

# COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LAÍMHE NA hÉIREANN

## AN CHOMHDHAIL BHLIANTUÍL, 1973

TUARASCAIL AN RÚNAÍ AGUS CUNTAS AN AIRGID, 1972

Tionolfar an Chomhdail i dTeach Osta "Victoria," Shraid Padraig, Corcaigh ar 15-4-73, ag a 10.30 a.m.

### AN CLAR:

1. Miontuairiscí.
  - (b) Rúnaí.
  - (c) Cisteoir.
  - (d) Teachta ar Ardchomhairle C.L.G.
  - (e) Teachta ar Ard-Choiste Forbartha C.L.G.
  - (f) Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí.
2. Tuarascáil.
3. Tuairisc an Rúnaí agus Cuntas an Airgid.
4. Toghadh na hOifigeach, 1973.
  - (a) Uachtarán.
  5. Na Rúin.

### NA FEIDHEANNAIGH, 1973.

Uachtarán—Seosamh Mac Sheoinín (Ath Cliath).

Rúnaí—Seosamh Ó Loingsigh (Ath Cliath).

Cisteoir—An Bro. Oirm. B. C. Ó Murchú (Ath Cliath), P. Ó Riain (Ceatharlach).

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

Teachta ar Ard-Choiste Forbartha, C.L.G.—Seosamh Ó Loingsigh (Ath Cliath), Liam Ó Duith (An Mhi).

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí—Sean O Cleirchin (Ath Cliath).

### NA RUIN

#### ADMINISTRATION

- 1 (a) That Rule 206, Treorai Oifigiúil, be amended to include P.R.O. The Ard-Chomhairle shall pay the expenses of the Treasurer and P.R.O. That Rule 210, Treorai Oifigiúil, be amended to include P.R.O. (Dun na nGall).
- (b) That the P.R.O. be automatically a member of all sub-committees of Comhairle Lúthchleas na hÉireann (Dun na nGall).
- 2 That the Ard-Chomhairle consider appointing an organiser on a part-time basis, to establish handball in the weaker counties (i.e. counties with no handball alleys or few alleys) (Dun na nGall).
- 3 That Rules 188, 202, and 206, Treorai Oifigiúil, be amended to include a representative of the Ladies Handball Society. Such representation to be nominated by the respective committee or council of the Ladies Handball Society (Ath Cliath).

#### HANDBALLS

- 4 (a) That a ball similar to the recent red sample ball be adopted as the official softball (Ath Cliath).
- (b) That Central Council do something about the quality of handballs (Cill Chainnigh).
- (c) That consideration be given to the use of the Delacoste ball for juveniles under 12 years of age (Ath Cliath).
- (d) That all handball championships be played with Irish manufactured ball (Cill Chainnigh).

#### COMPETITIONS

- 5 That the travelling allowance be increased to 5p per mile for semi-finals and finals (Loch Garman).
- 6 That counties failing to fulfill a National League fixture forfeit the two points from the game and be fined £10 instead of being disqualified from the League (An Clár).
- 7 That the junior Inter-club 60 x 30 championship be confined to players who have not won a provincial title from Minor grade upwards, including Tailteann championships (An Clár).
- 8 That the rule preventing a county from entering the All-Ireland championships in a grade in which they have not held a county championship be abolished. (An Clár).
- 9 That an Intermediate All-Ireland softball championship in singles and doubles be run each year in conjunction with the other softball championships. This championship while primarily intended for players who have won junior All-Ireland titles will be open to all players who have not won a senior All-Ireland title. Players who have won a junior All-Ireland title and who compete in the Intermediate grade can only return to junior ranks the following year and then only after being regraded by the appropriate provincial council. Players who have competed in senior ranks prior to 1973, but have not won a senior All-Ireland, will be eligible to compete in Intermediate grade without regrading, but players who compete in senior All-Ireland championships from 1973 onwards will have to wait until the next year before being eligible to play in the Intermediate grade, and then only after being regraded by the appropriate provincial council. Winners of All-Ireland titles in the Intermediate grade, for which perpetual trophies and All-Ireland medals will be presented, will subsequently be eligible for senior competition only. The following rules to be amended—220, 233, 235, sections (I) and (IV). (An Clár).

