

Mild weather leads to wild times on Terrible Two

Pleasant riding weather contributed to a record-breaking Terrible Two double century on June 22, 2002. Records were set for fastest men's and women's finishes. And while the total number of finishers was not a record—194, as compared to 199 in 2000—the percentage of finishers—85%—was...an indication of the relatively benign conditions.

None of the 231 cyclists who rode off into the fog-shrouded sunrise saw even a glimmer of sunshine until somewhere around Alexander Valley—perhaps mile 70—and that set the tone on a day when the hottest readings were only in the mid-80's, and where tailwinds outnumbered headwinds, especially later in the day.

But let's not give the weather too much of the credit for the superb performances of the riders. We're seeing a steady improvement in overall fitness and preparation for this challenging event, and it's paying off in good results. Coupled with mild weather and good support, most folks are riding very well and a few are simply scorching the rugged landscape of Napa and Sonoma Counties. First in this year were Santa Rosa's Brian Anderson, 31, and Mark Riedy, 34, Fairfax, finishing together in a time of 10:50, breaking the mythic 11-hour barrier and shattering the record of 11:05 set last year. The course record has now been broken three years in a row, dropping 30 minutes over that span.

Not too far behind, in fifth place overall, Catharina Berge, 35, Visalia, was the first woman in at 11:35, taking a huge, 50-minute bite out of Muffy Ritz' 1995 record of 12:25. Last year's top woman, Laura Stern, 40, Menlo Park, was second this year in a time of 12:16. She may perhaps take some consolation from knowing her second-place time this year represents an almost half-hour improvement over her winning time last year. Although Berge has only been cycling seriously for two years—and this was her first TT—her performance was not entirely unexpected, as she had astonished the ultra world by finishing second overall at last year's Furnace Creek 508.

The two leading men did surprise many people though. Neither is a regular on the California Triple Crown double century circuit. Other strong riders who had done well in the previous two legs of the CTC Stage Race—Devil Mountain and Central Coast—were a bit startled to find these two unheralded riders keeping up until Camp Gualala and then dropping everyone else on the dreaded Rancheria Wall. They rode through the Tin Barn junction with less than a minute's lead on Rupert Brauch—last year's Stage Race winner—but he essentially was never in contact again, as the two began working together in true breakaway fashion and poured on the coal all the way to the end.

While Reidy—a mountain bike racer—was doing the TT for the first time, Anderson is no stranger to the event, having done it five years in a row, with a previous best of 12:05. (An improvement of 1:15 in one's time was not unusual on this generally fast day: SRCC's Bill Ellis, for example, who finished tied for fifth with Berge, took 2:08 off his PR.) It's common to find the results of the TT littered with the names of riders generally unknown to the regulars on the doubles trail. The Terrible Two's reputation is such that it often attracts a large handful of independent riders who simply like the TT because it's so challenging, so scenic, and just so darn cool—road racers, mountain bikers, and plain old homeboy hammerheads—riders who've never heard of Furnace Creek or the California Triple Crown, and who couldn't care less about RAAM.

Back through the field, better-than-average results mirrored those of the front runners, with personal best times the order of the day for many happy finishers. For the most part, our sag fleet was not hard pressed to keep up with the calls upon its services. Among the few who did sag out were several who had mechanicals that kept them from otherwise good finishes, and a few who had the bad luck of starting the ride with a touch of the flu...never a good career move. Even on its most kind-hearted day, this is still a brutally tough course, and if you have any weaknesses at all, the ride will find them. Crashes this year were at an all-time low, with only one causing enough damage to warrant a trip to the emergency room: a broken wrist picked up—you guessed it—in the county line hairpins on the backside of Trinity.

Probably the biggest winners on the day will be our t-shirt silk-screeners. What with almost 200 "I DID IT!" shirts for the finishers and over 100 regular shirts for the workers, it will be the biggest run of TT shirts ever. 100 workers? Can that be right? You bet! That's a ratio of almost one support person for every two riders, and that's one of the reasons this ride is so well thought of by its participants: good support and lots of it.

