

# OFF THE FRONT



## Perihelion 2003

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**Club Meeting.** Continuing our free food tradition, we're having a club meeting at the Grand Avenue Deli at **high noon, Saturday, January 18th.**

**Breakfast is free and I'll have all of the extra clothing at the meeting.** You are welcome to bring family members and significant others (no pets though).

**The Year 2002.** The year 2002 was a good year for Celo Pacific. If awards were handed out, the club itself would win the top award. The club grew in membership attracting new and younger riders and the breadth of participation broadened to include these new riders.

Equally important are Celo's contributions to the cycling community. In 2002 we put on four cyclocross races including the State Championship and one road race. No racing club in Southern California can match our record. All our races were successful mainly due to our fine race directors **Don Elling** and **Doug McWhinney**. There's never a shortage of racers but race directors are hard to find. And "thanks" to our many club members who chipped in and did their part.

**2002 Racing Results.** At the top of the list has to be **Dietrich Lamprecht** who at age 76 is both a national and world champion in 2002. Following Dietrich is one of our youngest riders, **Brent Prenzl**. Brent finishing his tenure in the 30-35

age group, again won the State Cyclocross Championship, finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the National Championship in the 30+ group and won or placed in the top ten of almost every race he entered and this included road, mountain bike, cyclocross and adventure races. We're still looking for some criterium and time trial results. Maybe 2003??

Some new members also contributed to Celo's racing success. **Thad Sparrow** dominated the cyclocross B field this year; **Dan Breyer** of Bike 101 did the same in the C field. And **Jeanne Bernhard** ruled in the B women's field. And we shouldn't forget supporting member **Linda Miller's** stunning achievements in 2002. In her first year of racing, against stiff competition, she won a national championship on the track while setting a world record in the 500-meter race. The beauty of Celo Pacific is that members race both on and off the road and even include duathlons and running races. Lots of other members raced and did well. Richard Murphy, Shawn Lowery, Julie Lowery, Don Elling, Rob Bernhard, Jim Cushing-murray, Doug McWhinney, Dave Bales, Larry Friedman, John Magnanti are just a few of the names of members who raced this year.

**Club Membership.** A club membership application is included with this newsletter. The dues structure remains unchanged. We have

made some changes in reimbursement when members participate in national and world championships. **Remember, to be entitled to the reimbursement described below you must work the San Luis Rey road race in the previous year or have worked at least two cyclocross races.**

Members who race in USA Cycling or UCI sanctioned national or world championship races where a jersey is awarded are entitled to a flat \$200 per championship discipline. An example would be a member who rides at the track nationals. Regardless of how many events are ridden, a member is only entitled to \$200. For 2003, we will continue to reimburse members for their race entry fees (not including late fees) regardless of placing. This policy depends upon the success of the races we promote but it looks like we'll be fine this year. Members who travel together to races will continue to receive a gas reimbursement. We are discussing changing the method of reimbursement to a flat mileage rate somewhere in the 8¢ a mile range.

**Change in Officers.** After years of diligent work as Treasurer of Celo Pacific, **Shawn Lowery** has stepped down as Treasurer. These are tough and unappreciated jobs and Shawn realized that with age he needs more time to train just to stay even. We combined the Treasurer's job with the Secretary's job and **Don Elling** is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

**Web Site.** Everyone should look at our website. It has been completely redone by **Brent Prenzlów**. Not only does it look great but it contains a wealth of information and is always current. We hope to make more use of our website with such features as a classified section and other member notices. The web address is [www.celopacific.org](http://www.celopacific.org).

**New Bike Shop Sponsor. Bike 101** is our new sponsor. **Scott Rittschof**, the owner of Bike 101, is an ex-racer and most of the employees of Bike 101 also race or ride hard. **Dan Breyer** who races for Celo Pacific is the store's manager. Club members receive a 15% discount on parts and service. Bike 101 also has a Friday morning ride that leaves their shop at 7:00 am and goes through Rancho Santa Fe. It's usually back by 9:30 am. Bike 101's address is 211 N. Highway

101 in Solana Beach. Telephone 858/793-5431.

**Second Clothing Order.** If demand warrants, we will have a second clothing order. Orders are due by February 21 and the expected ship date is April 11<sup>th</sup>. I've included a clothing order form with the newsletter and there will be an order form on our website too. The short-like items will be all black with the Tufo logo on the side.

**Extra Clothing.** We have some extra clothing. Because Voler shipped the wrong items, they gave us a 25% discount on the bottom-like items so shorts are \$25, bib shorts and knickers are \$30 and bib knickers are \$35. Look for the full list of extra clothing on our website.

**Mountain Bike Season.** The season started with a bang on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Vail Lake. Brent Prenzlów won overall in the pro class and Thad Sparrow won overall in the sport class. Both were riding cross bikes. And **Paul Hamel**, racing the sport class, impressed and surprised us all with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 35+ age group. We had at least six riders in the sport class and three in the expert class.

**Club Ride.** We're currently checking out some new routes for our Saturday club ride. Elfin Forest has become very dangerous. As soon as a new route is established, we'll post it on the website.

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And for those wondering about perihelion: In the last couple of weeks the Earth was 91.4 million miles from the Sun as it reached perihelion, the closest approach to the sun during the year. The next newsletter will be before aphelion.