

An Comhóil Bliantúil 1952
Comairle Liathróid-Láime na hÉireann,
C.L.É.É.

TUARASCÓIL AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CÚNTAS AN AIRSIO, 1951.

Tionóiltear an Comhóil
i bpráire an Éiriceais . áit chlaí,
ar 16-3-1952. 2 p.m.

AN CLÁR

1. Mion-Tuairiceí.
2. Tuairiceóil 1950-'51,
3. Tuairice an Rúnaí agus Cuntaí an Airsio.
4. Togháid na hÉiriceais, 1952.
(a) Cúntasleá. (b) Rúnaí.
5. Na Rúnaí.

NA HOIFRISÍ:

Cúntasleá: P. S. Mac Congáin (Muirgeo); S. Ó Dúinn (Cill Coinnig); S. Ó Moiráin
(Muineacán); An Ceannport Ó Súilleabháin (Iar-míde); A. Ó Cléirig (áit chlaí).

Rúnaí: S. Ó Liogáin (áit chlaí); An Doctóir C. B. Ó Haráid (áit chlaí); S. Ó Moiráin
(Muineacán); T. S. Mac Uileagóir (Cill Dara).

Com-Éiriceoirí: S. Ó Liogáin (áit chlaí); S. de Róiste (Tiobraid Árann).

- (1) That the final of the Junior Doubles, which is unfinished, be played off early in May next.—(Mungheo).
- (2) That the motion adopted at last year's Congress be implemented insofar as representation from each province.
- (3) That Congress strongly protest at the condition of Croke Park Court, which they consider a disgrace for the Headquarters of the G.A.A.
- (4) That Dublin be paid the amount outstanding on their furnished account for 1951.
- (5) That County Committees be given at least 14 days' notice when All-Ireland fixtures are being arranged for courts in their areas.—(Ath Cliath).
- (6) That Handball Referees in all Championships be required to forward report as laid down in Rule 104 (e) Page 95 O.G., 1950, so that Rule 126, Page 195, O.G., can be enforced when necessary.
- (7) That instructions be given to Referees and Markers in all Championships that all announcements made by them on decisions and marking must be audible.

- (8) That All-Ireland Minor Handball Championships be run.
- (9) That all expenses in connection with Inter-Provincial matches be paid within the current year.
- (10) That a Scoreboard, visible to players and spectators, be provided at all Championship matches.
- (11) That the attention of players be drawn to Rule 82, Page 83 in the O.G.
- (12) That all County Championship, Inter-County, Inter-Provincial and Inter-College matches be played in Four Wall Courts.
- (13) That results of all Inter-County, Inter-Provincial, Semi-final and Final matches be sent to Radio Éireann for inclusion in Gaelic Sports News on Sunday night.—(Ciarrai).
- (14) That Council pay full voucher travelling and hotel expenses in respect of players' and officials competing in All-Ireland Championships.—(An Cabhan).

Tá bliain eile slánúite ag an Comhairle agus cé gur mó iomaire atá le creabhadh againn pós sílim go bfuil tuit cun cinn éigin déanta i rit na bliana atá eart.

Tá súil againn nac mbitear na bliain orm, siocair ceist na cúirte i bpláir an Crócaig a éabhróil annso arís. Ní fólar dúinn béit réiteac 'nár ndearad agus domán anois nac péirir tinn beir ag brat an árus na nSéaróir. Táimr éar a beir buíoc ar a bfuil déanta ag an Comhairle go dtí seo ac tá gear-gá le cúirte níos oimhnaí dos na cluicí ceannais.

Tá an cluicé níos treise na riam inagá cúige lasmuic de cúige Ulao. Tá deacractai faoi leir le sonnrú in Ulao ac is fú, m' tuairim-se scéim éigin, cosúil leis an scéim a cosnuíod anuraid i gcúige Laigean, ionnus go mbeir cabaír éigin (fú caoga no céad púnc) le fáil ag na skáir-bailte agus na bailte sa cúige gur mian leo cúirte do tógail. I dtír mar seo 'na bfuilimr ag iarrad ar moí maireactála fém agus ar scluicí fém a comneit slán, beo sé tubaistead i gearr leignt don cluicé tuit in éag sa Tuaisceart.

