The 36th annual

Snelling

Road Race

Saturday February 25, 2023

LONG COURSE again FOR 2023; BACK TO OLD ONE IN 2024.

Presented by Golden Chain Cyclists
& Velo Promo LLC

Held under USAC Racing Rules & Permit 2023-6894

Notes: While 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. **Turlock Road will have oncoming traffic, and is single lane for the race (with wide shoulder).**

Registration: Opens at 7 a.m. at Henderson Park, 1 mile east of Snelling on County Road J-16 (Merced Falls Road). Closes 15 minutes before scheduled starting times. Site: 2341 County Rd J-16, Snelling, CA. 96369

Course: Due to the closure and continued rebuilding of the Dry Creek bridge on Los Cerritos Road, we are using the old Foothill course clockwise from the old McLane/Merco races this year. A 23.7 mile loop of country roads west of Snelling, CA 95369, starting with a 3-mile promenade from the Park, via J-59, Emma, Montgomery Streets and Keyes Road. Several small hills, several sharp turns, excellent to fair pavement. Course is closed to oncoming traffic, both lanes available, **except on Turlock Road**. The Loop: Cox Ferry (with bumpy downhill), Turlock, Looney, Monte Vista, Bledsoe, Keyes. Finish line on Keyes (at old course feed zone) or Cox Ferry, top of hill, tba. See information at reg. about parking for finish line & feed. Feed zone is on Cox Ferry just south of Keyes. **No change back to old course for this year.**

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.

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Events:	miles	laps	places	value	fee	start	limit
Master 50+ 1/2/3	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	8:15	60
Cat. 5 (novice)	50.4	2	6	---	$35	8:20	50
Master 35+ 3/4	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	8:25	50
Master 50+ 3/4	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	8:30	50
Mast 60+ 1/2/3/4	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	8:35	50
Master 65+	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	8:35	50
Mast 30+/40+ cat 5	50.4	2	6	----	$45	8:40	50
Master 50+ 4/5	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	8:45	50
Cat. 1/2/Pro	94.8	4	10	$200	$45	8:50	100
Mast 35 1/2/3	74.7	3	6	$50	$45	8:55	60
Category 3	74.7	3	6	$50	$45	9:00	60
Category 4	74.7	3	6	$50	$45	9:05	60
Junior 15-18 1/2/3	74.7	3	6	$50	$35	9:10	50
Wm 1/2/3/4/Pro	74.7	3	10	$200	$45	9:15	50
Wm 40+/50+/60+	50.4	3	6	$50	$45	9:20	50
Women 3/4*	50.4	2	6	$50	$45	9:22	50
Women 5 (novice)*	50.4	2	6	---	$35	9:25**	50
Junior 15-18 4/5	50.4	2	6	$50	$35	9:30	50
Junior 13-14	26.7	1	6	$50	$35	9:35	50

*includes Junior 15-16 girls and 17-18 girls (@$35) with Women 4 or 5 race

No second groups will be added; riders over the limit will go on waiting lists

Prizes: Will be merchandise (tee shirts), cash ($150 total minimum) and awards

How to Enter:

---**via On-line** at www.BikeReg.com from now to February 19, 2023 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From Feb 20-22 the fee on-line is $10 additional. No on-line entry after 11:59 pm PST Wednesday Feb 22, though day of entry may still be available. If day of, 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 17 to Velo Promo/Snelling, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add $10. 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 $10.

2023 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses are available only for Cat 5, Master 5 or Women 5. Entry fees include $1.50 NCNCA and $5.30 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 PST Wednesday 2/22 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; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but $5 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 $5, and Juniors may ride up. District jersey is not required

Covid-19 Mitigations: Mitigations mirroring CDC, California and Fresno County guidance regarding Covid-19 will be undertaken. If you have Covid, have been exposed to it in the

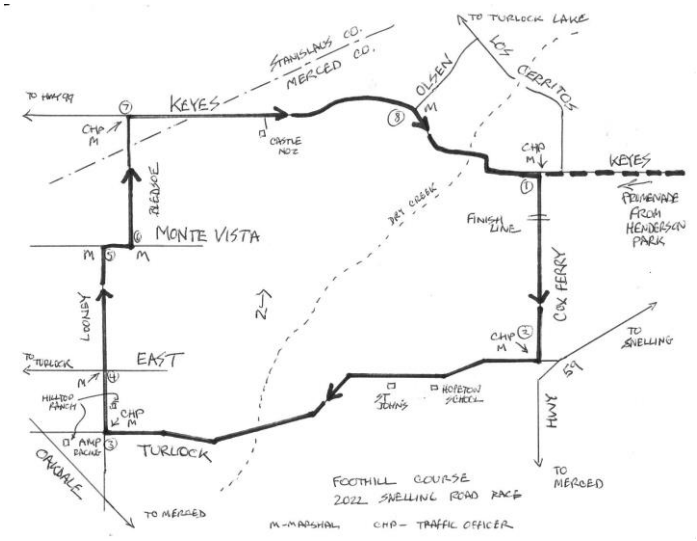
past 5 days, or have symptoms of it, don't come. Those not following the mitigations will be asked to correct or leave. Get vaccinated and boosted; help prevent the spread and the emergence of new strains because of a large number of infected and/or unvaccinated persons.

Rules: Official follow vehicles only; closed course. Follow vehicles needed. Earn a free Velo Promo entry by providing one. Contact velopro1@gmail.com to volunteer at least a week ahead of time (so that you can be registered with USAC and insurance can be issued), Park only where indicated on maps at registration. Turlock Road (the south side of the course) will be open to oncoming traffic in the opposite lane, and so here the race is single lane only (with a wide shoulder), with an enforced centerline. Though traffic on the course is otherwise 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.

Further info: Available at (209) 604-1354, www.velopromo.com and at velopro1@gmail.com . Cantua Creek RR 2/18, Pine Flat RR Feb 19, Merced Criterium Feb 26, Wards Ferry RR Mar 4, Copper Valley Circuit Race Mar 5. (Santa Cruz, Copperopolis RR and more to come later).

Note: If you plan to pre-ride the course in days previous, please ride respectfully, and don't give the residents any cause to dislike us BEFORE the race even begins. Most of the complaints we get about road races are rider conduct in the days previous to the race.

Map of the Course:



No change to the old course; the bridge is still not finished.