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## Race OF THE SKY

**M**arc Rancourt of Incline Village rounds a sandy corner on his way up to the Flume Trail during the XTERRA Lake Tahoe on Saturday. Rancourt placed second in the short-course event. » Check out more photos & coverage from the race in Sports, page 18.

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## After legal session, commission no longer focusing solely on IVGID ops

By Josh Staab  
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The portion of Tuesday's Washoe County Commission meeting intended to address alleged Incline Village General Improvement District misconduct has been modified in response to legal concerns posed by district lawyers.

Originally, the agenda item for Tuesday's meeting in Reno was designed to allow IVGID representatives a chance to address concerns posed by residents to Commission Chairwoman Marsha Berkgigler, whose district includes Incline Village.

However, IVGID General Manager Steven Pinkerton has stated that he, along with

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Marsha Berkgigler

**Read more** IVGID General Manager Steve Pinkerton writes in depth about next week's meeting in his GM's Corner column this week. **Read more on Page 2.**



### THE AIR UP THERE

Lake Tahoe's night sky offers unparalleled levels of high Sierra star-watching.

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## XTERRA challenges, rewards

Over 150 triathletes take to scenic Flume Trail above east shore

Staff report

**T**HERE MAY NOT BE A FINER OFF-ROAD TRIATHLON COURSE IN THE COUNTRY.

More than 150 people took advantage in the scenic and challenging XTERRA Lake Tahoe on Saturday.

Racing on the former XTERRA National Championships course, the event began with a 1,500-meter (long course) or 750-meter (short course) swim off the shore of Incline Village.

It then sent competitors up Tunnel Creek on their mountain bikes and onto the Flume Trail, where they were treated to jaw-dropping views above North America's largest alpine lake.

After the 22-mile bike — the same distance for both the long and short course — athletes finished with a relatively flat 6-mile or 3-mile run through Incline Village.

Reno resident Matthew Balzer, 34, took the win in a field of 109 participants in the long-course triathlon, posting a time of 2:49:41. He was followed by 19-year-old David Duncan (3:02:25) and 33-year-old Donatas Ereminas of Truckee, who finished in 3:06:24.

Wayne Best (3:08:51) and Nathan Brown (3:13:34) rounded out the top five.

In the women's field, Janet Soule, 53, of Davis claimed the win while finishing 22nd overall in 3:36:57. Soule placed second in the Donner Lake Triathlon Half-Ironman distance last month.

Soule was followed by Kimberly Larson, who was 38th overall (3:50:12), and Heather Horton, who was 58th (4:06:32).

Hometowns were not listed on the results.

In a field of 45 racers, Stefan Laursen, 45, claimed the victory in the short-course triathlon with a time of 2:44:35. That was



COURTESY HARRY LEFRAK / LEFRAK PHOTOGRAPHY  
**Matthew Balzer of Reno exits the water during the first leg of the XTERRA Lake Tahoe off-road triathlon on Saturday. Balzer won the race with a time of 2:49:41.**



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**Sarah McMahan of Incline Village competes in the XTERRA Lake Tahoe off-road triathlon on Saturday. McMahan finished fourth among women.**

just one second faster than Marc Rancourt, 43, of Incline Village (2:44:36). Joey Figone, 41, was third (2:45:46).

Samantha Shields, 44, topped the women's field and was eighth overall with a time of 2:57:33, and Shaena Berlin, 24, finished runner-up among women and 13th overall (3:03:22).

Dorea Shoemaker (3:06:53) and Sarah McMahan (3:07:26), both of Incline Village, finished third and fourth, respectively.

Find a photo gallery from the event at [lefrakphotography.com](http://lefrakphotography.com) and full results at [buzzwordproductions.com](http://buzzwordproductions.com).



