

## **Terrible Two 2001: another year, another record**

Words such as “blistering,” “torrid,” and “scorching” could well have been used to describe the 2001 Terrible Two double century. However, they would be referring not to the weather but to the pace. The weather was in fact quite hot—as hot as it’s been for a TT in several years—but the real heat on June 30 was being generated by the riders in the lead pack.

Leading the charge were four perennial TT stalwarts: Tracy Colwell, Ray Plumhoff, Daryn Dodge, and Rich Boettner. (Tracy won in 1998 and 2000—when he lowered the course record to 11:18—and Ray won in 1999. Dodge has been second or third in the last three TT’s he’s entered. And Rich? Let’s call him the young gun in the group...ready to challenge the established pecking order.) These four set such a wicked pace in the early going that everyone else eventually either dropped off or hung on grimly and then blew up. They hit the lunch stop at mile 109 at 10:51, good for an average speed of 20.4 mph. Not bad for a run that includes Trinity and the Geysers!

Boettner never even slowed down at lunch, bombing right on through with just a wave to the timekeepers. The other three stopped for a minute or two to refuel before giving chase. There was some speculation in this group as to whether Rich could stay away, or whether he would crack on the brutal Skaggs Springs climbs in the afternoon heat. The short answer is that yes, he did crack. But the long answer take a little more telling. And for that, we need to look at the weather.

Just how hot was it? All the riders felt it was pretty darn toasty. Cateye cyclometers were reading well on the high side of 100° up on Skaggs in the afternoon. But the official high in Cloverdale was only 93°, and that’s what we use as our annual benchmark. The following day, the official high was 100° and on Monday it hit 107°. Imagine what the cyclometer readings would have been then! So while it was plenty hot enough on TT day, it could have been a lot worse. On the plus side, many riders commented on the generally favorable winds all day, including a user-friendly tailwind running south along the coast.

At any rate, regardless of what the numbers say, it felt hot on Skaggs, and many riders suffered from it with dehydration and cramps. Even the front-runners were not immune. Boettner held his lead until the infamous Rancheria Wall, where monster cramps forced him to walk almost the entire pitch, during which ordeal he was caught and passed by Dodge. However, once over the top of the hill, Boettner chased with a vengeance and caught Dodge by the Fort Ross stop. Somewhere on Fort Ross Road, the two good friends from Davis called a truce and started working together to build their lead. Although both were hurting, they stayed with it all the way to the finish and were rewarded with a new course record of 11:05, lopping a whopping 13 minutes off Colwell’s mark set last year. This year, Tracy finished third, 20 minutes back. (Third place by 20 minutes...with a time that would have been first on all but two of the previous 25 TTs. These guys are really raising the bar!) Ray Plumhoff and Jim Frink finished four minutes later at 11:29. Altogether, 11 riders broke 12 hours...the most to ever do so.

There were more “mosts” this year: most registered riders (297) and most official starters (252). But not the most finishers. Last year, with 245 starters, 199 finished, 183 by ten (75%). This year, 186 finished, 168 by ten (67%). Another number that was down was crashes. After last year’s carnage, we stressed safety and sanity, in our literature, in our rules, and in our pre-ride briefing. Perhaps our dire warnings paid off, or perhaps we were just lucky, but there were only three crashes of any significance, and only one that resulted in a trip to the hospital.

Laura Stern was the top women’s finisher, coming in at 12:43. Laura has entered twice now—previously in 1999—and has finished first twice, and in the process has logged the second and third fastest times ever for women, trailing only Muffy Ritz’ 1995 record of 12:25. Liz Gomez, last year’s top female finisher, was not

entered this year, but was working at one of the rest stops instead. However, she may feel she won just as big a prize this time around. She was at the finish when Rich and Daryn arrived, and the first thing Rich did, after all the cheering had died down, was to pull an engagement ring out of his jersey pocket, drop to one knee, and present it to Liz. "I carried this for 200 miles, Liz...will you marry me?" What could she say? (She said yes.) Perhaps next year, these two top finishers should try it on a bicycle built for two.

The True-Grit-No-Brains Award for 2001 goes to another former winner and course record holder, Ken Eichstaedt. (It was Ken's record of 11:20 that Colwell beat last year.) Ken finished in a time of 15:43...mid-pack. Not too noteworthy, you say? What if we told you he did it on a fixed-gear? Ken had a 42-tooth chainring and had rigged a rear wheel with a gear on each side: a 20 for the climbs and a 16 for everything else. At the base of each of the major climbs, he would stop and flop the wheel, setting up an easygoing 42-20 climbing combo. Ouch! Ken was unrepentantly cheerful at the finish, insisting he had actually had a good time all day.

Ken's approach to the event might strike most of us as a bit beyond the fringe, but then anyone doing this ride on anything less than a motorcycle is considered beyond the fringe by the general public. The whole proposition is a bit daft, isn't it? Hats off, hugs, and hoorahs to all who entered and conquered this toughest of all tough doubles.

