



## September 2021 Newsletter

A personal letter from your club President [Ashley Konwerski](#)

Hello friends,

I say “friends” because this year I feel like I have made more friends in this club than any other year. One of the biggest club challenges I wanted to try to address when I became President was the feeling I had where I felt like no one knew me, or knew each other, unless you had been in the club for years and years.

We’ve worked hard to create a social aspect to NWI Triathletes through social media (amidst a pandemic no less) and I feel like we’ve got a good start on getting to a place where we can finally feel comfortable sharing training and race photos, introducing ourselves via our “Introducing Club Member” posts, and meeting in person for training, racing, and spectating events.

A potential member posed a question to me early this year when I was trying to convince him to join. He asked me “What does your club even do?”. Honestly, it hurt my heart because I already felt like we had come so far from when I had joined but I was ashamed to say that I couldn’t really articulate what was different apart from the typical “we have discounts” and “group training” (and a mountain of administrative tasks)!

I wanted this club to be **more**. I feel proud to say that we’ve accomplished a lot in the last 6 months, I have an AMAZING support system with our current board and officers, and I can better articulate the fact that I think we have changed the nature of our whole group.

If someone were to ask me the question today answer would be – we aren’t your fancy typical “team”. We are a conglomerate of local athletes who share a common interest in swimming, biking, and running (not necessarily all three). We exist to support each other. I can only speak for myself when I say, this year especially, I feel closer to my “friends” - I’ve made some training buddies that help hold me accountable while I do the same for them, I get excited to race and cheer at events where members will be present, and I feel proud when I see new and experienced members alike crossing that finish line.

I urge you to participate. I regret not trying to get to know other members more in my early days. When you’re dragging @ss to the pool at 5AM or busting butt up a hill in LaPorte or running down the Erie Lackawanna and you see a friend out there it creates a feeling of camaraderie that will last for years.

If you feel you could use some help getting there with me, or if you’re feeling like this season wasn’t your greatest, I’d love a chance to bend your ear about how we can do better! Email me - [nwitriathletes@nwitri.net](mailto:nwitriathletes@nwitri.net)

Giddy up,  
Ashley



## Our End of Season Party is SATURDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM – families are WELCOME!!

Join your fellow club members for the 2021 end of season party! Let's talk about our wins for the year, what we all accomplished, and what's next for 2022!

### Where:

Kathy Hruby's House

8201 Lakeview Ct, Crown Point, IN 46307

**\*\*Please note**, this is a gated community, and you will be required to give Kathy's name at the gate. Her last name is pronounced like the gemstone 😊

### Food:

We will be providing catering for the party but always love a good homemade dessert or dish if you feel like sharing! Also, some beverages will be provided but if you'd like to bring anything special you can **BYOB**

\*Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten free options will be available

### What to bring:

1. You and your guests
2. A bathing suit or wetsuit for "Polar plunge" plus a towel to dry off 😊
3. Any tri gear or clothing you are looking to trade or giveaway for a "gear swap"
4. Any food or beverages you'd like to share
5. Fun attitude and stories about your year!

### If you have Facebook please RSVP at [THIS LINK](#)

Please add a comment in the [Facebook event](#) with +#'s if you will be bringing more than yourself so that we can have an accurate count for food.

**For example** - if you are a member and are bringing your spouse and two children you would comment "myself plus 3".



**If you do not have Facebook or would rather RSVP via email please email Ashley at [nwitriathletes@nwitri.net](mailto:nwitriathletes@nwitri.net) with the total # of people attending from your household by Friday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>!**

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### Get to Know Your Fellow Club Members

If you are following the NWI Tri Club Members Facebook page, you will have noticed several member profiles posted. We want to get to know you too! Click to fill out our: [Member Survey](#). If you have any questions, send Chris Perez a note on FB Messenger or email us at [nwitriatheltes@nwitri.net](mailto:nwitriatheltes@nwitri.net).

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### Facebook Members-Only Group

Questions about training opportunities? Equipment? Upcoming races? Something you want to share? Post in our [Facebook Group](#)!

Not on Facebook? No problem! Email us at [nwitriathletes@nwitri.net](mailto:nwitriathletes@nwitri.net)

**NWI Tri Club Members**

Private group · 64 members

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Facebook Members-Only Buy/Sell/Trade**

This is a brand-new forum to post for sale, trade, giveaway or you're seeking triathlon kits, clothing, equipment and accessories.

- Items should be limited to triathlon-related items—unless you're giving away items for free (minus shipping) to teammates before posting for sale at large.
- Like most selling pages (and not to insult anyone's intelligence), be sure to list the item type, size, gender, condition, known issues, price, payment method, shipping notes, and picture of the item(s).
- Multiple items can be listed on the same post. If multiple items need to be sold together as opposed to individually, please specify.
- Update SOLD as applicable.
- Disclaimer: The club and its leadership are not responsible for issues encountered during the transaction process, before, during or after.



Please use [THIS LINK](#) to join the group and start posting!



**NEW KITS ARE COMINGGGGGG!!!!!! Start saving those pennies now for some new KICK-@\$ kits coming SOON!!!**



**Getting closer on the design!!! Keep your eyes open for updates on our social pages!**

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION TIME!!**

We have four club positions open for nomination this fall. President, Treasurer, and 2 Board positions. Please submit your nominations to the board via email or Facebook Messenger by the end of September. All nominees must agree to hold office before the nomination becomes official and must be an active member in good standing. Yes, you can nominate yourself! For additional information regarding the duties of these positions please refer to the bylaws on our website: [https://nwitri.net/cs/NWITRI/site.by-laws?page\\_id=85](https://nwitri.net/cs/NWITRI/site.by-laws?page_id=85)





# SO MUCH FUN was had in August!!!!

We had several club-organized group training and race events last month and had a GREAT turnout at each!

## August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – USAT National Championships

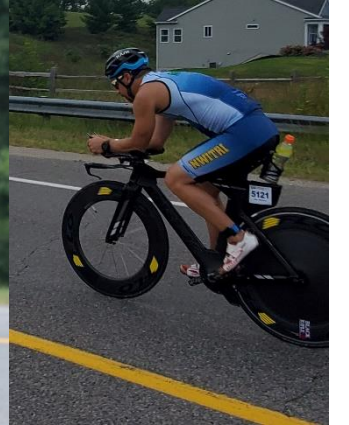




**Sunday August 14th – Lake Max Triathlon at Culvers**



**Sunday August 22nd, Michigan Titanium**





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**Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>, Chicago Triathlon**



**Club members spotted in ACTION in August:**





## Other training opportunities coming up

- The BRAND NEW Hobart High School Aquatic Center is offering open lap swimming Mon-Friday 4pm-8pm. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Additional pricing options are available. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday the pool will be set up for 25-yard lanes. Wednesday and Thursday the pool will be set up with 50 Meter lanes. You can visit their website and sign up for sessions at their website [HERE](#)



Psssttt....👁👁 Keep an EYE out for club merchandise for sale at club events!!  
Bring cash or card and walk away with goodies like hats, visors, and t-shirts.  
\*\*\*Also, look for an announcement soon about an online store for similar items\*\*\*

## Thanks to our Club Sponsors



If you or someone you know might be interested in sponsoring our club please have them do so [HERE](#)

