

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

## COMHAIRLE LIATHROID LAIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## AN CHOMHDHAIL BHLIANTUIL, 1971

TUARASCAIL AN RÚNAI AGUS CUNTAS AN AIRGID, 1970

Tionólfar an Chomhdháil i gColáiste Mhuire, Cearnóg Pharnell, Ath Cliath,  
ar 28ad Márta, ag a 1.30 p.m.

## AN CLAR:

1. Miontuairisci.
2. Tuarascáil.
3. Tuairisc an Rúnaí agus Cuntas an Airgid.
4. Toghadh na hOifigeach, 1971.
  - (a) Uachtarán.
  - (b) Rúnaí.
  - (c) Teachta ar Ardchomhairle C.L.G.
5. Na Rúin.

## NA HOIFIGH, 1971.

Uachtarán—S. Ó Donaill (Muigheo), T. Breathnach (Dún na nGall), R. Ó Dochartaigh (Ros Comáin), S. Mac Sheoinín (Ath Cliath).

Rúnaí—Seosamh Ó Loingsigh (Ath Cliath).

Teachta ar Ard-Chomhairle C.L.C.G.—Seosamh Ó Loingsigh (Ath Cliath).

## NA RUIN

(1) That rule 208 and Rule 210 Treorai Oifigiúil, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, be amended to read "The Central Council shall consist of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected each year at Congress. The remainder of rule to stand.—(Ath Cliath).

(2) That the following amendment be added to rule 208 and Rule 210, Treorai Oifigiúil, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael "That the incoming Council appoint an Executive Committee consisting of four members which will meet at regular intervals to deal with business between Council meetings."—(Ath Cliath).

(3) That Rules 198 (II), 199 (I), (II), and (III), be amended to allow for an agreed increase in affiliation fees payable to both the Provincial and Central Councils.—(Ath Cliath).

(4) That Rule 210 (I), be amended to read "Annual Congress shall rotate between each province, commencing in 1972," the remainder of rule to stand.—(Dún na nGall).

(5) That the Central Council acquire a standard plan of a handball court for distribution to clubs anxious to build new courts.—(Dún na nGall).

(6) Go ndéanfaidh na coisti uile iarracht níos mó Gaeilge úsáid.—(Dún na nGall).

(7) (a) That the National League be run on a divisional basis rather than on a provincial basis.—(An Clár).

(b) That the National League be abolished and that an Inter-provincial series be introduced in its stead.—(Tiobrad Arann).

(8) That the Transport allowance be increased to 9d. per mile.—(Ros Comáin).

(9) (a) That Central Council examine the feasibility of starting a ladies' handball competition. (Dún na nGall).

(b) A ladies' competition to be introduced for players over and under 18 years of age. Singles and doubles to be catered for.—(Ros Comáin).

(10) That the semi-finals and finals of the Tailteann competitions be played on a rotational basis between the four provinces.—(Ros Comáin).

(11) If the Tailteann games be played in Dublin, that they be played on the one day or afternoon.—(Ros Comáin).

(12) (a) That minor All-Ireland and provincial winners be excluded from competing in the Inter-club championship. —(Ath Cliath).

(b) That National League winners be excluded from the Inter-club championships.—(Ros Comáin).

(c) That the Inter-club be restored to its original position with players from all grades eligible.—(Sligeach).

(d) In view of the apparent lack of interest in the Inter-club championship that its present format be altered to accommodate teams of six players. Three of the places on each team to go to players of all grades, and the remaining three places confined to players who have not won a provincial title in any grade, including minor and Tailteann competition.—(An Clár).

(13) That an open draw be made for the All-Ireland championships and that the following rules be amended, Treorai Oifigiúil, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, 203 (I). —(Ath Cliath).

(14) That the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals be played over a week-end.—(Ath Cliath).

(15) That facilities be provided in the new court at Croke Park for players of clubs in the provinces who subscribed generously to its erection.—(Ros Comáin).

Rinneadh dul chun cinn nár bheag sa bhliain tosaigh den deichniúr úr agus má leanfar den iarracht agus den dícheall tá rudai iontacha i ndán don liathróid láimhe. Gan amhras ritheadh Craobh an Domhain sa chúirt álainn nua gloine i bPáirc an Chrócaigh, beart at zirigh leis thar barr.

