

St Abban's Athletic Club News

1st May 2013

Killeshin take 23rd Title

The 40th Annual Student Games were decided at the track on Sunday with good representation from a number of schools. It was good to see several members of the Newtown team that won the cup for the first time back in 1974 making a return visit and renewing friendships with former school mates.

Some keen competition was witnessed on the track and in some field events there were several close battles fought out. The Delaney triplets ensured that Newtown NS were going to be among the prize winners this year and with good support from Rachel O'Neill, Dara Kelly, Cormac Lindsey, Tara Lawlor, Jim Connors, Anna Daly, Declan Murphy and Michael Nash they had their best games for quite a while. Mayo NS also had its share of prize winners with Lee Murray, Katelyn Kelly, Sarah Graham, Conor Mulhall, Conor Hayden and Laura Graham featuring.

Moneenroe NS were strong in the younger age groups with Sadbh Mooney, Katie Brennan, Adam Buggy, Amy Brennan, Shane Buggy, Tom Buggy, Matthew Rossiter, Oisin Ryan and Ruby Millet claiming a place on the podium. Timmy Byrne scored for Ballylinan, with Maya Brennan, Darragh Kealy and Aoife Gallagher kept the Arles flag flying. Ellen Dunican, Saoirse Byrne and Rebecca Byrne were the Killeen stars with Sarah Dunne claiming Bilbo's star.

The Killeshin area were out in force as usual and with several top class displays from Aisling Cawley, James Horahan, Evan English, Sarah Hegerty, Eoin Cawley, Seoighe English, Sean O'Driscoll, Eadaoin Cawley, Aoife Moran, Ciara Harrington, David McDonald, Orie Doran, T. J. Burke, Cara Maher, Leeson Hughes, Orla Davis, Cian Kelly, Dean Malone, Alannah O'Rourke, Liz Brophy and Fionn Maher they easily retained the cup for the 23rd consecutive year with Ardough/Mayo/Newtown in 2nd place and Clogh/Moneenroe 3rd.

Thanks to all the teachers who came along and looked after the children, to our sponsor John Brophy and to everyone who helped out on the day. Hopefully those taking part in the sport for the first time had an enjoyable experience.

Ballyroan League

Round 2 saw Teresa Agar 7th, Joe Harding 13th, Linda Brennan 23rd, Mark Wogan 24th, John Brennan 28th and Paddy Harding 57th over 5K in Ballyroan last week. In the St. Michael's Forest run it was James Nolan 11th, Francis Fleming 25th, Dinny Whelan 52nd and Ann Nicholl/Waugh 76th, while we were represented in the Samsung streets of Dublin 10K on Sunday night by Tony Cahalan, Laura Buggy and Liam Kelly. Teresa Agar and Colm Burke were victorious in the Ballylinan 5K held on Sunday.

South Leinster's off to a great start

Scanlon Park, Kilkenny had a good summer's day for a change for Day1 of the South Leinster schools' championships. The club was well represented with 26 athletes out in various schools' outfits from:- Kilkenny college, Castlecomer, Heywood, Knockbeg college, Carlow C.B.S. and Vocational, St. Leo's, Presentation college, Gael Scoil colaiste and Athy. Those that featured strongly and qualified for the Leinsters taking 12 medals included:- Nicole Kehoe/Dowling, Cian Kelly, Anna Daly, Daena Kealy, Lauryn Kealy, Mikayla Kelly, Kelsey Warburton, Siobhan Nash, Joseph Barry and Nessa Millet. Other club members that came up a little short on the day were:- Laura Graham, Claire Delaney, Sinead Brennan, Lucielle O'Neill, Grace Rossiter, Oisín Ryan and Gary Dowling.

Laois County Championships

The club host Day 1 of the Laois Track & Field programme this Friday evening (10th) commencing at 6.30pm with events from U.9 to Master. Please report to club manager as early as possible.

League Kicks Off

The JF Sports Fit4life Summer League gets under way on Wednesday 15th May in Luggacurren with registration from 6.00pm in the local community hall. It would be much appreciated if some of those taking part could pre enter and if not to come along early on the first evening. Good value at €5 per session or €30 for all 8 stages. Looking forward to your company.

Dates for the schools' championships

Day 2 of the South Leinster's takes place in Scanlon Park, Kilkenny on the 9th May with Santry the venue for the Leinster's on the 15th and 18th May and the Aviva All-Irelands in Tullamore on the 1st June. Congratulations to Nessa Millet on winning the Munster Junior 400m hurdles title.