

Things are really picking up for the club! Club membership now stands at 167 members, and the Torrance Crit and the Steve Hartt ride are just a few months away. Race season is in full force and club riders are very active right now (just look at the race reports).

Tour of California Club Ride and Tour Viewing

Saturday, May 21

Join us on the ride from Claremont to Mt. Baldy



for what is sure to be a crazy day. We'll have a tent near the top with beverages, snacks and a little shade to wait for the arrival of some of the world's greatest cyclists. Doug Patterson has reserved two vans and is working on the logistics for transportation and road closures. Please reply to his email ASAP to reserve a spot for a great day out. **Reply by Monday evening (tonight!)** at trishfp@sbcglobal.net. There are only nine spots left, so act NOW! Also, Doug's looking for anyone who can drive the van, but isn't going to be riding a bike. Stage info [here](#).

Tony DiCiaccio Places 3rd at Breathless Agony

Tony DiCiaccio, our PenCC rocket, placed third at the hotly contested 15th annual Breathless Agony race. The 114 mile century, with 12,000 feet of climbing, is part of the three race "King of the Mountains Century Challenge" title.



Tony DiCiaccio at Oak Glen. Picture courtesy Brian McGovern.

Tony's finish was 10 minutes off the lead. Jeff Tomic (59th), Campbell Nimick (62nd), Mark Abercrombie (86th), and Steve Higgins (342nd) also competed in the race. 826 riders registered for the race, although some chose to complete only a portion of the full distance.

You can see photos of the guys in action here: Tony ([Oak Glen](#)) ([Onyx Summit Finish](#)) ([More](#)) Jeff ([Oak Glen](#)) ([Onyx Summit Finish](#)) Mark ([Oak Glen](#)) ([Onyx Summit Finish](#)) Steve ([Oak Glen](#)) ([Onyx Summit Finish](#)) Campbell ([Oak Glen](#)) ([Onyx Summit Finish](#)) ([More](#))

After finishing the race (114 miles up gut wrenching hills), in a display of true sportsmanship, Tony immediately rode back down the hill for a few minutes to pick up a rider that he'd ridden with for most of the race. He wanted to offer moral support to this rider, who eventually placed 2nd, just in front of Tony in the race.

Last month Tony placed 13th at the first of the three races, the Mulholland Challenge, about 50 minutes off the lead. His combined rank for the first two races is ninth, 51 minutes out of first place.

Race Report: San Luis Rey

Carlsbad, CA



From left to right: Stathis Sakellariadis, Jay LaRiviere, Alan Becker and Mark Alvarado.

The 24th annual San Luis Rey Road Race was held on April 30. The course was a moderately hilly 14.7-mile circuit on well-paved roads. The weather was quite warm.

PenCC had four Cat 4 riders attending. Mark Alvarado placed 29th, Stathis Sakellariadis placed 48th after crashing with Jay LaRiviere, and Alan Becker finished with the peloton. Race photo, right, courtesy of Richard Murphy. See more [photos of the race](#) [here](#). Race [results](#) [here](#).



Steve Hartt Memorial Ride

July 9, 112 mi. to San Diego



Planning for our annual 112 mile San Pedro to San Diego club ride, the Steve Hartt Memorial Ride is the final stages.

When: Sat., July 9
Enter by: July 5, limited to 80 riders!
Cost: PenCC: \$85, nonmembers: \$110.

Sag wagons, snacks, refreshments, shower, dinner & return bus trip are included. Starting location is at Channel & Gaffey. Ride goes from San Pedro to Old Town San Diego. Get a [copy of the flyer here](#). [Register for the ride here](#).

Bargain of the Month

Closeout Bargain: Specialized Enduro SL Comp!



All-day trail sessions are what Specialized's Enduro SL Comp is all about. Its FSR suspension provides bump-busting travel without sacrificing efficiency and the light M5-aluminum frame and DT Swiss wheels are strong enough to handle the demands of tough trail riding. Plus, a 27-speed SRAM/Shimano drivetrain gets you back to the top so you can do it all over again.

Reg: \$3,499.99 Closeout: \$2,499.99

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Malaga Cove Ride Photos

Not quite a club ride



Tony DiCiaccio, Alan Becker and Stathis Sakellariadis preparing to attack in the hills.

