

Terrible Two 2007 Results

2007 Terrible Two dodges the bullet...again

The 2007 edition of the Terrible Two double century—on Saturday, June 16—took place on another day of not-so-terrible weather, leading to a low rate of attrition and a high rate of success and satisfaction for most participants. But, as has become the norm, it was a very near thing: all week long, leading up to the big day, it had been triple-digit hot in the region. (105° in Healdsburg on Thursday.) But the forecasts called for a cooling trend, and on Friday night, Mother Nature's big air conditioner finally kicked in. The Pacific Ocean fog rolled in and hung around until the riders were halfway up the Geysers. The official high in Cloverdale on Saturday—our traditional benchmark—was only 86°, and that translated to bike thermometer readings of high 80's to high 90's on the exposed ridgelines of Skaggs Springs after lunch. Toasty, but not terrible. On Sunday however, the official high in Cloverdale was right back up to 97°, which would have turned Skaggs into an inferno. How lucky can you get?

285 riders took the start, almost identical to last year's record field of 286. (That includes three tandems, so 282 official starters.) Unlike last year though, when hot weather contributed to only 55% of the riders taking home their coveted "I Did It!" t-shirts, this year, with such pleasant conditions, 212 riders (75%) made it in by 10:00 pm and 229 finished altogether. 229 total finishers is a new record.

Up at the front end of the field, the results looked much the same as last year. Santa Rosa's Brenda Phelps was again the first female finisher, in a time of 12:05, and for the sixth year in a row, Mr. TT, Brian Anderson, sat atop the men's pile. But at least this year, the Santa Rosa homeboy had to work for it. His time of 11:11 brought him to the finish just five minutes ahead of Sebastopol's Marc Moons. That was his closest margin since he finished tied for first in '02 and '03.

It's fascinating to see how Anderson goes about this business. As is well known by now, he doesn't lead early, but is patient and saves something for later in the day. A look at the time splits tells much of the story. He was in 27th place, 16 minutes behind Moons and the other front runners at the Geysers stop. By lunch, he was 12 minutes behind; by Camp Gualala, 8 minutes behind. And at Fort Ross, when Moons rolled in, the workers said, "He's right behind you." Marc turned around and looked, and sure enough, there was Brian, standing right behind him.

They started up the fearsome Fort Ross climb together, but Brian soon began to inch ahead. Marc was at his limit and told Brian to, "Go for it!" But Brian graciously replied that he wasn't going for anything, but just trying to survive. (This is reminiscent of 2005, when he apologized to Paul McKenzie and Ray Plumhoff for having to drop them on the Annapolis climb.) In spite of his "just surviving" protestations, Anderson put four minutes into Moons by Monte Rio and one more for good measure by the finish. As good as Anderson is on the climbs, Moons feels he's at his best as a rolleur, hammering out the flats and rollers. He's wicked quick on the downhills too...a real advantage on the TT's steep, technical, rabbit-hole descents.

At the finish, Anderson hung around long enough to shake Moons' hand, then did his usual modest fade, leaving quickly and riding back home to Santa Rosa. An enigmatic and intriguing figure.

Phil Hornig finished third, nine minutes adrift of Moons, but he was close enough to stay ahead of Moons in the final standings in the California Triple Crown Stage Race. (Defending Stage Race champ Robert Choi of Rohnert Park had been in second in the standings, but didn't enter the TT.) Tony Lee of Petaluma—another SRCC regular—was next in the standings with a four-minute lead on David Fisher going into the TT. They finished together in 11:50, tied for 8th, so Tony gets the final podium step in the Stage Race. That's the second year in a row that Sonoma County boys have occupied two of the podium steps in the CTC Stage Race.

Second behind Phelps in the women's division was Theresa Lynch of Palo Alto and Janet Martinez of Pleasanton was third.

All three tandems entered in the TT finished, led home by Robert and Barbara Fletcher of Vacaville in a time of 14:25, with Curt Simon and Rebecca McClelland of San Rafael not far behind. James Kern was the only recumbent finisher, cranking out a very snappy time of 13:19, which is a new short-course record, although still a ways from Eric House's 'bent record of 12:53 on the old long course. Former winner Ken Eichstadt was again out there making the impossible look somehow plausible: he did it again on his fixed-gear. The oldest finisher was William Oldham at age 69—third oldest ever—and the youngest finisher was Matthew Wilson of Sebastopol, aged 18.

