**Cross Country report February 2022**
**Hampshire Cross Country League**
The league was shorter this winter with just 4 fixtures instead of the usual 5, but thanks nevertheless to all those that competed in one or more races over the season. Athlete numbers remained strong meaning that we managed to have scoring teams in nearly all categories, the exception being Veteran Women and the usually light Under 20s.

There were individual and team successes this year building on medals from previous seasons.
In the Under 13 category, strong attendance from the girls all winter was rewarded with a bronze team medal. The boys finished 5th. Individually, Daisy Allford (8th), Lily-Mae Lancaster-Evans (10th) and Loki Chaffey (9th) were among 13 girls & boys who competed in at least 3 of the 4 races.

At under 15 level there was double success as the boys won team silver, our girls taking bronze.
There were also individual medals for Immi Edwards (3rd) and Emily Marshal (4th) with Nicholas Thomas just missing out in 7th place. 4 other athletes gained individual placings for finishing at least 3 events.

More success at Under 17 level as the men scooped gold with Ben White taking individual bronze as 3 more club athletes taking individual places. Having failed to have a single Under 17 runner two years ago, the club’s women this year won team silver with 3 athletes gaining individual placings.

The Seniors, veterans and Under 20 all race together, combining for the overall places.
A hugely successful year for our teams with the women narrowly beaten into second place but individual awards for Kate Estlea (2nd), Charlotte Ragan (4th) with Rebecca Sleap and Kate Towerton also in the top 10.
Senior Men finished 3rd with James Beeks (3rd) and Rob Wood (4th) taking individual awards. Tom Syckelmoore came 7th. The Veteran Men’s team went one better taking second place, with Darrel May winning bronze individually. Oli Smith gained a top 5 slot in the Under 20 Men individual rankings.
Overall, 23 club athletes competed in at least 3 of the 4 races this winter.

**Hampshire XC Championships 2022 - Botley**
One of the biggest turnouts from the club at the county championships, so thanks to all those that raced. Further thanks to family and friends that came along to support.
All club finishers as follows:
**U11 Girls** – no team, Celeste Vickers **BRONZE**, Lily Ward
**U11 Boys** - Team 5th, Thomas Mills, Arne Chaffey, Elliot Trepess, Devgugan Sumathy Jegannathan, Caspar Morris & Blake Goddard.
**U13 Girls** - Team **GOLD**, Daisy Allford (8th), Lily Mae Lancaster Evans (9th), Uma Doublet (10th) & Georgia Barrett (11th). Also running were Abigail Spencer, Anna Edwards & Izabel Brown.
**U13 Boys** - Team 4th, Loki Chaffey (8th), Travis Moore, Daniel Banks, Nicholas Workman & Callum Savings.
**U15 Girls** – Team 5th, Emily Marshall, Immi Edwards, Charlotte Vickers, Sophie Yates, Matilda Gibson and Malindi New.
**U15 Boys** - Team 5th, Noah O’Neill, Charlie Coveney, Kian Mayoh, Thomas Carroll and William Edwards.
**U17 Women** - Team **SILVER**, Megan Hope, Sienna Richardson, Isabelle Law, India Farrant and Elisa Hill
**U17 Men** - Teams 5th & 9th, Nathan Lane, Oskar Harvey Nash, Sam Kemp, James Harold, Jack Hedderly, Tom Yates and Quinn Barker
**U20 Women** – Freya Sutton
**U20 Men** – Oli Smith
**Senior Women** - Team **GOLD** & 6th, Kate Estlea **SILVER**, Maddie Deadman (4th), Charlotte Ragan (6th) and Charlotte Chalwin (9th), Rebecca Sleap, Rebecca Pearson, Gemma Bigg and Cat Coveney.
**Senior Men** - Team 6th & 16th, Vets 4th & 13th. Tom Syckelmoore, Alex Bigg, Steve Reid, Alex Hamilton V45, Chris Furness V50, Mark Slaney V60, Rohan Chaffey V40, Mike Hill, V40, Michael Hickey V60, Mark Norris V50, Kevin Nicholson V50 & Tim Fowler V60.
**V45 County Champion – Alex Hamilton
V60 County Champion – Mark Slaney**

**SEAA XC Championships 2021 – Beckenham**On a bright and sunny day, the standout performance for BMH came in the Senior Women’s race. The club managed to claim the team **bronze** medal with 4 runners in the top 30.
Kate Estlea was first lady home in 12th, Charlotte Chalwin (20th), Charlotte Ragan (25th) and Maddie Deadman (26th) also scored. Also running were Kate Towerton, Rebecca Pearson and our two vet ladies Elaine Liversage & Cat Coveney.
U13 Girls – Team 8th. Uma Doublet, Alejandra Thomas, Daisy Allford, Georgi Barrett, Abigail Spencer, Celeste Vickers, Anna Edwards and Pasha Cobbett.
U13 boys - Travis Moore and Loki Chaffey

U15 Girls - Immi Edwards, Charlotte Vickers, Sophie Yates & Malindi New.

U15 Boys – Nicholas Thomas, Charlie Coveney & William Edwards.
U17 Women - Sienna Richardson and Megan Hope.
U17 Men – Ben White, Jack Hedderly, Tom Yates and Leo Liversage.

U20 Women – Freya Sutton
Senior/Vet Men - George Morris, Richard Brown & Terry Wegg.

**National XC Championships 2022 – Parliament Hill**
Takes place on Saturday 26th February

**Other XC Leagues**
BMH also competes in two Sunday league competitions aimed at increasing participation in the sport.
For the seniors there is the Southern Cross Country League (SCCL) and for the Juniors (U9-U15) the Junior Cross Country League (JXC)

**Southern XC League**
With one race to go, BMHAC sit top of the league having won outright 3 of the 4 fixtures and tied the other one.

**Junior Cross Country League**Formed as a development league for young athletes by BMH, Fleet and Andover in 2017, the league is run over 4 fixtures with the final match due to take place in March.

Terry Wegg
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