



# Strawberry Festival Classic

## Bicycle Road Race



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**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**  
**Hickories Park, Owego, NY**



To Benefit the Tioga County Boy's and Girl's Club

USA Cycling Permit 2009-768

**We proudly support the New York State Cup!!!**

**The History:** The Strawberry Festival is an annual celebration in beautiful, historic Owego. Saturday is an all-day celebration with exhibits, vendors, bands, and food (including lots of strawberries and the famous southern tier "spiedies"). In the 1980s, the "Strawberry Festival Road Race" was a favorite annual cycling event, popular for its extremely beautiful and challenging route. For cyclists, the race is back! For families, the town of Owego has abundant shops and restaurants available to pass the time during and after the race!

**The Races:** (These standard USA Cycling Road Race Categories will be scored separately for USAC and LAJORS)


Field	Laps	Distance	Categories (* indicates probable NY State Cup fields)
1 (10:00 start)	3	~ 51 mi	Cat 1-2-3 Men*, Under 23 Men, Masters Men 30+.
2 (10:05 start)	2	~ 34 mi	Masters Men 35+*, 45+. Open Women*, Under 23 Women. Masters Women 35+, 45+.
3 (10:10 start)	2	~ 34 mi	Cat 4*- Cat 5 Men
4 (10:15 start)	1	~ 17 mi	Cat 5/Citizen Men. Citizen Women. Juniors M10-12, F10-12, M13-14, F13-14, M15-16, F15-16, M17-18*, F17-18*. Masters Men 55+, 60+. Masters Women 55+.

The Road Race Course follows a very hilly circuit through South Owego, NY. Staging and Start located at a Pavilion in Hickories Park, along the Susquehanna River. Race leaves the park in a neutral start through beautiful downtown Owego, crosses the river, turns right onto Rt. 434 and then immediately left up Montrose Turnpike. Right onto Valley Road, Right onto Waits Road, Left onto Van Hook Rd, Right onto Sulphur Springs Rd, and descend back to Rt. 434. Continue a 2nd and 3rd laps by taking right up Montrose Turnpike. Finish for all fields is approx. 1 mile up Montrose Turnpike. **Feed zone** located at Finish Line. Recommended gearing 39x23. Each lap is approximately 17 miles with 2000' of climbing.

**Results count for NYS Cup, USA Cycling Upgrades and National Rankings, and LAJORS for Juniors!**

**Registration:** 8:00-9:45 at Hickories Park, Pavilion #2. All riders must have valid USA Cycling license or purchase a one-day license at event (\$10).

**Directions:** Take Rt. 17 to Exit 65 (Rt. 17c/ Owego); follow signs to Rt. 17c-West .25 miles north, crossing over river and then bearing left. At stop light proceed straight across Rt. 17c (past McDonald's) into Hickories Park.

**Fee:** On-line pre-registration only \$15 (\$5 for juniors) plus bikereg fee by  ends noon 6/13/08. No refunds. \$25 on-site (\$10 juniors).

**Prizes:** No cash prizes except for miscellaneous merchandise; food for all racers.

**Junior Gears:** As of 2007, juniors are required to race with junior gears in all races (rollout=26'). For more information on junior racing in the northeast, go to <http://ru23cycling.info>.

**Sponsored by:** Tioga Velo Club (TVC), Owego Historic Preservation Commission, and the Owego Revitalization & Betterment Corp.

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