As far as we have been able to determine, there were only two accidents of any note. Once was nothing much at all, but the other was quite a story. Steve Berry of Brisbane finished the ride to claim his sixth TT tee, but out on the Black Mountain descent to Cazadero, he had crashed on one of those tricky tree-root pavement bumps that make that stretch such a minefield. Front somersault at about 35-mph. After sorting himself out, he got back on his bucking bronco and finished the ride. Then went to the emergency room. Several hours, x-rays, and CT scans later, it was determined he had a broken neck! Obviously, not the kind of broken neck that everyone fears, but still a pretty big deal, and it will feel even more like a big deal after a month in a neck brace. Steve gets our True Grit-No Brains Award for 2007.

The Analy High School campus in Sebastopol once again served as the start-finish venue, and it was as nice this year as last, with a regular circus of festivities in the school plaza after the ride. The route changes introduced last year, including the switch to Analy, should have resulted in a route of exactly 200 miles. But the Hwy 101 construction detour in Santa Rosa last year added half a mile to the course. Now, with the detour gone, we are happy to note that the 2007 version of the Terrible Two was exactly 200.0 miles...and that is the first time in its 32-year history that the miles have been on the button.

Finally: thanks to all of the 150+ SRCC members and friends who volunteered before, during, and after the event to make it such a success. The e-mails from happy riders let us know how much all that energetic and cheerful work means to them. You are all the best!

282 official starters (282 bikes, 285 riders...3 tandems**)

229 official finishers

212 (75%) by 10:00 pm "*I Did It!*" cut-off

Results Below

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Place	Name	Age	Home Town	Elapsed Time
1	Brian Anderson	37	Santa Rosa	11:11
2	Marc Moons	41	Sebastopol	11:16
3	Phil Hornig	49	Pleasanton	11:25
4	Giampaolo Pesce	42	Santa Rosa	11:40
5	Greg Drake	36	Redwood City	11:41
6	Graham Pollock	39	Folsom	11:48
	Jamie Goldstein	34	Santa Barbara	
8	David Fischer	45	Santa Barbara	11:50
	Tony Lee	48	Petaluma	
10	Aric Shipley	29	Wake Forest, NC	12:00
11	Michael Sharp	49	So. Lake Tahoe	12:04
12	Glenn Mattsson	50	Santa Rosa	12:05
	Curtis J. Taylor	35	Folsom	
	Tim Chase	41	SF	
	Barney Wilson	46	Cool	
	Jeff Landauer	39	Roseville	
	Brenda Phelps	32	Santa Rosa	
18	Karl Erickson	24	Colo. Springs, CO	12:12
19	Michael Pucci	47	Petaluma	12:17
20	Russell Stevens	37	Santa Clara	12:18
	Monte Butler	42	Angwin	
	Dan Boyle	37	SR	
	Sean Allan	42	Foresthill	
	Karta Atehortua	30	Palo Alto	
	David Hoag	42	San Jose	
26	Scott McKinney	41	Sacramento	12:24
27	Craig Robertson	49	Los Altos	12:29
	Wade Baker	52	Atascadero	
29	Kevin Keenan	51	Woodside	12:31
30	Paul Stephens	46	Oakley	12:40
31	Bob Fisher	51	Spokane, WA	12:50
32	Peter Hewitt	42	Sacramento	12:55
	Paul McKenzie	52	Richmond	
34	Georg Ockenfuss	42	Santa Rosa	12:58
	Joe Fleck	45	Brentwood	
36	Gary Franck	50	Morgan Hill	12:59
37	Michael Cook	36	Santa Rosa	13:01
38	Seth Ellis	27	Susville	13:04
	Dave Reynolds	46	Santa Cruz	
	David King	42	Galt	
41	Robert Duchynski	42	Santa Rosa	13:07
	Jason Hall	33	Santa Rosa	
43	Michael Arreguin	42	Sacramento	13:15
44	Reid Walden	56	San Francisco	13:18
46	James Kern	48	Sunnyvale (R)	13:19
	Ernie Perreira	38	Sebastopol	(200-mile recumbent record)
47	David Halstead	43	SR	13:20
	Nick Keane	22	SR	
	Elmar Stefke	42	Berkeley	

