

Cumann Lúit-Óleas Saeðeal

COMAIRLE LIATHRÓID-LÁIME NA h-ÉIREANN

AN COMHÓDÁIL BLIANTÚIL 1960

TUARASCÓDÁIL AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAS AN AIRSIO 1959
TIONÓIPAR AN CHOMHÓDÁIL 1 DÚIS ÓSTA DAINNEAD, 1 AGUS 2 SHÁID DANMAIRIS, ÁÉ CLIAÉ
AN 20-3-60, at 2 p.m.

AN CLÁN

- (1) MION-CUAIRISICÍ.
- (2) TUARASCÓDÁIL.
- (3) CUAIRISIC AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAS AN AIRSIO.
- (4) TOGAÓ NA h-OIFIGEAC, 1960.
 - (a) UACHTARÁN
 - (b) RÚNAÍ
 - (c) TEACHTA AR AN ÁRD COMAIRLE C.L.C.S.

NA h-OIFIGIS, 1960 :

UACHTARÁN : S. Ó CATASÁIS (GARLIM), AN T-ÁDAR E. Ó NIAÓ (ÁÉ CLIAÉ).

RÚNAÍ : S. Ó LOINGSIS (ÁÉ CLIAÉ).

TEACHTA AR AN ÁRD COMAIRLE C.L.C.S.: S. Ó LOINGSIS (ÁÉ CLIAÉ).

NA RÚIN

- (1) That Gael-Linn be asked to give a grant or loan at a small rate of interest, to roof or repair alleys (Loc Garman).
- (2) That all affiliated handballs teams be allotted two stand tickets for the All-Ireland hurling and football finals (Aontruim).
- (3) That the handball representative on the G.A.A. County committee be granted power to vote (Clair).
- (4) That council sponsor an All Ireland juvenile handball championship (Clair).
- (5) That an insurance scheme to cover injuries to players be introduced (Iar-Mhidhe).

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A Cairde Saeóla,

Ói an bliain seo caithe an-sásúil.

Táim an-buáil do gach uimhne a curais liom i rith na bliana, do'sna bailleib comairle, agus Comairle Cúige, do gach Coiste Comrae, agus do'n Árd Comairle, Cumann Lúitcheas Saeóla.

Pé seo, tá le fásail, tuairisc ar na comórtais, cuntas airgid, agus tál.

1959 ALL IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS

S.S.B.S. F. Confrey (Louth).
S.S.B.D. T. McGarry and M. Mullins (Limerick).
S.H.B.S. P. Downey (Kerry).
S.H.B.D. P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).
J.S.B.S. M. Kirby (Clare).
J.S.B.D. P. and T. Reilly (Louth).

J.H.B.S. D. Downey (Kerry).
J.H.B.D. P. Winders and A. Daly (Kildare).
M.S.B.S. J. Clery (Wicklow).
M.S.B.D. J. Clery and M. Dwyer (Wicklow).
M.H.B.S. J. Clery (Wicklow).
M.H.B.D. C. Cleere and J. Cleary (Tipperary).

1958 All Ireland Handball Champions.

M.H.B.D. R. Winders and M. Purcell (Kildare).

It is with pleasure I present the 36th Annual Report of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na h-Éireann. The very good weather of the past summer enabled us to carry through our full programme without any upsets. However despite the good weather gate receipts at most of our fixtures were disappointing. A total of 28 counties affiliated, which is an increase of one on last year. However in some of these counties there remains a considerable amount of work to be done before we can feel satisfied. A new alley was opened at Kells and it is the intention of the committee to roof it in the near future. The go ahead Tuamgraney club are at present working on plans to roof their court. It is their intention also to increase the gallery accommodation considerably. The Taghmon court is at present being roofed and will be available for use from 20th March.

Championships.

F. Confrey by his success in S.S.B.S. gave Louth its first ever Senior title. In winning the J.S.B.S. and S.S.B.S. in successive years he equalled the performance of the famous Paddy Perry (Roscommon) and M. Walsh (Galway) the only other players to bring off this double in successive years. Kerry's P. Downey retained his S.H.B.S. title in decisive fashion when he defeated the Wexford substitute M. Murphy. John Ryan, the popular Wexford star of the "50's" qualified for the S.H.B.S. final, but had to withdraw at the last minute as he met with a very serious injury. I take this opportunity to wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him once again in our courts. This is the first time for the past nine years that John Ryan's name fails to appear in the list of champions. Limerick's T. McGarry and M. Mullins were very convincing winners in S.S.B.D. This fine pair show steady improvement each year and should remain in the top ranks for many years. Kerry regained the S.H.B.D. title after a lapse of five years when P. Downey and J. O'Brien ousted newcomers F. Confrey and J. Maher of Louth. Clare's M. Kirby was one of the easiest winners of the J.S.B.S. title in recent years. It is worthy of record that his brother Pat, now in New York, won this title in 1957. The victory of D. Downey of Kerry in J.H.B.S. meant the return of this title to the Downey household as Paddy won it in 1951. The victory of Louth's P. and T. Reilly in J.S.B.D. gave the Wee county the only Junior title that has eluded them in recent years. In winning the J.H.B.D. A. Daly and P. Winders gave Kildare its fifth success in the last ten years. Wicklow's J. Clery was the dominant figure in the Minor championships. He won the M.S.B.S. and M.H.B.S. and in partnership with M. Dwyer won the M.S.B.D. He equalled the feat of R. Doherty (Roscommon) the only player to win M.S.B.S. in successive years. He also equalled the record of E. Horan (Kerry) the only other player to win M.S.B.S. and M.H.B.S. in the same year. Clery also had the unique record of playing both Minor and Senior in the same year. This was Clery's seventh successive year to compete in the Minor championships. Tipperary's C. Cleere and J. Cleary by their victory in M.H.B.D. helped to keep the Premier county in the limelight.