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**Janet Soule of Davis heads down Tunnel Creek on the mountain bike leg of the XTERRA Lake Tahoe. Soule was the top woman and 22nd overall.**



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**A group of triathletes, led by Tom Powrie (bib 284), motor up Tunnel Creek en route to the Flume Trail during the XTERRA Lake Tahoe on Saturday. Find a photo gallery from the race at [lefrakphotography.com](http://lefrakphotography.com).**

### » XTERRA Lake Tahoe results «

**Long course**

1. Matthew Balzer, 2:49:41
2. David Duncan, 3:02:25
3. Donatas Ereminas, 3:06:24
4. Wayne Best, 3:08:51
5. Nathan Brown, 3:13:34
6. Paul Roach, 3:14:39
7. Mike McClure, 3:16:23

8. Curtis Duncan, 3:16:53
9. Ryan Terry, 3:18:53
10. Mark Milam, 3:19:12
- \*22. Janet Soule, 3:36:57
38. Kimberly Larson, 3:50:12
58. Heather Horton, 4:06:32
63. Robyn Bilski, 4:09:29
68. Barbara Peterson, 4:13:02

**Short course**

1. Stefan Laursen, 2:44:35
2. Marc Rancourt, 2:44:36
3. Joey Figone, 2:45:46
4. Matt Baker, 2:49:06
5. A.G. Burnett, 2:51:51
6. Adam Timothy, 2:54:02
7. Steve Dalal, 2:55:54

- \*8. Samantha Shields, 2:57:33
9. Dean Welsh, 2:58:32
10. Kyle Dedimicantano, 3:00:38
13. Shaena Berlin, 3:03:22
14. Dorea Shoemaker, 3:06:53
16. Sarah McMahan, 3:07:26
18. Shaney Emerson, 3:23:34
- \*Indicates top woman.





COURTESY ZDENKA MANTHORPE / LEFRACK PHOTOGRAPHY  
**Adelaide Baber of Truckee races to a second-place finish among women in the 5K.**



COURTESY HARRY LEFRACK / LEFRACK PHOTOGRAPHY  
**Runners head out at the start of the Big Blue Trail Runs in Incline Village on Saturday.**

# Trail running series continues at Village Green

**Staff report**

Saturday marked a busy day of racing in Incline Village. In addition to the XTERRA Lake Tahoe triathlon, more than 60 people competed in the Big Blue Trail Run at the Village Green. The event, which featured both a 5K and 10K run, was the seventh of 12 on the Tahoe Trail Running Series calendar. Nineteen-year-old Holden Reed of Truckee claimed victory in the 10K, posting a time of 42:31. He was followed by Jim Kaspari, 54, of Norden, who finished in 44:34, and Doug Meier, 56, of Truckee, who rounded out the top three in 46:20. Marc Neulight of Incline Village was fourth (47:26). Traveling from Grand Junction, Colo.,

Victoria Crowley, 32, was the top woman and eighth overall with a time of 6:51. Kris Burst of Reno finished one spot behind, in 58:22, and Lara Grossman of Salinas was third among women and 13th overall in 1:03:44. In the 5K, nobody came close to 36-year-old Jeff Huxhold of Reno, who earned a lopsided win with a time of 19:03. Taylor Samuels, 50, of Reno was second in 23:03, and Lucas McCoy from Tenaflly, N.J., was third in 23:54. Twelve-year-old Cate Joaquin of Rocklin was the top female runner and sixth overall with a time of 30:09. Adelaide Baber (30:45) and Pixie Barber (31:10), both of Truckee, finished second and third, respectively, in the women's field.

**Big Blue Trail Run results**

10K	5K
1. Holden Reed, Truckee, 42:31	1. Jeff Huxhold, Reno, 19:03
2. Jim Kaspari, Norden, 44:34	2. Taylor Samuels, Reno, 23:03
3. Doug Meier, Truckee, 46:20	3. Lucas McCoy, Tenaflly (N.J.), 23:54
4. Marc Neulight, Incline Village, 47:26	4. Bodhi Kuzyk, Truckee, 24:14
5. Kelly Romero, Seal Beach, 53:12	5. Alan Holmes, Reno, 28:31
6. Steven Deloye, El Segundo, 53:20	*6. Cate Joaquin, Rocklin, 30:09
7. David Foster, Truckee, 54:48	7. Paul Torres, Yuba City, 30:26
*8. Victoria Crowley, Grand Junction (Colo.), 56:51	8. Adelaide Baber, Truckee, 30:45
9. Kris Burst, Reno, 58:22	9. Pixie Barber, Truckee, 31:10
10. Joe Saccoman, Carson City, 59:19	10. William Land, Reno, 31:56
13. Lara Grossman, Salinas, 1:03:44	12. Michele Shackelford, Sacramento, 37:25
15. Rachel Appelblatt, South Lake Tahoe, 1:05:09	13. Patricia Wackman, Sacramento, 37:26
16. Kelly Farnham, South Lake Tahoe, 1:05:18	