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50	Joe Miller	40	Benicia	13:25
51	Mark Dvorak	44	Folsom	13:32
	Joshua Talley	35	Santa Monica	
	Scott Hartzel	34	SF	
	Scott Witthoff	40	SF	
	Carter Busse	38	SF	
	Peter Farran	53	Calgary, AB	
	Gustavo Hernandez	45	Davis	
59	Ken Holloway	54	San Jose	13:39
	Kent Farney	56	Novato	
61	Craig Stewart	46	Orinda	13:41
	Ray Hittenmiller	48	Monte Rio	
63	Eric Pacentia	29	Menlo Park	13:45
	Mark Yelencich	51	SJ	
	Hugh Gapay	42	Cornelius, OR	
66	Greg Durbin	50	Santa Rosa	13:50
	Theresa Lynch	41	Palo Alto	
68	Michael Borges	44	Stockton	13:58
69	Jerome King	38	Sacramento	13:59
	Daniel Crain	62	Irvine	
	William Oldham	69	Orinda	
	Bill Brier	45	Fremont	
	Jeremy Witt	51	Napa	
	Mark Sedgwick	45	Santa Rosa	
75	Scott McEldowney	42	Windsor	14:03
76	Keith Cook	51	Loomis	14:07
77	Bruce Fritz	48	Emeryville	14:10
	Shawn Yackle		SF	
	Justin O'Hare	30	San Francisco	
80	Harvey Wong	36	Fremont	14:11
	Rob Boyer	51	Cupertino	
	Janet Martinez	40	Pleasanton	
	Hooshang Mehranpour	48	Granite Bay	
84	Thomas Ryan	43	Berkeley	14:12
85	Joe Zimmerman	54	San Rafael	14:13
	Bryce Simon	52	Chico	
	Chris Stevens	36	SF	
88	Robert Buntrock	42	Discovery Bay	14:15
	Wayne Dunlap	45	Austin, TX	
90	John Axtel	47	Minden, NV	14:17
	Paul Stephens	36	San Francisco	
92	Mark Abrahams	51	Berkeley	14:19
93	Ernesto Montenero	41	Alameda	14:20
94	Susan Lowry	38	Sacramento	14:22
95	Eric LaFranchi	46	Calistoga	14:23
	Jack Klebanoff	56	Walnut Creek	
	Tertius Thakar	45	San Francisco	

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98	Robert & Brenda Fletcher	46/46	Vacaville (T)	14:25
	Taylor Bertrand-Barrett	20	Sonoma	
	Mike Gaylor	59	Sebastopol	
	Timothy Houck	57	Pleasanton	
	Brett Goett	41	Scottsdale, AZ	
	Allan Reeves	40	Mill Valley	
	Elizabeth Tenuto	27	Orangevale	
105	Gary Gellin	38	Menlo Park	14:28
	Holly Harris	44	MP	
	Chris Richards	54	Boerne, TX	
108	Ric Schrank	41	Virginia City, NV	14:29
	Adamen Hannaford	31	Fair Oaks	
	Ian Prowell	30	San Diego	
	Preston Booker	44	Santa Rosa	
112	Philippe Gluckman	41	Sunnyvale	14:31
113	Victor Cooper	50	Torrance	14:32
	Joe Gorin	56	Santa Rosa	
115	Elad Benjamin	32	Palo Alto	14:33
	Mark Boles	49	Roseville	
	Richard Moon	49	Folsom	
118	Kley Cardona	45	San Jose	14:37
	Lorilei Tuttle	50	St. Helena	
120	Doug Patterson	46	Orange	14:38
121	Carl Marshall	34	Portland, OR	14:40
	Luke Wallis	53	San Jose	
	Stewart Thompson	54	Burlingame	
	Brian Carroll	48	Santa Rosa	
125	Eric Simonsen	49	Morgan Hill	14:42
126	David Neff	58	Fair Oaks	14:43
127	Leo Cook	51	Santa Rosa	14:45
	Mark Buettner	37	Auburn	
	Ken Prager	45	Granite Bay	
	Gregory Sherman	41	Chula Vista	
	Jack Joseph	51	Oakland	
	Garth Powell	44	Santa Rosa	
133	Tom Amerine	54	Lakewood	14:48
134	Tom Solari	52	Napa	14:51
135	Robert Pacentia	59	Albany	14:56
	Howard Schnirman	42	Santa Rosa	
137	Leland Gee	52	Santa Rosa	14:57
138	Paul Duren	48	San Jose	14:58
	John Clare	65	Long Beach	
139	Sinclair Chaffee	42	La Mesa	15:00
	Curt Simon & Rebecca McClelland	58/48	San Rafael (T)	
141	Chris Browder	49	Sacramento	15:04
	Jeffrey Gould	33	Woodside	
	Lee Millon	47	Winters	
145	Charles Beck	63	Occidental	15:06

