



Presidents Report 2008-09 Season

The Bunbury Triathlon Club (BTC) has recorded another very successful 2008/9 season.

Participation at club races remained strong throughout the season. A highlight was the 100 participants at the Binningup Triathlon. We have also had a number of juniors competing this year in a more organized format, thanks largely to Jamie.

The State Series Race held in November 2008 went relatively smoothly and although down in numbers once again, due mainly we believe to TWA scheduling a race in Perth on the same day, it still was a success and enjoyed by all who competed.

The Women's Triathlon was once again a great day enjoyed by everyone involved. Numbers increased again this year and with a revised format, it went very smoothly. It was a great financial success for the club. Donna and her band of helpers have done an exceptional job.

The Inter-School race held in early April was a stand-out success. Actual participants increased to over 650 which is excellent.

The club has had positive year financially as will be indicated in the Treasurer's report. We have invested in quite a bit of new equipment and have also been able to financially assist some of our members.

Membership

We ended up with just over 100 members once again. It has been good watching members challenge themselves and improving throughout the season, with quite a few doing the ½ IM for first time.

Club Races

We held 8 club races in total, which included 1 pre season race and club Championships. Numbers at the club races were fairly constant once again. All races were well sponsored with awards given to both short and long course competitors. Thanks to all of the sponsors who provided financial assistance throughout the season. Unfortunately the event on 22/05/09 was cancelled due to an accident involving Craig Kimpton and a truck. Fortunately there wasn't any long term injuries to come out of it, but it shows the dangers of being on the road. It shows how important that the club follows the correct procedure in setting up races, traffic management, etc.

State Series Race

The race was held on 16th November 2008, which ended up clashing with another TWA sanctioned event in Perth. I was extremely disappointed that this occurred, as in initial Calendar Draft, there was no indication that this was going to happen. We weren't even notified by TWA that they had made the change until it was too late. This had a huge affect on the numbers and of course the financial success of the event. It certainly left a sour taste in my mouth and also on the

way some recipients of spot prizes treated the sponsors when they went to redeem them. We were very fortunate to have excellent sponsorship once again for the event, however indications from some sponsors in relation to support for this years race is uncertain. Overall though, thanks must go to all the volunteers who assisted in someway to the running of the event. It was still a success, as all competitors who were involved seemed to thoroughly enjoy the race, including TWA president, Peter Rash.

Bunbury Women's Triathlon

The women's race was an outstanding success once again. Getting bigger each year. About 250 females competed on the day ranging from teenagers to 60+. The race format was altered slightly this year, which made the event run a lot smoother than in past couple of years. As indicated before, the amount of effort, Donna, Jackie and their band of helpers, have put into running this event, which includes the 6 week training programme, putting on a information day, etc, is simply amazing. They have had such a positive effect on a lot of people. It was great to see, that Donna was recognized for her efforts in receiving a nomination for an Australia Day award from Bunbury City Council. The day was once again a huge success and will hopefully continue as an annual event providing women with the opportunity to experience how good it feels to do a triathlon.

Interschool Race

The interschool race was held on 2nd April 2008. The event was a huge success. Over 650 participants. Thanks to all those who assisted in putting on a professional race. I'm sure that this will only get bigger in the future. Thanks to Kerry Bailie and School Sport WA for their assistance in organising race. Feedback from Teachers, Parents, School Sport WA and students was of very a positive nature.

Juniors

It was great to see Ryan and Ashlee Bailie, along with Lauren and Toni Lander qualify and represent the state of WA and Bunbury with distinction. Also good to see the junior club races being run more effectively during the season. Thanks to Jamie for making this happen. Numbers at some of the events were excellent. Next season the club will be attempting to run a "Try stars" format for our juniors, something along the lines of a 6-7 week training programme, looking at the technical and competition aspects of Triathlon.

Club Members Achievements

Throughout the year, members have achieved at club, state and international level. Not everyone is an excellent Triathlete, so those who have achieved their own personal goals, well done. Some of you are better than average, so congratulations to you as well on your achievements. Some of these are listed below.

Initially, the season got underway with Allan Holmes and Kerry Bailie competing at Hawaii IM. A first for the club and both performed very well in trying conditions. Ryan Bailie came of age this year, winning the Australian Olympic Distance Champs in Perth for all age group competitors. He was also part of the Triathlon Excellence Program with TWA.

Chris Kiley has qualified for the Hawaii IM after competing in the New Zealand IM.

Kerry, Ryan & Alex Bailie and Chris Kiley qualified for the World Olympic Distance Champs to be held at the Gold Coast in September 09.

Ashlee Bailie and Lauren and Toni Lander represented the state In Tasmania in March this year.

Kerry Bailie, Nancy Warnock, Craig Kimpton, Jim Hedderwick and Chris Kiley have qualified to represent Australia at the Long Distance World Championships being held in Perth in October this year.

Congratulations to all the club award winners, from the Commonwealth Financial Services Handicap Series, Club Champions and Most Improved.

If I have missed anyone who received an award of note during the year, I apologize.

Busselton Kid's Tri

The club was asked to assist with the running of this event, which thanks to all those people who gave up their time to help out. It was good to assist TWA, as Busselton Tri Club pulled out.

Social

Race breakfasts were put on once again after every one of our events. This added to the atmosphere of the events with people hanging around to have a chat and something to eat. Thanks to Donna and Deb.

Sponsorship

Thanks to all the great sponsors who have supported this club once again. Without their support, a lot of what happens wouldn't eventuate.

TWA

I would like to congratulate Peter Rash and the team for doing so much to coordinate the sport for all Triathletes. It is an enormous effort. Thanks also for their assistance to our club, especially Brian Kempson.

Finally I would like to say thanks to all the committee for all the hard work that they have done this year. A lot of unnoticed work goes on behind the scenes, without any real reward, other than "Doing your Bit" for the club.

I wish those of you who are retiring this year all the best for the future. Thanks to the remaining and new committee members for standing to be involved.

Lastly, I would like to wish all members and their families all the best in this quite time, before it all starts again. Happy training and stay safe.