

Awards Banquet Salutes SoCal's Best

So. Cal's best riders were honored last November 8th at the 1980 Southern California Cycling Federation by members, relatives and friends alike. The guests of honor were Scott Hembree, who captured the Gold Medal in the Senior 20 Kilo Points Race at San Diego along with a bronze on the team pursuit; Matt Francis, who clocked a 1:10.23 in the Kilo to win the Gold Medal at the Junior World Trials and bettered that time at the U.S. National Championships riding with the Seniors pumping out a 1:09.89 finishing 1/100 of a second away from the bronze; Gavin Hein,

who took the Silver Medal at the Nationals 25 Mile Time Trial and fifth in the Road Race and competed on the U.S. Junior Team at the World Championships gathering a Silver Medal in the 70 kilometer Four Man Team Time Trial in Mexico City along with an impressive 18th in the Road Race; Dedra Chamberlain who was crowned National Intermediate Girl Champion in Bisbee and taking the Silver in the Track omnium in San Diego. Quite an impressive list of accomplishments.

After a buffet style dinner, Ron Skarin took over for an ailing C.J. Shank as

master of ceremonies. The district championship medals were then awarded followed by the presentation of the Shimano Best-All round Rider awards and the naming of the Most Improved Riders for 1980. Rob Templin took the honors for the Senior class thanks to a consistent riding season. Russ Dalbey led the Junior class in a hotly contested season of racing. Evelyn Off took the honors in the Women's Class.

Shimano Sales Corporation sponsored the Best-All round Rider series donating a great amount of prizes and support



John Kucharik of Kucharik Bicycle Clothing and John Uhte of Shimano Sales Corporation flank SoCal's Best All-Round Riders Russ Dalbey (MCC), both Road and Track, Mark Whitehead (CBC) on the Track, and Robert Templin on the Road. Not present for the banquet was Evelyn Off (MCC), both Road and Track BAR. Shimano donated the prizes for the BAR with Kucharik contributing the fine made jerseys. John Kodin photo

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