

MEDIA RECAP For Immediate Release: Feb. 4, 2008

PRO-CYCLISTS TIM JOHNSON AND ROMAN KILUN of HEALTH NET PRO CYCLING TEAM AT SOLVANG SCHOOL "FAMILY FUN & MOVIE NIGHT"

~Tricycle Race Contest Added Excitement: Firefighter Beats Pro-Cyclists and City of Buellton Victorious over City of Solvang Relay Team



WHEN/WHERE:

All events took place Saturday evening, February 2, 2008 at Solvang School Gymnasium, 565 Atterdag Road, downtown Solvang.

WHAT HAPPENED:

"Family Fun & Movie Night" was a fundraising event co-hosted by the Solvang School PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) and Solvang Local Organizing Committee of the *Amgen Tour of California*. Over 100 students, family members, local dignitaries and VIP guests attended.

At 6:00pm, Pro-cyclists TIM JOHNSON and ROMAN KILUN (Health Net presented by Maxxis Pro Cycling Team www.teamhealthnet.com) who were in Solvang for their pre-season training camp— stopped by to make a short presentation, greet the kids, sign autographs and received City of Solvang Commemorative Pins from Council Member Jim Richardson. They also brought autographed Team Health Net hats, T-shirts, bicycle reflectors and temporary tattoos as prizes and gifts.

At 6:20pm—Tricycle Races between students and local dignitaries! First-time ever!

The first race was a challenge from Fire Captain Gordon O'Neill-SB Co Fire/Solvang Station 30 to the pro-cyclists from Team HealthNet—and Captain O'Neill won! Other races included City of Buellton (win) vs. City of Solvang; as well as student teams.

7:00-8:30pm—The classic 1979 bicycling movie "Breaking Away" was shown.

WHO HELPED:

Sr. Deputy Charlie Uhrig-SB Co Sheriffs Department-Solvang coordinated the entire event and donated the movie, popcorn and drinks. Rich Saferite was the Master of Ceremonies and Dennis Claus was the Official Timer. Bethania Lutheran Preschool provided the metal tricycles; and Corey Evans and Dave from Dr J's Bicycle Shop in Solvang tuned-up and repaired the tricycles and donated some prizes. Capt. Gordon O'Neill-SB Co Fire Solvang Station 30 donated T-shirts. Refreshments (pizza, popcorn, water) were available for purchase. Pizza was donated by Gino's, Pizza Shack and Tower Pizza/Solvang.

HOW MUCH?

More than \$550 was raised to benefit the Solvang PTO and the Solvang LOC to help defray the cost of hosting the *Amgen Tour of California* Stage 5 Solvang Individual Time Trial on Friday, February 22 in downtown Solvang.

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