

Records and riders fall on T2Y2K

A record-breaking heat wave in Sonoma County in the the days leading up to this year's Terrible Two double century had riders and organizers worried that this might finally be the year when the ride became truly terrible again. It was a blistering 116° in Cloverdale on the Wednesday prior to the ride, and visions of 120° climbs on Skaggs Springs were shimmering on the horizon. But Mother Nature's big air conditioner kicked in just in time, and for the eighth year in a row, the event dodged triple-digit temperatures and enjoyed almost ideal riding conditions, with highs in the low to mid-80's and much of the event run under cool and sometimes even foggy skies. A mild but pesky headwind over much of the course was the only thing most riders could find to whine about.

Thanks to the benign conditions, the course record was there for the taking, and 1998 winner Tracy Colwell took it, trimming two minutes off Ken Eichstadt's 1995 time to set the new standard at 11:18. Ray Plumhoff was second, 11 minutes back. Ray was first last year and has finished second in the other three of the last four TT's. Eight riders left the lunch stop together in the lead—well ahead of everyone else—but the many long, steep walls over the next 30 miles on Skaggs did their usual, efficient job of sorting things out. Only Rich Boettner was still keeping Colwell in sight by the Las Lomas summit, but then a broken spoke (on a 20-spoke rim) forced him to back off.

Colwell's lofty goal this year was to break the course records on all three of the California Triple Crown Stage Race events. He got the records at Devil Mountain and the Terrible Two but missed out at Central Coast, where he finished in a lead group on a day when the weather wasn't record-friendly. Although we haven't seen the final CTC Stage Race standings, presumably two firsts alone and a tie for first will have made Colwell the champion for 2000. Nice work, Tracy!

The other records set on this day had to do with overall participation. The club's Board elected to lift the 225-rider limit, and as a result, total registration topped out at 276 riders...not a lot for some bike rides, but a big crowd for this supposedly elite-level field. What with the usual number of no-shows, 245 bikes rolled out of Willowside in the 5:30 AM mass start. In the end, 199 bikes (202 riders) finished the ride, 183 (75%) by the 10:00 PM cut-off, earning their coveted I DID IT! t-shirts. All those numbers are all-time highs.

Back through the field, the stories were much the same as ever for this most difficult of doubles: some riders had their best days ever and crossed the finish line flushed with joy and pride, while others met their match and either finished looking like Bataan Death March survivors or else didn't finish at all. Only ten women finished (out of about 20 registered), and three of those were stokers on the only tandems entered. First of the women was Liz Gomes, clocking in at 13:54. Jeanie Barnett was next, her time securing her first place for women in the Stage Race. Third was Santa Rosa Cycling Club's own Kathy Kellison.

Aside from Colwell's record and the pleasant weather, probably the biggest story of the day was the large number of crashes, some of which resulted in serious injuries. Never before have so many TT riders lost control and hit the deck, and never with such dire consequences. We lost track of all the broken collarbones (around six or eight). Several riders were hauled off to hospitals in ambulances and one in a helicopter. Was this rash of accidents the result of too many riders? For the most part, probably not. The first (and worst) crash on Bennett Valley may have been aggravated by congested pack riding, but many eye-witness reports agree it was caused by one rider going too fast for the conditions.* Other crashes were also caused by riders overdoing it on downhills—but not in packs—and others were just bad luck or bad timing of one sort or another. Although some of the accidents looked horrible, we're happy to report that all riders are doing well and will make full recoveries. Some of their bike won't though.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who made this one of the best organized, best supported rides in

memory, but we would also like to acknowledge the unselfish help of several riders who put their own TT dreams on hold to come to the aid of injured riders. SRCC member Gary Wysocky was first on the scene at the bad crash on Bennett Valley and was the one to apply pressure on the severed artery to keep the blood loss within life-saving limits. Dan Magaw spent at least an hour caring for a crash victim on the Geysers.** Both these good samaritans eventually finished, but with times much slower than they would otherwise have had. Santa Rosa rider Brett Hendrix (who is a nurse) stopped at every one of the accidents, devoting so much time to helping others that he finally had to abandon his own ride. He's done the TT many times, so maybe it's not that big a deal for him, but it's a big deal for us. Two of his regular riding buddies stayed with Brett, so they all DNF'd, but in a good cause. Thanks to all these heroes for putting the good of others ahead of their own agendas. That's the spirit that makes the Terrible Two such a wonderful adventure.

