National Challenge Competition Finals

Winter has become the New Season for the multi-sport athlete as the participants in the National Challenge Competition, a.k.a. NCC, have discovered. No longer the long dark, off-season of the year, the NCC has become a contagious, fun event that drives athletes to the top of their physical condition and keeps them there for three solid months.

The 2006-2007 NCC had just 22 clubs and 985 athletes for a total of 369,097 miles. This year’s participation shot up to a whopping 77 clubs with 2,339 athletes! This group of "no excuses" athletes logged in over ONE MILLION MILES in three relatively short months of winter, covering every sort of terrain in a variety weather conditions. The NCC’s popularity has reached every corner of our nation including the far northwest of Anchorage, Alaska.

The USAT sponsors are wrapping up the National Challenge Competition with a tremendous cache of prizes for the winners of this year’s NCC competition. Club and individual winners for the swim, bike and run competitions as well as the overall titles will be rewarded with great products from these USAT partners: Avia, Brian Dorfman, DeFeet, Endless Pools, Endurance Films, Flex Power, Gatorade, Halo Lane Gainer, Hammer Nutrition, Speedo, Spinervals, Trigger Point, and Yankz!

A complete list of winners and their sponsors follow. Congratulations to the athletes who competed and a huge thank you to our USAT partners who helped make each of those 850,000 miles worth it.

Run Session sponsored by Brian Dorfman, Flex Power, Gatorade, Hammer Nutrition, Avia, Yankz!
February 2008

1st CLUB TO REACH THE 2,500 MILE RUN BENCHMARK
Gage Total Training Club (Phoenix, AZ) 2/11/2008

1st CLUB RUN MILEAGE
Gage Total Training Club (Phoenix, AZ) 5,845.48 miles

2nd CLUB RUN MILEAGE
Hammerhead Triathlon Club (Jacksonville, FL) 4,959.82 miles

3rd CLUB RUN MILEAGE
Alaska Triathlon Wabid Wabits (Anchorage, AK) 4,225.22 miles

MOST RUN MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
Danny Fink (Morgantown Multisport…Morgantown, WV) 506.05 miles

MOST COMBINED CLUB MILEAGE
Gage Total Training Club (Phoenix, AZ) 5,845.48 miles

MOST COMBINED MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
Marianna Pargana  (DC Tri Club…Washington DC) 1277.3 miles

**Bike Session** sponsored by Brian Dorfman, Flex Power, Gatorade, Hammer Nutrition, Spinervals, DeFeet
January 2008

1ST CLUB TO REACH THE 1,000 MILE BIKING BENCHMARK
Alaska Wabid Wabbits (Anchorage, AK) 1/7/2008

1ST CLUB BIKE MILEAGE
Gage Total Training Club (Phoenix, AZ) 24,103.1 miles

2ND CLUB BIKE MILEAGE
Triathlon Club of San Diego (T1) (San Diego, CA) 20,448.22 miles

3RD CLUB BIKE MILEAGE
Alaska Triathlon Club Biting Bunnies (Anchorage, AK) 19,743.52 miles

MOST BIKE MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
Greg Freeman (Alaska Triathlon Club Biting Bunnies…Anchorage, AK) 2117.7 miles

MOST OVERALL COMBINED CLUB MILEAGE
Gage Total Training Club (Phoenix, AZ) 29,783.25 miles

MOST COMBINED MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
Greg Freeman (Alaska Triathlon Club Biting Bunnies…Anchorage, AK) 2117.7 miles

**Swim Session** sponsored by Brian Dorfman, Endurance Films, Flex Power, Gatorade, Halo Lane Gainer, Hammer Nutrition, Speedo, Wetsuit Rental, Endless Pools
December 2007

1ST CLUB TO REACH THE 500 MILE SWIM BENCHMARK

1ST CLUB SWIM MILEAGE
F.A.S.T. Red (Northville, MI) 1167.96 miles

2ND CLUB SWIM MILEAGE
Gage Total Training Club (Phoenix, AZ) 835.24 miles

3RD CLUB SWIM MILEAGE
Alaska Triathlon Club Biting Bunnies (Anchorage, AK) 815.40 miles

MOST SWIM MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
Max Bernades (Fredericksburg Triathlon Club…Fredericksburg, VA) 93.22 miles

MOST COMBINED CLUB MILEAGE
Gage Total Training (Phoenix, AZ) 25,998.84 miles

MOST COMBINED MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
Matthew Dixon (Tri Club of San Diego…San Diego CA) 952.02 miles

OVERALL (All 3 Sessions Combined) sponsored by Brian Dorfman, Flex Power, Gatorade, Hammer Nutrition, Spinervals, and Trigger Point.
December 2007 through February 2008

1st OVERALL MOST COMBINED MILEAGE (CLUB)
   Gage Total Training Tri Club (Phoenix, AZ) 83,353.79 miles

2nd OVERALL MOST COMBINED MILEAGE (CLUB)
   Triathlon Club of San Diego (T1) (San Diego, CA) 70,063.95 miles

3rd OVERALL MOST COMBINED MILEAGE (CLUB)
   DC Triathlon Club (Red) (Washington, D.C.) 53,916.83 miles

MOST COMBINED MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL - Male
   George Mark (TriATX…Amarillo, TX) 3621.53 miles

MOST COMBINED MILEAGE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL – Female
   Lori Glidden (Alaska Triathlon Club Wabid Wabbits…Anchorage, AK) 3210.7 miles