

Another beautiful day on the not-so-Terrible Two

The 24th edition of the Terrible Two double centruy was run on Saturday, June 26, 1999. 192 riders set off into the rising sun at 5:30 AM, riding in a massive peloton through the sleepy streets of Santa Rosa, headed for a very long day on the beautiful backroads of Napa and Sonoma Counties. It was a longer day for some than for others, but eventually, 163 riders completed the course, 152 of them by 10:00 PM, thereby qualifying to wear the prestigious "I Did It!" t-shirts.

The 79% finishing rate is consistent with other recent Terrible Twos, which have seen the finishing rate hovering between 75% and 80%. This is in contrast to the "traditional" finishing rate of below 60%, which prevailed on the old, 211-mile course. Shortening the course to an even 200 miles (in 1995) is the primary reason for the improvement in finishing percentage, but a secondary factor in this respect has to be the heat, or rather the lack of it: once again this year, the weather was nearly perfect for cycling. The official high on the day for Cloverdale was 89°, which translates to perhaps the low 90's on the exposed climbs of Skaggs Springs Road after lunch. As icing on the cake, there was a very friendly tailwind blowing down the coast to help the riders along, late in the day.

What's really amazing is that this marks the sixth year in a row that it has been relatively mild on TT Saturday, and then has soared to well over 100° within the following week. This year, after the 89° on Saturday, it was 100° on Sunday, 105° on Monday, 107° on Tuesday, etc. Not since 1992 and '93—when the highs were 106° and 108° respectively—have the TT troops had to endure the furnace-like heat of Skaggs on one of its really kiln-dried days. How long we can keep winning this game of meteorological dodge-ball remains to be seen!

The rider who turned in the shortest day of all this year (among the finishers at least) was Oakland's Ray Plumhoff. Ray had finished second the past two years and has now finally rid himself of the bridesmaid stigma. His time of 11:27 is seven minutes off the course record and is the second fastest TT ever. We asked Ray for his comments on his day, and this is what he had to say...

"Tim Coleman, Darren Dodge, Rich Boettner and I all left the lunch stop at about the same time. Any of us could have won it. I feel very lucky to have pulled it off against those guys. When I went into the lead about five miles into the Skaggs climb(s), I had very mixed feelings. I was thrilled to be alone in the lead (for the first time ever), but I wasn't sure I could do 85 miles alone, especially if any of those three were working together. I suffered through a bout of cramps down the coast and up the Fort Ross Climb. At the top of Fort Ross, one of your support crew told me that I was half a mile ahead and that the race was "yours to lose." I got a real adrenaline rush—I admit that winning the TT has been a dream since even before the first time I did it in '96—and I decided to go all out up Black Mountain, despite how I was feeling. By the time I got over that and down to Cazadero, the cramps had disappeared and I felt much more confident. The rush continued and basically carried me to the finish."

Congratulations to Ray, to Laura Stern (whose 13:18 was the second fastest women's time ever), and to all the other riders who tackled and conquered this bad boy of a double. Even if the weather wasn't as hot as it sometimes can be, this is still a wicked piece of work and a very tough tour of duty, and all who finish it should be very proud of their efforts.

All in all, this was one of the most uneventful Terrible Twos in recent memory. There were a handful of relatively minor crashes. True to form, at least six riders lost it in exactly the same spot on the steep descent off the backside of Trinity...not in a mass pile-up, mind you, but all as individuals, one right after the other, and all as a result of too much speed for that set of corners. (What's new?) No one was seriously hurt and only one rider had to drop out with a terminally bent bike. Another rider (Gustavo Hernandez) went over the cliff into Big Sulphur Creek Canyon in the exact same spot where John Eberly took the plunge last year. Fortu-

nately, he managed to grab a branch on the way down and kept from dropping as far as John did. he too was able to continue and finish. Ken Holloway was knocked down by a car in a slow-speed tangle in Cazadero. He was a bit banged up, and the two outer rings of this triple chain ring were bent in the fall, but he was able to make repairs, get back on the bike, and madly spin his way to a top-25 finish in his granny gear.

Two riders had to abandon after suffering allergic reactions to bee stings. We know of at least four riders who were stung, all near Dutcher Creek, and if we heard about that many, there were probably more. Hey, if the heat won't cooperate, we have to think of something else to make the ride terrible, so we send in the killer bees!

Ray Plumhoff had one other comment about the ride which seems to pretty well sum up the event, and we'd like to close our report with his thoughts. "The really unique thing about the TT is an atmosphere of both competitiveness and camaraderie. It attracts very accomplished riders who very much want to do well, but who also want to share a difficult challenge with other riders willing to endure, and enjoy, this beautiful but inevitably painful journey. It is that quality which will make me want to continue doing this ride long after I have decided that others are not worth the pain."

