

Cork & Clare to the Fore at Munster Juvenile Even Age Cross Country

The official start of the 2014 Munster Cross Country Season got underway in the Turnpike, Two Mile Borris, Co. Tipperary on Sunday 26th October 2014. Our thanks to Moycarkey Coolcree A.C. for the provision of the excellent facilities & to all who assisted on the day. In the individual competitions, **Cork** was very strong winning 6 out of 10 titles with **Tipperary** next with 3 titles & **Waterford** with 1. **Cork** also won 6 Inter-County titles with 3 for **Clare** & 1 for **Tipperary**. In the Inter-Club competition, the top Club was **Ennis Track A.C.** who took home 5 titles with **Nenagh Olympic A.C., Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C., Leevale A.C. & Waterford A.C.** all winning one apiece. In the individual competitions there was gold for **John O'Flynn, North Cork A.C.** in the Boys U/12 race, **Ursula Bluett, North Cork A.C.** in the Girls U/12 race, **Caoimhe Harrington, Bantry A.C.** in the Girls U/16 & **Darragh Mc Elhinney, Bantry A.C.** in the Boys U/16, **Rhonda Pierce, Leevale A.C.** in the Girls U/18 & **Fearghal Curtin, Youghal A.C.** in the Boys U/18. Tipperary's 3 winners were **Leane Quane, Mooreabbey Milers A.C.** in the Girls U/10, **Cian Hodgins, Nenagh Olympic A.C.** in the Boys U/10 & **Aimee Hayde, Newport A.C.** in the Girls U/12 with **Jake Bagge, Ferrybank A.C.** taking the Boys U/14 title for Waterford.

In the Inter-Club competition **Clare** Clubs won the lion's share of medals with **Ennis Track A.C.** taking 5 titles in the Girls U/10, Girls U/12, Boys U/12, Boys U/14 & Boys U/16 competitions & **Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.** winning gold in the Girls U/16 competition. **Nenagh Olympic A.C.** won the title in the Boys U/10, **Leevale A.C.** in the Girls U/18 & **Waterford A.C.** in the Girls U/14.

In the Inter-County competition, **Cork** won 6 titles in the Girls U/12, Girls U/14, Boys U/14, Boys U/16 & Girls U/18 & Boys U/18 with **Clare** winning 3 titles in the Girls U/10, Boys U/12 & Girls U/16 & **Tipperary** winning one title in the Boys U/10 competition.

Top 3 in the Girls U/10 race were **Leah Quane, Mooreabbey Milers A.C., Avril Millerick, Youghal A.C. & Aisling Moloney, Ennis Track A.C.** with **Ennis Track A.C., Youghal A.C., & Bandon A.C.** winning the top 3 team titles. In the Boys U/10 race, gold went to **Cian Hodgins, Nenagh Olympic A.C.**, silver to **James O'Neill, West Muskerry A.C.** & bronze to **Jake Coffey, Ferrybank A.C.** Top 3 team prizes went to **Nenagh Olympic A.C., Ennis Track A.C. & Midleton A.C.**

The Girls U/12 title went to Tipperary athlete, **Aimee Hayde, Newport A.C.** with **Sarah Morrison, St. Nicholas A.C.** in 2nd place & **Mallaidh O'Neill, Skibbereen A.C.** in 3rd place. Team prizes were won by **Ennis Track A.C., Bandon A.C. & St. Mary's A.C. Clare.** **John O'Flynn, North Cork A.C.** took gold in the Boys U/12 race with **Mark Hanrahan, Ennis Track A.C.** in 2nd place & **Ian McNamara, St. Cronin's A.C.** in 3rd place. Team credits went to 3 Clare Clubs, **Ennis Track A.C., St. Cronin's A.C. & Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.**

Ursula Bluett, North Cork A.C. was the winner of the Girls U/14 title with **Rachel Hosey, Limerick A.C.** in 2nd place & **Grainne Egan, North Cork A.C.** in 3rd place. **Waterford A.C.** won gold in the team event with **West Waterford A.C.** in 2nd place & **West Muskerry A.C.** in 3rd. In the Boys U/14 race there was gold for **Jake Bagge, Ferrybank A.C.**, silver for **Francis Cronin, Gneeveguilla A.C.** & bronze for **Christopher O'Reilly, Togher A.C.** with team honours for **Ennis Track A.C., West Muskerry A.C. & Ferrybank A.C.**

The Girls U/16 race was a mirror finish of last year's race with **Caoimhe Harrington, Bantry A.C.** winning the gold, **Aisling Kelly, St. John's A.C. Clare** in 2nd place & club-mate **Caoimhe Harvey** in 3rd place. **Kilmurray Ibrickane A.C., Ennis Track A.C. & West Waterford** were the top 3 winners in the team competition. In the Boys U/16 race, it was gold for **Darragh McElhinney, Bantry A.C.** with silver for **Eoin Looney, Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.** & bronze for **Charlie O'Donovan, Leevale A.C.** with team honours going to **Ennis Track A.C., Leevale A.C. & West Waterford A.C.**

Newcomer to Munster, **Rhonda Pierce, Leevale A.C.** won the title in the Girls U/18 race with teammates **Louise Shanahan**, in 2nd place & **Maeve Aherne** in 3rd place. Team winners were **Leevale A.C., West Waterford A.C. & Bandon A.C.** **Fearghal Curtin, Youghal A.C.** took the Boys U/18 title with **Sean Curran, West Waterford A.C.** in 2nd place & **Evan Byrne, Togher A.C.** in 3rd place.

Next Munster Cross Country date is Sunday 9th November in Newmarket-On-Fergus, Co. Clare for the Munster Juvenile Uneven Age Cross Country Championships.

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