

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LAÍMHE NA hÉIREANN

## AN CHOMHDHAIL BHLIANTUÍL, 1972

TUARASCÁIL AN RUNAI AGUS CUNTAS AN AIRGID, 1971

Tionólfar an Chomhdháil i dTeach Ósta "Denette," Baile an Mhóta,  
ar 26ú Márta, ag a 10.30 a.m.

## AN CLAR:

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Tuarascáil.
3. Tuairisc an Rúnaí agus Cuntas an Airgid.
4. Toghadh na hOifigeach, 1972.  
(a) Uachtarán.  
(b) Rúnaí.  
(c) Cisteoir.  
(d) Teachta ar Ardchomhairle C.L.G.
5. Na Rúin.

## NA FEIDHEANNAIGH, 1972

Uachtarán—Seosamh Mac Sheoinín (Ath Cliath).

Rúnaí—Seosamh Ó Loingsigh (Ath Cliath).

Cisteoir—An Bro. Oirm. B. C. Ó Murchú (Ath Cliath), Philip Ó Muiri (Ath Cliath), Reamonn Ó Dochartaigh (Ros Comáin), Liam Ó Mearáin (Ath Cliath), Seán Ó Cleirchin (Ath Cliath).

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

## NA RUIN

1. That Congress deplores the treatment meted out to our fellow-Gaels in Northern Ireland.—(Dhú na nGall).
2. That handball be organised on a regional instead of provincial basis. The country to be divided into four regions of eight counties each, with controlling bodies on the same basis as the existing provincial councils. The following rules to be amended: 189, 182, 186 (III), 187 (I) and (II), 194, 198 (II), 199 (I) and (II), 201 (I) and (II), 202, 203 (I) and (II), 204, 205 (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), 206, 216, 218 (I) and (III), 232 (I), 235 (III). Treorai Oifigiúil.—(Ath Cliath).
3. That the present system of running the championships on a provincial basis be replaced by a system which would operate on a regional basis. The formation of regions to be decided by Congress.—(Tiobrad Árann).
4. The Congress accept the Commission recommendations to set up regional councils.—(Dhú na nGall).
5. That the All-Ireland championships be run on an open draw system, with seeding where necessary. Rule 203 Treorai Oifigiúil to be amended accordingly.—(Ath Cliath).
6. That a full-time officer be appointed with handball as his sole responsibility.—(Dhú na nGall).
7. That the Ard-Chomhairle organise Inter-club tournaments on an All-Ireland basis at senior and junior level in 40 by 20 courts.—(Ath Cliath).
8. (a) That the National League be divided into divisions irrespective of provincial boundaries. (b) That a system of promotion and relegation be operated between divisions of the National League.—(An Chlaír).
9. That no county be allowed to enter into the All-Ireland championships in any grade in which they have not held a county championship.—(Ath Cliath).
10. That an Intermediate softball championship be run in conjunction with the other softball championships. This championship to be open to all players who have not won a senior All-Ireland championship title.—(An Chlaír).
11. (a) That the name of the Novice club competition be altered to junior and that previous winners of the competition be excluded from competing. That a novice player be a player who has never represented his county.—(Ath Cliath).
- (b) Title holders in the championships, Tailteann Games (under 21 and senior), National League and Senior Inter-club competitions, be excluded from the Novice Inter-club competition.—(Ros Comáin).
- (c) That the Novice Inter-club championship be revised as follows: that all players who have represented their county in under-21, junior, and senior, also minor finalists, be excluded from this competition.—(Lubmanac).
12. (a) That the juvenile Tailteann championships be played in 40 by 20 courts where possible; (b) that the under-21 and senior Tailteann championships be replaced by a junior or novice championship.—(Ath Cliath).
13. That the Ard-Chomhairle make a special effort in 1972 to promote handball in the Universities.—(Ath Cliath).
14. That a "Master" schedule for all games—Gael Linn, championships, tournaments, etc.—be formulated as early in 1972 as possible.—(Ath Cliath).
15. That handball be listed for discussion at all G.A.A. meetings.—(Dhú na nGall).
16. That the Ard-Chomhairle issue a strict and clearly defined directive on a countrywide basis concerning punctuality at all official fixtures.—(Ath Cliath).
17. Go rachaidh an Ard-Chomhairle i gcomhairle le Roinn na Gaeltachta, fa choinne pleannáin le hionaid spóirt a chur ar fáil don Ghaeltacht.—(Dhú na nGall).
18. (a) That the Ard-Chomhairle encourage the promotion of a Convention Cup tournament in provinces which may not presently hold such a competition. (b) That the Ard-Chomhairle establish a "Congress Cup" tournament as soon as possible. (c) That the grade of competitor be standardised (senior, junior, or novice) through the provinces.—(Ath Cliath).
19. That the Ard-Chomhairle investigate the possibilities of getting local Authorities involved in alley construction.—(Dhú na nGall).
20. That the Ard-Chomhairle establish a panel of competent referees who will be: (a) Acceptable to each province; (b) Receive adequate training through seminars, etc.—(Ath Cliath).

