

Terrible Two 2006 Results

Toasty temps roast riders on Terrible Two

There are several interesting story lines to pursue about the 2006 Terrible Two double century—held on Saturday, June 17 for the 31st time—but the one most riders will remember most vividly was the midday heat on the big climbs over the Geysers and Skaggs Springs. It wasn't as hot as it sometimes can be for this ride: the official high for Cloverdale, our traditional benchmark, was "only" 93°. But bike thermometers on the sun-baked asphalt of Skaggs were reading closer to 100°, and certainly the Real Feel was triple digit degrees on those double digit climbs.

Whatever the actual numbers were, the conditions out on the road were tough, and that contributed to a very high attrition rate on the day. Out of 283 official starters—a new record—over 100 would see "DNF" written down as their final entry on the War Board. The list of those who didn't make it includes not only marginal riders who might have been in over their heads, but also many TT vets with very impressive resumés in past editions of the ride. The Terrible Two doesn't care about past reputations. Each year presents its own challenges, and if you don't bring your best stuff, you're probably going to find trouble waiting for you out there somewhere.

One person who never seems to find trouble out on the TT course is perennial winner Brian Anderson of Santa Rosa. Mr TT did it again this year—fifth year running—finishing with a time of 11:09 that left a yawning gap of almost half an hour back to second place Robert Choi, another Santa Rosa homeboy. How does he do it?

Anderson had registered only a couple of days before the entry cut-off. He said he'd been sick and wasn't sure he was fit enough to ride. Either he made a miraculous recovery or he's a master sandbagger! As per his usual form, he didn't lead at any of the early checkpoints. He wasn't even first into the water stop on the top of Skaggs. But somewhere out there on the way to the coast, he found a gear the other riders didn't have. At the Gualala River stop, he was four minutes clear of his pursuers, then 14 minutes ahead at Fort Ross, and he kept piling it on all the way to the finish. Impressive.

Anderson is a bit of a mystery man. He doesn't race. He doesn't do other doubles or UMCA events. No brevets. As far as we know, he just rides around locally with his pals from the Pink Palace gang. And he flat nails the Terrible Two on the head, year after year.

Robert Choi can take some sweet consolation out of his second place. He had entered the TT ten minutes behind Sebastopol's Marc Moons after the first two legs of the California Triple Crown Stage Race (where the accumulated elapsed times from three very hard doubles are added together to decide the winner). Moons finished tied for eighth on the TT with a very respectable time of 12:00, but the 25 minutes he gave up to Choi were more than enough for Choi to take home the stage race laurels.

First among a small women's field was Brenda Phelps of Santa Rosa (fiancée of former pro John Peters) in a very snappy time of 12:14, good for 13th overall. Jennie Phillips, the woman who had been leading the Triple Crown Stage Race standings, did not finish the TT.

In the only serious accident of the day, Craig Roberston and Jennie had a very bad crash on their tandem on the fastest downhill of the day...Oakville Grade. They were descending smoothly at 54-mph when the rear tire blew, leaving the big bike skittering about on its rim. Craig managed to get the speed down to the low 30's before the bike slammed into the guard rail, disintegrating the front wheel and snapping the forks off at the head tube. Craig rebroke a previously broken collarbone and both of them absorbed a good many bumps and bruises and vast quantities of road rash, but considering the violence of the crash, it could have been a lot worse.

The other big story line was the new start/finish site at Analy HS in Sebastopol. The TT has outgrown its long-time home at Willowside Middle School and has relocated to the bigger campus, which makes for a better ride venue in all respects: more parking, more showers, bigger and better infrastructure throughout. The four-mile shift to Analy necessitated some tweaking of the course, and while we were in the process of tinkering with the route, we threw in a couple of other minor changes that not only brought the miles up to exactly 200, but, in our opinion, improved the quality of the ride as well.

In spite of the heat and the high attrition rate, the ride was not entirely a brutal death march, at least not for everyone. Riders who made it through the hot, hard killing fields of midday got to enjoy a cool tailwind run down the scenic Sonoma coast. And while folks may have suffered on Fort Ross and Black Mountain, it wasn't because of the heat. Testament to the notion that it wasn't a complete massacre out there is the fact that seven riders broke 12 hours and the entire top 20 came in under 13, even with the route three miles longer.

Some of the credit for making the ride manageable must go to the over 150 workers the SRCC had out on the course, helping the weary warriors every step of the way. Riders were full of praise and gratitude for the assistance of this stellar crew. Good job!

