

Brian Murray Wins World Title

Brian Murray, the Templederry native, competed this week at the World Police and Firearms Games in New York with fantastic results.

Brian who is based in the Garda College, Templemore represented Ireland in both the 1500 metres and 800 metres. Speaking after the event, Brian said “conditions were poor in the wake of Hurricane Irene but when you’re representing your country one gives 100% and I’m delighted to have achieved my dream of winning a World Championship medal”.

The Templemore Athletic Club man competed in the heats and finals of the 1500 metres on Tuesday and Wednesday last, 30th and 31st August. He stormed into the final and decided to do the front running with devastating effect and blew the opposition away to win the gold medal in a time of 3 mins 54 seconds.

After one days rest it was back to the athletic track in New York to run the 800m. What a race it turned out to be. The Irishman and the Venezuelan neck and neck, stride for stride over the two laps, both broke the old World Police Record and it took the Photo Finish camera to separate them . Brian won the silver medal in a time of 1 min 54.2 seconds.

His clubmates Johnny Doran, James Maher, Mark Saunders, Kenny McDonald and others were “over the moon” with this result.

Equally delighted are club coaches Martin Leyden and Seamus Hartigan. Martin, speaking on Saturday said; “ I have watched Brian go from a Munster “B” Cross Country winner to become a World Champion. This is simply another wonderful day in the History of Templemore Athletic Club.

Brian wishes to thank the Garda College and Liam Hennessy, President (Athletics Ireland) for their help in getting Brian to these prestigious championships.

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