#### POLICY

- 10 That Handball Congress decide the policy of handball in Ireland and not the G.A.A. (Cill Chainnigh).

#### ALLEYS

- 11 That handball alley construction plans be ratified by Congress before being released to club (Cill Chainnigh).
- 12 That the 60 by 30 alley be deemed the standard handball court in Ireland (Cill Chainnigh).
- 13 That a census be taken among handball clubs to determine whether they want 60 by 30 or 40 by 20 courts to be the standard court (Cill Chainnigh).

Cé gur deineadh dul chun cinn i rith na bliana is soiléir go bhfuil roinnt mhaith oibre le déanamh fós sul a mbeidh ar sprioc bainte amach.

Táimid i gcomórtas anois le gach spórt eile, níl amháin cinn phraifisunta. Tá ga mar sin le dian-iarracht o gach ball agus o gach roian de Chumhach Luthchleas Gael. Bhfuilimid áirire, cor ar bith?

Gabhadh buchas le hArd-Chomhairle, Cumann Luthchleas Gael, le Padraig O Fainín, Uachtarán, le Seán O Siacháin, Ard-Stiurthoir.

Me bhuchas le gach ball de'n Ard-Chomhairle leis na Comhairlí Cúige, leis na coistí Contae, agus le gach éinne a chuidigh liom.

## ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS, 1972

S.S.B.S.—P. Murphy (Wexford)  
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S.H.B.S.—P. McGee (Mayo)  
S.H.B.D.—P. Hickey and C. Cleere (Tipperary)  
J.S.B.S.—P. Reilly (Kilkenny)  
J.S.B.D.—P. Reilly and P. Delaney (Kilkenny)  
J.H.B.S.—E. Sheeran (Offaly)  
J.H.B.D.—C. Winders and T. Geoghegan (Kildare)  
M.S.B.S.—S. McLoughlin (Wexford)  
M.S.B.D.—P. J. Moran and D. Doolan (Roscommon)  
M.H.B.S.—C. Quinn (Mayo)  
M.H.B.D.—P. Hughes and J. Barron (Kilkenny)

## Gael-Linn, 1972

P. Ryan (Dublin and Clare).

## NATIONAL LEAGUE PROPER

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

## NATIONAL LEAGUE (DIVISION 2)

Galway—E. Rabbittee, D. Mulhern, M. Ward, E. McDonagh.

## 60 x 30 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior—Shannon (P. Kirby, J. Kirby, T. Kirby, M. Hogan).  
Junior—St. Malachy's (Dublin)—Pat Ryan, Packie Ryan, P. Murray and P. Farrell.  
Novice—St. Mary's (Wexford)—P. Goggins, P. Clappett, E. Byrne, and M. Fenelon.

## 40 x 20 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior—Shannon—J. Kirby, M. Hogan, P. Kirby and T. Kirby.  
Junior—Talbot's Inch—B. Fitzpatrick, O. Harrold, J. Barron, P. Walsh.

## WILLWOOD TAILTEANN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1972

Under 12 softball singles—E. Downey (Kilkenny).  
Under 12 softball doubles—C. Pratt, M. Kennedy (Tipperary).  
Under 14 softball singles—S. Morrissey (Tipperary).  
Under 14 softball doubles—N. Mannion, P. McCrann (Roscommon).  
Under 16 softball singles—P. Hughes (Kilkenny).  
Under 16 softball doubles—P. Winders, T. O'Rourke (Kildare).  
Under 21 softball singles—M. Walsh (Roscommon).  
Under 21 softball doubles—E. Farrell, J. Ryan (Tipperary).  
Senior softball doubles—P. Murphy, S. Buggy (Wexford).  
Masters softball doubles—J. O'Brien and P. Downey (Kerry).

While 1972 was another year of progress, it is my opinion that we cannot feel complacent as there still remains a long road ahead before we reach our full potential. On all sides there is evidence of the tremendous upsurge in interest and if this demand is to be met it is essential that we have the organisation and the proper facilities to deal with it. We are living in very demanding times and we must remember that we have competition on all sides, even some of it commercially backed. If we cannot provide the service then many of our potential members will go elsewhere.

