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BY DENISE BEARDSHEAR



Photo courtesy of Ernie Hernandez

Trudy Stubbs and Cory Madison glide over the jump on the International track.

Look out! Women have invaded the sports scene, from tennis to golf to motorcycles. Motorcycles? Amidst raised eyebrows in disbelief, a special breed of ladies have proven themselves competitive yet still feminine. They race motorcycles; dirt bikes. And even with the helmet, leathers, and mud, you can still make out the curves! If you don't believe me just take a look . . . you'll have plenty of racy curves to look at during the First Powder Puff Nationals. But more important, look at the overall picture. The inner girl racing her heart out — concentrating on perfect style and form through the corners and over the bumps and jumps.

She's a lot more important and deserves a lot more credit than she's received. The Nationals are a long overdue reward for all the hard work and determination that the Powder Puffs have devoted to becoming full fledged racers. And that they are.

Most of the girls have one goal — no, make that two: to be the best . . . and have a good time doing it! Here at the Nationals, the girls have an opportunity to do just that. From the super fast experts to the beginners, minis to grannies, each class will have its own starts. While the big star, well she'll probably be *seeing* stars! She's the lucky girl, and also the fastest, who accumulates the most points during the two-day event and will be crowned the Grand National Champion. Class titles will go to the top experts in the 125, 250 and open classes (3 for motocross and 2 for the Gran Prix).

Yes, women have come a long way since the first puffs putted about. It used to be that the guys came out to watch them for a good laugh; now they find many of the girls are tough competition, and look who's laughing.

Looking back, the first real Powder Puff turnout was at the Hopetown Gran Prix in 1968. Only about 20 girls rode in the race, but it was an important beginning. Since then, a hand full of girls have made enough commotion to arouse the interest of other females. I refer to people like Jan Ditson, one of the pioneers of the desert. And Lynn Wilson, who now owns and operates a motorcycle accessories business. Lynn and Mary McGee formed the first female team to ride *and finish* the Baja 500.

From the New England coast came Kerry Klie, the first woman to earn an AMA professional license. Others include the Flying Angel, Debby Lawler, who dazzles crowds by jumping her motorcycle over cars. While speedway fans had doubts about a cute blond handling a vicious 500cc speedway bike, Teresa Martin proved them wrong.

Janene Pennington Turton has dominated the motocross scene for over two years and most puffs feel she's about the best.

During the past two years, the whole powder puff idea caught fire and all of a sudden, there are hundreds of female racers from all over the United States. And it doesn't stop here. There are women racers exhibiting equal skill and enthusiasm from Canada to New Zealand to Greece.

Back in September of 1972, a group of Southern California racers, female that is, were invited to Canada as part of the Can Am series. Unofficially, this was the introduction of powder puff racing to Canada.

Surprisingly, 1974 is the first year that an official point system (number one plate and all that) has been set up for the powder puff class. District 37 of the AMA agreed to let the girls set up the class themselves, for a trial period of one year. Dee Granger, now Powder Puff Steward, was instrumental in this effort. Not even half way through the season, the enthusiasm generated by the girls, as well as the spectators and other riders, convinced the board to continue the system permanently.

During the 1974 season, the puffs ride for points — in pursuit of the number one plate to be awarded in '75. There are two point systems, one for motocross and one for desert. Gran Prix may be counted either way. So actually there are two No. 1 Powder Puff plates, since two different forms of racing are involved.

Southern California boasts numerous excellent tracks and lots of hot shoes to pickup riding tips from. Not too long ago, Russ Darnell held a two-day motocross school for females only. The girls gained valuable knowledge on using berms, squaring corners, and most important, picking lines. In December of '72, Joel Robert held a similar motocross school for the girls, by invitation only.

Riding is a constant learning experience. Striving to improve, experimenting with different styles and even setting up the bike different ways (as in adding all the trick stuff) determine a racer's success or failure. But one step at a time . . . before racing came riding . . . and before that? A craving for adventure? A little touch of insanity? Lust for speed? Or a secret desire to revert to playing in the dirt?

Whichever, it's harder for a girl to get into riding simply because of her upbringing. Paul Boudreau recently ran an article on women racers in Motocross Action Magazine. He summed up the situation "by the time most women figure out dirt riding is a gas and want to get in on the fun, they've been conditioned against it . . . while dad was turning the family lawnmower into a fuel burning dragster . . . mom taught little Sally how to apply Ultra Lash". On the other hand, thanks to all those moms . . . we racers have prettier eyes peeking through the goggles as a result of it!

Prospective puffs might take a tip from Cherry Stockton, who has been running first in Dist. 37 motocross points for most

of the season. She feels that a girl should "have the desire to race, to compete, to really go out and do something tremendously difficult." Cherry advised, "Usually it's better to have someone else, a guy, a friend, a brother, or a father, to support you in the beginning. Most guys are only too happy to help a girl who is willing to put in the effort to listen and learn".

