

## Cómóráil Bliantúil 1950

Comairle Liaspóro-Láimhe na h-Éireann [C.L.C.S.]. Tuairiscéadán an Rúnáil agus Cuntaí an Aifreid.

Tionólar an Cómóráil in Orlán na gCeitire gCúirteanna [Four Courts Hotel, Inn's Quay], Át Cliaí ar  
8-4-1950—4 p.m.-6 p.m. agus 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

## An Clár

- I. Mion-Tuairiscí
- II. Tuairiscéadán [1948-'49]
- III. Tuairisc an Rúnáil agus Cuntaí an Aifreid
- IV. Tosaíocht na h-Oirisead—1950  
[a] Caithneamh. [b] Rúnáil
- V. Rám

[a] Caithneamh : P. D. O. Bhríam [Loc Sárman] ; Seorán O h-Áineirín [Tiobairt Árman] ; An Canónaí Mac Namalcoinn [An Clár] ; P. Uaf Mac Caithneamh [Muigheo].

[b] Rúnáil : An Doctúir C. S. O. Nairíocht [Át Cliaí]\*  
C. S. Mac Uileasóro [Cill Dara].

## Na Rám :

1. That the Secretary make out a list of championship matches for each round and forward a copy to each County Secretary.
- 1a That this list of fixtures be strictly adhered to and that a county failing to fulfil an engagement automatically concede a walk-over to its opponent.
2. That in first round matches each county drawn shall meet its opponent in all grades of softball or hardball.
3. That all matches take place on same day at same venue.
- 4 That all first drawn counties be given a home venue and be responsible for catering for travelling players.
5. That the Council refund to County Louth travelling expenses incurred travelling to Depot to play Westmeath (Louth).
6. That the General Secretary forward to newspapers, at least five days previous to the fixtures, notification of an important match.
7. In the event of inclement weather some system of cancellation be arranged so that no unnecessary expense be incurred by competing counties.
8. That in the fixing of inter-county matches consideration be given to venues where the Association would benefit by best gates.
9. That an official be appointed at all fixtures to send in results of matches at a fixed time on Sunday night to Radio Éireann. That Station to appoint an official to receive such reports.
10. That Radio Éireann be requested to give prominence in the Gaelic Sports Talk on Sunday nights to handball during the playing season.
11. That a telephone be installed in the General Secretary's residence to facilitate him in dealing with matters of urgent importance.
12. That competitors be attired in the colours of their respective counties.
13. That on the occasion of finals an official reception be held.
14. That the Association take the necessary steps to have the Cup presented by the late Cardinal McRory in 1937-38 season again restored for competition.
15. That an all-out effort be made to promote handball in all Schools and Colleges and that competitions be arranged accordingly (Tipperary).
- 16\* That rule books be made available (Wexford).
- 17\* That County Boards be notified at least 14 days before the playing of fixtures in which either players or their courts are concerned.
- 18\* That All-Ireland championships be played in the hardball code in singles and doubles for players under 18.
- 19\* That All-Ireland finals and semi-finals be fixed for enclosed courts if such finals have not been played by September the 1st.
- 20\* That we consider the entrance fees charged at the Depot Court for the All-Ireland finals is far more detrimental than helpful to the promotion and furtherance of the game (Dublin).
21. That all Provincial championships be completed by 1st of August and that semi-finals in all grades of softball be completed by September the 1st in Provincial centres where possible, and the finals in Junior and Minor grades be played in Provincial centres, too, during the month of September in order to stimulate interest in the game throughout the country.
22. To consider the advisability of having a suitable court in Dublin which would be suitable for playing All-Ireland matches at all times.
23. That the expenses incurred by Mayo in connection with the All-Ireland semi-final and final in 1949, as claimed, be allowed by Central Council (Muigheo).
24. Moltar do Comairle Liaspóro-Láimhe na h-Éireann com-obair go dtí le Cumann Luit-Cliaí gael cun aibéadant na teangan a cun cun éinn éite bealaí gur féidir leo, mar sin le fógraí, cumntar iúl. (Cill Dara)

\* Received subsequent to closing date for receipt of motions (March the 1st).

