

## Cool weather, new faces, and complicated timing on 2011 Terrible Two

The 2011 edition of the Santa Rosa Cycling Club's Terrible Two double century was held on Saturday, June 18. First, the raw numbers: 248 entrants were registered, including three tandems, for a total of 251 riders. (Tandems count as one entry and one place in the results.) There were only ten no-shows at the start, so 241 riders (238 entrants) hit the road at 5:30 AM, rolling off in one big peloton, heading out of Sebastopol along High School Road. One long day later, 177 entrants had crossed the finish line, 158 of them before the traditional 10:00 PM cut-off. (Riders finishing between 10:00 and 11:00 earn California Triple Crown credit but do not receive a free "I DID IT!" t-shirt.)

That means 66% of the starters finished by ten. This is considerably better than some of the bad (hot) years, where finishing rates plummet as temperatures soar. But it is also a good bit lower than the past two good (cooler) years, where the finishing rates were 80% and 72%. Riders and support staff both agree that the conditions seemed favorable or at any rate neutral. The official high on the day was 85°, but most of the time it felt cooler than that, even occasionally quite chilly. (In the dodging-the-bullet department, we can report that it was considerably hotter on Sunday: well up into the high 90's.) Winds were not especially helpful—no big push down the coast—but nor were they brutally bad. A few DNF's or lengthy delays are the result of what appeared to be an above-average number of mechanicals: derailleurs ripped off bikes, brake calipers breaking off, cables snapping, rims bents... We don't have any hard facts to say for sure that there were more broken bikes than usual, but it seemed that way.

At the front of the field, new faces emerged to grab the glory. Adam Bickett of San Diego and Jim Atkinson of San Jose finished together in a time of 11:27. Another TT newbie, Brian Eckert, was third, four minutes back. Bickett was first at the Geysers and first out of the lunch stop, but Atkinson stormed back from an early flat and passed Bickett at the first water stop on Skaggs, then held a two-minute lead through the Rancheria and Fort Ross stops. Bickett clawed his way back up to Atkinson on the last climbs at the top of Fort Ross, and from there on they agreed to work together to the finish. Marc Moons, who also was delayed with a flat, finished fourth.

On the women's side, it was a battle between two SRCC members. Susan Forsman led out of lunch, but Megan Arnold caught her midway along Skaggs, and shortly after the pass, Forsman had a flat. Arnold eventually rolled into the finish in a time of 14:06, and Forsman in 14:44. After finishing first at Devil Mountain as well, Arnold has built up a substantial lead in the CTC Stage Race.

Bickett's and Atkinson's time of 11:27 is the slowest fastest time in the event since 1999 (excluding the long-course year of 2005). This suggests that there was something about the day that made the ride a little harder than the weather and other conditions would have indicated. But this time is just a few minutes slower than some other recent times, so maybe it doesn't mean a thing. And there were other riders back through the field who had their best times ever. All in all, it was a fairly typical "Two."

There was a special wrinkle in the timing this year that we hope we will never have to repeat. Two construction zones in the first half of the ride caused delays of up to five minutes each for the riders, depending on when they arrived at the stoppages. Course marshals at each site logged the riders in and out, and the time lost was subtracted from their final elapsed times at the finish. The organizers felt this was the fairest way to even out the inherently unfair scenario of getting caught at the long red lights while others, just a few seconds ahead, got to roll on up the road. But it created a different sort of problem at the finish: three or four riders, arriving together, might have felt that they had finished as a team, bonded together by their suffering and moral support for one another over the long, late miles; but after their assorted time deductions were imposed, they might now appear in the results to have finished a few minutes apart. It's not a perfect solution and not one we especially like, but we're going to have to live with it.

Other items of note: the Patrick Seely-Marlies Radtke tandem was the first of two to finish in a time of 15:50. Frank Clark, age 17, was the youngest finisher and one of the youngest ever. Manoucher Brahman was the oldest at 65. There were two riders under 20 and a handful over 60.