Tá an crosbhothar sroichte againn and tá ar lucht stiúrtha liathróid láimhe agus ar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael a rogha a dheanamh láithreach den bhóthar a ghabhfaid siad—an bóithrin isteach sa pholl portaigh nó an mórbhóthar leathan a thabharfaidh sinn to dtí an sprioc a beartáidh fadó. Tá gá le méid agus doimhneacht, uaisleacht agus misneach in ár smaointe agus in ar bpleanáil. Caithimid dianstaidéar a dheanamh ar Thuarascáil an Choimisiúin mar go mbeid toradh ag an scrúdú a rinneadh ar gach gné den Chumann agus ag na moltaí a rinneadh dá bharr ar chúrsaí liathróid láimhe sa todhchaí.

Gabhaimid buíochas le hArdchomhairle Chumann Lúthchleas Gael; le Pádraig Ó Fainín, Uachtarán, le Seán Ó Siócháin, Ardúnai.

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

#### ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS, 1971

S.S.B.S.—R. Lyng (Wexford).  
S.S.B.D.—T. and J. McEllistric (Kerry).  
S.H.B.S.—P. Hickey (Tipperary).  
S.H.B.D.—J. Doyle and M. Sullivan (Dublin).  
J.S.B.S.—B. Collieran (Mayo).  
J.S.B.D.—J. Kirby and M. Hogan (Clare).  
J.H.B.S.—J. Quigley (Wexford).  
J.H.B.D.—J. Quigley and P. Murphy (Wexford).  
M.S.B.S.—S. McLoughlin (Wexford).  
M.S.B.D.—P. McCormack and C. Quinn (Mayo).  
M.H.B.S.—P. McCormack (Mayo).  
M.H.B.D.—S. McLoughlin and C. Kehoe (Wexford).

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE, 1971

Clare—M. Kirby, D. Kirby, J. Kirby and M. Hogan.

#### INTER-CLUB SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, 1971

Tuamgraney—M. Kirby, D. Kirby, T. Kirby and P. Ryan.

#### INTER-CLUB NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1971

St. Mary's, Kilkenny—P. Reilly, A. Greene, P. Delaney and M. Hayes.

#### GAEL LINN, 1971

R. Lyng (Wexford).

#### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1971

Under 12 softball singles—T. O'Brien (Tipperary).  
Under 12 softball doubles—T. Farrelly and D. Gargan (Dublin).  
Under 14 softball singles—J. Wafer (Wexford).  
Under 14 softball doubles—P. McCrann and N. Mannion (Roscommon).  
Under 16 softball singles—J. Molloy (Meath).  
Under 16 softball doubles—J. Barron and J. Delaney (Kilkenny).  
Under 21 softball singles—M. Walsh (Roscommon).  
Under 21 softball doubles—M. Brady and M. Williams (Dublin).  
Senior Softball doubles—P. McGee and B. Collieran (Mayo).  
Masters softball doubles—C. Delaney and T. Ryan (Kilkenny).

Handball has now reached the crossroads and the decision all G.A.A. and Handball officials will have to make, without any further delay, is whether we go down the boreen that leads to the cul-de-sac or stay on the ever widening main road which will eventually lead to the accomplishment of our aspirations. It is not sufficient to set an aspirational level unless we have the means of attaining it. This can only be done by dynamic leadership, realistic planning and positive action at all levels.

There is ample evidence everywhere of the tremendous upsurge of interest in handball and if this is not harnessed now it will be lost for ever. We must gear our organisation to meet these increasing demands and let me state clearly that this is not alone the responsibility of Handball officials but of the G.A.A. as a whole. Action must be taken to-day as to-morrow may well be too late.

