



2004 President Report

By: Marc Fournier

Highlights from 2004:

- 2004 Statistics: 1,339 total participants (up from 1,330); 675 full members (down from 802) of which 225 are Kids of Steel (down from 422); 664 one-day members (up from 528) of which 239 are Kids of Steel (new category for this year); 7 clubs; and 27 events. Major race attendance averaged 179 (down from 204).
- Created a one-day Kids of Steel membership. Last year all Kids were recognized as full members. This has caused our full membership size to decline from 802 to 675 even though the number of youth, junior and older members has increased from 380 to 450.
- Triathlon maximized its enrichment funding from Sport Manitoba and also received the maximum enrichment for Bingo's through our comprehensive Game Plan.
- Received a Sport Legacy Trust Fund grant for MNTC training equipment.
- Wrote new policies, updated existing policies and put these into a revised constitution and bylaws.
- Hosted the first National Junior Sprint Series race at St. Malo.
- Survived a cold and wet summer that likely affected participation at many events.
- Six junior and three youth athletes traveled to Caledon Ontario for Junior Nationals. Amy Briscoe finished in 2nd place among Canadians. Manitoba was the top female team.
- Other athlete achievements to mention:
 - Erin Braun's first place at the USA Junior Worlds Triathlon in Florida;
 - Jeff Morier's first place in the Amateur race at Lifetime Fitness Triathlon;
 - Danny Morwood's 14th place overall finish at Ironman Idaho; and,
 - The large contingent of members that have completed an Ironman race this year.
- Successfully staged many regional qualifiers and the Manitoba Summer Games Triathlon at Riding Mountain with excellent participation from all regions thanks to the dedication of countless volunteers including technical delegate Don Ewing, local organizers Bill & Donna Davidson, as well as the managers, coaches, officials, parents and athletes. We look forward to another successful Manitoba Games in 2008.
- Maintained the already high level of support that the Association and its volunteers provide our Kids of Steel™ and Age Group races. These include the outstanding contributions of people like Laurent Lacriox, Michelle Barnet, Kevin & Anita Miller, our Executive Director Jaclyn Vallis and many others!

Key Areas for 2005:

While continuing to maintain and improve many of the program areas that we already support, here are some key opportunities for improvement in 2005:

- Offer more coaching clinics and support the new National Coaching Certification Program.
- Encourage the formation of more Kids of Steel and adult clubs.
- Improve the Youth Development talent identification and training system.
- Ensure the continued growth and success of the Manitoba National Triathlon Centre.
- Partner with a local organizing committee to bid on a national event.