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Velo Club La Grange Announces 2011 Herbalife La Grange Elite Men's & Women's Teams

LOS ANGELES – January 17th, 2011 – Velo Club La Grange has once again assembled an impressive roster of young talent, ex-professionals and veteran riders on the 2011 Herbalife La Grange elite (Category 1 & 2) men's and women's team rosters. The men's and women's developmental Cat 3 & 4 teams have also been reinvigorated and a newly established Juniors squad looks set to make its mark.

Victor Ayala returns for his 8th year as elite men's team captain, while veteran ex-pro Jason Bausch returns for his second season along with the majority of the team. Eder Frayre, who is the current Mexican U23 Time Trial National Champion, will see limited action with the team before heading to Spain for a stint with the Cafemax elite team. Brandon Gritters returns to the team after a year away, bringing his talented ex-pro younger brother, Kyle Gritters, along with. The team has also added Cody Stevenson, who has considerable pro racing experience in both Europe and the U.S.

On the women's side Anna Drakulich returns to the team as captain along with 2009 Elite State Road Race Champion Melinda Weiner, and Morgan Kapp, winner of two stages at Superweek last year. Australian Melina Bernecker brings a strong triathlon background to the team, while Alicia Silvera is another strong sprinter.

Herbalife remains the team's title sponsor for the second year in a row and Cannondale Bicycles and Helen's Cycles continue a decade-long relationship with the team as bicycle and shop sponsor, respectively. The team also continues strong sponsorship relationships with Voler cycling apparel and Rudy Project sunglasses and helmets. Other sponsors include Gordon, Edelstein, Krepack, Grant, Felton & Goldstein Personal Injury Attorneys (GEKLAW.COM), Pfeiffer, Thigpen, FitzGibbon & Zientz, LLP Business and Real Estate Attorneys (PTFZLAW.COM), Peet's Coffee & Tea, Shimano, Lane Ochi DDS, L.A. Sports Massage, TriFit Club & Studios, UPrinting and Silverado Senior Living, Liquid Fitness Coaching and Bontrager.

Men's Cat 1/2:

Victor Ayala – 38 (MEX) [Captain]
Jason Bausch – 41 (USA)
Jose Blanco – 20 (MEX)
Wilson Blas – 35 (PHL)
Eder Frayre – 20 (MEX)
Mike Garrett – 36 (USA)
Brandon Gritters – 31 (USA)
Kyle Gritters – 27 (USA)
Mike Herdman – 32 (USA)
Danny Kam – 32 (USA)
Gustavo Mendez – 24 (USA)
Jett Pink – 30 (USA)
Stu Press – 35 (USA) [Director]
Roberto Rodriguez – 18 (MEX)
Cody Stevenson – 30 (USA)
Alan Wagenbach – 27 (USA)
Luis Zamudio – 24 (USA)

Women's Cat 1/2:

Melina Bernecker – 35 (AUS)
Anna Drakulich – 28 (USA) [Captain]
Morgan Kapp – 30 (USA)
Cathy Keeley – 46 (USA)
Amy Hutner – 48 (USA) [Director]
Sara Painter – 29 (USA)
Alicia Silvera – 35 (SPA)
Melinda Weiner – 30 (USA)

Men's Masters:

Alan Bub – 39 (USA)
Jeremy Dixon – 39 (USA)
Marco Fantone – 46 (USA)
Anthony Gianatasio – 40 (USA)
Nathan Lloyd – 41 (USA)
Matias Mendigochea – 39 (ARG)

ABOUT VELO CLUB LA GRANGE:

Velo Club La Grange was founded in Los Angeles in 1969 by Raymond Fouquet and has grown to more than 500 active members. The club has consistently fielded some of the most competitive men's and women's elite amateur cycling teams in the United States. Past and current team members include a Tour de France stage winner, an Olympic gold medalist, numerous U.S., Mexican and Australian national champions, and many California state champions. Velo Club La Grange was the 2007 USA Cycling Club of the Year, and its racing program was the SoCalCup Elite Team Champion in 2009 and 2010.

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