry fee is \$15. Registration area opens at 5 p.m. and is located at the start/finish area in the middle of the track, opposite the main grandstand. An Oregon Bicycle Racing Association (OBRA) license is required to race and is available at registration for \$5 (single-day) or \$25 (annual) and is available at the race or at [www.obra.org](http://www.obra.org). Online registration is available at [www.racemondaynight.com](http://www.racemondaynight.com).

Support for new racers who want to learn is a priority for the Race Monday Night Race Series. The series offers short, concise and basic Introduction to racing clinics each Monday at 6 p.m. These clinics are organized by coaches and instructors of Upper Echelon Fitness and Rehabilitation and are a great way to get beginners up to speed and confident to try out the races. The series also receives support from a women’s racing group, Let’s Race Bikes. These ladies will gather during the first Monday of each month to answer racing questions, engage new riders and provide a fundamentals racing clinic.

Top-placed racers are eligible to receive gift certificates from these fantastic local sponsors Laurelwood Brewing Company and River City Bicycles, but the emphasis is on learning, improving and getting a great workout in a fun, sociable and exciting environment. Racing starts at 6:15 PM on Monday nights from April 14th to August 25th. More information at: [www.racemondaynight.com](http://www.racemondaynight.com).

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