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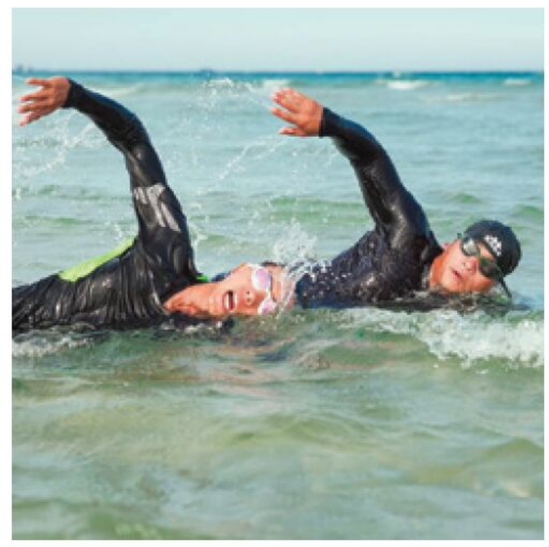

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CLUB AMERICA *VS* ATLAS FC

Article and Photos by Jim Sabo

The NWSL wasn't the only league dealing with a break for the Olympics—the MLS was also taking time off, and dealt with it in a similar fashion: a mid-season tournament with Liga MX.

Founded five years ago, the Leagues Cup provides an opportunity for US and Mexican teams to test their mettle against each other, but also serves as the qualifier for the 2025 CONCACAF

Champions Cup. The top three teams in the Leagues Cup will automatically qualify for that tournament, with the winner moving directly to the 16-team knockout stage.

Club América faced off against Atlas FC at Snapdragon Stadium on August 9th. Club América bypassed group play based on their Liga MX standings, while Atlas FC had to come up through group play. The two teams last played each other back in March, with Club América walking away with a strong 5-1 victory.

Club América's fans travel, and show up strong. The femenil teams were both well-represented at recent Summer Cup matches against Angel City and SD Wave, and this all-Mexican contest had an even stronger turnout. It felt like fully 80% of the stadium sported the team's traditional yellow and blue, particularly in the seats traditionally reserved for the supporter's section.

On the opposite side of the field, a handful of Atlas supporters stood strong, but quickly found themselves shouted down and drowned out every time they attempted to start a chant. This failed to deter them, and they remained engaged throughout the match.

Unfortunately, their team provided them with little to cheer for.

Club América came out strong, immediately pressing the attack and driving down field, only to be turned away. The two teams tussled back and forth in the midfield, with neither side proving able to break through.

Then in the 20th minute, las Aguilas of Club América managed to break into the defensive third of Atlas. Javairô Dilrosun took a pass from Brian Rodríguez and fired off a shot, but Atlas goalie Camilo Vargas managed to get a glove on it. Unfortunately for the visiting team, it rebounded directly to Érick Sánchez, who headed it into the back of the net.

The goal was the first for Sánchez as a member of Club América.

Neither team had another real opportunity until the very end of the half, when Atlas defender Luis Reyes sent a cross to Jhon Murillo at the top of the box. Murillo outmaneuvered Cristian Borja and was lining up his shot, only for Sebastian Caceres to fly in out of nowhere and get his body in front of the ball. Goalie Luis Malagon got in on the fun as well, and the three went down in a tangle of bodies.

The save came at a price, as Caceres had to leave the match at the half, to be replaced by Néstor Araujo.

Atlas FC came back from the break strong, pressuring Club América and generating a few chances, but not being able to find the target. The moment would finally come in the 59th minute, when Raymundo Fulgencio's corner kick came right back to him. He found José Lozano, who batted in a header to tie up the match.

The goal was a call to action for Club América, and they immediately answered.

Relentless pressure kept the visitors on their heels, and the ball mostly on their side of the field. But now it was Club América who couldn't seem to line it up, missing on a pair of set pieces.

But in the 73rd minute, Javairô Dilrosun, who had been causing havoc for Atlas all game, broke free and threaded his way through a wall of red and black jerseys.

At the last second, he poked it to captain Henry Martín, who despite being heavily marked by Hugo Nervo managed to get a boot on it and just find the corner of the net.

The remainder of the game was uneventful, as Atlas FC failed to create many problems, and Club América quickly dealt with those that they did.

Club América would finish the game with a 2-1 win. Facing a quick turn-around, the team met St. Louis City SC four days later up the road in Carson, where they turned in another convincing 4-2 victory. But Club América's time in the 2024 Leagues Cup game to an end on August 17th in that same city.

Number-one seed Club América faced 46th-seeded Colorado Rapids, and battled to a nil-nil draw at the end of regulation. The contest then moved to a penalty kick shootout, and after five rounds, the teams still remained tied.

With the match moving to sudden death, the teams remained even until the 10th round, when Rapids goalie Zack Steffen had his moment—after scoring from the spot, he immediately returned to the line to face opposing goalie Luis Malagon.

Malagon sent it wide, sending the Rapids on to the semi-finals against LAFC, and Club América back to Mexico City.

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Dodgers Defeat Rays

Courtesy of Mookie 8th Inning Homer

Article and Photos by William Trillo

The Los Angeles Dodgers set aside Sunday, August 25th, to celebrate the life of the late Kobe Bryant. As if on cue, Dodger right fielder Mookie Betts went "Mamba" Style in the bottom half of the eighth inning as he ripped a two-run homer. That put the score at 3-1 as the Dodgers took a lead they would not relinquish.

On the game winning blast Mookie said, "I was just looking for a strike to swing at. I've been getting a lot of strikes, especially early in the count," I knew it was a double at least, which would have given us a chance to put one across the board. And so that's all I really cared about. Just get us a lead and get into the ninth and finish it out."

Earlier in the game, during the fifth inning, Dodger center fielder Kiké Hernández , who coincidentally wears Kobe's number 8, made a brilliant catch to steal a sure RBI hit from Tampa's Ben Rortvedt in the top of the inning. In the bottom half, Hernández smacked a Jacob Lopez cutter over the left center fence, earning him the coveted Teoscar Hernandez Sunflower Shower on his return to the dugout, and giving the Dodgers the first lead of the game, 1-0.

"When these days are happening and I'm wearing No. 8, I feel like not a lot of things can go wrong." said Hernández.

The game started somewhat quietly as both pitchers, LA's Gavin Stone and Tampa's Jacob Lopez did not allow a run over the first four innings.

