

Cumann Lúic-Éileas Saédeal

COMAIRLE LIATHRÓID-LÁIMHE NA h-ÉIREANN

AN COMHÓDÁIL BLIANTÚIL 1961

TUARASCÓDÁIL AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAIS AN AIREID 1960

TIONÓILPÁN AN CHOMHÓDÁIL IDTIS ÓSTA DAINREAD, 1 AGUS 2 SRÁID DANMAIRIS, ÁÉ CLIAÉ
AN 26-3-61, at 2 p.m.

AN CLÁN

- (1) MION-TUAIRISICÍ.
- (2) TUARASCÓDÁIL.
- (3) TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAIS AN AIREID.
- (4) TOŠAD NA h-OIFIGEAD, 1961.
 - (a) UACCARÁN
 - (b) RÚNAÍ
 - (c) TEADCA AN AN ÁRD COMAIRLE C.L.C.S.
- (5) NA RÚIN.

NA h-OIFIGIS, 1961 :

UACCARÁN : S. Ó CATASOIS (Šallim).

RÚNAÍ : S. Ó LOINGIS (ÁÉ CLIAÉ), C. Ó CONAILL (ÁÉ CLIAÉ)

TEADCA AN AN ÁRD COMAIRLE C.L.C.S. : S. Ó LOINGIS (ÁÉ CLIAÉ), C. Ó CONAILL (ÁÉ CLIAÉ)

NA RÚIN

- (1) That the G.A.A. Central Council be requested to give at least four hurling and four football tickets for the All-Ireland finals to the Handball officials in each county, with a view to encouraging officials to continue to promote the game (Clare).
- (2) That the G.A.A. General Secretary be requested to notify each G.A.A. County Committee of their responsibility to foster Handball and to request them to support, encourage, and finance the Handball Committees within their counties (Clare).
- (3) That steps be taken to have standard specifications and plans available for clubs or counties planning to erect new ballcourts with a view to ensuring uniformity and effecting economies (Kilkenny).
- (4) That the help of the G.A.A. Central Council be enlisted with a view to promoting handball and building courts in counties deficient in this respect. Organisation to be effected by direction of the County Committees (Kilkenny).
- (5) That the arrangements for the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals be reviewed.

COMHAIRLE LIATHROID-LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

A CAIRDE Saeéal,

Bí an bliain seo caite an-sááil.

Táim an-burdeac do gac tuine a curis liom i ríe na bliana, do'sna baillaib comairle, agus Comairli Cúige, do gac Coiste Connadae, agus do'n Árd Comairle, Cumann Luitéleas Saeéal. Fé seo, tá le fágail, cuairis ar na comórtais, cuntas airgid, agus ghl.

1960 ALL IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS

S.S.B.S.	F. Confey (Louth)
S.S.B.D.	P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry)
S.H.B.S.	P. Downey (Kerry)
S.H.B.D.	P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry)
J.S.B.S.	M. O'Brien (Limerick)
J.S.B.D.	M. O'Brien and S. Walsh (Limerick)
J.H.B.S.	J. Donovan (Kerry)
J.H.B.D.	T. Cleere and C. Cleere (Tipperary)
M.S.B.S.	T. Ledwith (Westmeath)
M.S.B.D.	N. Kerins and J. McMullen (Kerry)
M.H.B.S.	M. Purcell (Kildare)
M.H.B.D.	M. Purcell and J. Byrne (Kildare)

