

# Thank You...

For volunteering at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Arthritis Bike Classic – Pescadero presented by **AMGEN**. First time events have their own set of challenges, which were embraced and managed! Thank you all for being the all-time best volunteers ever! People really seemed to enjoy themselves all because of you.

*Here is a quick recap:*

## October 1 Saturday at the Barn

**Linda Drey-Nightengale, Peter Tapscott, Carola Berger** Peter and Carola: Route Markers  
Linda Drey-Nightengale and AF staff: Sunday Prep.

## October 2 Event Day

HAM radio operators: **Lee Copeland, Paul Gurries, Jim Holley, Brian Hunt, Robert Kincaid, Jack McKinnon, Bob Smith** and **George Tucker**. Thank you, Bob, for organizing the team and help us figure out the communication plan for the day.

Thanks to **Stephanie Reihle** and **Connie Miller** for helping our participants get situated in their new and improved parking location.

**Jim** and **Ann Christol**, along with **Owen Grady**, were our coffee production team. Thank you, **Oscar Nunez** from High Note Coffee, for supplying the coffee and machines that fit our mobile needs. The coffee team stayed very busy.



*Special thanks to our Arthritis Bike Classic-Pescadero Planning Committee.*

Peter Tapscott

Carola Berger

Ted Huang

Kyle Berg

Jim Christol

Linda Drey-Nightengale

Dave Prion

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*The 2017 Committee is open for members. Please email or call if interested. 2017 should be a very good year.*

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## Rest Stops

There were 4 rest stops along the routes. Below is some of the feedback from our riders:

1. The rest stops were better than the Canary Century.
2. The food was more *ridercentric* – the Clif Bars, gels, wrap sandwiches were well received.
3. It was great to have knowledgeable people at the rest stops to help out.
4. Those folks on the top of Tunitas were incredible during all of that rain.

Rest Stop Teams included:

Gazos Creek: **Linda Drey-Nightengale, Debra Paulson**

Harley Goat Farm: **Aiden Lloyd, Beto Hernandez, Jackie Martinez**

Tunitas Creek/Kings Mountain: **Charlene Galanty, Melinda Lord**

Pescadero Creek Rest Stop: **Mary and Charlie Norton**

Thank you all! As the ride develops, your feedback from the front lines would really help us to improve. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

## SAG Support

A huge thank you to SAG and on site mechanic support!

Having great SAG support requires skilled drivers that can also help with bike repair. They drove both bikes and riders back to the start, along with transporting all necessary supplies and equipment. Our drivers included: **Sarenson Althoff, Cameron Matzke, Greg Bollella** and **Kenny Ellis**-compliments of the Bicycle Outfitters. The Bicycle Outfitter also lent us a wonderful mechanic for on-site repair for the whole day. The vehicles were supplied by: **TIBCO-SVB Women's Pro Cycling Team, WEBCOR BUILDERS/Give A Little and the Nightengale Family.**

## Registration/Volunteer Service

We are so lucky to have the best registration volunteers anywhere! Our volunteers know exactly what to do, and they do it so well! Thank you for making this event so successful and for bringing all of your experience and your delightful attitudes. You all have earned a well deserved Sunshine Award!

**Mary Lou Sorokach, April Zitlau, Mona Ministry, Hadrian Rowden, Blaec Rowden, Elwood Shafer**



## Start/Finish Line

Thanks for keeping that area energized and filled with happiness and hope. So much fun for our riders to finish up a long ride to cheers and smiles!

Start/Finish line volunteers include:

**Bernadette Callahan** (what a pleasure to see you after all of these years), **Chelsey Seippel** and **Scott White**. This team also helped with the Mission area and anything else that needed to be done. Outstanding!

## Floaters

According to the Urban Dictionary, a floater is a social mastermind who wavers between members of one particular clique or multiple cliques effortlessly. The ABC-Pescadero Floaters – **Owen Grady**, **Jim Christol**, and **Connie Miller** are as smooth as they come. Thank you, Owen, for driving all over the place, picking up ice and extra water, and taking care of everything on site. Jim, you knew spreading the HINT water around was a bad idea – he did it anyway to humor me. A floater with a vision – all I need to do is listen.

## Team Tidy-Up

When all the riders came in, the awards were over and all the food was gone, **Cameron Matzke**, **Sarenson Althoff**, **Peter Tapscott** helped packed everything up while feeling pretty darn good about a job well done.

And a final **thank you** goes to **John Nightengale**, the silent soldier in the Nightengale family that always comes through. The Nightengale van was one of our SAG vehicles. Linda had finished up her post, and unbeknownst to her, the SAG driver's keys were still in her car when she headed back to Portola Valley. John gets a call from the driver letting him know what is going on. As soon as Linda gets home, John hops in the van, heads to La Honda to meet our guys. John saved about 1.5 hours. Thanks to him, the event was wrapped and packed before the sun went down.

Please take a moment to answer our survey questions. It is the goal of the Arthritis Bike Classic Pescadero to continue to improve and grow.

<https://arthritisfoundation.typeform.com/to/rKPUir>

Sincerely,  
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