Cé go raibh baint le fada ag Eirinn le comórtais idirnáisiúnta agus domhanda sa liathróid láimhe nior bhain si Craobh an Domhain riamh go dtí 1970, a bhuíochas sin dár sáirimreoiri Risteard Ó Laighean agus Séamas Ó Bogaigh Loch Garman, a bhuaigh an Chraobh Bheirte. Déanaimid comhghairdeas leo beirt. Caitheadh ár n-iomaitheoirí aonair, Seosamh Ó Meachair, bheith sásta leis an dara hait an uair seo.

Tá ár mbuíochas tuille ag na clubanna liathróid láimhe agus peile agus iomána, ag gnóluchair agus ag an bpobal i gcoitinne as a gcuid chabhrach. Focal molta ar leith dár nUachtarán as a dhiogras agus as a chuid oibre a sháraigh a mbeadh súil leis. Ar mbuíochas leis le Coiste Stiúrtha Craobhaic an Domhain as a ndúthracht in obair dhian a ghaibh an-chuid ama a thug siad go fial.

Gachaimid buíochas le hArdchomhairle Chumann Lúthchleas Gael; le Pádraig Ó Fainín, Uachtarán; le Séamas Ó Riain, Iar-Uachtarán; agus le Seán Ó Síocháin, Ardrúnaí. Murach iad ní bheadh an chúirt iontach nua againn.

Mo bhuíochas le gach ball den Chomhairle, leis na Comhairlí Cúige, leis na Coistí Contae agus le gach éinne a chuidigh liom.

#### WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1970:

Singles Champion—Patrick Kirby (U.S.A.).  
Singles (runner-up)—Joseph Maher (Ireland).  
Doubles Champions—Seamus Buggy and Richard Lyng (Ireland).  
Doubles (runners-up)—Mel Brown and Bob Wilson (Canada).  
Team Championship—Ireland (R. Lyng, S. Buggy and J. Maher).

#### ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS, 1970:

S.S.B.S.—J. Maher (Louth).  
S.S.B.D.—S. Buggy and R. Lyng (Wexford).  
S.H.B.S.—J. Maher (Louth).  
S.H.B.D.—S. McCabe and L. Gilmore (Monaghan).  
J.S.B.S.—M. Conway (Tyrone).  
J.S.B.D.—J. O'Brien and R. Walsh (Dublin).  
J.H.B.S.—J. Hartnett (Limerick).  
J.H.B.D.—J. Hartnett and P. Clancy (Limerick).  
M.S.B.S.—M. Walsh (Roscommon).  
M.S.B.D.—N. Quigley and S. McLoughlin (Wexford).  
M.H.B.S.—M. Walsh (Roscommon).  
M.H.B.D.—M. Walsh and P. Moran (Roscommon).

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE, 1970:

Wexford—S. Buggy, R. Lyng, J. Howlin, P. Murphy.

#### INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1970:

Taghmon—J. Quigley, P. Murphy, G. Mullins, M. Furlong.

#### Gael Linn, 1970:

R. Lyng (Wexford).

#### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Under 12 Softball Singles—F. Kerins (Dublin).  
Under 12 Softball Doubles—N. Mannion and P. McCrann (Roscommon).  
Under 14 Softball Singles—P. Hughes (Kilkenny).  
Under 14 Softball Doubles—J. Hoare and D. Doolan (Roscommon).  
Under 16 Softball Singles—W. Fitzgibbon (Tipperary).  
Under 16 Softball Doubles—O. Harold and J. Barron (Kilkenny).  
Under 21 Softball Singles—J. Delaney (Kilkenny).  
Under 21 Softball Doubles—P. Murphy and J. Quigley (Wexford).  
Senior Softball Doubles—M. O'Gara and P. Clarke (Roscommon).  
Masters' Softball Doubles—C. Delaney and T. Ryan (Kilkenny).

Handball made an impressive entry into the new decade and if the tempo of the past year can be maintained, or even increased, then we can feel confident that in a few short years the game will have reached new heights both within the G.A.A. and at national level.

The successful promotion of the world handball championships last October played no small part in giving the game a new

status and was largely responsible for the widespread interest that is now so apparent in handball promotion. Further it emphasised the necessity of regular international matches to give the game that added glamour.

Ireland's first entry into the field of international competition was in the latter part of the last century when individual Irishmen competed against American representatives for world titles. Competition at international level continued at irregular intervals with no definite pattern until 1964 when the first official world handball championships were held in singles and doubles with five countries competing. These championships have continued at three year intervals and it is the intention that this should be the pattern for the future. Despite our long association with international competition it was not until the past year that players representing Ireland were successful in winning a world title. While Irishmen have won world titles over the years they were unfortunately representing other countries. This signal honour goes to two Wexford men, Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy and we offer them our heartiest congratulations and we look forward to seeing them bringing further honours to our country in the future. They both can rest assured that they have carved a special niche in the sporting annals of our country. Our singles representative Joe Maher of Louth who was defending the singles title which he won when representing Canada in 1967 had to be content with being runner-up to another Irishman Pat Kirby, who was representing the U.S.A.

#### WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The third official world handball championships were held in the new modern glass court at Croke Park from 5th October to 10th October. This was a unique and historic occasion for our country and we were honoured when His Excellency, the President, performed the opening ceremony. It is only fitting to pay tribute to His Excellency for his interest in handball and to use his own words "every village and town in Ireland should have a handball alley". The occasion was also honoured by the presence of the Taoiseach, Ambassadors and Ministers of State.

It is only fitting that I should record in full the results of the matches played on this historic occasion.

#### Singles Championship:

Pat Kirby (U.S.A.) defeated Victor Yanar (Mexico) 21-16, 21-12.  
Pat Kirby (U.S.A.) defeated Victor Di Luzio (Australia) 6-21, 21-12, 21-3.  
Pat Kirby (U.S.A.) defeated Barry Leach (Canada) 21-2, 21-5.  
Pat Kirby (U.S.A.) defeated Joe Maher (Ireland) 21-19, 21-11.  
Joe Maher (Ireland) defeated Barry Leach (Canada) 21-5, 21-7.  
Joe Maher (Ireland) defeated Victor Yanar (Mexico) 21-3, 21-12.  
Joe Maher (Ireland) defeated Victor Di Luzio (Australia) 21-4, 21-8.  
Victor Di Luzio (Australia) defeated Barry Leach (Canada) 21-16, 21-8.  
Victor Di Luzio (Australia) defeated Victor Yanar (Mexico) 21-14, 21-10.  
Barry Leach (Canada) defeated Victor Yanar (Mexico) 21-3, 21-16.

#### Doubles Championship:

Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy (Ireland) defeated Mel Brown and Bob Wilson (Canada) 21-7, 21-6.  
Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy (Ireland) defeated Jim Kiely and Fred Italiano (Australia) 21-4, 21-10.  
Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy (Ireland) defeated Victor Yanar and Guillermo Correa (Mexico) 21-14, 21-7.  
Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy (Ireland) defeated Ray Neveau and Simie Fein (U.S.A.) 21-5, 21-12.  
Bob Wilson and Mel Brown (Canada) defeated Ray Neveau and Simie Fein (U.S.A.) 15-21, 21-19, 21-18.  
Bob Wilson and Mel Brown (Canada) defeated Terry Caplice and Jim Kiely (Australia) 21-19, 21-5.  
Bob Wilson and Mel Brown (Canada) defeated Victor Yanar and Guillermo Correa (Mexico) 21-3, 13-21, 21-12.  
Ray Neveau and Simie Fein (U.S.A.) defeated Victor Yanar and Guillermo Correa (Mexico) 21-16, 21-2.  
Ray Neveau and Simie Fein (U.S.A.) defeated Terry Caplice and Jim Kiely (Australia) 21-11, 21-12.  
Fred Italiano and Terry Caplice (Australia) defeated Victor Yanar and Guillermo Correa (Mexico) 21-11, 21-14.

#### Team Championship:

Ireland—7 Wins.  
U.S.A.—6 Wins.  
Canada—4 Wins.  
Australia—3 Wins.  
Mexico—No Wins.

For a number of years it was glaringly obvious that a new Headquarters was a must to cater for the increasing demands

of both players and patrons. The decision to play the 1970 world handball championships in Ireland gave that extra incentive necessary to get such a major project off the ground. The result is that we now have the finest ballcourt in the World. The introduction of glass back and side walls gives an added dimension to the game as matches can be viewed from all angles and no matter where you are located you can see the full play. It also allows for greater spectator comfort and accommodation. With the introduction of central heating and the Sauna bath Croke Park now compares more than favourably with any modern sports complex and should add considerably to the prestige of the G.A.A.

This whole undertaking would not have been possible were it not for the most generous support received from the G.A.A. Central Council. We are indeed very deeply indebted to its officers, Pádraig O Fainín, Uachtarán, Seán O Siobhain, Ard Rúnaí and Séamus O Ríain, Iar-Uachtarán, for their ever ready help, encouragement, and assistance. At all times they were available to help despite the many pressing demands on their services. All I can say is that their service was in the true spirit of the Gaelic Athletic Association fully realizing that we are all travelling the same road and demonstrating clearly to one and all that handball is an integral part of the G.A.A.

