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## SOCAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP XC SERIES

By Platinum Performance's Todd Booth

Elings Park in Santa Barbara was the host of the 4Th round of the SoCal State Cross-Country Series. After last year's 90-degrees-plus meltdown, riders were happy to see cool temperatures with the sun only making an appearance in the afternoon. Many of the Southern California locals already have months of racing behind them, so this break from extremely hot temperature offered a welcome relief.

The 4.34 mile course has tons of flowing singletrack turns with fun and loose downhill sections. A couple of fire road and road climbs are thrown in for the climbers. Staged in a beautiful park, it was a lively festival with music, vendor booths, a beer garden, a catered barbecue, and bouncer's for the kids. There was also a fun kids race, where each participant received a medal and a "pure" silver one dollar coin. The kids loved it. A great event put on by Team Big Bear, Ed Brown, and the Eling's Park crew.

The Platinum Performance Mountain Bike Team had a home field advantage. Most of the team has utilized these trails for years. With thirty-three Platinum riders scheduled to race, our medal count looked good. By the end of the day the team collected eighteen top five finishes with nine on top of the podium. The "Stud of the Day" went to young 8-year-old Reny Takeda for pulling off a 2nd in the 10-and-under class. The future of the sport rode the entire race, clearing both the switchback climbs and technical downhill sections. I wouldn't have believed it unless I saw it... The "He's Back" award goes to Andy Osburn. Andy pulled out a 2nd in the tough Expert 40-44 class, behind the dominator, Block Graphics owner Rich Bartlett. A year after breaking his hip on the same course and surviving a bout with cancer the year before, this ride proves how much of a true survivor Andy Osburn is.

The Platinum Performance riders who topped the podium were Todd Booth (Expert 35-39),



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Terry Dahl (Expert 65+), John Biron (Sport 40-44), Byron Beck (Beginner 50-54), Bud Donatoni (Sport 40-44), Ian Mcfarlane (Sport 16 under), Sina Wallace (Beginner Women 30-39), Shawna Martin (Beginner Women 14-and-under), and Bobby Langin Jr. (Expert 19-24). Besides Reny and Andy, the other runner-up finishers were Harrison Davis (Beginner 16-and-under), Melanie Davis (Beginner 14-and-under) and Jaye Donen (Beginner Women 30-39). Bob Nisbet (Expert 40-44) and Ron Takeda (Expert 45-49) rode strong for respectful third place showings.

The beginners took on two laps, the sports rode three laps, experts covered four, and the semipro/pro group rode five laps. Each 4.34-mile loop had 652 feet of climbing.

The Elings Park Downhill was a stand-alone event that was a qualifying event for the U.S. Mountain Bike National Championships at Mt. Snow in Vermont on July 17-22. Check back later for a Top 10 Posting of those results.

Other Platinum Performance showings at Elings Park:

4th--Linda Brown, Sport Women 30-39; 5th--Steve Silva, Expert 45-49; 6th's--Jason Hannon, Expert 40-44 and Mark Luke, Expert 45-49; 7th's--Jamie Goldstein, Semipro and Aaron Transki, Expert 35-39; 9th--John Gannon, Sport 35-39; 11th's--John Reveles, Sport 40-44 and Steve Boelter, Sport 40-44; 12th's--Shigy RMZ Suzuki, Beginner 45-49 and Herb Wright, Sport 30-34; 13th--Steve Bertrand, Sport 50-54; 14th's--Jim Garwood, Sport 50-54 and Chad Stewart, Sport 30-34; 16th--John Goodman, Sport 50-54; 18th--John Berberet, Sport 50-54; 19th--Shawn Hill, Sport 30-34.



Semipro top 5: Intense's Denton Bowers 5th (standing on the wrong side) and Trek-VW's Nigel Hill 4th flank the Sho-Air/Rock N' Road trio of Manuel Prado (2nd), Ty Kady (1st) and Jason First (3rd).



Elite start: Chuck Jenkins (125), Skyler Bishop (237/Kodak), Cameron Brenneman (270), Leonardo Sandoval 225/Specialized), Manuel Prado (176), Tim Olson (209) with Nigel Hill behind, Jason First (166) and Miguel Valadez (211).



Father knows best: Shortly after the grassy start riders funneled into a tight, switchbacked uphill grind. It was Trek-VW's Mike Lee who first threw down the gauntlet as he throttled away up the climb.



