

MBGP comments from Ted (2011)

All South Bay Wheelers and non member volunteers:

An exciting day it was!!

All the areas of event operation were beautifully covered so that our 50th Annual Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix went smoothly and efficiently.

Course preparation, set-up, crowd & rider control, prizes, registration, officials, bike show, bike valet, concourse & exhibits, food court, pace car, and the kids races flowed together to cooperate with the weather for a most successful day.

Those of you that were unable to attend missed out on being part of history and hopefully you will be able to arrange your calendar to attend next year and become part of the next chapter.

I have been blessed to have been able to attend all 50 and hope to be at many more.

The Kids Races while being the apparent easiest to do are actually the most complicated.

I personally would like to thank all of the brave members who came out and met this challenge.

The kids come out in unknown numbers and with a variety of wheeled configurations that it is a dare to sort out.

Most of our visiting old time members pitched in, and our gals again proved more than a match for the kids.

The new format suggested by Eric Smith our Race Director was modified to fit our program and all the racers and their parents were enthusiastic about the set-up.

The noon timeframe seemed to work much better and we hope to use it next year too.

A few surprises are in store for the next event, and if you want to get advance info, feel free to sign in for the race committee and be part of the planning.

Again, a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our participating club members who once again did themselves and our cycling community proud.

On To The Next 50!

Ted Ernst

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