

COMAIRLE LIATHRÓID-LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

An Comóráil Bliantúil 1963

TUARASCÓIL AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAIS AN AIRSÍD 1962

TIONÓIFAR AN COMÓRÁIL i bCúig Ósta Dairreabó, 1 agus 2 SRÁID DANMAIRG, áC CLIAÉ,
AR 24-3-63, AR 2 A CLOG.

AN CLÁR:

- (1) Mion-tuairisicí.
- (2) TUARASCÓIL.
- (3) TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAIS AN AIRSÍD.
- (4) TOGAO NA n-OFIGEAC, 1963.
 - (a) Uaéctarán.
 - (b) Rúnaí.
 - (c) Teaceta ar an áRD Comhairle C.L.S.
- (5) NA RÚIN.

NA n-OFIGEIS, 1963:

Uaéctarán: AN t-ÁEAS C. Ó MATH (áC CLIAÉ).

Rúnaí: S. Ó LOMGSI (áC CLIAÉ).

Teaceta ar an áRD Comhairle C.L.S.: S. Ó LOMGSI (áC CLIAÉ).

NA RÚIN:

- (1) Rule 56 (1) (a) be amended to read as follows, "Senior Hardball Singles and Doubles—five games of twenty-one aces (Ath Cliath).
- (2) That Council make the necessary approaches with a view to organising handball in the Universities (Ath Cliath).
- (3) That an open draw be made for the All-Ireland semi-finals in all grades for future years (Sligeach).
- (4) That Rule 58 (1) be amended to read as follows. "A player can play junior until such time as he wins a Junior All-Ireland championship. He shall not be eligible to compete again in the junior championships until twenty years has elapsed from the year he won the championship." (Ceatharleac).
5. That Rule 83 be deleted from the Official Handball Rule Book (Ath Cliath).

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A CÁIRDE SAEBEAL,

Tá áras orm arís a éirí romatb sceala searr rocaioib no scomórtasí agus na h-Oibre a bí ádhann a rit na mbliana, 1962.

Tam an-burteac do sac buime a curiois liom a rit na bliana, do 'sna ballaib Comairle, Comairli Cúige, do sac Coiste Connóae, agus u'on áro Comairle, Cumann Lúctéas Sacl.

Fé seo, tá le págal, tuairisc ar na comórtasí, euntas airgíó, agus 7rl.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1962

S.S.B.S.	J. Delaney (Kilkenny)
S.S.B.D.	P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry)
J.S.B.S.	S. McCabe (Monaghan)
J.S.B.D.	M. Walsh and P. McGee (Mayo)
M.S.B.S.	J. McEllistrim (Kerry)
M.S.B.D.	D. and J. Kirby (Clare)
S.H.B.S.	P. Downey (Kerry)
S.H.B.D.	J. Ryan and M. Shanahan (Tipperary)
J.H.B.S.	P. Hickey (Tipperary)
J.H.B.D.	P. Hickey and T. Breedy (Tipperary)
M.H.B.S.	P. McLoughlin (Tipperary)
M.H.B.D.	P. McLoughlin and A. Murphy (Tipperary)

I have much pleasure in presenting the 39th Annual Report of Comhairle Liathroid Láimhe na hÉireann. Despite another year of inclement weather we were successful in completing our full programme of matches notwithstanding a complete washout at Ballymore on Sunday, 26th August. The finals arranged for Ceannanus Mór commenced at 11 a.m. but due to intermittent rain developed into a long drawn out session and did not finish until 8 p.m. Each year brings home more forcibly the necessity for covered courts in all counties. While the game continues to improve each year, nevertheless we still cannot feel satisfied until handball is played throughout the whole country. The Cork G.A.A. are to be complimented for their great work in re-organising handball throughout the county. As a result of their efforts we now have ten clubs affiliated and every indication of a virile organisation. I regret we cannot say the same of Limerick, a county with a wonderful handball tradition. When we recall that Limerick represented by J. J. Bowles and S. Gleeson, won the first S.H.B.D. title played under G.A.A. rules in 1926 and the successes of their Seniors, Juniors and Minors from 1955 to 1960, it is difficult to understand the present position.

