

Introducing Caledon Hills Racing

With the 2016 cycling season just around the corner, Caledon Hills Cycling and Nordic Centre in Inglewood is announcing Caledon Hills Racing (CHR).

This is a cycling team that will soon be competing in Ontario Cup races, recreational events and charity rides throughout Headwaters and beyond.

The 16-member squad has set their sights on multiple races throughout Ontario, Quebec and the U.S., as well as supporting local races (like the Tour de Terra Cotta) and community rides, including a commitment to raise funds for Headwaters hospital at the Tour de Headwaters, slated for September.

CHR will be directed and coached by local athlete Sean Bechtel, who is nationally acclaimed for his achievements as a Canadian triathlete, including holding a spot on Canada's National Triathlon Team, Ironman competitor and representing Canada at the Pan American Games.

"Through sport, I've discovered a passion for helping others to reach their potential," he said, "so I'm thrilled to be playing a role in developing this team and these local athletes."

Although this is the team's inaugural year, they have already garnered the support of sponsors who see the merits of celebrating active living and competition in Caledon. Committed sponsors currently include Sirius XM, Calder Engineering, Colony Ford Lincoln, Creemore Springs, Digica Solutions, Dufferin Family Chiropractic, Fionn MacCool's, Peter Andrew Photography, Remax Lee Hill and True North Marketing Communications.

"The generosity of these sponsors is an amazing testament to the health of our local community and will go a long way in ensuring that Caledon Hills Racing becomes a formidable group of competitive men, women and junior riders in the years ahead," Caledon Hills Cycling owner Don Coats commented.

Cheer them on at their first race (and the first race of the season) March 25 at the Good Friday Ontario Cup Road Race in Ancaster, hosted by the Hamilton Cycling Club.

The team currently consists of 16 riders from the Headwaters region who have ridden together through various teams and clubs. Membership is not limited and the team looks forward to growing their roster.

CHR team riders for 2016 are Scott Beffort, Dino Berno, Don Coats, William Dainty, Scott Dennison, Tim Dingwall, Mark Foullong, Adam Fournier, Hugh Hill, Harold Kaiser, Gary McNally, Rod Nicholle, Jim Schaefer, Jeff Wheller, Chris Wright and Jeff Wright.