As recommended in the recent Commission Report I feel that a scheme similar to the Hurling Scheme, with five year stages, must be launched as soon as possible. However, I realise that considerable groundwork must be done before launching any plan and in this context I feel that the proposal adopted by the Ard-Chomhairle to set up a special sub-committee to examine the future development of handball, should be implemented immediately.

I would ask officials to remember that election to office at any level carries with it many responsibilities and when the glamour of the convention day is over there must be a high degree of dedication if we are to achieve our objectives. It is very easy in the atmosphere of a convention to be talked into reluctant acceptance of office. Let

us be honest with ourselves and if we are not prepared to accept the full responsibilities of office then don't be pressurised into accepting office. I am convinced that there is an amount of hidden talent within our ranks only waiting the opportunity to serve. Again we must remember that each individual has certain talents and we should try to avail of those talents in whatever field is most suitable. We have room for people of a wide variety of ability and it is important that every effort be made to avail of them. Remember that it is the performance that we get from ability that counts.

#### All-Ireland Championships

The full championship clar was carried out to schedule. For the first time the new Croke Park alley was used for All-Ireland finals and the benefit of the extra and better accommodation was appreciated by the record attendance for both sets of finals. In senior ranks Dublin regained the S.H.B.D. title after a lapse of twenty-one years. Previous senior title holders also regained their titles; Richie Lyng in S.S.B.S., Tom and Murty McEllistric in S.S.B.D., and Paddy Hickey in S.H.B.S. Wexford won both junior hardball titles with John Quigley in singles and Quigley and Pat Murphy in doubles. This doubles success was the first for 22 years. Brian Collieran won the J.S.B.S. for Mayo after a lapse of 25 years. The success of M. Hogan and J. Kirby of Clare in J.S.B.D. meant that a fourth member of the Kirby family has now won a junior All-Ireland medal. This is a feat unlikely to be equalled in the years to come. Wexford and Mayo shared the honours in the minor grade with two titles each. P. McCormack of Mayo won for his county its first ever M.H.B.S. title. He teamed up with C. Quinn to regain the M.S.B.D. after 19 years. Wexford, who won the inaugural M.H.B.D. championship in 1953, had to wait until 1971 for their next title in this grade.

#### National League

The Clare team which consisted of three Kirby brothers and M. Hogan were worthy winners of the National League and brought to Munster this title for the first time. With the object of getting better balance in this competition I feel it could be organised on regional rather than provincial lines. In this way it would be possible to at least ensure more matches for a number of counties on a team basis.

#### Gael Linn Competition

The entry for the current competition is down somewhat on previous years. The only possible explanation for this decline could be that clubs now have a wider variety of competition and tournaments. The breakdown is as follows: Leinster—520; Connacht—224; Munster—168; Ulster—64. No entries were received from clubs in Cavan, Cork, Leitrim and Westmeath. Ardcah, Cong and Dunshaughlin competed for the first time.

The final stages of the 1970/71 competition were played at Falcarragh and the holder, Richie Lyng of Wexford, retained his title in convincing fashion. We are indebted to the officials of the Falcarragh club for the efficient manner in which they provided accommodation and entertainment to make it a most enjoyable week-end for all concerned.

#### Inter-Club Championships

As a result of the decision of last Congress the Ard-Chomhairle sponsored two championships, senior and novice. The senior competition was very well balanced and provided keen and close competition right through to the final, which was won by Tuamgraney, again backed by three members of the Kirby family.

The novice championship was won by the St. Mary's club from Kilkenny, who clearly outplayed all opposition. The main object of this competition was to provide competition for the ordinary club member who had not won titles in any grade at Provincial or All-Ireland level. I feel we will have to take another look at this competition if it is to achieve the object for which it was set up. The title of novice under the present rules is too loose and it will have to be more clearly defined if we are to really cater for the ordinary club member.

#### Willwood Tailteann Championships

Once again these championships played a most important part in our handball calendar. As usual competition was keen in all grades. In the juvenile grade the six titles were spread over different counties and this is a good indication of the general improvement in standard in all counties.

The sportsmanship of the Galway representatives in the under-21 final is to be highly commended and sets an example for all players. With the scores level and being awarded the winning ace they refused to accept it as the referee had not seen an irregularity. This

decision meant that Dublin regained the service from which they made the winning ace.

Consideration could be given to the inclusion of a novice competition in future years. I feel this competition could replace the under 21 or senior as the players in these grades are already catered for at provincial and All-Ireland level. Further, the interest at both these levels has been disappointing as a number of counties either fail to enter or if they do they fail to turn up for their matches.