Is tuat deire don diogais. Na beag ar mbuiccas gan na rúnaité tait an tír do tuad. Is ortá agus ar na hoipisig a riaras na cumairin atá nac agus pás an cluicé ag brat. Tugadur gac cabair agus cunam dom. agus.

CURAI NA HEIREANN, 1951.

Liathroid-chruaidh Craobh Einfhir Sinnsear: Ath Cliath.
 Liathroid-chruaidh Craobh Beirte Sinnsear: Ciarrai.
 Liathroid-chruaidh Craobh Einfhir, Soisear: Ciarrai.
 Liathroid-chruaidh Craobh Beirte, Soisear: Cill Chomnigh.
 Liathroid-bhog Craobh Einfhir, Sinnsear: Ath Cliath.
 Liathroid-bhog Craobh Beirte, Sinnsear, Ciarrai.
 Liathroid-bhog Craobh Einfhir, Soisear: Cill Chomnigh.
 *Liathroid-bhog Craobh Beirte, Soisear, Ciarrai.
 Liathroid-bhog Craobh Einfhir, Mionur: Roscomain.
 Liathroid-bhog Craobh Beirte, Mionur: Ciarrai.

* I have withheld the medals from Kerry as Mayo notified the Council at a meeting held in December that the matter would be raised at Congress.

The 1951 championships witnessed the emergence of Kerry as the strongest county in the country. The splendid showing of their players in all grades of both handball and softball is a tribute to the Tralee Club. The tributes paid to Joe Hassett were well deserved. After many years in the colours of his native county, Tipperary, he trained and coached the youthful Kerry players with results that surpassed even his own high hopes. Not since the days when Talbot's Inch was Ireland's premier club has one club won so many titles. That Kilkenny will again be a power is clear from the displays of her three All-Ireland champions, who have all the craft and style ever associated with the Black and Amber.

To Dublin went the premier titles in both handball and softball. Clarke's showing against Hassett in the final confirmed Dublin's confidence in him, and showed that when fully trained he has no equal in the handball code. Larry Roe—if a shade slower than in other years—is still the quickest thinker in the game. They will not easily lose the titles they have won. To Roscommon goes the distinction of producing the most accomplished minor of the season—Ray Doherty. He is again eligible for Minor honours, and his displays will attract wide interest.

Every secretary must realise when the annual report comes to be written, how, in certain respects he has not quite accomplished all he hoped to do during the year. And so it is with me. Three tasks faced me three years ago when I was appointed secretary: the spreading of the game to the 32 counties of Ireland, the provision of a covered court at Croke Park where the National Finals could be played in a setting worthy of our National Games and, lastly, the development of the games in the schools and colleges.

I will comment on each of these matters separately. Statistics may at times be misleading, but the inescapable fact is that in 1948 two counties were affiliated in Munster, four counties in Connacht, six counties in Leinster, and one county in Ulster. The opening of 1952 has seen the completion of the work of organisation in Connacht, Leinster and Munster where every county is now affiliated. What of Ulster? By the time this report appears the Special Handball Meeting, to which all Ulster Counties are to send delegates, will have been held. In a general's secretary's report there is no place for favouritism, but in six counties of Ulster where the work of voluntary workers is negated by the attitude of the Ministry of Labour in refusing permits for the purchase of timber and cement, every effort should be made by the local G.A.A. Clubs and Boards to save even one-wall courts from falling to ruin. Handball is the game of the countryside, of the crossroads and small villages, and if it dies in occupied Ireland a link with our countrymen across the border will be lost.

The state of the ballcourt at Croke Park remains most unsatisfactory. It is to be regretted that we are without a court in which to play our All-Ireland Finals. Croke Park itself presents an impressive scene in September of each

year when the All-Ireland Finals in Hurling and Football are played there. But handballers have no headquarters in which to stage the most important matches of the year. No one, player or official, is satisfied with the present position.

