

## **UPDATE ON THE KANATA RECREATION CENTRE (Monday Nov. 1)**

I was called by the city this morning concerning the arena on Sunday (see below). I apologized on behalf of the riders for the unauthorized use and mess of the change rooms. I have assured the coordinator that it will not happen again.

This incident has jeopardized our relationship with the city, possibly affecting our ability to get park permits in the future.

I told the coordinator during our next race there on Nov. 14 we will not use the arena at all, including for bib pick up. To emphasize the point to everyone, *the arena will be off limits!* There will be no going into the arena to use the toilets or to change or to shower. Period. I have ordered a second port-a-potty for rider use.

Bob

## **IMPORTANT – READ THIS BEFORE YOU LOOK AT THE RESULTS**

First as many of you are aware, Vytas Janusauskas was injured in today's first race. Vytas, a perennial cross rider, fell and broke two bones in his right leg. He has had surgery which included the insertion of two plates to help the healing process. Our best wishes go out to Vytas. Thanks to Ross Wilkinson, Greg Crevier, John Clare, Magali Perreault, Stephanie Rees and others who helped out.

***Unfortunately there are two important issues that arose today that we need to deal with.***

Following the races at the Kanata Recreation Centre, a number of riders used the hockey dressing rooms to change out of their muddy clothes and for showering. I can only imagine the state in which the rooms were left for the caretaker. We did not have any permission to do this and I cannot understand why anyone would think that they had the right to do so! Because of these riders, it is now probable that we will not be allowed to use the Kanata venue on Nov. 14 and, perhaps, for any races in the future.

I expect to receive a complaint from the city about this which I will have to deal with. We are grateful to the city for the use of the parks. But we are also aware that they are not thrilled with the type of damage that we cause to the grass, particularly during wet seasons. Further problems like today's change room episode can only make obtaining permission to use the parks more difficult.

As riders know, there are a number of young kids racing this series. Today, one of those kids was bowled over by an older rider at one of the barriers. This is unacceptable! Riders need to give these younger cross riders sufficient space when passing. If there is not enough room, wait to pass.

Bob Woods, Oct. 31