

# Cumann Lúit-Cleas Saebeal

## COMAIRLE LIATHRÓID-LÁIME NA hÉIREANN

### AN COMDÁIL BLIANTÚIL 1959

TUARASCÓÁIL AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAS AN AIRSIO 1958  
TIONÓILPÁN AN COMDÁIL 1 UCIŠ ÓSTA DAIRNEAD, 1 AGUS 2 SRÁID DANMAING, ÁÉ CLIAÉ  
AR 15-3-59, at 2 p.m.

#### AN CLÁN

- (1) Mion-cuairisici.
- (2) Tuarascóáil.
- (3) Cuairise an Rúnaí agus Cuntas an Airsio.
- (4) Tosaí na h-Oifigeaí, 1959.
  - (a) Uachtarán
  - (b) Rúnaí
  - (c) Teachta ar an Árd Comhairle C.L.C.S.

#### NA h-OIFIGIŠ, 1959 :

Uachtarán : An Canónaé Ro Oir L. S. Ó Cearbhaill S.P.V.F. (Lumneac), T. S. MacMhileóguro (Áé Cliaé),  
An t-Átair E Ó Miao (Cill Mannáin). *S. Ó Ceataraí (Football)*

Rúnaí : S. Ó Lomgsiŝ (Áé Cliaé).

Teachta ar an Árd Comhairle C.L.C.S.: T. D. Ó Cinnéroe (Ciarráí), S. Ó Lomgsiŝ (Áé Cliaé)

#### NA RÚIN

- (1) That rule 33 (C) be amended to allow the President to hold office for another year. (Kilkenny).
- (2) That the question of a standard handball be discussed with a view to having uniformity. (Kilkenny).
- (3) That the position regarding games with American players be reviewed with particular reference to the system of organising and control of same. (Kilkenny).
- (4) That Provincial representation on Central Handball Council be increased from one member to two members with the expenses divided between the Provincial Councils and the Central Council. (Kilkenny).
- (5) That Provincial representation be increased from one member to two members. That half the expenses of each delegate be met by the Central Council and the remainder by the Provincial Council as operates with the G.A.A. Central Council. (Wicklow).
- (6) That the Munster Council fixture, Clare v Limerick, fixed for Tuamgraney on 4th May be reviewed. (Clare).
- (7) That the rule be quoted on awarding the said match to Limerick. (Clare).
- (8) That the Provincial Secretary be compelled to act and postpone handball fixtures when requested to do so by the G.A.A. County Committee where the said County would have a player engaged in either hurling or football. (Clare).
- (9) That a Score Board be used in every Championship Game. (Tipperary).
- (10) That a direction be given to County Committees re the type of Softball to be used in County and inter-County Championships. (Tipperary).

## A Cairde Saeéal,

Do cuir bród-aimsir na bliana seo caite as to mór dúinn agus cuir sé ualac breise ar an gcaol-ciste a bí áanna agam. In amháin san, am is léir go bpáit uéil an pobail sa tírce ag meáú i gcomhú. Do cum Connacta agus Ular craob-comórtasáí mionú agus sóisear ar súl i rít na bliana—comórtasáí singil agus beirce i liacróir cruair. Seo i an céad uair riam do na ceitce Cúigí a beir páirtceá i gcaob-comórtasáí liacróir cruair ins na gráanna so. Do cúg áro-Comairle Cumann Luitélas Saeéal deonas speisialta de £200 dúinn a lagúis na fiada sa banne so oí £150.

Táim an-buieac do gac tuine a curúis liom i rít na bliana seo caite, do'sna baillab comhairle, agus Comairli Cúige, do gac Coirde Connacta, agus do'n áro Comairle, Cumann Luitélas Saeéal.

Fé seo, tá le págail, tuairisc ar na comórtasáí, cuntas aingis, agus 7rl.

