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## AN COMHÓDÁIL BLIANTÚIL 1951

Comhairle Liathróirí na h-Éireann. C.L.C.S. Tuairiscbáil an Rúnaí agus Cuntaí an Aire

Tionóltar an Comhóid i bPáirc an Chrócaigh, Ác Cliaé ar 31-3-1951. 3.30 p.m.

### AN CLÁR

- I. Mion-Tuairiscí
- II. Tuairiscbáil (1949-50).
- III. Tuairisc an Rúnaí agus Cuntaí an Aire.
- IV. Tosaí na h-Ofigeas—1951.
  - (a) Caisleán; (b) Rúnaí.
  - (a) Pádraig Mac Congaí (Múigeo).
  - (b) J. P. Lynch (Dublin); T. S. Mac Uilleasáir (Cill Dara).

Na Rúnaí:

### ÁRÁDAR RÚNAÍ

1. Pe iarratáir a Dáineann Craobh Dúngaí amach, ba éaprt dó tuit imán áro Spáio an bliam i rin.—(Súgeas).
2. Súrab ofigeas fearmáe an Rúnaí.
3. So ttonóltar an Comhóid bliantúil im na Cuigí fé feas.
4. So rocpaíonn an Comhóid cluice tuallae beic ra cúipe Liathróirí Láimhe i Horse and Jockey g i mí Bealtaine i mbliana eun gáil amach an bPáirc cúipe be'n déanam rin páraí, nó a n eun Cluicí Ceannair o'mmipe iorta.
5. So rocpaíonn an Comhóid an Uon Ofigeas q ceaprt (a) taircíl mairce le h-imipeipí so tci Ceannair; (b) Naé utugtar o'laon ofigeas raop-éaprt tuit mearc so tci aon cluice cean.
6. So utogann an Comhóid Liorta Ofigiúil miltóipí agus maircáilite le h-ágaró na gcluicí Ce (Tiobraio áro
7. That championships be run for Minor Hardball Singles and Doubles.
8. That two (2) representatives from each Provincial Council sit on the Central Council.
9. That the travelling allowance be increased to 1/- (one shilling) per mile as heretofore allowed. (Ác Cliaé)
10. That in future the Annual Congress be held in each Province on a rotational basis, instead of being Dublin each year.—(Múigeo).
11. That strong representation be made to the Central Council G.A.A. to have Croke Park Court covered immediately.—(Lugbáirí).
12. That Croke Park Court be covered, if possible, before the present extensions are completed.—(Cork).
13. Súp ceaprt tton do cúip ar an cúipe Liathróirí-Láimhe i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ionnup Súp fértip ceannair na típe o'mmipe ann.—(Cill Dara).

### CURÁÍ NA HEIREANN—1950

- Liathróirí-Éruaró Craobh Éimíir Sinnreap: Cill Dara.  
Liathróirí-Éruaró Craobh Veirce Sinnreap: Ác Cliaé.  
Liathróirí-Éruaró Craobh Éimíir, Sóirreap: Cill Dara.  
Liathróirí-Éruaró Craobh Veirce, Sóirreap: Cill Dara.  
Liathróirí-bog, Craobh Éimíir, Sinnreap: Tiobraio áraim.  
Liathróirí-bog, Craobh Veirce, Sinnreap: Tiobraio áraim.  
Liathróirí-bog, Craobh Éimíir, Sóirreap: Ác Cliaé.  
Liathróirí-bog, Craobh Veirce, Sóirreap: Múigeo.  
Liathróirí-bog, Craobh Éimíir, Monáir: Cill Comnig.  
Liathróirí-bog, Craobh Veirce, Monáir: Múigeo.

Tá bliain éile imíte agus cé go raib breir imirceoirí páirteac in na comóirceirí ar fuo na tíre tá bótar fava le ruidat asann go fóill.

O'anneom na n-éiríonn ar neam-fuim na n-áiríar igcuro ver na contaece ríum naé aibéirí uim-rá a raó go mberí coraóirí ar faoear na n-aoine a oibíonn go fommán uóinn ar fuo na tíre. Ir oé liom naé bfuair cúnán dá luiseao ná, uaireanna, fuí aibáin freaíra ó nuaite áirce. 'Siaó fan na naoine aca in ainn beir as fopbaire na fcluící agus taobac uóinne. In cabair uóinn iao ac a mairce.

