Hi All

Before I start my report I would like to thank all my U13 boys, their parents, the other team managers and supporters who all helped me to run the team. All the athletes were in the right place at the right time with such enthusiasm. It made my day really enjoyable. Thank you.

I would also like to thank some of the U13 boys who stepped aside today to allow new and inexperienced boys a chance to have a go. This shows just what a great U13 boys team we have.

As per the norm the U13 boys had a great day of athletics and won the competition. (Who needs Paul Austridge!!)

The first field event was the discus and not only was it the first event of the day but also Cameron Swatton and Rowan Fuss’s first ever discus throw!  They both had great throws with Rowan coming 2nd in the A string with a throw of 12.79 and Cameron coming 1st in the B string with 12.56. A great start to the day!

The first track event was the 75m hurdles with Caelan Raju coming 2nd in the A string with a PB of 13.30 fantastic. Billy Keene continued his track success by coming 1st in the B string with a time of 14.8 just off his personal best.

The next field event was the shot and a debut for new Blackheath Harrier Myles Duffus. Myles had a great start to his athletics career by putting 6.31 and coming 2nd in the A string, Cameron came 2nd in the B string with 5.78.  In the non scoring Rowan scored a great 6.11 having never putt the shot before!  Calean's achieved his second PB of the day already, with a distance of 5.76.

LJ Wright had a fantastic 100m sprint recording a PB of 13.8 making him 2nd in the A string he was joined by new Blackheath Harrier Phil Tenyue making his debut for the club with 13.8 putting him in 1st place in the B string, what a great start for Phil. Leo McCallum came 1st in the C string with a time of 14.5 just off his PB.

Joseph Georgiadis had a fantastic 1500m race he timed his acceleration perfectly with a very strong finish giving him a PB 5.01.8, he then had to jog over to his debut in the long jump, because of this he missed the first round which was frustrating but luckily he managed to get two good solid jumps in with a PB of  4.07 making him 4th in the A string, Ben Gardiner jumped 4.02 and came 2nd in the B string.

Matthew Proctor  had a gutsy run in the Non scoring 1500m attacking from the bell but unfortunately his legs could not hold onto the lead. He recorded a great time of   5.08.4 PB especially as this was his first 1500m. He then went over to the long jump. Luckily his legs regained their strength and he jumped 3.56.

Robert Suckling continued his track and field success by scoring a PB in the long jump of 4.06.

Fortunately, Billy Keene had had an early night which enabled him to have a gutsy debut in the 1500m. He went off hard (which made Dad Mick Keene very nervous) and recorded a great time of 5.02PB.  This made his Dad's Father's Day very special!

 Myles Xavier jumped 1.25 just below his PB.  I would like to thank Myles for his help in coaching the two relays teams.  He also offered to step in to any events if needed at short notice (a team manager's dream athlete!)

Robert Suckling had a cracking first leg in the 4 x 100m relay especially as he was in the middle of his high jump competition, he passed to new comer Phil Tenyue in first place, Phil held the position and passed to Ben Gardiner who ran a great leg to LJ who did the glory leg to victory in a time of 57.0, brilliant.

After lots of emails and several discussions it was finally agreed one hour before the race was due to start that we would be allowed to run a Non scoring 4 x 100m relay.

Leo and Myles Duffus had just got a throw in the javelin when they had to rush over to their relay starts.  Billy Keene had a great first leg and passed to Caelan who handed over to new boy Myles Duffus who ran a good leg to Leo McCallum who is always so enthusiastic he ran an excellent leg but was overtaken by what can only be described as a giant of a boy! In a time of 57.9 great running and team work.

Leo  and Myles then went back to finish their javelin recording 13.67 & 13.14 respectively, which Rowan Fuss also debuted  in and recorded a throw of 15.57.

Robert and Ben completed their Non scoring high jump with a jump of 1.15 each.

Caelan jumped 1.35 giving us maximum points by coming 1st in the A string just after completing the relay.

Once again the teams were well supported on the day by Mr and Mrs President, past president Bob Cliff, club officials and many parents, grandparents and siblings.

One of the highlights of the day is often the taking down of the club tent and today was no exception I don't know how we would have managed without my in laws expert assistance (not quite sure if they helped or hindered)

We had some minor challenges today one being a shortage of pins, two trying to persuade the track officials to have a Non Scoring 4 x 100 relay team and the parking, other than that it  all went very smoothly!!

Thanks again for a great afternoon of athletics and team spirit. I will now leave you in Paul's capable hands for the next events!!

Claire Austridge

U13 Boys Reserve team manager (whilst Paul is away going redder in Spain!)