The fifth inning saw the Hernandez heroics as the Dodgers jumped out on top.

It wasn't until the seventh inning that Tampa's Jonny Deluca took the only mistake Stone made all night over the center field wall. That deadlocked the game at 1-1.

The bottom half of the eighth had the sold-out house holding their collective breath as Shohei Ohtani, who was leading off the inning, was hit on the left forearm from a sinker thrown by Ray pitcher Richard Lovelady. It was a scary moment, but Ohtani shrugged it off and took first base.

With visions of Kobe Bryant on the minds of the 52,464 fans in attendance, the next batter, Mookie Betts, hit his 13th homer of the season and put the Dodgers up 3-1.

Dave Roberts said of Ohtani taking a pitch to the forearm,

"You always hold your breath. Fortunately, it hit him on the forearm. When you start talking about little bones in the hands and things like that, four to six weeks at this time of the year is a scary one."

Roberts called on the services of Anthony Banda to close the show in the top of the ninth, and he did not let his manager down. Banda needed just 14 pitches to put The Rays down and collect his second save of the season.

Pitcher Blake Treinen worked the eighth inning and was credited with the win, bringing his record to 6-3.

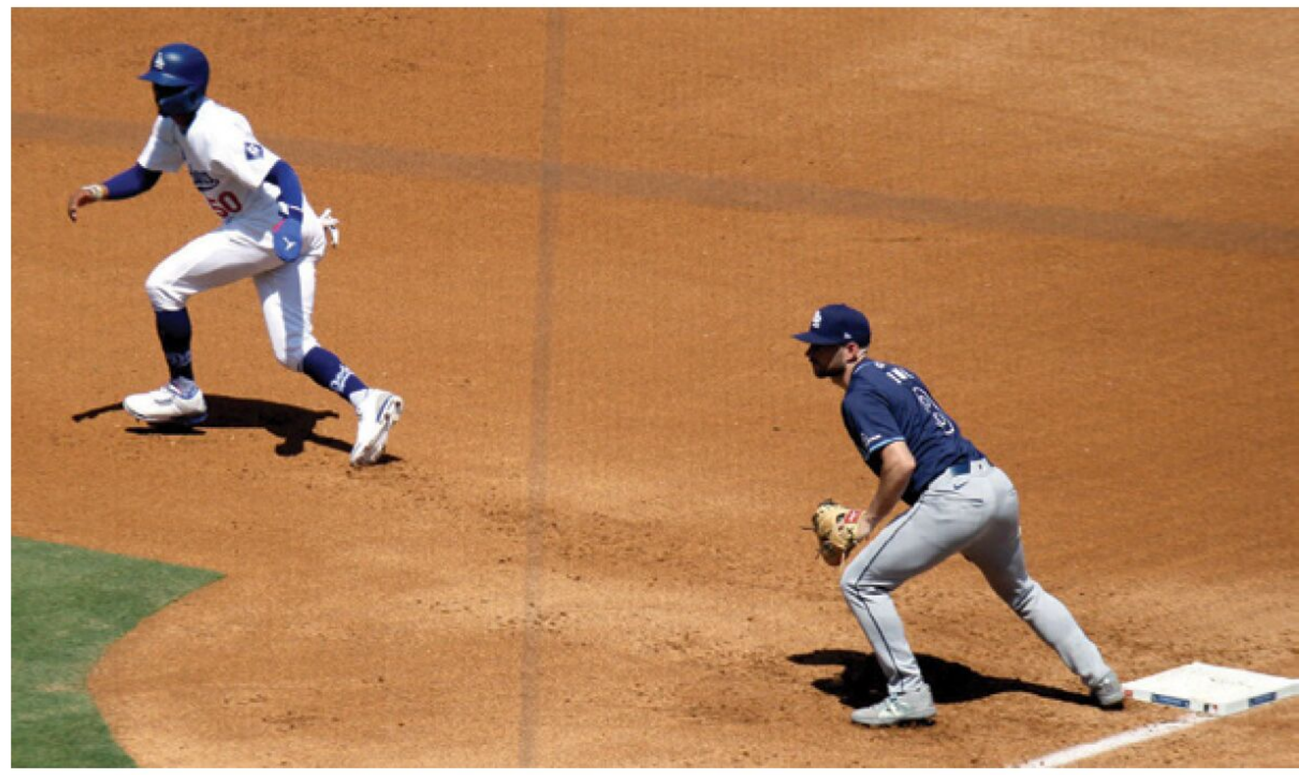
Rays' pitcher, Richard Lovelady took the loss as his record falls to 3-5.

Rookie Dodger catcher Hunter Fedducia started for the first time in the Major's. Hunter collected his first MLB hit in the seventh inning as well.

"Catman" Siting at Chavez Ravine

Don't look now but, Tony Gonsolin was on the mound at Dodger Stadium and throwing pitches off the hill for the first time since his season ending Tommy John surgery in September of 2023. Under the watchful eye of Dodger Staff, Coaches and Medical Specialists, Gonsolin threw a fifteen-minute session.

Although he was not expected to be back until the 2025 season, there is some thought that he could return before the end of the 2024 season right before the playoffs begin.



On the prospect of becoming active this year Gonsolin said, “Ideally, I hope that I can come back this year but my first and foremost is, I got to feel healthy. I got to make sure I can command the baseball. I have a couple more live sessions, then we will reevaluate from there. I'm not exactly sure what that looks like yet."

Chiming in on Gonsolin returning this year, Dave Roberts stated, "I think it's slightly open and I think that's a good mindset for Tony to kind of shoot for something this year. If all things line up, great, and if it doesn't, then we can pivot to '25. But I think that his mindset that the door is not completely closed on '24 is a good thing."

US OPEN OF SURF 2024

Article by Chuck Null and Photos by Jim Sabo

For 2024 the Annual Hunting Beach Surf Classic had a new title sponsor as Lexus had come on board for the now Lexus US Open of Surf Presented by Pacifico, one of the crown jewels of the World Surf League.

The U.S. Open, then called the West Coast Surfing Championship, was first held in 1959. In 1964 it became known as the United States Surfing Championships. In 1982 it became known as the OP Pro for its sponsor, Ocean Pacific. The event was renamed the U.S. Open of Surfing in 1994.