Like father... Son Brandon Lee on a single speed Maverick that's disguised as a Trek. Brandon took 2nd in his Expert 18-and-under geared division behind a flying Zach Patterson. Here Brandon is happy to be descending.



45-49 Experts: Last year's winner Dermot Carroll (210) and Amgen teammate Bobby Langin (159) sandwich Sho-Air/Rock N' Road's Johnny O'Mara (169). Platinum Performance's Ron Takeda (192) had a great ride capturing 3rd.



Only if: I.E. Bikes' Chuck Jenkins was in the big ring and easily running away with the win until his tire started losing air. He lost four spots during the final circuit after making numerous stops to re-inflate.



Life saver: Sho-Air/Rock N' Road is San Diego's answer to Santa Barbara's Platinum Performance. Sho-Air owner Scott Tedro started mountain biking 1 year ago and is now winning Beginner 40-44 SoCal State events.



50-54 Sport's: E.S.I. Grips' Gary Stewart leads Platinum Performance's Steve Bertrand up the opening climb. It was overcast during the morning races. The sun broke and warmed things up nicely for the 2 p.m. Pro/Expert start.



Networking by singletracking: Specialized rep Robert Meeker is a regular on the SoCal Norba circuit. He placed second 50-54 Sport behind Amgen's Tracy Hrach. Robert is coming up on the first descent on the thrilling Elings Park loop.



Top of the world: The upper section at Elings is full of a very busy maze of banked trail and grippy dirt. Bob Kmetz (AFP-Velo Sport) banks into a turn while doing his best not to look off into the Pacific Ocean below.

### TOP TEN 5 LAP RIDERS

1. Tim Olson...Pro...Trek-Vw...1:48:06...11.99 mph av
2. Ty Kady...Semi...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:48:51
3. Manuel Prado...Semi...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:48:56
4. Jason First...Semi...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:49:50
5. Charles Jenkins...Pro...I.E. Bikes...1:51:12
6. Cameron Brenneman...Pro...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:52:23
7. Miguel Valadez...Pro...Zimmult...1:52:47
8. Michael Lee...Pro...Trek-Vw...1:53:51
9. Nigel Hill...Semi...Trek-Vw...1:54:37
10. Denton Bowers...Semi...Intense...1:55:22

### TOP TEN 4 LAP RIDERS

1. Johnny Omara...Exp 45-49...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:31:21...11.40 mph av
2. Rich Bartlett...Exp 40-44...Block...1:32:22
3. Brad Stephenson...Pro Sng Spd...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:33:55
4. Josh Kelley...Exp Sng Spd...Red Rock...1:34:41
5. Dermot Carroll...Exp 45-49...Amgen...1:34:46
6. Andy Osburn...Exp 40-44...Platinum...1:35:18
7. Bob Nisbet...Exp 40-44...Platinum...1:35:29
8. Ron Takeda...Exp 45-49...Platinum...1:36:03
9. John Parsons...Exp 40-44...Outer Circle...1:36:05
10. Todd Booth...Exp 35-39...Platinum...1:36:17

### CLASS WINNERS

12. Sean Bartilet...Exp 30-34...La Habra Cycle...1:36:58
15. Anthony Sinyard...Exp 25-29...Specialized...1:37:15
19. Bobby Langin...Exp 19-24...1:37:57
25. Zach Patterson...Exp 18-...Jenson Usa...1:40:07
41. Jon Miller...Exp 55-59...Amgen-Giant...1:43:05
48. Dean Swank...Exp 50-54...Bv Bikes...1:44:32

### WOMEN

1. Chrissy Bono...Pro...Intense...1:46:14...9.80 mph av
2. Ankie Trollegard...Pro...Helens-sub...1:51:34
3. Christie Pleiss...Pro...Pass Physical...1:51:37
4. Heather Ranoa...Pro...Intense...1:53:10
5. Joy Duerksen...Exp 19-29...Tm Jose Ole'...1:53:16
6. Beverly Chaney...Exp 40-49...Roaring Mo...1:57:01
7. Essence Barton...Exp 18-...Devo-Nso...1:58:40
8. Vanessa Humic...Exp 19-29...Backbone...2:00:11
9. Heidi Volpe...Exp 40-49...Backbone...2:00:17

10. Caroline Goulard...Exp 40-49...AFP-velo Sport...2:07:58  
Top Exp 30-39: 02:11:24 Jennifer See...Chicken Ranch...2:11:24

