



Guy's Girls Update: August 2008

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Here in August the road and MTB seasons are in full swing, and cyclocross is on the horizon. The Guy's Girls have been a definite presence both on the road and in the dirt. There was some turnover in the women's membership in Guy's Racing over the winter, and we gained a whole slew of fabulous new racers this year.

Highlights of the year to date:

Janel has had a great mountain bike season so far, really coming into her own as an Expert racer. She had wins at Greenbrier, Micheaux Maximus, Sewell, Neshaminy, Bulldog Romp, and Fairhill, and podiums at Nationals in both Cross Country and Short Track. When she didn't win, she was on the podium, regardless, and has a commanding lead in the Mid Atlantic Super Series (MASS) Elite Women XC series.



Our other elite racers are the road duo of Jill and new Guy's racer Pam. Jill has continued her domination of NJ road racing, with 3 wins, in the NJ State Master's RR, the Individual Points competition of the NJBA Team Challenge, and the 45+ Women's category of the NJ 40k. Currently, she is in 3rd place in the NJ TT cup.

Pam upgraded to Cat 2 this year, by mixing it up with the big girls and holding her own in the process. She started off the year with a win in March at Kirkwood, and subsequently has had numerous top 10 finishes in major women's races.



In the Sport mountain bike ranks, another new racer Kathrin races both traditional XC races and races for a noble cause on a composite team which won their race at the 24 hours of Killington, Vermont, while raising money for Dr. Loggie of Creighton University for research in *Pseudomyxoma Peritonei (PMP)*.

New racer Blakely put her technical skills to work, winning Greenbriar and coming in second at Nationals, and put her Beginner days behind her, joining the Sport ranks. She already has a win at the Sport level, and is currently in second overall in her MASS Sport XC series class- which she started to race mid-season.



Karen started the season racing XC and STXC MTB and transitioned to road racing as the summer wore on. Her best placing has been second at the Rt 29 TT. She has her highest ever PA BAR ranking, currently 6th, and 3rd place in the MASS STXC series.

In the Beginner class, Emily picks only the hardest races. At Micheaux she finished in second place. She also did the road Whiteface Uphill Bike Race, where she came in 3rd.



In a different arena, Grace has shown she can suffer in multiple ways in one race with triathlon, where in addition you have to brave such obstacles as stinging jelly fish. She was able to post a personal best at the Olympic distance in the New York City Triathlon.

Elite MTB racer Andrea started the year strong, but was sidelined by injury in the spring. But less racing this year will not hold her back; she'll be better than ever next year.





New racer Kellyann had a rough start at Neshaminy, but recovered and came back stronger at Fairhill. We hope to see more of her racing!

Lisa is perhaps the smartest of us, not racing, and is a very active participant in team group rides.

And last, but not least, our racer-on-hiatus Julie was productive in a different arena, and she and Trevor are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl! We hope to see you back on the bike next season!

Congratulations to all for a great year so far!!