The contest was traditionally held during Labor Day weekend. The event was changed to an earlier date following the 1986 event when riots occurred at the OP Pro

The 2024 event had 128 surfers competing between Aug 5 -11. 80 men and 64 went went thru 4 days of heat to make their way to the heats to get to the round of 16 and the brackets. There were a lot of great battle to get us to the finals on Sunday.

The men's final was between Alan Cleland Jr from Mexico and Marco Mignot of France. The water was fairly flat as the two started the 35-minute final. Marco got into the final with a last min ride to win his semi-final.

Alan's first wave was a disappointing 3.5 while Marco got a much stronger 7.33 to start is final. The two surfers were trying to be patient and catch some waves they could do something with.

Unfortunately Marco's next wave didn't help his cause as he could only squeeze a 2.60 with Alan getting priority on a better wave and making the most with a 6.0 to close the gap.

The lack of breaking waves had the surfers hunting for anything they could work with. Marco was able to do better on his third wave and get a 5.27 that now put the pressure on Alan to pull one out.

After a long lull Alan got another chance from the ocean, with just seconds left and buzzer sounding during the ride Alan got a solid ride for a 6.7 to win the event.

As the women's final started the swells were still coming in but the water was beginning to lose energy .

Bella Kenworthy from America was up against Sally Fitzgibbons the more experienced Australian in this women's final.

Sally was first to grab a wave in which she squeezed a 3.5 and then Sally's second wave didn't bring a lot of energy so it was only a 3.4 run. The ocean wasn't giving the Australian champion a lot to work with

Bella first wave got her a 5.0 to set her up for a good start.

Sally's next wave was her worst of the final with only a 1.3

The final was taking place just a high tide was rolling in
Bella's next wave was carrying a lot of energy as she was able to almost ride into the shore for a great 6.93 ride.

Sally was struggling to make something happen with the low energy waves the ocean was giving her.

Bella's next wave was a bit stronger as she surfed right pass Sally to a 5.03 and a significant lead in the final at this point.

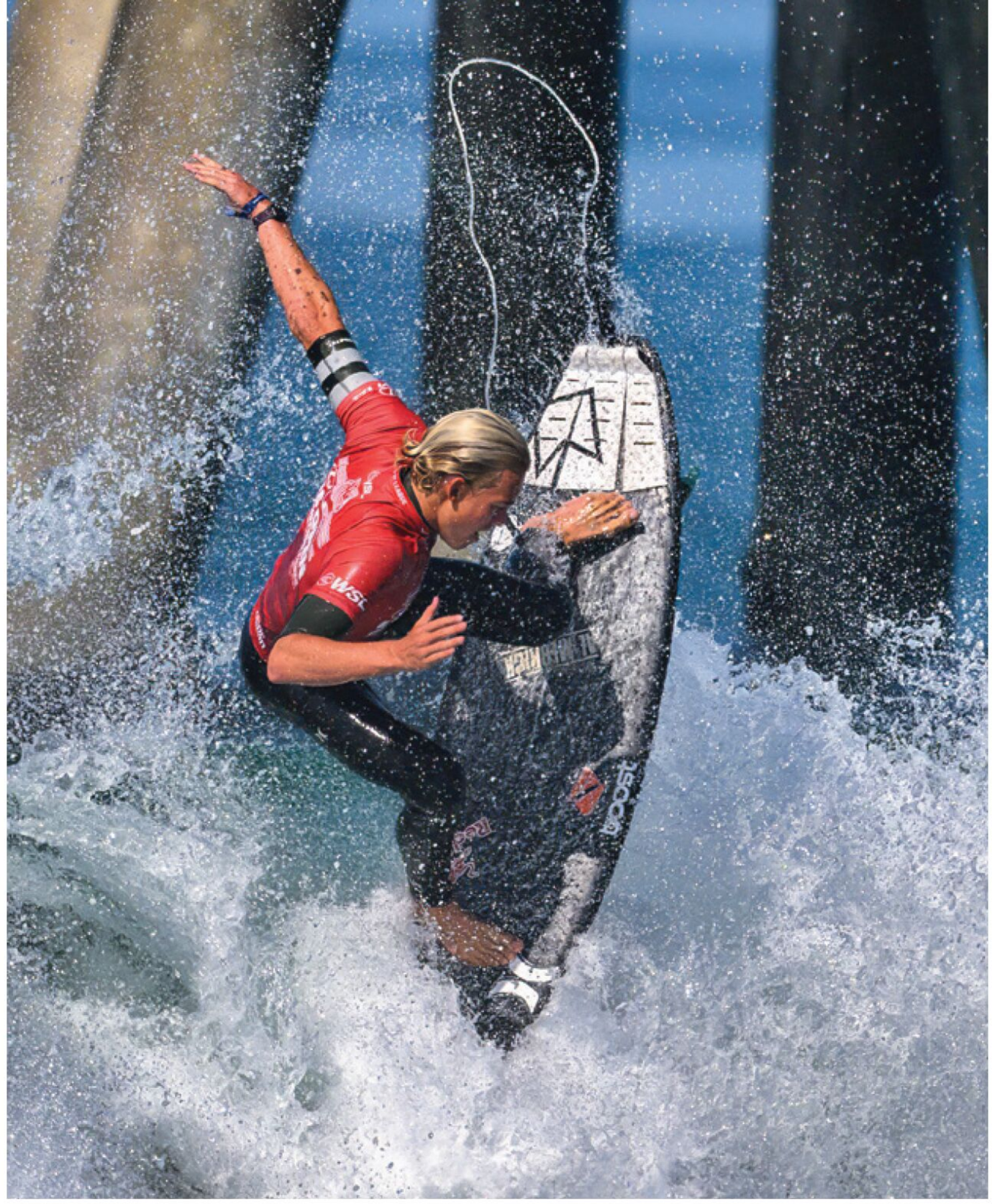
Sally finally started to catch fire on her seventh wave with a 6.43 as she was putting the early mistakes behind her.

At this point in the final Sally was on her 8th wave while Bella was only on her 5th wave. And that eighth wave for Sally was a good one as she backed up her previous good ride with a 5.63 to take the lead with just a few minutes left in this match.

There were still decent sets coming in but neither surfer we able to make anything happen with them.

Then with 35 seconds left Bella was able to catch one last wave to at first looked like a winner and then in the end went flat and gave Sally the win.