Tharabáil Cinn-Éiliana—Aibreán, 1950.

## Cómhairle Liathróid-Láimhe na hÉireann

I r beas an tréimhe i saol dúine no náisiún Éiliana. I r fíor fan. Tá tuiseal an tréimhe i r reas i r mó an dialgar oraimne é cur cairde. An raib an Éiliana atá tairt toréad ó taob an éilide den éirte? Tá maí lion ra, ac go h-áiríte rmaíomam go raib.

Ac i r fada rinn ó beir páirt ná ríu leat-páirta leir an rceal. Tá ríol na haitheoána curta fan itir ac muna ndeimear é do coitú asur do éomíad asur muna ndeimear é do rpreasat éum páir ní beir mpan méro atá véanta ac obair m airce. Ac tá doar asainn ar an tobaat. Tá munnim asainn ar snat-éomne na tíre reo—munnim go toóspair ríad éirteanna i bparóirte asur ríad-éilite asur go scóirfeas ar i r rcealtaré éilide asur munnim i r fad éairn den tír.

Tá rcamail fór ar íosar na rreir ó éuaró .i. ní raib páirtead mpan comóirteir imÉiliana ac ceirte cinn de naoi scóirte éilide. Tá éadéatáir fé leir, éar nois, le páir ac-ran ac téigim i scóirte orá asur ná bimir toiceatáir fé. Ruó eile reas rírt na scóirte. Ná cóir leirte do fad éilite rceite a ríat éilide ó munnim? Ná éomim éasóir ar éadéatáir éomíad ar bírt éur mian leir beir páirtead náir scóirteir.

T. S. MAC UILEAGÓID,

Runai, Comhairle Liathroid-lamhe na hEireann.

1949 has been a year of change in many ways. Titles have changed hands, which is itself a sign of strength, but much more has changed, too. Titles have gone North, South, East and West—and players unheard of before the past season threaten the supremacy of the older champions. We welcome them all and if I extend a special welcome to those from the West and North I will be forgiven.

To give a survey of the financial position subsequent to 1932, as has hitherto been the custom, serves no useful purpose. I would, however, respectfully submit to the parent body the need for an increase in the £200 grant. That amount was, relatively speaking, almost twice as valuable to the Handball Association twenty years ago than it is to-day. Whilst treating of finance I must draw attention to the need for clarifying beyond all doubt the question of paying expenses to more than the actual players engaged at a venue. The need for an official to travel with players ceases, in my opinion, when there are three or more players from the same county engaged. This is of considerable importance, as we must try and lessen financial burdens falling upon the Central Council (G.A.A.) until such time as Croke Park is completed. And it is the wish of every member that 1950 will see the court at headquarters ready, or in course of preparation, to house our All-Ireland finals.

We had twenty-four of the Thirty-two Counties taking part in 1949. That meant that eleven more counties participated in the All-Ireland championships than in the previous year. We want 32 counties to take part in this year's championships. In the coming season I hope to see every parish training at least one representative to win glory for his club. We know from the example of the Horse and Jockey, Dungarvan, Clongulane, Delvin, Lahorna, Bantry, Fahy Cross and Ballindangan, that there is still spirit and initiative in our people. Such voluntary work is beyond all praise. We want more units of ten or twenty men in every townland to clear the derelict sites, level vacant spaces and build ballcourts. That is a sure way of arousing pride in our games in our country.

To attempt to run a Schools and Colleges Championship must be considered a disappointment. No boy should be debarred from playing our native games. What matter if the school or college in which he finds himself chooses to ignore the call of our Gaelic games provided that he remains true to them.

I am still far from satisfied with the attire of our players in inter-county games. The unfavourable comments of spectators compel me to direct the attention of Congress to the need for insisting on the wearing of distinctively coloured singlets during the entire game. The dignity of our All-Ireland finals has been marred by the failure of our leading players to wear the singlets of their county.

