

The Jim Menzel Racing committee is proud to introduce the **2009 Jim Menzel Racing Series (JMRS)** schedule. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing you to the various stages and talking a little about each stage and how it will impact the challenges by the riders.

### **STAGE ONE**

The first race of the series will open up challenges for the **Deb and Dar Vollarth Green Jerseys** as well as start the races for the **Jim and Sharon Menzel Yellow Jerseys**. It will also mark the start of what should be a hotly contested race for the **Magenta and White Jerseys**. Whitewater Wisconsin is proud to be leading off stage one with **The Pedal for Proceeds Road Race**. The Pedal for Proceeds race is always the first race of the Wisport season and what better way to kick off the JMRS than to support the winding and ever changing directional course that is Whitewater. This race always has a selection of about 25 riders but has even featured a couple of smaller break-a-ways in the past. In order for a break to go attacks must come on the roads where the strong headwinds will force those riders not quite up to form to "Crack" and get left behind. The finish is always flat and fast where the lead outs start at the bridge. The strong right hand turn and selecting just the right gear to go up the small hill is where all riders make the mistakes that cost them victory. Look for **Jim Frame, Christian Griego, or Chip Camillo** to be among those to get early leads in the Jim Menzel racing Series with high placing in this race. **Kim Myszkewicz and Mary Jarosz** could look to do battle on this course but **if Andrea Potyondy-Smith or Julie Phelps** are on form they could also be in the mix for the ladies.

### **STAGE TWO**

The Second stage of the Jim Menzel Series will test all racers against the clock for the first time in 2009. **Dar's Midwest Time Trial Championships** will be the first of the 4 time trials that will lay the groundwork for the real contenders at the end of the year. Willard Wisconsin and the Lead Butt Racing Team will once again host the event where weather always factors into the results. The race of truth will no doubt start to separate the contenders from the pretenders in the Menzel Series competitions. Look for **Mary Jarosz** to start to solidify her position in the Sharon Menzel Yellow Jersey competition. You should also keep a close eye on **Andrea and Julie**, as they will look to keep pace with Mary and Maggie **Fournier**. **Lance Niles, Mike Sunken, and Elmer Colyer** should once again rule the roost for the men on the square 16-mile course. The race will surely come down to the windward eastern leg of the course where the long gradual climb and the stiff head wind will put time into rivals and hurt the weaker riders legs. At the end of the day the team competitions will surly start to show some separation between Brones, Bobcats, and both Flyers teams. Make sure you get a hot Sloppy Joe and enjoy the warm atmosphere of the awards afterwards as the Lead Butt folks always put on a good spread.