

St Abban's Athletic Club News

15th October 2014

Round 2 was excellent all round

The 2nd day of the Laois Credit Unions cross country held for the first time in Cullahill saw a decent turnout from the club and many fine performances. In the 14 race programme we had 7 crowned county champions with Cara Maher (G.U.15), Cian Kelly (B.U.15) and Moira Griffith (Inter Ladies) completing the double over the two days. The new champions crowned included:- Evan English (B.U.9), Amy Brennan (G.U.11), T. J. Burke (B.U.13) and James Moore B.U.19. Silver individual medalists included:- Katie Brennan U.9, Seoighe English U.11, Darragh Kealy U.11. and Aran Murphy U.19 while the bronze recipients included:- Oisín Ryan U.17, Caitlin McDonald U.17, Jack Lacey U.15 and James Tyrrell U.19.

The top 10 collected medals U.9 and our girls here included Rachel Ayres, Jessica Murray, Katie Baldwin and Danielle O'Driscoll while the boys U.9 to feature included:- Fionn O'Sullivan, Timmy Byrne and Jack Milton. The U.11 girls struck silver with Amy and Seoighe being supported by Aoibhin McDonald 16th, Audrey Byrne 21st and Muireann Ryan 22nd. The boys U.11 went a grade better to take gold with Darragh getting fine support from Cody Corrigan 4th, Adam Buggy 7th, Shane Buggy 13th, and Lee Murray 17th. Our sole representative in the girls U.13 was newcomer Susan Oyeniyi in 8th place. The boys U.13 were also in gold with T.J. winning impressively joined by Sean O'Driscoll 7th and Brain O'Sullivan 9th. Orla Kelly 6th was the only club mate to join Cara Maher U.15, while the boys had 1st and 3rd team Cian and Jack being all supported by Adam Nicholl 7th, Niall Egan 12th, Dean Malone 13th, Eanna Ryan 15th and Gerard Kelly 16th. In the girls U.17 Caitlin was joined by Laura Graham 4th and Maeve Maher 6th for the team title while Oisín was joined by Conor Hayden 5th and David Baldwin 6th in the boys. With James, Aran and James securing the top three places U.19 it was left to Fionn Maher to complete the squad in 5th place and wrap the team.

The intermediate ladies found it a much keener battle for the team than the previous Sunday never the less all performed well and when the points were totted we emerged victorious. Moira was thrilled to lead the team to victory and was supported by Margo Dowling 5th, Caitriona McDonald 7th, Linda Fay 9th, Marie Murray 14th, Kay Birmingham 15th, Ann Nicholl 16th and Sharon Buggy 18th.

The men also had to pull out all the stops which they did brilliantly to have a couple of points to spare over a game Portlaoise outfit. James Nolan was a happy man leading home his team in style with a fine 4th placing. Kevin Brennan was 7th, Conor Barry 8th, Niall English 12th and Bernard Graham 15th completing the scoring team. Our 'B' squad were led home by Francis Fleming 17th, Mark Murray 18th, Matt Moore 21st, newcomer

Jeff Kennedy 22nd and Anthony McDonald 24th completing another satisfactory day for the club.

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The business houses cross country run organized by the secondary teachers was run in Castleknock on Saturday saw Brian Kelly finish 2nd just 20 seconds ahead of Cormac Kelly in 3rd place. Meanwhile Stephen Lawlor made the trip to Roscrea where he finished a fine 3rd in a 10K event won by David McCarthy currently in training with the St. Abbans crew.

Members Draw off to a Good Start

The first draw took place in the Glenside on Saturday. Thanks to all the supporters and promoters for making it a great success once again. Prize winners included:- Dick & Anna Mullins, Castlecomer - €1,000. J.W.Tyres, Graiguecullen - €500 and €100 to each of the following:- Francis Fleming, Mayo Michael Kelly Marble Crest, Tommy Scully Killeslin, Nikita & Logan Quinn c/o Tom Lennon and the Daly family, Ashfield. Tickets are still available for our next draw in Leech's Wolfhill on the 1st November. Talk to any committee member.

Leinster's to get underway

The beautiful setting of Avondale House in the Rathdrum area of Wickow is the venue for day 1 of the Leinster cross country on Sunday 26th October with an 11.00 start. Best wishes to all the club members participating.

The following Sunday the 2nd November sees the Laois junior and senior being held in Stradbally.