



GLOTMAN SIMPSON CYCLING CLUB RAISES \$42,000 FOR PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH AFTER THE CYPRESS CHALLENGE.

143 riders of all ages and abilities took on the **Cypress Challenge** on Saturday September 12th, from Category 1 road racers to cyclists that had never before taken on the mountain. Even more of an achievement was the \$6,200 raised at the event, through the generous donations of the cyclists taking part. This brought annual total fundraising by the Glotman Simpson Cycling Club to an impressive \$42,000.

All proceeds were donated to the BC Cancer Agency for **Pancreatic Cancer Research**. The Glotman•Simpson Cycling Club has a proud history of supporting this research group, and after the race the cheque for \$42,000 was presented to Dr Sylvia Ng, leader of the Pancreatic Cancer Research program at the BC Cancer Agency.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in North America. It affects both men and women. According to statistics from the National Cancer Institute of Canada, approximately 3,400 Canadians are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer yearly. In British Columbia, approximately 480 new cases are diagnosed each year. The mortality rate is virtually identical to the incidence rate with only 1-4% of pancreatic cancer patients survive at five years after diagnosis, which demonstrates the urgent need for more funding into pancreatic cancer research.

ABOUT THE CYPRESS CHALLENGE RACE

Climbing from the bottom of Cypress Mountain to the top of Hollyburn's Cross Country area, the second annual Cypress Challenge took a 13km route with a steady 6.5% grade, and wouldn't be out of place as a hill climb in the Tour de France. Eight different race age categories ensured winners of all abilities, and due to popular demand, 2009 saw the introduction of the Male & Female Clydesdale categories - for men +210lbs and women +160lbs. MCL Motor Cars sponsored the event, by donating prizes and providing an Aston Martin to fulfill the role of the lead car. With the race growing in participants each year, there are hopes to have over 500 riders take part in the Challenge in 2010.

ABOUT THE GLOTMAN SIMPSON CYCLING CLUB

The Glotman•Simpson Cycling Club was created in 2005 by Glotman•Simpson Consulting Engineers and a group of friendly riders, and has grown to be one of Vancouver's largest cycling clubs, with over 115 members. Glotman•Simpson Cycling aims to be positive ambassadors for the sport, promoting a safe and fun environment for riders of all abilities, and a respectful approach to all other road users.

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The BC Cancer Foundation raises funds to support breakthrough research and enhancements to patient care at the BC Cancer Agency throughout BC. The BC Cancer Agency, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provides a comprehensive cancer control program for everyone in BC and the Yukon.

