

Subject: [Fwd: NSMBA Night Riders!]
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Subject: NSMBA Night Riders!
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Dear Mayor and Council:

It seems that DNV has a real problem with some well-known NSMBA members. It can be considered to be "anti-social behaviour" toward DNV and the environment:

Mr. Lee Lau (*lawyer, and NSMBA member*) and his wife, Sharon Bader (*medical lab technologist(?), past-president of the NSMBA, and NSMBA "member at large"*) have decided, long ago, that the "rules don't apply to them"! They have confidently posted their "art" pictures of a recent night ride and "night hike" inside Mountain View Park. Why should they behave like civilized people, when mountain bikers/NSMBA have been continually rewarded by DNV for this very type of ongoing bad behaviour?(while clearly subverting fair and democratic process the past few years).

Who cares about conservation of critical habitat for a species at risk and a viable wildlife corridor, if it interferes with the mountain bikers' "epic ride experience", eh? These two mountain bikers are especially bold because they know they can get away with "thumbing their noses" at DNV, without worry about facing the consequences of their actions. They have learned that this kind of bad behaviour gets rewarded by the District. Bikers get permits from DNV to build on trails --- slated for closure (ie. "Pink Starfish"), as per the "plan". Mayor and Council remained silent.

"Straya" (*below*), stated it best in his post. prior to Lau and Bader's posts: **"A night ride could be construed that MTB'rs are a bunch of anti-authoritarian selfish "I'll do whatever I want and screw everyone else" punks who don't deserve to be consulted on future MTB management."** I believe, "Heckler" to be an NSMBA member/director, also. So why is DNV continuing to "work with" with the NSMBA "on future MTB management" in what many of us conservationists, other viable stakeholders, etc. view as a much "too cozy" relationship between the DNV and NSMBA? **This is all reflecting very badly on DNV's reputation, as this is being reported publically, world-wide on NSMB.com, and elsewhere:**

--Monica Craver--
North Vancouver, BC V7K 2R3
(Please protect and conserve Mountain View Park wetlands and upland area!)

<http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=109937&page=2>

04-23-2008, 09:15 PM

#16

[Straya](#)
Registered User



Join Date: Mar 2007
Location: Deep in the ghettos of Edgemont
Posts: 166
Rep Power: 517

Quote:

Originally Posted by [jcole](#)
I just think that you might be challenging the wrong things. I'd say challenge the sign, not the, erm what exactly will night hiking do for anyone ?

A night ride could be construed that MTB'rs are a bunch of anti-authoritarian selfish "I'll do whatever I want and screw everyone else" punks who don't deserve to be consulted on future MTB management.

A night walk demonstrates that the ban on night riding is silly if it only targets one of several night users of the area, if there is a legitimate concern about impacts of night usage of the area.

I ride Bikes

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[LeeLau](#)
Registered
User



Join Date:
Nov 2002
Posts: 4,282
Images: [30](#)
Rep Power:
713 

We communed with the darkness, ferns and frogs



like wraiths, we levitated over ground leaving no tracks



and then left, from whence we came




 Offline

Today, 08:56 AM

#18

[heckler](#)
back at 'er



Join Date: Oct 2003
 Location: North Van
 Posts: 4,964
 Images: [100](#)
 Rep Power: 2334 

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so, no RCMP showed up with the SWAT team?

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Today, 09:45 AM

#19

[TheGiggler](#)

Team Shuttleworth



Join Date: Jul 2003

Location: in the fog

Posts: 5,093

Images: [109](#)

Rep Power: 1959



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man night hiking is pretty intense! i'm thinking of selling my bikes and taking it up. the terrain around the frog ponds is sick!

Please support your local trail organizations by becoming a member:

- [North Shore Mountain Bike Association](#)
- [Burnaby Mountain Biking Association](#)
- [Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association](#)

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Today, 09:49 AM

#20

[Sharon](#)

Super Moderator



Join Date: Nov 2002

Location: in North Vancouver and elsewhere

Posts: 2,862

Images: [11](#)

Rep Power: 812



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Quote:

Originally Posted by [heckler](#)
so, no RCMP showed up with the swat team?

not while we were there. I sure hope the other guys picked up their beer cans though.

There was quite the pyramid formed!

quote

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Today, 10:30 AM

#21

[henry11106](#)

chainsaw-wielding zealot



Join Date: May 2005

Location: Coquitlam

Posts: 682

Images: [7](#)

Rep Power: 805



awesome! makes me want to grab my moto helmet and halogen light for some EXTREME DH night runningg!

Disclaimer: the above text is in no way or form intended to harm you. if by any chance you are offended by it, please take a moment to Harden the F*** Up. thank you.

"Trust that little voice in your head that says, 'wouldn't it be interesting if...'; and then do it."

-Duane Michals

And more: <http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=109580&page=11>

04-22-2008, 10:54 PM

#164

[AlanB](#)

Recreation User

Quote:



Join Date: Dec 2003
Location: WVAN
Posts: 64
Images: 5
Rep Power: 0

Originally Posted by [theweev](#)

timing's everything folks. seems the mayor himself will be at an Open House at Parkgate community centre April 22 from 9:30- 11am.

Thanks for letting us know about this. Glad I went. Mayor Walton was there. So was MC. There was equal representation. 😊

He is very aware of the reaction of bikers. Unfortunately some of them reacted with flame-mails, not how we want to present ourselves. Time to flame the flammers. 🤔

Despite this, he knows that DNV can work with bikers and realizes that the communication about this was not what it should be, which was my main beef. **As noted earlier, with no budget for bylaw officers, enforcement is not going to be an issue,** not that that makes this any better.

The main issue appears to be liability. There is a lack of understanding that riding at night is no more dangerous than during the day. Lawyers. <sigh>

The NSMBA is continuing to work with DNV on this. Hopefully they can work out something that is less discriminatory. If people using the park area at night is a problem, then put up a sign saying people can't use the park at night. ALL people. Don't target one user community and by implication say that everyone else can.

It's time to invite the mayor out for a night ride. I think he'd enjoy it, plus he'd learn that it's no different from day riding.

Last edited by AlanB; 04-23-2008 at 08:16 AM. Reason: Typo

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04-22-2008, 11:38 PM

#165

[HIBuLitT](#)

Black diamond rider ;)



Join Date: Feb 2005
Location: Kauai
Posts: 3,044
Images: 11
Rep Power: 2651

Quote:

Originally Posted by [AlanB](#)

It's time to invite the mayor out for a night ride. I think he'd enjoy it, plus he'd learn that it's no different from day riding.

Make sure you lend him the 13 watt 600 lumen HID.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [Adam West](#)

...i wish stupidity was painful.. like a brainfreeze kinda painful

Quote:

Originally Posted by [DaveM](#)



There should be a bigger rolleyes smilie. One that rolls the eyes back so far it hurts.

2008 - Year of the Frog <http://www.amphibianark.org/yearofthefrog.htm>

Kermit (It's not easy bein' green) the Frog, quote:

"It seems to me that if you wait until the frogs and toads have croaked their last to take some action, you've missed the point."

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