### Universities

Handball in the Universities, despite lack of facilities, continues to make progress. In addition to the usual Inter-Varsity championships they also had a league competition in which Cork, U.C.D., Galway, and Queen's competed. Galways were successful in winning both the championship and the league titles.

The two new 40 by 20 alleys at Queen's University have been completed. Mind you, this is by a Government not renowned for its devotion to our native games. What about U.C.D., Cork, and Maynooth. Surely it is not too much to expect an Irish Government to provide facilities for one of our native games at our national universities. Take the case of the U.S.A., where all universities have alleys and in some cases as many as twenty-three. Surely it is not too much to ask that in the home of handball our universities have the facilities for playing a game that has spread all over the world. It is a serious indictment of our native Governments over the years. Action should be taken immediately to remedy this position.

To consolidate the position of handball within the universities it is essential that it come under the jurisdiction of Comharle na nIolseol.

### Vocational Schools

While some counties stage competitions we still have considerable leeway to make up in this field. As I see it these schools will play a big part in the future educational structure of our country and it is vital that we have not alone handball played but facilities for the playing of the game. It is only when we have strong county competition that the demand for All-Ireland and provincial competition will be created. This is not a case for future action but one for immediate action. Every county has its schools and let us set about organising them immediately.

### Community Games

This development, which is of recent origin, has made tremendous strides and last year for the first time we had handball included in the Dublin area activities.

This year it is the intention to develop further the national aspect of these games and it is the intention to bring youth from all over Ireland to the Butlins of Mooney for the All-Ireland competitions. It is most important that we ensure handball is included at national level. The following competitions were sponsored last year:

- Team of four for boys under 11 years.
- Team of four for boys under 13 years.
- Team of four for girls under 11 years.
- Team of four for girls under 13 years.

What should you do to have handball included—each club should approach the organising committee in its area—normally this is made up of representatives of the local Housing and Tenants' Associations. Should you feel that further competition should be included, please make your views known to these people. You can also point out that handball alleys are available within easy reach of Butlins.

### Ladies' Handball

Interest continues to grow in this new development and during the year a national controlling body was set up. In November last the first championships were held and they proved very successful. However, interest is still confined to a limited number of areas and if the game is to get a breakthrough at national level then a major promotional drive will have to be undertaken.

As I see it the first emphasis should be on club organisation and when this is achieved the natural follow on will be the setting up of County Committees, which in turn will lead to the setting up of provincial councils.

I appreciate the problems of club organisation facing the ladies but I feel this can be overcome by a ladies' section being attached to each established handball club. In this way the ladies would have the use of the alley and the support of these clubs in promotional efforts.

### Bord na gCuirteanna

The Uachtaran appointed the following committee to act for the next three years: Messrs J. Smith (Ulster), S. Casey (Connacht),

M. Hennessy (Munster), and An Br. B. C. O Murchu (Leinster). The Uachtaran and secretary are also members of this committee.

As a result of the big upsurge in interest there has been a constant demand for information on alley construction, grants etc. The Uachtaran has produced a very practical plan for 60 by 30 and 40 by 20 courts. Incorporated in these plans is provision for a number of extra alleys by judicious use of the side and front walls and at minimal cost. This type of alley complex ensures that a maximum number of players can be in action at the same time. It is ideal for schools and community projects.

Grants were allocated as follows:

Arklow—£300; New Ross Boys Club—£200; Fethard Community Centre—£200; Caherline—£50; Bohermore—£50; Westport Community Centre—£300; Carrick-on-Suir—£200; Drumsurn—£400; Croke Park (including Government grant)—£2,200.

### Croke Park Alley

Towards the end of the year the new Croke Park Alley was officially opened at a club. Membership is open to families, adults, country members, and students. So far the response has been good but as there is still a good deal of development work to be carried out I feel that it has not reached its full potential. During the year one of the side areas was roofed and floored and we are indebted to the Uachtaran who undertook this work. It is only fitting that I pay tribute to Liam Marren who helped in the development and who has also taken on the time-absorbing post of club secretary, and carried out his duties in a most efficient manner.

It is the intention to use this roofed area for the purpose of serving refreshments to people attending the G.A.A. matches in Croke Park on Sundays. This will in no way affect the use of this area for other activities during the week. Needless to remark, this new undertaking will involve capital outlay but I feel it will be repaid in a short space of time and it will then become a valuable source of revenue. It is also the intention to develop the other side area with provision for a bar, etc.

