

CUMANN LUTH-CHLEAS GAEDHEAL

Comhairle Liathroid-Laimhe  
na hEireann.

AN COMHDHAIL BHLIANTUIL 1953

Tuarascail an Runai agus Cuntas an Airgid, 1952

Tionolfar an Chomhdhail  
i bPAIRC AN CHROCAIGH, ATH CLIATH  
ar 15-3-1953. 2 p.m.

AN CLAR

1. Mion-Tuairisci.
2. Tuarascail 1951-'52.
3. Tuairisc an Runai agus Cuntas an Airgid.
4. Toghadh na nOifigeach, 1953.
5. Na Ruin.

na hOifisí

MAICARAN: A. O Cleirí (de Cliath), T. O Cinnéide (Ciannai), S. O Deirgin (Tiobraid  
Arann). *an Doctúir C. S. O hAodá, (de Cliath).*

RÚNAÍ: ~~An Doctúir S. O. O hAodá (de Cliath)~~, S. O Mórán (Munneacán), T. S.  
MacUileagóir (Cill Dara).

- (1) That all Minors produce birth certificates 14 days before playing.—(Gaillimh).
- (2) That the Central Council provide funds to pay expenses of players engaged in opening new or renovated ballcourts.—(Tiobraid Árann).
- (3) That a Secretary of Handball have no association with any newspaper as correspondent.—(Tiobraid Árann).
- (4) That Central Council supply balls to affiliated clubs at cost price.—(Tiobraid Árann).
- (5) That a Munster venue get an All-Ireland fixture.—(Tiobraid Árann).
- (6) That players who win Junior Softball All-Ireland be allowed to play Junior Hardball after or vice-versa.—(Tiobraid Árann).
- (7) That the Central Handball Council seek permission of G.A.A. Central Council to run a Football Competition on the lines of Oireachtas Hurling Competition, for a Cup and set of medals. Cup to be subscribed for by each County Handball Board.—(Tiobraid Árann).
- (8) That a grant be given towards Handball in Co. Sligo.—(Laois Gaumann).
- (9) That players and officials at Semi-finals and Final be not compelled to pay their own expenses or seek them on credit as now obtain.—(Muirgho).
- (10) That a meeting of Central Council be held at end of each year to examine and check accounts before they are sent to the auditor.—(Muirgho).

- (11) That more attention be given to publicity.—(Muirgho).
- (12) That no individual be accepted for nomination to serve on either Provincial or Central Council unless he be nominated by the Co. Board with which he is registered.—(Ath Cliath).
- (13) That gold medals instead of silver ones be presented to winners of Provincial titles.—(Ath Cliath).
- (14) That suitable trophies be presented to runners-up in Provincial All-Ireland Championships.—(Ath Cliath).
- (15) That Provincial and Central Councils provide balls for Provincial and All-Ireland Championship matches.—(Ath Cliath).
- (16) That an official function be held for presentation of All-Ireland trophies.—(Ath Cliath).
- (17) That when fixing semi-finals and finals referees and markers be named.—(Ciarrai).
- (18) That hotel and travelling expenses be investigated.—(Ciarrai).
- (19) That time for receipt of nomination papers be extended to three weeks from date of issue.—(Ciarrai).
- (20) That Rule re voting power in Co. Committees be clarified. (See Rule 12, Par. 2).—(Ciarrai).
- (21) That Minor Handball Singles and Minor Handball Doubles be played on an All-Ireland basis.—(Ciarrai).
- (22) That Rule 59 (1) Page 10, be amended to read "as passed at Congress, 1952".—(Ciarrai).
- (23) That an official be allowed to travel and that his expenses be paid at Inter-provincial fixtures.—(Ciarrai).

AR TSEACT AN TSÉASÚIR NUA IS MIOTO DÚINN FÉUCLÁINT SIAR AR IMEÁCTAI NA BLIANA ACÁ TART AGUS AT-CUIMRE DO VÉANAM AR OBÁIR NA TRÉIMSE SIN.

Si an tIathróid-Láimhe cluiche na tuaithe agus ó tá fios againn go bhfuil an imirce ag baint na vuitce ba é leas an rialtais cur leis an méid acá dá véanam cun cúlreanna do tógaint in áiteanna 'na bhfuil bochtanas agus díomhaointeas le sonnú. Ná ceaptar gur beag linn an éabair a tugtar i láthair na huairé (74% de cóstas ionlán tógaint cluiche) ac ní béró son rat ar an seom muna n-áitítear go bhfuil gá le cúlreanna simplí ingéad pánóiste in iantar na tíre. In éirinn cá gáir-gá le cabair ghníomhac fúnniúil gac forsa agus comáeda cun snú na h-imirce do cósc.