Let's hope that Lexus was happy with their involvement in this great Southern California event and will bring their support for many years.



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CALIFORNIA STATE SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Article by Chuck Null
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The California State Championship is the last race of the year for the Speedway season, and this year it was held at the Industry Grand. The Industry Grand Arena is one of the best venues in California, heck, probably anywhere for that matter! If you have followed Sports Life's coverage you will know the season runs in the summer months with the annual Gumball Rally being the rare exception, running on a February evening.

Kelly Inman is the man who keeps the show running year after year, and his enthusiasm for the sport has kept it alive and made it a fun Saturday night event for many years now. We once again tip our hat to Kelly and his crew that put on one of the best "Bang for the Buck" events in the Los Angeles motorsports area.

Speedway bikes are a form of flat track racing that in this case takes place at Grand Arena at The Industry Hills Expo Center. The track is an 8th of a mile of well-groomed dirt that is home to these 500cc single cylinder methanol beasts! Did we mention that these have no brakes?

The field is made up of 16 riders, these riders race four at a time in a series of heats. Each round has four heats. Each round the riders are shifted around so that end of the night, everyone has raced everyone else at least once. In each race, riders are scored with 3 points for a win, 2 points for 2 place, 1 point for third and 0 points for last.

For AMA racing after the 20 races set the field, the top 8 scores go to the semifinals in which the top 2 in each semi advances to the 4-rider main.

We have seen a shift in the past few years as newer, and frequently, younger riders rise through the ranks after coming into the sport and start their winning ways.

For many years Billy Janniro was the man to beat, having been AMA National Speedway Champion 11 times. And Billy still has great game. Max Ruml has been giving Billy a great run for his money as he is the current reigning national champion. The field also contained past Champions Broc Nicol and Arron Fox with up and coming Alex Marting and Slater Lightcap among others.

Before the racing began for the evening we took a moment to celebrate the last race at the Grand of Shawn "Mad Dog" McConnell. Shawn has raced Speedway for 50 years. 2024 will be his last year on Speedway bikes. He started in Southern California but made his way to England to complete in the British Leagues. Shawn's riding style and easy-going So Cal nature made him a hit in England. Once back in the states he continued to race and mentor the next generations for many years. Shawn will continue to be a great ambassador for the sport.

The first round saw 2020 National Champion Broc Nicol, Billy Janniro, Alex Martin and Max Ruml win their heats.

Round two had Billy beating Max, an unusual occurrence so far this season! Broc won his heat, with fan favorite Arron Fox triumphant, with past "Under 21 Champ" Slater Lightcap winning for the first time this evening. At this point only Billy and Broc had perfect scores.

In Round three it was Timmy Dion taking a win, Billy once again winning, Slater getting his second win on the night along with Max with two wins.

Round four mixed them up a bit, and started with Aaron getting his second win of the night, with Broc back on top again. Alex Martin scored a second win and then Russell Green winning for the first time this evening.

The final round before the semis continued, and the field continued to be a tight one.

Round five started with Alex Martin scoring his third win on the night, Broc taking a fourth win, and "Mad Max" took his third win of the night. Billy "The Kid" Janniro took a fourth win, and only 1 point away from a perfect score for the evening to his credit.

The first Semi-final pitted Billy Janniro, Alex Martin, Slater Lightcap and Russel Green. Slater raised his game, and the stakes for the night as he able to take the win with Billy taking the only other transfer position with Alex Martin in third and Russell Green rounding out the semi. Semi-final two was Broc Nicol, Max Ruml, Arron Fox and Timmy Dion.

Broc once again proved that when the chips are down, he can pull it off, and he was able to hold off Max to win the the semi-final as the two of them advanced to it the final with Arron Fox third and Timmy Dion missing out on the final!

Our final was now set. Broc Nicol, Slater Lightcap, Billy Janniro and Max Ruml. Four great riders with a chance at the California State Championship on the line.

Broc chose the outside starting position, with Slater on the inside. Although this often works for him, Broc's results have been mixed from the outside, often gaining spectacular wins, but sometimes getting squeezed by inches at the finish-line.

Billy was in the number two slot putting Max in the three lane, next to Broc. When the tapes flew up it was Broc out first but with a front wheel high in the air, followed by Max in a similar stance. Both with probably a little more traction then then bargained for. As they headed into the first turn they were side by side with Nicol on the outside, but the bike seemed to get away from him and Broc was down and out of the race.

The next few laps saw young Slater Lightcap finally show the crowd that a season of training in the Polish "Extraliga" Junior Trials made some difference! He edged his way a little farther ahead each lap. It was a great battle that saw Slater get his first huge win since his "Under-21" Championship, with Billy in second and Max in third for the last podium spot. Everyone was happy for Slater and his Dad/mechanic Keith.

We have watched Stater mature as a rider this year and the time they spent in Europe this spring was paying off. Congratulations on this momentous moment in your riding career.

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7th Annual Junior Kurtz Memorial

Article by Richard T. Haight
Photos by Chuck Null

The 7th annual "Junior Kurtz Memorial" Cup at the Industry Grand was full of surprises and serious "Hand to Hand" combat. Speedway Racing may be, with the exception of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand, a bit of a niche sport. But there is no more exciting form of racing.

Yes, we can all watch Motocross Star Jett Lawrence, go 20 straight races without a loss, but it is rarely able or exciting enough to match four guys on methanol fueled bikes at full throttle ... 6 inches apart! Did we mention that those bike have no brakes at all!

In addition to the usual 4 man, 20 heat race program, where every rider meets every other rider at least once during the night, if you want to see "Do or Die" action try the "Last Man Out" race, where the gate goes up and after one lap, the last guy across the line is excluded. After 2 one lap heats, and there are only two riders left to battle it out, the remaining two riders go to the line for a 2-lap knife fight for all the bucks! This unusual event was brought back on Wednesday night, with both the promoter and the fans pitching in extra money with 100% going to the winner! And boy did they pitch in, with nearly $1,000 in the pot.

Although "Mad Max" Ruml has been pretty much unbeatable this season, nothing lasts forever. Although Max managed to avoid elimination through the first two one lappers, he simply couldn't get around Broc Nicol to save his life. In the end, it ended up with Nicol taking home a handful of wadded up 10's 20's and 50's to the delight of the crowd.

