

Tailwind Express

December 2008/January 2009



Club Elections Successful!

Wednesday night's club meeting was well attended and resulted in a new, expanded slate of officers:

- **President** Ken Keeler
- **Vice President** Joe Galvagna
- **Membership** Matthew Friedman
- **Coordination with other clubs:** Aden Brown

Items of Interest discussed:

- No newsletter editor is currently available, so newsletters will be restricted to simple email notices such as this one. (volunteers will be welcomed!)
- The possibilities of doing more 'Sunday Rides' of a type the club used to run - to different locations, and of a social 'no-drop' character.
- Agreed that our ads should ask new riders to contact Ken or other designees so we know if we can accommodate their skill level before they show for a ride.
- Include information on the expected speeds of rides, so as not to discourage newer riders who find a ride too fast for them to enjoy.
- the possibility of adding more email and web-based interaction. (A bulletin board is under development, and will be announced before next riding season.)
- Lands' End is putting Annapolis Bicycle Club logos on their stuff for free, as long as you order by 5 December. Maybe an idea for yourself, or for Santa...check them out at www.landsend.com/business

The Christmas Party was also discussed, and we're looking forward to seeing you at that.

Finally, on behalf of ABC members and area cyclists, I want to thank our former ABC president Jim Claffey for his undying commitment and service as our president for many years! Jim produced the monthly newsletter, maintained the web site, advocated for safer roads for cycling, participated on government committees, led weekend rides, picked-up our mail, paid our bills, arranged for speakers at meetings, and a lot more! Scary! How did he do it? Performance-enhancing drugs? We don't know. What we know is that he did a great job as our president and we look forward to riding with him!

Ken Keeler
President, ABC