In view of the magnitude of the undertaking it was necessary to have a special committee centrally located that could be available at the shortest notice. This committee gave very generously of their services and we are indebted to them for such distinguished service. The composition of the committee was as follows:— An Br. Oirm B. C. O Murchú, Rev. Fr. E. T. Neville, C.C., J. J. Jennings, L. Marren, S. Clerkin, R. Doherty, P. Duignan, J. Shannon, M. Purcell, and B. Spollen.

We were fortunate in having as our Uachtarán, Br. B. C. O Murchú, who set a high standard for all by his earnest endeavour dedicated leadership, and high voltage working rate. These qualities enabled him to knit together our committee into a most effective working unit. Each and every member contributed in a very big way and it is not possible with limited space to give full credit for their individual efforts. I feel, however, that I could not let the occasion pass without paying a special tribute to Joe Jennings and his very able assistant Liam Marren, who secured many valuable sponsorships including central heating and the sauna bath and also collected a very sizable sum in subscriptions.

We are indebted to the many voluntary stewards capably organised by Philip Duignan who made themselves available from early each evening until the closedown. The ladies' committee led by Mrs. Duignan and Mrs. Clerkin are to be complimented for their dedicated service during the week. We are also indebted to the staff at Croke Park for their assistance. A very special word of thanks to the Head Groundsman Con O'Leary who was on duty from early each evening until close.

#### All-Ireland Championships:

The full championship clár was completed to schedule. Ulster handball got a great boost when Mickey Conway brought to Tyrone its first ever All-Ireland title when he won one of the most outstanding junior softball singles finals of all time. Added to this was the first ever success of Monaghan in S.H.B.D. when S. McCabe and L. Gilmore staged one of the most remarkable recoveries ever seen, after being down 2 games and 20 aces in the 3rd. J. Maher once again monopolised the two senior singles championships. Wexford's R. Lyng and S. Buggy won the S.S.B.D. for Wexford after a lapse of over 13 years. Limerick made a welcome reappearance in the list of winners when they won both junior handball titles. Dublin, despite having to field new representatives retained the J.S.B.D. title after a very close struggle against Tyrone. Roscommon proved supreme in the minor grade when Mickey Walsh equalled the record of Joe Clery and Eamonn Horan when he won the M.S.B.S., M.H.B.S. and M.H.B.D. titles. He was partnered by P. Moran in the M.H.B.D. Wexford continued their great run in the M.S.B.D. championship when N. Quigley and S. McLoughlin won this title for their county for the third successive year.

#### SPECIAL SOFTBALL DOUBLES COMPETITION:

In an effort to select the best partnership for the world championships it was decided to run a special doubles competition confined to eight partnerships, the four provincial champions and four selected pairings. It was decided to divide the pairings into two groups of four teams and the matches were played on the league system over a week-end at Ballymote and Talbot's Inch. Paddy Sheeran (Offaly) and Paddy Hickey (Tipperary) were clear cut winners of the Ballymote group. At Talbot's Inch we had T. and J. McEllistrim of Kerry sharing top place with R. Lyng and S. Buggy of Wexford. The Kerry pairing had defeated Wexford in the competition but lost to P. Lee (Wicklow) and D. McGovern (Meath). As a result a play off was

arranged between these two partnerships and Wexford won by two games to one after one of the best matches seen for some time. In the final they accounted for the Offaly/Tipperary partnership in decisive manner.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Wexford who had a remarkable run of successes since this competition started a few years ago once again proved supreme. However, I feel the time has come when the Ard-Chomhairle should examine the present format of the league with a view to providing more competition for the counties in the other provinces. The answer could well be to divide the league into four groups without any reference to provincial boundaries.

#### GAEL-LINN

The Gael-Linn competition continues to retain its popularity. This year's entry is the second highest in the history of the competition. The Leinster and Connacht entries are well up to par but there was a slight dropping off of interest in Ulster and Munster.

The final stages of the 1970 competition were played at Cap-pagh and the local club officials are to be complimented on the arrangements. The winner was Richie Lyng of Wexford who was scoring his first ever success in this competition.

#### INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Taghmon Club from Wexford won the championship in a very clear cut manner. Having the advantage of two former All-Ireland minor champions in their team was I feel a decisive factor.

At last Congress it was agreed to confine this competition to players who had not won senior or junior All-Ireland or provincial titles. I feel, however, that if we are to encourage the ordinary club player the rules will have to be amended further.

#### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The introduction of two further championships, under 12 singles and doubles, now leaves all age groups adequately catered for. This competition continues to grow from year to year and is supported by almost every county. A feature of the Masters' Doubles, which caters for players over 40, is the number of former players returning to action.

#### UNIVERSITIES:

This competition continues to grow in strength each year and we find that handball is now firmly established in Galway, Cork, Dublin and Belfast. Unfortunately both Dublin and Cork lack alleys and have to depend on whatever facilities are available from other clubs. The position in Belfast has improved and the club expects that the two new 40 by 20 courts will be ready for use by May.

Approaches have been made to Comhairle na nOileascolann to take handball under its jurisdiction and I am hopeful that this will materialise. With the benefit of administration from this council it should be possible to run leagues for senior and junior teams. It is only by frequent competition that the game in the universities will continue to grow in strength.

#### VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS:

Other counties should follow the example of Sligo and Dublin where special competitions are organised each year for these schools. It is only in this way that the foundations for provincial and All-Ireland championships can be laid.

#### LADIES' HANDBALL:

A number of clubs are now in existence in parts of the country and it is on the cards that we will see more of these clubs in the future. In keeping with present day thinking it is only fitting that we make our facilities available to them. One of our basic objectives is to serve the community and this new development could help in broadening the scope of our activities.

We are indebted to the ladies for putting on an excellent exhibition match during the world championships in which the Dublin team defeated Oldtown.

#### COACHING:

For a number of years the Handball Council lacked suitable publications on handball in general and also on coaching. In an effort to fill this gap Ray Doherty was commissioned to write a book covering coaching and other matters of general interest. He has produced a very well written book which should be a must for all handballers.

The demand from clubs and county committees for supplies has been disappointing to date. I would appeal to all concerned to make every effort to dispose of as many copies as possible as council must recoup the very sizable expenditure involved in having this production on the market. Every club should pur-



chase a supply for sale to schools and juvenile members as the section devoted to coaching will be of immense benefit to them.

On the question of coaching I feel that a definite plan must be adopted to organise coaching courses in all counties. A start could be made by holding a combined coaching and leadership course on a provincial basis. The natural follow up would then be an organised effort at county level.

#### ALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The alley development committee continued to function in a most satisfactory manner. The present committee consisting of M. Hennessy, S. Casey, L. McMahon and J. Jennings has now completed its three-year period of office. It will be the function of the incoming President to appoint a new committee. I wish to thank very sincerely all the members who acted on this committee. In addition to allocating grants the committee has now produced a standard plan for 60 by 30 and 40 by 20 roofed courts with the object of keeping construction costs down to a minimum. It has also produced a booklet — "Hints on Alley Construction" which should go a long way to eliminating faults in construction.

The following grants were allocated for 1970:

Na Pianna (Dublin) £400; Tuamgraney £400; Croke Park £800.  
**FUND RAISING:**

As a result of the various fund raising efforts it was possible to give the G.A.A. £18,500 towards the cost of the new alley at Croke Park. In addition we received credits from the builder for sponsorship of materials to the extent of approximately £700. In addition the sponsorship of central heating, sauna bath and mosaic work on gallery adds almost another £3,000 to the value of the building.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our many very generous sponsors and subscribers. To our many helpers in our efforts a sincere thanks. It is only fitting that I pay tribute to the Na Pianna G.A.A. Club and S. Clerkin for the wonderful success of the sponsored walk which brought in £1,000. This is one of the finest examples of all G.A.A. units co-operating for a common cause. If we had this spirit right through the G.A.A. then we could confidently look forward to the future.

The response from G.A.A. Clubs and County Committees was somewhat disappointing. A total of 15 G.A.A. County Committees failed to respond to our appeals. Of the counties who responded some made a very major contribution both from the clubs and the County Committees and we are very indebted to them.

Representations were made to the government for a grant under the new scheme set up a short while ago and as a result we received £5,000 for 1969 and £3,000 for 1970. We are indebted to the Department of Education for this help and we look confidently to the future development of this scheme of grants.

#### GENERAL:

A much greater effort must be made to organise the youth. As I see it the time is fast approaching when we will have to set up special juvenile committees at all levels.

The response to the recent club survey has only been fair. Counties should make every effort to ensure that all clubs forward the completed form. It is only in this way that we can provide concrete evidence of the overall position of handball in the country.

While I am aware that a number of our clubs took part in the recent G.A.A. Talent Competitions I would still like to see greater participation from all our clubs.

