

County Athletic News

Thurles Crokes are Senior Club Champions as Siobhain, Eamon and Danny win County titles

Borrisokane was the venue last Sunday for the County Junior and Senior Road Championships. Conditions were summer like with very little breeze to keep the athletes cool over what was a very good course. The Junior Men's 3k race got proceedings underway with Eamon Troy (Moyne) getting the better of his brother Eoin Troy (Moyne) over the last 50m to win the title in 11 mins 12 secs with Eoin 9 secs adrift. Then we had the combined Senior Women's 5K (1 lap) and the Senior Men's 10K (2 laps) going off together. Right from the start Danny Smith (Ballynonty) made his intentions known as he wanted to win this title by setting a strong pace. This pace took him clear of the chasing pack as they reached 4k with Danny reaching halfway in 16 mins 38 secs with Denis Shanahan (Thurles Crokes) in 2nd place with a group of three athletes battling it out for the Bronze medals and they were the Thurles Crokes duo of Patrick Hughes and John Fitzgibbon as well as Kevin Moore of Dundrum.

In the Ladies race Siobhain O Doherty (Borrisokane) moved clear of the chasing pack soon after the start to come home a very convincing winner in 17 mins 20 secs, great to see Siobhain running so well. Then we had Aine Roche (Clonmel) moving clear over the final 1k to win the Silver medal in 18 mins 57secs with Eileen McCullough (Thurles Crokes) capturing the Bronze medal in 19 mins 28 secs. For the record Catherine Kelly (Dundrum) was 4th in 20:26, Suzanne Shine (Clonmel) 5th in 20:31 and Jacqueline Hughes (Thurles Crokes) 6th in 20:45. In the team event Thurles Crokes were resounding winners on 16 points as Martina Ryan (Thurles Crokes) came through strongly to finish 7th in 20:57 and along with Eileen and Jacqueline won the Anne Mullaney Cup for the 3rd year in a row. The Clonmel team of Aine Roche, Suzanne Shine and Deirdre Fahey who was 15th in 24:59 won the Silver medals. The Moyne A team of Louise Fogarty 8th in 21:23, Lorraine Healy 9th in 21:47 and Susan Fogarty 11th in 22:32 won the Bronze medals. The Moyne B team of Leah Brett 12th in 24 mins, Catherine Dunne 13th in 24:15 and Bernadette Spillane 14th in 24:52 won the Gold medals in the B Section.

At this stage the Men's race was coming to a finish. Here we had Danny Smith (Ballynonty) coming home a very worthy and convincing Champion in 32 mins 15 secs. This was a fantastic win by Danny who was capturing his first County Senior 10K road title. This was a very deserving win by Danny who has been Mr Consistent over the past ten years in this event in which he has finished 2nd on five occasions, 3rd on two occasions as well as 4th and a 5th place finishing since 2006. Then we had Denis Shanahan of Thurles Crokes running very well to win the Silver medal in 32:53, a great performance by Denis who is back running well again after a lengthy lay off due to injuries. Then we had Patrick Hughes of Thurles Crokes winning the Bronze medal in 32:55. For the record Kevin Moore (Dundrum) was 4th in 33:35, Mark Darmody (Clonmel) 5th 34:02 and 6th John Fitzgibbon (Thurles Crokes) in 34:17. With Liam Shanahan (Thurles Crokes) finishing 7th in 34:29, the Thurles Crokes team of Liam, Denis, Patrick and John were resounding Inter Club Senior Champions on 18 points. The Dundrum team of Kevin Moore, M J Ryan 11th (35:28), Dermot Hayes 12th (35:56) and Donal Keane 13th (35:57) won the Silver medals on 40 points. The Bronze medals were won by the Clonmel team of Mark Darmody, Aidan Cremins 14th 36:02, Kieran Fahey 19th 38:06 and Anthony Bowen 20th 39:34. Then we had the Thurles Crokes B team of John Treacy 9th 34:52, Declan Ryan 10th 35:10 and Pat Bracken 22nd (45:25) capturing the Gold medals in the B Section.

At the Presentation of the awards, the County Chairman, Billy Purcell thanked the Borrisokane for promoting a very successful Championships and he thanked all the Clubs that supported these Championships.