The stage has been reached when the G.A.A. as a whole will have to spell out clearly the position of handball within the association. If the sport is to be really developed then there must be a full commitment from all units of the G.A.A. It is of the utmost importance that action be taken immediately as tomorrow may well be too late.

In accordance with the decision of last year's Congress it is very important that the decision to appoint a full-time administrator cum organiser be finalised immediately. As I see it the demands are so great that no one official can meet them on a part-time basis. However, this appointment in itself will not be sufficient if we are to provide a top quality service. As I see it, we will require a number of part-time organisers either on a regional or provincial basis. A sum of £1,000 from the government grant has been set aside for administration. However, I appreciate that this in itself is not sufficient and I feel that the balance will have to be met by way of a subvention from the G.A.A.

When we have the proper administrative structure the next move

would be to draw up a five-year plan for the future development and promotion of handball — this plan to be discussed by the Handball Council before presentation to the G.A.A. Development and Management committees.

Our basic objective is the promotion of handball which simply means getting the greatest possible number of people of all ages and sexes to take part in what is the finest form of recreation. If we are to achieve this, it is perfectly clear that our future policy must be one of progressive and positive ideas. If we are genuinely interested in the promotion of handball and not just one form of it, then we must avail of every possible avenue to achieve this end. We must ensure that we can provide facilities which will enable handball to be played by all age groups and sexes from 8 years of age upwards to 70 years and over. Again it must be remembered that every effort should be made to provide first-class facilities. Is it too much to expect dressingrooms, hot and cold showers, etc. Surely out players are entitled to at least the same facilities as are available in other forms of indoor sport. To enable clubs provide proper facilities it is essential that realistic membership fees be charged. It is generally accepted in sport that members are prepared to pay realistic fees for proper facilities.

Despite representations during the year there is no concrete evidence that the Department of Education is prepared to include handball facilities in schools. This is a matter that requires immediate attention as it is evident that provision is being made for other forms of sport. Surely the least one could expect in any Department of Education project would be the provision of facilities for our native games. In fact, in the original plans for the College of Physical Education in Limerick there was no provision for handball until this was discovered by some of our members and as a result of strong representations from the G.A.A. it was agreed to include alleys. It is obvious that our members in all areas must be alert if we are to have facilities in any future educational or community projects.

## ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The full championship year was completed to schedule. As usual competition was keen in most grades. The emergence of Pat Murphy as senior softball singles champion, and John Quigley and Pat Murphy as senior softball doubles champions was a further tribute to juvenile handball as both these players took part in the Willwood Tailteann ship some years ago. P. McGee, out of the honours list for some years, regained the S.H.B.S. title for Mayo. Tipperary's Paddy Hickey and Connie Cleere regained the S.H.B.D. title. The success of Eamonn Sheeran in J.H.B.S. gave Offaly one of its rare successes at All-Ireland level. Kilkenny dominated the junior softball, with P. Reilly winning the singles and teaming up with P. Delaney in doubles. Kildare won the J.H.B.D. with C. Winders and T. Geoghegan. S. McLoughlin retained his minor softball singles title and should be a force in junior competition in future years. C. Quinn of Mayo retained the M.H.B.S. title won by P. McCormack last year. P. J. Moran and D. Doolan were impressive MSBD winners for Roscommon. Kilkenny won the MHBD in clear-cut fashion with P. Hughes and J. Barron.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

In accordance with the decision of last year's Congress the National League was divided into two strong groups and two weak groups with promotion and relegation operating. The well balanced Clare team won Division (1) South and met Roscommon, Division (1) North winners in the final. Despite the treacherous conditions of the court this final was a real thriller with success going to Clare after being behind for six of the seven games. In Division (2) Galway, winners in the South, met Tyrone, North winners, in the final with victory going to the Corrib men. Both these counties will compete in Division (1) this year.

The failure of both Wexford and Limerick to meet their first round fixtures meant that both counties were disqualified. Kilkenny, who failed to meet Tipperary in their final match were also disqualified as a result.

