

## **Andover Triathlon Club AGM 2008**

Andover Triathlon Club enjoyed their AGM on Sunday evening in the pleasant surroundings of the Warrant Officers and Sergeant's mess at the DLO in Monxton.

Approximately 40 members and partners, attended the evening and were treated to a variety of presentations, prize giving and a wonderful curry provided by the DLO staff.

The evening began with a welcome and review of the season from chairman Peter Dennett. He began with a review of the club, which has gone from strength to strength in recent years and highlighted some of the many developments the club has seen this year. Notable ones were the introduction of new training opportunities, the design and purchase of a new club kit and the introduction of two club championship events: a sprint which was held at Salisbury and an Olympic Distance race held at Milton Keynes. He then reviewed races the members had been competing in, before finishing with the Andover Triathlon, which was again a tremendous success.

Secretaries and Treasurers Reports followed from Fran Cortvreind and Mike Bland respectively and they highlighted the growing membership (now approximately 60) and the healthy bank balance.

The remainder of the evening was spent thanking the clubs coaches: Shaun, Baz, Nick, Cath and Sam who all received gifts for their hard work and finally rewarding the success of the members with trophies.

### **Category winners listed below:**

Most Improved Male	Paul Wills
Most Improved Female	Hannah Williams
Best Newcomer	Jase Briley
Club Championship Sprint Male	Howell Reed
Club Championship Sprint Female	Hannah Williams
Club Championship Olympic Distance Male	Peter Dennett
Club Championship Olympic Distance Female	Cath Haines

The Outstanding Achievement of the Year trophy, provided by the British Triathlon Federation, was awarded to Chris Thompson for a fantastic middle distance performance in the New Forest and his achievement of completing the UK Ironman event for the first time. (3.8k swim, 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run)

The "Tony Ireland Trophy", named after a founding member of the club, was then awarded to Howell Reed who was voted by the members of the club for contributing the most to the club over the year.

Finally, Peter Dennett, club chairman, stepped down and was thanked for his hard work over the past three years. He received a glass tankard for his efforts. Howell Reed was voted in to take on the role. The Secretary and Treasurer remained unchanged.

The club would also like to formally thank the DLO for use of the venue again and Chris Oliver who made this possible.

The club welcomes new members of all abilities and anyone interested should visit the website [www.andovertriathlon.org.uk](http://www.andovertriathlon.org.uk)



**2008 Award Winners**