

Portage Junk Yard Dogs Cycling Club
Triathlon Club
2016/2017 Year End Report

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With 2016/2017 on the books, we are now pondering the future of triathlon in the Central Region. We have a number of younger athletes that have shown continued interest in the sport but picking up adults continues to be the largest hurdle we face. But as we keep an eye on the future we want to remember some our successes from the past year.

- The 2016 Power Smart Manitoba Games were a highlight throughout last year. A number of athletes from the club competed either for the first or second time as the games. Successful training including one camp held at the PCU Centre last February provided some fantastic results.

- *Graci Caslor was fourth for her age category

- *Conor Rae and Kieran Wood came in third and fourth respectively

- *Brandon Ferg finished in the top 12 in a very strong age category

- *Erin Morisseau, Olivia Lovett and Megan Ferg also placed in the top 12 of their age category

- *Hailee Morisseau received the gold medal for her efforts in a brand new category incorporating 16 and 17 year old athletes

- In addition, Hailee had the honour of being our flag bearer for the Central Region at the opening ceremonies. Because of this the Triathlon Team led the entire Central Region in the parade of athletes.
- We would be remiss in not thanking Coach Rhonda and Coach John their incredible amount of volunteer time in helping prepare the Central Triathlon Team for their events.
- Our thank-you goes out to Coach Jess for her help during last season's spring sessions. She was an invaluable member of the coaching team.
- The JYD hosted a successful Kids of Steel Race Finale at the PCU Centre in September. Over 100 athletes participated from across the province. Unfortunately our continuing efforts to hold this race will depend on whether or not we will have pool space available.

- We had a season off from supporting the Riding Mountain Triathlon Race. We, as a group, have been up there for a number of years and have not only had a lot of fun directing the KOS race but made a few dollars for the coffers by working set-up and take-down at the adult race. We look forward to continuing that relationship with RM Sports in 2017.
- Rhonda and I were honoured to be Triathlon Manitoba's 2016 Volunteers of the Year. It was quite a surprise and our thanks go out to everyone who nominated us.

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