

Ana Leaf August Aquathlon Series 2014



Race 2 Report Thursday 14 August 18:30 St Catherines

Fifteen competitors started the second race of the Ana Leaf August Aquathlon Series 2014 with the sun just beginning to emerge from behind the rain clouds. There were some new faces including some club members in their first race of the season and Darren McDowell visiting from the UK – who had also done our main event at the end of June. The juniors started just after six pm with a good turnout (details of their results can be found on the junior's website).

Apologies again to the seniors for the delayed start, though we were much better than last week, this time blame chatter-box Sarah Corcoran, who diligently finished helping the juniors before chattering her way down to the start. We might get there by race 4.

There is a steward's enquiry as to whether Demri took the correct bike course, but there is no doubting his swimming and running, finishing first in both disciplines to put him top of the table. Katie Speller and Richard Sellors in their first races of the season also had strong swims (both without wetsuits) Richard coming out of the water just behind Katie but then putting in a solid run to finish second overall. Tim Rogers made up three places on the swim running the 4k in just under 16:00 and managing to hold off Arlene Lewis in a tight finish.

Thanks to the kayakers Glyn and Katie's boyfriend (sorry I didn't catch your name). Thanks to Richard Whitewood for setting up, clearing away, organising the juniors and timekeeping for the seniors, Sarah Corcoran for overseeing the juniors, Mike Osborne for marshalling, Billie Cave for timekeeping, Mike Swain for swimming with the juniors and all of the other parents who helped in and out of the water. Finally, thanks to Fi Atkinson for ensuring the juniors left some brownies for us.

Race of the day for me goes to Colin Hidrio who was the only person who swam quicker this week than last on what appears to have been a marginally longer swim course. Colin also managed to improve his run time. Stop training please Colin, you've finished the Iron Man and I don't want you catching me – didn't you see Matt's post!

For those who couldn't make it to the second (or first) race(s), the league scores your best two races and there are two left. Can anyone match Demri?