

# St Abban's Athletic Club News

16th January 2013

## **2012 a good year**

The club reviewed another good year when the A.G.M. was held in the clubhouse on Monday night last. A decent number of parents came along to thank the officials and coaches for all the work they did in the running of the sport and the enjoyment afforded to so many during the year. The highlights from the club point of view was the 5th placing of the men's team in the Premier division of the National league, the ladies winning division 1 of the National league and promotion to the premier division. The men winning the Laois senior along with Leinster novice and intermediate cross country titles. Several outstanding individual performances were highlighted with perhaps the winning of 6 individual medals in the National senior championships bearing testimony to where the club stands at present.

Chairman Eamon Kelly thanked everyone that had helped out in anyway during the past year. He felt something positive was happening for the youth and the senior members of the club and it was important that the club should be portrayed in a positive manner at all times. He thanked the media for coverage afforded and the club personnel for looking after same, along with the local newsletter's and notes.

Treasurer Breda presented a detailed financial account which showed the club in a healthy position despite the current difficult financial times. She thanked those that had sponsored the club and to all the supporters that had given financial assistance during the year and to those that gave us the use of facilities during the year. She thanked the other organisations that used the club facilities and all those that had supported promotions of the club. Registration showed that the club had close on 300 members registered with the AAI for the past year.

On the development of facilities during the year the erecting of a new throwing circle along with a new cage was the major achievement along with the replacing of the old track lighting system by a new one. Also the provision of the ice baths were a welcome development.

The following were elected to serve the club for 2013 President:- Fr. Murphy. Vice Do.:- Fr's Jimmy Moore, Jimmy O'Reilly, Eamon Purcell. Mr. John O'Sullivan, Eddie Baldwin, Mildred Neale, Willie Wallace, George Nolan, John Brophy, Danny Moore, Gillie Walsh/Kemmis, Anthony Pender, Noeleen Condron and John Burke. Chairman:- Eamonn Kelly. Vice Do.:- Bernard Graham. Secretary:- Patrick Kelly. Asst.:- Niamh Millet. Treasurer:- Breda Daly. Registrar:- Michael Daly. P.R.O's:- Mary Whelan and Dick Mullins. Child Officers:- Jane Walsh, Margaret Davis and Liam Kelly. Website:- Mary Whelan and Sinead O'Gorman. Captains:- Ladies road and cross country – Mairead Moore. Men – Colm Burke. Ladies track & field – Ailish Brennan. Men – Brian Kelly. Committee:- Liam Delaney, Jimmy Whelan, Kevin Murphy, Joe Brennan, James Kilbride, Pat Whelan, Jane Walsh, Michael Kelly, Liam Kelly, Margaret Davis, Ben Brennan, Gerard Kelly and Patsy Baldwin.

## **National Award for Nessa**

Athletics Ireland recently announced the star award recipients for the past year and the Laois winner is Nessa Millet. Nessa had a great season in 2012 taking the All-Ireland schools 400 hurdles title in a new record of 60.63 seconds, finishing 3rd in the National seniors and winning the National U.19 title. She also achieved the 'B' standard for the world junior championships and will be presented with her award at a function in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Saturday 16th February.

## **Table Quiz**

Your all welcome to support our annual table quiz on Thursday next the 24th January in Behan's, Tolerton. Tables of 4 and spot prizes along with raffle and refreshments will take place. Schools Cross Country:- Several club members represented their school in the Laois cross country and the DCU invitation event both held in cold wet conditions. This was in preparation for the South Leinster's which take place next Wednesday in Clongowes. Best wishes to all involved.