



26TH ESPERANCE CLASSIC TRIATHLON

Sunday 7th March, 2010

An amazing 25 individuals and 5 teams competed in the 26th Esperance Olympic Distance event on Sunday 7th March, many their first attempt at the longer distance with competitors travelling from Kalgoorlie, Albany and Karratha.

The Esperance weather threw a bit of everything at the competitors resulting in a few slippery turns for the ride but there was a little sunshine for the 1500m swim. Shannon Dixon, as expected, took an early lead in the swim completing the 1500m in 21min 3sec with Jack Grabowski following at 23mins 29secs. Jody Brownley stayed within the top 3 for the whole race while Frank Matthews gained time on the ride.

The 40km bike ride had cyclists pushing through the wind up Norseman Road and back to James Street and the roundabout becoming slippery in the rain. Shannon Dixon held his lead to come in fastest on the bike with Jody, Frank and Jack trying to chase him down in the 10km run. Lisa Rose made up time, running at 4 min kilometers but Shannon won the event, coming in 8mins 20secs faster than Jody in second place followed by Frank Matthews. Jack Grabowski took third for the men, while Lisa Rose and Janet Tyrrell were second and third for the women.

The short course was also a popular event with 20 competitors and two teams taking part in a 300m swim, 10km ride and 2km run. Anthea Stacey and Stuart Caulfield stayed within 30 seconds of each other in the swim and the run with Stuart only 7 seconds behind Anthea in the run to finish second. Wayne Stewart stayed ahead of Richard

Brown for second and third for the men with Brodie Bratten and Lesa Blackham, second and third for the women.

Throughout both courses there were some very close times.

Thank you to the volunteers and to the Lion's Club and thank you to St John's Ambulance for attending to the various scrapes and bruises.

Long Course: Shannon Dixon 2:05:33, Jody Brownley 2:13:53, Frank Matthews 2:16:03, Jack Grabowski 2:17:12, Lisa Rose 2:17:38, Scott Wallace 2:18:01, Owen Critchley 2:19:49, Brian Sylver 2:19:51, Paul Topping 2:21:03, Steve Bertling 2:21:18, Steve Gibson 2:21:30, Anthony Thomas 2:22:16, David Roberts 2:24:01, Janet Tyrrell 2:27:08, Mick Willsher 2:27:24, Harlan Mannix 2:28:16, T Slap Dash 2:33:56, Trevor Neaves 2:40:04, T IIFF 2:42:13, Mary Petkovski 2:42:44, t Strickland 2:44:06, Rob Parsons 2:45:40, T Princess Warriors 2:47:15, Melisa Rowe 2:49:03, Jeffrey Tan 2:59:38, Jo Marshall 3:03:05, Heather Malseed 3:05:49, H Alex House 3:18:21, Julie Kuskoph 3:32:19, T NPP 31.24 (Swim only)

Short Course: Anthea Stacey 32.27, Stuart Caulfield 32.34, Wayne Stewart 34.25, Richard Brown 34.55, Lance Williams 35.20, Luke Elliott 35.50, Brodie Bratten 35.52, Lesa Blackham 36.58, Mike Vickers 37.06, Julie Andrew 37.23, John Daunt 37.44, Fiona O'Donnell 39.39, David Dwyer 41.03, Cameron Willsher 41.21, Hugh Brotherton 41.40, Michelle McGregor 42.35, T Androvichfranks 42.55, T Go Team Go 43.02, Russell Tyrrell 44.01, Meremie Kingham 45.18, Jo McInness 45.55, Rowan Spittle 46.24



**Long Course – Female Winner & 2nd Overall
Jody Brownley**

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