

## Race Report 2015

After a week of terrible weather, Sunday morning was looking good, weather clearing just abit cold!

With a slightly smaller field maybe due to weather, competitors headed off on the first bike. As usual the pack broke into several bunches quite early. The leaders came to the first transition at the end of Tari Rd, with only small gaps between them. Shem Rogers of 'Team Buggie Smugglers' in the lead, closely followed by individual Bobby Deane and the young individual Haden Wilde.

The leaders headed into the enclosure, as the rest of the field arrived in small bunches. Corrinne Smit leading the women, Rachel Cashin a past winner in second place.

The run only section over the newly developed track got underway at 10am. Kerry Suter the eventual winner had already run across the Mountain too the start line, although a little cold he was looking pumped and went on to set a time of 1hour and 7mins, which is very impressive, and has set the standard high for the race in the future. This is a different course to the multisport event and hopefully will have plenty more competitors in the years to come.

Meanwhile supporters at the next transition were waiting in anticipation to see who would be first to make it off the mountain, surprisingly school boy Hayden Wilde had nailed the run in 1hour 27minutes a new record! He had about a 2 minute lead over second individual Bobby Deane. Corrinne Smit was still leading the women's section with a great run.

A short road bike to the next transition saw the leaders hit the water for the last leg in their kayaks. Hayden maintained his lead to finish in a total time of 3hours and 43mitues. Sam Manson had a strong paddle to come in 2nd individual ahead of Bobby Deane.

Team Buggie Smugglers were 2<sup>nd</sup> over the line, to take 1<sup>st</sup> place in the teams section. Followed by the Nugget Waihi and Fingers crossed.

Corrinne held her lead to comfortably take out the individual women's section, with Rachel Cashin coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and last years winner Shanel Cornille in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the mixed teams Two Bunnies and No Hair took 1<sup>st</sup> place Figjam 2<sup>nd</sup> and team Gray 3<sup>rd</sup>.WRC Wahine were the first in all woman's team.You can see full results on our website.

Overall a great day with everyone finishing with smiles. Hopefully we will see bigger numbers for next year's race!