

2014 ABA AWARDS

2014 PRESIDENT'S AWARD – ED GARVIN

Ed Garvin, of the Cyclemeisters/Bow Cycle club, is a long-time pillar of the cycling community in both Calgary and Canmore, and has been a racer, race organizer, and cycling enthusiast for many years. He



has been organizing races for the last decade, including such memorable events as:

Iron Lung Cross-country
marathon

Organ Grinder Cross-country

Canada Cup cross-country
country

National Championships Cross-

And, last but not least, the Dark Knight cyclo-cross race.

Events organized by Ed have always, and are always, at a very high level. He is inspirational to the club volunteers who help out, leading the way by taking on the bulk of the organizing work. He is an excellent communicator, keeping in regular contact with volunteers, and making them feel valued, important, and appreciated.

While Ed has a history organizing high-level events, including Canada Cup and National Championship cross-country races, he has always put a strong emphasis on a fun and positive experience for racers. Ed has built, and re-built, numerous trails at the Canmore Nordic Center, where his races have always featured the best and most fun terrain.

The Dark Knight is, of course, another kettle of fish altogether. Those of you who haven't participated in the event might be surprised by the limbo station, smoke tunnel, stuffed pigs hidden on course which may be redeemed for mini beer kegs, jumps, and flaming obstacles. Ed's dedication to the Dark Knight saw him cruising Calgary with his chainsaw, after the September snowstorm, rounding up logs for the course.

Ed's races have also featured memorable memorabilia over the years: the famous pink-and-purple lung socks from the Iron Lung, and t-shirts from the Dark Knight sporting inspiring logos such as:

"Why so slow ..."; "LAPPED"; and "I went to the Dark Knight and rode my bike really slow". What other event in Alberta rewards riders for getting lapped, with a Hawaiian lei and a commemorative t-shirt.

Through all this organizing activity, Ed finds the time to maintain a high level of racing (he won an Expert race two years ago), and, apparently, a high level of engagement on Facebook. Where, I'm told, Ed is not shy to share his feelings and opinions on topics pertaining to bike racing in Alberta.

Congratulations Ed!

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – CORY WALLACE

Epic adventurer and accomplished athlete: two phrases that aptly define the 2014 Male Athlete of the Year, Cory Wallace.

His year of racing – and traveling to the four corners of the globe – has been nothing short of remarkable. It's obvious that Cory's willingness to embrace 'adversity' and unusual conditions are limitless. The past season has seen him venture far and wide, competing in races in Australia, Canada, Austria, Italy, Mongolia and, most recently, Timor Leste, a small island country situated on the eastern end of Indonesia. His results are noteworthy, with highlights including:



- First place – Canadian Marathon Champs, Mongolia Bike Challenge Stages 2 & 4, Tour de Timor, Singletrack Six Stage 4
- Overall champion - Australian Marathon Series
- 19th place, UCI World XC Marathon Championships
- 43rd place, World Cup XC #2, Australia

Cory epitomizes an individual committed to cycling as both a sport and a passion; we are proud to award him the Male Athlete of the Year 2014 trophy.

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – DAINA TUCHSCHERER

As a first year junior Daina has already had some amazing results on the world stage.

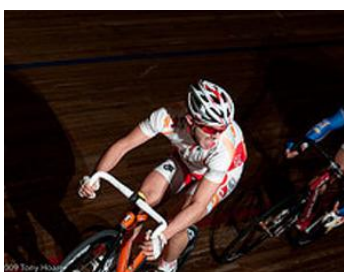
In 2014 Daina competed for Canada at the BMX World Championships in Rotterdam Netherlands where she finished 8th in the Supercross race and 6th in the Time Trial event.

Unfortunately Daina suffered injuries from a crash and was not able to compete at the 2014 BMX Nationals. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to more great results in the future.



Congratulations Daina Tuchscherer on being the 2014 ABA Female Athlete of the Year.

COACH OF THE YEAR – NICK JENDZJOWSKY



Although a relative newcomer to the coaching ranks in Alberta, Nick Jendzjowsky has accomplished much in a short time. After earning a PhD in Exercise Physiology from the University of Alberta, Nick relocated to Calgary about one year ago, and began working with athletes at the

Calgary Cycling Centre. There, he began working with some very strong up-and-coming athletes, most notably is Liah Harvie and Alec Cowan.

Liah recently finished the Junior Women's World Road Race Championships in 19th place, making the final selection of 20 riders. Liah's preceding results at the National Road Championships included a 2nd place in the RR and a 3rd place in the Criterium, earning her selection to a National Team project in Europe, where she (and Sara Poidevin) impressed sufficiently to earn a start at World's.

Alec Cowan, meanwhile, recently competed at the World Junior Track Championships in Korea, finishing 31st in the Individual Pursuit. Alec's most notable result of the year, however, was his win at the National Junior Criterium Championship.

Congratulations Nick Jendzjowsky, the 2014 ABA Coach of the Year.