Once again I would appeal to the G.A.A. County Committee to make a big drive to get Limerick back into handball during the present year. Another county to return to our ranks was Carlow, where a County Committee is now functioning with five clubs affiliated. Carlow is one of the oldest of our handball counties and their reappearance is more than welcome. I believe the famous Racquet court in Carlow will again be available to the handballers. While Longford affiliated and entered the Junior and Minor championships the position in the county is very unsatisfactory. Despite our many approaches it is almost impossible to get any proper organisation established within the county. Due to the unsatisfactory position of the Louth Handball Committee no entries were accepted from the county and as a result they did not compete in the championships. I am happy to report that as a result of the G.A.A. Co. Committee taking control that everything is now satisfactory and that they will be competing in the 1963 championships. Derry affiliated for the first time and were successful in winning the Ulster M.S.B.D. and M.H.B.S. However, the position in the county is still very poor and I cannot see any immediate improvement unless alleys are built in at least three or four areas. Handball continues to improve in Offaly and last year saw an increase in affiliations of four clubs. In addition the Tullamore Club erected a gallery to their court. Present intentions are to roof the court in the near future. With the exception of Leitrim, handball continues to grow in popularity throughout Connacht. Galway affiliations increased from five clubs to eight, while in Sligo the number of clubs increased from four to seven. The position in Monaghan seems to have deteriorated as only two clubs affiliated last year whereas five affiliated in 1961. Down failed to affiliate this year. In previous years I have commented on the lack of enthusiasm in Meath and Waterford and I regret to say that there still is no improvement. Again I would appeal to the G.A.A. County Committees concerned to undertake the task of re-organising their counties. After all, no county

can call itself G.A.A. in the true sense when handball lags so much behind football and hurling. Handball continues to thrive in Armagh and the Clan na hÉireann Club in Lurgan is putting the finishing touches to their three alleys. They were fortunate in securing Government aid to meet a large portion of the expense. The three alleys are alongside each other and the centre court is equipped with a gallery. The Coolgreaney club completely renovated their court at considerable expense and it is now on a par with the leading alleys. This latest addition leaves Wexford one of the best equipped counties in the country. Ballyporeen Club carried out considerable repair work on their court and it is now in first-class condition.

Championships.

The success of Seamus McCabe of Monaghan in J.S.B.S. gave the county its first ever All-Ireland title. McCabe won through in his semi-final and final matches by a single ace after a full rubber in each match. No doubt his success will do untold good not alone in Monaghan but throughout Ulster and will be an added incentive to Ulster players to keep trying. Munster almost dominated the championships and their representatives were successful in winning nine All-Ireland titles, which is a record for the Province. P. Downey of Kerry won the S.H.B.S. in decisive fashion and also teamed up successfully with J. O'Brien to retain the S.S.B.D. title. The success of J. Ryan and M. Shanahan in S.H.B.D. gave Tipperary its first title in this particular championship for thirty-one years. P. Hickey, a former Minor champion, brought Tipperary the J.H.B.S. and in partnership with T. Breedy completed a double when they won the J.H.B.D. Tipperary also recorded a double in the Minor championships when they won the M.H.B.S. and M.H.B.D. Unfortunately, they won the M.H.B.S. on a walk-over as Mayo conceded the match as their representative could not obtain leave of absence from college. I would emphasise that at all times it is the county that is playing and not the individual and where the original choice is not available a substitute must be played. We have had numerous instances over the years where counties had to play substitutes for various reasons. Clare Minors, the Kirby brothers, made history when they won the M.S.B.D. title, as it is the first occasion for this title to be won by the county. The Kirbys also made history in another sense, as they now join their brothers Pat and Mick as All-Ireland medal holders and are the first family to achieve such a performance in handball. Mayo had some consolation for their narrow defeat in J.S.B.S. when their representatives, M. Walsh and P. McGee won the J.S.B.D. Kerry Minor, J. McEllistrim gave Kerry its third All-Ireland title when he won the M.S.B.S. after a very close contest with M. Henry of Sligo, the most promising Minor to come out of Connacht for some years. Leinster, who have often taken the lion's share of the titles in the past, had what was their worst-ever year in these championships as their representatives only won one title when Joe Delaney was successful in S.S.B.S. This gives Delaney his first Senior Singles title after many years of trying.

Gael-Linn Competition.

