

Moyne AC

Mini Marathon

Monday next, 4th June, is another big day for the club with the staging of our Mini Marathon. Now in its third year it has grown from strength to strength and we welcome the continued support of the Lisheen Mines our sponsors for the occasion. The race commences at 3pm from Moyne Sportsfield and is open to male and female participants who can walk, jog or run the 10k route. The route is fairly flat, stewards at all the major crossroads and two water stations as well as medical back up. The race will finish on the track in Moyne Sportsfield which will provide a safe environment for all and where each participant will be presented with a specially commissioned medallion to mark their achievement. The first three men and ladies home will receive monetary prizes with a number of down the field spot prizes, randomly selected before hand on finishing places. Refreshments will be served for all afterwards in the Moyne AC Indoor Facility and everyone is welcome. Off road parking will also be available and we would request that there is no parking on the road in and around the vicinity of Moyne Sportsfield. Entry forms are still available for download on our website at www.moyneathleticclub.com and can be posted to our secretary Rosemary Cleere along with the entry fee of €12 with final postal entries on Friday. Entries will also be taken on the day with no additional cost but entries will be taken up to 2.30pm only. No further entries will be taken after this time so it is advisable to come along early. We would also ask that all our stewards are treated with respect as all are volunteering their time for your enjoyment. We wish all entrants the very best of luck and hope they have an enjoyable day. We would also encourage those people living along the route to show your support for the athletes as they pass. As safety of our entrants is paramount we hope anyone travelling in the area on the day would be mindful of the event and to drive with caution especially between the times of 2pm to 5pm when the area will be a hive of activity.

A club meeting will take at 8.30pm on Wednesday night to finalise the preparations for Monday and there will also be a meeting of all stewards on Friday night at 8.30pm to familiarise themselves with their jobs etc.

Olympic Mile

Wednesday 6th June is another big day for all athletic clubs in Tipperary. That evening at 8pm every athletic club in the County will be hosting a mile event to celebrate the passing of the Olympic Torch through Ireland on that day. People can run, jog or walk the mile and our club is staging the event on the road. The mile race will commence from Martin Ryan's of Moynetemple and finish on the track in Moyne Sportsfield. Anyone over 10 years of age is welcome to come along and we would encourage all our athletes and their parents along with any other parishioners who would like to take part to come along on the night. The meeting place for the event will be Moyne Sportsfield at 7.30 sharp where all will then proceed to the start line. Everyone will be timed and a specially created certificate will be presented to all participants. Be part of this unique occasion and come along and support this initiative by Tipperary Athletics Board.

Burma Challenge

The fourth and final evening of the 2012 Burma Challenge took place from Moyne Sportsfield on Friday last in tropical weather conditions. With the very successful cycle round the week before there were many changes on the leader-board. Starting the final evening, it was back to walking, jogging and running again and believes you me this was a very fit group of men and women with 50 of those taking part now going around the Burma in under 50 mins and 23 are tipping around under 25mins. The purpose of the Burma Challenge, started 9 years ago, was to get as many people from around the parish out exercising, enjoying the craic and the social interaction not to mention the benefit to their health and wellbeing and going on this year's event and times this aim has been achieved. We hope that all these people will keep continuing to build on what we have achieved over that few months, by taking part in upcoming events such as the Thurles 7K on June 21st, Dundrum 10K on July 4th. On July 20th there is 10k to raise badly needed funds for the Hospital of the Assumption in Thurles. In August there is a 7k in Two Mile Borris, which should have everyone well prepared for the Mini Marathon in Thurles in September.

Last year it was a lady who broke the time barrier, this year Liam Kelly celebrated his birthday in style with a fantastic run in a new course record in 16.59. Again the leader board changed and the final results were as follows: In 12th place was Manselstown on 351.17, 11th Rahealy 348.15, 10th Kylemakill 347.54, 9th Ballyerk 347.15, 8th Moynetemple 345.10, 7th Boulabea 342.40, 6th Lisheen 339.02, 5th Cooleeney 337.16, 4th Longorchard 336.53 3rd Killoran 332.41. After leading from the start Moyne dropped to second on 330.37. Moving from 6th to 2nd after the cycle round Moyneard pulled out all the stops on Friday night to finish 1st in 320.32 and the winning team members were Declan Leahy, Jim Cummins, Carmel Alexander, Tom Alexander and Ray Power.

In the family challenge we had 9 taking part with Ray and Liz Power on 1.53.18 winning for fourth year in a row, 2nd John and Esther Hogan 1.54.43, 3rd Jim and Jennifer Cummins 2.10.49, 4th Tom and Bernie McGrath 2.13.57, 5th Richard & Catriona Daly 2.17.52, 6th Kieran & Catherine Britton 2.20.30, 7th Tony Gleeson & Mairead O'Dwyer 2.26.59, 8th Billy and Avril Treacy 2.47.30 and 9th Tom & Carmel Alexander 2.48.00.

Our pick the winning time winners were 1st Jim Cummins (Gym Membership) 2nd Billy Treacy (Sunday Lunch for 2). Well done Lads.

Moyne AC would like to thank all those who took part as they were all winners over the last four weeks. Also to those who made the cups of tea and biscuits at end of each evening and to Thomas Flynn, Billy Dunne and PJ Ryan who looked after the safety of the 60+ people on the road over the 4 nights. Our thanks also to the people who gave spot prizes and those who kept the results up to date and also a special word of thanks to all those who brought cakes and buns on the final night - we even had Burma tamped buns.

In 2013 the Burma Challenge will be Celebrating its 10th Birthday so keep up the good work and be sure and join us for 2013 and bring a friend - the more the merrier .