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146	Amos Bish	31	SR	15:10
	Tory Ponsford	35	San Anselmo	
	Thomas Sheppard	50	Greenbrae	
	Nelson Frink	51	Sutter	
	Spencer Frink	54	Santa Clara	
	Scott Halstead	43	San Francisco	
152	Eric Ostendorff	46	Torrance	15:16
	Kitty Goursolle	52	San Ramon	
	George Cruz	50	Napa	
155	Gordon Craig	40	Palo Alto	15:21
	Jonathan Walden	42	Albany	
157	Albert Kong	48	El Dorado Hills	15:22
158	Tim Reese	48	Sacramento	15:23
159	Anthony Martinez	46	Cherry Valley	15:25
	Alexander Guo	40	Santa Rosa	
	Jonathan Berk	45	Berkeley	
162	Rob Pitchford	38	Santa Rosa	15:27
	Chris Wilson	20	Santa rosa	
	Randy Becker	33	Santa Rosa	
165	Larry Kluck	58	Eureka	15:28
166	Patty Struve	51	Kings Beach	15:29
	Lee Brinckerhoff	28	Albuquerque, NM	
	Chuck Bramwell	55	Irvine	
169	Paul Worhach	42	Berkeley	15:33
170	Roy Benton	57	Angwin	15:34
171	Martin Seaney	55	Davis	15:36
	John Holt	48	Auburn	
173	Jeff Halperin	54	El Cerrito	15:37
174	Bob Hasenick	52	Santa Rosa	15:38
175	Steve Berry	61	Brisbane	15:40
176	Barbara Murphy	43	Los Gatos	15:41
177	Bruce Berg	60	Berkeley	15:42
178	Erik Burke	38	San Francisco	15:43
179	Mark Breslauer	51	San Carlos	15:44
	Robert Okano	41	San Jose	
181	Cameron Lim	38	San Jose	15:45
	Chris Cummings	38	Palo Alto	
183	Matthew Wilson	18	Sebastopol	15:47
	Robert Redmond	47	Petaluma	
185	Chris Hanson	51	Redondo Beach	15:51
186	Andrew Miner	51	Menlo Park	15:52
	Anson Moore	52	Lafayette	
	Mahesh Patil	41	San Jose	
189	David Vandershaf	59	Carmichael	15:52
190	Martin Christian	37	Sacramento	15:58
	Heather Cafferata	25	Santa Rosa	
	Greg Fisher	32	Forestville	

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193	Ken Cabeen	44	Sebastopol	15:59
	Saralie Liner	54	Santa Monica	
	Paul McKenna	49	Montara	
	Adrian Tieslau	34	Kings Beach	
197	Mark Birnbaum	54	Novato	16:01
198	Rollie Stenson	55	Elk Grove	16:08
	Kerin Huber	48	Pasadena	
	Paul Gallien	51	Tahoe City	
201	Brian Scott	48	San Rafael	16:14
202	Jay Carroll	54	Los Osos	16:17
	Larry Bolander	62	Pacifica	
204	Richard Burger	50	Petaluma	16:19
205	Francis-Marlon Ignacio	39	Duarte	16:20
206	Louis Held	45	Stockton	16:23
	Steven Eager	48	Stockton	
	Roland Winter	49	Stockton	
209	Rob Hawks	50	Richmond	16:26
	Ken Eichstaedt	45	Olema	
	Gary Murata	51	Lodi	
212	Bill Beadle	60	Weimar	16:28
213	Mark Elo	39	Windsor	16:32
	Allan Erbes	49	Los Gatos	
215	Kenneth Price	64	Arroyo Grande	16:34
216	Dale & Jane Johnson	58/48	Fresno (T)	16:52
	Bernd Straehle	38	Aliso Viejo	
218	Kevin Lee	41	San Jose	16:53
219	Toshi Takeuchi	38	Oakland	16:56
	Elaine Astrue	41	Mountain View	
221	Milton Rayford	55	Pleasant Hill	17:00
222	Linda Bott	50	Ventura	17:12
223	Paul Vlasveld	47	San Jose	17:16
	Mike Aberg	41	Palo Alto	
	Karen Thompson	43	SR	
226	David Oliphant	52	Medicine Hat, AB	17:39
227	William Murphy	55	Long Beach	17:53
	Don Bennett	47	Palo Alto	
	John Herlihy	40	Arroyo Grande	

Notes:

Shaded or Blue entries denote female riders

** Tandems count as one place each in standings

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