

Hello One Final Time –

THANKS to everyone for the part you played in making the 2009 Gold Nugget Triathlon SO successful!!

From the bib pickups to the bike drop offs, to the challenging parking operation, and finally to THE RACE itself – on behalf of the Gold Nugget Triathlon Board of Directors and Race Committee – THANK YOU for all doing your part to make the day so awesome! We can all put it together, but if it weren't for your diligence in making *your* part work; the whole day would never come off so well.

The idea of a snake swim has been discussed for a few years now and overall, it truly couldn't have gone better. The last wave was scheduled from 3:15-4:15 and the last swimmer entered the pool at 4:17!! WOW!! – and the entire race started 10 minutes LATER than posted! There were many people who held post around the race course *all day long* who deserve special thanks, but most all of you were started by one of the following volunteers who competed in the race and came right back to the pool to work the start line – a very special thanks to Katy Rosane and Mary Diel – they were one of your two starters (after Lisa Keller left post). Also a special thanks to Erin Diel, Meg Stehn, Diane Moxness, and Christine Schoen. They were in the pool area ALL day.

Our U-haul drivers who transported bikes back to the parking area deserve a special thanks – as that job called for a lot of concentration maneuvering across the race course. I know at one point in the day there was a wait for transportation back to the parking area; but we certainly hope this is not a problem we have to solve in the future. We thank everyone for being patient in the transportation process. As complicated as it may have seemed, it was truly better than having traffic around our race course to the FOUR *different* parking venues we originally planned on having.

I am searching to see if there has been a snake swim with more than 1000 people. Most of the models we looked at were under 500 swimmers; but of course, we like to do things bigger in Alaska.

The potluck/awards ceremony is tonight at 6pm at UAA. (The Website says 6:30 – I'm in the process of updating that information)

Door prizes will be drawn at the awards ceremony. Must be present to win.

Last name A-K main dishes

Last name L-T salads

Last name Q-Z desserts

All lost items collected will be available at the potluck. Specifically, a bucket belonging to 561 was taken by mistake. If you have that bucket, please contact Linda Westwick at 929-5610.

You can check the Website all day long for results, but nothing will be posted until after the awards ceremony....while we all know the top 10 finishers (Congratulations, ladies) – the age group and team awards are still being calculated and reviewed – so the suspense continues....

The Anchorage Daily News online has a comment section for the snake swim. That would be a great place to make comments about the snake swim.

Thanks again,

Lauri Bassett

-but not just me – the Board of Directors and the Race Committee also sends its Thanks!!