The final race of the 2014 practice triathlon series attracted 18 competitors. We once again had perfect weather, giving us 3 for 3 in sharp contrast to last year's 0 for 4 in the weather department. Per Tonn returned after taking the $2^{\text {nd }}$ tri off to win in just his $2^{\text {nd }}$ triathlon. Danielle Lacavalla improved each week winning the women's race in $56: 43$. A great contingent of spectators, with kids cheering their parents from the water, made the race and picnic fun. Heath Jackman, Danielle Lacavalla, Becky Diedrich, and Dana Hutchinson completed all 3 tri's this year. Several first time triathletes and a few returning to tri after a long hiatus competed well.

Thank you to the many people brought delicious salads and desserts to add to the cookout. The team of volunteers was extremely helpful this year. Marsha Bancroft and John Martin came every week to help and Dot Martin, Dot Helling, and Eric Ryea helped twice. Special thanks to Natalie Cary who saved me from a late night on the run course by cleaning the course of markers on her way back from the run turnaround as she made her way back to the picnic. Everyone finally stayed on course for the run in this final episode. Thanks again to the Montpelier Rec Dept for use of the pool and lifeguards. It was a fun venue, and we were very lucky with the Mountaineers schedule. I am excited that we will return to Elmore for the perfect new pavement in 2015!

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