The 1962-63 Gael-Linn competition received an entry of 864 players, which is a decrease of 108 on last year. Nevertheless, this competition is as popular as ever and more so if one is to judge by the number of new venues taking part. It was agreed at last Congress to have an Entrance Fee of 1s. per player and I feel that this more than anything else was responsible for the slight decrease in entries. Venues that normally entered a number of groups in some cases reduced their entries to a minimum. As a result of this competition, the International Fund will benefit to the extent of £43.

Joe Maher of Louth was successful in winning the title for 1962 when he ousted the holder, M. Kirby of Clare, in what was without doubt the best final since the competition was inaugurated eleven years ago.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Contd.

Raffle.

With a view to establishing a fund to meet expenses of proposed International games it was decided at last year's Congress to hold a raffle. The profit on the raffle was satisfactory and Council are indebted to those clubs and officials who gave their help. However, as usual, we had a certain number of clubs who failed to give the raffle any support. I would appeal to all clubs to support any future ventures that Council may embark on to improve our financial position.

New Rule Book.

A new Rule Book with list of champions and hints for beginners was published last September and copies are available at a nominal cost of 6d. each. We are indebted to the G.A.A. Central Council for meeting the full expense of the printing. I would suggest to all counties that they purchase supplies and distribute them to the various schools and colleges in the county and also to the Juvenile and Minor football and hurling teams. Those books, if properly distributed, could help considerably in re-awakening interest in handball.

International Games.

While Council have been constantly in contact with Australia and America re the proposed World series, nothing has been finalised. From reports to hand recently it is very unlikely that Australia will compete in 1963. The question will be discussed at their Annual Meeting in April and I would say that it would be at least 1964 before they compete in any International competitions. America are considering sending players to Ireland in 1963 to take part in championship matches with Irish players. Assuming that America travel to Ireland in 1963 it is the intention of Council to send two Irish players to America in 1964.

General.

Hardball continues to grow in popularity in all Provinces. Connacht has now attained a reasonably high standard and provide first-class opposition for both Munster and Leinster. Unfortunately the balls are still not satisfactory. There is too much variance in the bound. This matter has been discussed with the makers on many occasions during the year and we can only hope that during the present year that this fault will be eradicated.

At the request of Council the Irish Dunlop Company have agreed to change the colour of the softball to black. The feeling of Council is that a ball of this colour will show up much better under artificial lighting and also in fading light. During the year Telefís Éireann took shots of some of our matches and the general opinion was that the ball did not show up very well. There is every likelihood of our matches being televised again this year and I am sure that the new colour will show up much better. Incidentally, the American and Australian balls are black.

The G.A.A. Central Council agreed to paint the interior of Croke Park alley and we are indebted to them for same. The work was carried out by members of the Dublin Handball Committee and they deserve our thanks for many hours of labour spent.

Publicity continues to improve in both National and Provincial Press and we are very appreciative of the help given by the majority of our correspondents. I wish to point out that many of our Association are failing in their duties to forward information or results of matches. Many of our officials are very quick to condemn our correspondents for failing to mention their matches or other items of interest but in actual fact the fault lies at their own doorstep. I am approached regularly by the different correspondents for information to keep their columns going as the majority of our officials never send on information.

Finance.

Financially our position continues to deteriorate despite every vigilance by Council to keep operating expenses at a minimum. Teams' expenses during the year increased, mainly due to two reasons (1) the washout at Ballymote cost approximately £55; (2) players for the semi-finals and finals were drawn from seventeen counties throughout the whole country. Gate receipts showed a welcome increase over recent years and with careful planning I am sure the figure can be improved on in future years. Teams' expenses are almost impossible to predict as with most counties now competing in the championships there is every possibility of counties from the most distant parts of each province qualifying for the semi-finals and finals. The No. 2 account, which was set up to meet expenses of special competitions and international games, has a credit balance of £174 16s. 1d. The raffle, which was run for the first time last year, brought in over £100 profit, while the recent decision to charge an entry fee of 1s. per player for the Gael-Linn competition brought in £42 12s. 0d. It looks reasonably certain that Council will be in a position to send two players to America in 1964 to compete against American players in a world series. This, I might mention, is conditional on American players coming to Ireland this year.

Again we are indebted to the G.A.A. Central Council and especially its President, Aodh O Eoin, and General Secretary, Padraigh O Caoimh, for their continued help and support.

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

Ar son Comhairle Liathroidh Laimhe na hÉireann,

SEOSAMH O LOINGSIGH.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The President and Members of:
Irish Amateur Handball Association,
Gaelic Athletic Association,
per Seosaimh Uasal O Loingsigh,
Honorary Secretary.

