

Pleasant weather for a not-so-terrible Terrible Two



Last year, the weather gods took the Terrible Two riders to the woodshed-from-hell, punishing them with record-breaking, lung-baking heat. This year, on Saturday, June 15, as if to make up for that brutality, riders were given a nearly perfect day, with an official high of 92° but usually cooler than that, and with user-friendly tailwinds where the riders could make the most of them.

The results tell the story. 200 riders started and 154 finished. 138 of them did so by the traditional, “I did it!” cut-off of 10:00 PM, which works out to a rate of 69% (compared to 35% last year). Even in a mellow year like this, the TT is still a very hard ride, and it was too hard for nearly a quarter of the field. But most folks were thrilled with the conditions and threw down lively, even enjoyable rides, as evidenced by all the smiles at the finish.

The sharp end of the peloton had a familiar look to it. Marc Moons and Brian Anderson rolled into the lunch stop together and left within a few seconds of each other. By the Fort Ross stop, Moons had a five-minute lead, but Anderson was pulling him back on the descent into Cazadero, perhaps two minutes back, when a front tire sidewall blew out and left him stranded on the side of the road. He was given a front wheel by a friend a few minutes later (a rider in the 200-K), but those minutes added up to the distance between the two at the finish: 11:28 vs 11:38. We’re left to wonder what sort of ding-dong, head-to-head battle might have ensued over those last 25 miles without the fickle finger of fate tapping on Anderson’s sidewall.

This is the second time in recent years that Anderson has been victimized by flats on that same patch of road, while duking it out for the lead. But he was philosophical about it at the finish and gracious in praise of Moons’ excellent ride. Two true champions, doing themselves and the event proud.

Speaking of champions, Robert Choi and Carl Sanders were part of a group of four who came in four minutes behind Anderson, and so maintained their 1-2 placing in the California Triple Crown Stage Race with only Alta Alpina left to do in a couple of weeks.

Sarah Schroer was the first woman to finish and takes over the lead in the women’s Stage Race. Becky Berka was second. She could be forgiven for wondering where all these SRCC women keep coming from. Each year, a new SRCC *femme fatale* takes top honors in the Stage Race. Megan Arnold in 2011,

Susan Forsman in 2012, and now Sarah (although let's not count our chicks until after Alta Alpina).

With Marc and Sarah taking the top spots at the TT, and with Robert ahead in the Stage Race (as reigning champion), it looks like another dominant year for the club on the double century circuit. (There were dozens of clubsters salted down through the TT list this year. Check the results to find out where all your friends finished.)

On the downside...there was no downside. As far as we have been able to determine, there were only a couple of minor crashes, resulting in nothing more serious than a few scrapes. Two or three minor tumbles in over 50,000 miles of hard riding on some very dodgy roads: that's good news.

Perhaps the biggest news at the Terrible Two this year was the introduction of our TT 200-K...TT Lite. We dreamed up this new ride within a ride to give folks an opportunity to be a part of the grand TT experience without having to grind out the full 200 miles...to experience the beauty and cruelty of the second half of the course on game day, with full SRCC support, and to roll in at the finish into the middle of that happy-family celebration (which doubles vets will tell you exists at no other event, at least not at the level of camaraderie you see here).

Our post-event analysis is that the 200-K was a positive addition to the TT culture. It added little to the logistical challenge—a little more food and slightly longer service windows for the later rest stops—and it allowed all those riders to get in on the TT “fun.” Some of the 200-K riders were TT vets, while others were newbies, who may be back for the full double in a future year. Significantly, the 200-K fees help with our bottom line, bringing in revenue that will allow us to continue staging the TT with all the support for which it is so well known.

Speaking of support...wow! There were as many volunteers on the course as there were doubles riders, and their efforts were on display all day. The riders appreciate the support and organization that they see as they pedal out the miles, one stop to the next. But they don't see what goes on behind the scenes: the crews laboring in anonymity at the warehouse in the days and weeks before (and after) the event; the thought that goes into every tiny detail of planning and logistics. And only the last few riders lingering at the finish see the weary workers knocking down that little village of food and clothing and timing stalls at the high school, pushing on into the wee hours of the morning. It's all part of what makes the Terrible Two the best double around.

