**THE CLIFFYS………….**

**What are the Cliffys?**

Many years ago, a very quiet, unassuming Vice President of the Coffs Harbour Triathlon Club (Cliff Lloyd) started handing out a few ‘special’ awards. In his humble words the awards were about “putting a bit of shit on any club member who stuffed up during the year and probably hoped people had forgotten or no one had seen them.”

These awards are all meant in good fun (more so for the presenters than the recipients!). Most people cringe and hope they aren't the recipient of one!

This year we have been overwhelmed by the number of Cliffy nominations. As a result the list has had to be culled significantly & only the best of the best will receive Cliffys this year, with some honourable mentions thrown in to keep everyone honest. We will start with the honourable mentions & then move onto the most hotly contested awards of the night.

**HONOURABLE MENTIONS**

**Andrew Hart** –Paying a gazillion dollars for a new beaut bike with electronic shifters, only to get to the first race with a flat battery & have to ride around in one gear

**Nicole Martin** – In her spare time apart from solving crimes & racing with Coffs Tri, Nicole managed to win Coffs Coast Dancing with the Stars!

**Ellie Luhr** – For jumping out of the water at the BCU Tri doing a little jig, which was captured nicely on film & later commenting that ‘every time I get out of the water alive is cause for a dance’

**Kristen Pigram**. Breastfeeding Phoenix as a way of warming up during the race briefing on her first race back, not too long after giving birth

Tripping, falling, stacking & providing general entertainment around transition

**Pim Heaney** – totally focused on her bike run transition and getting a good time that she didn’t see a bump in the ground as she ran over the transition mats, resulting in her losing her footing & hitting the dirt in a most unladylike manner! Being the professional she is she continued the commando roll, stood back up & kept on running without losing more than 5 seconds time (& her pride!)

**Steele Beveridge** – In the teams event, Steele was racing towards the finish line at the end of the run leg & some ‘young lad’ who was totally focussed on getting a good time & not focussed on showing any respect for Steele sprinted past him, bumping him in the process, with Steel gaining a few extra feet in the air before being dumped face first onto the ground

**Aimee Sutton** – After a speedy transition, clipped into her bike, only to ride directly into a kerb before landing face first on the grass, for what she called was a ‘Muppet Moment’

**Mick Dougherty -** Using presidential privilege & breaking into the secured tri cage to steal a much sought after club cap (& stupidly admitting his ‘mistake’ at a later date!)

**Jenny Williams-Australia -** For registering as ‘Jenny Australia’ for the Coffs Ocean Swim

**CLIFFY’S**

**Helmet Head Award**

**Cecil Tempone.** For riding without a helmet. Getting halfway through the first lap of the cycle course before a volunteer saw his shiny bald head sparkling in the sun disqualified him & turned him around back to the start line.

**Honourable mentions** for this award goes to the volunteer **(Maddie Clarke)** who sent Cec back home & called up to advise everyone that he was disqualified (or to at least have a chuckle on his behalf). Also to the volunteer at the bike exit (**Kate Callaghan**) for letting him head out on his bike without noticing his shiny head without a helmet!

**Wetsuit Award (dual winners for this award)**

**Marlene Power**. For lining up at the start line with her wetsuit on backwards

**Kate Marsden.** For lining up at the start line fully clad in a wetsuit for what was a run bike run race

**Team Pride Award**

**Norman Howard** – for putting his own reputation on the line for the sake of the club, & doing everything possible to distract other team members at the 2014 Club Champs race in Forster. To quote the club coach Andrew Rowlings “….. the one thing I have been trying to erase from my memory is the sight of Norman Howard and those fluoro orange speedos... I think this may have been a major factor in the day’s success: while others were staring in awe, the Coffs crew shut their eyes, gritted their teeth and got on with the job!”

**Honourable Mentions** for this award also go to:

**Clint Rowlings** - for getting the retro budgie smugglers look happening again in Coffs

**Leighton Rogan** - for continuing to outshine everyone race in race out with brighter & brighter coloured & striped & spotted budgie smugglers each race

**Hugh Heffner Award**

**John Daffy**. Our amazing volunteer week in week, located out on the run course at the turn around point. Every race there appears to be more & more girls, stopping to give him a kiss & cuddle each time they turnaround.

**Tailgater Award (dual winners)**

**Ed Brazier**

**Steve Alford**

For being the only two club members who got busted for drafting & placed in the penalty box during club champs. And to top it off Steve had to spend a little extra time in the box for not understanding what he had to actually do whilst penalised.

**Frequent Flyer Award**

**Guy Leckenby** – Another prime example of massive Club Pride (for Josh & the whole Leckenby gang). For flying all the way back home from Canberra just for the Club Champs. He ended up booking a flight to Port Macquarie, whereby the plan was for his parents would drive from Coffs to Port, meet him off the plan & then drive him & Josh the rest of the way to Forster. Qantas to the rescue – his flight got delayed, then re-routed to Coffs, meanwhile his family was waiting for him in Port Macquarie. So Qantas gave him a cab voucher to get from Coffs to Port, whereby his tired & hungry family then continued down to Forster, arriving in the wee small hours of the morning.

**Navigation Award**

**Mark Garner** – As we know Mark is no slouch in the water, but on the second last race of the season one would be forgiven for thinking he had forgotten to wear his floaties for the day. All the swimmers had exited the water & the water safety guys are about to pack everything up when a lone swimmer is spotted still making their way around the buoys.  Then out of nowhere it seems, dead last out of the water comes Mark Garner.  It is later revealed that Mark took a few ‘wrong turns’ out in the water, ending up crashing sideways into Phil Benoit, who thought the rumours about sharks in the jetty were coming to fruition!  Phil being the trooper he is pulled himself together & managed to get out of the water, with all limbs still intact, in a respectable time.  Meanwhile Mark was still swimming round & round in circles for a few more laps before exiting the race (just as the first runner was crossing the line!)

**Honourable mentions to:**

**Lee Varney** – for running into a tree mid race

**Kim Fuller** – For inviting the girls for a 9km ride to Ulong….which as we all know is actually 20km one way up a hill!

**Chip award**

**Bella Bowes** – for forgetting her race chip more often than she would remember to bring it to the race. It was forgotten so much that Marty would have a special ‘Bella’ chip put aside for her each & every week just to save the hassle!

**Honourable mentions to:**

**Mick Dougherty** – most lost replacement Chip

**Bella Bowes** (again) with **Glen Barnett** –who raced without a chip during the teams event (seems as though they BOTH forgot to bring chips)