The Management committee consisting of eight members, including the Chairman, was appointed by the Ard-Chomhairle and ratified by the G.A.A. They will hold office for two-year period which will expire at Congress, 1973.

Chairman—J. J. Jennings.

Secretary—L. Marren.

Treasurer—R. Doherty.

Committee—An Br. B. C. O Murchu, P. Murray, W. Ryan, J. Shannon and J. Lynch.

### G.A.A. Commission

The report of the Special Commission set up by the G.A.A. was issued in December. This is a most comprehensive report and it is evident from examination that considerable thought and deep research went into its presentation. While you may disagree with certain recommendations, I am sure you feel as I do that the members of this dedicated body, which included our former Uachtaran, An Br. B. C. O Murchu, deserves our most sincere thanks for producing the most progressive and far-seeing report in the history of the G.A.A.

Apart from the section dealing with handball under "Games," most other sections are as relevant to handball as football and hurling as they deal with such matters as club structure, community involvement, etc.

While the proposal re 40 by 20 may prove controversial, I feel we must examine this recommendation in a realistic manner. Our main objective is to get the greatest possible number of people playing handball and as I see it this type of court has a definite future as it is much cheaper to build, and it is also much more suitable for juveniles and ladies, and also a very attractive game for all grades of players. Further, it is the accepted international court and if we are to give Irish players the opportunity of doing justice to themselves and their country, we must provide them with proper facilities to meet players of other countries on an equal basis. If we are to continue to take part in international competition, then we must have a large number of this type of court.

At no time can I see the traditional court becoming obsolete but I feel that in addition to the present 60 by 30 championships we will have to include championships for the 40 by 20 courts.

I would even go further and say that if it is not possible to get either of these courts then we should try for either three wall or one wall courts. If we are to genuinely promote handball then we must avail of every type of court.

The recommendation re hardball will naturally be controversial as we have had many discussions on this subject in recent years. Again I would ask for a realistic examination of the position. We have had a lot of talk on this but I regret to say very little action.

I cannot recall within recent years any club making an effort to sponsor an open handball tournament. Why? Is it because the demand is not there? Surely if the demand was there the natural thing would be for clubs to undertake these promotions, as they do in softball. The difficulty in getting people to manufacture the balls, which are handmade, is an impediment. If there was a big upsurge in interest to-morrow I am doubtful if the makers could be found.

### Juvenile Handball

I would like to avail of this opportunity to pay special tribute to that dedicated band of officials who look after our juveniles. The whole future of handball depends on the amount of work we put into juvenile promotion. I feel we have a long way to go before we are satisfied that juveniles are being adequately catered for. We will have to give serious thought to setting up a special body to cater for juveniles, e.g., a Bord na n-Og at both provincial and All-Ireland level. I am convinced that this would prove the best investment ever made in handball.

### Clubs

The strength of the club decides the strength of any organisation and from the clubs come our leaders at all levels. At present a number of our clubs are very loose knit and I feel that we must make every effort to make our clubs more attractive. Proper dressing and recreation rooms, showers and toilets are a must if we are to attract more members. Again I would suggest that every effort be made to develop the alley into an alley complex, thereby providing facilities for a large number of people to play at the same time.

For the future I feel that the handball club can no longer stay as a separate entity but must become involved in the local G.A.A. club or the local community centre. In fact, in places where no community centre exists the local alley, if roofed, can be developed to serve this need.

The example set by the New Ross Boys' Club in building a roofed alley is one that should be encouraged and promoted in every area as this gives us direct access to the youth of the parish. For too long these Boys' Clubs have been ignored by the G.A.A. and this very evident in the cities where very few are playing our native games.

### Government Grant

In addition to the £3,000 which was paid in advance for 1971, the Department of Education gave an extra £500 for investment in the new alley. We are indebted to them for this help. Our present application covers a wide range and we are hopeful that we receive favourable consideration and as a result we may be able to embark on a number of schemes.

### International Competition

An American team of eight players will visit this country during October and it is the intention to stage a series of matches in Croke Park and also at other venues throughout the country. The Irish Handball Council will be responsible for hotel accommodation during their stay and in return an Irish team will visit the U.S.A. in 1973 and they will provide accommodation. The success of this venture will depend on the support of all clubs.