The rest of the evening was just as exciting, from the "Pee Wee's" to the Sidecars

The "PeeWee's" are a riot. This is where young future Champions get their start. Kids as young as five or six seem to know no fear. Sometimes they line up as many as 12 riders at the starting line and boy do they go at it, with the girls holding their own.

After the lower (2nd and 3rd) divisions mains were decided, the next to last of the main events, was the sidecars. With twice the displacement, four times as many cylinders, and twice the riders, these guys are completely nuts. And they enjoy that reputation! The passenger hangs so far down, and almost off of the bike on the inside, moving all over to get the traction they need, it is truly a display of acrobatic talent, and sheer grip. Literally on the throttle from the start, it's four laps of screaming craziness, all sideways. In the end, it was National Champs Jones and Summers narrowly beating out the Ovrid brothers, with Smylie/Kinner taking the last place on the podium.

After working through the heats, and the semi's, Mad Max Ruml took a nearly perfect point score for the evening to make it to the Main, to face off with Broc Nicol, Slater Lightcap and Aaron Fox, all tied exactly one point behind him.

After the usual introductions, and a lot of kicking the surface to see where they best traction might be, each rider chooses his starting gate. The rider with the highest point total on the night, gets to choose first, and the rest choose in descending order. When the gate finally went up, both Broc Nicol and Mad Max Ruml got great starts. However, the pair were rarely more than a few inches ahead of behind, depending on where they were in the lap. And often with the lead trading places a couple of times each lap, never more than a bike length apart. Both of them trying different lines to block or hold the lead. But at the checkers, Brol Nicol held fast, as he held Ruml off by maybe 6 inches, if that!

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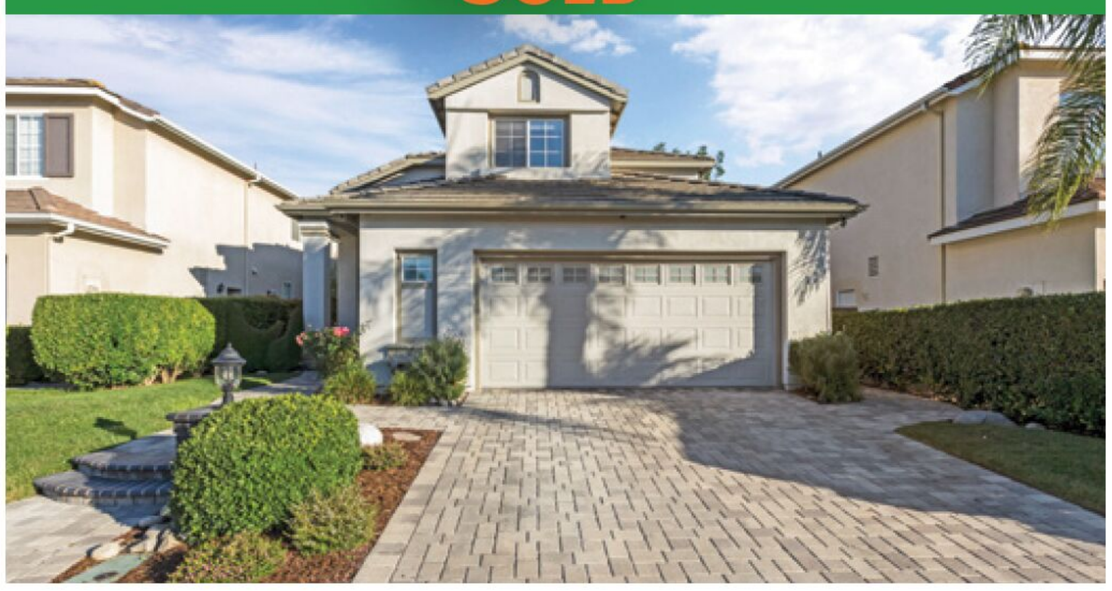

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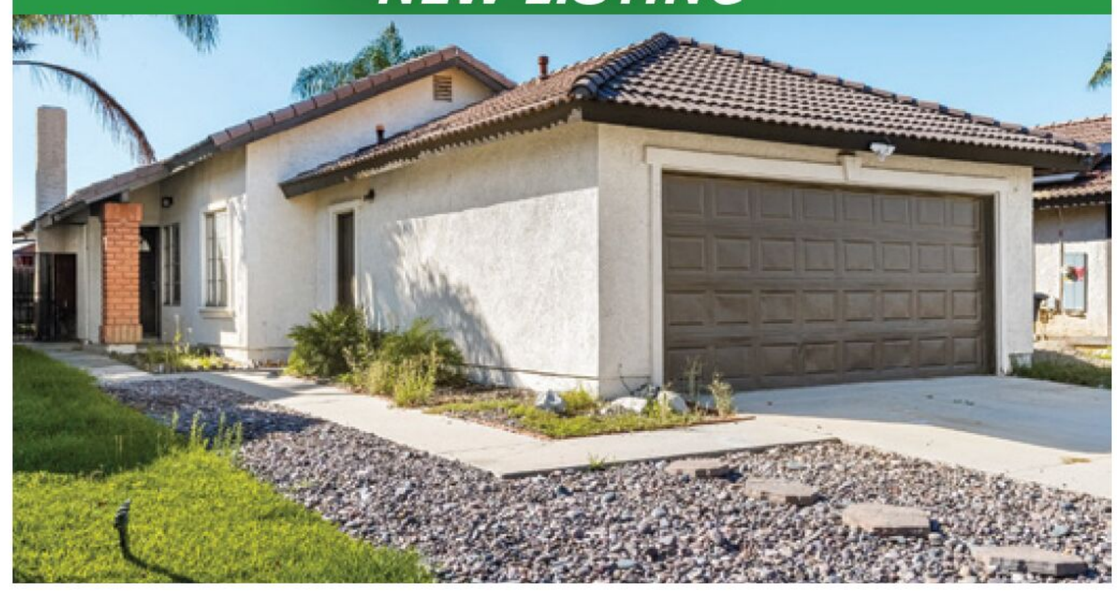