283	official starters (283 bikes, 286 riders...3 tandems**)
181	official finishers
156 (55%)	by 10:00 pm " <i>I Did It!</i> " cut-off

Results Below

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Place	Name	Age	Home Town	Elapsed Time
1	Brian Anderson	36	Santa Rosa	11:06
2	Robert Choi	45	Santa Rosa	11:32
3	Kevin Metcalfe	45	Pleasant Hill	11:35
4	Graham Pollock	38	Folsom	11:52
5	Ray Plumhoff	51	Oakland	11:54
6	Tony Lee	47	Petaluma	11:55
	Bo Hebenstreit		Campbell	
8	Marc Moons	40	Sebastopol	11:57
	Phil Hornig	48	Pleasanton	
	Robert McDaniel	38	Palo Alto	
	Jamie Goldstein	33	Santa Barbara	
12	Bob Shebest	32	Santa Rosa	12:04
13	Giampaolo Pesce	41	Santa Rosa	12:11
	Brenda Phelps	31	SR	
15	Wade Baker	51	Atascadero	12:23
16	Tao Bernardi	39	Dublin	12:31
	Shaun Locker	40	Lafayette	
18	Bill Ripke	42	Pinole	12:46
	Jim Frink	43	Folsom	
	Paul McKenzie	51	Richmond	
21	Daniel Stahlmann	27	Minn., MN	13:06
22	Reve Ramos	60	S. Lake Tahoe, NV	13:15
23	Michael Pucci	46	Petaluma	13:26
24	Gabriel Sanctuary	35	Novato	13:28
	Tim Chase	40	San Francisco	
	Ty Brookhart	28	Palo Alto	
27	Dave Reynolds	45	Santa Cruz	13:30
28	Reid Walden	55	San Francisco	13:32
29	Wayne Riley	45	Sacramento	13:33
	Bill Ellis	47	Novato	
31	Andrew Bunnell	45	Graton	13:35
32	Curtis Taylor	34	Folsom	13:36
	Scott McKinney	40	Sacramento	
34	Istvan Makk	48	Antioch	13:42
	Buster Porter	40	Davis	
36	Glenn Mattsson	49	Santa Rosa	13:43
37	Eric House	44	Emeryville	13:45
	Dennis Creason	46	El Dorado Hills	
39	Michael Head	35	Oakland	13:47
	Jason Hayes	36	San Francisco	
	Brandon Correia	31	Alameda	
	Chris Pillette	32	SF	
	Mike Rabdau	33	SF	
	Shawn Yackle	29	SF	
45	Carl Poppe	39	Sebastopol	13:51
46	Robert Morris III	53	San Francisco	13:52
	Erle Martin	43	St. Helena	
48	John Staroba	27	Santa Rosa	14:00

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49	Ray Hittenmiller	47	Monte Rio	14:03
	Michael Arreguin	41	Sacramento	
51	Lori Cherry	48	Fresno	14:11
52	Russell Stevens	36	Santa Clara	14:12
53	Jay Thorson	43	Santa Rosa	14:13
	Robert Duchynski	41	SR	
55	Ken Holloway	53	San Jose	14:18
56	Bryce Simon	51	Chico	14:23
	Daniel Crain	61	Irvine	
58	Gustavo Hernandez	44	Davis	14:29
	Wayne Dunlap	44	Austin, TX	
60	Sean Sevilla	22	Lafayette	14:30
61	Mike DeFillipo	34	Redding	14:31
62	Brian Goldthwaite	41	San Francisco	14:32
	Bruce King	51	Alameda	
64	Matthew Colburn	35	Truckee	14:38
	Elmar Stefke	41	Berkeley	
66	Tom Kuhn	46	Sebastopol	14:40
	Theresa Lynch	40	Palo Alto	
68	Kley Cardona	44	San Jose	14:41
	Bill Brier	44	Fremont	
	Jeff Wong	41	Fremont	
71	Mike Gaylor	58	Sebastopol	14:45
	Jeff Tse	33	San Anselmo	
73	Mark Homrighausen	52	Berkeley	14:49
	Robert Buntrock	41	Discovery Bay	
	Lyresa Pleskovitch	40	East Palo Alto	
76	Joseph Baumgaertner	52	Claremont	14:59
	Darren Stauts	37	Rocklin	
	Michael Pope	44	Auburn	
79	Steve Lausmann	52	Citrus Heights	15:04
80	Tom Tittle	55	Gardnerville, NV	15:06
	John Axtell	45	Minden, NV	
82	Dave Rossow	36	Los Gatos	15:07
	Rebecca Linkous	43	Windsor	
84	Gregory Wong	47	Millbrae	15:12
	Roopinder Tara	49	Novato	
86	Jim Karanas	52	Lafayette	15:20
87	William Oldham	68	Orinda	15:25
88	Timothy Houck	56	Pleasanton	15:27
	Bill Howell	47	Beaverton, OR	
90	Zach Kaplan (R)	36	Alameda	15:29
	Jamie DeSantis	45	Oak Run	
92	Monte Butler	41	Angwin	15:30
	Eric LaFranchi	45	Calistoga	
94	Jonathan Walden	41	Albany	15:31
	Doug Schierer	54	Livermore	
	Paul Vandyk	44	Roseburg, OR	
	Russ McBride	38	Albany	

