**TEAM TOKUHARA**

**CALIFORNIA COAST CLASSIC BIKE TOUR**

I wanted to thank the JACC for all the support given to Team Tokuhara for the Arthritis Foundation’s California Coast Classic Bike Tour fundraising ride. We left downtown San Francisco on Saturday, 9/25/2010 around 8:00 AM with perfect blue skies. Our first day’s ride was 90 miles and concluded in Santa Cruz in 90+ degree temperatures. We camped in Santa Cruz and the next day continued our ride down to Monterey. It was a ‘short’ day of 50 miles and was a much cooler day. On day 3, we rode from Monterey through 17 Mile Drive, Carmel and ended in Big Sur, 49 miles later. Believe it or not, it was 101 degrees in Big Sur (the same day it was 113 degrees in LA)! On day 4 we rode from Big Sur to San Simeon, 71 miles, along the most scenic and beautiful coastal scenery anywhere on the planet! On day 5, we left San Simeon and rode through Cayucos, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach, Pismo Beach and finished in Oceano, 57 miles later. On day 6, we rode from Oceano, through Guadalupe, Santa Maria, through the Santa Ynez Valley and its’ famous wineries, through Los Olivos and Solvang, and finally camped in Buellton for the night, 70 miles later. Day 7 was a long day of riding from Buellton to Goleta, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria and finished in Ventura, 88 miles later. On the 8th and final day, we rode from Ventura, Oxnard, Point Mugu, Zuma, Malibu and we ended in Santa Monica, 62 miles later. In all, we rode about 537 miles in 8 days! We were greeted and welcomed back by hundreds of people at the finish who lined the streets for two blocks…it was an incredible feeling and a great experience for my son, Kyle and I. Due to the generosity of family, friends and all the people who supported us, we fund raised over $8,000.00 for the Arthritis Foundation! It was a very successful endeavor in every sense….thank you again!