It is with pleasure I present the 37th Annual Report of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Despite the inclement weather of the past year our full programme was completed to schedule. Twenty-eight counties affiliated, the same as last year. Laois dropped out and were replaced by Donegal. While the game continues to make steady progress, there still remains a vast amount of work to be done before we can feel satisfied with the position. In Munster, Cork and Waterford are lagging very much behind the other counties; while in Leinster, Kildare and Louth, despite their recent All-Ireland successes, are poorly organised. When you consider that each of these counties has a great handball tradition, their present position is hard to understand. I would appeal to the active clubs in these counties to make a renewed effort to reorganise handball and I would suggest that they request the co-operation of their G.A.A. County Committees. We must remember that the Handball Committee is only a sub-committee of the G.A.A. County Committee and it is the responsibility of the G.A.A. Committee to see that handball is fostered and properly organised. Very often the G.A.A. Committee feels that once they have established a Handball Committee that their responsibility ends there. Such is not the case, as the G.A.A. charter clearly sets out that they have a definite responsibility to promote handball, as well as football and hurling. Welcome news from Mayo is that handball has gained a new lease of life and is growing in popularity. New alleys are planned for Castlebar, Westport and Belmullet; while some old three-walled alleys are to be reconstructed. Another county where handball is making great strides is Cavan where the record number of nine clubs affiliated this year. A magnificent new alley was opened last August in Cavan. This latest addition leaves the county well equipped, as they now have four first-class alleys capable of housing championship matches. The new Cavan alley is rather unique in that it is below ground level and the surrounding banks make a natural gallery, thus saving the extra cost of erecting a gallery. Taghmon court was roofed and lighting was installed. This county Wexford club built this alley, roofed it, etc., all in the space of three years. A fine example of what industry and drive can do. Ceannus Mor is another energetic club. During the year they opened club rooms with all the usual amenities, thus ensuring that their club members, who total 120, have every opportunity of keeping together. Present plans are to roof the alley and also build a swimming pool. This club is really playing a prominent part in improving the social life of the town. A new alley was opened at Tullamore and this popular midland venue should be very central for Munster, Connacht and Leinster.

Championships

The full championship programme was carried out to schedule. However, the three finals fixed for Ceannus Mor were washed out and had to be transferred to Ballymore Eustace at a few hours' notice as there was no indication of an improvement in the weather. More was the pity, as judging by the number of people who turned up in the rain we were assured of a very good gate. We did collect a gate of £5-11 at Ballymore Eustace which was very good considering they had practically no notice of the matches. Munster representatives by winning eight All-Ireland surpassed their best previous performance. Paddy Downey emerged as the outstanding handballer of the year in winning three All-Ireland medals. He retained his S.H.B.S. title after a marathon struggle which began in Ballymore Eustace, and was finished at Clogh as play was called off at Ballymore Eustace after four games due to failing light. In partnership with J. O'Brien he won the S.S.B.D. and S.H.B.D. F. Confey of Louth retained his S.S.B.S. title in convincing manner. Munster completely monopolised the Junior championships — M. O'Brien of Limerick winning the J.S.B.S. and in partnership with S. Walsh winning the J.S.B.D. Last year's All-Ireland runners up, C. and T. Cleere of Tipperary, went a stage further this year in winning out in J.H.B.D. J. Donovan of Kerry had to battle extremely hard before winning the J.H.B.S. His opponent, M. Kelly, nearly caused a big upset and proved the dark horse of the championships. The handball played by this inexperienced Galway boy is certainly a good indication of the progress handball is making west of the Shannon. In winning the M.S.B.S., T. Ledwith gave Westmeath its first ever Minor single title. Kildare's M. Purcell gained a dual success when he won the M.H.B.S. and partnered J. Byrne to victory in M.H.B.D. The success of N. Kerins and J. McMullen in M.S.B.D. gave Kerry its fifth All-Ireland title. It is worthy of record that all the Kerry players are members of the Tralee club which must now be a strong rival of the famous Talbot's Inch club.

Gael Linn Competition

The 1959-60 Gael Linn competition was won by Joe Maher, runner-up for the past two years. This year's entry of 856 players exceeded last year's record figure by 112. Without a doubt this

competition is doing untold good for handball as it provides competition for players of all grades and gives many of more inexperienced players a chance of competing against the more prominent players. A novel feature of last year's finals was the newsreel taken of some of the matches at Taghmon and displayed in the cinemas throughout the country. This was the first occasion for handball to appear on the screen and the general opinion was that it was a game very suitable for filming. Let's hope we have more in the future.