Because there was no competition for the boys attending school in Connacht and Leinster during 1951, the Central Colleges' Council decided against holding an All-Ireland Colleges' Championship. Every year some boys turn to other games—and not always to hurling and football—because of the absence of handball competitions. We cannot afford to lose these boys, yet the powers of my Council are limited in so far as it can but ask the Provincial Councils concerned to promote handball championships. However, in both Connacht and Leinster there will be both a Junior and Senior competition before the end of 1952—hence the future is bright with hope.

The Auditor's Report makes it clear that when the necessary work of organisation has been completed there will be a considerable reduction in expenditure. As the game spreads the patronage extended to our matches steadily increases and this is already reflected in increasing gate receipts. Expenses incurred in connection with the testing of the glass backwall at the Horse and Jockey and the meetings of the "Rules Committee" are of a non-incurring nature. Again, owing to the lack of centrally situated courts, players from distant Kerry and Mayo have to travel to Dublin or near it for their All-Ireland engagements. With the erection of even one standard ballcourt in each county, this problem should be solved, and the amount for Teams' Travelling Expenses considerably reduced.

That the work of organisation is almost completed is evident from (a) the number of counties affiliated, (b) the satisfactory working of the provincial councils in Munster, Connacht and Leinster, and (c) the number of ballcourts planned or in course of erection. In 1948, affiliation fees amounted to £7 1s. 6d., representing 70 affiliated clubs. In 1949, the figures were £9 19s. 6d. and 100 clubs; in 1950, the figures were £19 14s. 6d. and 197 clubs, and in 1951, £28 and 230 clubs.

As a result of a decision of the 1951 Congress, meetings were held to revise the old rules and draft a new code, embodying the many changes which resulted from a reversion to the system of provincial councils. That task has now been completed, and the grateful thanks of every 'ball player are due to Mr. P. D. Breen, of Wexford; Mr. G. Moran, of Monaghan, and Mr. J. Lynch, of Dublin. It is intended to send them to the printers as soon as possible after Congress, and they should be available for the present year's championship.

I am glad that many villages have decided to undertake the building of a ballcourt independent of any Government grant that may be available. There is no substitute for voluntary labour, nothing can equal the co-operative efforts of a willing community. The less the State does for an individual, the more he will do for himself, and the more he will want to do for himself.

That my task was rendered a pleasant one is due in no small measure to the help given me by Padraig Uas. O. Caoimh, Ruairi Cumann Luith-chleas Gaedheal; the Provincial G.A.A. and Provincial Handball Secretaries, the Editors of the Dublin and provincial newspapers, the Manager of Messrs. Elvery's, Dublin; Domhnall O. Conchubhair, proprietor of the Castle Hotel, who so often placed a room at the disposal of my Council; and our President, Chief Supt. H. O'Meara, for the facilities afforded our players in the Depot Court. Nor must the work of the County Handball Secretaries be overlooked. Their work has raised the prestige of the Council and aroused new enthusiasm for the old game.

Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the Irish Handball Association in the Franciscan Church, Merchant's Quay, on the morning of the 16th March.

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, 1951. Enclosed is Revenue Account showing the working of the year and Balance Sheet showing the financial position of the Association at 31st December, 1951.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

The Income of the year, comprising Affiliation Fees, £23 1s. 0d.; Gate Receipts, £200 3s. 6d.; Advertising in Programme, £5; Sales of Handballs, £33 1s. 6d.; Annual Grant and Special Grant from the Central Council, £350, and Subscriptions towards the 1950 Reception, £1 10/-, amounted in total to £612 17s. 6d. Expenditure for the year came to £701 15s. 8½d. The Expenditure of the year exceeded Income of the year by £88 18s. 8½d.

In the preceding year, when the Annual Grant and the Supplementary Grant from the Central Council had been the same as in this year, there had been a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £63 2s. 6d. The difference in the working of the two years was £152 1s. 2d. in favour of the year 1950. As compared with that year, the year 1951 shows an increase in Expenditure of £220 3s. 0d., offset by an increase in Income of £68 1s. 10d. The increase in Expenditure is mainly accounted for by an increase in Teams' Expenses by £128 14s. 10d.; an increase in Traveling and Hotel Expenses by £48 14s. 4d.; an increase in the charge for Printing, Stationery and Advertising by £13 13s. 10d., and a charge to this account of £26 8s. 3d. for Trial Matches at Horse and Jockey. On the Income side of the account, Affiliation Fees show an increase of £3 8s. 0d., and Gate Receipts show an increase of £39 2s. 6d.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1951, amounted to £69 9s. 8½d. Liabilities at the same date, including an estimated amount for Medals, came to £236 7s. 9. The Liabilities exceeded the Assets at the end of the year by £166 18s. 0½d.

