

# Cycling race honours late Gord Di Labio

96-kilometre event is set for May 8 in Lyn

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LYN — The Casco Tour d'Habitat cycling race will come to life on Saturday, May 8 in the Lyn area.

Hosted by the Brockville Cycling Club, the 96-kilometre circuit race is in memory of the late Dr. Gord Di Labio, a cyclist and triathlon athlete who died last month of cancer.

"He was really into cycling and triathlons," event co-chairman Sue Basiren said Wednesday of why the club is hoping to raise \$1,500 through the race for Di Labio's favourite charity — the Thousand Islands branch of Habitat for Humanity. Di Labio was the local chapter's chairman at one time.

An international agency, Habitat makes the dream of home ownership a reality for low-income families.

"We're hoping to attract 100, including some riders from Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Cornwall and Brockville," Basiren said.

The race, with 10 loops of 9.6 kilometres and sanctioned by the Ontario Cycling Association, begins at 11 a.m. Elite racers will set out first, with other racers setting off at 11:05 a.m.

The loop begins on County Road 46 at the Red Top Meat Shop to Lyn, along County Road 27 through Lyn, to Howe Road then back to County Road 46.

The entry fee is \$35, with \$10 going to Habitat for Humanity. Registration runs from 8-11 a.m. at Lyn Park

"Spectators are welcome," said Basiren. "The more cheering they hear the more invigorated the racers get. It's always wonderful to have people out cheering."

About \$1,000 in prizes have been



**GORD DI LABIO:** Race held in memory of cyclist.

collected and will be awarded in different categories.

Prior to the race, a breakfast is being held for the public and racers at the Lyn Odd Fellow's Hall from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 per person. Food has been donated by Brockville's Your Independent Grocer.

For more information or to register, contact Basiren at [basiren@rip-net.com](mailto:basiren@rip-net.com), or event co-chair Mark Calder at [kyaa@recorder.ca](mailto:kyaa@recorder.ca).