## 1958 ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Senior Softball Singles: P. Downey (Kerry)  
Senior Softball Doubles: T. McGarry and M. Mullins (Limerick)  
Senior Hardball Singles: P. Downey (Kerry)  
Senior Hardball Doubles: J. Ryan and J. Doyle (Wexford)  
Junior Softball Singles: F. Confrey (Louth)  
Junior Softball Doubles: W. McKenna and J. Clery (Wicklow)

Junior Hardball Singles: J. Ryan (Tipperary)  
Junior Hardball Doubles: T. Doherty and M. Shanahan (Tipperary)  
Minor Softball Singles: J. Clery (Wicklow)  
Minor Softball Doubles: W. Mullen and P. Geelan (Westmeath)  
Minor Hardball Singles: P. McGrath (Wexford)

It is with pleasure I present to you the 35th Annual Report of Comhairle Liathróid Laimha na hÉireann. The inclement weather of the past year brought with it many headaches and caused a heavy strain on our already straitened finances. However despite all this it is evident that handball continues to grow in popularity. A total of 27 Counties, comprising 149 clubs affiliated. It will be noted that the South African Handball Association again affiliated. From reports to hand it is pleasing to report that handball is very much alive in this far distant land. The majority of their players are exiles. Laois and Carlow failed to affiliate, while Longford made a welcome reappearance in our ranks. The position in Louth deteriorated but it is pleasing to record that the G.A.A. County Committee are at present reorganising the game and present indications are that there will be at least four clubs functioning this year. Derry, Fermanagh and Donegal are as yet unorganised. Taghmon, Co. Wexford build a new court and plans are afoot to have it roofed in 1960. Delvin converted their three-walled court to a regulation four-wall court and also erected a new gallery. Ballyporeen carried out renovations on their court and it is now in first class condition. The recently reorganised Kells club is doing trojan work and they expect to have their new court opened early this year.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

The full championship clar was carried out despite many upsets due to inclement weather. Paddy Downey by his success in both Singles joined the select band of players who have won both titles in the same year. He deserves our compliments as he is the first Munster representative ever to win the S.H.B.S. title. This was the first occasion for the title to be won by any county outside Leinster. Limerick's Tom McGarry and Martin Mullins by their victory in S.S.B.D. brought Limerick its first ever title in Senior Softball and its first Senior title since the days of J. J. Boles and S. Gleeson. Wexford the holders of four Senior titles were successful in retaining only one title, the S.H.B.D. Joe Clery of Wicklow in winning the M.S.B.S. and partnering W. McKenna in J.S.B.D. brought to the Garden county its first ever titles in these grades. Incidentally Clery is only the second player in our history to win a Junior and Senior title in the same year. Westmeath a county that have supported handball for many years were at last rewarded for their perseverance when W. Mullen and P. Geelan were convincing winners in M.S.B.D. This is the county's first ever All Ireland title. F. Confrey by his success in J.S.B.S. helped to keep Louth in the forefront. Tipperary qualified for five All Ireland finals and were rewarded when their representatives, J. Ryan in J.H.B.S. and M. Shanahan and T. Doherty in J.H.B.D. were clear cut winners. All Ireland Colleges champion Paddy McGrath of Wexford won the M.H.B.S.

## GAEL LINN

The 1957-58 finals were played at Newport and resulted in Tom McGarry of Limerick winning by a narrow margin over J. Maher of Louth in the final.

This competition has grown out of all proportion and now rates second only to the All Ireland championships. This years record entry of 656 players is an increase of 200 on last years record figures. Before the champion at each venue was known it was necessary to play 82 matches each Sunday for seven weeks irrespective of weather conditions. The players are to be complimented for the magnificent manner in which they turned out for their matches despite some very inclement weather. It cannot be denied that this competition is doing untold good for handball and Gael Linn deserve our sincere thanks for the manner in which they meet the total deficit each year. The venue Secretaries gave their whole-hearted co-operation without which it would not be possible to carry out such a big programme.

## TROPHIES FOR ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

At present the Association has trophies for eight All Ireland championships. However there are still four championships without trophies and I feel sure that some of our members may be in a position to secure suitable donors.

## HARDBALL

It is gratifying to report that hardball continues to grow in popularity. Four counties competed for the first time in the Ulster Minor and Junior hardball Singles and Doubles, while three counties competed in the same grades in Connacht. Westmeath, Wicklow and Longford were newcomers in Leinster. I would appeal to the other Northern and Western counties to make every effort to foster hardball which is the ancient form of handball. While on the question would it be too much to expect the College Councils to include hardball in their programme. Unless we encourage the youth in the playing of hardball we cannot expect lasting results to our work. One very important aspect of hardball seems to be somewhat neglected—suitable makers of the hardball. The very few makers we have are from the old school and unless young men are taught the art it is only a matter of time until the game is dead for lack of balls.

