

EARLY BIRD *(in Patterson)*

ROAD RACE 2016



Presented by Velo Promo and Golden Chain Cyclists
Held Under USAC Rules and Permit 2016-281

Date: Saturday January 16, 2016

This race is not part of the 2016 Velo Promo Points Program; that starts with Cantua Creek Road Race in February.

Note: Starts may be delayed 2 hours if substantial ice is found on the lower portion of the course (below Del Puerto Park)

Location: Patterson, Stanislaus County CA

Registration: Opens at 7:00 a.m. at BEST WESTERN PLUS Villa Del Lago Inn outside of Patterson CA. Opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 8:00 for all. Park only on street, not in Inn parking lot. Same place as 2003-2015.

Rules/Warnings: Follow vehicles only as permitted by Chief Ref. (Volunteers to be neutral vehicles welcome!! – but check with us at least 1 week before race day to register your vehicle with the USAC insurance). There is other traffic on the roadways; always be aware of it and prepared to slow and/or maneuver; warn riders behind you of hazards. As this is an out and back course, ride to the right edge as much as possible, watching for vehicles passing riders coming the opposite direction.

Directions: From Hwy 5 south of Tracy, take the Sperry Avenue (J-17) exit in Patterson. Head east on Sperry one block and north (left) at the signal at Rogers, then right on Speno to registration at the Best Western Villa del Lago Inn.

Course: 42 mile out & back race (22 miles out, 20 back) starting at the Inn and ending on Del Puerto Canyon road 1 1/2 miles west of Hwy 5. The entire race is on Sperry and Del Puerto Canyon, with the turn around at the Santa Clara County line. Del Puerto is one long (and steep near the top) climb to the turn-around, then back, finish is after a short climb. Some narrow roadways, a few sharp downhill turns on the return. Often rocks in roadway. **Can be icy:** pay attention to warning signs/cones and shady areas. Foggy start area; usually clear up the canyon.

Events	miles	laps	places	value	fee	start	limit
Cat. 1/2/Pro	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:00	50
Category. 3	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:05	50
Category 4	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:10	50
Category 5	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:15	50
Women 1/2/Pro	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:20	50
Master 35+ 1/2/3	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:25	50
Master 35+ 4	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:30	50
Master 35+ 5	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:35	50
Women 3	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:40	50
Women 4	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:45	50
Junior 17-18	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:50	50
Master 45+1/2/3	42	1	6	0	\$25	8:55	50
Mast 45+ 4/5*	42	1	6	0	\$25	9:00	50
Mast 55+	42	1	6	0	\$25	9:05	50

*separated if large enough group

Groups may be combined if few riders; second groups may be added if needed

Prizes: None.

How to Enter:

---**via On-line** at www.BikeReg.com from Dec 22 to January 13 for \$25 plus on-line surcharge. No late fees. No on-line entry after midnight PST Wednesday Jan 13. You'll need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk.

---**By Mail**: You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with \$25 to Velo Promo/Early Bird RR, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form. Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race.

---**At Race**: You may enter at the race, provided your event is not filled, for \$25, no late fee.

2016 USAC license required (available at race or online at <http://www.usacycling.org/usa-cycling-license-information.htm>). One day licenses are available only for Cat 5, Master 5 or Women 4 . Entry fees include \$1 NCNCA and \$3.75 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

Credits: Credit for another VP race will be given if VP is notified at tech@bikereg.com by 5 pm Wednesday 1/13 that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions for cancellations. Send e-mail for credit to tech@bikereg.com

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front online or by mail; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$3 per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above (otherwise they pay full fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$3, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required.

Notes: Very limited dirt/mud Parking allowed in the finish area, park all the way off the pavement.

Host Hotel: Best Western Vista Del Lago Inn, (209) 892-5300; ask for corporate rate for Velo Promo event. This is registration and start line location. Several restaurants and gas stations next door.

Future VP Races: Cantua Road Race 2/13; Pine Flat RR 2/14; Dinuba Crit 2/15; Snelling RR 2/20; Merced Crit 2/21.

Further Information: Available at (209) 533-4996 or at www.velopromo.com