Is mór is ót lóm naé féirín a ná go bhfuil stáir an cluiche ins na coláistí go sasúil. Tá comórtasí ar snú le tamall i gCúige Ulao agus i gCúige Mumán—a buiočas san dos na rúnaite cúige. Tá comórtas le beir am i gCúige Laigean i mbliana. Cuirtear é ar bun san ámhra, ac ná veimtear é ar scát cur cun éinn an cluiche, nuair is ró-tém ná veanpáir sé son ní dá sagas muna mbíonn ceav ag gac vaita scoile, gur sean leis ar gclúicí gaeilaca, beir páirteac ann.

I rit na bliana d'éirig páirúis Mac Cártaig as an Rúnaíocht i gCúige Mumán. Cuirtear crochú mór ann nó is reare duine a véanpáir an méir céana oibre.

#### CURAI NA HEIREANN, 1952.

Iathróid-chruaidh, Craobh Eimhir Sinnsear: Loch Garman.  
Iathróid-chruaidh, Craobh Beirte Sinnsear: Loch Garman.  
Iathróid-chruaidh, Craobh Eimhir, Soisear: Tiobraid Árann.  
Iathróid-chruaidh, Craobh Beirte, Soisear: Tiobraid Árann.  
Iathróid-bhog, Craobh Eimhir Sinnsear: Loch Garman.  
Iathróid-bhog, Craobh Beirte Sinnsear: Ciarrai.  
Iathróid-bhog, Craobh Eimhir Soisear: Ciarrai.  
Iathróid-bhog, Craobh Beirte Soisear: Loch Garman.  
Iathróid-bhog, Craobh Eimhir Mionur: Roscomain.  
Iathróid-bhog, Craobh Beirte Mionur: Muirgho.

The decision to cover Croke Park court and provide a dressing-room beneath, the gift of skins for the making of handballs from Irish Tanners, Ltd., the affiliation to the Irish Handball Council of more counties (36) than ever before in the history of the game and the printing of the Rule Book were some of the more important events in an eventful year. But in emphasising the importance of these events we must not forget the aims of the Council: the extension of the game to every part of the thirty-two counties, the development of the game in the Schools and Colleges and the playing of a full championship programme embracing Senior, Junior and Minor players in softball and handball.

The building of new courts and the repair of old courts has been a most heartening feature of the past few years and I am again listing the names of the places where it is expected new courts will be opened in the coming year.

CONNAUGHT.—Drumshanbo, Belmullet, Carrick-on-Shannon, Keel and Galway.

LEINSTER.—Naas, New Ross, Hacketstown, Dun Laoghaire and Baltinglass.

MUNSTER.—Ennistymon, Carrick-on-Suir, Ballypatrick, Turnpike and Cork.

ULSTER.—Kilnaleck, Arva, Ballycran, Beragh and St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

(Note: The ballcourts at Birr, Tipperary and Dungarvan have been completed except for a gallery at Birr and a gallery and backwall at Tipperary and Dungarvan).

Your Council has sent out — through the courtesy of P. O. Caimh and Mr. M. O'Brien, B.E., over fifty copies of the plan of a standard ballcourt, i.e. Croke Park, and, in addition, provided an estimate of the costs of erection. I would like to commend to people proposing to build a ballcourt the example of Bantry, Fahy Cross and Drumshanbo — to name but a few places where the local people have shown what a small number of willing workers can accomplish. State grants are available for such projects as ballcourts but these grants are no substitute for the energy and initiative of our people. Urban and rural committees anxious to provide, in this, the year of An Tostal, a centre of health-giving recreation, cannot do better than build a simple ballcourt.

The work at the Croke Park Court will be in three stages. First, there is the covering of the court. Second, the rebuilding of the gallery. And, finally, the provision of a simple dressing-room and shower. This work will be completed in time for the 1953 All-Ireland Finals and so Croke Park will be, to a greater degree than ever before, the centre of Gaelic Ireland.

A plea for the wider playing of handball is one which should have the support of every lover of this, the old form of the game. I would be grateful if secretaries would send me the names of handball makers known to them. Again if every county secretary reading this resolves to send but one entry for the Minor handball championships then the future of the game will be so much brighter. Young players learning the game should observe three preliminary rules: (a) never to play handball when the hands are cold, (b) never to put hard on a ball in the air, and (c) to "sling" the ball rather than hit it. (Should any club or county secretary experience difficulty in getting handballs he should write to me).