## ROOFED ALLEYS

The inclement weather of the past two years has pinpointed the necessity of roofed courts in each Province. The ideal

solution would be for each county to have its own covered court, as otherwise there is always the danger of washouts with a resultant loss in revenue and the burden of extra travelling and hotel expenses.

If we had sufficient roofed courts throughout the country we could still avail of the numerous open courts and in the event of inclement weather it would always be possible to adjourn to the roofed courts at very little extra expense.

## PUBLICITY

It is pleasing to record that the publicity our games receive continues to improve each year. However I regret to say that the majority of our county officials are very lax in forwarding information to the various correspondents, and were it not for the efforts of certain of our officials handball would receive no publicity. Publicity more than anything else can help considerably our efforts to foster the game. The various Newspapers National and Provincial are due our thanks. While Sean O Ceallachain in the very limited time at his disposal, makes every effort to help we cannot feel satisfied with the help we receive from our National Radio. It is a sad reflection that our gaelic games receive such poor treatment from our Radio.

## VISIT OF AMERICAN PLAYER

Harry Hyde of the U.S.A., whom it will be recalled took part in many exhibition games last year, once again visited this country. While his visit on this occasion was purely for business reasons nevertheless he requested through the Cork County Committee that if possible a series of games be arranged with leading Irish players. The dates suggested by the Cork Secretary were the 4th, 7th, 14th and 17th September. As the application was only received on 31st August Cork were notified that it would not be possible to arrange a match for the 4th September and it was suggested that instead we could arrange a match for 10th September. On the Friday prior to the first fixture against John Ryan at Wexford on September 7th a telegram was received to say that Hyde was not travelling. There was no further explanation forthcoming and our many supporters in Wexford were disappointed. Efforts have been made to hold the Council responsible for the break down in arrangements. However I wish to state very emphatically that every effort was made to facilitate Harry Hyde. He did take part in one exhibition game against Joe Maher at Clogh on 10th September which he won decisively. He failed however to fulfil his fixture at Talbot's Inch on Sunday 14th September. Notice was received on 11th September to say that he was doubtful but this was not confirmed until Saturday, 13th.

## FINANCIAL

The very wet summer and autumn did nothing to improve our already poor financial position. Commencing the year we were £225 down, and the various postponements and alterations added further to our already straitened financial position. Were it not for the generosity of our Very Rev. President who transported players free of charge, on occasions provided free accommodation, and in addition bore all his own hotel, postage and telephone expenses, our position would be much worse. The members of council also deserve our thanks for their efforts to transport players at minimum cost. I have no hesitation in saying that I cannot recall a year in which so much was done at minimum cost by council members. Despite all this we were approximately £350 down at the end of the year. The G.A.A. Central council came to our aid with a special grant of £200 and we now face the year ahead with a deficit of £150. Our low gate receipts can be attributed to the following:—(1) Wexford programme postponed from afternoon until evening due to rain with a loss of a possible £15 or £20. (2) Loughrea programme completely washed out. (3) Kingscourt programme washed out and transferred to Depot same day with a complete loss of gate. (4) Clogh programme transferred to Talbot's Inch at the last minute due to the death of Rev. Fr. Purcell, P.P., President of Clogh Handball Club.

I would, on your behalf, like to return our sincere thanks to Dr. J. J. Stuart and Mr. Padraigh O Caoimh for their keen interest in our welfare. To the various G.A.A. Provincial and County Committees, to the various Handball Committees and to our many workers throughout the country.

Our President, Very Rev. W. J. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F., has now completed his three years of office. It is fitting that we should pay tribute to the unselfish service he rendered to the game. His generosity is without parallel and the Association will always remain in his debt. During the year he gave council a loan of £70 to meet expenses due to counties.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members in the Franciscan Church, Merchants' Quay, Dublin.