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220	registered riders			
192	official starters			
164	official finishers			
152	by 10:00 pm " <i>I Did It!</i> " cut-off (79%)			
Place	Name	Age	Home Town	Elapsed Time
1	Ray Plumhoff	44	Oakland	11:27
2	Tim Coleman	34	Fresno	11:34
3	Rich Boettner	32	Fremont	11:37
	Daryn Dodge	39	Davis	
5	Gary Waterfield	38	San Francisco	11:55
6	Doug Simon	40	Santa Rosa	12:02
	Dave Discher	41	Woodside	
	W. Kaufmann	46	Mtn. View	
9	Jim Frink	36	Sacramento	12:13
10	Om Dixon	33	Sausalito	12:25
	Paul McKenzie	44	Richmond	
	Ben Miller	40	La Jolla	
	Michael Ogul	43	Kensington	
	Andreas Schultz	31	San Mateo	
15	Emilio Castelli	43	Sebastopol	12:33
16	Clint Gaver	34	San Jose	12:36
17	Jim Baden	34	Lomas Linda	12:42
18	Craig Robertson	41	Los Altos	12:43
19	Dan Fallorina	42	Watsonville	12:53
	Dan Shadoan	52	Davis	
21	Phil Scheidler	38	Santa Rosa	12:55
22	Sam Beal	47	Mountain View	13:06
23	Rod Mowbray	52	Soquel	13:07
24	Hubertus Hohl	35	Germany	13:08
	Ken Holloway	46	San Jose	
	Larry Kluck	50	Eureka	
27	Eric House	36	Foster City	13:15
28	Gustavo Hernandez	37	Davis	13:16
	Stewart Murray	36	Belmont	
30	Laura Stern	37	Menlo Park	13:18
31	Frank Pedrick	49	Nevada City	13:19
32	Amos Bish	23	Santa Rosa	13:21
33	Kevin Keenan	43	Belmont	13:24
34	David Garza	34	Loma Linda	13:28
	Michael Hudgens	29	Santa Rosa/TD>	
36	Brian Anderson	29	Santa Rosa	13:30
	Bob Doyle	49	Visalia	
	David Halstead	35	Santa Rosa	
39	Dennis Allard	45	Santa Monica	13:32
40	Jennie Phillips	37	Danville	13:33
	Karl Schilling	37	Campbell	
42	Steve Kroeck	40	Santa Rosa	13:42

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43	Tao Bernardi	32	Lafayette	13:43
	Ken Kennedy	34	Campbell	
45	Steve Cherry	42	San Rafael	13:45
	Jeremy Witt	43	Napa	
	Tom & Cindy Long (T)	52/45	Piedmont	
	Robin Tiner	36	Santa Cruz	
49	Jeanie Barnett	42	Martinez	13:47
	Eric Ostendorff	38	Torrance	
	D Strom	37	Redondo Beach	
52	Richard Hoff	43	Sanger	13:53
	Jessie Smith	45	Concord	
	Steve Wait	37	Fresno	
55	Paul Leuty	51	San Jose	13:58
56	Tim Mason	38	Davis	14:02
57	Wayne Greenway	40	Moraga	14:04
58	Daniel O'Reilly	38	Sonoma	14:07
59	Leland Gee	44	Calistoga	14:14
60	Gary Kvasnicka	42	Minden, Nv	14:22
61	Dave Youngs	48	Clovis	14:24
62	James Poppy	44	Palo Alto	14:25
63	Mike Buchanan	42	Cupertino	14:26
64	Bruce deBell(recumbent)	51	Napa	14:29
	Steven Mutchler	29	Santa Cruz	
66	Eric Norris	39	Davis	14:30
67	Todd Teachout	41	Hercules	14:31
68	Bob Coble	47	Concord	14:36
	Dan Magaw	41	Lincoln	
	George Maier	42	Grass Valley	
77	Bill Albers/Chas Fetrow(T)	32/34	Cotati	14:40
	Philip Cardy	31	Rohnert Park	
	Mark Casartelli	38	Novato	
	John T.Clare	57	Long Beach	
	Alfred Gong	43	Fresno	
	Larry Huebert	41	Reedley	
	Fenn Pervier	45	Fairfax	
78	Norman Babcock	50	Eugene, Or.	14:41
	Dan Connelly	31	Austin, Tx.	
	Paul DeNies	43	Milpitas	
	Tom Gandesberry	37	Oakland	
	Bruce Schumacher	37	Fresno	
	Jim Sharp	50	Winters	
84	Dan Crain	54	Irvine	14:44
	Paul Guttenburg	40	Santa Cruz	
	Mike Rose	54	Orangevale	
	Wayne Woodside	52	Sacramento	
88	Mike Erwin	58	Madera	14:48
	Kathy Kellison	42	Santa Rosa	
90	Jean-Luc P. Servat	42	Larkspur	14:49