The game in the Schools and Colleges is the subject of some contention. The Provincial Colleges' Councils of Ulster and Munster promote excellent competitions for the secondary schools of those provinces. In Leinster the position is, to say the least, difficult to understand. While some colleges in Leinster take part in foreign games and are allowed to participate in the championships promoted by the Leinster Colleges' Council, there are other colleges to which such permission is denied. I have an assurance that there will be a competition in Connaught this spring and so I have high hopes of seeing an All-Ireland Colleges' Championship being started within the next year. This would be of great value because it would focus the attention of school-going youths on a hitherto neglected game.

If I say that John Ryan proved himself the player of the year I am only putting in print what every follower of the game said after those memorable matches in Talbot's Inch, Clogh and Ballymore-Eustace. He can yet equal the achievements of the greatest players. He is young enough to surpass the wonderful records of Gilmartin and Perry but, meanwhile, he is the ballplayer whose style is being imitated by every boy from Ballyanne to Bridgetown and from Culart to Trinity. He has won the hearts of everyone who admires a player who has made of the great game an art.

Worthy opponents he had in Walsh of Cork, Downey, Hassett and O'Brien of Kerry, and there are many other players of quality, notably the Tipperary Town players—Heffernan, O'Brien and Kennedy—who may yet win the highest honours. Byrne, Sutherland and Commans maintained the high standard set by the Juniors of 1951 and their coming into senior ranks will make for better competition in the coming season. All the Minor honours went west of the Shannon, where Mayo won its fourth Doubles title and Roscommon its second Singles title. If Wexford must be acclaimed the premier county in handball the continued successes of Kerry indicate the strength of the game in that county.

I would like to see the revival of the once-widespread tournaments formerly held on the Holy Days of the summer. Delvin, Clogherhead, Kilgobinet, Bray and Middleton have always been noted for their tournaments and some of our best championship players have often played their best handball in these tournaments.

I am giving herewith details of the proposed Tostal Competitions for An Tostal trophies. The risk of playing such important matches so early in the year in open courts has led me to suggest that they be played in Talbot's Inch, Ballymore-Eustace and the Depot courts. The following is the suggested programme:



April the 12th—Softball Singles Competition in Talbot's Inch.

April the 12th—Hardball Singles Competition in Ballymore-Eustace.

April the 26th—Both Finals in Dublin.

For the steady upward trend in the number of affiliated counties the best thanks of the Council is due to the four Provincial Secretaries and the increasing number of County Secretaries. The game is excellently organised in Munster and Connaught and it is but a question of time before all the counties take part in all the championships. In Ulster the task of organisation has been no light one. Forces inimical to the national games are everywhere at work but the love of the people for the game, which drew crowds to the gable-end ballcourts at many a crossroads in times past, is still strong and every one of the northern counties is now affiliated. This is, in itself, sufficient tribute to the secretary and provincial council of Ulster. Leinster, with its many counties, poses many problems. The successes of the Leinster counties — the Dr. Harty Cup has never left the province — bear tribute to the enthusiasm of officials and players and it is hoped that the two remaining counties, Longford and Meath, will affiliate this year.

The scale of travelling expenses paid to counties in the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals has been criticised. The payment of 1/- per mile is, in the opinion of Council, adequate. The meal allowance stands at 5/-. It is clear that in the coming year's championships counties must be prepared to play at away venues when neutral venues are, for reason of cost, impracticable. Every new court built hastens the day when the semi-finals and finals will

be played in courts not far distant from the counties. Meanwhile any court conforming to the dimensions must be considered as suitable for the purpose of semi-finals and finals.

The publicity given to handball improves with passing year. The national and provincial press do our thanks for the increased space given to the reports of important matches. It is for county secretaries that the local paper/papers have a copy of fixtures in advance and that the results are forwarded by press and radio. Sean Og O Ceallachain has proved himself at all times willing to include results and it is to be hoped that more time will soon be given on the Radio Sunday review of the national games.

In thanking the officers and members of the Council of the G.A.A., for help and guidance during the year, I would like to place on record the appreciation of the handballers of Ireland for the printing of the Handbook of Handball. Much of the progress which, I would think, has been made during the past year is due to the co-operation of the Provincial and County Secretaries. Any record of thanks would be incomplete without mention of Messrs. Elvery's who spare no pains to ensure handballs are of the highest standard. And I cannot conclude without thanking Domhnall Uas. O Conchubhair, proprietor of the Castle Hotel, who has always placed at the disposal of Council for meetings, and Chief H. O'Meara, who has greatly facilitated Council in the use of the Depot Court.

Mass will be offered for the repose of the so deceased members of the Irish Handball Association in the Franciscan Church, Merchant's Quay, on the morning of March the 17th.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

KEANE & COMPANY,  
Chartered Accountants,  
and  
Public Auditors.