Ir oé liom a raó leir go bfuil an áirce liatpóir-láime—i bPáirc an Chócais san uion go fóill. Ac nílirio san uócar cé sup fava an tréimre, cúis bliana véas, ó fcluíc uóinn go fcluíc é. Da maic an fuo é dá uabairí faoi'n obair i mbliana mar ní uóca go n-irleofar cortairí tóíca fan uócaí. Ir mme agus ní feabair acá as teacé ar an áirce an fuo ir a uóinn rí ar fur uon faoi ir uon bairce. Ir mme rmaointe na n-áirce ar Páirc an Chócais. Ná ceipmír oíca fuo a áircear rreir fan liatpóir-láime ac bío áirce ann a áircear móiríac agus móirac cine oíca in ionao náire agus ceann-ré.

The year 1950 marks the end of a half a century. For us it marks the end of the first quarter of the Handball Association's existence. Much has been accomplished in those 25 years. Much more remains to be done. Each year must show an advance towards our goal—a strong thirty-two county organisation. Is there no one in the unaffiliated counties of Laois, Leitrim, Longford, of Down, Derry, Fermanagh and Tyrone to lead the way?

While the building of courts continues, the work could be extended if only each County Handball Secretary sought to have one court built in his county with the aid of the special grants for the Relief of Unemployment. I would ask each Secretary to consider the towns and villages in his area and seek to establish a committee in one such town or village for the purpose of building a ballcourt.

There is no village in Ireland so small, no area so poor, no community so lacking in leadership that it cannot build a ballcourt. The gravel and sand, the horses and carts, the picks and shovels, the muscles and strength are there. And those who do build will have their reward when to the marker's cry of "Tally, look sharp, game ball," they shout home their first All-Ireland handball champion.

Start to-day and we will give you advice and plans, costs and specifications. Ireland needs such voluntary workers to clear the derelict sites, the grass-grown ruins and build the courts of to-morrow. (Provincial secretaries should note that it is hoped to open the following new courts during the coming season and they are asked to seek vacant dates as soon as possible):

Ballindine and Cloongullane (Connacht).

Birr (Leinster).

Kilgobinet, Tipperary, Dungarvan and Tramore—the last named with glass backwall. (Munster).

Of the four provinces only Leinster has a Handball Council. The strength of the central organisation is based on Co. Committees and Provincial Councils. Only when properly convened meetings are held, officers elected, championships run off and an audited balance sheet presented at the end of the year can it be said that the province is doing its part. When the present constitution was adopted in 1949 it was accepted that such councils would be set up. Munster, Ulster and Connacht have yet to do so.

The attitude of certain County G.A.A. Boards to those within the county eager and willing to organise handball clubs and affiliate such clubs to the G.A.A. is anything but helpful. It is false to speak of the progress of the national games within those counties. Progress means advancement. There is no progress when no effort is spared to discourage the youths—many of them hurlers and footballers also—who want to play handball.

There is still much work to be done by the Schools' and Colleges Council in every province. The Leinster Colleges Council made a beginning in 1950 and the Munster Colleges' Council has promoted a Handball Championship for which twelve colleges have entered. It is hoped that by the end of 1951 the Colleges' Councils in the other provinces will bring the total for the whole country to well over 50 colleges.

The great weakness of the game in Ulster is the absence of standard courts. To remedy this I have suggested to the Secretary of the Ulster Council that a small sum of money be set aside—to be divided each year between the clubs within the province which undertake the construction of a court. The money to be granted only on work done.

I would ask clubs in neighbouring counties to organise challenge matches on, if possible, a home-and-home basis. What I have in mind is the type of challenge issued recently by the Army Club (Kildare) to the Fahy Cross Club (Offaly) in handball and softball. I wish to stress the importance of the handball in these matches. Handball is the oldest known form of the game. It was always the game of the Irish countryside in areas where only small communities existed. Anyone who witnessed last year's Senior Finals, each of which lasted over two hours, knows the high qualities of our players.

During 1951 I hope that all counties will try and increase their entries for the handball championships. Otherwise there is a danger that we shall have to cancel the All-Ireland and promote only provincial championships. The title "All-Ireland champion" is scarcely earned by the player who plays but two matches.