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91	Byron Beagles	50	Fresno	14:50
	Steve Berry	53	Clayton	
	Charles Griffice	50	Orange	
	Joy Schaffer	44	Cupertino	
95	James Quinley	40	Turlock	14:52
96	Fred Genung	35	Santa Rosa	14:57
	Brett Hendrix	35	Santa Rosa	
	Adam Neubauer	29	Santa Rosa	
99	George Pinney	37	Oakley	14:58
	Dobin Westergard	35	Sacramento	
101	Andrea Atkins	30	Martinez	14:59
	Lou Carboni	56	Ridgecrest	
103	Everitt Chock	35	Fremont	15:01
104	Anna Swatzell	27	Layfayette	15:02
105	Joyce Chang	38	Healdsburg	15:03
	Maury Cohen	43	Santa Rosa	
	Mark Regalia	46	Santa Cruz	
108	James Schaaf	41	Davis	15:08
109	Paul Vlasveld	39	san Jose	15:10
110	Jim Molinari	56	Cupertino	15:13
111	John M. Clare	35	Downey	15:14
	Patrick Garner	39	Vacaville	
	Jim Gerpheide	43	Paso Robles	
	Chuck Holmberg	54	Tulare	
	Dale Johns	50	Fresno	
	Jim Kozera	53	Clovis	
117	Mark Behning	40	San Leandro	15:19
118	Joseph Boney	38	Sonoma	15:21
	Louis Bonfiglio	49	Corte Madera	
120	Larry Bolander	54	Pacifica	15:23
	Tom Zaharis	36	Burlingame	
122	Larry Castano		Novato	15:32
123	Rod Christensen	48	San Jose	15:33
124	Richard Dickinson	46	Santa Monica	15:41
125	Mike Aberg	33	Palo Alto	15:44
126	Jeff Lyon	27	Orinda	15:46
127	Ken Bell	50	Fairoaks	15:47
	Michael Joe	32	San Francisco	
	Ed Keller	45	Loomis	
130	Jack Rogers	43	Sacramento	15:51
	Jim Tolley	46	Walnut Creek	
132	John Barlow	45	Templeton	15:52
133	Gabe Garcia	37	So. Lake Tahoe	15:53
134	Mark Green	39	San Jose	15:56
	Peter Orozio	34	Campbell	
	Kenneth Straub	48	Cupertino	
137	Frank Gerace	44	Fairoaks	16:02
138	Dave Peterson	41	Rohnert Park	16:04

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139	Dan Kamieniecki	42	Redonodo Beach	16:07
140	Vivian Terwilliger	42	Grass Valley	16:08
	Gary Weston	41	SanFrancisco	
142	Lisa Antonino	39	Belmont	16:09
	Paul Kopit	56	Sunland	
	Brian Stark	51	Paso Robles	
	Robert Welch	49	Santa Rosa	
146	Curt Simon	50	San Rafael	16:10
147	Ray Williams	49	Riverside	16:14
148	Bill Bradley	38	Petaluma	16:21
	Gary Wysocky	42	Santa Rosa	
150	Richard Gary	62	Carmichael	16:27
151	Masoud Esnaashari	41	Folsom	16:30
152	Scot Combs	50	San Rafael	16:40
	Diana Monsalve	36	Larkspur	
154	Ford Greene	46	San Anselmo	16:46
155	Stephen Buck	47	Elk Grove	16:47
156	Chris Caldwell	29	San Rafael	17:50
	Vickie Rigby	48	Tustin	
	John Robbins	58	Redondo Beach	
	Mark Polak	36	Redondo Beach	
	Craig Wilson	43	Roseville	
	Felix Wong	23	Fremont	
163	Kevin Lock	37	El Cerrito	18:50
	Bernie Barge	37	Paso Robles	
Notes:				
Shaded entries donote female riders				
Tandems count as one place each in standings				
DNF:	James Ambuehl, Linda Andersen, Jeffrey Baker, Ken Bartholic, Don Bennett, Ken Campbell, Pete Cova, Daniel DeBra, Rich Fuglewicz, Kevin Griffin, Tom Harriman, Gary Herman, Tom Hester, John Hildebrand, Chris House, Bert Huffman, Scott Lewis, Lavalle Linn, Kevin Main, Brian Martinelli, Preben Nielsen, Doug Patterson, Foster Pineaux, Ron Porat, Bill Ripke, Ron Rogers, Mike Shmemake/Marilyn Laswell, Stephen Walker, David Whitlow.			