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30, WESTMORELAND STREET,

DUBLIN.

5th February, 1953.

The Chairman & Committee,  
Irish Amateur Handball Association,  
Dublin.

Gentlemen,—

We have completed the audit of the books of the Association for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and enclose herewith copy of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet covering to that date.

### REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The Income for the year as detailed in the Account amounted to £224 9s. 3d.  
This figure included grants from the Central Council amounting to £624 0s. 0d. as compared with £350 in year to 31st December, 1951.  
The Gate receipts came to £163 5s. 6d. as against £200 3s. 3s. 6d.  
The other items show only slight variations.  
The Expenditure shows Team Expenses as £383 3s. 11d. compared with £364 19s. 10d. The Meeting Expenses £42 2s. 2d. against £18 15s. 0d. and the Secretary's Travelling Expenses £38 1s. 6d. against £80 18s. 4d.  
The net result is a surplus of £169 4s. 10d.

### BALANCE SHEET.

This Account shows the financial position at 31st December, 1952.  
We understand that the Association has two Challenge Cups value for about £60 which do not appear in the Accounts.  
It might be well to show these Cups in future Accounts.  
There is now a surplus shown in the Balance Sheet of £2 6s. 10d.  
The Honorary Secretary gave us all the information we required and presented the books for audit in excellent condition.

We shall be pleased to give you any further information you may require in connection with the Accounts.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

KEANE & CO.

## IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£
Team Expenses (Mayo Estimated) .....	34 10 0	Cash in hands .....	5
Council Meeting Expenses (Estimated) .....	3 1 6	Cash at Bank .....	57
Audit and Accountancy Fees .....	8 8 0	Debtors for Affiliation Fees:	
Medals (Estimated) .....	51 10 0	Westmeath .....	0 16 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure		Meath .....	0 10 0
for year .....	169 4 10	Telephone Deposit .....	1
Less: Deficiency at 31st December, 1951 .....	166 18 0	Stock of Rules .....	24
	2 6 10		
	99 16 4		99

# IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Dr. REVENUE ACCOUNT For year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1952. Cr.

52.

Dec. 31

To Teams Expenses:

Cavan

Cork

Down

Dublin

Kerry

Kildare

Kilkenny

Louth

Mayo

Monaghan

Roscommon

Tipperary

Wexford

15 0 0

23 16 0

11 0 4

28 15 0

111 19 1

7 0 0

16 12 0

13 0 0

34 10 0

20 9 0

18 11 6

10 16 0

71 16 0

383 3 11

Medals

Insurance of Cup

Meeting Expenses

Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses

Printing, Stationery and Advertising

Handballs

Post, Phone and Telegrams

Subscriptions

Band Charges and Cheque Book

Audit and Accountancy Fee

Secretary's Honorarium

Sundries

51 0 9

1 0 0

42 2 2

38 1 8

33 10 7

41 10 5

28 2 11 1/2

1 0 0

1 9 4

8 8 0

50 0 0

3 15 6

Balance — Excess of income over expenditure for year

169 4 10 1/2

1952.

Dec. 31

By Affiliation Fees:

Antrim

Armagh

Carlow

Cavan

Clare

Cork

Derry

Donegal

Down

Dublin

Fermanagh

Galway

Kerry

Kildare

Kilkenny

Laois

Leitrim

Limerick

Louth

Mayo

Meath

Monaghan

Offaly

Roscommon

Sligo

Tipperary

Tyrone

Waterford

Westmeath

Wexford

Wicklow

0 4 0

0 4 0

0 6 0

0 12 0

0 10 0

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1952.

Aug. 10

17

17

24

31

Sep. 6

21

21

28

Oct. 5

At Loughrea

Depot

Fahy

Newmarket-on-Fergus

Talbots Inch

Depot

Fahy

Talbots Inch

Charlestown

Talbots Inch

Ballymore Eustace

18 4 0

5 5 0

5 18 0

3 17 0

9 0 0

25 5 0

14 16 0

19 16 0

5 8 6

20 12 0

35 4 0

Advertising in Programmes

Sale of Programmes

Sale of Handballs

Sale of Rules

Refund "Waterford Star"

Personal Phone Account

2 6 6

11 6 0

33 2 9

5 3 0

1 0 0

3 3 0

Central Council—

Annual Grant

Special Grant

For Printing Rules

200 0 0

400 0 0

24 0 0

624 0 0

852 9 3

We have examined the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet and certify them to be correct and in accordance with the books and vouchers submitted to us.

30, Westmoreland Street, Dublin,  
5th February, 1953.

KEAN & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.