### Coaching and Instructional Film

Plans have been drawn up for coaching at county level. In addition it is the intention to hold a coaching workshop during the Summer. Also under consideration is the question of an instructional film.

I would mention here that a considerable quantity of coaching books are still on hands and some counties have made no really

worthwhile effort to dispose of them. Surely with a commission of 50 per cent. it is not asking too much of each club to dispose of thirty copies.

We in the G.A.A. have been very critical of the number of imported magazines on sale in our shops and at the same time we are not prepared to do much about it. In our coaching book we have a very fine presentation which compares more than favourably with other sports productions and yet we find a great reluctance on the part of clubs to have it on display in the local shops.

### Publicity

Publicity continues to improve and we are indebted to both the national and provincial Press for their help. However, a lot still remains to be done and many of our committees must accept responsibility for their failure to communicate. Communications are vital to any organisation and the return will only be based on your own contribution.

## FINANCE

### No. 1 Account

Receipts showed a big improvement over previous years. This was offset somewhat by an increase in expenses. The one pleasing feature is that the annual loss was reduced considerably.

### No. 2 Account

As usual, this account balanced itself.

### No. 3 Account

Income showed an increase over previous years, with the exception of 1970, which was an exceptional year. I feel that income will continue to improve and thereby leave more money available for distribution to clubs for alley construction and improvements.

### Television

While television showed an improvement over previous years, I still feel that we have a long way to go before we can feel satisfied that we are receiving adequate coverage.

### Structure

I feel the following suggestions could help to bring more efficiency to our organization: (1) appointment of official P.R.O. who would also be a member of the Ard-Chomhairle; (2) appointment of at least four part-time organisers either on a provincial or regional basis; (3) with the establishment of special bodies for juvenile administration I would like to see at least one representative or more on the Ard-Chomhairle; (4) I would like to see closer liaison with the Ladies' Handball Society, and a better system of communication from that body.

Our Uachtaran has completed his first year of office and I wish to pay tribute to him for his dedication, drive and enthusiasm. He has been particularly active in the field of alley construction and his services have been freely available to all clubs throughout the country.

Again we are indebted to the Uachtaran, Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Pádraig O Fainín, and to our old friend, Sean O Siobhain, Ard-Rúnai. To the members of the Ard-Chomhairle, C.L.G., and various G.A.A. provincial councils.

To the members of the Ard-Chomhairle a sincere word of thanks for your co-operation.

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

Seosamh O Loingsigh.

# IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1971

EXPENDITURE:			INCOME:		
1971: Dec. 31	£	£	1971: Dec. 31	£	£
To Teams' Expenses:			By Affiliation Fees:		
Cavan	31.55		Antrim	.40	
Clare	43.00		Armagh	.40	
Donegal	17.00		Carlow	.80	
Dublin	4.75		Cavan	1.20	
Kerry	73.00		Clare	.80	
Kilkenny	21.12		Cork	2.40	
Limerick	14.00		Donegal	.80	
Louth	5.00		Dublin	4.00	
Mayo	89.75		Galway	1.50	
Monaghan	2.00		Kerry	.60	
Roscommon	6.00		Kildare	.50	
Sligo	3.75		Kilkenny	1.40	
Tipperary	57.37		Ladrim	.75	
Tyrone	41.10		Limerick	1.40	
Wexford	55.00		Louth	.40	
Players' Expenses paid direct by Council	29.41		Mayo	3.25	
		491.80	Meath	.80	
Handballs		27.04	Monaghan	.20	
Handball Gloves and Singlets		114.31	Offaly	1.20	
Trophies and engraving		53.80	Roscommon	1.00	
Insurance on Trophies		5.60	Sligo	1.25	
Cleaning		17.90	Tipperary	3.40	
Advertising		30.00	Tyrone	.80	
Secretary's Travelling and Hotel Expenses		50.00	Waterford	.20	
Meeting Expenses	146.60		Westmeath	.20	
Less: Refund from No. 3 Account	19.00		Wexford	2.20	
		127.60	Wicklow	1.20	
Secretary's Honorarium		250.00			33.35
Audit Fee		25.20	Gate Receipts:		
Printing and Stationery		103.58	26/6/71 at Croke Park	9.95	
Postage	78.60		27/6/71 Croke Park	6.30	
Less: Refund from No. 2 Account	10.00		4/7/71 Croke Park	3.90	
		68.60	8/8/71 Tuamgraney	20.20	
Telephone	50.60		Ballyanne	17.50	
Less: Refund from No. 2 Account	0.00		15/8/71 Roscommon	21.00	
		44.60	Ballymacelligott	26.75	
Bank Charges		5.09	22/8/71 Cloughfinn	10.63	
Grant to Ladies' Handball Society		20.00	Croke Park	9.30	
Caretaker		1.00	20/8/71 Kingscourt	13.70	
Mass Offerings		1.58	Newport	23.38	
Balance, being Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure		64.17	4/9/71 Croke Park	207.55	
			11/9/71 Talbots Inch	45.63	
			19/9/71 Tuamgraney	28.80	
			25/9/71 Croke Park	289.50	
			Grant from Central Council		734.68
			Sales of Handballs		600.00
			Sales of Gloves		7.05
			Sales of Rule Books		102.50
			Fines		.60
			Refund of Expenses from Telefis Eireann		2.00
					25.00
		£1,514.58			£1,514.58

# IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL

## Gael Linn Account

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1971

EXPENDITURE:			INCOME:		
1971: Dec. 31	£	£	1971: Dec. 31	£	£
To Refunds of Hotel and Travelling Expenses to Venue Championships:			By Gate Receipts:		
Tipperary	12.00		28/2/71 at Ballyanne	12.50	
Tullamore	10.75		Cappagh	10.30	
Roscrea	7.20		Croke Park	3.20	
Clones	7.75		Ballymote	3.10	
Bridgetown	2.50		7/3/71 Coolboy	3.80	
Newport	32.00		Talbots Inch	4.00	
Ballyanne	40.00		Loughmacrory	1.80	
Kilkenny	6.00		Boyle	10.50	
Tuamgraney	7.50		11/4/71 Falcarragh	38.70	
Arklow	18.00				87.90
Falcarragh	17.00		Grant from Gael Linn		300.00
Birr	6.00				
Ullard	2.00				
Boyle	2.00				
Ballaghaderreen	2.79				
Tralee	7.00				
Birr	8.04				
Boyle	6.00				
Limerick	26.00				
Loughmacrory	11.70				
Expenses paid direct by Council	29.85				
		262.08			
Handballs		3.28			
Trophies		42.75			
Advertising		3.50			
Administration Expenses:		25.00			
Refunds of Telephone Expenses to Venue Secretaries		13.61			
Telephone		6.48			
Postage		10.00			
Audit Fees		6.30			
Balance, being Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure		15.90			
		<u>£387.90</u>			<u>£387.90</u>

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## INTERNATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1971

EXPENDITURE:			INCOME:		
1971: Dec. 31	£	£	1971: Dec. 31	£	£
To Trophies	12.94		By Members' Subscriptions		500.00
Lighting	51.91		Government Grant		1,800.00
Advertising	16.00		Grant from Central Council		54.1
Cleaning	13.00		Public Appeal		10.0
Meeting Expenses	62.75		G.A.A. Appeal		26.0
Audit Fees	15.75		Advertising		110.9
Stationery and Postage	26.50		Sales of Coaching Books	1,119.06	
Alley Plans	24.78		Draws and Raffles	232.41	
Photographs	2.00		Less: Expenses and Prizes		886.6
Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure	3,067.54				
		<u>£3,283.17</u>			<u>£3,283.1</u>

**IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1971**

LIABILITIES:		ASSETS:	
	£	£	£
Central Council for investment in Grounds, per last Balance Sheet			
Sundry Creditors:			
Audit Fees	47.25	Cash at Bank—No. 2 Account	63.95
Honorary Secretary for overpayments	.54	Cash at Bank—No. 3 Account	1,101.92
Grants:			
Ballymore	£50.00	Less: Cash due Bank No. 1 Account	1,165.88
Westport	300.00		884.86
Drumquin	400.00	Investment in G.A.A. Club	281.02
Pethard	200.00	Development Scheme	100.00
Carrick-on-Suir	200.00	Stock of Gloves	131.00
		Typewriter	34.50
	1,150.00	Investment in Handball Alleys:	
Balance to Credit at		Arklow	£150.00
1st January, 1971	19,137.57	Invested during year	300.00
Add: Excess for Year of			
Income over Expenditure:		Ballymacelligott	450.00
General Account	£64.17	Ballymore	300.00
Gael Linn Account	15.90	Bohermore	350.00
Tournament Account	3,057.54	Caherline	50.00
	3,137.61	Cappagh	50.00
Balance to Credit at Date	22,275.18	Carrick-on-Suir	450.00
		Cloughfinn	200.00
		Drumquin	250.00
		Falcarragh	400.00
		Pethard	450.00
		Killala	200.00
		Loughmacrory	450.00
		Mullingar	250.00
		Na Pianna (Dublin)	350.00
		Newport (Co. Tipperary)	400.00
		New Ross	100.00
		Oldtown	200.00
		Tuamgraney	450.00
		Westport	400.00
		Croke Park	300.00
		Invested during year	£18,676.45
			2,200.00
			20,876.45
			26,926.45
		For Record Purposes Only:	
		Collectors' Bags	
		Stop Watch	
		Holders of Trophies:	
		Dr. Harty Cup in possession of P. Hickey (Tipperary)	
		Purcell Cup in possession of R. Lyng (Wexford)	
		"Independent Cup" in possession of T. and J. McEllistrim (Kerry)	
		"Irish Press" Cup in possession of Michael Sullivan and James Doyle (Dublin)	
		New Ireland Cup in possession of John Quigley and Patrick Murphy (Wexford)	
		Canon Carroll Cup in possession of John Kirby and Michael Hogan (Clare)	
		Dunlop Shield in possession of Brian Collieran (Mayo)	
		Elvery Shield in possession of John Quigley (Wexford)	
		Comhairle Mumhan Cup in possession of Seamus McLoughlin (Wexford)	
		"Gaelic Weekly" Cup in possession of Patk. McCormack and Clement Quinn (Mayo)	
		Hassett Cup in possession of Patk. McCormack (Mayo)	
		Gael Linn Cup in possession of Seamus McLoughlin and Christopher Kehoe (Wexford)	
		William Lyng Memorial Cup in possession of Clare	
Carried forward	27,472.97		£27,472.97

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 correct with such books, records and information.

9 Parnell Square,  
DUBLIN 1. 29th February, 1972.

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

# Auditors Report

The President and Members of:  
Irish Handball Council,  
Gaelic Athletic Association,  
per Seosamh Uasal O Longhshigh,  
Honorary Secretary.

9, Parnell Square,  
Dublin.

A Chairde,

We have audited the books of the Council for the Year ended 31st December, 1971. 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, 1971.

## GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the Year amounted to £1,514.58 and Expenditure came to £1,450.41. Income exceeded Expenditure by £64.17.

As compared with the preceding year when Expenditure (to the nearest £) exceeded Income by £193, Income was greater by £205 and Expenditure was less by £52. On the Income side of the account Affiliation Fees were greater by £19; Gate Receipts were greater by £166; Sales of Handballs were less by £46; Sales of Gloves were greater by £38, and the account under review includes a refund of £35—Refund of Expenses from Telefís Eireann which had no equivalent in the preceding year. On the Expenditure side of the account the following were the principal variations: Teams' Expenses were less by £38; the charge for handballs was less by £42; the charge for Handball Gloves and Singlets was greater by £29; the charge for Trophies and Engraving was less by £51; the charge for Meeting Expenses was less by £70; Printing and Stationery was greater by £38; Postage was greater by £34; Telephone was greater by £11 and this year's Account shows charges of £18 and £20 for Cleaning and Grant to Ladies' Handball Society, respectively, which had no equivalents in the preceding year.

## GAEL-LINN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the Year, comprising Gate Receipts £68 and Grant from Gael-Linn £300, amounted to £368. Expenditure came to £372. Income exceeded Expenditure by £16. In the preceding year Expenditure exceeded Income by £18.

## INTERNATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT ACCOUNT

Income of the Year amounted to £3,283 and Expenditure came to £226. Income exceeded Expenditure by £3,057. In the preceding year when the World Championships were played this account showed a Surplus of £17,540.

## BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Council at 31st December, 1971, comprising Cash at Bank £281.02; Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme £100.00; Stock of Gloves £131.00; Typewriter £34.50, and Investment in Handball Alleys £26,935.45, amounted to £27,472.97. Liabilities at the same date, including £4,000 advanced by Central Council for Investment in Grounds, came to £5,197.79. Assets exceeded Liabilities by £22,275.18.

During the year a further £3,900 was invested in Handball Alleys, including £2,200 in Croke Park. The Investment in Kildarney in 1970, £300, was not claimed by that Club and this Investment has therefore been cancelled.

As usual, the books were presented in good order for audit.

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D. O'CONNOR, & Co.