- Looking to the future I feel that every effort must be made to bring football, hurling and handball clubs together to form one G.A.A. unit. In these very challenging times no one unit can afford to stay out on its own. We can contribute a lot to football and hurling and likewise they can contribute a lot to handball. A typical example is the newly elected G.A.A. Chairman of Donegal, Tom Walsh, who is also our representative on the G.A.A. Policy Committee, in addition to being Ulster Handball Chairman.
- We must make every effort to attend the meetings of our G.A.A. County Committees. Not alone that but we must become involved in their activities. In this way we can really play our part in the whole G.A.A. structure.
- With the emphasis so much on community centres we must ensure that provision is made in all plans for a handball alley. As I see it the Na Pianna community project is the nearest approach we have to the ideal G.A.A. community centre. Unfortunately a number of these centres built recently only cater for part of our activities. No centre should cater for activities outside the G.A.A. until such time as they have fulfilled their full commitment to the association.
- The recently built 40 by 20 court in Oldtown has proved very popular and with the advent of more courts of this

dimension the logical step is to provide competition on an official basis.

- In planning for the future we must adopt a more business-like approach. Let us be courageous in our planning. It is evident that there is tremendous goodwill throughout the country and it only remains for the proper approach to extract the maximum return. To do this we must update our alleys to meet modern conditions. Surely heating and showers are not beyond any club.
- Every effort should be made to roof existing courts and to ensure that all courts of the future will be roofed. In this way we can provide a service to the community as the local alley can become the social centre for the community.
- In our towns and cities every effort must be made to organise the juveniles. This can be done through special street competitions as well as special competitions for the local schools. Let us be brave in our approach to the development of juvenile handball. Our whole future depends on the amount of effort we put into this vital work.
- G.A.A. Clubs contemplating building dressing rooms could with a little extra expenditure build a handball alley which would include dressing rooms to cater for the needs of the footballers and hurlers. In addition the alley could act as an extra means of recreation. Placarragh and Oldtown handball alleys already provide these facilities, and they work most effectively.
- The Commission set up by the G.A.A. to examine the workings of the association is still sitting and its findings will not be available until next year. We are fortunate in having our Uachtarán, An Br. O Murchú, as a member of this body.

#### FINANCE:

##### NO. 1 ACCOUNT:

It is evident from examination that this account is running at an annual loss and unless revenue can be increased immediately this position will continue to deteriorate.

##### NO. 2 ACCOUNT:

This account usually balances each year. We had a slight surplus last year and this was offset by a small deficit in 1970.

##### NO. 3 ACCOUNT

This account had a record turnover during the past year. However, this pattern is not likely to continue although I can foresee an increase on the average income over previous years.

#### PUBLICITY:

Publicity at both national and provincial level showed an improvement. The fault for lack of publicity for local activities often rests with the various committees who (1) fail to forward the necessary information, (2) fail to make the necessary representations to the various press editors.

The Press deserve to be highly complimented for the very fine and impartial coverage given to the World Handball Championships. I had the opportunity of working with the correspondents during the championships and I found them most helpful and courteous.

Vincent Mahon acted as our Advertising Manager and we are indebted to him for the services rendered during the period leading up to the world championships.

Television coverage on the ordinary affairs of the council was slightly better than previous year. This was mainly due to the help received from the Gaelic Report programme. However, I still feel that greater efforts will have to be made to get coverage of our ordinary activities.

Television coverage for the world championships was very satisfactory and the full film shown after the completion proved beyond any doubt that with proper facilities handball can compare with any other sport on the screens. I am hopeful now that we have got a breakthrough that some of our more important events will be covered in future years.

Our Uachtarán, An Br. B. C. O Murchú, has completed his term of office and it is only fitting that I pay tribute to him for the wonderful service he has rendered to the sport. During his period of office he had to face more demands than any of his predecessors, yet he was never found wanting. He can look back on his term of office as very demanding but at the same time very rewarding as handball made great strides, especially at juvenile level, to which he is very devoted. I know that he will always be available in the future to serve the council.

I am also indebted to the members of the Ard-Chomhairle for their help and co-operation in a very demanding year.

