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Comments & Updates

This had been a very successfully summer for Mountain Biking in Manitoba with a real effort being made to attract new people to the sport while appealing to the weekend warrior and cup series racer alike.

The mountain bike season had an early start in February with the Arctif Epica; a 130 km celebration of human endurance and resilience. Five cup races spread out through the summer with the standards races - Where's the Beach ? In Instead, 24-Hours Of Falcon, Back 40 and the [Wednesday night](#) race series - rounding out the summer. Mountain bike provincials were made possible by the excellent volunteer team work, supportive sponsors and a very professional commissaries crew.

Grand Beach, the first Mountain Bike Cup series race, put some new twists on an old favorite with the addition of new trails and an alternate finish. With some creative thinking and a great deal of hard work Alter Ego and Body Driven overcame the South Western fire ban (which threatened to put a damper on the race season just as it was getting going) and delivered a thoroughly enjoyable event . The Brandon race course venue, which was moved from the traditional Brandon Hills course to a more central location downtown behind the sports complex, was also given a thumb up by all the racers.

Falcon Lake Resort Recreation centre - Manitoba's most technical race course - which hosted the 2012 Mountain Bike Provincials was under the threat of a last minute cancellation due to a lack of volunteers. A last minute rally of spectators, racers, parents and kids from the Manitoba mountain bike community saved the event. All proceeds were donated to Manitoba cycling for the purchase of the Cup Series jerseys.

The IMBA trail building workshop (hosted by Body Driven) focused on sustainable development and stewardship, and was a fitting end to the season.

On a personal note, I have accepted the position of UWSA Bike Lab Coordinator, while will continue to maintain my role as the Training and Educating Coordinator for the Bike Lab. Although I intend to carry on fulfilling my duties and responsibilities as MCA MTB Coordinator, I ask for your patience and understanding as I anticipate many challenges in this new role.

We are still set to schedule a mountain bike committee meeting to determine the awards selections for this season, and summarize the pros and cons of the year.

I believe that with continued collaboration between the many stakeholders we can continue to build excellence and increase participation in both the grass roots and competitive sides of mountain biking. It has been a successful MTB season and I would like to thank all those who have helped to make it so.

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Issues & Concerns

Need for safer bridges
Lack of volunteers for MTB Provincials
Revenue stream for MTB
Shortfall of monies for jerseys
Timely posting of results and cup series points