The venue Secretaries are deserving of our sincere thanks for the magnificent manner in which they co-operated, as without their help it would be impossible to run this competition efficiently.

Australia

An invitation has been received from the Australian Handball Association to send the Irish Senior champion to that country to compete against the Australian champion in what they call a world series — the Irish player to arrive in Australia a few weeks before Easter 1962. He will be expected to play in at least three cities with one week between each match. The Australian Association are prepared to pay all travelling and hotel expenses. If our player is to travel by boat the round-trip would probably take three months. However, if he travels by air this can be reduced to approximately two months. They also ask that we sponsor a world series in Ireland in 1964 with America, Australia and Ireland competing. It has been pointed out that while we welcome the invitation it is a matter for our Annual Congress. It was also pointed out that the finances of our Association would not permit us to pay travelling expenses of America and Australia. We would however be prepared to pay hotel accommodation, and travelling expenses within the country.

Our players will be interested to know that in Australia all matches are played in three-walled courts and are the best of three games of 15 aces. The ball is somewhat similar to the American ball.

Appeal to G.A.A. County Committees

The inclement weather of recent years has emphasised more any more the necessity of roofed courts in each county. I would strongly appeal to each G.A.A. County Committee to help in every way to roof one court in their county. The cost of the job would be approximately £1,000 with no recurring expenses. Surely nobody could deny that it would be money well spent and would bring lasting results. While we acknowledge that the various G.A.A. Provincial Councils and the Central Council give every assistance to handball the same cannot be said of the majority of our G.A.A. County Committees.

Hardball

Council are still endeavouring to have a suitable hardball manufactured, and Mr. Arnold is deserving of our thanks for his untiring efforts to improve on the present ball. The question of a suitable maker to replace the late Mr. Aldridge is still under consideration and no definite decision has yet been made.

I would take this opportunity of pointing out that hardballs can always be recovered. When the cover is worn it can easily be replaced with a new cover which is more reasonable than buying a new ball. I would appeal to the clubs to return all balls suitable for recovering to either the Provincial Secretaries or the Central Council Secretary.

General

Publicity continues to improve and we are indebted to the Provincial and National Press for their help. However, there is still an amount of work to be done before we can feel satisfied that handball is receiving the publicity that is its due. Our various officials should avail of every opportunity of securing extra space and should co-operate with the various recognised correspondents.

Once again I would appeal to our Colleges and Schools for more support. They can do for handball what they have already done for football and hurling. Our County Committees should avail of every opportunity to foster the game with the youth and I am sure that if they approach the local Schools' Committee they would receive their full co-operation.

Finance

Once again the G.A.A. Central Council displayed their generosity by increasing the annual grant from £400 to £500, and also giving a special grant of £300. A special word of thanks is due to the President, Dr. J. J. Stuart, and the General Secretary, Pádraigh Ó Caoimh for their active and continued interest in our welfare. The position now is that there is a small amount of £38-10 due to the bank which is a big improvement on past years. Every effort is exercised by Council to run our affairs as economically as possible. Gate receipts showed an increase of £38 on last year. However, this position would have been even better but for the wash-out at Ceannus Mor. Teams' expenses showed an increase of £125 on last year. However, this figure compares very favourably with former years and is in no way excessive.

Our President is deserving of your thanks for the very capable and efficient manner in which he conducts the business of the Association.

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

Ar son Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

SEASAMH O LOINSIGH.