Many of the girls do their own mechanics exclusively while others share the task with their counterparts. More and more, the girls are sponsored so a shop sets up their bike for them. On the norm, the bikes require special attention for every race, which is to be expected from any racing machine.

That brings us to the biggest disappointment of a race day . . . the broken bike. It will happen at the Nationals like all other races, and like always, the bike will be fixed and hopefully run right the next race. It's just part of racing.

Just like when all does go well: a good start, choice lines, throttle rolled back, feeling a surge of power throwing yo rooster tail of dirt at the girl behind you . . . and the thrill of seeing the finisher change from the white flag to the checkered, right when you come across the line! And after it's over, getting ready to do it again the next moto. And then?

Well, there's a rumor that Indian Dunes installed a bath tub complete with bubble bath dispenser, especially for us puffs! But we'll never tell.



Lynn Wilson & Mary McGee — 1st PP Baja team.

1974 NATIONAL POWDER PUFF CHAMPIONSHIP
MOTO-CROSS

MINICYCLE

- 1 Jan Kline
- 7 Carol Jordan
- 12 Barbara Speilman
- 30 Lis Fancher
- 38 Candy Hawthorne
- 129 Liz Hamilton
- 148 Lisa Christensen
- 227 Sue Fish
- 683 Sue Weicberg
- 379 Amy Bush
- 1J Judith Donahue
- 420 Kim Burns



Photo courtesy of Modern Cycle Magazine
Super mini-puff Renee Payen was California's 1973-74 Mini Cycle Champion . . . and she won it against the guys! Now 17-year old Renee will be a 125 contender in the Powder Puff Nationals.



Photo courtesy of Buzz

Slidin' Sue Fish races against the guys in night racing at Irwindale. She also instigated a powder puff class in CMC

100cc CLASS

- 19 Dolly Hays
- 115 Lorrie Watson
- 30 Lynda Ledlow
- 68W Florence Hiser
- 30 Kelly Wiseman
- 227 Sue Fish
- 77 Laurie Sharkey
- 379 Amy Bush
- 1J Judith Donahue
- Annabella Wood

125 BEGINNER

- 6 Stacy Bell
- 7 Karen Abbott
- 15 Sue Kannon
- 16 Tammi Hendrix
- 16 Dana Stenersen
- 21J Juliann Vasilis
- 28 Debbie Willsins
- 46 Mary Jo Jehle
- 64c Thelma Lou
- 72 Debie Lutz
- 86 Carmen Vitale
- 109 Mavis Logan
- 666 Barbara Hughes
- LL Lori Lutz
- 13 Linda Stinebaugh
- 138 Kim Martin

Denise Beardshear keeps power on during night race.



Photo courtesy of Buzz

From Washington, Debby Saenz, 15 year old mini cyclist is number one of her Tumwater racing association. She also races in Canada.



125cc NOVICE

- 134 Dee Granger
- 19 Dolly Hays
- 140 Robin Sauls
- 91Y Cris Rudd
- 113m Paulette Napoleone
- 13h Lisa Howard
- 114m Kim Byers
- 131 Delima MacDonald
- 90 Denise Duncan
- 80y Hermalene Wick
- KH Kim Herbert
- K-76 Patricia Start
- 44t Roberta Vasilis
- 74 Sue Pace
- 137 Jeri Willis
- 143 Denise deVines Beardshear
- 250 Dona Davenport
- 129m Cheryl Ann Acres
- 123m Jeanette Linden
- 6 Charleen Higgins
- 189 Squeaky Sawyer

125cc AMATEUR

- 24 Vicki Hendrix
- 101 Diane Connolly
- 16 Johanna Stenersen
- 99y Carol Smith
- 33 Barbara Wright
- 24 Sue Hall
- 14 Karen Traw
- 121m Cherry Stockton
- 77 Laurie Sharkey
- 102 Marcia Holley



Going fast runs in the Payen family. Sisters Nancy (right) and Lori are top contenders in the Nationals. Nancy is presently No. 1 motocross girl in Dist. 37 with Lori close behind.

Peggy Abbott of Florida looks more like a teenager than the mother of four. Peggy dominates the Enduro scene in her neck of the woods and should be a strong contender at the Nationals.



