

Team Swift Celebrates Sixteen Years of Junior Development at Cycle With Champions Benefit Ride.

Team Swift is a grassroots cycling development program that creates a pathway for young riders to develop as athletes and young adults. As in past years, supporters, sponsors, team graduates and community members joined Team Swift for a beautiful day of riding at the “Cycle With Champions” ride.

Just days before his departure to compete in the Japan Cup, Santa Rosa resident and BMC Racing Team member Peter Stetina joined the ride as its guest of honor. Following a fast ride on the rolling terrain, Stetina shared stories and advice for the young riders, drawing on his own experience of progressing through the ranks from junior to World Tour professional.

Stetina was joined by BMC Racing Team’s Brent Bookwalter, who made a surprise appearance at the event. Bookwalter echoed the statements of Stetina, underscoring the importance of grassroots programs like Team Swift with the ability to develop riders into young national team members and national champions.

United States National Team and Olympic Team coach Michael Sayers, had additional comments after the ride. “It’s important for me to participate in events like Cycle with Champions. Development is critically important for the ongoing vitality of American cycling. It’s possible that today I rode with future Olympians and professional riders, which depends on good guidance and coaching during their time as juniors, with our U23 national team and beyond,” says Sayers.

In addition to many generous private supporters and community volunteers, Team Swift would like to thank it’s industry sponsors of Clif Bar, TIME Sport USA, Squadra, Sidi, SockGuy, Lazer, Mavic, Selle San Marco, Shimano, Bici Sport, City Cycle, Echelon Cycle & Multisport, Spoke Folk, USACDF, Santa Rosa Cycling Club and BMC-USA for assistance with the SLR02 frameset that was awarded as the event raffle’s grand prize.

To see photos of the event, please visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TeamSwift> and the full gallery of photo’s will be in the “Team Swift Cycle with Champions: gallery at <http://www.adriantamblin.com/photocart/>

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