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All levels of bicycle racers invited to the start line for the Monday Night Bike Race Series at Portland International Raceway. Races are organized for five months from April 11 - August 29 (no racing July 4).

PORTLAND, Ore. (INSERT DATE) Portland International Raceway shifts into high gear as the Monday Night Bike Race Series kicks off its season on April 11th. Hundreds of racers of all levels will sprint to the finish in this long-running series. Participants race for fun and prizes all season long every Monday night, April 11 - August 29 (no racing July 4).

"Bicycle racing at PIR continues to expand, 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 track being easily accessible in North Portland, we expect our great bike racing venue to be packed with racers this summer," said Anderson.

The series offers several opportunities to learn and get excited about bike racing for first-time racers. Free introductory racing clinics will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on May 2, June 6, July 11, and August 1. These short, concise clinics are led by Wenzel Coaching, professional coaches and experienced racers, and will teach the basics of racing to beginners.

All levels and abilities are welcome and encouraged to attend: all you need 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 (age 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 (1940 North Victory Boulevard, Portland, OR 97217) 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 \$30 (annual) and is available at the race or at www.obra.org. Online registration is available at www.racemondaynight.com.

This year the series has partnered with OBRA to offer free Day Membership to encourage novice racers to come out to PIR. These beginning racer events will be held May 2, June 6, July 11, and August 1. For these events, OBRA will waive the one-day membership fee (\$5) for racers rolling up to the start line for the first time. (\$15 entry fee still applies.)

Top-placed racers are eligible to receive gift certificates from fantastic local sponsors Laurelwood Brewing Company and River City Bicycles, and Castelli will award monthly leader jerseys along with the competition for the Team Prize. The Team Prize is \$1,000 for the team with the most collective points—across all categories—for a month. Teams are encouraged to enter as many racers as they can in all levels to increase chances of winning points. The prize will be awarded twice—once in July and once in August. But the emphasis is on learning, improving and getting a great workout in a fun, sociable, and exciting environment. Racing starts at 6:15 p.m. on Monday nights from April 11 to August 29.

More information at: www.racemondaynight.com.

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