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PARIS-BREST-PARIS 2023 PREP SEMINAR VIA ZOOM

Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) 2023 is nearly two years away, and like a kid on December 1st waiting for that holiday to arrive, the wait may seem like forever. However, there is a lot you can be doing and for some of those things, two years may be barely enough time.

Come join us for a PBP Prep seminar on October 30th (6pm Eastern, 3pm Pacific) when some PBP *anciens et anciennes* will offer presentations on some of those long range aspects of getting ready for PBP.

Speakers include:

Greg Merritt
Deb Banks
Mark Thomas
Eric Norris
Rose Cox
Bryan Kilgore
Dawn Piech
Martin Ortega

To sign up for this Zoom meeting, [please fill out this form](#).

You may also wish to sign up for [this google group](#) devoted to PBP preparation.

ARE YOU IN MARKETING?

We are looking to increase our visibility to the wider cycling community. We could use your expertise and input to help us move forward. We are looking for someone to assist us and take the lead role. Let's chat [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT: TEAM EVENTS AND THE TRACE EVENT

If you have been associated with Randonneuring for any length of time you are probably familiar with team events, the Flèche being the most popular. But are you aware of the Trace?

The Trace is run in conjunction with the Flèche and shares some common characteristics which include:

- Team event
- Teams must create and submit their route to the organizer for approval.
- The route finish must coincide with the time and location of the Flèche .

However there are significant differences from the Flèche which include:

- Teams may be composed of as few as two, and as many as six bicycles.
- To be homologated, at least two bikes of the same team must finish.
- The route is defined by distance, not duration. The route must be a minimum of 200Km and no more than 360Km but there is no minimal duration.

The purpose of this little gem is to choose a tourist route and to ride it in daytime hours. Teams can start and finish on the same day, or they can start on the day before the common meeting with Flèche riders, make an overnight stop, and arrive the next day. Trace riders can then celebrate their accomplishments in conjunction with riders who have completed the Flèche.

AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN 100th ANNIVERSARY 300km BREVET

100 years of the allure libre celebration continues in 2022 with an Audax Club Parisien 300km on June 11th, 2022. Check with your [Regional Brevet Administrator](#) for more details about a possible ACP 300km in your region.



ELECTIONS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Two positions on the RUSA Board of Directors will become available at the end of 2021. The terms of Deb Banks and John Lee Ellis are expiring. They are not eligible for re-election.

Members may nominate up to two current RUSA members to run for those two positions. **We are still accepting nominations until October 20th.** Currently, the following individuals have accepted their nomination and will be slated on the ballot:

Iwan Barankay (RUSA #12742)
Paul Kramer (RUSA #2691)
Jan Mack (RUSA #12589)
Scott Manning (RUSA #9105)
Charlie Martin (RUSA #12815)
Vincent Muoneke (RUSA #5004)

Additionally, Regional Brevet Administrators (RBA's) may nominate an RBA for the position of RBA Liaison. San Francisco RBA Rob Hawks currently holds this position and is eligible for re-election. He has agreed to run again for this position and is slated on the ballot.

Email nominations to election@rusa.org or click the button below to submit your nomination to the Election Supervisor, Johnny Bertrand. Submit up to two name(s), their RUSA number(s) and your name in the email. Only RBA's may nominate for the RBA-L position.

All nominations must be received by October 20th, 2021.

[NOMINATE HERE](#)

The trace is an opportunity for riders to start the season with a team event even if they are not up to the rigors of a Flèche. If this sounds like fun to you, consider riding a Trace as an introduction to team events. Find the rules [here](#).

If you are interested in organizing a 2023 Trace in conjunction with a Flèche in your region, the Team Randonnée Committee is willing to help you. Contact the team [here](#).



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UPDATE: AWARDS

In light of pandemic restrictions in many countries, Les Randonneurs Mondiaux and Audax Club Parisien have adjusted the timeframe for three awards:

CHALLENGE Lepertel: This award is issued by Les Randonneurs Mondiaux. More details on this award and respective changes may be found [here](#). *NOTE: timeframe adjusted after and including Paris-Breast-Paris 2019.*

ACP Randonneur 10000 (R10000): This award is issued by Audax Club Parisien. More details on this award and respective changes may be found [here](#).

ACP Randonneur 5000 (R5000): These award is issued by Audax Club Parisien. More details on this award and respective changes may be found [here](#).

[RUSA STORE:](#)

BEHIND THE SCENES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Interested in seeing what is going on behind the scenes of Randonneurs USA? Check out archived Board of Directors meeting minutes [here](#).

Want to chat with RUSA Headquarters? We would love to hear from you [here](#).

SCHEDULE

Glance at the [RUSA website for the latest schedule](#) and adventures available to you this fall and winter season.

AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN (ACP) SUPER RANDONNEUR MEDALS

Get them while they are hot and available! 2021 Audax Club Parisien Super Randonneur medals are available for purchase from the [RUSA store](#). We are placing our order now with our friends in France so don't miss out!

Additionally, we have lots of other sweet trinkets too, take a glance to see what bling-bling is available to you.

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