

Trofeo Buffoni

The History

The A.S.D. G.C. F. Buffoni was born in 1970 on the initiative of some famous sportsmen from Montignoso, such as, "Comm." Mario ROSI, "Cav". Alfio POGGI and Pietro DEL GIUDICE, in the memory of one young guy, Francesco, who died prematurely in a car accident, and it has been uninterruptedly taken place for 46 years.

With the passing of time, it has become more and more prestigious, from both a technical and competitive and organisational point of view and it has finally become an international competition starting from 1982, so as to become part of the "Union cycliste internationale"'s calendar.

All the strongest professional cyclists, and most famous teams and national teams have been in Montignoso.

Many athletes, who have then become famous professionals, such as, Argentin Moreno, Bugno Gianni, Chioccioli Franco, Fondriest Maurizio, Chiappucci Claudio, to the youngest - who are still competing - such as Rebellin Davide , Di Luca Danilo, Figueras Giuliano , Bettini Paolo, Bartoli Michele, Basso Ivan, Giordani Leonardo, Pozzato Filippo, Petacchi Alessandro, Cunego Damiano, Capecchi Eros, Hansen, Adam, Trentin Matteo , Power Robert, Ulissi Diego, Joeri Adams.

We must not forget the foreign National teams, which have honored the "Trofeo Buffoni" with their presence: Russia, Unites States, Australia, Albania, Slovenia, Kazakhstan, Denmark, Spain, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France, Mexico, Switzerland, Byelorussia, Austria, Ukraine, Australia , Eritrea.

With the passing of time, the "Buffoni" has become not only a cycling race, but also an "Event" for the whole community of Montignoso, and it has been representing for sure the most important competition in the whole Municipality.

If the Trofeo Buffoni is recognised today for its charm and prestige, "G.C. F. Buffoni" Managers are responsible for this, as they have managed, thanks to their seriousness and commitment, not only to turn this competition into an international race, but also to draw young people, trained by Mr. Fabio DEL GIUDICE, President-in-office. These young people represent the present and future of the "Trofeo Buffoni".

The charm and the reasons of a race

One of the most charming competition route, also from a technical point of view, along which the summer and multicolor Versilia combines with the green Colline Apuane in a breathtaking circuit, dominated by the climbing up to the fifteenth-century Fortezza degli Aghinolfi over Montignoso.

A competition of top teams, cyclists and crowd, together with fabulous prices, which have ensured the TROFEO BUFFONI its fame and an appreciated place in the "Union cycliste internationale"'s calendar.

This competition, is now in its 46th edition, and, with it, the Montignoso people want to commemorate not only the young Francesco together Ottorino Buffoni, but also all the people who gave their lives along the paths of the Linea Gotica.

The Italian and foreign athletes competing in this race will be bearing a message of friendship and brotherhood during this day dedicated to SPORT and CULTURE. Montignoso look forward to welcoming the teams, cyclists and crowd to this competition and to confirming that this is not only their race, but it is the everybody's race.

This is our intention and we wish all the athletes thinking the same. May this race be lively, open and exiting, but loyal, from the first to the last mile. Our hope is: May the best team win!

We wish to thank all those who contributed to honor this great commitment.

In particular, we wish to thank all the Authorities and the Public Security Forces, the athletes the teams for their commitment in making this race successful.



Francesco e Ottorino Buffoni

