



## Women's Developmental Cycling Alliance

### NJBA Hosts "Women's Category 4 Cup" for the Second Season!

#### ***Commitment to Women's Cycling Reinforced by Early Season Clinic***

The Women's Developmental Cycling Alliance (WDCA), representing seven women's trade teams of the New Jersey Bicycling Association (NJBA), will proudly host the Women's Category 4 Cup for the second season, in 2006. This hugely successful series, launched in 2005, was designed to increase participation in women's cycling in New Jersey and to support women who want to become more proficient at racing.

"The Women's Category 4 Cup is an outstanding idea, and the NJBA is very pleased to support this initiative. I believe the level of enthusiasm and organization demonstrated by the Women's Developmental Cycling Alliance will attract women to the sport of bicycle racing in New Jersey - this year and in the future", said Craig Callan, NJBA President, of the inaugural WDCA launch last year.

The Women's Category 4 Cup will consist of a series of eight races, over the course of the season. The series, which includes time trials, criteriums and road races, will provide women new to the sport an opportunity to experience various types of racing disciplines. The intent of the series is to provide a non-intimidating, yet challenging environment for female cyclists to try competitive bike racing. This series will set the stage for racers to begin, improve and progress to higher categories, while providing the means to take their cycling talents to the highest levels possible.

To complement the series, the WDCA will present the "2006 Women's Cycling Clinic" hosted by Somerset Wheelmen. Among the many talented speakers expected will be 13-time National Champion Joe Saling, former U.S. Olympic Committee member Dottie Saling, and USA Cycling Coach, Rod Murray. The Clinic will be conducted over two days (March 25 and March 26) at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater, New Jersey, and will combine classroom sessions with on-the-bike skills development.

#### **About the Women's Developmental Cycling Alliance (WDCA)**

The WDCA was formed in 2004 to increase participation in women's cycling in New Jersey, and to support women who want to become more proficient at racing, and cycling in general. Membership consists of category 2, 3 and 4 racers from teams Somerset, 3D, MAMBO, Skylands Cycling, Watchung Wheelmen, Bikery, Colavita Racing Team and the Century Road Club Association. WDCA members are high-level professionals as well as experienced racers, dedicated to the success of the Women's Category 4 Cup and future initiatives.

#### **About the New Jersey Bicycling Association (NJBA)**

The NJBA is dedicated to the organization, growth and promotion of bicycle racing in New Jersey. The NJBA has developed the Garden State Cycling Cup, which is designed to recognize the achievements of New Jersey riders and teams in each of the cup classes (senior men, senior women, juniors, and masters 35+/45+/55+). In addition, the NJBA supports related series such as the Women's Category 4 Cup.

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