**According to his friends, the rider who crashed so badly on Bennett Valley was notorious for foolhardy risk-taking. Later that same year, he was killed while attempting to ski down a slope that was closed because of extreme danger.*

***The accident victim on the Geysers wasn't even a TT entrant but just someone out riding that road on the day of the TT. But our people took care of her anyway.*

Terrible Two 2000 Results

276	registered riders			
245	official starters			
199	official finishers			
183	by 10:00 pm " <i>I Did It!</i> " cut-off (79%)			
Place	Name	Age	Home Town	Elapsed Time
1	Tracy Colwell	32	Redwood City	11:18 New Course Record
2	Ray Plumhoff	45	Oakland	11:29
3	Greg Somerville	45	N. Tustin	11:31
	Dave Discher	42	Woodside	
	Daryn Dodge	40	Davis	
6	Istvan Makk	42	Antioch	11:35
7	Rich Boettner	33	Fremont	11:47
8	Paul McKenzie	45	Richmond	12:18
	Dan Shadoan	53	Davis	
	W. Kaufmann	47	Mtn View	
11	Jim Baden	35	Loma Linda	12:25
12	Juan Mesa	41	Salinas	12:31
	Barney Wilson	39	Cool	
	Reid Walden	49	San Francisco	
	Steve Cherry	43	San Rafael	
16	Larry Kluck	51	Eureka	12:37
17	Chas Massieon	41	California City	12:43
18	Jay Sturges	26	Sacramento	12:53
	James Porter	31	Palo Alto	
	Geo Butler	42	Bakersfield	
	Bill Ripke	36	Pinole	
22	David Halstead	36		12:54
	Brian Anderson	30	Santa Rosa	
	Jesse Goodman	49	Healdsburg	
25	Ken Holloway	47	San Jose	12:58
26	Chris House	35		13:08
	Eric House	37	Foster City	
	J. P. Michaud	42	Winter Haven, FL	
29	Tom Long	53	Piedmont	13:10
30	Jesse Smith	46	Concord	13:17
31	Lance Larsen	38	Moraga	13:25
32	Bob Morris		Highland	13:31
	Wayne Woodside	53	Sacramento	
34	Kenny Owen	28	Castro Valley	13:34
	Dave Smith	50	St Helena	
	Philip Cardy	32	Rohnert Park	
	Mike Wyett	35	Davis	
38	Mark Casartelli	39	Novato	13:35
	Frank Boban	27	SF	
	Roger Eiberger	41	Mill Valley	

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41	Bill Ellis	41	Rio Nido	13:43
	Doug Simon	41	Santa Rosa	
	Steve Pack	47	Reseda	
44	Gustavo Hernandez	38	Davis	13:46
	Liz Gomes	32	Davis	
	Dan Barrus	51	Woodland	
47	Bradford Rex	38	Santa Rosa	13:51
48	Gary Kvasnicka	43	Minden, NV	13:52
49	Chris Knorr	39	Yuba City	13:54
	Jeanie Barnett	43	Martinez	
51	Mark Abrahams	40	Berkeley	13:57
52	Paul Leuty	52	San Jose	13:59
	John Staroba	21	Claremont	
	Jim Sharp	49	Winters	
55	James Schaaf	42	Davis	14:00
56	Kathy Kellison	42	Santa Rosa	14:01
57	Keith White	50	El Cerrito	14:02
58	Stan Ajemian	30	Santa Rosa	14:07
59	Rick Ashbranner	30	Livermore	14:09
	Brett Goett	34	Scottsdale, AZ	
	Mark Burke	40	Mill Valley	
62	Scott Chenue	28	San Francisco	14:09
	Eric Norris	40	Davis	
	Robert Vermilion	46	Saratoga	
	Barley Forsman	28	Cotati	
66	David Signor	42	Sunnyvale	14:13
67	Chaz Fetrow	35	Cotati	14:14
	Michael Hudgens	29	Cotati	
69	Leo Autuori	25	Occidental	14:16
	Mark Inman	31	Camp Meeker	
71	Mark Boles	42	Roseville	14:19
	Richard Moon	42	Folsom	
	Jon Gill	26	Pacific Grove	
74	Tim Coleman	35	Fresno	14:20
75	Scott Frake	37	Cupertino	14:21
	Geoff Rilling	38	San Francisco	
77	Tim Mason	39	Davis	14:23
	Rebecca Linkous	37	Santa Rosa	
79	Paul DeNies	44	Milpitas	14:25
80	Larry Huebert	42	Reedley	14:28
	Jim Kozera	54	Clovis	
82	Dan Crain	54	Irvine	14:32
	Paul Guttenberg	41	Davis	
84	Michael Kelly	36	Sacramento	14:33
	Tom Kuhn	40	Sebastopol	
86	Joe Gorin	49	Santa Rosa	14:34
87	Craig Hedlund	34	Santa Clara	14:35
	Dan Turney	40	Sandy, UT	

