

## **Duro October Newsletter**

The 24th annual mountain Challenge was a great success with over 1000 in attendance! Apart from the 20mph max decent behind the Sheriff's Quad it was pretty sweet.

We had several Duro's in the bunch and looking good in the new kit!

### **Joe Aspatore 1:07:10**

This was my 16th Mountain Challenge and in my mind I was still 23 years old and 175 pounds, but the reality was that I'm 44 and 200lbs. I was painfully reminded of that at Devils Elbow when I saw my watch click over an hour, I couldn't believe it took me another 7:00mins to get to the summit! Yes I enjoy ice cream, cheese burgers and my wife's Italian cooking and I have a hard time riding in the winter.

I can recall my first Mountain Challenge back in 1984, I had no idea what kind of time I would do, one thing was certain, I wouldn't win. My goal was to beat some of my team mates at the time, and anyone from the San Jose KOMe Radio Team, those guys just had a bad attitude for some reason.

As the years pressed on and it became more and more obvious to me that I was not really suited for climbing, my goal each year in the Mt. Challenge changed, though beating an hour never used to be a problem, I was more concerned with not being beaten by any one with hairy legs, then it was anyone who tucked their jersey in their shorts, then not getting beaten by any girls, then it was not getting beaten by anyone on a mountain bike, then not getting beaten by anyone with baskets on their bike.

This year, my goal was simple, break an hour, but as I got up past Juniper summit I looked down on the road below and saw a guy on a recumbent, I new at this point, I was not going to break an hour, so my new goal was not to get beaten by a guy on a recumbent. I succeeded, but only by a few minutes.

*I would just like to thank my old pal's Tim Parker and Brian Kelly for contributing to the list of "people to beat"; we have had a lot of good laughs over the years about this.*



Mountain Challenge, circa 1988' - there I am front and center!



Mountain Challenge circa 1985' 300 riders that year!

The entry fee was \$10.00 and they gave a T-shirt to everyone under an hour.

**Ted Trambley 1:01:30**

Ted said; "I lost two minutes at the start waiting to cross the line and then pass an incredible number of riders clogging up the roadway. I new there was something wrong with my starting position when there was a 10 year-old next to me with a moto-cross bike!"

**Bill Oldham** 1:01:00

**Celia Graterol** 1:12:00

Celia said: "What a nice great race, in particular because of the company and encouragement of my friends Jose Luis, Bill and Mike! I will race it next year and try to get it under an hour, so watch out!"

**Rob May** 1:05:00

Rob Said; "the ride today was enjoyable. I started at the end of the group and finished in 65min.

Nice day and a good turn out, but the usual chaos moving up as you would expect. It is a FUN Ride not a race and starting at the back is a more relaxed spot.... far more social and no tension."

**Mark Cutone** 1:03:00

Mark said: "I did the Mt Diablo Challenge for the 4th consecutive year.

Each year I've improved my time, and last year I broke the hour and finished in 57:55.

Unfortunately, I failed to improve my time and finished in 1:03.

It was a beautiful day, and I plan to come back strong next year.

**Ted Brooks** DNF- bad luck Duro story of the day....

Ted Says: "We don't even make it through the pothole zone before the gate and I'm feeling a thump, thump. No, it can't be a flat! So I ride a little more, look at my wheels, and DAMN! The rear is going down. Someone behind me tells me it is flat, too.

So, I pull out and quickly get off the road so I don't take down the herd behind me. I walk and ride back to my car, which is down Diablo Road. As I get near it, I get a moment of courage and decide I'm going back once I fix it. So, I change the tube, pump it up, and head back. I'm now 20 minutes or more late, but I know I can at least have fun at the top, and I will be able to pass a bunch on the way.

I get almost to the start line, and it goes again. End of story. End of 2005 Mt. D for me. I guess I'll be back next year.

**Carlos Soto 1:53:00**

Carlos Said: "I coached and supported my girl Marlene Martinez. She did great; this was her first time at the top. I've been training her to the junction for about a month. I'm so proud of her. I had a blast, saw a lot of DURO jerseys at the top. Next year I'll go for the (under) one hour record.

**Other News and Events:**

10/16 - All clubs ride in Healdsburg. Anyone interested in going send a message to Craig at [vicepresident@duro.org](mailto:vicepresident@duro.org). More info is on the club website:

[http://www.duro.org/duro\\_sunday\\_club\\_rides\\_oct.htm](http://www.duro.org/duro_sunday_club_rides_oct.htm)

10/17 - Clothing Order Deadline. Orders will be delivered before Xmas. Here is your chance to get some Duro's fall/winter clothing. In addition, renew for 2006 and take advantage of some of the new packages we have for 2006! If you have any questions contact Carole at [clothing@duro.org](mailto:clothing@duro.org). To order print and fill out the order form from the website:

[http://www.duro.org/Clothing\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](http://www.duro.org/Clothing_Order_Form.pdf)

10/31 - We will be placing another E-Caps/Hammer Gel products order at the end of the month. Get your orders in before the 31st. If you have any questions contact Jack at [president@duro.org](mailto:president@duro.org). We also have an order form available on the club site:

[http://www.duro.org/duro\\_ecaps.htm](http://www.duro.org/duro_ecaps.htm)