The Accounts were vouched for to our satisfaction.

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D. O'CONNOR & CO.

IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1951

EXPENDITURE				INCOME.			
1951.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1951.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31.	To Teams' Expenses:			Dec. 31	By Affiliation Fees:		
	Cavan	36 7 0			Armagh	12 0	
	Dublin	15 2 0			Carlow	16 0	
	Kerry	141 11 9			Cavan	1 9 0	
	Kildare	23 4 0			Clare	6 0	
	Kilkenny	28 3 6			Cork	1 10 0	
	Louth	8 18 6			Dublin	1 14 0	
	Monaghan	10 0 0			Galway	10 0	
	Mayo	42 18 9			Kilkenny	1 16 0	
	Roscommon	16 14 4			Kildare	12 0	
	Tipperary	12 0 0			Kerry	1 10 0	
	Wexford	30 0 0			Limerick	16 0	
			364 19 10		Louth	10 0	
	Medals	48 0 0			Mayo	2 8 0	
	Insurance of Cups	1 0 0			Meath	10 0	
	Meeting Expenses	18 15 0			Monaghan	12 0	
	Secretary's Travelling & Hotel Expenses	80 18 4			Offaly	16 0	
	Secretary's Honorarium	50 0 0			Roscommon	1 0 0	
	Printing, Stationery & Advertising	39 12 3			Sligo	1 6 0	
	Handballs	42 13 0			Tipperary	16 0	
	Audit and Accountancy Fees	8 8 0			Tyrone	12 0	
	Bank Charges & Cheque Books	1 15 6			Westmeath	16 0	
	Secretary's Petty Expenses	19 5 6½			Wexford	2 0 0	
	Trial Matches — Horse and Jockey	26 8 3			Waterford	12 0	
					Wicklow	2 0	
							29 2 0
					Gate Receipts:		
					1951.		
					Apr. 22 at Horse & Jockey	9 1 0	
					Aug. 12 at Depot	3 18 0	
					Aug. 19 at Hollymount	24 4 0	
					Aug. . . . at Depot	1 15 0	
					Aug. 26 at Fahy	23 6 3	
					Sept. 2 at Kingscourt	24 18 3	
					Sept. . . . at Depot	2 15 0	
					Sept. 9 at Depot	19 18 0	
					Sept. 16 at Talbot's Inch	17 0 0	
					Sept. 23 at Depot	13 6 0	
					Sept. 30 at Fahy	18 1 0	
					Oct. 7 at Depot	20 4 0	
					Oct. 14 at Depot	21 17 0	
							200 3 6
					Advertising in Pro-		
					grammes	5 0 0	
					Sales of Handballs	33 1 6	
					Central Council:		
					Annual Grant	200 0 0	
					Special Grant	150 0 0	
							350 0 0
					Subscriptions towards		
					Reception (1950)	1 10 0	
					Excess for year of Ex-		
					pended over Income	88 18 8½	
			701 15 8½				701 15 8½

IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1951.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Teams' Expenses:				Cash in Hands	15	1	11½
Cavan	£ 10	0	0	Cash at Bank	39	2	3
Kerry	141	9	9	Stock of Handballs	2	14	0
Monaghan	10	0	0	Debtor for Printing		3	6
			161 9 9	Debtors for Affiliation Fees:			
Council Meeting Expenses		15	0 0	Cork	16	0	
Audit and Accountancy Fees		8	8 0	Donegal	2	0	
Medals (estimated)		51	10 0				18 0
			236 7 9	Telephone Deposit			11 10 0
				Deficiency as at 1st January, 1951	77	19	4
				Add: Excess for Year of Expenditure over Income	88	18	8½
				Deficiency at date		166	18 0½
			236 7 9				236 7 9

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. 27th February, 1952.

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