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2021 California Triple Crown Hot Item News



Congratulations to everyone who has completed
at least One Double Century in 2020 shown [HERE](#).

Even More Congratulations to the
2020 California Triple Crown Winners shown [HERE](#).
Be a California Triple Crown Winner this year!!

HUGE Congratulations to the
2020 California Triple Crown Gold Thousand Mile Club Winners shown [HERE](#).
Be a California Triple Crown Gold Thousand Mile Club Winner this year!!

To The California Triple Crown Family:

It's with a very heavy heart that we're forced to announce that events hosted by Inyo Ultra Cyclists are no longer included in the California Triple Crown Series of Double Centuries.

The following Double Centuries have been removed from the 2021 Ride Calendar below and from the 2021 Schedule:

- Southern Inyo Double
- Southern Inyo Double-Double
- Southern Inyo By Moonlight Double
- Southern Inyo By Moonlight Double-Double
- Southern Inyo Fall Double
- Southern Inyo Fall Double-Double

We have learned that Inyo Ultra Cyclists has taken, without permission, CTC results accumulated by many hundreds of hours of CTC work for over 30 years and intends to use them to offer awards for riding virtual double centuries in addition to your history of live California Triple Crown events.

The California Triple Crown has encouraged and applauded your efforts with the virtual doubles while we have all struggled with the isolation of the pandemic. We greatly appreciate your support of the organizers who've struggled to stay in business while live events are shut down. Those live events are the life-blood of CTC. Without them, the California Triple Crown doesn't exist either.

Most of you know there are new rules for 2021 virtual doubles. What you may not know, is that there were rules in 2020 that some organizers ignored. One specific, common sense rule, was that the virtual event was to mirror the live event, including climbing. Some of the doubles were offered with way less climbing (as much as 50% less); which many riders told us demeaned the integrity of both the individual events and the CTC.

To maintain CTC standards of excellence in endurance cycling, for 2021 we tightened up the rules in an effort to keep things fair; and also for quality control. We did this for the organizers, but mainly for YOU, the riders- so you may set goals, meet challenges, and experience the HUGE accomplishment of completing any one or more CTC doubles.

Virtual doubles were meant to be a stop-gap during the pandemic. To keep the organizers afloat, yes; but more importantly, to give YOU hope in the darkness. To provide experiences for you until we could be together again in person.

Because CTC would not diminish the value of the doubles by arbitrarily allowing credit for virtual doubles with only 5000 feet of climbing and because we attempted to set reasonable standards and rules for the organizers to level the playing field for all organizers, Inyo Ultra Cyclists decided to leave. To add insult to injury, they are taking CTC historical data without consent.

We are disappointed with both their decision to disassociate themselves with the CTC and their lack of integrity by utilizing CTC proprietary data without our authorization. They could just track and post non-CTC virtual doubles and riders should value those accomplishments for what they are. To use the CTC results accumulated by many hundreds of hours of volunteer CTC work for over 30 years is a heartbreaking betrayal and despicable.

The California Triple Crown has bent over backwards over the years to accommodate nearly every request from Inyo Ultra Cyclists with respect to adding new Doubles, date changes, Double-Doubles, and more. We are shocked and saddened by their actions.

Riding Inyo Ultra Virtual Doubles will not count for California Triple Crown credit. After the pandemic is over, Double Centuries organized by Inyo Ultra will not be added to the California Triple Crown Series. If other California Triple Crown organizers wish to join the Inyo Ultra Association, those events will also be removed from the California Triple Crown.

There are many outstanding, quality double centuries on the California Triple Crown calendar that will include virtual options for you until we're 100% safe from COVID-19. We hope you'll continue to support the California Triple Crown and the quality 2021 Double Centuries below which are being ran with integrity.