Ar son Comairle Liathróid-Laimhe na hÉireann  
SEOSAM Ó LOINGSI

## AUDITORS' REPORT

The President and Members of:  
The Irish Amateur Handball Association,  
per Seosamh uasal O Loingsigh,  
Honorary Secretary.

27 MERRION SQUARE, N.  
DUBLIN  
14th February, 1959.

A Chairde,

We have audited the Books of the Association for the Year ended 31st December, 1958. We enclose General Income and Expenditure Account and Special Tournaments Account for the Year together with Balance Sheet, Showing the financial position of the Association at 31st December, 1958.

### General Income and Expenditure Account

Income for the Year amounted to £771 8s. 2d. and Expenditure came to £687 15s. 0d. Income for the Year exceeded Expenditure by £83 13s. 2d.

As compared with the preceding year when Expenditure exceeded Income by £53 15s. 6d. Income increased by £192 os. 3d. and Expenditure increased by £54 11s. 7d. The increase in Income was attributable to the receipt of a Special Grant £200 from Central Council and to an increase of £29 14s. 0d. in Sales of Handbells. These increases, however, were partly offset by a fall in Gate Receipts amounting to £37 11s. 9d. The principal increase in Expenditure was under the heading "Teams' Expenses" which were greater by £49 9s. 6d.

## Special Tournaments Income and Expenditure Account

Income for the Year amounted to £172 0s. 1d. and Expenditure came to £171 10s. 1d. Income exceeded Expenditure by 10s.

As compared with the preceding year when Expenditure exceeded Income by £2 14s. 4d., Income was less by £75 16s. 5d. and Expenditure was less by £79 os. 9d. The account under review deals with only one Tournament, viz., the Gael Linn Tournament. In the preceding year there were two Tournaments, viz., Gael Linn Tournament and Visit of American Players. The Grant received from Gael Linn to cover Teams' Expenses fell short of the Expenditure by £5. os. od. In the preceding year it was short of the Expenses by £12 18s. 6d.

## Balance Sheet

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1958 amounted to £3 18s. 6d. Liabilities at the same date, including net Bank Overdraft £138 17s. 5d., came to £201 17s. 5d. The Liabilities do not include a liability in respect of Teams' Expenses for Kildare as these were not ascertainable at time of audit.

As in previous accounts no value has been placed on Cups and Trophies of the Association which are set out on the face of the Balance Sheet for record purposes only.

The Books were as usual presented in good order for audit and were vouched satisfactorily.

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D. O'CONNOR, & CO.

Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association  
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1958

EXPENDITURE		£ s. d.	
1958—December, 31		£ s. d.	
To TEAMS' EXPENSES			
Cavan .. .. .	22	0	6
Clare .. .. .	2	4	0
Galway .. .. .	32	1	0
Kilkenny .. .. .	4	11	0
Limerick .. .. .	6	10	0
Louth .. .. .	29	5	0
Mayo .. .. .	4	0	0
Sligo .. .. .	53	5	0
Tipperary .. .. .	39	8	9
Tyrone .. .. .	6	6	0
Westmeath .. .. .	11	14	6
Wexford .. .. .	72	0	0
Wicklow .. .. .	11	14	0
Car and Hotel Expenses for Players and Officials paid direct by Council .. .. .	105	13	8
Handballs .. .. .	400	13	5
Advertising .. .. .	38	4	2
Medals, Engraving and Repairing Cups .. .. .	10	17	3
Insurance of Cups and Shield .. .. .	55	10	0
Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses .. .. .	1	17	6
Printing and Stationery .. .. .	21	16	6
Secretary's Telephone .. .. .	17	4	9
Less : Refund from Gael Linn Tour- nament Account .. .. .	17	15	6
.. .. .	3	10	0
Secretary's Postage .. .. .	10	1	6
Less : Refund from Gael Linn Tour- nament Account .. .. .	3	11	7
Meeting Expenses .. .. .	6	9	11
Secretary's Honorarium .. .. .	53	0	6
Audit Fee .. .. .	50	0	0
Bank Interest and Bank Charges .. .. .	9	9	0
Caretakers and Cleaning Courts .. .. .	6	15	6
Mass Offering .. .. .	15	0	
.. .. .	16	0	
Balance Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	83	13	2
		771	8 2

**Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association**  
**Income and Expenditure Account—Special Tournaments for the Year ended 31st December 1958**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1958—December, 31	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1958—December, 31	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Refund of Travelling and Hotel Expenses to Venue Championships:			By Grant from Gael Linn to cover Expenses .. .. .		133 12 3
Bray .. .. .	2 12 0		.. Gate Receipts—		
Belfast .. .. .	6 14 5		Gael Linn Tournament:		
Tinabally .. .. .	4 2 0		Feb. 16 Ballymore-Eustace .. .. .	1 16 6	
Limerick .. .. .	17 12 6		16 Tuamgraney .. .. .	2 2 0	
Wexford .. .. .	27 17 0		16 Tallbots Inch .. .. .	2 1 0	
Tralee .. .. .	2 13 10		16 Wexford .. .. .	3 0 0	
Kilkenny .. .. .	1 15 0		16 Pomeroy .. .. .	1 11 0	
Coolgreaney .. .. .	10 0 0		16 Tralee .. .. .	1 0 0	
Dungarvan .. .. .	7 12 0		16 Delvin .. .. .	1 0 0	
Ullard .. .. .	1 10 0		16 Ballymote .. .. .	4 4 0	
Clones .. .. .	5 4 0		April 13 Newport .. .. .	22 13 4	
Newport (Co. Mayo) .. .. .	5 16 0				38 7 10
Galway .. .. .	1 4 0				
Ballymneward .. .. .	10 18 0				
Carragh .. .. .	1 0 0				
Newmarket .. .. .	1 16 0				
Mullingar .. .. .	1 0 0				
Ballyvaughan .. .. .	4 0 0				
Clogh .. .. .	1 12 6				
Drogheda .. .. .	4 10 0				
Arklow .. .. .	4 0 0				
Players' Expenses paid direct by Council .. .. .	24 13 0				
		138 12 3			
.. Handballs .. .. .		2 19 3			
.. Advertising .. .. .		3 7 6			
.. Postage and Telephone .. .. .		7 2 0			
.. Telephone refunded to Venue Secretaries .. .. .		15 1 7			
.. Stationery .. .. .		9 10			
.. Audit Fee .. .. .		1 1 0			
.. Cheque Book .. .. .		16 8			
.. Engraving and Cleaning Gael Linn Cup .. .. .		1 10 0			
.. Gratuity to Caretaker .. .. .		10 0			
.. Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure .. .. .		10 0			
		172 0 1			172 0 1

**Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1958**

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank Overdraft—No. 1 Account .. .. .	141 13 6	Stock of Handballs .. .. .	1 4 0
Less: Cash at Bank—No. 2 Account .. .. .	2 16 1	Sundry Debtors for sales of Handballs .. .. .	1 12 0
	138 17 5	Collectors' Bags, per last Balance Sheet .. .. .	1 2 6
Sundry Creditors for:		FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY:	
Medals .. .. .	52 10 0	Purcell Cup—in possession of P. Downey (Kerry) .. .. .	
Audit Fees .. .. .	10 10 0	Dr. Harty Cup—in possession of P. Downey (Kerry) .. .. .	
	63 0 0	Elvey Shield—in possession of J. Ryan (Tipperary) .. .. .	
		Dunlop Shield—in possession of F. Confrey (Louth) .. .. .	
		Irish Independent Cup—in possession of T. McGarry and M. Mullins (Limerick) .. .. .	
		Very Rev. Canon Carroll Cup—in possession of W. McKenna and J. Clery (Wicklow) .. .. .	
		New Ireland Cup—in possession of M. Shanahan and T. Doherty (Tipperary) .. .. .	
		Coru Comhairle na Munhann—in possession of J. Clery (Wicklow) .. .. .	
		Deficiency as at 31st December, 1957 .. .. .	282 2 1
		Less: Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure:	
		General Account .. .. .	83 13 2
		Special Tournaments Account .. .. .	10 0
			84 3 2
		Deficiency at date .. .. .	197 18 11
	201 17 5		201 17 5

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

27 Merrion Square, N., DUBLIN.  
14th February, 1959.

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