There was only one crash of any significance, but it was a bad one. Karen Thompson—second in the 2010 Stage Race—went down hard on the Trinity-Dry Creek descent and had multiple injuries. She was airlifted to a hospital in the East Bay, where, at press time, she was in intensive care. She is awake and responsive and worrying about her bike and missing work, etc. Karen is an SRCC member and is active in the world of doubles and brevets. We wish her a full and speedy recovery. We want especially to acknowledge the help of Lee Pope and John Bob, the first two riders on the scene after Karen's crash. They delayed their own rides extensively to lend aid to a rider in trouble. We all appreciate their kindness.

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|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1              | 11:21       | 22         | Adam Bickett, 27, Solana Beach      | M |
|                | 11:21       | 10         | Jim Atkinson, 40, San Jose          | M |
| 3              | 11:28       | 66         | Brian Ecker, 39, Bellingham, WA     | M |
| 4              | 11:38       | 220        | Kevin Speacht, 38, chico            | M |
| 5              | 11:39       | 159        | Marc Moons, 45, Petaluma            | M |
| 6              | 11:50       | 167        | Alan Nevin, 40, Tracy               | M |
|                | 11:50       | 149        | Maximiliano Mehech, 49, Santa Clara | M |
|                | 11:50       | 74         | Bob Fisher, 55, Spokane, WA         | M |
| 9              | 11:53       | 3          | Brian Anderson, 41, Santa Rosa      | M |
| 10             | 12:08       | 180        | Giampaolo Pesce, 46, Santa Rosa     | M |
| 11             | 12:15       | 43         | Robert Choi, 50, Gilroy             | M |
| 12             | 12:25       | 177        | Jady Palko, 38, Windsor             | M |
| 13             | 12:27       | 224        | Curtis Taylor, 39, Folsom           | M |
| 14             | 12:28       | 204        | Carl Sanders, 42, Lagunitas         | M |
| 15             | 12:33       | 248        | Shane Barnes, 37, Santa Rosa        | M |
| 16             | 12:36       | 36         | Ken Cabeen, 48, Sebastopol          | M |
| 17             | 12:41       | 146        | Douglas McKenzie, 51, Santa Rosa    | M |
| 18             | 12:44       | 15         | Adam Barker, 28, Reno, NV           | M |
| 19             | 12:48       | 139        | Tony Lee, 52, Petaluma              | M |
| 20             | 12:50       | 191        | Reve Ramos, 64, South Lake Tahoe    | M |
| 21             | 12:51       | 147        | Paul McKenzie, 56, Richmond         | M |
|                | 12:51       | 104        | Vince Herrera, 41, Cloverdale       | M |
|                | 12:51       | 50         | Michael Conway, 38, albany          | M |
|                | 12:51       | 111        | Eric House, 49, Emeryville          | M |
| 25             | 13:00       | 41         | Mike Castaldo, 44, Chico            | M |
|                | 13:00       | 115        | Rick Jacobson, 52, VAN NUYS         | M |
| 27             | 13:04       | 221        | Paul Stimson, 58, Santa Rosa        | M |
| 28             | 13:19       | 82         | Nelson Frink, 55, Sutter            | M |
|                | 13:19       | 27         | Michael Brochier, 50, Redwood City  | M |
| 30             | 13:22       | 89         | Leland Gee, 56, Santa Rosa          | M |
| 31             | 13:23       | 81         | Jim Frink, 48, Folsom               | M |
|                | 13:23       | 143        | David Martin, 38, Orangevale        | M |
|                | 13:23       | 73         | Steve Fielding, 46, Walnut Creek    | M |
| 34             | 13:25       | 197        | Craig Robertson, 53, Los Altos      | M |
| 35             | 13:39       | 64         | Wayne Dunlap, 49, Austin, TX        | M |

