MOYNE AC

County U9 to U12 T & F Championships: 26 of our juvenile athletes travelled to Templemore on Sunday last for the first of the County outdoor Track & Field events, the weather was not very favourably for the kick off of the outdoor season with gale force winds the order of the day but thankfully the rain held off for the entire event. The Club brought home a total of 17 medals – 9 individual and 2 sets of Relay Medals, amongst the individual medals were three County Titles which were won by Niamh Ryan in the U12 Long Jump and 600m Race and Micheala Ely in the U9 Ballthrow. Niamh took the Long Jump Title which crowns her indoor and outdoor County Champion for the season with a jump of 3.38 which was far off her personal best but the results reflected the strong wind that the athletes had to face. Niamh had a fantastic run in the 600m finishing strongly making amends for the Indoor Championships in which she finished 2nd, she also made the final of the 60m sprint finishing 4th overall – well done Niamh. Micheala Ely finished 1st in the Ballthrow U9 – well done Micheala in what is your first competitive season. In the Boys U12 600m Jack Hickey had a fine run finishing 2nd overall, Jack also made the final of the 60m sprint and competed in LJ. Rachel Cleary put in a very solid performance in the Girls U9 300m finishing 3rd. Cathy Hogan put in a great finish in the U10 500m to finish 3rd overall. Ellen Moore finished 3rd in the Long Jump recording 3.17m. Rachel Butler finished 3rd in the 60m in what was a very tight final indeed. Jamie Kiely finished 3rd in the Boys U11 Ballthrow. Our U9 Girls Relay Team of Micheala Ely, Louise Hickey, Helen Cleere and Rachel Cleary finished 3rd and our U11 team of Ellen Moore, Rachel Butler, Cathy Hogan and Aisling Hickey also finished 3rd. Other athletes to perform admirably on the day (some of which reached finals of 60m sprint in very strong fields) were: Jake Bowe, Aaron McLoughlin, Adam Butler, Philip Hayes, Blake Power, Aaron McNamara, Ellen Maher, Armand Schoeman, Conor Flynn, John McCormack, Ryan Egan, Ciaran Lloyd, Dylan McLoughlin, Emma Dunphy and Laura Daly. Well done to all and a big thank you to all our coaches and parents for their help and support on the day.

County U13 – Junior T & F Championships: Day 1 of the Outdoor T & F for U13 to Junior's will take place on Sunday next in Templemore commencing at 11.30am. All athletes are requested to be at the venue no later than 10.45am please. Please check with your trainer regarding which events you are entered for and which day they are taking place, best of luck to all involved.

Sympathy: The committee and members of Moyne AC which to extend sincere sympathy to Eibhlis Purcell and the Purcell family on the death of their aunt Sr. Purcell (Kilkenny) – may she rest in peace.

Club Website: Our new website is now available outlining full details of our club and can be accessed on www.moyneathleticclub.com. We invite all our members to visit the website and keep up to date with the activities taking place within our club.

Burma Challenge: The 9th annual Burma Challenge will kick off on Wednesday next May 2nd at 7.30pm and continue for four weeks finishing on Friday May 25th. This is a fun event open to walkers, joggers and runners over the age of 15 for a small fee of €10. The event will kick off on Wednesday evening with all athletes taking to the start line together, on the second evening May 9th athletes will be handicapped and at that stage teams will have been formed so the competition will be heating up - so mark the dates in your diary and come along to Moyne sportsfield and join in the fun whilst getting a bit of fresh air and exercise as well.

Mini Marathon: Our 3rd annual Mini Marathon will take place on Monday, June 4th at 3pm from Moyne Sportsfield, this event is open to both male and female participants with money prizes for the first 3 Men and Women home. Entry forms are now available for download on our website – www.moyneathleticclub.com. More details of event to follow shortly.

Meet & Train Sessions: Meet and train sessions have been changed to Monday evenings at 7pm for the duration of the Burma Challenge which takes place on Wednesday evenings. These speed training sessions are open to both Male and Female athletes – all are welcome.

Upcoming Fixtures: Sunday May 6th & Sunday May 20th – County U13 – Junior T&F in Templemore.