

## **Super wins for Ryan and Hayes in Novice B Cross Country**

Last Sunday we travelled to Moyne for the County Novice B cross country dreading the conditions been offered up by storm Atiyah. Luckily enough the rain held off for most of the day with the gusting winds been the main obstacle for the runners and organisers. Conditions also helped by the firm underfoot terrain with the carpet of grass a big plus for the athletes.

Before proceedings got underway which also involved a juvenile programme a minutes silence was observed for John J Hassett Ballytarsna AC and former president of the N.A.C.A .I and also for Nora Mae Hayden wife of adjacent landowner and vice President of Moyne Athletic club Sean Hayden both of whom had passed away during the previous week.

First race of the day was the Novice B women over 3k and as the race settled down over the three laps Martina Moloney Mooreabby Milers was out in front been followed by Patricia Ryan Dundrum and Aisling Maher from the host club Moyne. Martina continued to push the pace in the windy conditions but as the finishing line came into view Patricia made her move and hit the front to come home for a great victory. This was a super win for Patricia considering she is only running with the club over the past year and also is an active leader in the Fit 4 Life group. Martina after her brave effort took the silver medal. Aisling came home well clear in 3<sup>rd</sup> position for a well deserved bronze medal. Next we had Mairead Julian Dundrum 4<sup>th</sup> her clubmate Mary Keane 5<sup>th</sup> followed by Edel Delaney Moyne 6<sup>th</sup> Laura Armstrong Dundrum 7<sup>th</sup> Michelle Percy Moyne 8<sup>th</sup> Patricia Ryan Mooreabby 9<sup>th</sup> and her clubmate Trish Blackburn 10<sup>th</sup>. With three to score in the team event the above positions had Dundrum 1<sup>st</sup> on 10 points Moyne 2<sup>nd</sup> on 17 points and Mooreabby 3<sup>rd</sup> on 21 points.

Next off were the men over 6k and as the race settled down over the six laps Dermot Hayes Dundrum was soon stamping his authority on the field as he skipped over the ground out in front. He was been followed by a Mooreabby Milers all out attack led by Kevin Lenihan 2<sup>nd</sup> Willie O'Donohue 3<sup>rd</sup> Damien Holihan 4<sup>th</sup> with Stephen Ryan Dundrum 5<sup>th</sup> . Liam O'Donnell Mooreabby was in 6<sup>th</sup> place with Jim Hally Dundrum 7<sup>th</sup> Dariuz Gazddwicz Mooreabby 8<sup>th</sup> and Seanie Percy Templemore 9<sup>th</sup>. On to the final lap and Dermot came home for a clear cut victory with Kevin having a fine run for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Willie taking the bronze medal .With three to score the above positions had Mooreabby the winners on 9 points from Dundrum on 13 points.

County Chairman Billy Purcell presented the medals and cups to the winners after the race. He thanked Moyne AC for organising an excellent event in testing conditions and also thanked the landowner Richard Daly for the use of his lands.