

Junior Rep's Report 2020

Over the latter stages of lockdown, the older juniors began to focus on the EJYOC selection races in Graythwaite at the end of October. A North West coaching day for juniors of all ages was greatly appreciated and attended by many: training groups of around 6 juniors were divided across 3 maps in the South Lakes.

During the selection races themselves, a number of juniors attained superb results. In the sprint, Ali Thomas, Dan Spencer, Joe Hudd, Emma Crawford, Daisy Rennie and Issy Sunley finished in the top 5 in their respective categories. In the long, Ali and Dan once again came in the top 5, with Niamh joining them. On the Sunday middle, Ali, Dan and Joe locked out the podium in the M20 Category, whilst Niamh won a very competitive W20.

A number of juniors were selected for various opportunities. Ali Thomas, Dan Spencer, Joe Hudd and Niamh Hunter were chosen to run at a (now-cancelled) European Junior Championships. They expressed their thanks to the club for putting them in a position to achieve this. Furthermore, Issy Sunley was invited to a Talent Assessment Camp, a stepping stone to the British Talent Squad.

There was, understandably, great disappointment in being unable to run the Peter Palmer relays, especially when the success of previous years was taken into account. We look forward to running again next year and trying to continue our winning streak.

The chance to run (almost) as normal on Thursday evenings was welcomed by many juniors. The results are well populated with under 18s. A younger group at the top of the short course is evidence that the club continues to produce juniors of a high standard.

Joe Hudd – October 2020