

Nomination for life membership of Triathlon ACT for Mr Garry Stevens

I, Jessica Faulks, a member of Triathlon ACT, would like to nominate Mr Garry Stevens for life membership of Triathlon ACT. This nomination is also supported by TACT member Christina Thorne.

Garry deserves to be recognised for his services that have promoted, and continue to promote, the interests and objects of Triathlon ACT.

To promote interest in triathlons and multi-sport endurance events

Since becoming involved in triathlon in 2002, Garry's enthusiasm for the sport has been infectious. This was particularly evident while Garry was on the committee of Canberra Bilbys Triathlon Club, where he was president for a number of years. Garry was instrumental in raising the standard of the Bilbys novice program through his enormous commitment to improving its administration. His contribution also allowed the Bilbys novice program to increase its intake to up to 90 participants in some year, which in turn promoted the sport to a larger cohort of people, and increased Triathlon ACT membership numbers. Garry was recognised for his efforts by being awarded with life membership of Bilbys in 2008.

To promote good fellowship among those interested in triathlons and multi-sport events

Garry has promoted good fellowship amongst those interested in triathlons and multi-sport events in his capacity as Bilbys President, as well as a committee member and race director for Triathlon ACT.

In his role of President at Bilbys Garry consistently encouraged fellowship between people of all levels by encouraging participation in club and other events, organising social events and also encouraging people to volunteer and support their fellow athletes.

In his roles as a TACT Committee member and race director, Garry ensured that all participants feel well supported, regardless of where they have finished. He also strongly encourages people to volunteer at events, and in this respect, he has always led by example.

To educate, train, coach and encourage members of the association

Garry has assisted with coaching in many Bilbys novice programs, particularly in the discipline of cycling. Positive feedback was always received from people Garry coached as he has always been very friendly, encouraging and willing to share his triathlon experiences and knowledge. I believe Garry's attitude to assisting others has resulted in many novices continuing on in this sport.

Garry has taken the time to educate Triathlon ACT members about organising races, and trained people to take on the role of race director. He has passed on much of his knowledge to race volunteers to help ensure they have a good experience, and assist with making events run smoothly.

Garry has always encouraged people participating in local events, which makes people feel very well supported, regardless of where they finish in the field.

To ensure triathlons and multi-sport endurance events are conducted in the best interests of the participants and the sport of triathlon and to liaise with and, where appropriate, in the absolute discretion of the association, to sanction event promoters and relevant bodies to achieve this

Garry has always done his very best to ensure that all events he has been involved with have been conducted in the best interest of participants and the sport of triathlon. Garry has been race director for many local events including aquathlons and triathlons. He has crewed for many events, as well as being instrumental in ensuring timing systems are as effective as possible. Garry is one of the most organised race directors around, and always makes sure his volunteers know exactly what their roles are, making him a pleasure to work with.

To do all such things and acts conducive to the furtherance of the objects and interests of the association

Garry has always been a strong advocate of Triathlon ACT, through both good times and bad. He represents Triathlon ACT in a professional manner and I believe has consistently demonstrated actions which further the objects and interests of the association, as outlined in this nomination.

To do any or all of the following: to promote, advertise, organise, conduct or sanction triathlon and multi-sport endurance events for its members and members of the public

As outlined above, Garry continually promotes the sports of triathlon, both at a club level, and to the wider Canberra community. Examples of this include race reports he has posted on the Bilbys website, promotion of events through the Bilbys media, and his leading by example participating in and volunteering at events.

Garry has organised many triathlon and multi-sport event, including Bilbys club events and events for Triathlon ACT. He has gone out of his way on many occasions to ensure the smooth operation of these events, managing all the logistics, including:

- Planning of events;
- Managing set-up of race sites (including transporting gear from TACT);
- Gathering race crew and volunteers to assist with conduct of races;
- Race Directing;
- Overnight management of event sites;
- Pack-up of race sites, post events
- Coordination of race results.

He has done all of the above and more with enthusiasm and professionalism.

I think you will agree that Garry Stevens is most deserving of being awarded life membership of Triathlon ACT, an organisation he has worked tirelessly to assist and promote.