Full results below

Terrible Two 2013 Final Results

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	Bib	Finish Time	
1	136	11:28	Marc Moons, 47, Petaluma
2	6	11:38	Brian Anderson, 43, Santa Rosa
3	34	11:42	Robert Choi, 52, Santa Rosa
	121	11:42	Jeff McCarthy, NA, Santa Rosa
	177	11:42	Carl Sanders, 44, Lagunitas
	201	11:42	Gary Swanson, 43, Yuba City
7	59	11:51	Bob Fisher, 57, Spokane, WA
	129	11:51	Maximiliano Mehech, 51, Santa Clara
9	152	12:04	Jady Palko, 40, Windsor
	205	12:05	Curtis Taylor, 41, Folsom
11	176	12:18	Miguel Sanchez, 36, Santa Rosa
12	58	12:22	Steve Fielding, 48, Walnut Creek
13	93	12:32	Eric House, 51, Emeryville
14	5	12:37	Carl Andersen, 52, Belmont
	61	12:37	Barley Forsman, 41, Cotati
	70	12:37	Mike Gibney, 45, Pleasanton
	101	12:37	Tim Jouroyan, 41, Fresno
	167	12:37	Reve Ramos, 67, South Lake Tahoe
19	126	12:49	Paul McKenzie, 58, Richmond
	169	12:49	Dave Reynolds, 52, Salt Lake City, UT
21	125	12:50	Douglas McKenzie, 53, Santa Rosa
	182	12:50	Andreas P. Schultz, 45, Redwood City
23	47	13:02	Scott Duncan, 59, Healdsburg
24	21	13:13	Michael Brochier, 52, Redwood City
25	103	13:17	Ryosei Kaneko, 50, Rough and Ready
26	84	13:18	Patrick Herlihy, 46, Redwood City
	180	13:18	Robert Schofield, 38, Carson City, NV
	192	13:18	Omar Sison, 36, Cotati
29	109	13:25	Karl Kuhn, 58, Windsor
	19	13:32	Jeffrey Boyette, 27, San Francisco
31	71	13:37	Brian Goldthwaite, 48, Muir Beach
	139	13:37	Mark Mularz, 45, Ashland, OR
	90	13:37	Marty Holloway, 49, Sacramento
34	41	13:44	Christopher Coppersmith, 51, San Francisco
35	80	13:45	Sean Harrell, 31, Healdsburg

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	82	13:45	Mike Hemman, 38, Clovis
37	98	13:48	Rick Jacobson, 54, Van Nuys
38	10	13:50	Adam Barker, 30, Reno, NV
39	107	13:52	Steve Kreider, 47, Carson City, NV
40	181	13:53	Sarah Schroer, 41, Santa Rosa
	48	13:53	Greg Durbin, 56, Santa Rosa
	97	13:53	Naoki Iwakami, 45, Redwood City
43	74	13:57	Don Graham, 61, Santa Rosa
44	141	13:59	Michael Munrow, 55, Belmont
45	147	14:05	Peter Nishimura, 33, Hawthorne
	68	14:05	Leland Gee, 58, Santa Rosa
	102	14:05	Lee Kane, 42, Mill Valley
48	148	14:08	Chris O'Keefe, 46, Mountain View
49	104	14:20	Bryan Kilgore, 31, Oakland
50	193	14:22	Erik Smart, 28, Bodega Bay
51	17	14:28	Mitchell Blum, 40, Reno, NV
	197	14:28	Rich Staley, 43, Reno, NV
	106	14:28	Adam Kovac, 23, Reno, NV
	130	14:28	H. Frank Meltzer, 53, San Ramon
	117	14:28	Tom Mac, 49, San Jose
	133	14:28	Bret Miller, 54, Pismo Beach
	128	14:28	Steve Meffert, 50, santa rosa
	132	14:28	Mitch Meyer, 51, Rancho Cordova
	77	14:28	Doug Hahn, 49, Los Altos
60	50	14:34	David Elliott, 56, Sebastopol
61	173	14:38	Dan Rugani, 34, Dublin
62	145	14:41	Bartlomiej Niechwiej, 37, Fremont
63	86	14:45	Craig Hicks, 53, Berkeley
64	49	14:46	Daigo Echizenya, 44, Dublin
65	67	14:48	Teng Gao, 36, San Francisco
66	186	14:49	Takanobu Seimiya, 41, Foster City
67	157	14:50	Vernon Piccinotti, 36, Daly City
	199	14:50	Paul Stimson, 60, Santa Rosa
69	35	14:58	Brian Chun, 54, Los Altos
70	222	14:59	Marty Zucker, 53, Orinda

