

St Abban's Athletic Club News

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Young Crew Show Potential

The younger Athletics Leinster individual and Pairs championships were held in Tullamore last Saturday. It was a long days competition with large numbers ensuring everyone went home tired after competing from 9.00am to 5.45pm. Those that travelled from the club showed excellent commitment and held their own in class fields. Getting us off to the perfect start in the Long Jump was the G.U.9 pair of Moya Brennan (with 2.87m) and Kate Brennan (with 3.20m) were top of the podium for the first presentation of the day. Later they teamed up again this time it was in the 60m pairs with Moya clocking 10.10 and Kate 10.79 to take the silver medals. Aoibhinn McDonald and Audrey Byrne went in the G. U10 - 2 x 60m and the 2 x 500m finishing 15th and 10th respectively. Amy Brennan had a fall in the G.U.11 600m and fair play got up and completed her race in 2-22.53, her team mate Seoighe English had an excellent run recording 2-00.05 for 11th place. Amy and Seoighe teamed up in the 2 x long jump for 5th place with 3.59m and 3.06m respectively. Our only boys pair were Darragh Kealy 1-57.10 and Evan Dowling 2-01.42 collected the silver medals in the 2 x 600m and 5th in the long jump.

In the individual events Sean O'Driscoll was 30th in the 60m and 14th in the turbo javelin. Cody Doyle was unlucky finishing 4th in the shot with 9.00m. David McDonald put in a fine performance to finish 7th in the 60m final and 13th in the 600m. T.J.Burke was 21st in the javelin, 18th in the long jump and set a new P.B. of 1.25m when taking the bronze in the high jump. Thanks to all the parents for supporting our young athletes on a new adventure for some.

Well Represented in Ballyroan

The final leg of the Ballyroan/Abbeyleix league concluded last Wednesday over 10K. Linda Brennan, Caitriona McDonald, Sean Kelly, Carmel Hughes, Dinny Whelan, Niall English, Bernard Graham, Colette English, Paula Guinan, Mark Wogan, Teresa Agar, Dermot Ayres, and Colm McEvoy were among those that enjoyed the session.

Beautiful Evening in Newtown

188 finishers for the 3rd stage of the JFSports/Fit4Life league made for a good atmosphere in Doonane Terrace for the finish. John Fenlon came out on top ahead of Colm Burke as he did in Courtwood the previous week. Round 4 sees us visit Wolfhill in 2 weeks on the 25th June. Thanks for your continued support. Well done to the youngsters of Newtown school for taking part in half a lap of the terrace. Those that ran included:- Brian Brennan, Cormac Lynskey, Ciaran Brennan, Keith Baker, Tara McSweeney, Ronan Brennan, Matthew Whelan, Kate Shanahan, Laura O'Neill, Sarah Shiels, Katlyn Ward, Sophie Brennan, Alice Moore, Cian Lynskey and Luke Dowdall.

Silver for Paul

Paul Byrne made the trip to Belfast to the Mary Peters stadium for the Northern Ireland championships and came away with a season's best performance and the silver medal for the 400m hurdles held in very wet conditions.

Best wishes in the Tailteann

Morton Stadium Santry is the venue for the Tailteann Games and the club would like to wish the qualifiers all the best. This year it's an all ladies representation from the club and the very best to Nicole Kehoe/Dowling, Claire Delaney, Daena Kealy and Aoife Campion.