**Cross Country report February 2018**
**HCCL**
A big thank you to all the athletes and their parents who braved some torrid conditions over the winter in support of the club at the Hampshire Cross Country League.
A stand out for many I’m sure was the Biblical style rain and the uncompromising Butser hill at Queen Elizabeth Country Park back in November. Fortunately the weather conditions were more favourable for the season opener at Bournemouth, our home fixture at Popham and at Reading. The season finished with a new and varied course at Aldershot, which – despite the torrential rain – proved a popular course.

Athlete numbers were up slightly on 2016-17 however there are always gaps in our scoring teams that a club of BMHs size shouldn’t have issues with.
Our under 15 girls for example had just three runners compete in any races this season, as did our under 17 Men. Our veteran ladies only managed a scoring team once (in race one) with all the others only having one BMH vet representative.

Other age groups fared better and over the course of the season achieved success. Medals came in the U13 Girls category with the team taking bronze for the season and individual medals for Sienna Richardson 3rd & Isabelle Law 5th. U15 Boys took team silver, U17 women were second overall with individual golds for Alex Hamilton at V40, Izzy Mannion in U17 women and Maddie Deadman at U20 level.

Athletes that competed in at least 4 races in the 5 race series received individual ranking positions and more importantly contributed to the team’s successes.
Congratulations to these athletes:
U13 Girls - Macy Connolly, Poppy Morris, Grace Kirby, Harriet Duncombe & Jessie Hill
U13 Boys - Charlie Coveney, Jack Hedderly, Sam Read & Ben Read.
U15 Boys - Cameron Coveney 7th, Oli Morgan 9th, Josh Kemp & Alex Lakeland.
U17 Women - Rebecca Poole 8th, Bryony Henshall and Megan French
U17 Men - Jack Hempstead and Harrison Morgan
Senior, Vet & U20 Women: Charlotte Chalwin 7th, Gemma Bigg, Macy Watson (U20) & Nina Watkeys.
Senior, Vet & U20 Men: Rob wood 8th, James Beeks (U20) 12th, Javier Molina 19th, Chris Elmer, Alex Bigg (U20), Luca Chiossone, Mark Slaney (V50), John Bigg (V50), Terry Wegg (V50) & Mike Hickey (V50).

Many thanks to everyone else that competed in races this season.

**Hampshire XC Championships 2018**
U11 Girls - Macy Connolly - County Champion! Team 5th
Alyssa Page, Charlotte Dransfield & Emily Marshall
U11 Boys - Team 6th, Charlie Coveney 13th, Miles Dore, Kenoe Lewis, Jack Breeds, Alex Walker, Ben Kellard, Patrick Ruane
U13 Girls - Team Bronze, Sienna Richardson 5th, Grace Kirby 12th, Isabelle Law, Jessie Hill, Orla Galloway, Josie O’Neill, Fenella Ruane & Ellie SIngle
U13 Boys - Team 4th, Aidan Leavey 13th, Oliver Marshall 20th, Jude Harris, Will Kettle, Jack Hedderly, Ben White, Sam Read & Guy Stevens.
U15 Girls - no team, Iysha Morris 9th & Olivia Rugman
U15 Boys - Team 4th, Oli Morgan 11th, Cameron Coveney 16th, Josh Kemp 18th, Ted Hodgson, Oliver Smith, Will Parkinson, Harry Stevens, Alex Blackburn & Alex Lakeland.
U17 Women - Team Gold! Becca Bullock, silver, Izzy Mannion, bronze, Becca Poole 7th & Amelia Rugman.
U17 Men - Team 6th, Jack Hempstead 20th, James Porter, Harrison Morgan & Luca Hartley.
U20 Women - Maddie Deadman - County Champion!, Macy Watson 7th
Senior Women - Team 6th, Charlotte Chalwin 10th, Charlotte Earl 17th, Freya Davis & Gemma Bigg
Senior Men - Team 12th, Stephen Reid 15th, Alex Hamilton 17th, Andy Goddard, Terry Wegg, Rohan Chaffey & Michael Hickey.
Alex was also County Champion in the V40 category.

**SEAA XC Championships 2018**
U13G - Isabelle Law, 34th out of 232 runners
U13B - Guy Stevens first home, followed by Aidan Leavey, Will Kettle and James Ruth helping the team pick up 18th place
U15G - no athletes
U15B - Oli Morgan first back, with Cameron Coveney, Josh Kemp and Kean Hamilton-Jones helping the team take 20th.
U17W - Three top twenties with Becca Bullock in 12th, Izzy Mannion 13th and Becca Poole 20th.
U17M - The team finished 17th thanks to Jack Hempstead, James Porter, Harrison Morgan & Luca Hartley.
U20W - Maddie Deadman picked up 10th place with Macy Watson also competing.
U20M - James Beeks 17th and Alex Bigg ran.
SW - Charlotte Chalwin was our sole runner but placed a very competitive 43rd out of 351 runners.
SM - Alex Hamilton (V40) led the team home, supported by Stephen Reid, Andy Goddard & Terry Wegg (V50) as the team took 47th place (out of 75 complete teams).

The Nationals take place on Saturday 24th February

Terry Wegg
22/02/18