

## Testimonials From New JSTS Members (2020)

"I joined the club because I didn't want to ride alone. I like this club because I ride with different people at different paces. I can choose which days, routes, and distances, from the scheduled calendar. I made new friends, learned a lot, and got stronger by joining this club." *Gayle A., Morganville, NJ*

"After riding several months alone, I realized I was becoming bored with the doing the same rides over and over and needed to find a group to get me beyond my comfort zone. I love the friendliness and camaraderie; when I joined JSTS, I didn't know anyone. I showed up to my first ride and was warmly welcomed, despite my very old bike and having no technical skills. The group took the time to make sure everyone was comfortable with the distance and pace. When I started mountain biking (not that long ago,) the ride leaders, along with the other members of the group, helped me navigate the trails, as well as, explain how to handle the varying terrain." *Christine M., Howell, NJ*

"Pandemic or not, JSTS is hands down one of the best riding clubs around. The riders are very friendly, making each ride through a variety of scenic inland and coastal flatlands and more challenging rolling hills, extremely enjoyable. I recommend club membership to anyone, whether he or she is training for a competition or is just looking for a more leisurely-paced activity." *Mark S., Manasquan NJ*

"A friend recommended JSTS to us. We joined because we wanted to explore different routes, and we also felt we would be safer riding with a group. We like that the rides are well-organized and start on time, and that no one gets dropped. We also like the cool JSTS cycling kits! Best of all, everyone has been very friendly. Now, we are the ones recommending JSTS to our friends!" *Suzette & Cris C., Howell, NJ*

"Cycling is very new to me. I started riding during the initial COVID pandemic, just to get out of the house. A friend of mine let me borrow her road bike and I just started riding around my town. I researched on social media, internet, Facebook, etc. and soon found JSTS-- the Jersey Shore Touring Society! The club has been so welcoming, friendly, and accommodating! All the members that I ride with are helpful, friendly, and experienced riders. They all have taught me a lot about cycling, and most importantly how to keep safe while enjoying the ride. I always feel comfortable riding with the group, I've never felt left out, or left behind!" *Mary M., Point Pleasant, NJ*

"I joined to find new people to ride with, explore new areas and routes, and improve my riding by being pushed by a group. Everyone is extremely friendly, welcoming, helpful, and supportive. I love riding on Saturday mornings with a consistent group of people and how much fun we have planning things like donut stops and century rides together." *Madeline D, Port Monmouth, NJ*

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