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| 36             | 13:41       | 164        | Mark Mularz, 44, Ashland, OR            | M   |            |
| 37             | 13:43       | 236        | Doug Weseman, 52, Oroville              | M   |            |
|                | 13:43       | 129        | Mark King, 45, Livermore                | M   |            |
| 39             | 13:44       | 96         | Jeff Gould, 37, Woodside                | M   |            |
| 40             | 13:49       | 45         | Paul Clement, 46, Bellingham, WA        | M   |            |
|                | 13:49       | 94         | Brian Goldthwaite, 46, Muir Beach       | M   |            |
| 42             | 13:51       | 126        | Ed Keller, 57, Loomis                   | M   |            |
| 43             | 13:52       | 156        | Lee Millon, 51, Winters                 | M   |            |
|                | 13:52       | 202        | Miguel Sanchez, 33, Santa Rosa          | M   |            |
|                | 13:52       | 153        | Mitch Meyer, 49, Rancho Cordova         | M   |            |
| 47             | 13:55       | 9          | Michael Arreguin, 46, Sacramento        | M   |            |
|                | 13:55       | 83         | Bruce Fritz, 52, Emeryville             | M   |            |
|                | 13:55       | 166        | Ben Murphy, 35, Novato                  | M   |            |
| 49             | 13:56       | 216        | Steve Smead, 47, Lincoln                | M   | Fixed Gear |
|                | 13:56       | 242        | Wilson / Bean, , Cool                   | M/F |            |
| 51             | 14:03       | 240        | Matt Wilson, 22, Camp Meeker            | M   |            |
|                | 14:03       | 6          | Megan Arnold, 39, Santa Rosa            | F   |            |
| 53             | 14:06       | 132        | Masayoshi Kobayashi, 38, Menlo Park     | M   |            |
| 54             | 14:07       | 134        | Karl Kuhn, 55, Windsor                  | M   |            |
| 55             | 14:08       | 123        | Ryosei Kaneko, 49, Rough and Ready      | M   |            |
|                | 14:08       | 102        | Patrick Herlihy, 43, Redwood City       | M   |            |
| 57             | 14:11       | 59         | Dirk De Bruyker, 40, San Jose           | M   |            |
| 58             | 14:16       | 165        | Rico Mundy, 40, Angwin                  | M   |            |
|                | 14:16       | 97         | Don Graham, 59, Santa Rosa              | M   |            |
| 60             | 14:20       | 128        | David Kimari, April 24, 1989, Penngrove | M   |            |
| 61             | 14:21       | 68         | David Elliott, 54, Sebastopol           | M   |            |
| 62             | 14:23       | 172        | Ramon Ochoa, 40, Sunnyvale              | M   |            |
| 63             | 14:30       | 183        | Vidas Placiakis, 40, Walnut Creek       | M   |            |
| 64             | 14:33       | 162        | Robert B. Morris III, 58, San Francisco | M   |            |
|                | 14:33       | 181        | Vernon Piccinotti, 34, San Francisco    | M   |            |
| 66             | 14:35       | 206        | Dan Schaefer, 45, Danville              | M   |            |
|                | 14:35       | 52         | Thor Cornelius, 38, West Sacramento     | M   |            |
| 68             | 14:36       | 79         | Pauli Frey, 42, Santa Rosa              | M   |            |
|                | 14:36       | 44         | Frank Clark, 17, Sebastopol             | M   |            |
| 70             | 14:37       | 95         | Joe Gorin, 60, Santa Rosa               | M   |            |

