

MBW Racing & Philipsburg Brewing Co.

present

The Pintler Classic

*** State Championship Road Race ***

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Race sanctioned by USA Cycling and MBRA

Held under USA Cycling Event Permit



USCF Official: Vicky Russell

Welcome to the 2013 State Championship Road Race. MBW Racing and Philipsburg Brewing Company proudly present the race of the year. Come spend the weekend racing in Philipsburg. This national caliber race course is for the true Montanan. Taken from the Ecology Center Classic, this course has everything from spectacular climbing to a 7.5 mile dirt section. The loop is centrally located and accessible for most everyone in the state and is run on miles of deserted roads.

Philipsburg, an old mining town, is in the heart of the Pintler Mountains and will provide the perfect stage for our Championship Road Race. Plenty of lodging options exist right in town and camping is nearby. During this action packed weekend there will be a local BBQ cook off on Saturday and the Discovery XC Mountain Bike Race on Sunday. Come race on Saturday, enjoy the BBQ, drink some local microbrews and then race MTB on Sunday.

Step back in time. See what Montana hospitality is all about. Race in Philipsburg!!!

Race Schedule*:

	Registration/check-in	9:00-10:45 a.m.
	Pre-race meeting	10:50 a.m.
Group 1	Men Cat. 1/2/3:	11:00 a.m. start; 120 kilometers (74 miles)
Group 2	Masters A/B:	11:10 a.m. start; 120 kilometers (49 miles)
Group 3	Men Cat. 4/5:	11:25 a.m. start; 80 kilometers (49 miles)
Group 4	Women Cat. 1/2/3; Cat. 4:	11:35 a.m. start; 80 kilometers (49 miles)
Group 5	All Juniors:	11:45 a.m. start; 40 kilometers (25 miles)

**promoter reserves the right to adjust race groupings as conditions, attendance and volunteer support warrant*

Rules: All USA Cycling rules apply. Racers must wear helmets while racing and warming up/down. Race course will be open to motor vehicles, and the centerline rule will be strictly enforced. Racers may be required to observe traffic controls (i.e., stop signs, right-of-way). USA Cycling annual or one-day licenses are required and may be purchased on-site. Remember that **one-day license holders** may only race as Cat. 5 or Masters B men (or Cat. 4 women), and that **only annual license holders are eligible for medals**. Race numbers will be provided. Please place number on your right side. This event is part of the Montana Bicycle Racing Association 2013 Road Race Series, and you will earn double-points for your efforts.

Fees: \$22 adult race entry through June 1st. \$27 entry through June 13th. \$35 day-of-race registration. Juniors race for free! Free helmets for the first 12 juniors to register.

Registration via USA Cycling website at:

Pre-registration deadline: 10:00 p.m. MDT, Friday, June 13. Sorry, no mail-in registration. Entry fee includes USA Cycling insurance and MBRA surcharges.

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The Course: Utilizing the scenically spectacular roads around Philipsburg, and popularized during the days of the Ecology Center Classic, this year's race revisits an old favorite, The Pintler Loop. The course features a downtown start/finish, several good-sized climbs, sweeping terrain and beautiful vistas. The race begins in town, then heads south on Hwy 1 for a clockwise loop. The route features three (two) categorized climbs that will determine the KOM (QOM) for the Men's and Women's Cat 1/2/3 and Master's A's.

After the first KOM, racers will have a long, fast descent before Rock Creek Road. Rock Creek is 7.5 miles of Roubaix-style riding. Although it's nearly flat, look out for rough and loose spots. After the turn onto MT 348 there will be an unmanned, neutral feed zone. You may have your support person hand you H2O or food at this point only.

After the feed zone, riders begin the big climb of the day, Hwy 348 (Rock Creek Rd.) where 1.5X KOM/QOM points will be awarded. Women's, Master's B and Men's Cat 4/5 racers then descend toward Philipsburg for an uphill finish on Broadway. Cat 1/2/3 and Master's A riders continue on to Skalkaho Pass Rd and climb KOM #1, turn around and race to the finish on Broadway.

It's a course where tactics and strategy could prove decisive. The road surface ranges from smooth asphalt to rough chip-seal, plus 7.5 miles of gravel/dirt on Rock Creek Rd. Expect a few potholes and some loose gravel. Follow vehicles will be provided, but carry a spare and pump, or CO2. Sturdy wheels/tires are highly recommended.

This year's race coincides with the Disco Mountain Boogie on Sunday, June 16th and there is the annual BBQ cook off on Saturday, as well. Come for the road race and stay for the MTB race!

Course Maps:

Course A: Men 1/2; Men 3: 120 kilometers (74 miles)

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/189066594>

Course B: Men 4/5; Master's A/ B; Women 1/2/3; Women's 4: 80 kilometers (49 miles)

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/189066024>

Course C: All Juniors: 40 kilometers (25 miles)

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/190567590>

Support: We hope to have support vehicles for each group on race day (currently soliciting volunteer drivers/vehicles; we will pay for gas—please contact the race promoter). **However, please come prepared to ride with a pump and spare tube**, in the event that you flat and are behind the wheel car. There will be a designated feed zone, but racers must provide their own feed support. The use of a personal hydration system may be a good option if you're concerned about fluid intake during the race.

Prizes: Cash & merchandise (total to be determined by turnout), not to exceed \$499, for overall and KOM/QOM. State Championship medals will be awarded to Montana residents who possess annual licenses. The award ceremony will follow the completion of the long race, and will be held at the **Philipsburg Brewing Company**. Woohoo!

Directions: Philipsburg is located 30 miles west of Anaconda and 30 miles south of Drummond. From the east, take I-90 to the Anaconda exit (mile 208) and proceed west on Hwy. 1 to Philipsburg. From the west, take I-90 to the Drummond exit (mile 153) and proceed south on Hwy. 1 to Philipsburg. Registration, parking, toilets, etc. will be at the Philipsburg Town Park, which is located here:

<http://www.mapmyride.com/route/us/mt/philipsburg/497127650431753352>

Any questions? Contact Erik Digby, at 406-370-0342 or realigner@yahoo.com