125cc EXPERT

- 00 Renee Payne
- 1 Jan Kline
- 1p Pam Niles
- 2p Julie Ford
- 6 Joy Wood
- 7 Annie Davis
- 8 Terri Bender
- 11 Valerie Stefan
- 15 Sue Brennan
- 47 Marion Kem
- 74b Janene Turton
- 668 Sandy Gonzales
- 115 Lorie Watson
- 2f Nancy Payne

250cc CLASS

BEGINNER

34y Paulette Brown
69 Terri Imming
504 Julie Ciardella
1022 Wendy Stanners

NOVICE

16k Leslie Murdock
128 Barbara Tieskoetter
143 Denise deVines Beardshear

AMATEUR

24 Sue Hall
48 Connie Jean Smith

Cherry Stockton does a little maintenance on her bike. During the '74 season, Cherry held on to number one in Dist. 37 motocross but broke down at Viewfinders and moved down to second.



Photo courtesy of Motocross Action Magazine

Kansas' Karen Hartman does pretty well against the guys on the motocross course. She also has a bachelors degree in biology and an associates degree in medical technology.



250cc EXPERT

00 Renee Payen
1 Jan Kline
1p Pam Niles
7 Annie Davis
47 Marion Kem
334 Kimmy Jo Slayton
335n Sherry Ciardella
115 Lorie Watson
2f Nancy Payne

GRANNY

61 Mrs. Suzi Hallmark
15 Norene Hendrix

OPEN

NOVICE

19 Dolly Hays
129m Cheryl Ann Acres

SENIOR

15 Sue Brennan
115 Lorie Watson
2f Nancy Payne



The young girls could take a lesson from these two grannies. Suzi Hallmark and Norene Hendrix will compete in the "over 35" class at the Nationals.



Juana Madrid checks out the situation behind her while powering through the corner.



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TROPHY BOYS ?



SONNIE NUTTER

The girls are known to go "nuts" over Nutter at the Speedway races and now the puffs will have an opportunity to test out his appeal. He'll be one of the trophy boys at the First Powder Puff Nationals. Sonnie was the 1968 California State Champion and has been one of the top riders every year since.



KENNY ZARHT

Our other trophy boy is one of Southern California's best racers. He is 17-year old Kenny Zarht. Ken just about wins every class he enters, from the local motocross to the big gran prix like Hopetown. Due to an injured shoulder, he was unable to ride in the Superbowl of Motocross.

GRAND PRIX EVENT No. 1

EXPERT — 250cc

- 7 Annie Davis
- 47 Marion Kern
- 33y Kinny Jo Slayton
- 335n Sherry Ciardella
- 2f Nancy Payne

NOVICE — 250cc

- 128 Barbara Tieskoetter
- 25d Dona Davenport
- 55 Elaine Eich
- 109v Louise White
- 123a Debbie Hopkins
- 119x Leslie Klug
- m1022 Wendy Stanners

GRANNY RACE

- 86 Carmen Vitale
- 43 Joann Brown
- 31 Mrs. Louis Ledlow
- G1 Suzi Hallmark

AMATEUR — 100cc

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- 227 Sue Fish
- 102m Judith Krockner
- Annabella Wood

BEGINNER — 100cc

- 17 Kim Krockner
- 154 Janeen Krockner
- 30 Lynda Ledlow

MINICYCLE

- 148 Lisa Christensen
- 12 Barbara Spielman
- 129 Liz Hamilton

Kathy Anglin, long time desert racer, shows that experience pays . . . she's number one girl in Dist. 37 desert points. Self-sponsored, she rides a stock DKW!

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Sue Hall throws a rooster tail of dirt behind her. She's a top contender in the 125 amateur class.

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GRAND PRIX EVENT No. 2

EXPERT - 125cc

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- 2p Julie Ford
- 6 Joy Wood
- 8 Terri Bender
- 15 Sue Brennan
- 115 Lorie Watson
- 668 Sandy Gonzales
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- 2f Nancy Payne

AMATEUR - 125cc

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- 72 Debbie Lutz
- 15 Kellie Caspary
- 138 Kim Martin



Janene Pennington Turton is considered one of the best; for the last two years, Janene has dominated the PP motocross scene.

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RIDERS MEETING.....11:30 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES.....12 noon

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Minicycle -- One Class
100 cc. -- One Class
125 cc. -- Beginner
125 cc. -- Novice
125 cc. -- Amateur
125 cc. -- Expert
250 cc. -- Beg., Nov., Ama.*
250 cc. -- Expert
Open Class & "Grannies"*

Sunday, July 7

MOTOCROSS FINALS.....morning

GRAN PRIX EVENT #1.....afternoon

Minicycle -- One Class
100 cc. -- One Class
250 cc. -- All Classes*

GRAN PRIX EVENT #2

125 cc. -- All Classes*

TROPHY PRESENTATION

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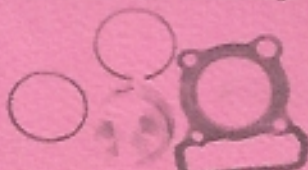
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