

# High standard at Indoor Athletic Championships

A BIG contingent of Galway competitors descended on the Indoor Track in Nennagh on Saturday when competition was of an extremely high standard in the County Championships.

The day started with the Sennior Mens 3,000 metres which was won by GCH's Joseph O'Donnell with clubmates, Thomas Porter and Dominic Thornton, 2nd and 3rd.

Many athletes were Multiple Individual Gold Medal winners such as Gemma Hynes, Orla Ni Mhuircheartaigh, Jacqueline Caulfield, Mary Barrett, Ailbhe Darcy, Catriona Farrell, Siobhain Gardiner, David Neary, Thomas Barrett and Gary O'Kane.

The full results are as follows:

**Under 10 Girls:** 60m, 1 Siobhain Gardiner, Craughwell, 2 Aedin Hanahoe, GCH, 3 Rachel Mullins, Craughwell; 350m, 1 Siobhain Gardiner, 2 Marie Tuohy, Athenry, 3 Rachel Mullins.

**Under 10 Boys:** 60m, 1 Brendan Gallagher, Craughwell, 2 Jack Raftery, Craughwell, 3 Ned Walsh, Tuam; 350m, 1 Brendan Gallagher, 2 Jack Raftery, 3 Ned Walsh.

**Under 11 Girls:** Relays, 1 GCH A, 2 Craughwell A, 3 GCH B; 60m, 1 Ailbhe Goulding, GCH, 2 Letricia Collins, GCH, 3 Nicola Conlon, Athenry; 550m, 1 Linda Porter, Craughwell, 2 Ailbhe Goulding, 3 Letricia Collins.

**Under 11 Boys:** Relays, 1 Craughwell A, 2 GCH, 3 Craughwell B; 60m, 1 Jason Kennedy, Craughwell, 2 Colm O'Mhuircheartaigh, GCH, 3

Kevin Dooley, Tuam; 550m, 1 Richard Cummins, GCH.

**Under 12 Girls:** Relays, 1 GCH A, 2 Craughwell A, 3 Athenry; 60m, 1 Alexis Giwa, GCH, 2 Ashley McDonnell, Craughwell, 3 Sarah Helebert, Craughwell; 600m, 1 Sarah Helebert, 2 Ashley McDonnell, 3 Sinead Tuohy, Athenry; High Jump, 1 Melissa Barrett, Loughrea; Long Jump, 1 Dora Gorman, GCH, 2 Alexis Giwa, 3 Aoife Cunningham, GCH.

**Under 12 Boys:** Relays, 1 Craughwell A, 2 Craughwell B, 3 GCH B; 60m, 1 Michael Hannon, Craughwell, 2 Robert Lyons, Portumna, 3 Sean Moran, GCH; 600m, 1 Michael Hannon, 2 Martin Tully, Portumna, 3 Kieran Byrne, Portumna; Long Jump, 1 Sean Moran, 2 Robert Lyons, 3 Martin Tully.

**Under 13 Girls:** Relays, 1 Craughwell, 2 GCH, 3 Athenry; Hurdles, 1 Rachel Finnegan, Craughwell, 2 Rebecca Helebert, Craughwell, 3 Kelly O'Donoghue, Craughwell; 60m, 1 Catriona Farrell, Craughwell, 2 Rachel Allen, GCH, 3 Aisling Killilea, Athenry; 600m, 1 Rachel Shaw, Athenry, 2 Rachel Finnegan, 3 Niamh Walsh, GCH; Long Jump, 1 Catriona Farrell, 2 Rachel Allen, 3 Kristine Carr, GCH; High Jump, 1 Rebecca Helebert.

