

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - March 25, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday was our awards lunch and as usual there were some winners -- one might even say champions -- so here is a song for them

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrfCyaJMCvA>

Sunday: As mentioned, Sunday was our annual awards lunch, but as usual, the day began with a short ride. Only 4 riders showed up. **Lewis Singer** took this selfie of the group:



That's **Lewis Singer**, **Dennis Kokas**, **Jacques Stern** (in back) and **David Nakai**. Lewis split off early, but the other three completed the ride which took them through downtown. It also rode through USC (I think this is the only regular ride we have which goes through USC) and you can't hardly ride through that

campus without stopping to take the usual photo with Tommy Trojan. This one came from Jacques



At noon we gathered for the lunch followed by the announcement of the awards. I think we had around 30 members in attendance. Here is a shot from **Hoy Quan**:



Our MC, **David Nakai** (on the left in the above photo), held a little club trivia game to spice up the awards. The most difficult one was "What club member has a connection with NBA players Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson?" No one had the answer which was **M. J. Grove** -- who has the initials in common. The first awards were for the century challenge. I don't actually have the list of winners, but my memory is that the most centuries were ridden by **Mike Wapner, Phil Whitworth** and **Edwin Dair** and I'm not certain who rode the most metric centuries. I'll try to get the correct list next week.

We gave out a couple of special awards for most consistent club riders. Anyone who reads this e-mail week after week would know that the most consistent riders on Sunday are **Phil Whitworth, Mario Solano, and Edwin Dair**. Since our Thursday ride often draws more riders than our Sunday ride, we gave out awards to our two most consistent Thursday riders who were **Lewis Singer** and **Howard Wedin**.

Then it was time for the big award -- the Jack Flynn Award for service to the club. This was announced by President **Kermit Ganier** and went to **Tom White** for his service over the years in support of the Grand Tour. Here is Tom receiving the award:



We finished the day with cake. A good time was had by all.

Photo Display: At the lunch, we had asked members to bring photos of themselves while riding on any cycling event so we could put together a photo display. I think there were a dozen or so photos. I wish there had been more. Many of them were from the distant past and it was fun to try and guess who they were. I submitted one myself. This is me over 30 years ago riding the Davis Double. I hadn't realized how much I have changed in 30 years but **Nancy Domjanovich** said she didn't recognize me. Well, it has been 30 years.



24TH DAVIS DOUBLE CENTURY
Davis, California
May 16, 1993

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Possible New Challenge: I had a discussion with Hoy at the lunch and we agreed that fewer and fewer people are participating in the century and metric century challenge each year. We agreed that it might be more interesting to open it up by simply recording the number of club rides club members ride each year. This would be any regularly scheduled club ride, both Sunday and Thursday, and would be rides of any length. Members would report their own rides on line as is done with the century challenge. At the end of the year we would see who has been participating in the most club rides. Although the year has already started, most of us keep track of the rides we do, so once we get the web site set up, you would be able to post your rides from January to the present. It may take Hoy a while to set this up, but once it is ready, we will let you know.

Parting Shot: All my old photos are jumbled in one box, so to get the photo above I had to go through the whole box of photos. I came across a few I had forgotten about. Here is one that I took for my Christmas cards sometime in the 1980s (I couldn't quite make out the year on the license plate). It sort of tickled me to see it again



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video We Are The Champions

