

Capital Cup Wrap Up

The fourth annual, Chumba Racing Capital Cup at Wisp Resort, was a huge success! Racer turn out was up by 26% from last year. For that, we have so many people to thank. In no certain order, huge props go out to Dan McDonald – GES coordinator, Dieter Ward – GES/e-13 Dual coordinator, Joe Mulally – all around great guy and tremendous ambassador of the sport, Marvin Scanland for keeping everyone laughing and everyone else who came out for all the fun.

Huge thanks go out to all of our sponsors. With their support, we awarded over \$10,000 in cash and prizes. Again, in no certain order, many, many thanks go out to Chumba Racing, DH Productions, e-thirteen components, Joe's Bike shop, Denali Cycles, Deep Creek Marina, BTX Air Express, Mad March Racing, Railey Mountain Lake Vacations, Hartlove and Sons, Inc., Fox Racing, Racer's Edge Inc., Quality Bicycle Products, Salsa Bicycles, Surly Bicycles and Nema Clothing.

In addition, we would like to recognize some stand out volunteers and staffers. Timing was flawless, thanks to Eric Anderson, Clark Lanthier and Chris Wood (Woody). Courses were awesome, thanks in part, to Billy Sody, Phil Cook, Tom Schueler, Eric Recker (provider of the tailgate volcano trailer) and Malachi Artice. Thanks are also due to Michael Valach for continuing his support of the event and to Sicklines.com for the awesome photos. We can't forget Eric Barger, he's the man behind the website.

After a dismal and wet Friday practice session, the weather turned awesome for the weekend, thanks Mother Nature. Racing kicked off Saturday morning at 11:00, with Dual qualifying. The course was a little slick but was drying fast. Downhill race part #1 started at 2:00 pm and ran until nearly 4:30 pm. New this year, was the addition of the Deep Creek Marina/ Oakland Police speed trap. The fastest man, Jonathan Gabor (Cutter's Bike Shop) and fastest women, Rae Gandolf (Sierra Brewing Co.), were each awarded a stellar package, complements of the Marina, which included a free, four-hour jet-ski rental. After Saturday's Downhill, Garitt Baytagh (Moorewood) was in the lead of the pro men, just under a second ahead of Neko Mulally (Specialized Team America). In the women's pro class, Hillary Elgert (Racer's Edge) took a commanding lead going into Sunday's final.

Dual finals kicked off about 5:00 pm and featured the best, spectator friendly, racing of the weekend. Lauren Daney (Inspired Athletes), after some persuasion, took the win in the Pro/Ex women, Doug Widdows (Powers Bike Shop/Racer's Edge) won the Jr. Expert class. Ray Syron won the Jr. Sport/Beg class. Max Anthony won the Sr. Sport/Beg class. Phillip Noto won, a heavily stacked, Sr. Expert class. In the last, and most exciting race of the day, Neko Mulally defeated, three-time Capital Cup winner, Jason Beckley (MMR/Marin/Nema) with just a few yards to spare.

Jay Quinn and the Adventure Café played host to an awesome awards ceremony Saturday evening on their deck. The festivities were concluded by 7:30 pm. and the golden horseshoe award went to Logan Mulally, who took home a Chumba XCL, which was raffled off, available to anyone, racer and spectator alike.

Sunday morning came all too early! Downhill finals kicked off at 1:00 pm. with the pro women. Hillary Elgert defended her title amongst some very heavy competition, winning the combined time by nearly ten seconds. The Pro Men was drama at it's best. Geritt Baytagh scorched an awesome time (2:17) as Neko sat somewhere on the lift and

would miss his start time. Jason Memelaar posted the only other time of the day to break the 2:20 mark until the last racer of the day. Mulally made his decent after all other classes were finished and did so in style. When the clock stopped, the phenomenon from Reading, Pa. Posted a ridiculous time of 2:13, giving him the overall win for the weekend.

Awards were promptly given out, ahead of schedule, and most racers were on their way home by 5:00 pm. Every amateur class winner, from the weekend, was entered into raffle for another Chumba XCL with a one in twenty-one chance of taking home the goods. Max Anthony was the lucky recipient. Complete results are now available on this site as well as the Gravity East site.