



2005 President Report

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Highlights from 2005:

- 2005 Statistics (2004 in brackets): 1,575 total participants (1,339); 743 full members (675); 832 one-day members (664); 7 clubs; and 27 events. Major race attendance averaged 188 (179).
- Sport Manitoba's re-categorization process has recognized the growth and progress that Triathlon Manitoba has made in the last four years by raising our ranking from 34th to 14th of 71 sports. This will bring a significant increase to the level of funding starting in 2006 with the full effect in 2007.
- For the first time ever, Triathlon was selected for the 2009 Canada Summer Games being hosted by Prince Edward Island. Executive Director Jaclyn Vallis prepared the successful bid.
- Triathlon Canada has recognized the Manitoba National Triathlon Centre (MNTC) as a **National Training Centre specializing in Triathlon Specific Coach Education and Sport Science Service Delivery**. This exciting development positions the MNTC to be at the forefront of triathlon coaching development in Canada and further solidifies our partnerships with Triathlon Canada, Sport Manitoba and the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba.
- Hosted the St Malo Junior / U23 Sprint Series Event. Over 50 Junior and U23 athletes from across Canada attended.
- Manitoba had triple champions at Duathlon Nationals in Ottawa! Amy Briscoe and Blair Peters were crowned the 2005 Junior Duathlon Champions while Erin Braun was the U23 Champion.
- Age Group athletes returned from Nationals in Kelowna with a record 4 Gold, 4 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals. Congratulations on your excellent performances!
- Manitoba Officials filled key roles at major national events this year.
- The successful Kenora Borealis event was added to our race calendar.
- Triathlon Canada delegated the administration of National Kids of Steel™ projects.
- Implemented a new youth program (12-15 yrs) offered 3x per week and led by Dave Lipchen.
- Maintained the already high level of support that the Association and its volunteers provide to our members. These include the outstanding contributions of people like Angela Douklias, Glen Peters, Kevin & Anita Miller, summer student Mandy Johnston, our Executive Director Jaclyn Vallis and many others! Thanks for making Triathlon in Manitoba the great sport that it is.

Key Areas for 2006:

While continuing to maintain and improve many of the program areas that we already support, here are some key opportunities for improvement in 2006:

- Manage the growth of Triathlon resulting from the new sport categorization.
- Develop new programs for targeted participant groups (girls, aboriginal youth, etc).
- Recruit more officials to improve coverage at later season events.
- Increase membership and race participation numbers.
- Start preparations to recruit and prepare athletes for the 2009 Canada Summer Games.