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

SEOSAMH O LOINGSIGH, Runal

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970

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# IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL

## GAEL LINN ACCOUNT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1970	£	s	d	1970	£	s	d
Dec. 31				Dec. 31			
To Refunds of Hotel and Travelling				By Gate Receipts:			
Expenses to Venue Championships:				8/3/70 at Cappagh	8	10	0
Kanturk	3	5	0	8/3/70 Ceanannus Mor		10	0
Roscommon	15	17	6	8/3/70 Loughmacrory	3	11	0
Tuamgraney	8	0	0	8/3/70 Ballymote	4	18	0
Tullamore	7	2	6	15/3/70 Kilkenny	2	9	0
Clogh	1	18	0	15/3/70 Bridgetown	8	11	6
Ullard	2	0	0	15/3/70 Roscrea	3	7	6
Kilfane	1	0	0	15/3/70 Ballymore Eustace	4	2	0
Newport	6	0	0	18/4/70 Cappagh	35	5	3
Ballinrobe	6	0	0				
Falcarragh	9	18	0	Grant Gael Linn			300 0 0
Tralee	16	1	6	Balance, Excess for Year of			
Golden	3	0	0	Expenditure over Income			17 14 6
Birr	6	0	0				
Tinahely	3	4	0				
Ballindangan	8	0	0				
Collooney	16	10	0				
Ballyanne	12	0	0				
Cavan	7	10	0				
Kilkenny	6	10	0				
Loughmacrory	24	10	0				
Dublin	3	15	0				
Drogheda	49	15	0				
Expenses paid direct							
by Council	72	13	6				
			290 10 0				
Handballs			9 7 6				
Administration Expenses			25 0 0				
Refund Telephone Expenses							
to Venue Secretaries			10 7 9				
Postage			20 1 0				
Stationery			9 9 0				
Telephone			7 15 0				
Advertising			6 0 0				
Cheque Book			1 5 0				
Grant Bridgetown			8 11 6				
Audit Fee			6 6 0				
			348 18 9				348 18 9

# IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL

## INTERNATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT ACCOUNT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1970	£	s	d	1970	£	s	d
Dec. 31				Dec. 31			
To Teams' Expenses	2,222	2	4	By Members' Subscriptions			109 8 0
Blazers etc. for Players	67	15	6	Government Grant			8,000 0 0
Trophies	436	12	6	Grant from Central Council			1,600 0 0
Band	10	0	0	Grant from Bord Failte			500 0 0
Amplification	47	8	0	Public Appeal			3,853 4 6
Printing Programmes, etc.	2,454	0	6	G.A.A. Appeal			1,333 19 6
Postage	236	1	7	Handball Appeal			367 0 11
Advertising	62	10	6	Sponsored Walk			1,000 0 0
Cleaning Equipment, Towels, etc.	47	5	6	Gate Receipts—			
Hire of Marquees	90	5	4	World Championships	1,948	5	0
Hire of Lorry	30	0	0	Do—Dinner	24	0	0
Functions	417	4	3				1,372 5 0
Catering	148	16	3	Sales of Programmes—			
Raffle Prizes	102	10	0	World Championships			214 9 2
Audit Fee	10	10	0	Advertising			700 15 2
Subscription—Camogie Association	20	0	0	Draws and Raffles			3,993 0 0
Blessing Alley	10	0	0	Car Park			34 5 0
Photographs	9	17	6	Interest on Deposit Account			284 9 5
			6,423 19 9				
Balance, Excess for Year of							
Income over Expenditure			17,539 16 11				
			23,962 16 8				23,962 16 8

**IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1970**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Central Council for Investment in Grounds, per last Balance Sheet			4,000 0 0	Cash on hands	8	4	6
Sundry Creditors:				Cash at Bank—No. 2 Account	47	11	0
Trophies	130	0	0	Cash at Bank—No. 3 Account	710	7	8
Audit Fees	37	16	0		766	3	2
Grants:				Less: Cash due Bank— No. 1 Account	729	9	8
Killarney	£300						36 13 6
Ballymote	£80			Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme			100 0 0
Na Pianna (Dublin)	£400			Sundry Debtors:			
Tuamgraney	£400	1,150	0 0	Advertising	457	15	0
Balance to Credit at 1st January, 1970		1,808	5 0	Bord Failte	500	0	0
Add Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure —International and Tournament Account		17,539	16 11	Typewriter purchased during Year			34 10 0
		19,348	1 11	Investment in Handball Alleys:			
Less: Excess for Year of Expenditure over Income:				Arklow	150	0	0
General				Ballymacelligott	300	0	0
Account	£192	15	11	Ballymote	350	0	0
Gael Linn				Cappagh	450	0	0
Account	17	14	6	Cloghfinn	250	0	0
Balance to credit at date			19,137 11 6	Falcarragh	450	0	0
				Killala	450	0	0
				Killarney	300	0	0
				Loughmaecrory	250	0	0
				Mullingar	350	0	0
				Na Pianna (Dublin)— invested during Year	400	0	0
				Newport (Co. Tipperary)	100	0	0
				Oldtown	450	0	0
				Tuamgraney—invested during year	400	0	0
				Croke Park—invested during year	18,676	9	0
					23,326	9	0
				For record purposes only:			
				Collectors Bags			
				Stop Watch			
				Holders of Trophies:			
				Dr. Harty Cup in possession of J. Maher (Louth)			
				Purcell Cup in possession of J. Maher (Louth)			
				"Independent" Cup in possession of S. Buggy and R. Lyng (Wexford)			
				"Irish Press" Cup in possession of S. McCabe and L. Gilmote (Monaghan)			
				New Ireland Cup in possession of J. Hartnett and P. Clancy (Limerick)			
				Canon Carroll Cup in possession of R. Walsh and J. O'Brien (Dublin)			
				Dunlop Shield in possession of M. Conway (Tyrone)			
				Elvery Shield in possession of J. Hartnett (Limerick)			
				Comhairle Munhan Cup in possession of M. Walsh (Roscommon)			
				"Gaelic Weekly" Cup in possession of N. Quigley and S. McLoughlin (Wexford)			
				Hassett Cup in possession of M. Walsh (Roscommon)			
				Gael Linn Cup in possession of R. Lyng (Wexford)			
				Paddy Purcell Cup in possession of M. Walsh and P. Moran (Roscommon)			
			24,455 7 6				24,455 7 6