AUDITORS' REPORT

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

9 PARNELL SQUARE,
DUBLIN.
6th February, 1961.

A Chairde,

We have audited the Books of the Association for the Year ended 31st December, 1960. Enclosed please find 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, 1960.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the Year amounted to £970-14-3. Expenditure amounted to £796-9. Income exceeded Expenditure by £174-5-3. As compared with the preceding year when Expenditure exceeded Income by £47-5-6, Income was greater by £373-4-2 and Expenditure was greater by £151-13-5. The increase in Income is chiefly due to an increase of £38 in Gate Receipts; an increase of £100 in the Annual Grant from Central Council; the occurrence of a Special Grant from Central Council of £300 which had no equivalent in the preceding year and to an increase of £12 in the Sales of Handballs. On the Expenditure side of the Account, Teams' Expenses were greater by £125; Secretary's Hotel and Travelling Expenses were greater by £10 and the charge for Printing and Stationery was less by £9.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the Year, consisting of Grant from Gael Linn to cover Expenses £184-12, and Gate Receipts from Gael Linn Tournaments £40-1-2, amounted to £224-13-2. Expenditure came to £220-12-2. Income exceeded Expenditure by £4-1.

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1960 came to £21-18-9. Liabilities, including Bank Overdraft net £31-12-11, amounted to £97-12-11. Liabilities exceeded Assets by £75-14-2.

As has been the practice 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 REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1960—December 31.	£	s.	d.	1960 December 31.	£	s.	d.
To TEAMS' EXPENSES:				By AFFILIATION FEES:			
Armagh.....	20	13	3	Antrim.....		4	0
Cavan.....	13	11	9	Armagh.....		4	0
Galway.....	12	15	0	Cavan.....		18	0
Kerry.....	39	12	6	Clare.....		4	0
Kildare.....	10	13	9	Cork.....		10	0
Kilkenny.....	7	17	6	Donegal.....		4	0
Limerick.....	33	14	6	Down.....		4	0
Louth.....	68	10	5	Dublin.....		16	0
Mayo.....	30	7	0	Galway.....		12	0
Monaghan.....	15	3	0	Kerry.....		10	0
Offaly.....	9	17	6	Kildare.....		4	0
Sligo.....	50	19	6	Kilkenny.....		10	0
Tipperary.....	1	16	6	Leitrim.....		4	0
Westmeath.....	3	0	0	Limerick.....		8	0
Wexford.....	12	12	6	Longford.....		2	0
„ Players' Expenses paid direct by Council.....	140	4	0	Louth.....		4	0
				Mayo.....		8	0
			471 8 8	Meath.....		8	0
„ Handballs.....			40 6 8	Monaghan.....		4	0
„ Advertising.....			17 4 0	Offaly.....		14	0
„ Medals and Engraving Trophies.....			54 10 0	Roscommon.....		8	0
„ Insurance and Trophies.....			1 17 6	Sligo.....		8	0
„ President's Travelling Expenses.....			4 10 0	Tipperary.....	1	6	0
„ Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses.....			25 14 6	Tyrone.....		4	0
„ Printing and Stationery.....			19 17 7	Waterford.....		4	0
„ Telephone.....	14	10	9	Westmeath.....		16	0
„ Less: Refund from Gael Linn Tournament Account.....	2	3	3	Wexford.....	1	6	0
				Wicklow.....		12	0
			12 7 6				12 16 0
„ Postage.....	9	14	8	„ GATE RECEIPTS:			
„ Less: Refund from Gael Linn Tournament Account.....	3	12	0	1960			
			6 2 8	Aug. 14 at Cavan.....	17	9	6
„ Chairman's Telephone and Postage Expenses.....			2 0 0	14 at Ballymore-Eustace.....	9	12	0
„ Meeting Expenses.....			70 12 3	21 at Talbot's Inch.....	7	13	6
„ Secretary's Honorarium.....			50 0 0	21 at Horse and Jockey.....	3	13	0
„ Audit and Accountancy Fee.....			10 10 0	28 at Ballymote.....	20	5	6
„ Bank Interest, Charges and Cheque Book.....			8 0 8	Sept. 18 at Talbot's Inch.....	22	6	6
„ Mass Offerings.....			1 7 0	Oct. 2 at Ballymore-Eustace.....	5	11	0
				9 at Taghmon.....	11	2	0
„ Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure.....	174	5	3	16 at Clogh.....	23	7	0
			970 14 3				121 0 0
				„ Grant from Central Council.....			500 0 0
				„ Special Grant from Central Council.....			300 0 0
				„ Sale of Handballs.....			36 18 3
							970 14 3

IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS — REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1960—December 31.				1960—December 31.			
To Refund of Travelling and Hotel Expenses to Venue Championships:				By Grant from Gael Linn to cover Expenses.....			184 12 0
Tinahely.....	5	3	0				
Ballindine.....		4	6	" Gate Receipts:—			
Nenagh.....	7	10	0	Gael Linn Tournament:			
Dungarvan.....	9	7	0	1960			
Athlone.....	4	0	0	Jan. 1 at Talbot's Inch.....	1	3	6
Arklow.....		5	6	1 at Crumlin.....		12	9
Newmarket-on-Fergus.....	1	0	0	1 at Ballymore-Eustace.....		6	6
Tullamore.....	7	9	6	Feb. 7 at Enniscorthy.....	1	12	0
Taghmon.....	4	0	0	7 at Newmarket-on-Fergus.....		3	0
Ullard.....	4	5	0	7 at The Commons.....		3	0
Ballymacward.....	2	11	0	7 at Roscommon.....		1	13
Belfast.....	8	3	6	14 at Ballymore-Eustace.....		18	0
Mullahoran.....	5	6	6	14 at Loughrea.....		1	5
Limerick.....	13	0	0	14 at Loughmacrory.....		1	17
Newport.....	8	1	3	April 24 Taghmon.....	24	12	11
Tuamgraney.....	3	16	0				40 1 2
Mullingar.....	3	5	0				
Ballymote.....	18	14	6				
Ballyanne.....	2	0	0				
Galway.....	5	17	6				
Baltinglass.....	1	10	0				
Castlebridge.....		7	6				
Drogheda.....	7	14	6				
Birr.....	9	17	0				
Tralee.....	11	4	0				
Kilmannon.....	1	10	0				
Players' Expenses paid direct by Council.....	10	16	0				
			156 18 9				
" Advertising.....			2 12 0				
" Postage and Telephone.....			5 16 6				
" Telephone Expenses refunded to Venue Secretaries.....			29 0 10				
" Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses.....			25 0 0				
" Cheque Book.....			16 8				
" Stationery.....			7 5				
" Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure.....			4 1 0				
			224 13 2				224 13 2

IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft, No. 1 Account.....	38	10	0	Sundry Debtors for:			
Less: Cash at Bank, No. 2 Account....	6	17	1	Affiliation Fees.....	2	2	0
			31 12 11	Sales of Handballs.....	12	14	3
Sundry Creditors for:							14 16 3
Teams' Travelling and Hotel Expenses—Westmeath (estimate).....	3	0	0	Stock of Handballs on hands.....			6 0 0
Medals.....	52	10	0	Collectors' Bags, per last Balance Sheet			1 2 6
Audit Fee.....	10	10	0	FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY:			
			66 0 0	Irish Press Perpetual Cup in possession of P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).			
				Irish Independent Cup in possession of P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry).			
				Purcell Cup in possession of F. Confrey (Louth).			
				Dr. Harty Cup in possession of P. Downey (Kerry).			
				Very Reverend Canon Carroll Cup in possession of M. O'Brien and S. Walsh (Limerick).			
				New Ireland Cup in possession of C. and T. Cleere (Tipperary).			
				Dunlop Shield in possession of M. O'Brien (Limerick).			
				Elvery Shield in possession of J. Donovan (Kerry).			
				Corn Comhairle na Mumhann in possession of T. Ledwith (Westmeath).			
				Gael Linn Cup in possession of J. Maher (Louth).			
				Deficiency as at 31st December, 1959.....	254	0	5
				Less: Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure per General Account.....	£174	5	3
				Special Tournaments Account.....	4	1	0
					178	6	3
			97 12 11				75 14 2
							97 12 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, East, DUBLIN.
6th February, 1961.

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