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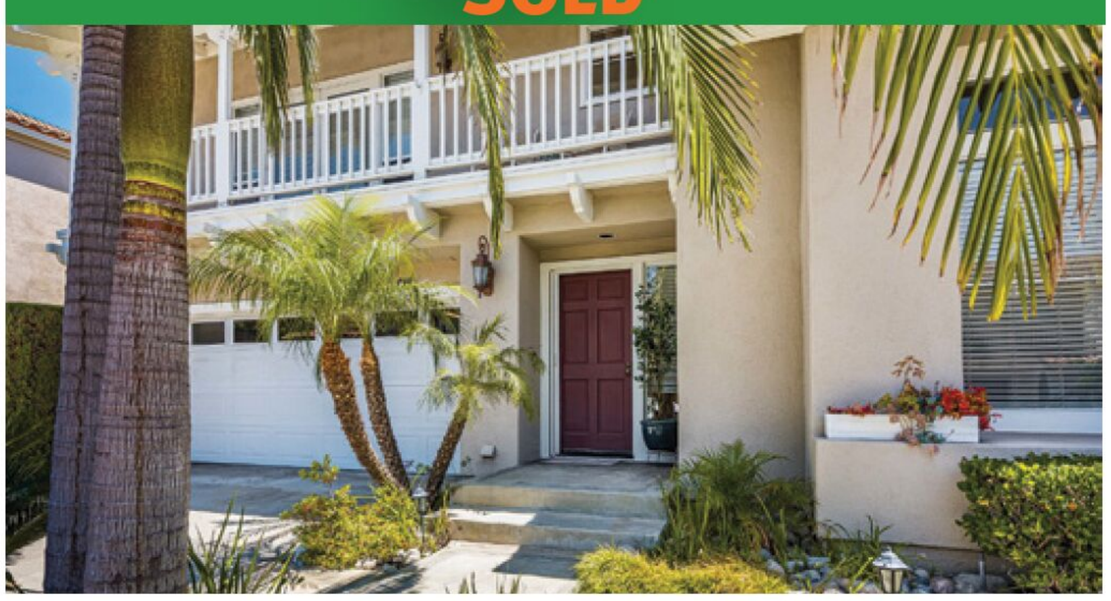

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GLOBAL SWIMMING COMPETITION Makes *Waves* at Vietnam's Alma Resort

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The world's largest swimming competition on the open water, Oceanman, will make a splash next month at Alma Resort overlooking Long Beach on Vietnam's Cam Ranh peninsula.

CAM RANH, Vietnam (August 20, 2024) – The world's largest swimming competition on the open water, Oceanman, will make a splash next month at Alma Resort overlooking Long Beach on Vietnam's Cam Ranh peninsula.

The gruelling 10km 'Oceanman' swim, 5km 'Half Oceanman' swim, 2km 'Sprint' swim, 3.5 km 'Ocean Teams' relay and 500m 'Ocean Kids' swim will start and finish on Alma's beachfront during the event from September 6-8.

Two of Alma's lifeguards will compete in the 'Half Oceanman' event.

Stretching 13 kilometres, Long Beach, or Bai Dai in Vietnamese, is renowned as one of Asia's most stunning beaches due to its aquamarine waters with islands strewn just offshore.

Oceanman's official hotel partner Alma will host an anticipated 900 participants from almost 30 countries, as well as spectators and event organisers.

Open to male and female participants from seven to more than 70 years of age, Oceanman began in 2015.

The competition has been held at 19 scenic locations worldwide including Bali, Thailand, Turkey, Spain, Italy, Ukraine, Mexico and Columbia.

Next month's swim series will mark Oceanman's second year in Vietnam after it was also held in Cam Ranh in 2023.

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Alma's managing director Herbert Laubichler-Pichler said the 30-hectare resort's partnership with Oceanman afforded "an unparalleled setting that is bold, spacious and emblematic of Vietnam's maturation as a destination".

"We are so excited to welcome such a prestigious event to our remarkable oceanfront location and array of world-class facilities ranging from 12 swimming pools that cascade down to the beach to a water park replete with a lazy river, slides and wave pool," said Laubichler-Pichler.

"Oceanman's ecological awareness is a good fit with Alma's efforts to protect the environment, including the implementation of Vietnam's most ambitious solar power project, and of course we will be cheering on the participants, particularly our lifeguards Hien and Thao, with gusto."

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Alma has been called out as the top resort in Southeast Asia, the No. 2 resort in Asia and No. 9 resort worldwide in this year's Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards. The US-based publication announced the winners of its World's Best Awards last month, with Alma scoring 99.2 on the awards' 100-point survey.

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Situated on Vietnam's emerging Cam Ranh peninsula fronting Long Beach, Alma resort commands some 30 hectares of inspiring ground. Emblematic of Vietnam's maturation as a destination, the bold and spacious integrated resort offers 580 oversized suites and pavilions that all afford sweeping vistas of the ocean, including contemporary three bedroom oceanfront pavilions each totalling 224sqm with a living room, four bathrooms and a private pool. Alma features a broad spectrum of restaurants helmed by top chefs, a food court with an array of local and international cuisine, as well as a sports bar, pool bar and beach bar. Other highlights include 12 swimming pools cascading down to the beach and a waterpark with a lazy river, slides, wave pool and kids pool. Other highlights include a 13-treatment room spa, 75-seat cinema, convention centre, amphitheater, science museum, gymnasium and yoga room, 18-hole mini golf course, a youth centre with virtual reality games, a kid's club, gold simulator, onsite sustainable farm and even an 'Alma Mart' mini supermarket.

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Our 55-acre haven beckons discerning horse enthusiasts seeking a premier boarding experience amidst tranquility and unparalleled luxury.

Elegance Unleashed

INDULGE YOUR *EQUINE PASSION* IN OCALA, THE *HEART* OF *HORSE COUNTRY*.

Welcome to Tamarian Farms, where equstrian dreams come to life in the picturesque town of Fellowship, just a trot away from the renowned World Equestrian Center.

Indoor Opulence

Step into our main barn, a symphony of refinement housing 30 stalls encircling a grand 100' x 200' indoor arena. Flanking this masterpiece are two 60' indoor round pens—ideal for training amidst engineered sand footing that's both gentle and cooling.

Beyond Expectations

Explore our meticulously designed tack rooms, wash stalls, and grooming areas—all crafted with precision to cater to your horse's every need. Our commitment to excellence extends to every corner of Tamarian Farms, ensuring your equine companion receives the care and attention they deserve.

Exclusive Amenities

Indulge in our state-of-the-art facilities, from upper and lower observation areas to locker rooms with shower facilities. Immerse yourself in the luxury of a kitchen and conference room, completing an experience like no other.

