



Outdoor Pursuits

2025 Leadership Volunteer Awards

Ron Eisele Lifetime Achievement Award – Jerry Rampelt



Join us in celebrating longtime advocate for all things outdoors, Jerry Rampelt! For nearly a decade Jerry has served on our Board. Immediately assuming the Treasurer's role, Jerry helped identify redundancies and any ineffective processes. He ascended to the President's role quickly and placed the highest priority in recruiting and developing volunteer leadership.

Under Jerry's leadership, the Board has been totally renewed and has seated members with not only passion for our activities, but business and industry strategic capacity.

Jerry steered the organization through the COVID pandemic when our organization was at risk for failure due to the cancellation of the events that sustain us. He's volunteered significant time to do the administration and event work that was previously handled by paid staff. He (always accompanied by wife, Toby) also worked as a volunteer on big roles like securing and managing all the GOBA rest & food stops and took a few photos along the way too.

For all of his work, passion, and heartfelt enthusiasm for our mission, we award Jerry Rampelt COP's highest honor, the Ron Eisele Lifetime Achievement Award.

Charlie Pace Volunteer of the Year – Steve Tippett

Join us in celebrating Steve Tippett! Steve has been a valuable "behind the scenes" volunteer with Outdoor Pursuits for the past 3 years. Steve's desire to unify and build the cycling community led him to offer help, so we granted him access to our customer systems and he has taken responsibility for the data collection and communications with our Recurring Weekly Ride Program. He compiles the information and sends out the Sunday night e-mail listing to all registered riders. This consistent communication has helped reposition our weekly ride offerings, and COP as a whole, as a valuable and relevant resource for cyclists in Central Ohio again. Steve also helps build some of our event registration pages and does data hygiene in our customer database. Thank you so much for all of your behind the scenes work that makes Outdoor Pursuits great, Steve!



Charlie Pace Volunteer of the Year – Evan Wyant



Join us in celebrating Evan Wyant! Evan has been a longtime Ride Leader for the Dublin/Shamrock Tuesday night ride. His interest and side-hustle has been hosting and monitoring the Columbus Bike Parts Flea Market Facebook page, which evolved into assuming leadership in an annual Swap Meet. Evan directed proceeds from the Swap Meet to Columbus Outdoor Pursuits and has since joined our Board, bringing a fresh perspective of younger audiences and is helping us evolve accordingly. Just this last month, he offered to roll the Swap Meet under the Columbus Outdoor Pursuits umbrella as an official COP event. Thanks for your leadership as a Ride Leader & with all your work on the Swap Meet that has benefited COP, Evan!

Retiring Board Member Recognition – Lindsey Updike

Join us in celebrating Lindsey Updike! Lindsey served on the Outdoor Pursuits Board for past 6 years and introduced a youthful vibrancy to the eventual re-building of our Board. Her first GOBA was at age 8 and she's now been on over 25 GOBAs! Lindsey served as Treasurer for the past 2+ years and has been instrumental in reshaping our accounting reporting to match our evolving activities. Through Lindsey's great work, we'll be better able to analyze true event costs and budget for the upcoming years appropriately. Thank you for everything you've done for Outdoor Pursuits, Lindsey!



Director's Special Recognition for Retiring Hilliard Ride Leaders

- **Susan Shuter** (20+ years) -- retiring (helped start the Tuesday night rides with Tom Davis, led the Der Dutchman ride before)
- **Joanna Pallos** (15+ years) – retiring
- **Mark Shuter** (15+ years) – retiring
- **Paul Schopis** (15+ years) -- retiring
- **Steve Cocca** (3+ years) -- moving to Florida
- **Shawn McClory** (3+ years) – life circumstances