Bob Applegate got out for a bit and took some pictures of the beginning of the Tuesday Malaga Cove ride. It's not an official club ride, but as you'll see from the photos, it's attended by a lot of club riders! You can see more of the [ride photos](#) [here](#).

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2011 Giro d'Italia



[Editor's note: don't forget our companion article [Postcards From the Peloton](#).]

With eight summit finishes, three time trials and 2,190 miles of racing on tap, plus a star-studded lineup of the world's top stage-racing specialists, the 2011 Giro d'Italia promises to be one of the most challenging and thrilling grand tours in pro cycling history.

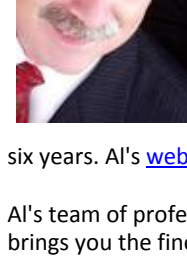
Race director Angelo Zomegnan has long been known for his flair for the dramatic and his artfully crafted 2011 route practically guarantees excitement from the first pedal stroke to the last.

The 94th Giro starts in Turin, the site of the 2006 Winter Olympics, with a team time trial that determines who will wear the first Maglia Rosa. From there, Il Giro makes nearly a complete lap of Italy including a rare visit to the island of Sicily, the home of current Italian national champ Giovanni Visconti.

Along the way the Giro men will deal with serpentine, narrow roads tracing the Mediterranean coast, the dizzying, oxygen-deprived heights of the Alps and Dolomites, the heat of Southern Italy, and a sojourn into Austria for the challenging Grossglockner stage. The remarkably difficult course means only a true campione will stand on the final podium in Milan clad in the Maglia Rosa as the victor of the 2011 Giro d'Italia. To learn more about this inspiring 3-week race throughout Italy, we've created this extensive guide. Read on for insights into the preeminent favorites, most challenging stages and much more.

Crucial Stages:
Stage 1 - Saturday, May 7: Venaria Reale - Torino, Team Time Trial: 19.3km - 12 miles. Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, the beautiful city of Torino hosts the opening TTT of the 2011 Giro. Our prediction: This short test serves more to determine the first wearer of the Maglia Rosa than as a serious challenge for the overall contenders. Saxo Bank has an impressive lineup for the TTT and could challenge for victory along with the traditional powerhouses like Garmin-Cervelo, HTC-Highroad and Liquigas. [Read more...](#)

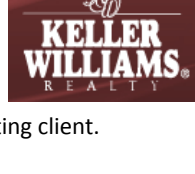
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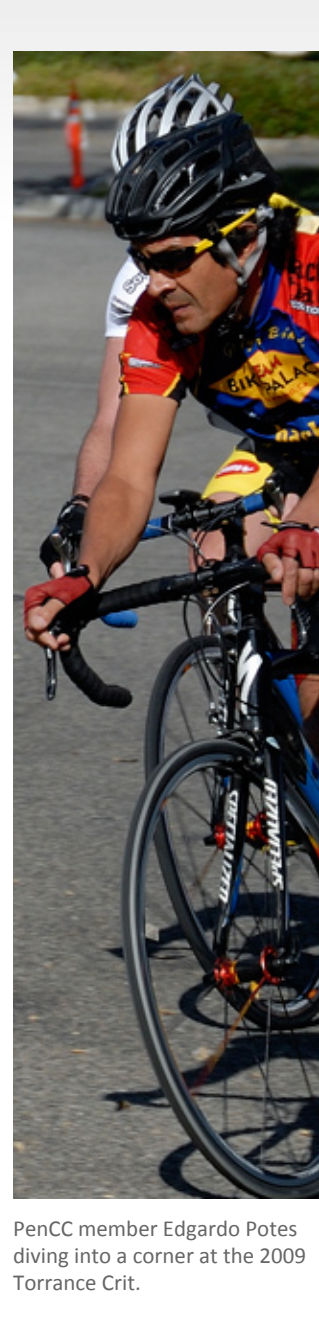
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PenCC member Edgardo Potes diving into a corner at the 2009 Torrance Crit.

Off the Back

The weather's gorgeous (most all the days, anyway). There are tons of club events going on right now, and they're great opportunities to improve your riding skills, meet new friends, or just get out and ride!

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