## Gael-Linn COMPETITION

A record entry of 1168 players took part in the 1972-73 competition. This competition which is almost twenty years in existence is as popular as ever and we could well see the entries topping the 1200 mark next year. The breakdown of entries is as follows: Leinster 520; Connacht 312; Munster 272; Ulster 64.

The Leinster and Connacht entries were the same as last year while the Munster and Ulster entries were up considerably.

The final stage of last year's competition was played at Tuamgraney and provided top class matches with Packie Ryan of Clare emerging a surprising but very clear cut winner. He is the first ever junior player to win this competition.

## INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, 60 x 30

As a result of the decision of last year's Congress the competition was divided into three groups: senior, junior and novice. Competition was keen in all grades with the Shannon Club emerging winners in the senior grade, St. Malachy's (Dublin) ousted Tuam in the junior, and St. Mary's (Wexford) were decisive novice winners.

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## INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, 40 x 20

Championships in junior and senior were promoted for the first time and were well supported. In senior the Shannon team won out and added this title to the 60 by 30 and thereby established the club as the outstanding one in senior grade. In junior the Talbot's Inch team emerged as winners of a very keen competition.

## WILLWOOD TAILTEANN CHAMPIONSHIPS

These championships form an outstanding part of each year's activities and interest continues to grow from year to year. As usual competition was of an exceptionally high standard especially at juvenile level. It was good to see that famous Kerry partnership Paddy Downey and Jimmie O'Brien back in action in winning out the Masters. Kildare for the first time figured in the juvenile winners when taking the under 16 doubles.

I still feel that consideration could be given to replacing the under 21 singles and doubles with a novice championship.

## INTER-VARSITY

Handball in the universities continues to show improvement. However the lack of facilities in U.C.D., Trinity Maynooth and Cork are a big deterrent. The usual league and championships were held with Galway being successful in both.

During the year the two 40 by 20 alleys in Queen's University were officially opened. They conform to full international standards and are a credit to the club. The Director of Physical Education in Queen's University has assured me that clubs anxious to visit the complex will be very welcome. The facilities are available to some of the schools and youth clubs in Belfast.

## VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

This is one field in which we have not made much headway. With competitions in various counties every effort should be made at local level to get provincial championships under way.

As a result of the present survey being carried out by the Leinster G.A.A. Council it could well happen that handball competitions would be included in future years.

## COMMUNITY GAMES

This development continues to grow in strength and it is important that we become involved with it if we are to promote handball at community level. Remember these people will not come looking for you but you must go looking for them if you want to ensure that handball is established within their framework. What should you do? Contact your local representative of either the Housing or Tenants' Association.

## LADIES' HANDBALL

It is pleasing to record that Ladies' Handball continues to grow in popularity and it is evident that it is here to stay. I would appeal to all clubs and county committees to help in every way this most important development. If each club was to establish a ladies' section it would give an added dimension to the game as mixed competition could be introduced. I am aware of some clubs where mixed doubles competition is a feature of their activities. Again the addition of a ladies section could also help in developing the social life of the club.

Information on ladies' handball is available from the Runal: Mrs. M. Duignan, 12 Victoria Villas, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

## BORD NA gCUIRTEANNA

The demand for information continues to grow from day to day, and I feel within a few years we should see a considerable number of new alleys and alleys complexes in various parts of the country. It is apparent that we will have to concentrate more and more on the complex of alleys as it is only in this way that we can provide adequate facilities for large numbers of members and thus ensure that they have reasonable playing time.

Grants were allocated as follows:

Kilgobnet	£400	Galway	£300	Rush	£300
Shannon	£400	Bray	£100	Collooney	£100
Dunshaughlin	£60				

## GOVERNMENT GRANT

The government grant for 1972 was £1,500. Naturally we were disappointed with our allocation and we find it difficult to understand the method of assessment. From the information available recently

I believe that the forthcoming grant will show an increase. The grant was sub-divided as follows: Administration £1,000; Coaching £400; Equipment £100.

## COACHING

A Coaching Workshop was held in Limerick from 7th-8th October. This course was well attended and plans were formulated for a series of courses throughout the country. In addition arrangements were made to have suitable literature, film slides, etc. available.