Gael Linn Competition.

The Gael Linn competition has exceeded all expectations. Entries for the present competition total 744, an increase of 88 on last year. It is remarkable how this competition has grown in popularity in its short life. I give hereunder the total entries for each year since the competition was inaugurated.

1953	..	..	160 players
1954	..	..	248 do.
1955	..	..	200 do.
1956	..	..	304 do.
1957	..	..	456 do.
1958	..	..	656 do.
1959	..	..	744 do.

In winning the title for the second successive year T. McGarry (Limerick) became the first player to achieve this feat. Once again J. Maher of Louth was runner up.

The venue Secretaries deserve our thanks for the very fine manner in which they co-operated. Were it not for this co-operation it would be impossible to carry through such a huge programme of fixtures to schedule.

Trophies for All Ireland Championships.

The Irish Press Newspapers presented a magnificent Perpetual Challenge Cup for the S.H.B.D. All Ireland championship and are deserving of our thanks. We now have only three championships without trophies and I would appeal to members to make every effort to secure suitable donors.

Hardball.

Hardball continues to grow in popularity and it looks as if the efforts of Council to foster the game are being well rewarded. I doubt if at any time in our history had we so many counties participating as at present.

Handball suffered a big loss in the death recently of W. Aldridge the renowned maker of handballs. The Aldridge ball was accepted as the official ball of the Association. He was the first S.H.B.S. champion under G.A.A. rules. Go nDeanaid Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Fortunately council have a stock of handballs on hand and we can carry on until such time as a suitable person is trained.

Schools and Colleges.

Are our Schools and Colleges giving handball the support they should? I regret to say they are definitely not. It is apparent that we must make a big drive to encourage all schools and colleges to foster handball. Look at the fine work they are doing for football and hurling. Could not the same be done for handball. It is the responsibility of all our members to avail of every possible opportunity to push this most important aspect of our work.

What about organising juvenile competitions? With the exception of a few counties this most important work is very much neglected. If needs be a special committee could be established for the purpose of fostering handball with the juveniles.

Publicity.

Publicity of our games continue to improve and we are indebted to the National and Provincial newspapers for their co-operation. However I wonder are our officials playing their part? I have no hesitation in saying no. With the exception of a few counties there is absolutely no effort to forward information or fixtures to the correspondents. Publicity can mean so much to the game and the sooner our officials realise it the better for the game.

General.

During the year the Caltex Oil Co. included shots of handball in their film of Irish sport. Gael-Linn were to include shots of our finals in one of their programmes but unfortunately owing to other commitments they had to postpone it until the coming championships.

One day tournaments once a most popular and widespread form of competition are now confined to a few clubs. What about a big effort to revive some of these tournaments as they are an ideal means of providing competition for our players. The big increase in the Gael Linn entries is sufficient evidence that our players want plenty of competition.

Cork handball suffered a big loss in the death of the famous M. O'Halloran, one time Australian champion. Go nDeanaid Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Finance.

While gate receipts showed a good improvement on last year, nevertheless they were still below expectations. Teams expenses showed a big reduction. However were it not for the wonderful co-operation of the members of Council this would not have been possible. By their co-operation it was possible to save between £70 and £80 on Teams expenses. However we are still approximately £77 down on the year. On the credit side is the stock of handballs worth £24, which leaves us with a nett loss of £53 on the year. I can assure you that Council have done their utmost to effect economies and it is not possible to reduce our expenses any further. It is apparent that we cannot work within the Grant allocated by the G.A.A. and unless this is increased it will be impossible to carry out fully our responsibilities to the parent body.

On your behalf I would like to thank Dr. J. J. Stuart and Mr. Padraig Ó Caoimh for their continued interest in our welfare. To the various G.A.A. bodies for their continued help, to our Provincial and County handball Committees, and to the many willing helpers at our fixtures.

Our President, Steve Casey of Galway, acquitted himself very well in his first year of office and deserves our thanks for the very capable and efficient manner in which he handled the affairs of Council.

The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the happy repose of the souls of our deceased members. Go nDeanaid Dia trocaire ar a n-anamaca.

Ar son Comairle Liathróid-Láimhe na h-Éireann

SEOSAM Ó LOINÉIS

AUDITORS REPORT

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

A Chairde,

9 PARNELL SQUARE,
DUBLIN.
11th February, 1960.

We have audited the Books of the Association for the Year ended 31st December, 1959. We enclose General Income and Expenditure Account and Special Tournament Account for the Year together with Balance Sheet showing the financial position of the Association at 31st December, 1959.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income for the Year amounted to £597 10 1 and Expenditure came to £644 15 7. The Expenditure of the Year exceeded the Income by £47 5 6.

