

## Jeni Bolthauser

Nickname: Jeni Hometown: Grass valley, CA Age: 44

Certifications: IMBA Level 1 and 2 ICP Instructor

Achievements: 2017 California Enduro Series, 3rd Place Overall Founder and Skills Instructor at MTB Experience Mountain Bike Instructor through Specialized Academy at Northstar

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Favorite Terrain: Locally Northstar and Georgetown are my favorites but I enjoy racing Mendocino and Ashland as well!

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**Background:** 

I spent many years running races on foot. My only experience riding a bike was on a road bike for the two triathlons I completed. After finishing an Ultra race I needed a break. My significant other suggested mountain biking. I was hooked with the first descent! I loved the fear and challenge of clearing new obstacles, learning new skills and the thrill of improving.

Along the way I wondered where all the women were in mountain biking. They are everywhere in running. I set out on a quest to find them. I found a true passion for encouraging other to embrace mountain biking. Through this journey I was lucky enough to meet Paige. Together we set up skill building clinics for women. In 2016 I turned this passion into a company, MTB Experience, to bring the mountain biking experience to women through skill building and community outreach.

I entered the world of racing in 2017 starting with the California Enduro Series and finished 3rd overall. I am excited to continue to race encouraging women to race along the way.