# Terrible Two 2001 Results

<b>296</b>	registered riders			
<b>252</b>	official starters			
<b>186</b>	official finishers			
<b>168</b>	by 10:00 pm " <i>I Did It!</i> " cut-off			
Place	Name	Age	Home Town	Elapsed Time
1	<b>Rich Boettner</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>11:05</b> (new course record)
	<b>Daryn Dodge</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Davis</b>	
3	Tracy Colwell	33	Redwood City	11:25
4	Jim Frink	36	Folsom	11:29
	Ray Plumhoff	46	Oakland	
6	Rod Rozman	40	Placerville	11:42
7	Tim Coleman	36	Fresno	11:46
	Barley Forsman	29	Cotati	
	Reid Walden	50	San Francisco	
	Barney Wilson	40	Cool	
11	Daniel Mitnick	34	Venice	11:58
12	Sean Allan	35	Orangevale	12:02
13	Christopher Shirar	30	Vacaville	12:09
14	Dennis Creason		El Dorado Hills	12:14
15	Emilio Castelli	45	Sebastopol	12:26
16	Doug Simon	42	Santa Rosa	12:28
17	Kenny Owen	28	Castro Valley	12:33
	Tim Chase	35	San Francisco	
19	Scott Frake	38	Cupertino	12:35
	James Porter	32	Palo Alto	
21	Ken Holloway	48	San Jose	12:36
22	Robert Beede	48	Arcata	12:39
	Larry Kluck	52	Eureka	
24	Mark Casartelli	39	Novato	12:41
	Gabriel Sanctuary	30	San Rafael	
26	<b>Laura Stern</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Menlo Park</b>	<b>12:43</b>
27	Rob Satterthwaite	27	Los Angeles	12:47
28	Chris Scheetz	39	Los Altos	12:47
29	Bill Ripke	36	Pinole	12:50
	Reid Swanson	31	Los Gatos	
31	Doug Sloan	40	Fresno	12:56
32	Charles Massieon	42	California City	13:03
33	Jesse Smith	47	Concord	13:04
34	Jesse Scatton	29	Sacramento	13:10
35	Nancy Vallance	36	San Anselmo	13:10
36	Bill Pratt	34	Berkeley	13:17
	Joe Ornelas	41	Dublin	
	Terry Griebel	40	Fairfax	
39	George Butler	42	Bakersfield	13:29

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40	Paul McKenzie	46	Richmond	13:34
	Dan Shadoan	54	Davis	
	Craig Robertson	42	Los Altos	
	Andreas Schultz	33	San Mateo	
	Dan Barrus	52	Woodland	
45	Tao Bernardi	34	Lafayette	13:43
	Linda Fluhrer	41		
	Sid Fluhrer	42	Pleasant Hill	
48	Scott Chenue	29	San Francisco	13:47
49	Stephen Greenholm	43	San Francisco	13:49
50	Steve Pack	48	Reseda	14:00
51	Carl Poppe	34	Sebastopol	14:02
52	Leland Gee	46	Calistoga	14:05
53	Richard Hoff	48	Sanger	14:08
	Larry Huebert	43	Reedley	
55	Charles Eidenschink	48	Portland, OR	14:10
56	Dale Vaughn	56	Hillsboro	14:10
57	Amos Bish	26	Santa Rosa	14:11
	Troy Taylor	29	Napa	
59	Gustavo Hernandez	39	Davis	14:14
	Rebecca Linkous	38	Santa Rosa	
	Timothy Woudenberg	43	Moss Beach	
	Robert Kopitzke	37	Folsom	
63	Mark Weaver	40	Forestville	14:15
	Debbie Bryant	38	Santa Rosa	
65	Eric Norris	41	Davis	14:19
66	Dave Smith	51	St Helena	14:20
67	Roger Eiberger	43	Mill Valley	14:23
68	Jeffrey Martin/Ish Makk	39/43	Antioch ( <b>Tandem</b> )	14:25
	Jim Sharp	50	Winters	
	Ed Keller	47	Loomis	
	Mark Abrahams	45	Berkeley	
	Chris Dirx	29	Mill Valley	
	Bill Vonnegut	37	Concord	
	Dan Wesp	20	Vacaville	
	Scott Calley	45	Monterey	
76	Keith White	51	El Cerrito	14:27
77	Rick Ashabranner	31	Livermore	14:34
78	Erika Floric	37	Camp Meeker	14:38
	Jack Klebanoff	50	Walnut Creek	
80	Ken Straub	45	Cupertino	14:42
	Dave Youngs	50	Clovis	
	David Baird	42	Burlingame	
83	Larry Bolander	56	Pacifica	14:44
	Scot Combs	51	San Rafael	