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89	Brent Kamenka	33	Vancouver, BC	14:42
90	Ray Williams	50	Riverside	14:43
91	Joe Ornelas	40	Dublin	14:44
	Vic deOrnelas	45	Livermore	
93	Rollin Feld	43	Bolinas	14:51
	Robert Pelzar	42	Woodside	
95	Ted Bertolini	39	Rohnert Park	14:52
	Mike Haberski	43	Sebastopol	
	David Strom	38	Redondo Beach	
	David Read	37	Tumwater, WA	
99	Eric Ostendorff	39	Torrance	14:53
	Ed Keller	46	Loomis	
101	Rich Dickinson	47	Santa Monica	14:54
102	Bob Coble	48	Concord	14:55
	Susan Jeiven	40	San Francisco	
104	James Poppy	45	Palo Alto	14:58
105	Chuck Bramwell	48	Irvine	15:02
106	Gilbert Martinez/Lynn Nordstrom	44/39	Fair Oaks	15:04
	Hooshang Mehranpour	41	Sacramento	
	Masoud Esnaashari	42	Folsom	
	Todd Teachout	42	Hercules	
	Doug West	42	Groveland	
111	Victor Chu	41	San Francisco	15:09
	Everitt Chock	36	Fremont	
113	Roy Wilcox	51	Yuba City	15:13
	Steven Haskett	49	Sanger	
	Scott Brewster	53	Portland, OR	
116	Tony Rodriguez	42	Victorville	15:15
	Mark Parish	37	Chino Hills	
	Scott Hansen	46	Apple Valley	
119	Anne Swatzell	28	Lafayette	15:16
120	Bob Rugo	46	Berkeley	15:18
121	Chris Caldwell	30	San Rafael	15:20
122	Jean-Luc Servat	43	Larkspur	15:21
	Robert Okano	34	Monte Sereno	
	Austin King	35	San Francisco	
	William Hewlett	19	Antioch	
126	Jeffrey Martin	38	Antioch	15:22
	Tom Gandesbery	38	Oakland	
	Charles Noyes	46	Berkeley	
129	Gary Wysocky	44	Santa Rosa	15:24
130	Mark Gunther	49	San Francisco	15:25
131	Dave Farey	44	San Rafael	15:27
	Fenn Pervier	46	Fairfax	
	Donn King	53	Sebastopol	
134	Jeff Leenhouts	37	Walnut Creek	15:28
	Charles Griffice	51	Orange	
136	Ron Rogers	52	Concord	15:29

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137	Walter Lehle	53	San Francisco	15:33
138	Jeff Warren	44	Petaluma	15:36
	Scot Combs	51	San Rafael	
	Steven Rehder	44	San Rafael	
	Steven Dunlop	32	Sebastopol	
	Bill Albers	33	Rohnert Park	
143	Darrel Lager	53	Livermore	15:39
144	Jeffrey Baker	40	Petaluma	15:42
145	Mike Aberg	34	Palo Alto	15:45
	Scott Lewis	46	Park City,UT	
147	Harry Gritzke	54	Newark	15:47
	Thomas McCain	33	El Dorado Hills	
	David Burns	50	Granite Bay	
	Bruce Berg	53	Berkeley	
	Joseph Cabral	36	Calistoga	
153	Dan Magaw	42	Lincoln	15:49
	Ken Straub/Lisa Antonino	49/40	Cupertino/Belmont	
	David Robinson	38	Santa Cruz	
156	Yadi Kavakebi			15:50
157	Carissa Perry	23		15:52
	Matthew Voltoline	28	San Francisco	
159	Ed Buonaccorsi	47	Santa Rosa	15:53
	Don Mayer	50	Watsonville	
161	Felix Wong	24	Newark	15:56
	Jeff Dewey	42	Moorpark	
	Tom Nelson	42	Plsnt Hill	
164	Jim Tolley	56	Walnut Creek	15:57
	Ern Russell	44	Pleasant Hill	
	Fred Layn	52	Walnut Creek	
	David Neff	51	Fair Oaks	
168	Rory MacLeod	47	Vacaville	15:59
169	Bruce deBell	53	Napa (Rec.)	16:02
170	Mike Shuemake/Marilynn Laswell	43/37	Fresno	16:05
	Andrew Cummings	38	Fresno	
172	Michael Joe	33	San Francisco	16:07
173	Dana Bradshaw	37	Tahoe City	16:11
	Tony Pereira	36	Calistoga	
	James Quinley	41	Turlock	
176	Ford Greene	47	San Anselmo	16:13
177	John Zarrella	49	Suisun	16:20
	Gunther Hemmersbach	62	El Cerrito	
179	Alan Bloom	50	Santa Rosa	16:22
180	Steven Gravenites	37	Bolinas	16:24
181	John Bayley/Pamela Blalock	30/38	Chelmsford, MA	16:25
	Gary Weston	42	SF	
183	Gary Reese	34	El Dorado Hills	16:26
184	Ron Bobb	54	Watsonville (Rec.)	16:38
185	Karen Bonnett	44	Sacramento	16:41

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186	Scott Halverson	37	Danville	16:42
187	Mike Pavlakis	47	Carson City, NV	16:45
	Robert Peck	46	Minden, NV	
	Mike Rose	55	Orangevale	
190	Scott Peery	37	Lafayette	17:05
	Maureen Dwyer	35	Santa Cruz	
192	Richard Hoops	49	Sparks, NV	17:14
193	Ken Campbell	43	Costa Mesa	17:15
194	Ken Bartholic	60	Irvine	17:21
195	Kevin Main	48	San Luis Obispo	17:24
196	Charles Roller	41	Fremont	17:28
197	Steven Cook	40	Minden, NV	17:31
198	John Robbins	59	Redondo Beach	17:49
	Robert Brudvik	44	Edmonds, WA	
Notes:				
Shaded entries denote female riders				
Tandems count as one place each in standings				

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