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71	72	15:01	Joe Gorin, 62, Santa Rosa
72	113	15:06	Scott Lewis, 59, Park City, UT
	174	15:06	Lee Rusconi, 62, Blue Lake
74	62	15:08	Pauli Frey, 44, Santa Rosa
75	171	15:09	Craig Robertson, 55, Los Altos
76	39	15:14	Kevin Comerford, 34, Livermore
	44	15:14	Jim Daniel, 48, Monte Rio
78	206	15:17	Tertius Thakar, 51, San Francisco
	105	15:17	Dmitry Kosorukov, 37, Kentfield
	85	15:17	Gustavo Hernandez, 45, Davis
81	202	15:18	Peter Swanson, 57, San Francisco
82	37	15:20	Randall Coleman, 49, Sacramento
	46	15:20	Kent Diehl, 52, Palo Alto
	99	15:20	Andrew Jae, 39, San Pablo
85	149	15:22	Ramon Ochoa, 42, Campbell
	220	15:22	Bill Wright, 52, Rocklin
87	207	15:23	Stewart Thompson, 60, Burlingame
	155	15:23	Diego Periasco, 39, Napa
90	215	15:28	Matthew Wietrick, 43, Sacramento
91	143	15:29	David Nelson, 45, Martinez
92	210	15:30	Metin Uz, 47, Palo Alto
93	87	15:33	Eric Hjort, 52, Oakland
93	14	15:34	Becky Berka, 49, Dublin
	116	15:34	Vladislav Luskin, 50, Oakland
	95	15:34	James Hussey, 48, Livermore
	81	15:34	David Hartson, 57, Sunland
	209	15:34	Stanley Tsang, 52, Pacifica
	27	15:34	Michael Burke, 49, Mill Valey
	100	15:34	Matt Johnson, 42, Napa
	120	15:34	Tim Mason, 52, Sacramento
	40	15:34	Keith Cook, 57, Loomis
102	158	15:37	Chuck Pietro, 49, San Mateo
103	76	15:39	Brian Gully, 56, Santa Rosa
	30	15:39	Bradley Capinas, 50, Geyserville
	123	15:39	Kirsten Mcdaniel, 44, Campbell

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107	56	15:41	Paul Farley, 68, Lakeport
108	170	15:44	Doug Richardson, 49, Martinez
109	78	15:49	Macklin Halsted, 53, Fairfield
110	175	15:51	Jeffrey Sacramento, 37, Castro Valley
	142	15:51	Matthew Nalywaiko, 31, Santa Rosa
112	22	15:53	James Brooman, 33, San Francisco
	223	15:53	Randy Griffin, , Berkeley
114	217	15:54	Mark Williams, 53, Fairfax
115	88	15:55	Byron Ho, 58, San Francisco
116	38	15:56	David Collum, 60, Stockton
117	25	15:57	Mark Buettner, 43, Auburn
	162	15:57	Kenneth Prager, 51, Granite Bay
119	45	15:58	John DeGregory, 44, Calistoga
	154	15:58	Mahesh Patil, 47, San Jose
121	165	16:04	Jim Pyatt, 55, Modesto
122	2	16:05	Mark Abrahams, NA, Berkeley
	161	16:05	Garth Powell, 50, Irvine
	91	16:05	Mark Homrighausen, 59, Berkeley
	18	16:05	Gilles Bouchard, NA, Los Altos
126	36	16:06	John Clare, 48, Long Beach
	83	16:06	Robert Henderson, NA, Sandy, UT
128	26	16:13	Robert Buntrock, 48, Discovery Bay
	219	16:13	Gregory Wong, 54, Millbrae
130	185	16:15	Luke Scrivanich, 50, Santa Rosa
131	53	16:23	Allan Erbes, 55, Los Gatos
	111	16:23	Eric Larsen, 39, Albany
	140	16:23	Rico Mundy, 42, Angwin
	203	16:23	Toshi Tajima, 48, San Jose
135	1	16:24	Michael Aberg, 47, Palo Alto
	60	16:24	Erika Floric, 49, Camp Meeker
	89	16:24	John Hoenigman, 48, Santa Barbara
138	214	16:30	Theodore Watrous, 44, Santa Rosa
139	150	16:32	Robert Okano, 47, San Jose
140	13	16:48	Roy Benton, 63, Angwin

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142	69	16:53	Raphael Gernez, 50, Los Altos
	178	16:53	Dan Sartin, 29, Santa Rosa
144	15	17:01	Brad Biancalana, 52, Petaluma
	63	17:01	Benny Gallardo, 44, Menlo Park
146	153	17:02	Steve Parker, NA, Forestville
	65	17:05	Ed Gallegos, 52, Los Alamitos
	110	17:05	Lap Lai, 57, Vancouver, WA
149	79	17:14	Chris Hanson, 57, Hermosa Beach
150	135	17:16	Stefan Moiceanu, 48, Lafayette
	195	17:16	Tom Solari, 58, Napa
	208	17:16	Justin Too, 23, San Jose
153	156	17:24	Steven Peters, 52, Pleasant Hill
154	96	17:27	Robert Inchausti, 50, oakland
155	20	17:30	Andrew Bro, 34, San Francisco
	194	17:30	Larry Sokolsky, 53, Portola Valley
	160	17:30	Clint Ponder, 34, Sonoma