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Elevate your ***Training***

Tamarian Farms awaits your arrival, just 2 miles from the World Equestrian Center. RV enthusiasts can revel in our fully hooked-up park, while the ***Howard Johnson*** *Inn provides luxurious lodging nearby.*

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In the Horse Capital of the World, only Tamarian Farms offers complete indoor facilities, shielding your equine companion from the elements. Choose from a myriad of full and partial boarding options, each accompanied by ala-carte services to tailor your horse's experience.

Train for Triumph

Opt for a training package to sculpt your horse into a champion. Our expert trainers are dedicated to realizing your goals, ensuring your horse thrives under their expert guidance.

Lessons for Every Level

Whether boarding with us or trailering in, unlock the potential of your horse with our comprehensive lesson packages. From foundational skills to advanced maneuvers, our certified instructors provide an enriching educational journey for horse and rider alike.

Host Unforgettable Events

Consider Tamarian Farms for your next horse show, clinic, or special event. Our facility provides the perfect backdrop for unforgettable equine experiences.

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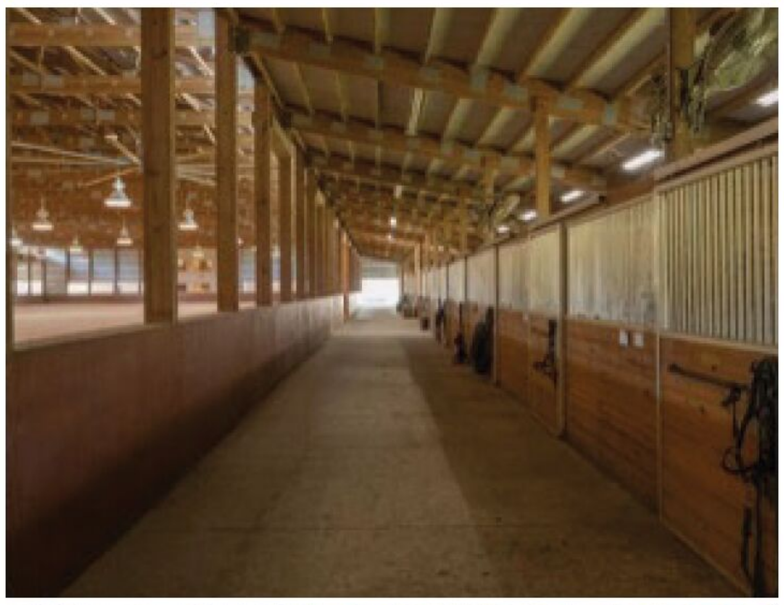

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Events in 2024

CLINICS

Tamarian farms welcomes the top clinicians in the area to our facility to present to and educate riders of all disciplines in our community.

EVENTS

Our 100' x 200' indoor arena provides the perfect event venue. Our engineered sand footing is versatile and can be easily prepared for all disciplines. We have an arena PA system and our barn office includes upper and lower observation areas overlooking the arena.

Tamarian Farms plays host to many events throughout the year. From fundays to clinics to shows, we provide the perfect environment to meet and learn together with like minded riders and friends in the community.

Don't miss out on this year's events. Tamarian Farms will be hosting Hunter/Jumper and Dressage events this year in 2024.

If you are a clinician, or would like to host an event at Tamarian Farms, please contact us.

Rice grown in the paddies at Laguna Golf Lang Co is donated to families and seniors who live near the club.

VGC Clubs Tee Up Stronger Community Ties

Signature layouts in Central Vietnam make local engagement a cornerstone of their mission.

Article and Photos by Balcony Media Group

DANANG, VIETNAM (August 22, 2024) – Vietnam Golf Coast (VGC) clubs are strengthening community bonds in Central Vietnam via public-spirited initiatives.

The VGC, a destination marketing collaboration between three of the area's signature golf clubs—Laguna Golf Lang Co, Montgomerie Links, and Ba Na Hills Golf Club—has made community engagement a cornerstone of its mission.

The clubs are attracting golf enthusiasts from around the globe to a destination that has emerged as one of Asia's most enticing hubs for play. At the same time, they are dedicating resources and efforts towards the betterment of the communities in which they operate.

Green Hope 2024, supported by Montgomerie Links, offers free swimming lessons to children in Quang Nam province.

This commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) is embodied through various projects that contribute significantly to the welfare of local communities.

A standout initiative under this banner is Green Hope 2024, a life-saving project that addresses one of the most pressing issues in Vietnam today—child drowning.

Drowning ranks among the top ten causes of death for children aged 5-14 in Vietnam, particularly in rural areas where access to swimming education is limited.

Green Hope 2024, supported by VGC linchpin Montgomerie Links, offers free swimming lessons and anti-drowning skills to children in Quang Nam province.

"Our role extends beyond providing world-class golf experiences.

By equipping children with essential life skills, we are investing in the future of our community," said Le Vo Hoang Van, club manager at Montgomerie Links.

Efforts to foster community ties are also in strong evidence at Laguna Golf Lang Co, a club renowned for its sustainability and CSR programs.

Its “edible golf course” initiative — where resident water buffalo tend the rice fields on the course — has captured the imagination of a global audience.

The paddies yield up to 20 tons of rice used to support the organic farm at Laguna Lang Co and donated to families and seniors in the area.

Other important initiatives include free golf lessons in local schools.

This initiative promotes the sport among young people and teaches important values such as discipline, teamwork, and respect for others.

These lessons, taught by professional instructors from the clubs, are offered free of charge and are part of a broader effort to make golf more accessible to the youth of Central Vietnam.

Ba Na Hills Golf Club recently played host to the CIFE charity event which raised a significant sum for the education of under-privileged kids in Vietnam.

"As we introduce golf to local students, we're not just teaching them a sport—we're providing them with skills and values that will benefit them in all aspects of life," said Stephen Banks, director of golf at Laguna Golf Lang Co

Vietnam Golf Coast clubs regularly organise fundraising golf events. These events serve as vital platforms for raising funds for local charities and community projects.

Funds are channelled towards various causes, including education, healthcare, and environmental conservation, reinforcing the clubs' commitment to being a force for good in the community.

The Vietnam Golf Coast clubs also contribute to the local economy through employment. The clubs employ a significant number of local staff — as caddies, greenkeepers, admin, and hospitality roles — offering stable jobs with competitive wages and opport unities for professional development.

