

The Gentle Annie 6 November 2011

The inaugural Gentle Annie cycle ride was the challenge laid down for the Heretaunga Building Society powered Ramblers Cycling Club on Sunday. Starting from the intersection of Spooners Hill Road and Te Moehau Road, over eighty riders cycled across the hilly Taihape Road for a distance of 113km to finish just prior to Pukehamoama. With the event organiser advising riders to expect, "long hills, steep hills and long steep hills". Five Spring Series points were on offer for all riders who completed the event. The option of riding in two person teams was taken up by just three teams, with most riders preferring the individual challenge.

Riders' started in two bunches with the first bunch leaving at 10:30am under overcast skies with the threat of drizzle and a bitterly cold south westerly wind. Despite it not officially being a race, once riders started on the road, the cold temperatures, recorded as low as five degrees, were soon forgotten as the pace heated up. The lead bunch was soon whittled down in size as the hill climbing began in earnest and riders settled in to ride at their own pace.

With the course having a Tour de France mountain stage feel about it, this meant the hill climbing was rewarded with some long and technical descents. Despite a wet road in places, speeds of around 90km/h were reported.

By the mid-way stage, the south west wind faded and started to turn north easterly. Racing the rain showers, local masters grade riders Blair Heney and Gary Hall were joined by junior Regan Gough and Pure Black racing team member Michael Torckler in the leading quartet as they approached the finish line after a gruelling 3 hour 12 minute ride. With a hill top finish,

Heney showed great form to cross the line first, a single second ahead of Hall with Gough and Torckler just a few seconds behind.

The second bunch started four minutes after the first bunch with the Gough/Treseder team crossing the line first with Bridget Lodge recording second place. Fred Staples showed grit and determination to battle his way to the finish line in 5 hours and 34 minutes.

Ride organiser, Ken MacKenzie, is looking to run this event as a race in future years with riders starting from Taihape. This would make it a highly challenging and truly iconic New Zealand race.

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Gentle Annie Group 1

Place					Gun Time	Tag Time
1	Blair	Heney	Male	A	3:12:34	3:12:34
2	Gary	Hall	Male	A	3:12:35	3:12:35
3	Regan	Gough	Male	A	3:12:39	3:12:39
4	Michael	Torckler	Male	Visitor	3:12:41	3:12:41
5	Josh	Page	Male	A	3:16:43	3:16:43
6	Michael	Hall	Male	Visitor	3:24:45	3:24:45
7	Jason	Kelly	Male	A	3:28:15	3:28:15
8	Logan	Bean	Male	A	3:29:49	3:29:49
9	Patrick	Kelly	Male	A	3:32:06	3:32:06
10	Winston	Briggs	Male	A	3:32:10	3:32:10
11	Darryl	Strachan	Male	A	3:32:12	3:32:12
12	Steve	Charles	Male	A	3:32:14	3:32:14
13	Scott	Estcourt	Male	A	3:32:15	3:32:15
14	John	Mudgeway	Male	B	3:35:28	3:35:28
15	Sam	Clarke	Male	A	3:35:31	3:35:31
16	Andy	Horne	Male	B	3:41:15	3:41:15
17	Kerry	Wakely		B	3:41:35	3:41:35
18	Luke	Mudgeway	Male	A	3:41:58	3:41:58
19	Mike	Garrity	Male	B	3:42:04	3:42:04
20	Team	Galloway/Woods	Male	B	3:42:10	3:42:10
21	Ashleigh	Neave	Female	B	3:42:17	3:42:17
22	Brett	Mudgway	Male	B	3:42:22	3:42:22
23	Jon	Prescott	Male	B	3:45:06	3:45:06
24	Gavin	Povey	Male	A	3:48:43	3:48:43
25	Kerri-anne	Torckler	Female	B	3:52:18	3:52:18
26	Jeff	Flatt	Male	A	3:52:20	3:52:20
27	Hannah	Van Kampen	Female	B	3:52:52	3:52:52
28	Ross	Dyer	Male	B	3:52:53	3:52:53
29	Rob	Menefy	Male	B	3:53:01	3:53:01
30	Serena	Sheridan	Female	A	3:53:20	3:53:20
31	Carl	Paton	Male	B	3:53:28	3:53:28
32	James	Lochhead	Male	B	3:55:55	3:55:55
33	Allan	Black	Male	B	3:56:25	3:56:25
34	Doug	McIntosh	Male	B	4:00:34	4:00:34
35	Steve	Watson	Male	B	4:00:37	4:00:37
36	Stu	Emerson	Male	Visitor	4:26:14	4:26:14
	Tim	Jardine	Male	Visitor	DNF	DNF

Gentle Annie Group 2

Place						Gun Time	Tag Time
1	Team	Gough/Treseder	Female	C		3:38:55	3:38:55
2	Bridget	Lodge	Female	C		3:50:01	3:50:01
3	Andrew	Townsend	Male	A		3:52:51	3:52:51
4	Richard	Mills	Male	C		3:53:04	3:53:04
5	Team	Kennedy/Bush	Male	C		3:57:47	3:57:47
6	Doug	Young	Male	C		3:58:21	3:58:21
7	Ivan	Smart	Male	Visitor		4:02:51	4:02:51
8	Chris	Macaulay	Male	C		4:03:00	4:03:00
9	Ian	Seddon	Male	A		4:03:08	4:03:08
10	Jason	Trow	Male	C		4:03:09	4:03:09
11	Brent	Symes		Visitor		4:07:24	4:07:24
12	Dave	McCallum	Male	C		4:09:09	4:09:09
13	Rangi	Tawhai	Male	D		4:09:12	4:09:12
14	Lisa	Atkins	Female	D		4:09:13	4:09:13
15	Peter	Dick	Male	D		4:09:34	4:09:34
16	Jimmy	Bowden	Male	Visitor		4:24:26	4:24:26
17	Allister	Beets	Male	C		4:25:45	4:25:45
18	David	Lay	Male	D		4:26:47	4:26:47
19	Lindsay	Sheppard	Male	C		4:26:48	4:26:48
20	George	Masters	Male	C		4:26:49	4:26:49
21	Mike	Burne	Male	C		4:27:16	4:27:16
22	Hilary	Green	Male	B		4:27:16	4:27:16
23	Tama	McGrath	Male	C		4:27:33	4:27:33
24	Craig	Hill		C		4:30:40	4:30:40
25	Sean	Frost	Male	D		4:32:34	4:32:34
26	Peter	Jarvis	Male	E		4:34:22	4:34:22
27	Philip	Atkins	Male	E		4:39:50	4:39:50
28	Stephen	Ford	Male	C		4:39:58	0.261215
29	Roy	van Panhuys	Male	D		4:41:46	4:41:46
30	Phillip	Giles		D		4:43:27	4:43:27
31	John	Hardy	Male	D		4:45:12	4:45:12
32	Peter	Bartle	Male	D		4:45:14	4:45:14
33	Gus	Moroney	Male	C		4:54:42	4:54:42
34	Warren	Foulds	Male	C		4:54:54	4:54:54
35	John	Price	Male	C		5:11:50	5:11:50
36	Hamish	Price	Male	Visitor		5:11:54	5:11:54
37	Fred	Staples	Male	E		5:34:50	5:34:50
	Nathalie	Kerwin	Female	D		DNF	DNF
	Bryan	Yates	Male	E		DNF	DNF
	Mark	Riddell	Male	C		DNF	DNF