It was agreed to appoint Pat Kirby and Joe Maher as the official coaches and we are indebted to them for the help they have given.

Courses were held at New Ross, Kilkenny, Shannon, Ardlow, Dublin, etc. Arrangements were made for courses early in 1973.

As a result of negotiations with Radio-Telefís Éireann we expect to have a coaching film available in the near future.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

During the year we had a visit from the Irish/American team led by Larry Dolan. They played matches in various parts of the country and also played on one of the All-Ireland programmes at Croke Park. They were most attractive and proved very popular everywhere. They projected a very good image for handball and it was a pleasure having them as our guests. As the result of this visit they have invited Irish teams to visit New York for competitive matches. In fact any Irish club anxious to visit New York will be more than welcome.

The information from Australia to the world championships is not too encouraging. They were hoping to stage the championships early in 1973 but this date has been postponed until early November in view of the poor response from the other countries. As I see it, unless there is a change for the better there is not much chance of them being held unless they can come to some reasonable arrangement re travelling and hotel allowance, and also give an assurance that in addition to the three wall championships there will also be a four wall one.

## RADIO-TELEFÍS ÉIREANN

During the year there was a big improvement in the coverage handball received, and I feel confident that this will continue to improve once the information and results are forthcoming from our various units.

Handball got its biggest ever break on television when it was decided by Telefís Éireann to sponsor a special seven week handball competition. This competition, which was played on a time basis and shown in colour, should give the game a tremendous boost throughout the country. For the purposes of this competition a special red ball was introduced and it proved very satisfactory.

In addition a special coaching film was made and it is the intention to use parts of it on various junior programmes throughout the year. I expect that this film can be purchased for a reasonable figure and if so it would be a great addition to our coaching courses.

We are indebted to the Head of Sport, Fred Cogley, Producer Michael, and Commentator Mick Dunne for their kindness, help, and co-operation at all times.

## JUVENILE HANDBALL

As I have stressed on many previous occasions, I feel that much greater emphasis must be laid on the promotion of handball at juvenile level. The time has come when we must set an organisation at county, provincial, and All-Ireland level to cater for the youth. Again it is important that when this is done that provision be made for the inclusion of representatives from these bodies on the various handball councils and committees.

## CLUBS

On the question of clubs I feel that much greater emphasis must be put on making the club attractive. This can be done by providing proper dressing and toilet facilities. In addition it is necessary to provide meeting and recreation rooms. My idea of a club is one with suitable premises where members can, if they so desire, come to spend a night. It is only by providing these facilities that we can really develop a strong club serving both the recreational and social needs of its members.

## G.A.A. COMMISSION

It is not my intention to comment on the findings of the Commission. Each club and county committee was notified by the Ard-Chomhairle that copies were available but the response to my knowledge was most disappointing. If clubs and counties were not satisfied with the findings, in full or part, they had the opportunity through G.A.A. clubs and County Committees to forward the necessary amendment motions to the G.A.A. Special Congress. Only one such motion was forwarded.



## CEANNARAS

Ceannaras has now completed its first year of existence as a club. Hereunder please find the report of the secretary, Liam Marren, a very dedicated official.

Now that Ceannaras has completed its first year it is only fitting that I should submit a brief report and make some observations on the future development of the club.

## MEMBERSHIP

The response was good when you consider that the club is still developing. The only facilities were the alley, sauna, and table tennis tables.

## SHOP

The shop which operated in the foyer for handball matches and from the side area for matches in Croke Park was a very successful and profitable venture. As this was the initial year for this venture I feel that it can be expanded during the coming year and should prove a valuable source of revenue for the future.

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

To extract the maximum value it is very important that steps be taken immediately to develop Ceannaras to the full. I feel that the following facilities at least are necessary.

(a) Second court, 40 by 20. This could be accommodated in the left hand area and still leave space for other indoor facilities, and also accommodation if required for handball matches.

(b) If the club is to be developed as a social centre then it is essential to have proper bar facilities.

(c) Provision of an area for use as a gymnasium with proper equipment.

In accordance with the terms of reference laid down by the G.A.A. the Financial Report is to be included in our Annual Report each year.

