Adventure Duluth 2004 - 2005

The second year was definitely easier and better than the first year. Only 55 teams this year. Jeff won the swim, I placed 42nd in kayak, Bob placed 30th on bike (see below), I placed 21st on inline skates, Jeff and I placed 34th in canoe, Bob placed 38th on the run, and we placed 33rd overall with a time of 7:50:51.

2005 showed great improvement. Jeff won the swim again, I placed 38th in kayak, Bob placed 23rd on the bike, I placed 16th on inline skates, Jeff and I placed 39th in canoe, Bob placed 22nd on the run, and we placed 27th overall with a time of 7:38:48.

There were some humorous moments this year. At the finish of the kayak, which was barely better than the year before as far as my contribution, we couldn’t find Bob to pass the bib so he could start on the bike. We ran all around the transition area calling his name and wondering where he could be. Well, it turned out that Bob had a sudden need to answer a call of nature just as I was finishing the kayak phase. Mother Nature spoke with him on the great white phone for about ten minutes. We suspect that the time was added to his bike phase rather than to my kayak time.

Pictures below: A bunch of kayaks awaiting the swimmers. Jeff handing off to me in 2004. Two runners on the trail so you can see why it takes so long to run 10.5 miles. Bob finishing the run in 2004. Kayak to bike transition…where’s Bob? Jeff and I are coming out of the woods with our canoe in 2005.