Hi all

Blackheath and Bromley youngsters finished the Kent League cross country series in style yesterday taking gold in the individual table in five of the six age groups along with three silver and two bronze.

We hosted the final fixture at Sparrows Den and home advantage certainly seemed to pay off with great results in all age groups.

In the U13 races Michael Eagling and Millie Smith mirrored each other with fine Victories on the day making it their third win of the season and both collecting the individual gold shield.

Peter Guy, still U13 next season, had another strong finish sprinting home in second and so securing him the individual silver shield.

Multi event boy Henry James Cowie had another great race finishing in 5th, closely followed by Coleman Corry having his best run of the season in 7th, George Pope's 8th place gave him fourth overall for the season.

The two Lewis's battled in out again with master Warren 14th and master Stickings 17th. Callum Myatt had his best run and highest placing of the season in 20th.

Billy Keene made his Kent league debut and despite racing the day before and beating a lad called Brooklyn Beckham, still managed a fine 32nd. Harrison Parker was 33rd giving him a top twenty individual finish, first year U13 Robert Suckling finished in 35th just in front of Cameron Swatton in 36th. Cameron's consistent season also sees him finish well inside the top twenty individual table.

The U15 girls dominated all season and finished claiming the top 4 individual spots for the season.

On the day Jessica Keene finished second, Naomi Kingston fourth, Yasmin Austridge fifth, Georgina Taylor sixth and despite falling at the start Kelsey Fuss finished 8th.

These results along with the other three races saw Naomi collect the gold shield, Yasmin the silver and Kelsey the bronze and Georgina in fourth.

The under 15 boys made a great showing with 13 of them lining up on the start.  Marco Arcuri once again led them all home in 5th place. This result combined with the earlier races won Marco the individual bronze shield. Confirming our strength in depth BBHAC boys then filled the next 4 slots with  Aleksander Wiltshire 6th, Charlie Davis 7th, Jake Potter 8th and Joss Barber 9th. They were further backed up by Josh Davidson 16th, Will Pope 19th finishing with a huge smile on his face, happy to have completed a race despite carrying an injury, Arthur Carey great run in 22nd, Frankie Scrivener 30th, Oscar Hussey 33rd, Charlie Scrivener sprint finishing to giving him 34th. Scott Bulmer 44th and Harry Keene, part of the Keene trio 45th completed the Blackheath and Bromley presence.

In the Under 17 boys Will Fuller finished his Kent league campaign with another victory securing the individual gold shield for the season. Richard Webb had another great run coming home in 3rd but had an anxious wait to see where he finished overall as he finished neck and neck on points with Chris Cohen from Tonbridge. When they announced the result Richard had pipped Chris by a massive two seconds and so collected the silver shield.

Bailey Stickings and Tom Desborough had a proper tear up in the finishing straight with the lead changing hands a few times. Toms determination paid off this time just out sprinting the sprinter!

In the U17 girls race Niamh Bridson Hubbard showed great determination to pull away from her main rival from Invicta, to give not only victory on the day but Victory for the season.

All these great results culminated in team victories in the Under 13 boys and the Under 15 girls and second place in all other age groups.  Winning the Under 13 boys team trophy is even more impressive, when reading the trophy engravings and seeing Tonbridge AC holding this award for the last 9 years. Get in there!!!!

Within these races we incorporated our own club championships and so gold, silver and bronze club medals were awarded to

 Gold Silver Bronze

U13 boys     Michael Eagling Peter Guy Henri Cowie

U13 girls     Millie Smith Jessica Sellar Grace Scopes

U15 boys     Marco Arcuri Alek Wiltshire Charlie Davis

U15 girls     Jess Keene Naomi Kingston Yasmin Austridge

U17 boys     Will Fuller Richard Webb Tom Desborough

U17 girls       Niamh  Charlotte Rhule Anna Myers

This has been a great start to the winter season and hopefully we can maintain the momentum going into the Championship races in the new year.

The first of these is the Kent Championship on the 4th January 2014 where we hope we can pick up many more individual and team awards.

Great running!

Paul Austridge

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