

Trail opening ceremony

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The Golden Cycling Club recently completed construction of their first expansion trail and are planning an opening ceremony.

The club will host a special group ride on Saturday, July 3 to ride out and back on the newest trail in the Moonraker system.

Last year, through a partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MOTCA) and the Columbia Shuswap Region District (CSRD), the Moonrakers received significant improvements. This year, the Golden Cycling Club received approval from MOTCA to commence with a new project, assisted through a granting program through the Columbia Basin Trust. The club hired a trail crew to begin the project and work started on May 31.

Director for the Moonraker Trails, Rick Seward, says the Golden Cycling Club has received loads of support from members in the community for the new project. Pioneer Forestry helped with the mapping of the new trails, Alpine Helicopters has been instrumental in moving materials around to the various sites and hundreds of volunteer hours has helped bring the project to this point.

“We’ve been receiving a lot of positive feed back from locals and out-of-towners on the work we’re doing here,” says Seward. “With the new trails, bikers will be able to mix and match their route to create a 45 minute or four hour ride.”

The opening ceremony ride will be followed with hot dogs and drinks.

“We will meet and finish at the Cedar Lake trail head,” says Seward. “All skill levels are welcome. There will also be an opportunity to meet the new trail crew.”

The Golden Cycling Club is holding the meeting at the Cedar Lake trail head in an effort to reduce traffic on the private road to Sander Lake and would like to remind riders that are driving up to Sander Lake to access the trailheads that it is a private road. Please drive slowly and carefully.

Come out and try the newest addition to the trail systems. Cyclists should meet at 12 p.m. at the Cedar Lake trailhead for an afternoon of great riding and fun.