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98	Marten Lindskog	38	Redwood City	15:35
99	Michael Gonja	40	San Jose	15:39
	Paul Detering	49	Sunnyvale	
101	Margie Biddick	47	Aptos	15:41
102	Jay Kleinwaks	49	Antioch	15:45
	Mark Abrahams	50	Berkeley	
	Jason Nemecek	35	SJ	
105	Jim Poppy	51	Palo Alto	15:47
	Cameron Lim	37	SJ	
	Chris Cummings	37	Palo Alto	
108	Tom Lawrence	39	Mountain View	15:50
	Robert Pacenta	58	Richmond	
	Granger Tam		San Jose	
	Tertius Thakar	44	San Francisco	
112	Kitty Goursole	51	San Ramon	15:52
	Scott McEldowney	50	Windsor	
114	Paul Greenwood	46	San Anselmo	15:53
	John Holt	47	Auburn	
	Ronald Yuen	49	Roseville	
117	Eric Peterson	46	Healdsburg	15:55
118	Eric Soderstrom	44	Palo Alto	15:57
119	Mark Nelson	44	Davis	15:58
120	Jonathan Berk	44	Berkeley	16:00
121	Jeff Schweningen	52	E Palo Alto	16:01
122	Chuck Knoble	41	Folsom	16:02
	Stewart Thompson	53	Burlingame	
	Laurence Kluck	57	Eureka	
	Keith Cook	50	Loomis	
	Colin Lynch	51	San Rafael	
	John Coe	50	Redding	
	Martin Kaplan	56	Oakland	
Paul Vlasveld	46	San Jose		
130	Mark Buettner	36	Auburn	16:04
	John Wickeraad	45	Granite Bay	
	Kenneth Prager	44	GB	
133	Karl Kuhn	50	Santa Rosa	16:07
134	Albert Kong	47	El Dorado Hills	16:08
135	Kipp Frey	53	Santa Rosa	16:09
	Brian Carroll	47	SR	
	Mark Sedgwick	44	SR	
138	Philippe Gluckman	40	Sunnyvale	16:10
139	Leland Gee	51	Santa Rosa	16:14
140	Dan Walters	44	SR	16:15
	Greg Hiebert	46	San Jose	
	Ernesto Montenero	40	Berkeley	

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143	Scot Combs	58	SR	16:16
	Mac Imacseng	49	Solana Beach	
	Joe Puskar	35	Pleasanton	
	Harvey Wong	35	Fremont	
	Laura Hipp	42	Santa Clara	
	David Desautels	46	Fort Bragg	
149	Michael Bayer	39	Cupertino	16:17
150	Richard Holve	53	Sebastopol	16:19
	Robert Bertholf	53	Carlotta	
152	Eric Ostendorff	45	Torrance	16:20
	Rick & Anna Stewart (T)	47/44	Janesville	
	David Burns	56	Granite Bay	
155	Mark Birnbaum	53	Novato	16:25
156	John Clare	64	Long Beach	16:32
	Jeff Halperin	53	El Cerrito	
158	Jack Joseph	50	Oakland	16:38
	Veronica Tunucci	44	Corte Madera	
160	John Pingel	52	San Diego	16:43
	Jim Wire	45	Zephyr Cove, NV	
	Carol Rutter	44	So. Lake Tahoe, NV	
163	Steven Drace	54	Emerald Hills	16:45
164	Bruce Berg	59	Berkeley	16:49
165	David Giannetto	42	Santa Rosa	16:56
166	David Mirich	50	Las Vegas	17:05
	Mark Labouff	47	Las Vegas	
	Donald Cartwright	50	Berkeley	
	Todd Sloan	51	Santa Rosa	
170	Michael O'Connell	58	El Dor.Hills	17:06
171	Tom Milton	52	Fairfield	17:14
	Ken Johnson	53	Sacramento	
	Richard Burger	49	Petaluma	
	Alan Lehman	38	Sacramento	
175	Lou Galbiati	51	Saratoga	17:22
	Christopher O'Keefe	39	Mountain View	
	Susan Noble	58	Santa Rosa	
178	Med Cram	43	Roseville	17:33
	Arturo Cruz	56	Tres Pinos	
180	Steven Neiner	42	Lodi	17:37
181	William Murphy	54	Long Beach	17:38

Notes:

Shaded or [Blue](#) entries denote female riders

** Tandems count as one place each in standings

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