



SCPS #12 – SERIES FINALE: SANTA CROSS & ECO-SPORTFEST '08

The SoCalCross Prestige Series comes to a close Sunday, 12/21 with Santa Cross & Eco-Sportfest '08: XC run and CX racing at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, CA.

Presented by Landmark Insurance and hosted by Team CICLE and SoCalCross, the day will begin with the 5k 'Cross Country Run at 8:00AM. The 'cross 5k course is a mix of pavement, dirt, and grass with a couple of race obstacles in between. Runners will do two laps of the 2.5k course which will include the scenic Pierce College cross country trails treating the runners to a spectacular view of the San Fernando Valley. Cyclocross racing begins at 9:30am with the Juniors followed at 10:15am with the CX4 Men – Beginners. Do the 5k run AND the cyclocross race for only \$5 more! A FREE CX Clinic starts at 9AM. Demo bikes available in all sizes from Jamis and Specialized. Junior sized bikes from Redline provided by the SCNCA! With our focus on youth fitness all events are FREE to all Juniors 18 and under! The GoGreen Racer Kids Fun Run and Bicycle Race will treat the young ones to be a part of the racing action and is free to all participants. EcoSportFest '08 will also feature sponsor booths from SoCalCross 'Green' sponsors including Energy Efficiency Solar will power the day's festivities. Look for The Green Lunch Truck to roll in with lots of organic goodies!

Prestige Series Overall series prizes will be awarded including champion jerseys by Voler to top 'crossers (in each CX category) and the top iron crossers (doing both the XC and CX races). Podium prizes/awards to top 3 in each 'cross category! The top 3 CX teams will be awarded team trophies made from old bike parts donated throughout the season. SoCalCross Photo of the Week Winner will be awarded - Grand Prize Drawing for... two night stay at Warner Springs Ranch! \$250 cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 overall male and top 3 overall female in points for the ECO-SPORTFEST 5K (all 5 events). Category champions for the 5k will be awarded (Best 3 of 5 events.) Finally, the GoGreenRacer Podium for the top 5 racers doing their part to reduce their impact on the planet.

Grand Prize Drawings will be held for: a YUBA Transport Bike, Ellsworth Roots CX Frame, Fuji CX frame, Shimano Dura-Ace/Hutchinson Tubeless Wheelset, Alpha Q Carbon CX20 Carbon Fork, SRAM Rival Crankset, Michelin Jerseys, SDG Saddle/Seatpost... and goodies from Clif Bar, Planet Bike, Stone Brewery, Fluid Recovery Drink and Kool N Fit Sport!

The Prestige Series will also be hosting a toy drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles, so bring an extra toy, your holiday cheer and burn a few extra calories before holiday feasts begin (or continue).

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Bring some pot-luck style holiday treats, your picnic blanket, team tent and chairs and hang out in the expo and listen to some classic holiday rock 'n roll from Snotty Scotty and the Hankies who will play their classic rock rendition of: Run, Run Rudolph and other rock n roll holiday tunes.

The day will end with the first annual Santa Cross Team Costume Relay race – teams of 4 riders. The lucky team will win \$50 from Lightning Velo and special prizes from our sponsors!

Race flyer is posted at www.SoCalCross.org - go to schedule page. Course map is on its way! Volunteers to close out the season are much appreciated! Contact: Dot@SoCalCross.org Thank you all for being a part of SoCalCross!!!

The Prestige Series will strive to educate racers and spectators by promoting reduction of car use and transportation bicycling. Each event in the Series will be solar powered by Energy Efficiency Solar. Proceeds from Eco-Sportfest '08 will benefit CICLE www.CICLE.org promoting transportation bicycling.

CARPPOOL OR RIDE TO THE RACE. VALET BOX WILL BE PROVIDING VIP CARPOOL PARKING TO CARPOOLERS AND WEEKLY GOGREENRACER WINNERS!

Congratulations to our Go Green Racer Weekly winner: Lisa Crowe - Team CICLE (Week 13) Weekly winners will receive a Go Green Racer jersey by Voler and Sock Guy GoGreen Socks! Voting continues every week during the CX season and closes each Thursday at 9:00pm Pacific.

Congratulations to all who traveled to Cyclocross Nationals this past week in Kansas City including our new National CX Champions... Alexis Ryan (Team CICLE) Junior Women 15-16 and now 3-time CX National Champion, Coryn Rivera (Team Redline) Junior Women 17-18.

More SoCalCrossers found success on the podium! Congrats to: Masters Women 55-59: Carol Ruckle... Silver Medalist! Masters Men 45-49: Mark Noble... Silver Medalist! 60-64 Men: John Rubcic... Bronze medalist! 65-69 Men: R. Lee Wilmore... Bronze Medalist... last year's national champ!!! Junior Women 17-18: Kendall Ryan... 4th Place Podium! Masters Men 35-39: John Bailey... 5th Place Podium! Masters Men 50-54: Bobby Langin Sr... 5th Place Podium!

For those of you hungry for more cross action after the holidays, cyclocross continues in January 2009 Cross Fever Series. Come to one come to all... whatever it takes to cure your 'Cross Fever! The series kicks off Sunday, Jan 4th with Hart Park Cyclocross and the classic Euro cross course in Bakersfield CA! The Hart Park venue has been hosting cross for 18 years with its grass downhill, wide open track and challenging run ups. Brought to you by Action Sports, the Kern Wheelmen and Kern County Parks and Rec." On Sunday Jan 11th, Nimble Creative Events hosts, "Talley VineCross: The grit of CX set against the beautiful vine-laden countryside. Details at www.cencalicycling.com". Velo Allegro looks to host its first ever CX race at Ed Dorado Park in Long Beach, Sunday Jan 18th. Fun for the entire family – taking place in the park area of the famed Eldo Crit, the course will sweep through the beautiful lakeside park. On Jan 25th, it will be the Last Chance to Cross – Cross Fever finale in OC or LA... then 2/1 Sunday is the CX World Championship Party... large screen viewing of the 2009 WORLD CYCLOCROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - Hoogerheide, Netherlands, taking place January 31-February 1, 2009

More details on the upcoming events can be found at: www.SoCalCross.org