



Thursday, May 27, 2010
Ride Report

Days 10/11 - Perugia

Two days off the bike for me now. We rode into Perugia yesterday. This was a much faster (for the first bunch) ride, with Scott in particular driving the pace at the front. (As usual, Uncle Fester was nowhere to be found.) Lots of faces faces on the front today, with Tim taking a solid turn, Matty H taking an awesome turn while Scott tried to put him to the sword.

In a first (and probably last) Murray spent some time on the front. Everyone heard about it last night, including the Bancomat (ATM machine).

The route was a little circuitous, and became more so as TBG found his rhythm and decided that a couple more hills would improve everyone's mood. Everyone seemed to agree with Mark, and the faster, flatter ride was appreciated by all.

The other riders had a slightly different ride, covering about the same distance but using the monte-carlo approach to navigation (this means trying one route, then another, then another) until they rolled in around 4:00 pm.



Dinner In Perugia

One of the riders we have here is Tracy R somebody - known to our mountain-biking brethren, she was responsible for the route at Wingello's Roadies Fall Off day earlier this year. She is also the one who tamed Uncle Fester when she interned with him. (She says she's brighter, stronger, younger and better looking than UF - but that's not hard!). Tracy is great value to the crew



Tracy

here. She also helped out when my wife Merry bounced off a van that decided she was invisible a couple of months ago. Thanks for that, Tracy.

Did I mention the hotel - this place is the Hotel Brufani Palace and palace is a great way to describe it. Five star all the way.

In the basement they have a swimming pool built on the local Etruscan ruins - how cool is that? The view from the window is (yet again) breathtaking.

Perugia is a far south as we go. Tomorrow is back up to Milano by train, then onto Bormio for some of the mountains.

Stay tuned for more updates - as Mike Tomilaris would say.