**Under 13 Boys:** Relays, 1 Athenry, 2 GCH, 3 Portumna; Hurdles, 1 Daryl Horgan, GCH, 2 Conor Caulfield, Athenry, 3 Sean Diskin, GCH; 60m, 1 Thomas Flynn, Athenry, 2 Kevin Madden, Athenry, 3 Ronan Coyle, GCH; 600m, 1 Thomas Flynn, 2 Conor Caulfield, 3 Kevin Madden; High Jump, 1 Seamus O'Conghaile, GCH, 2 Daryl Horgan, 2 Stephen Connolly, Athenry; Long Jump, 1 Mark Loughnane,

Loughrea, 2 Alan Campbell, GCH, 3 Ronan Coyle; Shot Putt, 1 David Porter, Craughwell, 2 Kevin Callagy, Portumna.

**Under 14 Girls:** Relays, 1 Athenry, 2 GCH, 3 Portumna; Hurdles, 1 Rebecca Nolan, Athenry, 2 Ann Marie Starr, Portumna, 3 Anna Shelton, GCH; 60m, 1 Katelyn Duane, Athenry, 2 Rebecca Nolan, 3 Irene Gorman, GCH; 800m, 1 Irene Gorman, GCH, 2 Laura Madden, GCH, 3 Carol O'Donnell, GCH; Long Jump, 1 Sasha Haverty, Craughwell, 23 Carol McCarthy, Athenry, 3 Irene Gorman, GCH; Shot Putt, 1 Nicola Glynn, Tuam, 2 Lisa Porter, Craughwell, 3 Helen Campbell, Portumna.

**Under 14 Boys:** Relays, 1 Athenry, 2 Craughwell; Hurdles, 1 Alan Bannon, Athenry, 2 Kenneth Farrell, Craughwell, 3 Adrian Gilligan, Craughwell; 60m, 1 Christopher Lally, Athenry, 2 Cathal Greaney, Craughwell, 3 Michael Evens, GCH; 800m, 1 Michael Evans, 2 Ciarain Treacy, Portumna, 3 Alan Bannon, Athenry; Long Jump, 1 Christopher Lally, 2 Cathal Greaney, 3 Micheal Evans; Shot Putt, 1 Harry Croke, Athenry, 2 Dean Raftery, Craughwell.

**Under 15 Girls:** Relays, 1 GCH, 2 Athenry; Hurdles, 1 Rebecca Finnegan, Craughwell; 60m, 1 Clare Stenson, Athenry, 2 Karen Hession, Athenry, 3 Sarah Walshe, GCH; 800m, 1 Jacqueline Caulfield, Athenry; High Jump, 1 Jacqueline Caulfield; Long Jump, 1 Sinead Commins, GCH, 2 Jennifer O'Donnell, GCH, 3 Sarah Walshe, GCH; Shot Putt, 1 Jacqueline Caulfield, 2 Rebecca Finnegan, 3 Emma Horgan, GCH.

**Under 15 Boys:** Relays, 1 Portumna A, 2 Portumna B;

Hurdles, 1 Brian Larkin, Portumna, 2 Colm Flynn, Portumna, 3 Christopher Starr, Portumna; 60m, 1 Robert Mitchell, Portumna, 2 Bernard Burke, Loughrea, 3 Conor Callagy, Portumna; 800m, 1 David McDonnell, Ballinasloe, 2 Kevin Donoghue, Craughwell; High Jump, 1 Brian Larkin, Portumna; Long Jump, 1 Colm Flynn, 2 Bernard Burke; Shot Putt, 1 Niall Quinn, Portumna.

**Under 17 Girls:** Relays, 1 Athenry, 2 GCH A, 3 GCH B; Hurdles, 1 Aoife Bannon, Athenry, 2 Fiona Hannefield, Portumna, 3 Sarah Finnegan, Craughwell; 60m, 1 Gemma Hynes, GCH, 2 Katie Lydon, GCH, 3 Natalie Allen, GCH; 200m, 1 Gemma Hynes, 2 Katie Lydon; 800m, 1 Michelle Sands, Athenry, 2 Sarah Connolly, Athenry, 3 Julie Ann Harington, GCH; High Jump, 1 Jennifer Barrett, Loughrea,

