

## **ALL-TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT RELAY TEAM COMPETES IN ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ ELITE TRIATHLON!**

On Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 at the Marina Green in San Francisco, CA, three organ transplant recipients teamed-up to compete in a grueling elite triathlon. The Escape From Alcatraz triathlon begins with a 1.5 mile swim from Alcatraz, followed by an 18 mile bike race, and ends with an 8 mile run. The Escape From Alcatraz is one of five, 2007 Tri-California elite series triathlons. The elite series features five dynamic races located at unique venues throughout California. Elite triathletes are invited to participate in the series, building points at each race in the quest for the series championships held at the Treasure Island Triathlon, November 10, 2007.

Three special team members, serious triathletes each in their own right, teamed up to raise awareness that organ transplantation saves lives and that there is a critical need for organ donors. "Each of us has the power to potentially save up to eight lives as a donor," says team captain Bill Wohl. "All you have to do is sign-up on the state donor registry, [donateLIFEcalifornia.org](http://donateLIFEcalifornia.org) or at the DMV," he continues.

**Ray Velasco** – A kidney recipient since 1994, Ray comes from **Alameda, CA** and started for the team as he swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco. Ray received a kidney from his younger sister, Jill. Ray has competed in 13 world and national transplant games and set six transplant world records. Ray won seven gold medals at the 2005 World Transplant Games in Ontario, Canada.

**Bill Wohl** – A founder of a successful **Scottsdale, AZ** sports and home electronics business, Bill received his first of two heart transplants in 1999. In 2001 Bill became part of Team Arizona and began training for the 2002 US Transplant Games. He also earned the right to represent the USA Cycling Team at the World Transplant Games in 2003. Bill will be the cyclist for the relay team.

**Chris Domine** – A kidney recipient since 2001, Chris lives in **Daly City, CA** and is the general manager of Fresh Choice in **Colma**. Chris recently competed in the Iron Man Arizona 2007, his second triathlon. In addition to his job and training regimen, Chris volunteers for the California Transplant Donor Network by speaking to high school students about organ donation. Chris will run the anchor leg for the all-transplant recipient relay team.



On the Podium after the race. (from left to right)

Race Director and owner of Tri California Terry Davis, Announcer Witt, Ray with microphone talks about Organ Donation and a second chance at Life. Bill and Chris with their Medals and runner up Escape From Alcatraz Rocks.



Ray, Bill & Chris at the Bill Wohl Foundation Donate Life Booth. Working with Dave, Cathy and several area Volunteers Thank You California Transplant Donor Network.