

## A Word for our Chairman ...

As we come to the end of the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your membership of East Essex Tri Club in 2018. I truly believe that we are one of the friendliest and most inclusive triathlon clubs in the country, and our 'Tri Club of the Year' award from Triathlon England in 2017 is evidence of this. Furthermore, I feel that we offer great value for of members, in particular:

- Vastly reduced training fees for the sessions we run at Runnymede Pool, Basildon Sporting Village, Spin Studio in Leigh and Sweyne School. You couldn't access any commercial or Council run facilities for less than we provide and training is supervised by British Triathlon Level 1 and Level 2 coaches.
- Exclusive access to 400 metre championship-standard running track.
- Reduced race entry for events such as Bridge Triathlon club champs, National Relay Championships and National/Regional Cross Country events.
- Access to the Olympic Velodrome for club evenings.

In addition to these, did you know that the club also puts on a range of free events for our members to enjoy, such as:

- Free winter bikes rides, overseen by our coaches, who are also trained in emergency First Aid (also paid for by the club);
- Wednesday Time Trials as organised by Southend Wheelers, and access to other CTT organised events;
- The Santa Run and the Easter Egg hunt, not forgetting the bacon rolls and hot cross buns that are also provided;
- Swim time trial at Tri Farm in Chelmsford;
- Cream teas and BBQs at the club's triathlon in Grays;
- Pizza at the club's AGM;
- Exclusive use of the Redbridge Cycling Centre every October;
- The club league for juniors, adults and vets;
- Trophies across a range of categories, including TOTY and Newcomer of the Year (so you stand a chance of winning a trophy even if you don't win a race).

We can only provide these facilities and events with your help. The annual membership cost and training fees don't provide enough cash to pay for the above, which is why the club is reliant on putting on three successful and profitable events every year (the Aquathlon; the Kid's Tri; and the Adult Tri).

We ask all club members to volunteer for just one of these events, which ensures we continue to put on safe and well-attended events, resulting in greater benefits for all members.

We're almost ready to open membership again for the next year and we hope that you rejoin us in 2019. We have frozen membership costs for the coming year and we're not expecting to increase training session costs either.

Our AGM is Friday 1st February 2019, and we would love to see you there to help the club over the next 12 months.

Thanks again for your continued membership.

Ian George (Chairman).