The 37th annual Original





Saturday March 2, 2024

Presented by Golden Chain Cyclists & Velo Promo LLC



Held under USAC rules and permit 2024-8685 It's back on the old, original course; the bridge is rebuilt and reopened!! (and the race may be run counter clockwise)

- <u>Notes:</u> Though traffic on the course is controlled, there are still vehicles on the roadways; pay attention to them and to other hazards, and make others in your race aware of hazards as well, particularly other race groups and follow vehicles
- <u>Registration</u>: Opens at 7 a.m. at Henderson Park, 1 mile east of Snelling at 2341 County Road J-16 (Merced Falls Road), Snelling, CA 95369. Closes 15 minutes before scheduled starting times.
- **Course**: An 11.7 mile loop of narrow country roads northwest of Snelling, CA 95369, starting with a promenade from the Park, via J-59, Emma and Montgomery Streets. Several small hills, several sharp turns, excellent to fair pavement. Course is closed to oncoming traffic, both lanes available. The Loop: Keyes, Olsen, Los Cerritos, Figmond, Fields, Keyes, finish line on Fields, ¼ mile north of Keyes. See information at reg. about parking for finish line & feed. Same course as past 30 years, **but may be in reversed direction (counter**

clockwise). We are working on neutral feeding. Feed zone is on Keyes 1 mile west of Cox Ferry.

Directions: From Merced and Hwy 99 northbound, take G Street exit and head north 16 miles to Hwy 59. Turn right, and go through Snelling past the school and straight (not left) onto J-16 to the Park. From southbound Hwy 99, take Keyes Road exit 7 miles south of Modesto, head east 11 miles to Montpelier Road, then south (right) 6.5 miles to Turlock Road, then left (east) 8 miles to Hwy 59 & left through town (see above). While Keyes Road goes east of Montpelier directly to the course, don't take it; you will have to backtrack 20 miles.

Events:	miles lap	os p	laces	value	fee s	start li	mit		
<u>1st Flight:</u>									
Mstr 35 1/2/3	63.2	5	6	\$50	\$48	8:10	100		
Category 3	63.2	5	6	\$50	\$48	8:15	100		
Category 4	63.2	5	6	\$50	\$48	8:20	100		
Category 5	49.8	4	6		\$48	8:25	50		
Master 60+ 1/2	2/349.8	4	6	\$50	\$48	8:30	60		
Master 65+	49.8	4	6	\$50	\$48	8:30+	50		
Master 55+ 4/	5 49.8	4	6	\$50	\$48	8:35	50		
Women 4*	49.8	4	6	\$50	\$48	8:40	50		
Women 5	49.8	4	6		\$48	8:40**	50		
Junior 15-18 4	/5 49.8	4	6	\$50	\$38	8:45	50		
Junior 13-14	27.6	2	6	\$50	\$38	8:50	50		
2nd Flight:									
Cat. 1/2/Pro	86.6	7	10	\$200) \$48	11:45	130		
Mast 50+1/2/3	63.2	5	6	\$50	\$48	11:50) 100		
Women 1/2/Pi	o 63.2	5	10	\$20	0 \$48	11:55	5 100		
Women 3**	63.2	5	6	\$50	\$48	12:00	50		
Junior 15-18 1	/2/3 63.2	25	6	\$50	\$38	12:05	5 50		
Master 35+ 3/-	4 49.8	4	6	\$50	\$48	12:10	70		
Master 50+ 3/	4 49.8	4	6	\$50	\$48	12:15	5 70		
Mast 35+ 45+	cat 5 49.	84	6		\$48	12:20) 50		
*includes Junior 15-16 girls and 17-18 girls (@\$38) with Women 4 or 5 race									

No second groups will be added; riders over the limit will go on waiting lists <u>Prizes</u>: Will be merchandise (tee shirts), cash (\$150 total minimum) and awards <u>How to Enter:</u>

---via On-line at <u>www.BikeReg.com</u> from now to February 25, 2024 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Feb 26-28 the fee on-line is \$12 additional. No on-line entry after 11:59 pm PST Wednesday Feb 28, though day of entry may still be available. You'll need to sign and date your entry form/release at race registration desk.

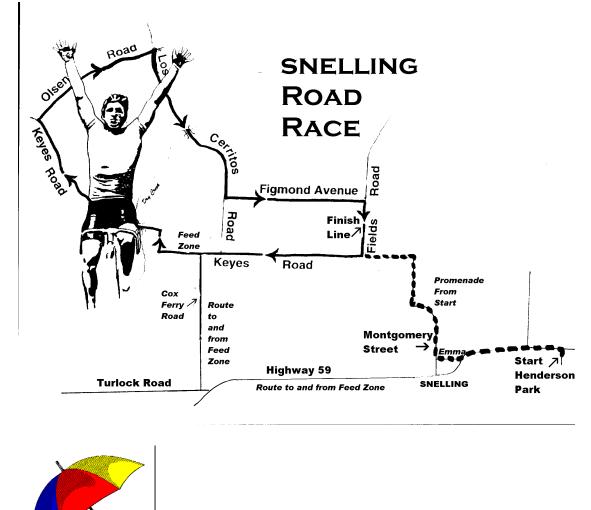
---By Mail: You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if Postmarked by Friday Feb 23 to Velo Promo/Snelling, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$12. Note: indicate 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. Mail in entries will not be processed until after the opening of online reg.

---At Race: You may enter at the race, provided your event is not filled, for the above listed fee plus \$12.

2024 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses (\$15) are available only for Cat 5, Master 5, Junior 5 or Women 5. Entry fees include \$3.00 NCNCA and \$5.75 USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

<u>Credit</u> for another VP race will be given if you follow the below procedure by 5 pm Wednesday 2/28 letting us know that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions (transferring to another rider) for cancellations. <u>Procedure: Go to "Edit My Entry" link on the BikeReg.com registration page, in your confirmation email, or in your BikeReg account to access this credit system.</u>

- <u>Champion Discounts</u>: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current <u>NorCal/Nevada</u> District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$9 per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above (otherwise they pay full fee, including late fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$9, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required
- **<u>Rules</u>**: Official follow vehicles only; closed course. Follow vehicles needed. Earn a free Velo Promo entry by providing one. Contact <u>velopro1@gmail.com</u> to volunteer a week ahead of time (so that you can be registered and insurance can be issued), Park only where indicated on maps at registration. Though traffic on the course is controlled, there are still local vehicles on the roadways; pay attention to them and to other hazards, and make others in your race aware of hazards as well, particularly other race groups and follow vehicles. Bees can be an issue at this race. If allergic be prepared.
- <u>Further info</u>: Available at (209) 533-4996, <u>www.velopromo.com</u> and at <u>velopro1@gmail.com</u>. Cantua Creek RR 2/17, Pine Flat RR Feb 18, , Merced Criterium March 3.



Map of the Course: