

Date for Senior Track and Field Championships are announced

Events to be split over three days at Regional Sports Centre in Dangan

THE 2014 Galway County Senior/Masters Track and Field championships will take place on Sunday June 29 and Thursday July 10 at the Regional Sports Centre track in Dangan; while the 10,000m will be held as a solo event on Thursday June 12.

The events on Sunday June 29 get underway at 1.30pm and will feature the 200m, 800m, 4x100m relay, 3,000m Women /5,000m men, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus and Weight for Distance (Seniors and Masters).

Events on Thursday July 10 get underway at 7pm and will feature the 100m, 400m, 1,500m, 4x400m relay, Triple Jump, Javelin, Hammer and High Jump. The County 10,000m championships will be held on Thursday June 12 in Dangan at 7pm.

Juvenile Championships

DAY Two of the Galway Juvenile Track and Field Championships, for the U-13 to U-19 age groups took place at Dangan Track in NUI Galway last Saturday. Despite some stormy conditions, an excellent day of competition ensued, and there were over 150 competitors from 10 Galway clubs who turned out.

There were some excellent performances on the day, with wins notably from Sinead Treacy in the sprint events for Craughwell, and James Mitchell of GCH who clocked sub 15 seconds in the 100m, as well as Aoife Geraghty and Aoife Sheehy of GCH in the distance events. Full results will follow next week.

Galway 5km Series

THE fourth race in the annual County Galway 5km series race was held on Tuesday of

last week, taking place in thunder conditions in Claregalway.

A huge field of almost 600 athletes took to the roads around the town, and it was Galway City Harriers athlete Owen Byrne who led the field home in a time of 16.25, half a minute clear of his clubmate Conor Dolan in second with 16.52 and Timmy Clavey of Mayo AC third in 17.02.

Regina Casey of Galway City Harriers was first woman over the line in 18 minutes dead, with Jane Ann Meehan of Athenny close behind in 18.11. Mayo's Collette Tushy was third in 18.52.

Race five, the penultimate one of the series, took place in at Ballybrit Racecourse this week - full details next week.

AAI Track & Field Games

A NUMBER of Galway City Harriers athletes travelled to the AAI Games, the opening outdoor national track and field individual competition last weekend in Santry, Dublin.

Sean Breathnach performed well in the Discus and his brother Michael Breathnach threw 12.54m in the Shot Put and 44.8m in the Javelin.

Young sprinter Cillian Greene ran well with 22.9 in the 200m, as did Ronan Coyle (23.81 in 200m); while Gary Thornton placed fourth in a competitive 3,000m in 8mins 28secs. Craughwell athletes also competed, with Conor Gillen running 2.01 in the 800m.

Oughterard 8km

THE annual Mayfly 8km took place last Saturday around the town of Oughterard, with almost 100 participants taking to the start line.



Pictured are young athletes from 10 different clubs which were represented at the Galway Juvenile Track and Field last Saturday. From left: Róisín Coleman, East Galway AC; Katie Naughton, Ballinasloe & District AC; Conor Hughes, Craughwell AC; Rory Monaghan, Tuam AC; Rory McCleane, Corrib AC; Paul McNally, Galway City Harriers; Adam Reilly, Athenny AC; Aoibhin Farrell, Loughrea AC; Caoimhe Kelleher, South Galway AC; and Baine Nee, CL Chonamara.

The race was won by a huge margin by Galway City Harriers Matt Bidwell in 33.43, from James Ferry in second and Larry Kelly third. The ladies event was won by Sinead Brody in an excellent time of 39.46, from Deirdre Brophy and Síle Dorrane.