

USA Cycling Regional Championship XC and Super-D Series for Northern California / Nevada

Welcome to the 2012 Sierra Cup Mountain Bike Racing Series! We are proud to bring this series to you with a goal of promoting fun, high quality events in an environmentally responsible manner. Proceeds from most events will go to various non-profit trail groups that are supporting trail systems where we love to ride.

All XC events are National Qualifiers! Online registration at **BikeReg**... for most events.

### The Schedule

For a race fliers and details on each event, please visit the respective website for the event listed below. For information on the series and links to online registration, visit www.renowheelmen.org.

| Saturday, May 12    | Rockhopper Classic XC + Super-D  Vacaville, CA; Monticello Cycling Club, www.monticellocycling.org |
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| Saturday, May 19    | Pine Nut Cracker   |
|                     | Gardnerville, NV; Alta Alpina Cycling Club, www.altaalpina.com                                     |
| Saturday, May 26    | LaGrange Spring Classic  |
| • •                 | Weaverville, CA; Team Bigfoot, www.teambigfoot.net   |
| Sat-Sun, June 2-3   | Peavine Challenge XC + Super D   |
|                     | Reno, NV; Reno Wheelmen, www.renowheelmen.org  |
| Sunday, June 24     | Sawtooth Ridge Challenge   |
| •                   | Truckee, CA; Reno Wheelmen, www.renowheelmen.org   |
| Sat-Sun, July 27-28 | Kirkwood Mountain Classic XC + Super D   |
| •                   | Kirkwood, CA; Reno Wheelmen, www.renowheelmen.org  |
| Sunday, September 9 | <b>Great Tahoe Flume Race</b>  |
| •                   | Lake Tahoe, NV; Reno Wheelmen, www.renowheelmen.org  |
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Thu-Sun, September 20-23 Tahoe Fat Tire Festival XC, Super-D, DH, ST and more Squaw Valley; Reno Wheelmen, www.tahoefattirefestival.org



### **SERIES DETAILS**

The Sierra Cup is the USA Cycling Mountain Bike Cross Country and Super-D Regional Championships for Northern California and Nevada. All XC events are National Qualifiers, the first five events qualify the top 15 riders in each category for Nationals in Sun Valley, Idaho this July, the remaining 3 races are qualifiers for Nationals in 2013. Points will be awarded to all riders by finish order. Point schedule is as follows for both XC and Super-D:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th+ |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 30  | 26  | 22  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 11  | 10   | 10    |

The two lowest scoring XC races out of the first seven will be dropped. The lowest scoring race of the first three will be dropped for the Super-D series. Points will not be dropped for the series final at the Tahoe Fat Tire Festival. In the event of a points tie, it will be determined by the finish order at the most recent event. The top three licensed riders in the points series will be awarded regional champion medals. You must have a license before the final race to be eligible for the championships. The racer's age on December 31 of the current year, is used to determine which age class the racer competes in. No age group changes should need to occur during the series. If a rider upgrades or downgrades their category during the series, they will not carry any points with them between categories.

### REGISTRATION

Refer to individula race fliers or websites for fees and registration details. 2012 USA Cycling Mountain Bike racing license required. Annual licenses available at <a href="https://www.usacycling.org">www.usacycling.org</a>. One-Day licenses are available for \$5 in all categories except Pro. One day licenses in Cat 1 will not be eligible for the regional championship or qualify for nationals. They will be separated from the race day results when those are sent in to USAC.

### **XC CATEGORIES**

These 24 categories will be used for the awarding of points and the regional championship: Pro Men, Cat 1 Men 15-18, Cat 1 Men 19-39, Cat 1 Men 40-49, Cat 1 Men 50+, Open Singlespeed Men Cat. 2 Men 15-18, Cat. 2 Men 19-29, Cat. 2 Men 30-39, Cat. 2 Men 40-49, Cat. 2 Men 50+, Open Men 60+, Clydesdale (200+lbs)

Cat. 3 Men 15-18, Cat 3 Men 19-39, Cat 3 Men 40-49, Cat 3 Men 50+ Junior Men 14 & Under,

Pro/Cat 1 Women (all ages), Category 2 Women 19-39, Category 2 Women 40+ Category 3 Women 19-39, Category 3 Women 40+, Junior Women 18 & Under

Individual races may combine or separate categories further based on attendance. If so, a second set of results will be generated after the race to reflect the above categories for the purpose of awarding series points.

#### **SUPER-D CATEGORIES**

Open Men, Cat 2 Men, Cat 3 Men, Junior Men, Open Women, Cat 2/3 Women, Junior Women

# **PRIZES and AWARDS**

Each XC race in the series will have custom medals to 3rd place in each category, Minimum \$250 cash purse to Pro/Expert Men and Women fields by fastest times at most XC races, post race lunch, awards ceremony, and product raffle. There is a \$1000 XC series cash purse for the combined Pro/Cat 1(Expert) categories based on overall finish place at each race. For the Super-D series, the top three at each event will receive custom pint glasses, the top male and female for the series will receive a Fox Racing Flux Helmet from Black Rock Bicycles. For both, the Voler NCNCA Championship jerseys will be available at cost to all category winners.

## **T-SHIRTS**

The Sierra Cup T-shirt will be available for sale during online registration for each race and at most races for near cost. We will have men's and ladies styles in most sizes. All proceeds from shirt sales will go to the Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association.

## **INFORMATION**

Please refer to our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> page to see if your question is answered before e-mailing. For more information, visit www.renowheelmen.org or e-mail Kevin at mtb12@renowheelmen.org. We're also on facebook at 'Sierra Cup Mountain Bike Series' www.facebook.com/SierraCupMTB