

# 1991 IRISH UNDERAGE CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1991 Irish Underage Championships took place in glorious sunshine on August 24th and 25th last, where 140 young cyclists gathered at Mosney Holiday Centre, Co. Meath to take part in the events based on the FIC's Development Programme. The participants included the Transdauphinoise Team who successfully represented Ireland in France recently.

The Championships were staged for U11, U12, U13 and U14 cyclists with representatives from all regions participating. Those taking part had qualified through separate Regional Championships held earlier in the year in each of the six regions. This was the first year for the Under 11's and 13's to participate in the new National Finals.

Each age group was asked to participate in three events; an obstacles/skills competition; a sprint and a controlled race with points awarded for each. Competitors in each age group with the most points accumulated for the three competitions were adjudged the overall winners.

## LARGE CROWDS

The obstacle skills course and sprints events were held in the grounds of Mosney Holiday Centre and attracted large crowds who witnessed the youngsters perform admirably. Obviously the hours spent developing these techniques during the weekly Development Programme sessions paid off with most competitors ably demonstrating the art of bunny hopping and slalom techniques as well as all the other skills learned over the FIC's 26-week long skills programme. The venue for the controlled races were switched at the last moment to nearby Gormanston College, a switch which was totally out of the organisers' control.

The atmosphere at Mosney captured the

fun element of the event with many young riders availing of the entertainment and leisure facilities available at the complex over their weekend stage.

All the cyclists were present at a grand presentation ceremony after all their exertions where everybody who took part received a certificate from FIC President Jack Watson. Medals and perpetual cups were presented to the overall winners, while each winner received flowers and a kiss on the cheek from Bronagh Dignam.

The FIC was extremely pleased with the way the event ran and are already planning next year's Finals where the Federation is looking towards cyclo-cross activities. It is also hoped that individual medals will be presented to the winner of each separate category in each age group and that there will be individual team prizes in each age category also.

## RESULTS

### Under 11

- (1) Paul Geary, Blackwater C.C.
- (2) Thomas Hogan, Blackwater CC
- (3) Sean McInerney, NT Oranmore CC

### Under 12

- (1) Derek Finnegan, Cuchullain C.C.
- (2) Peter Dunne, Team Maxworth
- (3) Brendan O'Leary, Hilltown C.C.

### Under 13

- (1) Adrian Hayes, Waterford C.C.
- (2) Freddie Coffey,  
Kielys Tipperary Whlrs.  
Paul O'Callaghan, Edenderry C.C.

### Under 14

- (1) Raymond Corbett, Cork C.C.
- (2) Bryan Geary, Balckwater C.C.  
John Burke, Logstrup Tuam C.c.

### Team Result

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| (1) Blackwater C.C.    | 419 points |
| (2) Logstrup Tuam C.C. | 393 points |
| (3) Cork C.C.          | 388 points |



Pictured at the 1991 Irish Cycling Under Age Championships which were held at Mosney Holiday Centre, Co. Meath (24th & 25th August) and organised by the Federation of Irish Cyclists are a group of participants.