2021 California Triple Crown Calendar



| Ride Date | Ride | Organizer | Reg Open | Early Bird | Late Fee | Reg Close | Volunteer Ride | Volunteer |
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| 2/13/21 | Camino Real Double | Planet Ultra | 12/01/20 | 12/31/20 | 01/30/21 | 02/12/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 3/13/21 | Joshua Tree Double | Mountain High Cycling | 12/24/20 | 01/15/21 | 02/28/21 | 03/12/21 | 03/12/21 | Volunteer |
| 3/20/21 | Solvang Spring Double | Planet Ultra | 12/15/20 | 12/31/20 | 03/18/21 | 03/20/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 4/10/21 | Mulholland Double Stage Race Event | Planet Ultra | 01/01/21 | 03/30/21 | 04/07/21 | 04/09/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 4/17/21 | Hemet D.C. | Jim Watrous | 01/01/21 | 01/30/21 | 03/27/21 | 04/17/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 4/24/21 | Devil Mountain Double On Hiatus | Quackcyclists | 02/01/21 | None | 03/31/21 | 04/19/21 | 04/17/21 | Volunteer |
| 5/1/21 | Borrego Double | Mountain High Cycling | 01/01/21 | None | None | 05/01/21 | 05/02/21 | Volunteer |
| 5/8/21 | Central Coast Double Stage Race Event | BMS Cycling | 02/01/21 | None | 04/30/21 | 05/06/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 5/15/21 | Davis Double | Davis Bike Club | 03/01/21 | None | 05/01/21 | 05/09/21 | 05/08/21 | Volunteer |
| 5/29/21 | Heartbreak Double | Planet Ultra | 01/01/21 | 02/28/21 | 05/03/21 | 05/28/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 6/5/21 | Eastern Sierra Double | Planet Ultra | 01/01/21 | 01/31/21 | 05/31/21 | 06/04/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 6/12/21 | Tour of Two Forests Double | Planet Ultra | 01/01/21 | None | 06/09/21 | 06/11/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 6/19/21 | Terrible Two | Santa Rosa Cycling Club | 03/01/21 | None | 06/01/21 | 06/14/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 6/26/21 | Grand Tour | LA Wheelmen | 04/01/21 | None | 06/13/21 | 06/26/21 | 07/10/21 | Volunteer |
| 6/26/21 | Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge | Alta Alpina Cycling Club | 12/21/20 | 01/17/21 | 05/01/21 | 06/21/19 | 06/19/20 | Volunteer |
| 6/27/21 | Grand Tour Double-Double | LA Wheelmen | 04/01/21 | None | 06/13/21 | 06/26/21 | 07/10/21 | Volunteer |
| 8/28/21 | Carmel Valley Double Stage Race Event | XeDapViet Cycling Club | 04/01/21 | None | None | 08/27/21 | 09/11/21 | Volunteer |

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| 9/11/21 | Beach City Double | NdZONE | 01/01/21 | 06/24/21 | 08/25/21 | 09/08/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 9/25/21 | Knoxville Fall Classic Double On Hiatus | Quackcyclists | 07/01/21 | 08/31/21 | 09/01/21 | 09/20/21 | 09/18/21 | Volunteer |
| 10/2/21 | Best of the Bay Double | Cherry City Cyclists | 03/01/21 | 03/31/21 | 08/01/21 | 09/27/21 | 10/16/21 | Volunteer |
| 10/9/21 | Bass Lake Powerhouse Double | Fresno Cycling Club | 08/01/21 | 09/01/21 | 10/01/21 | 10/09/21 | Unknown | Volunteer |
| 10/23/21 | Oceanside Double | Mountain High Cycling | 01/01/21 | 09/01/21 | 10/01/21 | 10/23/21 | 10/22/21 | Volunteer |
| 12/4/21 | Dead of Winter Double | LA Wheelmen | 08/01/21 | None | None | None | 12/11/21 | Volunteer |
| 12/5/21 | Dead of Winter Double-Double | LA Wheelmen | 08/01/21 | None | None | None | 12/11/21 | Volunteer |

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