

KENT BOSTICK

Most people associate bicycle racing in Albuquerque with Kent Bostick. A most memorable moment in his cycling career was his upset of the National Cycling Team with his win in the 1996 Olympic Trials. This qualified Kent automatically for the Atlanta Olympics. After several times as an Olympic alternate, he finally made it at age 43! Kent went on to finish 9th in the individual Pursuit on the track.

During his 25-year cycling career, Kent has won more than 300 races and 12 national titles. Highlights of his career include Pan-American Games gold medals in 1987 and 1995. In the 1995 Pan Am Games in Mar Del Plata, Argentina he set a Pan Am Record for the 4 km Individual Pursuit in 4:35, while defeating the Argentine National Champion in front of a partisan crowd. Excelling in timed events, Bostick still holds the World Record for 100 km in 2:09. Kent also holds most national road and track records at 3 km and longer distances for age categories over 35 to 45. In his cycling career, he has won international events in Mexico, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, South Africa, Argentina and Canada. In 1987 he was voted United States Cycling Federation rider of the year. Kent was known locally as the 6-time winner of El Tour de Tucson and 3-time winner of Hotter 'n' Hell 100.

Bostick shows no signs of slowing down at age 47. Last year, he set Masters World records at 3 km (3:21) and one hour (49.3 km), winning the Individual Pursuit at the Masters World Championships. In the same year he swept U.S. Masters National Championships winning the road race, criterium and time trial. As a result, he was named Masters Rider of the year. This year he managed to win 6 races, 4 of which came after recovering from a broken femur.

Kent presently works as a hydrologist in Albuquerque performing groundwater cleanup. He is also helping to build the NM Sky Drome in Rio Rancho.