

Trike races to be held here

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The Fourth Annual Trike Races will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Muir College Quad of the University of California, San Diego.

The races are free and open to the public but only members of the UC San Diego community -- faculty, staff and students -- may participate after filing an application with the campus's Intermural Recreation Office. Among the events scheduled is a special Dean's Cup Race, featuring teams consisting of one female and one male staff member from the dean's offices at each of the university's four colleges.

Trike Race founder and coordinator, Muir College senior Alan Kremen, who describes the contest as a "study break," said there will be 15 races with four entries to a heat. According to Kremen, there will be 13 obstacles to be passed, including a "cracker, peanut butter and whistle pit stop," a "sand and water trap," "cardiac hill," "fishbowl ice slush" and the grand "pie-in-the-face finish."

Last year's race had 50 entrants but a lot of equipment failures. This year, Kremen insists, there will be teams of mechanics on hand to maintain the machines in top racing condition.

"We anticipate," says the coordinator, "they'll be running like Swiss watches, well into the third or fourth heats."

Entertainment for the race will be provided by KGB radio's Larry Himmel. Himmel will be filling in for the KGB Chicken, who, according to Kremen, declined to appear this year because at last year's trike race, he was hit by two water-filled balloons.

Baum and Estin from the Los Angeles Comedy Store and UC San Diego's Sheils and Clark will call the race. Trophies and concert tickets will be given as prizes to the winners.

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