

## IVP's Second Annual VC Triathlon Challenge: Industry Ventures Bests 9 Other Firms

*The competitive drive of VCs was in full gear, as investors and staffers from 10 venture firms competed in the Silicon Valley International Triathlon, which featured a 1,500-meter swim, a 24.9-mile bike ride and a 6.2-mile run*

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VCs are certainly competitive, no matter what venue they find themselves in.

Such was the case last month when several teams, made up of investors and staffers from Silicon Valley-based firms, competed in the Silicon Valley International Triathlon at Almaden Lake Park in San Jose, Calif. The triathlon featured a 1,500-meter swim (a little less than a mile), a 24.9-mile bike ride and a 6.2-mile run.

For the second year in a row, Institutional Venture Partners threw out a challenge to its VC peers to come compete in the race and to stick around afterwards for some fun in the park.

In addition to IVP, the participating firms were Capital Dynamics, D.E. Shaw & Co., Draper Fisher Jurvetson, El Dorado Ventures, Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Industry Ventures, Sanderling Ventures, Shasta Ventures and Silicon Valley Bank.

IVP spokeswoman Gina Bauman says Michael McLean, an IVP senior associate, posted the best swim time, at 20:59.8, and Peter Ho, an analyst at D.E. Shaw, had the fastest run, at 42:25.9.

But the VC team winner was secondary firm Industry Ventures, thanks in part to Principal Ken Wallace, who had the best bike time, at 1:05:22.9.

"VCs tend to be driven, Type A personalities, a characteristic well suited to any ambitious goal," Wallace says.

He notes that his teammates won despite some interesting gear choices. Executive Assistant Christie Locke went without a wetsuit, which Wallace says made her one of only a handful of swimmers without one, and Principal Dan Stevens chose to wear black running shorts and a black shirt.

"The black outfit didn't exactly make the 90-degree heat any cooler for him," Wallace quips.



*IVP Team. From right to left: Jules Maltz, Shiyah Koh and Michael McLean*