As compared with the preceding Year Income was less by £173 18 1 and Expenditure was less by £42 19 5. The difference in the working of the two years was, therefore, £130 18 8 in favour of the preceding year. The decrease in Income is mainly due to the absence in the Account under review of a Special Grant, £200, received from Central Council in 1958 which was partly offset by an increase of £39 12 9 in Gate Receipts. The decline in Expenditure was principally due to a fall of £54 6 11 in the charge for Teams' Expenses offset by slight increases under various headings.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT

The Expenditure for the Year, including Refunds of Travelling and Hotel Expenses to venue Championships £152 11 0, amounted to £184 12 5. This amount was fully covered by Gate Receipts Gael-Linn Tournament, £38 17 3, and by Grant from Gael-Linn to cover the excess of Expenditure over Income, £145 15 2.

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1959 amounted to £25 6 6. Liabilities at the same date, including net Bank Overdraft, £215 19 5, came to £279 6 11. Liabilities exceeded Assets at the end of the Year by £254 0 5.

As in previous Accounts no value has been placed on Cups and Trophies of the Association which are set out in the face of the Balance Sheet for record purposes only. During the Year a further Cup, viz. the "Irish Press" Perpetual Challenge Cup was presented to the Association.

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

Is sinne, le meas,

D. O'CONNOR & Co.

Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1959

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Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association
Income and Expenditure Account—Special Tournaments for the Year ended 31st December 1959

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1959—December 31.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1959—December 31.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Refund of Travelling and Hotel Expenses to Venue Championships:			By Grant from Gael Linn to cover Expenses		145 15 2
Tuamgraney	3 0 0		„ Gate Receipts—		
Ballyporeen	3 15 9		Gael Linn Tournament:		
Pomeroy	7 18 0		1959		
Armagh	6 9		Jan. 25 At Limerick	13 0	
Curragh	5 11 0		Feb. 1 Dublin	9 6	
Annamoe	4 18 0		Clogh	10 6	
Ballymore Eustace	5 12 0		Ballymote	10 6	
Belfast	11 9 0		Ballymore		
Dungarvan	7 12 6		Eustace	12 6	
Newport	3 5 0		Talbot's Inch	8 6	
Ballindine	1 16 0		8 Taghmon	3 8 0	
Drogheda	4 10 0		Clogh	3 17 0	
Dunlavin	5 0		Ballindine	2 3 0	
Birr	4 19 0		Delvin	1 11 0	
Ullard	2 15 0		Mullaboran	1 17 6	
Tralee	10 0		15 Limerick	3 0 0	
Ballymote	9 4 0		Horse and Jockey	3 4 9	
Arklow	4 15 0		Apl. 19 Clogh	16 11 6	
Galway	4 10 0				38 17 3
Kingscourt	15 8 0				
Tipperary	5 16 6				
Talbot's Inch	10 0				
Limerick	4 2 0				
Tinahely	2 10 0				
Collooney	14 16 0				
Turnpike	6 1 0				
Ballyanne	4 4 0				
„ Players' Expenses paid direct by Council	12 11 6				
		152 11 0			
„ Advertising		2 16 0			
„ Postage and Telephone		6 18 3			
Telephone Expenses refunded to Venue Secretaries		17 7 2			
Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses		5 0 0			
		184 12 5			184 12 5

Irish Amateur Handball Association, Gaelic Athletic Association
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1959

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank Overdraft—No. 1 Account	218 15 6		Affiliation Fees, Tyrone		4 0
Less: Cash at Bank—No. 2 Account	2 16 1		Stock of Handballs		24 0 0
		215 19 5	Collectors' Bags, per last Balance Sheet		1 2 6
Sundry Creditors for:			FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY:		
Medals	52 10 0		Irish Press Perpetual Challenge Cup—in possession of P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).		
Audit Fee	10 10 0		Irish Independent Cup—in possession of T. McGarry and M. Mullins (Limerick)		
		63 0 0	Purcell Cup—in possession of E. Confrey (Louth)		
Cash due Secretary		7 6	Dr. Harty Cup—in possession of P. Downey (Kerry)		
			Very Rev. Canon Carroll Cup—in possession of T. and P. Reilly (Louth).		
			New Ireland Cup—in possession of A. Daly and P. Winders (Kildare).		
			Dunlop Shield—in possession of M. Kirby (Clare).		
			Elvery Shield—in possession of D. Downey (Kerry).		
			Corn Comhairle na Mumhan—in possession of J. Clery (Wicklow)		
			Deficiency at 31st December, 1958. 197 18 11		
			Add: Teams' Expenses, Kildare (1958)	8 16 0	
			Excess for Year of Expenditure over Income—General Account	47 5 6	
			Deficiency at date	254 0 5	
		279 6 11			279 6 11

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.

9 Parnell Square, DUBLIN.
11th February, 1960.

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