While softballs were extremely plentiful during 1950, the quality was often deplorable. Yet few handball secretaries took the trouble to report defects to me or to forward me unsatisfactory ones. Those who did so found that the bad ones were replaced immediately by Messrs. Elvery's. One G.A.A. Co. Secretary held, as an excuse for not promoting championships in his county, that handballs were unobtainable! At no time, up to October the 31st, had I less than one dozen in stock.

The Gaels of 32 counties look to Croke Park as the headquarters of the national games. The completion of the handball court was promised for 1936. My Council is convinced that no one will oppose our request that the work be undertaken before the present extensions are completed. Without a ballcourt it is not a national stadium in the sense that the word "national" was used by the founders of the Association. I am fully aware of the heavy financial commitments of the Association, I am conscious of the prior claims of many grounds, but I also feel that our claim is not an unreasonable one.

While an improvement is noticeable in the attire of our players, certain counties are still lacking in pride. An All-Ireland Handball Final is an event. Our players must be aware of increasing interest in the event. There is only one standard for those taking the highest!

I discussed the problem of broadcasting with the Radio authorities as per direction of last year's Congress. The opinion was then expressed that there was a growing demand for news of each week-end's games, and that the demand would best be met by a brief handball survey each Sunday night. Mr. Ingoldsby and Mr. O'Riordan represented the Director of Broadcasting at the interview and were most helpful. It was decided to submit the proposals agreed on to officials of the Dublin County Handball Committee and to Mr. Francis MacManus, General Features Officer.

Only nine of the twenty-five counties to which I wrote send a report of handball activities during 1950, viz.: Mayo, Sligo, Antrim, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Carlow, Kilkenny, Westmeath and Wexford.

The first official reception held on the night of the Senior Final was an unqualified success. Our sincere thanks are due to the President of the Council, Chief, Supt. O'Meara, and to the Officers and Sergeants of the Garda Depot, Phoenix Park, for their welcome on that occasion.

In thanking the Central Council of the G.A.A. for help and guidance throughout the year I would like to place on record the extent to which the new Challenge Cup has been responsible for the new enthusiasm for handball and the practical assistance which the plans of Croke Park Court have been to clubs planning similar courts. To the Provincial Secretaries who answered my many demands on them are due my grateful thanks and to such county secretaries as spared neither time nor expense in their efforts to promote the game. Any record of thanks would be incomplete without mention of the O'Keefe family of the Horse and Jockey to whom the handballers of Ireland owe a debt of gratitude for their hospitality and kindness. Messrs. Kennedy, O'Brien & Sons (Milford), Ltd., Co. Carlow have, through Mr. B. O'Brien, promised the Council a gift of skins for the making of handballs. We hope to acknowledge this gift and thank the firm for its munificence at a little ceremony later in the year.

Mass will be offered for deceased members of the Handball Association at the Franciscan Church, Merchant's Quay, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April the 1st.

# 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, 1950. We enclose Account showing the working of the year and Balance Sheet, showing the financial position of the Association end of the year.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT

Income for the year, consisting of Affiliation Fees, £19 14s. 0d.; Gate Receipts, £161 1s. 0d.; Central Grants, £350; Advertising in Programmes and Sales of Programmes, £4 19s. 6d. and Sales of Handballs, £9 amounted in total to £544 15s. 2d. Expenditure for the period came to £481 12s. 8d. The Surplus for the year £63 2s. 6d.

In the preceding year there had been a loss of £96 4s. 4d. according to the Revenue Account submitted, but this year it transpired that Liabilities at 31st December, 1949, were understated by £27 3s. 3d., and there was a Income for the year 1949 of £1 6s. 0d. Furthermore, in this year a supplementary grant of £100 was from the Central Council on account of the year 1949. For comparative purposes, therefore, the Loss would eventually have been £22 1s. 7d. The adjustments for the year 1949 are not brought through the Account of this year, but are adjusted in the Balance Sheet on the Deficiency figure.

As compared with the year 1949, Affiliation Fees from twenty-five counties came to £19 14s. 0d. as against Affiliation Fees of £9 19s. 0d. from nineteen counties; Gate Receipts were less by £7 2s. 6d. and Central Grants were greater by £50. On the Expenditure side of the account Teams' Travelling Expenses were £35 6s. 9d.; the cost of medals was greater by £10 and Expenses of Meetings were greater by £15 0s. 4d.

## BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1950 amounted to £29 8s. 8d. Liabilities at the same date came to £107 8s. 0d. The liability for the cost of Medals was estimated at £55. The Liabilities of the Association exceeded its assets at the end of the year by £77 19s. 4d.

