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3 Manitobans recognized with National Awards

Triathlon Canada's Awards Reception for the 2004 season was held in Calgary on April 2nd. Three Triathlon Manitoba members received awards: Jeff Morier (Male Age Group Triathlete of the Year), Erin Braun (Female Junior Duathlete of the Year), and David Markham (Significant Contributor).

Jeff Morier was recognized as Male Age Group Triathlete of the Year for the following accomplishments in 2004:

- 2004 World Triathlon Championships - Madeira, Portugal
 - Placing: 23/93 male 30-34 category, the Top Canadian.
 - This was Jeff's 4th time representing Canada at World's.
- 2004 Lifetime Fitness Triathlon - Minneapolis, MN
 - Jeff placed 1st Overall out of 931 athletes (656 males)
- Jeff has been in the sport of triathlon now for 10 years, the last nine of which he has been on our provincial team.

Erin Braun received the Junior Duathlete award based on the following accomplishments:

- Gold medal at the 2004 Canadian Duathlon Championship Oct 2004
- Gold at the USAT Junior World's Qualifier Triathlon March 2004
- 2004 ITU World Triathlon Championships May 2004
- 3rd at the 2004 Pan Am Tri Championships July, 2004
- 2004 National Kids of Steel Junior Series -3rd place overall
- 2004 Triathlon Manitoba Female Athlete of the Year October 2004

David Markham was selected as the Significant Contributor of the year for his substantial contributions to the Technical area of the sport. Some of the many highlights/efforts, which have greatly strengthened the officials program in Canada include.

- Level 3 officials course curriculum completed, followed by delivery of three Level 3 courses – Toronto / Edmonton and Cornerbrook
- Head Referee of Canadian Long Course Championship
- Communication with all National officials to assign Technical Director's (TD's) and Head Referees's (HR's) to all national events.
- Member of National event selection committee.
- David's skills as a Technical Director are also demand at the International level - David had the privilege of being selected as the ITU Head Official of Swim / Entrance to transition for the Athens Olympic Games.
- Cornerbrook, Newfoundland / 2004 / ITU Technical Delegate
- Rio Salado Triathlon / Tempe Arizona / ITU Technical Delegate / May 2004
- David has always been a great technical resource in Manitoba. He continues to provide valuable knowledge and insight into our officials program. During 2004, David was the course conductor for a level 1 and level 2 officials course in Manitoba.

For more information please contact Triathlon Manitoba 925-5636. A picture of the awards recipients can be found at www.triathlon.mb.ca