

2009 Triathlon Manitoba Volunteer of the Year
MICHAEL KLATT

I have been very fortunate to have been able to work very closely with Mike over the last year. Mike returned to the Triathlon Manitoba Board in October of 2008 in the position of Treasurer just at the same time that I was getting my feet wet as the new Executive Director. Mike and I spent numerous hours getting ourselves familiar with Triathlon Manitoba's finances and during that time Mike was also able to teach a non-triathlete (myself) some of the more finer details of the sport and the community as a whole. Now a year later I can still pick up the phone to call Mike with a question and he is more than willing to explain the answer to me in detail so that I can fully understand the concept.

Mike is the kind of volunteer who is always willing to do more and does it with a smile on his face. Need to spend some extra time going over the budget...Mike just needs to know what time. Need an extra person to sit on a committee...Mike is there. Need another body out on the bike course at a Kids of Steel race...Mike is on his way. Mike does all this plus is the Assistant Vice-President of one of Canada's largest financial services companies and makes sure his family are looked after in their day to day needs.

In the end what makes Mike a special volunteer is not just his commitment to making the triathlon community better (along with the numerous other volunteer positions he holds in the sport community) but also his pleasure in showing his family and friends the true benefit and joy of volunteerism.

Congratulations to Mike and I look forward to (hopefully) working with him for a long time!

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