In this year, when the eyes of many handballers will be focussed on the competition for the new challenge cup, I want to ask all counties to forward, if possible, at least one entry in hardball. There are good players in every province whose strength and stamina could win them new honours with the older ball.

A disquieting feature of the past season was the small entry from Ulster, where our native games have a hard struggle to survive. I feel that no effort should be spared to develop the game there, and I would suggest that a special meeting be held representative of the northern counties. The hurling and football clubs should be approached with a view to finding one player to play for the honour of his county in handball. With the same end in view I would like Congress to give its consideration to venues other than Dublin for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

I think that the game has been given considerably more space in the daily Press than in previous years. We feel that we can make our fixtures even more attractive and gain an even greater measure of publicity for them during the coming year. My best thanks are due to the Editors of both Provincial and Dublin papers.

To the officials and members of the Central Council (G.A.A.) for their generosity in giving us the fine trophy for Senior H.B. Singles, to the Secretaries and members of the Provincial Councils for bearing with my many demands on them, and, particularly, in the case of Leinster, for advertising my fixtures on the posters for matches, to the members of the County Boards for putting handball on a new footing—my grateful thanks. And I cannot conclude without thanking An Brathair O Muirthille of Artane, for his invaluable help in making safe the old craft of hardball making, and also the Garda authorities for so often and so willingly placing the Depot court at our disposal.

Mass will be offered for deceased members of the Handball Association at the Franciscan Church, Merchant's Quay, at 11.30 on Easter Sunday morning.

T. S. MAC UILEAGÓID,

Runai, Comhairle Liathróid-láimhe na hEireann.

# AUDITORS REPORT

The Chairman and Members of:  
Irish Amateur Handball Association,  
Gaelic Athletic Association,  
per T. J. McElligott, Esq.,  
Hon. Secretary.

A Chairde,

We have audited the books of the Association for the year ended 31st December, 1949. Enclosed are certified copies of Revenue Account showing the working of the Year and of Balance Sheet showing the financial position of the Association at the end of the year.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT

Income for the year, comprising Affiliation and Entrance Fees, £9-19-0; Gate Receipts, £168-3-6; Grant from the Central Council, £200, and sale of Handballs, £4-17-0, amounted to £402-19-6. Expenditure for the year came to £499-3-10. The Income and Grant from the Central Council was insufficient to meet the Expenditure by £96-4-4.

In the preceding auditing period the account showed a Loss of £79-14-2, but in the course of this year's audit it transpired that additional 1948 Income was received to the extent of £25-13-6, and there was Expenditure properly chargeable to 1948 and also to the year 1946 of £41-13-3. Rather than have these items affecting the present account they have been dealt with in the Balance Sheet by adjustment of the Deficiency carried forward from last year. Taking account of the 1948 items in this year as if they had been brought into the 1948 account, the Loss in this year of £96-4-4 is comparable with the Loss in 1948 of £9-13-1. Gate Receipts in 1949 were £61-8-5 greater than in the year 1948, but Teams' Expenses were greater in 1949 than in the preceding year by £45-15-1. There is a charge of £7-7-6 for Referees' Expenses, and of £15 for Chairman's Travelling Expenses to the 1949 account which had no equivalents in the year 1948. The change to the account under review for Handballs was much greater than the preceding year.

## BALANCE SHEET.

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1949, consisted of Cash at Bank, £62-19-11; Stock of Handballs, £2-8-0, and a Cup which is not valued for Balance Sheet purposes. The total of the Assets was £65-7-11. Liabilities at the same date came to £230-12-6. The Deficiency of Assets to meet Liabilities at the end of the year was £215-4-7.

The past three audited accounts have shown Losses which increased the Deficiency from £8-7-2 at 9th February, 1947, to the present figure of £215-4-7. It is obvious that the Association will be in financial difficulties unless Income can be raised or Expenditure curtailed.

The vouching of the Expenditure was satisfactory. We did not see signed Gate Vouchers and would recommend that a Gate Voucher Book be kept which would be signed by at least two independent officials present at the Gates.

