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### Luna Chix adds Olympian

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The 2002 Luna Chix mountain-bike team was officially unveiled this week in Calistoga, California. And though the collection riders - Alison Dunlap, Marla Streb Kelli Emmett and Gina Hall - weren't news, a late addition to the team was announced by an almost-live video greeting.

The newcomer was Czech Republic rider Katerina Hanusova, who attended the event remotely from her home in Truckee, California, just after returning from Salt Lake City.

Hanusova was in Utah representing her country in cross-country skiing. She and her team took fourth place in the 4x5km relay last week. This was Hanusova's third trip to the Olympics. She also skied in Nagano and competed in the cross-country at the '96 Atlanta Games, where she finished 17th.

Last year she was 12th at the world mountain bike championships in Vail, Colorado.

Aside from racing, the Luna Chix team will act as inspirational role models to female riders and, along with a group of ambassador athletes in California and Colorado, will help raise awareness and support for The Breast Cancer Fund.

Jeanne Rizzo, executive director of the Fund, announced that Clif Bar would be the largest corporate sponsor of her organization this year. It has already committed an astounding \$295,000 for 2002, not to mention what Luna Chix and the ambassadors (which will include seasoned fund-raisers from Colorado's Tuesday Night Riding Club) will do for the cause.

Clif bar owner and co-founder Gary Erickson's commitment to The Breast Cancer Fund traces back to his own family, which has been greatly affected by breast cancer. His mother is a survivor of the disease, which is the leading cause of death among women ages 35-54.

Erickson came up with the team idea while playing in the surf with his then 7-year-old daughter, Lydia, last year in Greece.

The major co-sponsors of the team include Santa Cruz, Shimano,

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Ritchey, Fox, Giro and Castelli. All of the women will be riding Santa Cruz Blur frames, with the exception of Streb, whose rigorous downhill riding required a custom Santa Cruz.

"It's ten inches of joy," said Streb, in reference to the bike's substantial travel.

The only downhiller on the team, Streb will join her teammates in a road racing kick-off to the season, the Redlands Classic in California.



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