

St Abban's Athletic Club News

19th November 2014

Exciting Finish in Road Relays

The Annual University road races held on the Maynooth campus once again thrilled the big turnout on Saturday last. With practically all the universities and most of the I T's fielding teams and some of them with 3 or 4. The DCU men fielded 4 teams and were among the favourite's for the title. Athlone IT also had a very strong squad. The format was 1 lap followed by a 2 lap, followed by a 3 lap, then another 2 lap and finishing with 1 lap, each lap being close to 1 mile. After the first race we had 10 teams very close with the DCU 'B' team ahead of the 'A' team in or around 8th place. Athlone went into the lead on the 2nd leg with David McCarthy bringing DCU into the lead on the 3 mile 3rd leg. Brian Kelly had to give ground to Athlone who regained the lead by about 6 seconds. Brian handed over to Cormac Kelly who made up the lost ground to draw level around half-way through the last lap. It was a mighty battle over the next 500m before Cormac drew clear of the Athlone man to win by 7 seconds and retain the title for DCU. Stephen Lawlor had a fine run for DCU 'B' team on the 3 mile leg while James Griffin was happy with his 2 mile stint. In the ladies Mary Mulhare (Portlaoise) ran the 2nd leg over 2 miles for the DCU ladies that finished 2nd behind UCD.

Club Mass

A club mass for living and deceased members and friends will take place in the clubhouse on Friday the 5th December at 9.00pm. All are welcome to attend and some light refreshments will be served.

Masters to show in Barrowhouse

The Laois Credit Unions Master's men and women county cross country will take place in Barrowhouse on Sunday next the 30th November commencing at 11.00am. The county 'B' championships for the U.10, 12, 14 & 16 boys & girls will start the program with medals to the top 6 in all events.

Some Events for your diary

The annual St. Stephen's Day road races will take place on the Turra circuit commencing with the ladies and the boys U.14 at 11.30am followed by the men.

The club A.G.M. is fixed for St Abban's clubhouse on Monday 12th January commencing at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

Our annual Table Quiz is scheduled for Behan's of Tolerton on 22nd January, looking forward to your support.