Terrible Two 2002 Results

227	official starters (227 bikes, 231 riders...4 tandems)			
194	official finishers			
183	by 10:00 pm " <i>I Did It!</i> " cut-off			
Place	Name	Age	Home Town	Elapsed Time
1	Brian Anderson	31	Santa Rosa	10:50 (new course record)
	Mark Riedy	34	Fairfax	
3	Rupert Brauch	32	San Jose	11:14
4	Daryn Dodge	42	Davis	11:29
5	Bill Ellis	43	Rio Nido	11:35 (new women's record)
	Catharina Berge	35	Visalia	
7	Robert Choi	41	Rohnert Park	11:38
	Barley Forsman	30	Cotati	
9	Barney Wilson	41	Cool	11:42
10	Reid Walden	51	San Francisco	11:50
11	Paul McKenzie	47	Richmond	11:55
	Kenny Owen	30	Castro Valley	
	Graham Pollock	34	Cupertino	
14	Jeremy Witt	46	Napa	12:04
15	Ken Holloway	49	San Jose	12:11
16	Tao Bernardi	35	Lafayette	12:14
17	Tim Chase	36	San Francisco	12:16
	Laura Stern	40	Menlo Park	
19	Mike Cleary	28	Mountain View	12:24
	Jim Frink	39	Folsom	
21	Larry Kluck	53	Eureka	12:34
22	Kenneth Philbrick	23	Seattle, WA	12:36
	Craig Robertson	44	Los Altos	
	John Staroba	23	Santa Rosa	
25	Brett Goett	36	Scottsdale, AZ	12:43
	Craig Harlow	38	Mill Valley	
	James Kelleher	40	Palo Alto	
	Bill Ripke	38	Pinole	
29	Doug Simon	43	Santa Rosa	12:56
30	Chris Knorr	41	Yuba City	13:04
	Peter Stark	44	N. Hollywood	
32	Ray Hittenmiller	43	Monte Rio	13:10
	Clive Lightwood	36	San Francisco	
34	Dan Barrus	53	Woodland	13:11
	Peter Burnett	39	Chicago Park	
	Jennie Phillips	40	Danville	
	Dan Shadoan	55	Davis	
38	Linda Fluhrer	42	Pleasant Hill	13:13
	Sid Fluhrer	43	Pleasant Hill	
	Mark Abrahams	46	Berkeley	
41	Pat Ross	38	Richmond	13:16
	Tim Walker	43	Reno, NV	
43	Rebecca Smith	53	Portland	13:22
44	Paul Guttenberg	43	Davis	13:25

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45	Eric House	40	Foster City	13:26
46	David Holt	50	Laguna Niguel	13:27
47	Mark Boles	44	Roseville	13:28
	Richard Moon	43	Folsom	
	Eric Ostendorff	41	Torrance	
50	Brian Goldthwaite	36	San Francisco	13:31
	Kevin Burns	30	Roseville	
52	Tory Ponsford	30	Santa Rosa	13:34
	David Robertson	47	Santa Rosa	
	Paul Saunders	46	San Francisco	
55	Steve Pack	49	Reseda	13:37
56	David Baird	43	Burlingame	13:41
57	Ford Greene	49	San Anselmo	13:43
	Chris Scheetz	40	Los Altos	
	Shahriyar Rahmati	25	Los Altos	
	Timothy Woudenberg	44	Moss Beach	
61	Carl Poppe	35	Sebastopol	13:45
62	Susan Moran	31	Cotati	13:47
63	Franck Battelli	45	San Anselmo	13:48
	Jason Clymer	30	Novato	
	Ed Keller	48	Loomis	
	Richard McCaw	50	San Jose	
	Hooshang Mehranpour	43	Granite Bay	
	Richard West	54	Bellingham, WA	
69	Robert Okano	36	Monte Sereno	13:54
	Joseph Speaks	37	San Francisco	
71	Karl Kuhn		Santa Rosa	13:55
72	Ed Auran	36	San Jose	13:56
	Merrick Cohn		Camarillo	
74	Jim Sharp	53	Winters	13:57
75	Kathy Kellison	45	Santa Rosa	13:58
76	David Hillegeist	51	Eureka	13:59
77	Michael Bayer	35	Saratoga	14:01
78	Tom Long	55	Piedmont	14:02
79	Eric Boltz	36	Santa Rosa	14:03
	David Sams	44	Mill Valley	
81	Robert McDaniel	34	Palo Alto	14:06
82	Leland Gee	47	Calistoga	14:08
83	Nancy Vallance	37	Greenbrae	14:12
	Frank Boban	29	San Francisco	
	John McIntyre	37	Mill Valley	
	Charles Samson	41	Middletown	
87	Vance Roget	48	Modesto	14:13
88	Britt Harvey	48	Berkeley	14:14
89	Steve Lausmann	48	Citrus Hghts	14:17

