

LAUNCESTON TRIATHLON

CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2015

Dear Members,

For every end there is a beginning. As our tri season has come to an end we can all sit back and reflect on what we have achieved, as individuals and as a club. We can then assess our strengths and weakness and put processes in place to ensure we continue to build upon the former and minimize the latter.

From a club's perspective it is important that we seek the opinions of our members and understand how we can meet their needs. A Member Survey was recently sent out, seeking feedback on a number of areas. Through this we have been able to reflect on our processes and make changes where necessary. Thank you to all of those that completed the Survey, we value your responses. The key findings from the Survey are noted below along with the Committee's response to addressing each of these needs:

Member Survey Results

LTC Races

Members were positive about all aspects of club races but in particular the quality of spot prizes and the race entry fees. There were a lot of suggestions about how to improve races including varying race locations and improving marshaling and road signage. 70% of members thought the number of races is about right while 30% thought the timing needs to be amended with a common theme of earlier in the season and avoiding clashes with other popular events where possible. Getting more members to volunteer was raised by a few.

Committee Response- The Committee thinks there is merit in reducing our number of races so that we can focus on providing better quality races with



diversity in the location and format of races. The timing of these races would be structured so that the majority of LTC races are held before the State Series commence. We are also keen to explore a partnership with local service clubs etc to reduce the volunteer expectations on members and free up members to participate.

Training Activities

Most members would like to see the Club provide opportunity for training. Views were mixed on what form this training should take. There were no themes on why training night attendances have declined. Reintroduction of the training day had strong support.

Committee Response- The Committee is supportive of reintroducing training but this needs to be supported by members and financially self-sustaining. A new training program is being developed and will be communicated to members for feedback in the next few weeks to see if there is sufficient interest. We also intend to undertake the Annual Training Day again with this to be done in Sep/Oct.

Club Communication

Members would like to see an improvement in the amount and timeliness of information on club activities. While email is the preferred method, many members also utilise the website and facebook for accessing information.

Committee Response – Jess Jones has kindly agreed to take on the role of “Communications Officer” for the Club. Jess will co-ordinate and issue all member communication through a regular online newsletter that will be distributed through email, the website and facebook.

Club Priorities

Members rated the key priority area for the club as participation with a secondary priority around training activities followed by junior development.

Committee Response – This is consistent with the previous survey that was done and with the work that is being done by the Committee.



Social Activities

52% of respondents would like to see more social activities with a number of the view that this is part of the answer to a stronger club culture. There were varied suggestions on social activities.

Committee Response – We will endeavor to hold regular social activities but these need to be supported by enough members to ensure they are worth holding.

Membership

72% of respondents agreed that the club fees represent value for money with 70% valuing being a member. 80% of respondents would be prepared to pay extra to help pay for additional activities.

Committee Response – The Committee thinks that the level of fees and the activities we undertake is something for the new Committee to consider once it is appointed (at the AGM).

Thank you again to those who participated. The Committee would like to encourage all members to give thought to how they can help strengthen the Club, whether it is through involvement on the Committee, being an active participant in Club activities or helping organise particular Club activities. Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in early June and we would love to see you there.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at 6pm on Thursday 4th June at B&E Personal Banking, 87 Brisbane Street, Launceston. At this meeting the financial report for 2014/15 will be presented along with the election of the new Management Committee.

Annual Dinner

A reminder that the Club is holding its Annual Dinner at 6.30pm on Saturday 23rd May at Hotel Launceston, 3 Brisbane Street, Launceston. The dinner is being held in conjunction with Triathlon Tasmania and Cradle Coast Triathlon &



Multisport. CEO of Triathlon Australia, Anne Gripper, will be a special guest. Cost for a 3 course meal is \$50. Enter online via the website www.launcestontriclub.com

2015 LTC Series Point Score Results

Congratulations to the podium finishers in the Club's Point Score Results for 2015. The winners will be recognised at the Club's Annual Dinner on Saturday 23rd May.

Category	1st	2nd	3rd
Open Female	Emma Smith	Narelle Wynwood	Kate Pedley
Open Male	Jack Matthews	Kier Crooks	Dylan Hill
Junior Male	Kier Crooks	Jock Tate	William Blackaby
Senior Female	Kate Pedley	Jess Jones	Jess Scales
Senior Male	Ashley Brook	Nick Clark	James Geale
Veteran Female	Narelle Wynwood	Susie Dowling	Karen Boxhall
Veteran Male	Jon Templeton	Anthony Manshanden	Paul McKenzie
Masters Female	Maggie Squires	Meg Lade	Noelene Chippindall
Masters Male	Danny Whelan	Bruce Smith	Roger Butorac

Tasmanian State Series Point Score

Congratulations to the following LTC athletes who have taken out their respective categories in the 2015 Pointscore and will be awarded at the Triathlon Tasmania Annual Celebration Evening on 23 May in Launceston:

- Open Male and Female – Dylan Hill and Dylan Evans; Kate Pedley
- Senior Male and Female – Dylan Hill and Dylan Evans; Kate Pedley
- Veteran Male and Female – Shad Hearn and Suze Dowling

Junior Triathlon

Following the first junior triathlon conducted at St. Patrick's College on March 1st, LTC with the support of Crowe Howarth are planning on hosting junior triathlons in November 2015 and February 2016 (7-12 year olds). These two



events lead nicely into the Tasmanian Schools Triathlon Challenge (November) and Bupa Kid Fit triathlon (March). Contact me for more information.

Triathlon Development

A Triathlon Australia Development Coaching Course is being tentatively proposed for August 8th and 9th here in Launceston. This will be confirmed before the end of May. To indicate interest please contact me.

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LTC Social Event

LTC has been organising a club breakfast for members to get together once a month and discuss all things triathlon. Breakfast is held at Net 19 on the last Friday of each month; next one to be May 29th 7:30am. All welcome are welcome.

That is all from the LTC committee for this month. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual dinner or the next club breakfast. Please check the Launceston tri club website or our facebook page for regular updates and reminders, in between our monthly newsletters. Feel free to contact me at jessiczache83@gmail.com or message us on facebook if you have any information or articles you would like added to next month's newsletter.