"Our clubs are deeply intertwined with the local community, and we see our employees as an integral part of our success," said Gary Dixon, General Manager of Ba Na Hills Golf Club. "By offering meaningful employment, we are helping to sustain local families and contributing to the broader economic health of the region."

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We hope you'll join us for these amazing adventures!

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2024/2025 SEASON

has been running trips on the Kern River since 1975. We've provided the highest quality recreational opportunities for untold thousands of happy people needing to get out and re-create themselves over the course of our tenure. We know of no other activity that allows one to relax and recharge like a river trip.

The Kern River Valley is a short three-hour drive from Los Angeles. Although the river's World Class whitewater rafting trips are the primarty draw during the spring and summer months.

The area is a recreational wonderland providing beautiful hikes, scenic vistas, an outstanding fishing venue, mountain biking, boating, kayaking and even climbing opportunites abound for those looking to relax and recreate on the lake with year-round activities.

Complimenting all of these recreational opportunities are the amenities available right here in Kernville!

There are some excellent restaurants, including Ewings on the Kern, That's Italian, and one of our favorites, about 15 miles upstream - McNalley's Steak House, home to some of the best steaks you'll find anywhere.

The nationally recognized and award-winning Kern River Brewing Company, located right here in Kernville. It offers tasty pub fare and some of the best hand-crafted beers (even Root Beer!) available in the country.

There are so many great places to overnight as well - assuming you're not at our private, riverside camps.

One of our favorites is the Falling Waters River Resort, about two miles upstream from Kernville, offering rooms with kitchenettes, barbecues, and a beautiful and relaxing swimming pool.

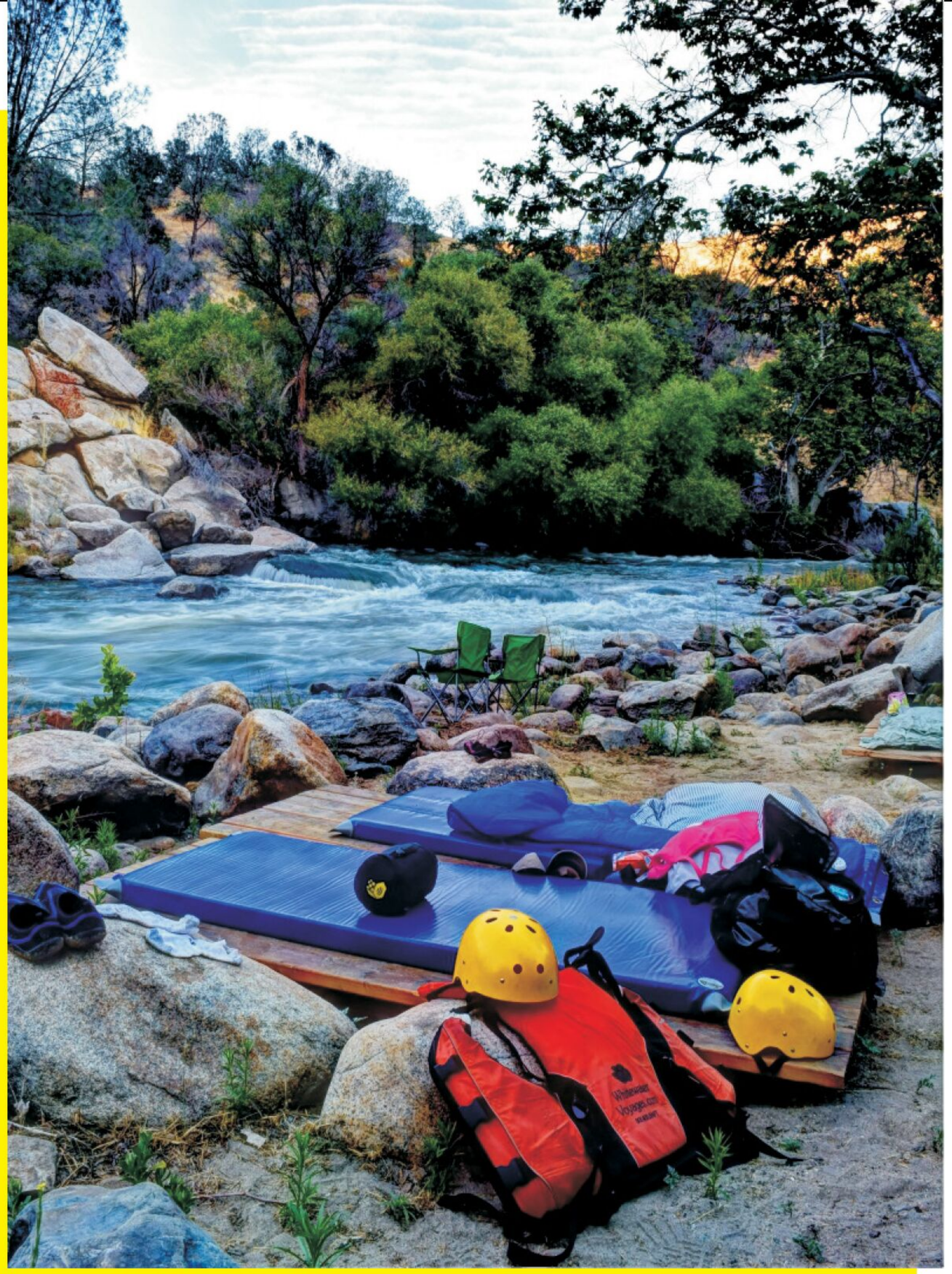
Whitewater Voyages runs 60miles of the Kern River. Trip offerings range from a Two Hour, Class II and III “Lickety Split”, to a Three-Day, Class V back country expedition on the Forks of the Kern River.

The first day of the trip is primarily Class III and builds in intensity as you approach our private riverside campsite.

When you arrive, you’ll find a beautiful venue with redwood sleeping decks and thick “Paco” style sleeping pads for all of our guests.

Appetizers, dinner, and dessert that evening are followed by a crackling campfire and dazzling star gazing before heading off to a deep, rejuvenating slumber.

The Kern River Whitewater Rafting Season usually begins in April and runs through mid-September.



LUNCH IS SERVED

Enjoy a nice breakfast in the morning before heading out to run the “Bigwater” Stretch, a 12 mile run that is peppered with tons of Class III and Class IV whitewater rapids.

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