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90	Jeff Farnsworth	44	Los Gatos	14:20
	Donald Cartwright	46	Berkeley	
	J. Klebanoff	51	Walnut Creek	
	S. Connell	36	Danville	
94	Bruce deBell (R)	55	Napa	14:22
	Wayne Dunlap	40	San Jose	
96	Rollin Feld	45	Bolinas	14:24
97	John Murphy	34	San Francisco	14:28
98	Roy Harju	33	Oakland	14:29
	Edward Kim	31	San Francisco	
100	Gustavo Hernandez	40	Davis	14:34
101	Tom Bahlo	46	Los Altos	14:35
102	Andrew Roscoe	33	Santa Rosa	14:37
103	John Krause	41	Auburn	14:39
104	Richard Coyle	43	Granite Bay	14:41
105	Richard Dickinson	49	Santa Monica	14:44
	Tim Mason	41	Davis	
107	William Oldham	64	Orinda	14:45
	Jeff Spilker	51	Danville	
109	Mike Haberski	45	Sebastopol	14:46
	Phillip Kajley	32	Yuba City	
	Joseph Vella	42	Santa Cruz	
112	Joe Gorin	51	Santa Rosa	14:48
113	Keith Cook	45	Loomis	14:52
	Jason Feyock	25	Alamo	
	Jon Martin	27	Los Altos	
116	Gregg Bleakney	27	San Francisco	14:53
117	Tom Harrington	34	Berkeley	14:55
	Karen Nordstrom	33	Santa Cruz	
	Keith White	52	El Cerrito	
120	Eric Norris	42	Davis	14:56
121	Steve Berry	56	Brisbane	15:01
122	Larry Thomasson	54	Santa Rosa	15:02
123	Greg Sage	49	Oakland	15:03
124	Craig Wilson	49	Eureka	15:04
125	Rachel Hawtin	35	San Carlos	15:07
126	Kenneth Straub	51	Cupertino	15:11
	Tom Zaharis	39	Half Moon Bay	
128	Dan Crain (T)	54	Irvine	15:17
	Anny Beck (T)	49	Irvine	
	Tertius Thakar	40	San Francisco	
130	Jesus Estevez	37	Santa Rosa	15:22
	Rita Faglia	38	Santa Rosa	
132	Mark Burke	42	Belmont	15:23
	Finbarr Jewel	41	San Francisco	
	Brian Tavoian	38	Cedar City, UT	

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135	C. Andersen	58	Mill Valley	15:25
	Vic Bunce	47	Modesto	
	Jeffrey Leenhouts	40	Alameda	
	David Leonard	49	Sacramento	
139	Gary Oak	59	Brighton, MI	15:26
140	David Neff	53	Fair Oaks	15:28
	Scott Taggart	46	Pine Grove	
142	Chris Griffo	17	Homewood	15:30
	Jeff Griffo	41	Homewood	
144	Lee Kane	31	San Francisco	15:31
	Colin Lynch	47	San Rafael	
146	Curt Simon (T)	53	San Rafael	15:31
	Rebecca McClellan (T)	43	San Rafael	
147	Doug Huff	55	Livermore	15:37
148	Rob Heather	45	Sunnyvale	15:38
149	Donn King	55	Sebastopol	15:39
150	Brad Hartsock	36	Phoenix, AZ	15:41
151	Jody Kamrath	36	Santa Barbara	15:43
	Paul Vlasveld	42	San Jose	
153	R. Lynde	38	Colorado Springs, CO	15:47
154	Ron Zell (T)	62	Santa Rosa	15:50
	LaValle Linn (T)	54	Santa Rosa	
155	Bruce Berg	55	Berkeley	15:51
	Marc Ophus	38	Fairfield	
157	Masoud Esnaashari	44	Folsom	15:53
158	Tom Gandesbery	40	Oakland	15:54
159	Christina Hannan	47	Danville	15:56
	Chris McAdam	43	Santa Rosa	
	Sarkis Soghomonian	34	Concord	
162	Richard Ballard	44	Santa Rosa	15:57
	Dave Berry	43	Sebastopol	
	Dan Lynde	47	Vacaville	
	Charles Noyes	48	Berkeley	
166	David Batt	51	Santa Rosa	15:58
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168	Mac Imacseng	45	Sunnyvale	16:03
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170	Derek Eukel	41	Campbell	16:08
	Philip Klingelhofer	27	Oakland	
172	Gary Herman	53	Los Altos	16:10
173	Greg Olson	55	Gresham,OR	16:11
174	Chris Caldwell	32	San Rafael	16:13
	Martin Kaplan	52	Albany	
	Larry Wendt	58	Santa Rosa	
177	Jean-Luc Servat	46	Sausalito	16:14
178	Brad Cameron	34	Santa Rosa	16:15
	Duane Stephens	53	Berkeley	
180	T. Olson	53	New Brighton, MN	16:18

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181	Maury Cohen	46	Santa Rosa	16:21
182	Dan Hertlein	48	Antioch	16:27
183	Timothy Houck	52	Pleasanton	16:37
	David Lipsky	50	Oakland	
	Michael Schiff	39	Menlo Park	
186	Marjorie Lerner	48	Santa Rosa	16:42
187	Steven Schuster	57	Lagunitas	16:45
188	Ken Johnson	49	Sacramento	16:48
189	Tebb Kusserow	59	Santa Monica	17:04
190	Mike Aberg	36	Palo Alto	17:06
	Bill Kerth	49	Roseville	
	Linda Lindsay	37	Petaluma	
193	Tim McCracken	44	San Rafeal	17:50
	Scott Halversen	39	Danville	
Notes:				
Shaded entries denote female riders				
(T)andems count as one place each in standings				

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