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# IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME			
1949—Dec. 31				1949—Dec. 31			
To Teams' Expenses:				By Affiliation and Entrance			
Cork .. .. .	22	17	0	Fees:		Affiliation Entrance	
Cavan .. .. .	13	17	6	Kildare .. .. .	0	10	0
Dublin .. .. .	26	1	3	— Clare .. .. .	0	4	0
Kilkenny .. .. .	7	0	0	— Cork .. .. .	0	16	0
Kerry .. .. .	48	11	3	— Carlow .. .. .	0	10	0
Monaghan .. .. .	52	13	0	Dublin .. .. .	1	2	0
Roscommon .. .. .	7	4	0	Waterford .. .. .	0	8	0
Tipperary .. .. .	60	0	6	Kilkenny .. .. .	1	0	0
Wexford .. .. .	33	7	3	Limerick .. .. .	0	5	0
			271 11 9	Kerry .. .. .	0	5	0
Referees' Expenses .. .. .	7	7	6	— Mayo .. .. .	0	10	0
Medals .. .. .	45	0	0	Meath .. .. .	—	—	—
Meeting Expenses .. .. .	12	0	0	Roscommon .. .. .	0	4	0
Chairman's Travelling Expenses .. .. .	15	0	0	Galway .. .. .	0	14	0
Secretary's Travelling Expenses .. .. .	39	9	0	Tipperary .. .. .	0	4	0
Secretary's Petty Expenses .. .. .	11	9	5	Wexford .. .. .	1	10	0
Secretary's Honorarium .. .. .	50	0	0	Louth .. .. .	0	6	0
Printing, Stationery and Advertising .. .. .	14	12	10	— Offaly .. .. .	0	5	0
Purchase of and Repairs of Handballs .. .. .	23	17	8	Sligo .. .. .	0	10	0
Audit and Accountancy Fees .. .. .	5	5	0	Westmeath .. .. .	0	12	0
Bank Charges and Cheque Books .. .. .	2	10	8	Wicklow .. .. .	0	4	0
Cleaning Depot Court .. .. .	1	0	0				
							29 19 0*
			£499 3 10				

### Gate Receipts:

1949

Aug. 28, at Tralee .. .. .	13	4	0
Aug. 28, at Lurgan .. .. .	11	0	6
Sept. 4, at Depot .. .. .	5	2	0
Sept. 11, at Depot .. .. .	5	18	0
Sept. 11, at Hollymount .. .. .	26	15	9
Sept. 28, at Depot .. .. .	10	11	6
Oct. 2, at Depot .. .. .	27	6	0
Oct. 9, at Ballymore-Eustace .. .. .	26	8	5½
Oct. 16, at Depot .. .. .	30	19	2½
Oct. 30, at Navan .. .. .	10	13	1
			168 3 6
Grant from Central Council .. .. .	200	0	0
Sales of Handballs .. .. .	4	17	0
Excess for year of Expenditure over Income .. .. .	96	4	4
			£499 3 10

\* Ulster held separate championship.

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
Teams' Expenses .. .. .	135	7	6	Cash at Bank .. .. .	62	19	11
Medals, 1948 (estimated) .. .. .	45	0	0	Stock of Handballs .. .. .	2	8	0
Medals, 1949 do. .. .. .	45	0	0	Purcell Cup (in possession of			
Honorarium to Secretary .. .. .	50	0	0	Larry Roe) .. .. .			
Audit Fee .. .. .	5	5	0	Deficiency as at 31st December, 1948	103	0	6
			280 12 6	Add: Excess for year of Expenditure			
				over Income .. .. .	96	4	4
					£199	4	10
				Aud: Further expenses of former			
				years paid during year .. .. .	43	13	3
					£240	18	1
				Less: Further Income from previous			
				year .. .. .	25	13	6
				Deficiency at date .. .. .			215 4 7
			£280 12 6				£280 12 6

Prepared from the Books and Records of the Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association, and from information supplied and certified to be correct and in accordance therewith.

13 Westmoreland Street,  
Dublin,  
4th March, 1950.

D. O'CONNOR & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.