

St Abban's Athletic Club News

3rd December 2014

Colm Comes Home Alone

The curtain came down on the Laois credit unions cross country championships when we returned to Barrowhouse after absence of more than 40 years for the development races and the master's championships to be decided. In the juvenile events we had two outstanding winners in Lee Murray in the B.U.10 and newcomer turning in a fine performance to take the B.U.14 event by a massive margin Josh Lacey. Other juvenile members to feature included:- Rachel Ayres, Audrey Byrne, Danielle O'Driscoll, Fionn and Sean O'Sullivan, Muireann Ryan, Cody Corrigan, Sean O'Driscoll, Orla Kelly, Brian O'Sullivan, Eanna Ryan, Niall Egan, Dean Malone and Gerard Kelly.

Colette English had a fine run to capture silver in the O.35 ladies and led her team of Margo Dowling 4th and Caitriona McDonald 6th to the team title with Kay Bermingham 7th, Sharon Buggy 13th, Deirdre Brennan 18th and Carmel Hughes 19th providing the back up and 4th team. Our most recent International Ann Nicholl/Waugh had a great run to emerge victorious in the O.45 section and with Teresa Kelly 3rd and Yvonne Deering 4th the team title was secured here as well.

The man of the day providing us with the best of facilities with not a bit of mud to be found was out of the blocks and away in the masters men from the off. Colm Burke of course was the man in question and he was delighted to run on his own patch and secure another Laois title. Barrowhouse can rightly be proud of him as he moves towards his 30th year in the sport. A mighty battle was in progress behind him for the individual medalists O.35 and the remaining O.45. Dermot Ayres emerged to take bronze O.35 and with only Colin Coyne 11th and Niall English 14th as support we failed to finish a team. Colm ensured we had the bodies out in the O.45 and with Colm McEvoy 4th, Matt Moore 11th and newcomer Sean Brennan 12th the silver medals were landed. With the old reliables still game it was 4th team for Dick Mullins 13th, Sean Kelly 15th, Dinny Whelan 16th and Paddy Harding 17th. An ideal way to finish the Laois cross country championships for 2014, thanks to everyone who helped out and set out the course and helped on the day.

It's Party Time

Our annual primary school party for club members takes place this Tuesday evening 9th December in The Dome Carlow. Please report to Margaret Davis by 7.00 Laois athletic board are presenting the county cross country team medals in Emo Community Hall on Friday next the 12th December commencing @ 7.30 Again let's sort traveling arrangements on Tuesday evening.

11.30am Start

Club race commences at 11.30 for boys U.14 and all the ladies on St. Stephens day with 1 lap of the Turra circuit being the distance. This will be followed by the men's event which should see a fine battle unfold this year.
Indoor's Around the Corner

The National indoor club league get's under way in Athlone IT on the 11th January.

Dylan Happy to Land the Big One

Young Dylan Byrne from Mayo House scooped the €1,200 in our final draw for 2014. John & Kathleen Purcell Killgorey road took the €600 while the following were the recipients of €100:- Marie Brennan, Ballyragget, Oisin, Eoin and MJ Dowling Tolerton, Jimmy Dunne Clogrennan, Pat & Catherine Ayres Ballinabranna, Seamus O'Gorman Ballyragget, Maureen Meaney Kilkenny and Marie Behan Tolerton. Jimmy Whelan and Noeleen Condrón were the promoter winners. Thanks to all those that supported the event once again it is much appreciated and thanks to the Behan family for facilitating the draw.