

Fox Cities Triathlon Club December
Celebration
Sunday, December 7th 4:15 pm YMCA, Appleton

A few announcements were made:

It is official: Sister Madonna Buder is coming to Kaukauna in February, where she will be speaking at the Kaukauna High School! Come and be inspired! We are opening this event to all interested!

Fox Fire Cracker 5K Badger State Games: Yes, we are the host of the Badger State Games! It will be bigger and better than ever, and something even more exciting may be overhead that day...many, many, more details to come. What a way to start out your 4th of July!!

Ton, and ton, of FREE Prizes were given away today....A huge Thank You to all who donated, and went out and got all the goodies.

All enjoyed pizza and other sweet treats! Thanks to the “bakers”

Now for the best part, our yearly awards. It takes lots of heart and hands to make this club such a success. Thanks to everyone for all you do:

2008 Official Fuzzy Award Winners....

1. Janine Boldra-Lifesaver “Janine save a swimmer in the churning waters of the Oshkosh Triathlon.” This is a sign of ultimate sportsmanship.

2. Don Keddel- Inspiration “Don is very giving. He has been known to do anything to assist his fellow members. Getting up at 5am regularly to help others with training was common from Don.”

3. Sean Ryan-Speaker- Sean is a fine member and friend of the club. Sean gave valued assistance in the Firecracker, supported the Great Escape Gala Dinner, and has been a welcomed guest speaker at past meetings.

4..Dave Martin – Forum King “Dave is the biggest blogger on the trifox forum. Co-founder of Foxtoberfest glide-n-stride, and given a helping hand on numerous projects and events.

5.6. James Blaskowski and Nate Carroll – Oshkoshers- James and Nate have expanded the trifox community by founding the weekly Oshkosh runs.

Mike Schmidt – Handy Fox – Mike has gone above and beyond...makingFoxes, getting schwag, helping out whenever and wherever , and what a amazingly nice guy too!

Julie Hintz – Meeting secretary & Special Needs Tri – Julie helped take notes at meetings all year long, in addition to being a avid FOX supporter, helping with swims, and assisting in the special needs Triathlon and High Cliff.

10. 11. Eric Pless, Brian McWilliams, and Alicia Jones – GreenBayers – These three have expanded the trifox community by founding the weekly Green Bay Bike Rides.

Tom Romnek – Youth Tri Foxes – Tom has been organizing the youth trifox program for two years through Boy and Girls Brigade of Neenah & Menasha.

Andy Lanouette – Sag Wagon – Andy provided much needed sag support one Tuesday night ride when he was not able to ride...despite lost numbers, crossed messages, and a dead cellphone...he managed to rescue a stranded Tri Fox!!

Mike Fries – Route Guru – Mike assisted Mark Conway in making two new Wrightstown bike routes, and printing and bringing maps for members.

16. Darryl Yunk & Rich Szymansi – Appleton Runs which they lead weekly, providing a safe event for runners of all abilities.

18. Sarah Marnocha & Linda kuhaupt – Summercamp Tri Foxes – Sarah and Linda taught a comprehensive triathlon course to middle school students of the Fox Vally including regular training, which culminated to a final triathlon series which tracked the students amazing progress over the summer.

Ben Cherkasky – Billy Goat – Willingly does all sorts of stuff without regard to dorkiness that might be involved. Filming videos, editing, editing, starring as fuzzy, and painting roadways. PLUS, he puts up with his dad to boot!

Steve Bernhardt – Outstanding Business Friend of the Club – Steve has given endless support to the Foxes...food from dance party, spoke at Tri 101 and worked endlessly with members in improving the quality of our running.

Lee and Brenda Simril – Inspirational – Lee and Brenda have given of themselves unselfishly in multitudes of ways. Brought us good laughs, endless training advice, good stories, movie suggestions, and one Mexican names Louis Alvarez. We will miss Brenda and Lee dearly as they relocated to TN...they are always in our Tri Fox Hearts.

Rick, Jane, and Dan Anderson – Von TRI Family Award – This amazing family has touched everyone in this club in one way or another. Rick stays at every event until the last Fox is across the finish line. Dan wears the Tri Fox colors so well. Jane is always

alongside the family and completed her first 5K at Reach the Peak. A very dedicated family!

Gloria West – Ultimate Supporter – Gloria has given her ultimate support of our club every year through numerous generous programs, discounts, offers, promotions, and events set through Midwest Sports Events to support Tri Foxes and the multi sport community in the fox valley.

Drew Herrmann – Go To Guy – Drew has lent a hand at anything he could. Co-founder of Foxtoberfest Glide n stride, volunteered with clothing committee, Firecracker, and anything he could.

Jaynie Cherkasky – Took over the clothing this year, and allowed us to borrow Alan so much. Heartfelt Thank You!

Cheri Ellenbecker – Cheri stepped up to the leadership committee and has contributed her ongoing dedication through leading the club. Cheri also put on the first annual Tri Fox Golf Outing in September and created a fun and challenging day for all participants despite wind, rain, and some hail.

Dan Anderson – Young Fox – Dan is an amazing ambassador to the our triathletes!

Jackie Bushner – Rookie of the year!! Jackie has shown amazing support and enthusiasm for the club. She has come to a lot of events, including Wed. night runs. She volunteered to lead a massage therapy informational session, and she organized Saturday Green Bay runs, as well as getting schwag for the meeting.

Finially to our Father Fox Alan...simply for this idea you had sitting in your living room a few years back where this all began, who would have known...900 members and still growing.

2008 Top Fox Awards To:

Katy Sirovatka

Amy Henning

Becky Tomlinson

Tim Lahati

Firecrackers went out to the Fox 5K committee! Enjoy the Season

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Hintz