

## **Sean Healy receives Patsy O' Connor Award from Munster Athletics**

Seán Healy of Ballynonty A.C. is one of Tipperary Athletics most dedicated servants. His running career began in the fifties and he was instrumental in the reformation of Ballynonty AC in 1959. He served as Chairman and Secretary in addition to being one of its more renowned members. The club went out of existence in the late 1960s but Seán kept up running.

Seán competed in the inaugural Dublin Marathon in 1980 at the age of fifty. He would subsequently make 21 consecutive appearances in Dublin, as well as competing twice in the London Marathon. His love for Ballynonty never waned and he helped reform the Club once again in 1993, where it still remains to this day.

Under his guidance, many adult and juvenile County, Provincial and All-Ireland titles have been won. He managed teams to win 2001 National Marathon bronze medals in Dungarvan, in 2002 Munster Intermediate Cross-Country gold medals and National Intermediate bronze medals in Killybegs, and in 2003 Munster Novice and County Senior Cross-Country titles.

Seán also has served on the County Board as a Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. But it is his drive and belief in his Club athletes that is his hallmark, something that remains undiminished at his elder age. His receipt of the Patsy O'Connor Memorial Award from the Munster Council is a just reward for all his effort down through the years. Congratulations Seán on a very well deserved award & for all your years of dedicated service to athletics. The Tipperary Athletics County Board wishes you many more years of health & happiness.