*\*Indicates top woman.*

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Supported mountain bike ride**

Lake Tahoe's Most Beautiful Trail Ride, the area's first and only fully supported mountain bike ride, will take place above the East Shore on Saturday, Aug. 29. The scenic and challenging course starts at Spooner Lake and continues up to Marlette Lake and the Flume Trail. It then connects with Tunnel Creek Road for a descent to Tunnel Creek Café. It covers a total of 14 miles and climbs 1,100 feet. The ride — not a race — is offered as a fully supported event, which includes transportation to the start, aid stations, course marshals, bike patrol, and post-ride nourishment and party. Proceeds from the event will go to Tahoe Area Mountain Bike Association (TAMBA), the Incline Bike Project ([www.InclineBikeProject.org](http://www.InclineBikeProject.org)) and Nevada State Parks. Registration through Aug. 15 is \$48 per adult and \$36 per child. Cost is \$54 per adult after Aug. 15. Children under 10 years old are free. Find more information and register at <http://www.bikeintahoe.com>. Day-of registration will be available if not sold out (cash or check only).

**Boulder Bash**

The second annual Boulder Bash competition and climbing festival will return to Donner Summit on Aug. 21-22. The event is a fundraiser presented by Tahoe Sports Hub and benefiting the the Truckee Donner Land Trust's efforts to purchase the iconic Black Wall climbing area on Donner Summit and keep it free and open to the public. The



COURTESY ADAM SELBY  
**Jimmy Haden scales a rock during last year's Boulder Bash. The event, scheduled for Aug. 21-22, is a fundraiser benefiting the the Truckee Donner Land Trust's efforts to purchase the Black Wall climbing area on Donner Summit.**

weekend will include an all-ages competition, slide show and presentation by Lisa Rands, free climbing clinics, free after-party and more. **Castle Peak 100K** The inaugural Castle Peak 100K is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29. The point-to-point race, put on by the Donner Party

Mountain Runners, begins on the Emigrant Trail near Stampede Reservoir and finishes in Donner Memorial State Park. Runners will climb about 11,000 feet at an average elevation of 7,100 feet. The demanding course includes a 2-mile section of technical, exposed scrambling. More details are available at [donnerpartymountainrunners.com](http://donnerpartymountainrunners.com).

**Baseball field dedication**

The North Tahoe Public Utility District has partnered with the Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Association to rename Ball Field No. 2 in the North Tahoe Regional Park "Placer County Detective Mike Davis, Jr. Field." Detective Davis was killed while on duty in October 2014. He had been an employee at the North Tahoe Event Center and a volunteer firefighter with the North Tahoe Fire District. On Aug. 22, the Placer County Sheriff's Office, Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Association, and the 1035 Foundation will be present to dedicate the field and play a benefit softball game. The community is invited to attend the ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m., and the game following. The Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Association will come together for an annual work day each year to assist with maintenance of the field and host an annual fundraiser/charity game or tournament. In addition, the PCDSA has purchased a new scoreboard for the field with the new name and a plaque.

**Butterfly Effect 5K**

The Butterfly Effect 5K Run will take place Sept. 5 in Incline Village. The event, put on by Lake Tahoe's Movement of Wings, raises funds and awareness for thyroid cancer. The run starts at 7 a.m. at the Village Green and takes place on mostly paved terrain, with short sections of hard-pack dirt paths and grass. Online registration, which closes on Aug. 30, is available at [butterflyeffect5k.org](http://butterflyeffect5k.org).