9, Parnell Square,
Dublin,
8th February, 1963.

A Chairde,

We have audited the Books of the Association for the Year ended 31st December, 1962. Enclosed please find General Income and Expenditure Account and Special Tournaments Account together with Balance Sheet, showing the financial position of the Association at 31st December, 1962.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the Year, consisting of Affiliation Fees, £15 13s 10d.; Gate Receipts £173 2s. 5d.; Grant from Central Council, £500; Sale of Handballs, £13 0s. 11d., and Sale of Rule Books, £7 19s. 6d., amounted to £709 16s. 8d. Expenditure for the Year came to £912 10s. 0d. Expenditure exceeded Income by £202 13s. 4d.

As compared with the preceding year when Expenditure, to the nearest £, exceeded Income by £154. Income was greater by £22 and Expenditure was greater by £71. The principal increase in Income was in Gate Receipts to the extent of £34 which was partly offset by a decline of £23 in the sale of Handballs. The account under review is credited with £8. Sale of Rule Books, an item which had no equivalent in the preceding account. On the Expenditure side of the account, Teams' Expenses were greater by £85; the charge for Handballs was less by £29; the charge for Printing and Stationery was greater by £15 and the charge for Meeting Expenses was less by £22. The Account under review bears a charge in respect of Rent of Alleys £26 10s. 6d., there being no equivalent charge in the preceding year.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

Income for the Year, consisting of Grant from Gael-Linn to cover Expenses, £237 5s. 2d.; Entrance Fees, Gael-Linn Competitions, £42 12s. 0d.; Gate Receipts, Gael-Linn Tournament, £32 15s. 10d., and Profit on Raffle £105 0s. 11d., came to £417 13s. 11d. Expenditure amounted to £258 6s. 5d. Income exceeded Expenditure by £159 7s. 6d.

Teams' Expenses were more than covered (to the extent of £70) by the Grant from Gael-Linn. In the preceding year the Grant received from Gael-Linn was greater than Teams' Expenses by £27. Gate Receipts this year were less by £22. The account this year is credited with Entrance Fees, Gael-Linn, £43. and with Profit on Raffle £105 neither of which source of Income occurred in the preceding year. Furthermore, this year's account bears a charge of £18 for Medals and Replicas, being a charge which did not occur in the preceding year.

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Association at 31st December, 1962, amounted to £3 1s. 3d. Liabilities at the same date, including Bank Overdraft £176 9s. 0d., came to £266 19s. 6d. Liabilities exceeded Assets by £263 17s. 9d.

No Value was placed on Cups and Trophies on the face of the Balance Sheet which are set out for record purposes only. During the Year a further Cup, viz., Joe Hassett Memorial Cup, was presented to the Association.

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

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D. O'CONNOR & CO.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
EXPENDITURE:	£	s	d	£ s d
To Refund of Travelling and Hotel Expenses to Venue Ch'ships:	16	0	0	
Armagh	4	10	6	
Athlone	4	0	0	
Ballyanne	18	10	0	
Ballymote	3	18	0	
Birr	3	0	0	
Carrick-on-Suir	14	0		
Castlebar	9	2	0	
Clogheen	3	0	0	
Clones	1	0	0	
Collooney	3	0	0	
Coolgreaney	2	0	0	
Daingean	8	10	0	
Drogheda	1	0	0	
Dunlavin	5	0		
Kilbeggan	10	16	0	
Letterkenny	2	5	0	
Maynooth	3	0	0	
Mullinavat	2	5	0	
Newmarket-on-Fergus	6	10	0	
Newport	7	2	0	
Roscommon	5	6	0	
Shrule	8	18	6	
Talbot's Inch	13	0	0	
Tralee	8	16	0	
Tuamgraney	2	3	6	
Ullard	2	5	0	
Wexford				
Players' Expenses paid direct by Association	16	10	9	
Medals and Replicas				167 7 3
Handballs				17 17 6
Secretaries' Travelling and Hotel Expenses				6 19 9
Telephone and Postage Expenses				25 0 0
Venue Secretaries				9 15 3
Advertising				27 2 2
Printing				3 12 6
Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure				12 0
				159 7 6
				£417 13 11

