

T~A~R~T~S : E-news

Hi all,

This is the first of our regular e-news updates to the members of T~A~R~T~S.

In the future the e-news will be briefer with headlines linking to news posted our web site at www.tarts.co.nz . The site will be the main means of communication to our members with those still in the dark ages receiving the news in the mail or on Monday nights.

Kim H.

PLACEMAKERS DUATHLON 29 September 2002

The fourth Placemakers Duathlon winter series took place on Sunday morning on the usual Centennial circuit. The Tarts organised event over a 1.8/10/1.8km course attracted a modest field of 11 with Mark Aldridge leading the field home in 33m06s. Fiona Neal was the first woman home in 49m10s. A generous supply of spot prizes was provided by Placemakers

Individuals		
1	Mark Aldridge (VM)	33.36
2	Trevor Watts (VM)	34.02
3	Steve Currie (VM)	35.11
4	Mike Beck (VM)	37.23
5	Mike Bush (VM)	38.16
6	Steve Giles (SM)	38.19
7	Mike O'Connor (VM)	41.06
8	Fiona Neal (SW)	49.10
9	Carol Robertson (VW)	52.03

Teams		
1	Lion Red	34.40
2	Horse & Donkey	37.56

Next Event

Duathlon on 27 October at 10:30 am from AC Baths Avenue.

The Monday night summer series starts on 4 November. These races are open to anyone and free of charge but the club insists that all cyclists have a roadworthy bike (complete with helmet) and young competitors must be bike competent and compete with the approval of their parents.

Please check out the club calendar at www.tarts.co.nz/Brochure%20of%20TARTS.pdf . If you don't have the required Adobe Acrobat Reader free software please go to www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html

More Information on Club Events

Please contact Trevor Watts 378 2204 ah, Mark Aldridge 378 8090 ah or Steve Currie 378 2224.

Taupo Triathlon

Organisation is underway for the big day of 2nd Feb 2003. Once again Kim H is the Race Director and he has appointed his team. We have changed the format of the event to include a Standard and Sprint Triathlon and a 1500 m Swim Race. On a balance comparison Kinloch was chosen and this will be reviewed afterwards. It may come back to Taupo town in 2004.

It's also the 20th Anniversary of the Taupo Tri and Steve Currie is busy organising the celebration. If you know people who did the first please let him know on 378 2224 as he's tracking down 147 competitors.

We were recently unsuccessful in getting the North Island Selection Race, only because TriNZ judged that there were already too many events this season in Taupo like Ironman and KiwiKids. They have indicated that we will get it in 2004. Never mind as we are going to announce some interesting developments in the next couple of weeks.

Tri-X Event (Off-Road Triathlon)

This was called Xterra last year but unfortunately this name is a registered trademark in NZ. With event going open a name change is needed and it may well end up being called Tri-X depending who the sponsor is. It's planned for the 30th March 2003 with a lead up club event the week before. At Whakaipo Bay you'll swim 800 m or kayak 3000 m, then mountainbike 14 km and finish with a 8 km run.

The club believes it could become a major event because of the successful overseas cross-over phenomena that Xterra has enjoyed.

Training Schedule

Check an eye on the Taupo Times and our web site for a suggested weekly training programme stretching from October to April.

Beginners Support

The committee has undertaken to grow the club with beginner's seminars and training, especially for women. Anna will be driving. More details later.

Finishline Banner

Trevor Watts has done a tremendous job of our new finish line banner. It recognises all our sponsors and will be erected at all our club and open events. Remember to support the sponsors that support our club.

Also remember to come along and socialise with our sponsors on the "Sponsors Night" on the 8th November 7 pm.

Newsletter (Printed Form)

The newsletter is going to be published by Debbie Littlewood-Drew and Steve Currie. So if you have had any interesting experiences (Tri related !!) please drop them a line.

Goings

Last year's president Nikki Bannerman is departing for Christchurch to take up post-graduate studies and later specialising in spinal injury rehabilitation. Her business 'Aspiring Health' has been purchased by Jeff Fox. We hope everything goes well in Chit-Chit and that she takes good memories of Taupo with her.

Accommodation for Ironman Week

We have had an inquiry from Sam (nice manners according Irene) an Australian Ironman looking for a host family or peoples for the week leading up to Ironman. He'll pay for expenses and inconvenience. If you are interest please contact him at samcookeisa@bigpond.com .

Web Site Visits

Our web site has been busy with average 24 unique visits every day in September. The majority are from NZ. Some from USA with I guess people looking for information on Ironman. Others have come from Canada, UK, Belgium, Aussie and Finland. Mostly looking at the noticeboard, Taupo Tri, the calendar and club results.

Web Site Noticeboard

Judging by the web site use statistic, people do look at the noticeboard. So give it ago. You might strike it lucky,

Reminder for the Committee – Next meeting, 9th October 7:30 pm

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