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| 71             | 14:38       | 87         | Peter Gasiorowski, 47, Santa Clara     | M |
|                | 14:38       | 142        | Tony Markwick, 42, San Rafael          | M |
| 73             | 14:39       | 188        | Anthony Powell, 45, Portola Valley     | M |
| 74             | 14:41       | 77         | Susan Forsman, 40, Cotati              | F |
|                | 14:41       | 16         | Randy Becker, 37, Santa Rosa           | M |
|                | 14:41       | 173        | Christopher OConnell, 46, Redwood City | M |
| 77             | 14:42       | 37         | Amy Cameron, 31, Oakland               | F |
|                | 14:42       | 119        | John Johnson, 54, Santa Rosa           | M |
| 79             | 14:44       | 178        | Dylan Pan, 33, Eugene, Oregon          | F |
| 80             | 14:45       | 88         | Mike Gaylor, 63, Sebastopol            | M |
| 81             | 14:50       | 193        | Robert Redmond, 51, Petaluma           | M |
|                | 14:50       | 228        | Tertius Thakar, 49, San Francisco      | M |
|                | 14:50       | 48         | Randall Coleman, 47, Sacramento        | M |
|                | 14:50       | 239        | Bruce Wilson, 59, Livermore            | M |
| 85             | 14:55       | 33         | Richard Burger, 54, Petaluma           | M |
| 86             | 14:56       | 245        | John Witkowicki, 60, Sonoma            | M |
|                | 14:58       | 114        | Michael Iavarone, 40, Santa Rosa       | M |
| 88             | 15:00       | 227        | Elizabeth Tenuto, 31, San Diego        | F |
| 89             | 15:02       | 179        | John Park, 40, Cupertino               | M |
|                | 15:02       | 235        | Jonathan Walden, 46, Albany            | M |
| 91             | 15:03       | 203        | Gabe Sanctuary, 40, Novato             | M |
| 92             | 15:07       | 113        | James Hussey, 46, Livermore            | M |
| 93             | 15:08       | 131        | Laurence Kluck, 62, Eureka             | M |
| 94             | 15:09       | 125        | Brian Kelleher, 42, Martinez           | M |
| 95             | 15:11       | 130        | Jack Klebanoff, 60, Walnut Creek       | M |
| 96             | 15:16       | 103        | Gustavo Hernandez, 41, Davis           | M |
| 97             | 15:17       | 161        | Bertrand Morelle, 46, Santa Rosa       | M |
| 98             | 15:19       | 99         | Brian Gully, 55, Santa Rosa            | M |
| 99             | 15:20       | 1          | Michael Aberg, 45, Palo Alto           | M |
|                | 15:20       | 21         | Becky Berka, 48, Dublin                | F |
| 101            | 15:22       | 190        | Michael Raasch, 46, Santa Rosa         | M |
|                | 15:22       | 148        | Shawn Mehaffey, 45, Danville           | M |
|                | 15:22       | 208        | Christopher Schneider, 43, Olympia, WA | M |
| 104            | 15:23       | 110        | Eric Horning, 54, Livermore            | M |
| 105            | 15:26       | 23         | Frank Bish, 35, Santa Rosa             | M |

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| 106            | 15:27       | 176        | Peter Oszaczky, 50, San Francisco      | M |
| 107            | 15:28       | 144        | Neil Martin, 48, Santa Rosa            | M |
| 108            | 15:35       | 42         | Joe Chancellor, 31, Lincoln            | M |
| 109            | 15:40       | 90         | Fred Genung, 47, Santa Rosa            | M |
| 110            | 15:41       | 108        | Marty Holloway, 47, Sacramento         | M |
| 111            | 15:43       | 118        | Anthony Johnson, 45, Citrus Heights    | M |
| 112            | 15:44       | 200        | Didier Ryser, 41, Irvine               | M |
| 113            | 15:48       | 30         | Keith Buckingham, 46, San Francisco    | M |
| 114            | 15:49       | 174        | Robert Okano, 45, San Jose             | M |
| 115            | 15:50       | 67         | Michael Eller, 61, Sebastopol          | M |
|                | 15:50       | 212        | Seely / Radtke, , Reno, NV             |   |
| 117            | 15:52       | 51         | Keith Cook, 55, Loomis                 | M |
| 118            | 15:53       | 133        | Dmitry Kosorukov, 35, Daly City        | M |
|                | 15:53       | 184        | Lyresa Pleskovitch, 45, East Palo Alto | F |
|                | 15:53       | 222        | Ricardo Suralta, 38, San Jose          | M |
|                | 15:53       | 31         | Mark Buettner, 41, Auburn              | M |
|                | 15:53       | 76         | Fred Flores, 45, Redwood City          | M |
|                | 15:53       | 63         | Tom Driscoll, 55, Mountain View        | M |
| 124            | 15:54       | 38         | Kley Cardona, 49, San Jose             | M |
| 125            | 15:55       | 69         | Ken Emerson, 53, San Jose              | M |
| 126            | 15:57       | 84         | Benny Gallardo, 41, Menlo Park         | M |
| 127            | 15:58       | 158        | Ernesto Montenero, 45, Oakland         | M |
|                | 15:58       | 187        | Matthew Potts, 41, Corte Madera        | M |
|                | 15:58       | 47         | Mark Cliggett, 49, Seattle, WA         | M |
| 130            | 15:59       | 194        | Doug Richardson, 47, Martinez          | M |
|                | 15:59       | 71         | Kerry Falla, 56, Palo Alto             | M |
| 132            | 16:00       | 175        | Arthur Oliver, 50, El Dorado           | M |
|                | 16:00       | 5          | Bob Andrews, 52, La Jolla              | M |
| 134            | 16:01       | 198        | Janine Rood, 52, Chico                 | F |
|                | 16:01       | 247        | Bassem Youssef, 41, San Jose           | M |
|                | 16:01       | 234        | Metin Uz, 45, Palo Alto                | M |
|                | 16:01       | 26         | Elizabeth Brent, 56, Chico             | F |
| 138            | 16:04       | 46         | Robert Cleymaet, 39, Reno, NV          | M |
| 139            | 16:05       | 195        | Rodrigo Rios, 19, Santa Rosa           | M |
|                | 16:05       | 78         | Jules Freedman, 42, Berkeley           | M |