If in the year 1951 income and expenditure remained similar to the year 1950 and the Central Council were maintained at £350 this Deficiency should be almost wiped out at the end of the year.

The Accounts were vouched satisfactorily.

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D. O'CONNOR & CO

## IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAEILIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1950—Dec. 31.		By Affiliation Fees:	
To Teams' Expenses:		— Antrim	2 0
Cavan	19 7 0	— Armagh	12 0
Cork	17 4 0	— Carlow	10 0
Dublin	24 16 0	— Cavan	8 0
Kilkenny	27 13 0	— Clare	8 0
Kerry	38 0 0	— Cork	1 12 0
Mayo	39 19 0	— Donegal	2 0
Monaghan	4 10 0	— Dublin	1 16 0
Roscommon	6 0 0	— Galway	14 0
Tipperary	19 9 6	— Kerry	6 0
Wexford	27 11 6	— Kildare	14 0
Kildare	11 13 0	— Kilkenny	1 4 0
	236 5 0	— Limerick	2 0
Medals	55 0 0	— Louth	16 0
Insurance of Cup	1 0 0	— Mayo	1 16 0
Meeting Expenses	27 0 4	— Meath	10 0
Secretary's Travelling and		— Monaghan	14 0
Hotel Expenses	32 4 0	— Offaly	18 0
Secretary's Honorarium	50 0 0	— Roscommon	1 0 0
Printing, Stationery and		— Sligo	16 0
Advertising	25 18 5	— Tipperary	1 6 0
Handballs	16 11 5	— Waterford	10 0
Audit and Accountancy Fees	8 8 0	— Westmeath	16 0
Bank Charges and Cheque Books	1 9 4	— Wexford	1 12 0
Cleaning Depot Court	1 0 0	— Wicklow	10 0
Secretary's Petty Expenses	13 19 2		
Radio Eireann Feature from		" Gate Receipts:	
Ballymore-Eustace	6 17 0	1950	
All-Ireland Final Reception		Aug. 13 at Nenagh	9 0 0
Expenses	15 7 6	Aug. 20 at Lurgan	8 17 0
Less: Receipts	9 7 6	Aug. 27 at Kilkenny	14 10 0
Balance, Excess for year of		Aug. 27 at Depot	20 4 0
Income over Expenditure	63 2 6	Aug. 27 at Hollymount	20 14 0
		Sept. 3 at Depot	4 5 6
		Sept. 10 at Clogh	14 4 0
		Sept. 17 at Fahy's Cross	23 15 0
		Sept. 24 at Depot	7 13 0
		Oct. 1 at Depot	40 1 0
			163 3 6
		Less: Share of Gate paid	
		to Leinster	2 2 6
		" Sales of Programmes	
		Advertising in Programmes	
		Sales of Handballs	
		" Central Council:	
		Annual Grant	200 0 0
		Supplementary Grant	150 0 0

544 15 2

**IRISH AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950.**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Teams' Expenses:			Cash in hands	5 0 11	
Kerry	38 0 0		Cash at Bank	8 8 3	13 9 1
Roscommon	6 0 0	44 0 0	Stock of Handballs		1 7 0
Medals—estimated		55 0 0	Debtor for Handball		3 0
Audit and Accountancy Fees		8 8 0	Debtor for Printing—Waterford		3 0
		107 8 0	Debtors for Affiliation Fees:		
			Donegal	2 0	
			Galway	14 0	
			Meath	10 0	
			Tipperary	1 2 0	
			Waterford	8 0	2 16 0
			Telephone Deposit		11 10 0
			Purcell Cup in possession of J. J. Bergin, Tipperary		
			Corn na h-Eireann in possession of R. Grattan, Kildare		
			Deficiency at at 31st December 1949	215 4 7	
			Add: Liabilities understated at 31st December, 1949	27 3 3	
				242 7 10	
			Less: Supplementary Grant received from Central Council for the year ended 31st December, 1949	100 0 0	
				142 7 10	
			Less: Additional Income for the year ended 31st December, 1949	1 6 0	
				141 1 10	
			Less: Excess for year of Income over Expenditure	63 2 6	
			Deficiency at date		77 19
		107 8 0			107 8

We have examined the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association, have compared them with the books and vouchers submitted to us and we certify them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

13, Westmoreland Street,  
Dublin.  
10th February, 1951.

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