2 Sarah Finnegan; Long Jump, 1 Fioina Hannefield, Portumna, 2 Tara Gavin, GCH, 3 Aoife Bannon.

**Under 17 Boys:** Relays, 1 Portumna, 2 GCH; Hurdles, 1 David Neary, Athenry, 2 Daniel Loughnane, Loughrea; 60m, 1 David Neary, 2 Shane Brennan, GCH, 3 Robert McGrath, Craughwell; 200m, 1 David Neary, 2 Daniel Loughnane, 3 Robert McGrath; 800m, 1 Simon Byrne, Portumna, 2 Damien Larkin, Portumna, 3 Matthew Mahon, GCH; High Jump, 1 Thomas Barrett, Loughrea; Long Jump, 1 Daniel Loughnane, 2 Shane Brennan, 3 Thomas Barrett; Shot Putt, 1 Thomas Barrett.

**Senior Women:** Relay, 1 GCH, 2 Loughrea; Hurdles, Mary Barrett, Loughrea; 60m, 1 Ailbhe Darcy, Loughrea, 2 Patricia McCarthy, Athenry, 3 Michelle Campbell, GCH; 200m, 1 Ailbhe Darcy, 2

Patricia McCarthy, 3 Hannah Delaney, GCH; 800m, 1 Orla Ni Mhuircheartaigh, GCH, 2 Nora McMahon, 3 Rose Ann Raftery; High Jump, 1 Hannah Delaney, 2 Mary Barrett; Long Jump, 1 Orla Ni Mhuircheartaigh, 2 Patricia Mooney, Tuam; Shot Putt, 1 Mary Barrett, 2 Patricia McCarthy.

**Senior Men:** Relay, GCH; Hurdles, 1 William Finnegan; 60m, 1 Martin Neary, Athenry, 2 Dereck Fanning, Tuam; 200m, 1 Gary O'Kane, GCH, 2 James Tully, Portumna, 3 Diarmuid Divinney, GCH; 800m, 1 Diarmuid Divinney, 2 Joseph O'Donnell, 3 Cormack McDonnell; High Jump, 1 Gary O'Kane, 2 Joseph O'Donnell, 3 William Finnegan; Long Jump, 1 Gary O'Kane, 2 James Tully, 3 William Finnegan; Shot Putt, 1 James Tully, 2 Brendan Monaghan, Tuam, 3 Dereck Fanning.

## Portumna chosen the AIB Galway GAA Club of Year

**PORTUMNA GAA Club have been handed an early New Year's bonus with the news that they have been named the Galway AIB GAA Club of the Year for 2003.**

As part of their award, the club will receive a development grant of €2,000, and will also go forward to represent Galway in the Provincial and All-Ireland AIB GAA Club of the Year competition.

The Provincial and Overall Club of the Year awards will be announced at the awards ceremony in Croke Park on Monday, February 2nd, where Portumna GAA Club will also be presented with their award and development grant.

Each of the Provincial winners will receive a further grant of €5,000, with the ultimate AIB GAA Club of the Year receiving an additional €10,000, bringing the total prize fund for the top award to €17,000.

Portumna GAA Club faced tough competition to claim the Galway award, but had a very successful year, winning the county Senior Hurling Championship for the first time ever and then going on to be crowned Connacht champions.

The club is currently developing their club facilities to include a new floodlighting system and also further playing/training areas to cater for the growing population of the town. The judges felt Portumna have a good Bord

na nÓg structure in place, showed good use of the Irish language and were very active in their local community.

In addition to the prize fund, every club that entered the competition was entered into a draw. The winner of the small club category was Cumann Pelle na bPiarasigh, Co. na Gaillimhe which receives vouchers towards club gear worth €3,000.

Speaking about the Awards, Donal Forde, Managing Director AIB said: "AIB are delighted to have initiated these Club of the Year awards and thereby acknowledge the importance of the club within the GAA structure and the contribution that clubs make to their local community"