INCOME:	£	s	d	£ s d
By Grant from Gael Linn to cover Expenses ...				237 5 2
Entrance Fees, Gael Linn ...				42 12 0
Gate Receipts, Gael Linn Tournament:				
28/1/62 at Croke Park ...		14	0	
Coolgreaney	2	0	0	
Mullinavat	1	15	6	
4/2/62 Ballymore Eustace .		1	8	0
11/2/62 Taghmoun		3	10	0
Loughmacrory		8	10	
Ballymote		2	18	0
Horse and Jockey		2	15	0
Tullamore			10	0
15/4/62 Talbot's Inch		16	16	6
				32 15 10
Receipts from Raffle		151	4	5
Less: Expenses:-				
Prizes £18 5 0				
Telephone and Postage 3 18 6				
Advertising 2 0 0				
Printing 22 0 0				
		46	3	6
Profit on Raffle				105 0 11

IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

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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,
8th February, 1963.

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IRISH AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

EXPENDITURE:				INCOME:			
1962—Dec. 31.				1962—Dec. 31			
To Teams' Expenses:				By Affiliation Fees:			
Armagh	36	9	6	Antrim	8	0	
Cavan	6	19	0	Armagh	4	0	
Clare	6	0	0	Carlow	2	0	
Kerry	14	3	6	Cavan	16	0	
Kildare	20	0	0	Clare	4	0	
Kilkenny	15	12	0	Cork	1	0	0
Mayo	97	9	0	Derry	4	0	
Monaghan	37	0	0	Donegal	12	0	
Offaly	16	3	6	Dublin	12	0	
Sligo	74	19	6	Galway	16	0	
Tipperary	73	10	6	Kerry	6	0	
Westmeath	33	11	0	Kildare	4	0	
Wexford	63	15	0	Kilkenny	18	0	
Players' Expenses paid direct				Leitrim	2	0	
by Association	78	4	3	Loneford	2	0	
			568 16 9	Mayo	16	0	
Handballs			22 5 1	Meath	2	0	
Advertising			10 11 9	Monaghan	4	0	
Medals and Engraving			69 10 0	Offaly	18	0	
Insurance on Trophies			2 12 6	Roscommon	6	0	
Honorary Secretary's Travelling and				Sligo	14	0	
Hotel Expenses			17 3 6	Tipperary	1 18	0	
Printing and Stationery			39 13 4	Tyrone	4	0	
Telephone	14	13	2	Waterford	2	0	
Less: Refund from Gael Linn				Westmeath	8	0	
Tournament Account	4	10	0	Wexford	16	0	
			10 3 2	Wicklow	10	0	
Postage	17	17	6	South Africa	2	5	10
Less: Refund from Gael Linn							15 13 10
Tournament Account	5	13	9	Gate Receipts:			
			12 3 9	12/8/62 at Mullahoran	2	0	0
President's Postage			2 0 0	Ballymore Eustace	6	8	6
Meeting Expenses			61 19 4	Talbot's Inch	15	6	0
Secretary's Honorarium			50 0 0	19/8/62 Newport	6	0	0
Audit and Accountancy Fees			10 10 0	26/8/62 Ballyporeen	22	7	11
Bank Interest, Charges and Cheque				Ballymore	12	10	0
Books			6 5 0	Ballymore Eustace	8	7	6
Cleaning Courts			19 10	Ballymore	15	19	6
Rent of Alleys:				30/9/62 Ceanannus Mor	12	1	9
Ballymore Eustace	2	18	3	7/10/62 Taghmon	33	10	6
Ballymore	4	17	0	14/10/62 Ballypatrick	38	10	9
Ballypatrick	4	17	0				
Ballyporeen	3	4	9	Sale of Handballs			173 2 5
Ceanannus Mor	2	4	0	Sale of Rule Books			13 0 11
Mullahoran	1	8	0	Grant from Central Council			7 19 6
Newport	1	4	0	Balance, Excess for Year of			500 0 0
Taghmon	4	7	0	Expenditure over Income			202 13 4
Talbot's Inch	2	10	6				
			26 10 6				
Printing Rule Books	43	5	0				
Less: Refunded by Central Council	43	5	0				
			- - -				
Painting Croke Park Alley	60	0	0				
Less: Refunded by Central Council	60	0	0				
			- - -				
Mass Offerings			1 5 6				
			£912 10 0				£912 10 0