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet from the books and records of the Irish Handball Council and from information supplied and we certify them to be in accordance with such books, records and information.

9 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.  
8th March, 1971.

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

# AUDITORS' REPORT

The President and Members of  
Irish Handball Council,  
Gaelic Athletic Association,  
per Seosamh Uas. O Loingsigh,  
Honorary Secretary.

8th March, 1971

A Chairde,

We have audited the books of the Council for the year ended 31st December, 1970. Enclosed please find General Income and Expenditure Account, Gael Linn Income and Expenditure Account and International and Tournament Income and Expenditure Account for the year and Balance Sheet showing the financial position of the Council at 31st December, 1970.

## GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £1,309 10s. 2d. and Expenditure came to £1,502 6s. 1d. Expenditure exceeded Income by £192 15s. 11d.

As compared with the preceding year when Expenditure, to the nearest £, exceeded Income by £107, Income in total was greater by £288 and Expenditure in total was greater by £374. On the Income side of the Account, Gate Receipts were greater by £217 and Sales of Gloves £64 and Sales of Rule Books £9 which occurred in this years had no equivalents in the preceding year. On the Expenditure side of the Account, Teams' Expenses were greater by £87; the charge for Handball Gloves was greater by £64; Advertising was greater by £15; Trophies and engraving were greater by £20; Postage was greater by £12; Telephone was greater by £14; Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses were greater by £29; the charge for Meeting Expenses was greater by £45; Audit Fee was greater by £10, and Secretary's Honorarium was greater by £150. In the preceding year there was an ex gratia Grant of £50 which had no equivalent in this year.

## Gael LINN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenditure of the year came to £388 18s. 9d. and Income comprising Gate Receipts, £71 4s. 3d., and Grant from Gael Linn £300 came to £371 4s. 3d. Expenditure exceeded Income by £17 14s. 6d.

## INTERNATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £23,962 16s. 8d., and Expenditure came to £6,422 19s. 9d. Income exceeded Expenditure by £17,539 16s. 11d. The Income included a Government Grant £8,000, a Grant from Central Council £1,600, and a Grant from Bord Failte £500.

## BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Council at 31st December, 1970, comprising Cash on hands and at Bank £36 13s. 6d.; Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme £100, Sundry Debtors £957 15s. 0d.; Typewriter at cost £34 10s. 0d., and amounts invested in Handball Alleys £23,326 9s. 0d., amounted to £24,456 7s. 6d. Liabilities at the same date, including £4,000 advanced by Central Council for Investment in Grounds, came to £5,317 16s. 0d. Assets exceeded Liabilities by £19,137 11s. 6d.

During the year £19,476 9s. 0d. was invested in Alleys of which £18,576 9s. 0d. was invested in Croke Park Alley.

The Collection Bags and the Stop Watch which appeared in the last Balance Sheet have been written off but they are shown on the face of the Balance Sheet for record purposes only. No value was placed on Cups and Trophies which are also set out for record purposes only on the face of the Balance Sheet.

As usual, the books were presented in good order for audit. Due to the bank dispute we did not receive all of the paid cheques in time for audit.

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D. O'CONNOR & CO.

