

ANDOVER TRIATHLON CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

The Andover Triathlon Club held its Annual General Meeting on the 18th of November in the superb surroundings of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess at the DLO in Monxton. The turnout was excellent with members enjoying a celebration of the year's achievements, plans for the forthcoming year and presentations of awards. A social evening and curry buffet followed the formal proceedings meeting.

The Club Treasurer, Mike Bland, reported that finances are in a healthy state enabling the club to go ahead with investment plans for new equipment and kit.

Club members voted to give the "Tony Ireland Trophy" (named after a founder member) to the person that they feel has contributed most to the running of the club. The nominations were spread widely across the club members recognising efforts in running the annual Andover Triathlon race event in July, coaching and development of members as well as recognition for those supporting the club in background roles. Francesca Cortvriend received the award for the tremendous work she has put in as Club Secretary and also in the organisation of the 2007 Andover Triathlon.

The award for the "Most Improved" club athlete went to Gregg James for his enthusiasm, commitment to training and great improvement in both the bike and swim disciplines in a season that saw him compete in his first triathlon. David Hall was also in contention for this award with his great effort in completing the UK ½ Iron Man in 6 hours 41 minutes, not bad for a first triathlon!

Finally, the award for "Outstanding Achievement", sponsored by Tri-Sport and Triathlon England, went to Club Chairman Peter Dennett for his Iron Man UK performance. Peter completed the course of **2.4 mile lake swim, 112 mile cycle ride** and finally a **marathon run of 26.2 miles** in 11 hours 42 minutes beating his target of sub 12 hours by some margin. In presenting the award Club Captain Howell Reed made reference to other strong contenders: Malcolm Leatherdale represented Great Britain at Edinburgh in the European Duathlon Championships; Dave Wilson, also in the frame for the award, completed the TransRockies race in British Columbia, a gruelling **seven day off road bike race** over the Rocky Mountains and through rivers, with a distance of 600km **and 11000 metres of vertical climbing**

The Andover Triathlon Club encourages new members of all abilities. Anyone interested in finding out more about the club can do so by accessing the club website at www.andovertriathlon.org.uk.



Award winners Peter Dennett, Francesca Cortvriend and Gregg James