#### TOP TEN 3 LAP RIDERS

1. Eric Ortlieb...Spt 30-34...1:11:32...10.92 mph av
2. Kevin Crossley...Spt 19-24...1:12:35  
Bud Donatoni...Spt 40-44...Platinum-G...1:12:35
4. Rod Leveque...Spt 30-34...Jenson USA...1:13:12
5. Ted Wango Tango Nugent...Spt 30-34...Ccsurfboar...1:13:13
6. Timothy Sparks...Spt 35-39...Bicycle Jo...1:13:20
7. George Munoz...Spt Sng Spd...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...1:14:15
8. Peter Sproul...Spt 35-39...Chicken Ranch...1:14:24
9. James Koch...Spt 25-29...Cycopath...1:14:30
10. John Biron...Spt 45-49...Platinum...1:14:38

#### CLASS WINNERS

23. Ian Mcfarlane...Spt 15-16...Platinum...1:17:20
24. Tyler Carr...Spt 17-18...Action Sport...1:17:26
53. Bob Blatner...Exp 60-64...Bikes4life...1:20:24
64. Tracy Hrach...Spt 50-54...Amgen...1:21:20
67. Scott Harper...Sport Clydes 35+...1:21:39
94. Casey Williams...Spt 14-...Bv Bikes...1:25:24
97. Bill Forrester...Spt 55-59...1:25:40
127. Robert Koch...Spt 60-64...Cycopath...1:31:18
129. Terry Dahl...Exp 65+...Platinum...1:31:42
150. Lucas Crawford...Spt Clyd 34-...Westlake Cycle...1:42:48

#### SPORT WOMEN

1. Lisa Crowe...19-29...Dons Bikes...1:21:25...9.60 mph av
2. Heidi Bowen...30-39...Idyllwild Sport...1:27:17
3. Becky Mason...30-39...1:27:18
4. Jacinda Raiche...30-39...1:29:29
5. Shelli Stevenson...19-29...Possabilities...1:30:06
6. Henrietta Stern...50+...Hot Flash Sport...1:34:44
7. Linda Brown...30-39...Platinum...1:43:15
8. Barbara Furlong...40-49...AFP-Velo Sport...1:46:32
9. Cindy Marnoch...40-49...Manitou...1:52:25

#### TOP TEN 2 LAP BEGINNERS

1. George Barthel...25-29...Giant...0:50:09...10.38 mph av
2. Ryan Harper...30-34...0:50:31
3. Scott Tedro...40-44...Sho-Air/Rock N' Road...0:51:57

4. Sam Simmons...18-...Major Motion...0:52:29
  5. Greg Harris...45-49...Metal Mtn...0:53:05
  6. Brian Bermudes...30-34...Chicken Ranch...0:53:37
  7. Philip Friden...40-44...Chicken Ranch...0:53:42
  8. Kevin Zielsdorf...25-29...Ziels On W...0:53:48
  9. Chris Mckee...30-34...0:54:33
  10. Sergio Vazquez...35-39...0:54:58
- CLASS WINNERS**
11. Byron Beck...50+...Platinum...0:54:59
  29. Steve Bates...Clyd 35+...Velopro...0:57:47
  32. Cody Mcclung...19-24...Possabilities...0:58:01
  40. Matthew Thome...13-14...PMBC...0:59:11
  47. Cameron Williams...12-...Bv Bikes...1:00:55
  58. William Black...Clyd 34-...Velo Pro...1:02:56
  100. Lisa Riehl/Greg Norombaba...Tndm...Trek-Clif...1:26:35

**WOMEN**

1. Vicki Chernoff...40-49...AFP-Velo Sport...0:57:54...8.99 mph av
2. Sina Johnson...30-39...Platinum...1:02:55
3. Sloane Pellegrin...19-29...SB Trainin... 1:04:45
4. Debra Sortino...50+...Block...1:05:50
5. Jaye Donen...30-39...Platinum...1:08:07
6. Ronda Warden...40-49...Bv Bikes...1:13:13
7. Shawna Martin...14-...Platinum...1:14:49
8. Melanie Davis...14-...Platinum...1:14:56
9. Sarah Henkel...19-29...Velo Pro...1:15:17
10. Carlyn Lambert Oropez...Beg 30-39...1:15:19

**TOP 1 LAP 10 & UNDER JUNIORS**

1. Evan Williams,,Bv Bikes...0:34:01...7.66 mph av
2. Reny Takeda...Platinum...0:40:34
3. Jake Reese...0:51:08



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