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|                | 16:05       | 211        | Luke Scrivanich, 48, Santa Rosa    | M |
| 143            | 16:07       | 92         | Mark Gilligan, 40, Oakland         | M |
| 144            | 16:08       | 214        | Tom Sheppard, 54, Greenbrae        | M |
|                | 16:08       | 109        | Mark Homrighausen, 57, Berkeley    | M |
| 146            | 16:11       | 24         | John Bob, 46, Elk Grove            | M |
|                | 16:11       | 28         | Scott Brown, 46, Elk Grove         | M |
| 148            | 16:12       | 100        | Jeff Halperin, 58, el cerrito      | M |
|                | 16:12       | 169        | John Nitta, 58, Penryn             | M |
|                | 16:12       | 124        | Zach Kaplan, 41, Alameda           | M |
| 151            | 16:14       | 154        | Gordon Miller, 49, Scottsdale, AZ  | M |
| 152            | 16:15       | 136        | Vaughan Landrum, 46, Berkeley      | M |
|                | 16:15       | 11         | Kamran Azmoudeh, 54, Santa Rosa    | M |
| 154            | 16:20       | 186        | Clay Popko, 41, Sebastopol         | M |
| 155            | 16:22       | 86         | Tom Gandesbery, 49, Piedmont       | M |
| 156            | 16:24       | 231        | Stanley Tsang, 50, Pacifica        | M |
| 157            | 16:25       | 19         | Roy Benton, 61, Angwin             | M |
| 158            | 16:28       | 2          | Mark Abrahams, 0, Berkeley         | M |
| 159            | 16:31       | 137        | Gladden Laudenslager, 50, Concord  | M |
| 160            | 16:43       | 120        | Lisa Johnson, 47, Citrus Heights   | F |
| 161            | 16:44       | 40         | Robert Carter, 64, Coronado        | M |
| 162            | 16:46       | 58         | Bernard Cushing, 34, Campbell      | M |
| 163            | 16:49       | 170        | Charles Noyes, 57, Berkeley        | M |
| 164            | 16:55       | 49         | Doug Conover, 58, Sebastopol       | M |
| 165            | 16:58       | 70         | Allan Erbes, 53, Los Gatos         | M |
|                | 16:58       | 25         | Manoucher Brahman, 65, San Jose    | M |
| 167            | 17:00       | 237        | Jerry Wickham, 58, Benicia         | M |
| 168            | 17:05       | 155        | Peg Miller, 55, Walnut Creek       | F |
| 169            | 17:17       | 213        | Randy Shen, 45, sunnyvale          | M |
|                | 17:17       | 223        | Toshi Takeuchi, 42, Oakland        | M |
| 171            | 17:20       | 53         | Tylor Coupe, 21, Galt              | M |
| 172            | 17:21       | 32         | Igor Bulatov, 52, Fresno           | M |
|                | 17:23       | 160        | Mike Moore, 52, Fremont            | M |
| 174            | 17:25       | 232        | Veronica Tunucci, 49, Corte Madera | F |
| 175            | 17:29       | 207        | Enrique Schcolnik, 41, Stockton    | M |

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| 176            | 17:30       | 135        | Jamaica Lambie, 36, Woodland      | M |
|                | 17:30       | 54         | Mark Cronander, 58, San Francisco | M |