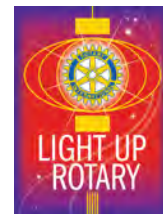




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CANCELLED!

Adverse conditions force cancellation of Mount Shasta Tinman Triathlon

As you know, the Mount Shasta Tinman Triathlon is our Club's biggest fundraiser. It typically brings in between \$6,000 to \$8,000. It is a tremendous amount of work, but when the last road cone is stacked and the last table packed away, and the last press release sent out, everybody in the Club feels a huge sense of accomplishment.

Unfortunately, that will not happen this year. Jack, Kate, and Will met in Mount Shasta on the Saturday before the race and after much discussion felt we had to cancel.

We cancelled for two reasons. The smoke levels around the Mount Shasta Tinman area were significantly high to cause health concerns. More important, though, the lake level has dropped at least 15 feet due to the drought. This has resulted in submerged hazards such as tree stumps that could cause

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Lake Siskiyou. Rocks and stumps like these lurk a few feet below the surface of the lake where the racers would have entered the lake for the swim.

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serious injury. While these hazards might not seem like much to a solo swimmer or a small group of swimmers, they create significant hazards when 150-200 people enter the water at the same time.

So we chose to cancel, even knowing that it would cause a serious financial burden to our Club, for the safety of all participants, many of whom are 14 years and younger (the youngest is 9).

We have generally received positive response from participants. They are all disappointed in not being able to compete, but most agree with our decision. We still held the Spaghetti dinner the night before the race. One woman told us there that a friend—who did not know of the cancellation—went home with asthma problems related to smoke.

The club is offering refunds of entry fees. If a participant who requests a refund wants to receive a shirt, he or she can get it for a \$15 donation to cover cost of the shirt, postage, and mailing materials. If a participant does not want to make a donation for a shirt, he or she will receive a full refund but no shirt. This arrangement seems in keeping with the Four Way Test.

As of this writing, about 1 out of 3 participants are requesting some sort of refund. The Club will take a financial hit because of having to cancel, but if this rate remains stable, we should be able to cover expenses with a little left over. Thank goodness for the Brewfest!

Will had a spirit-lifting experience on Monday. He was in the Wellness Center lockerroom and spoke with Tom Moore about the cancellation. Tom told Will that he’d been involved in staging footraces in Oregon and every so often they’d have to cancel because of heat or smoke. He said that there were always a few people who were unfriendly about the cancellations, but it is crucial that race organizers protect the health and safety of participants. As Tom left, he told Will, “You made the right decision. And it took courage.”

Will thanks his teammates—and friends—Jack and Kate for the courage they showed in making a difficult but necessary decision.

A Special Thanks to Our Stuffed Shirts
(Oops, I mean Shirt Stuffers)

Lost in the necessity to have to cancel the Tinman are the efforts of all our members and volunteers who were on the starting line ready to work their butts off (including 13 DES & DHS students). But Will is especially grateful to the Shirt Stuffing crew for its hard work on Friday. Fran, Helen, and Kate spent hours folding and stuffing shirts, bib numbers, flyers, and who knows what else. But Fran and Kate really went beyond expectations, working from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.