

The Co-Ed Relay 50 mile teams celebrate at the Hammer Head

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It could not have been more perfect weather or conditions for the annual central Florida endurance race on the Greenway. Roughly 250 racers hit the 25 loop that covers a wide variety of trail types and runs mainly West of the I-75 corridor of the trail system. The race starts slowly with a moto paced start that gradually inches up to speed over about a mile of limestone double track and ends with a super fast sprint over the I-75 bridge and then into single track. From there it gets interesting as about 3 miles in the trail gets tight and slow but then opens up through the "Nayles Trails" section and then on to maybe the toughest section called "Ern & Burn". The way back is much faster with a 2 mile open limestone road section (although hilly) followed by 4 miles of single track and then more open limestone with a little singletrack sprinkled in along the way to the finish.

The 50/100 mile folks started at 8am and the 25 milers started an hour later, the route features two sag stops that are accessed from both directions so the riders are never more than 6 miles from food or water and did we mention that Santos Trailhead Bike Shop was the host of the sag stop at the critical SR 484 road crossing, as they have been every year since it's inception and what a great job they did as always, many thanks!

The race action saw John Murray repeat as the overall 25 mile winner, while a super close

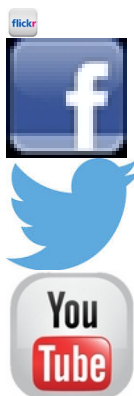
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battle in the junior 25 mile class came down to the wire with Josiah House taking the win. Brook Pace was the 25 mile female winner. In the 50 mile categories it was Dwayne Algire taking a the overall win by a nose over Mose Howard and Jim Mcpherson took the 45+ male top spot. Denise Fulco and John Hopkins teamed up for the Co-Ed title and Josselyn Guterrez won the female 50 mile solo race. The 100 mile relay team class was won by Leo Coleman and Robert Smith while Amy Hostmeyer took the female 100 mile trophy and Colorado's Ryan Petry topped the men's class as well as the 100 mile overall.

Congrats to all that raced, thanks to all the sponsors and to club OMBA, can't wait til next year!

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