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The Newsletter of The Ultimate Fighters MS Cycling Team

A 501(c)(3) organization

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Our New Way of Staying in Touch!

Hello to all of our Ultimate Fighters team members, family and friends.

This is the inaugural issue of our new quarterly newsletter. Combined with the website and our Facebook page, we want to stay in touch with all of our teammates and friends throughout the year, not just one weekend a year!

We are planning some great things for this upcoming year, including new training rides, some happy hours and of course our ride in March.

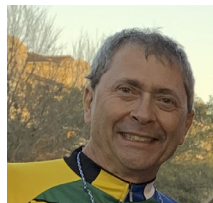
As everyone knows (hopefully), we have incorporated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This will make it easier for companies and sponsors to donate to us and be able to receive their tax incentive.

With this change we are required to have a board and a regular meeting. Below is some information on our board members, as well as when we will have our annual meeting.

One of the things that we would like to do in this newsletter is hear from other team members, why they ride, what their favourite part of the ride is and any suggestions to help make The Ultimate Fighters even better!

The Ultimate Fighters Board of Directors.

We are required to have a minimum of 3 board members, and for our initial board they are:



Marty Davis
President and
Co-Captain:

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Marty has been

riding in MS rides for over 25 years, including the Pedal to the Point in northeast Ohio, PGA Cycle to the Shore and of course the Citrus Tour. Marty and his wife Beth joined the Ultimate Fighters in 2016 when the former xpedx team became part of The Ultimate Fighters. In 2021 Marty was asked to help out as Co-Captain along with Susan and Melinda Lashlee. Marty and Beth enjoy riding along A1A on Amelia Island where they live with their golden retriever Trooper and black lab Ryder.



Barbie Blank,
Vice President
/Treasurer

Barbie's involvement with the Bike MS Citrus Tour started as a volunteer with BB&T Bank back in 2011. With a lot of persistence from

Upcoming Events

Time and locations are coming, but mark your calendars!

TUF Training/Fun Ride August 13th

TUF Happy Hour September 15th



Bike MS PGA Cycle to the Shore

October 22-23rd,
2022

There's still time to register with The Ultimate Fighters for this great ride along the Atlantic Ocean from Ponte Vedra to Daytona. 36, 56, 77 and 100 mile routes

Do You Know Someone Special?

We would like to feature our team members who help inspire us to ride every year. Do you know someone who fits the bill? Please send us their information and why they ride along with a picture to be featured in future issues

Send the info to:
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the Ultimate Fighters she finally gave in and starting riding in 2013. Barbie's husband Scott has been a strong supporter for the Ultimate Fighters team village and after years of support started riding 2 years ago.

Barbie has worked for Harland Check Printers, a bank vender for close to 20 years in varies roles from Sales, Project Management and Quality Control positions. Barbie decided to give up on corporate America and move into the community banking industry. She is now the Vice President for Florida Capital Bank, managing the Tampa Bay Market. Barbie and Scott, both proud natives of Florida live in Tampa and love to ride bikes, fish, and give back to the community by participating with local non-profit organizations of all kinds.



Tim Broderick
Secretary and
Co-Captain

Tim has been participating in MS Bike rides since 2012. It was at

that time that Tim organized a small team (Team xpedx) in support of his friend Brian Rippet when they both worked at xpedx. In 2016 Team xpedx merged with The Ultimate Fighters. Between the MS Citrus Tour in FL and the MS Best Dam Bike Ride in WI, he has been participating in rides every year since.

Tim has worked in the paper and packaging industry since 1986 in a variety of Sales, Marketing and Management positions. He currently works for Georgia Pacific selling corrugated boxes and is eyeing retirement in August of 2022. Tim and his wife Sandy grew up together in Two Rivers, WI but now reside in the Tampa area and have 3 kids and two grandchildren. They enjoy boating in the Tampa area, kayaking, playing pickle ball and of course riding their bikes. In retirement, their goal is to ride 50 miles in 50 states as well as participate in as many MS rides as possible.

Our board will meet on the evening before the ride in March, all team members are invited.

Our Honorary Board Members

In recognition of the founding of The Ultimate Fighters and all of the efforts they have put forward and their continued support to make this team the #1 Team in the MS Citrus Tour, we recognize:

**Ernie, Susan and Melinda
Lashlee**

**Without them, The Ultimate
Fighters would never have
happened and grown to be the
great group it is today.**

Thank You

Ernie, Susan and Melinda!

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Volunteers Needed

You can help out, even if you don't ride (or even if you do).

We need help with setting up and manning the tents, organizing training rides, help with sponsors and fund-raising and lot's more. If you can help out, please contact one of our board members:

Marty Davis

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Tim Broderick

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Barbie Bank

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The Ultimate Fighters take 2 Trophies for the 2022 Citrus Tour

This year the top fund-raising award went to Cool Today, and The Ultimate Fighters came in second, but we still took some honors with the Largest Team and the #1 Team in Fundraising for Family and Friends Category