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85	Vance Roget	47	Modesto	14:46
	Robert Pelzar	44	Woodside	
	Per Berglund	35	Pasadena	
	Darrel Lager	54	Livermore	
89	Rebecca Smith		Portland, OR.	14:47
	Christine Miller	42	Sunnyvale	
91	Rachel Hawtin	34	San Carlos	14:51
92	John T Clare	59	Long Beach	14:52
93	Robert Keyes	46	Fresno	14:56
	Joe Santos	24	Davis	
	Charles Moore	53	San Francisco	
96	Frank Boban	28	San Francisco	15:00
	Keith Cook		Loomis	
98	Joe Gorin	50	Santa Rosa	15:02
99	Robert Brouhard	54	Davis	15:06
100	Jeremy Rutherford	29	So. Lake Tahoe	15:10
101	Susan Moran	30	Cotati	15:12
	Robert Pompeani	40	San Jose	
103	Todd Trzcinski	41	Portland, OR	15:15
104	Bob Coble	49	Concord	15:16
	Karen Bonnett	45	Sacramento	
	Bruce Berg	54	Berkeley	
107	Rollin Feld	43	Bolinas	15:22
	Ken Hughes	42	Santa Barbara	
	Matthew Furman	28	Capitola	
110	Lou Salz	45	Santa Rosa	15:23
111	Jeanie Barnett	44	Martinez	15:24
	Jeremy Rozen	29	Bolinas	
113	Martin Robles	43	Cupertino	15:25
114	Eric Ostendorff	40	Torrance	15:29
	Peter Ozorio	36	Campbell	
	Britt Harvey	47	Berkeley	
	Stacy Ringelspaugh	41	Belmont	
118	Robert Michael	59	Sacramento	15:30
	Richard Sagastume	36	Daly City	
120	Lubomir Hristov	42	Tustin	15:35
121	Doug Huff	54	Livermore	15:37
	David Parry	39	San Ramon	
123	Eric Nordman	42	Palo Alto	15:38
124	Jeff Warner	29	Santa Rosa	15:39
125	Rich Fuglewicz	49	Santa Rosa	15:40
	Stacey Hendrix	37	Santa Rosa	
127	David Read	38	Tumwater, WA.	15:42

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128	Mark Behning	41	San Leandro	15:43
	Jeffrey Leenhouts	39	Alameda	
	Paul Guttenberg	42	Davis	
	Ken Eichstaedt	39	Fairfax, <b>(fixed gear)</b>	
	Dave Farey	45	San Rafael	
	Elizabeth Benishin	44	Palo Alto	
	David Strong	31	Bolinas	
	Rob Heather	44	Sunnyvale	
	Bill Preucel	43	Palo Alto	
137	Albert Li	31	Mountain View	15:46
138	Lavalle Linn	53	Santa Rosa	15:51
	Mark Gunther	50	San Francisco	
	Ed Auran	35	Campbell	
	Sandy Mailliard	50	Sebastopol	
	Galen Gard	38	Carmicheal	
143	John Miklaucic	41	Santa Rosa	15:54
144	Craig Hedlund	35	Santa Clara	15:58
	Paul Eagar	40	Rohnert Park	
	Wayne Dunlap	39	San Jose	
	Osman Isvan	49	Aptos	
	Ted Kokernak	42	Los Altos	
	John Murphy	33	San Francisco	
150	Jean-Luc P Servat	44	Larkspur	16:00
151	Mike Rose	56	Orangevale	16:08
	Charles Griffice	51	Orange	
	Steve Berry	55	Alameda	
154	Tyrone Arnold	31	Sebastopol	16:09
155	David Batt	50	Santa Rosa	16:14
	Paul Snyder	48	Berkeley	
157	Tom Gandesbery	39	Oakland	16:15
	Liz Canning	34	Fairfax	
159	Sean Smith	21	Danville	16:16
	Jordan McFeeters	22	Palo Alto	
161	Jeffrey Baker	41	Petaluma	16:17
	Dan Woll	52	Hammand, WI.	
163	Dan Crain/Anny Beck	54/48	Irvine ( <b>Tandem</b> )	16:19
164	Robert Okano	35	Monte Sereno	16:21
	Michael Pope	39	Auburn	
166	Michael Bayer	34	Saratoga	16:25
167	Paul Vlasveld	42	San Jose	16:30
	Michael Schiff	46	Menlo Park	
169	Anne Schneider	53	Davis	16:41
	Geoff Heineman	46	San Rafael	
	Mitch Ashley	41	San Leandro	
172	Michael Star	40	Santa Rosa	16:46
173	Steve Bartis	37	Los Gatos	16:50
174	Dave Peterson	43	El Dorado Hills	16:57

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175	Jim Tolley	57	Walnut Creek	17:01
	Steven Schuster	56	Lagunitas	
177	Jeff Ferdinandson	37	Sebastopol	17:12
178	Charles Gray	53	Folsom	17:30
	David Paulsen	47	Mountain View	
180	Edward Goshorn	58	Atascadero	17:54
	Raymond Barnes	43	Los Angeles	
182	Craig Wilson	48	Eureka	18:06
183	Milo Lewis		Hollister	18:10
184	Paul Kopit	58	Sunland	18:17
185	Tom Harrington	33	Berkeley	18:25
	Wendy Georges	44	Berkeley	
<b>Notes:</b>				
Shaded entries donote female riders				
Tandems count as one place each in standings				

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