Ceannaras, Croke Park, June 9, 1971—Dec. 31, '72

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Subscriptions	£933	Capital Expenditure	£9,807.73
Grants per I.H.C.	£3,650	Caretaker's Wages	£1,071.28
Visitors' Fees	£171.75	E.S.B.	£326.28
Sauna	£51.40	Stock for Shop	£833.07
Gate Receipts	£40.91	Telephone	£62.09
Receipts from shop	£1,367.70	Printing	£36.75
Deficit for year	£135.35	Advertising	£17.50
		Central Heating (Oil)	£62.04
Total:	£6,329.27	Table Tennis Equipment	£60.83
		Stationery & Postage	£11.25
		Rent of room for meeting	£5.25
		Bank charges	£4.50
		Total:	£6,329.27

R.M. Doherty, Treasurer.

## PUBLICITY

While there has been some improvement in publicity there still remains a lot to be done. Lack of regular photographs are a big drawback and in an effort to overcome this I would suggest that each county forward anything from 8 to 12 copies of outstanding players so that they can be filed by the Ard-Chomhairle and released regularly to the newspapers. Action photographs are more effective than "stills."

We are indebted to both the national and provincial Press for their help in the past and we look forward to wider coverage in the future.

## FINANCE

**No. 1 Account.** This account is running at a loss for some years now and some new ways and means will have to be found to improve the position.

**No. 2 Account.** As usual this account balanced itself after giving a special grant for alley development to Dunchaughlin.

**No. 3 Account.** The main sources of revenue here are the G.A.A. Capital Investment grant, Raffles, and Government Grant. As capital investment is not shown on the Financial Statement, but instead in the Balance Sheet, this is inclined to give a wrong impression. However, this is correct procedure as laid down by our Auditors.

To enable us to expand our system of capital investment it is essential to get other sources of income.

I wish to pay tribute to our Uachtaran, J. J. Jennings, for his help and co-operation and for his dedicated work on alley development. I would also like to pay tribute to our Cisteoir, An Br. B. C. O Murchu, who as well as performing his own duties has helped me considerably in meeting my secretarial commitments.

Again we are indebted to Pádraig O Fainín, Uachtaran, and Sean O Sióchain, Ard-Stiúrthoir, Cumann Luthchleas Gael. To the members of the Ard-Chomhairle and the G.A.A. provincial councils.

To the members of Ard-Chomhairle, Comhairle Laithreoid Laimhe na hEireann, my very sincere thanks for your help and co-operation. To the members of the Ard-Chomhairle who retire this year I wish to pay a special tribute and ask them to remember that there is still a vast amount of work to be done at all levels and if they can help in any way to please do so as the harvest is great and the workers are few.

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

SEOSAMH O LOINGSIGH.

IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL—GAEL-LINN ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1972: Dec. 31	£	1972: Dec. 31	£
To Refunds of Hotel and Travelling Expenses to Venue Championships:		By Gate Receipts:	
Tullamore	8.00	March 5 at Arklow	5.00
Falcarragh	17.00	Ballyporeen	7.61
Talbots Inch	9.35	Cappagh	11.00
Tuamgraney	9.00	Croke Park	7.56
Bridgetown	3.85	Ceanannus Mor	2.00
Collooney G.W.I.	21.53	Killala	5.60
Kilfane	8.60	Roscommon	4.15
Newport	6.50	Taghmon	20.10
Boyle	24.00	April 16 at Tuamgraney	57.08
Mullinavat	2.00		
Ballymore Eustace	3.50	Grant from Gael-Linn	120.10
Taghmon	17.00		300.00
Ullard	3.00		
Ardeath	3.00		
Charlestown	4.48		
Ceanannus Mor	18.00		
Trilce	21.00		
Tinahely	14.00		
Birr	8.50		
Carlow	3.50		
Expenses paid direct by Council	18.25		
	224.06		
Grant—Dunshaughlin	60.00		
Handballs	8.90		
Trophies (including cost of Engraving and Repairing)	46.67		
Advertising	1.66		
Administration Expenses	25.00		
Refunds of Telephone Expenses to Venue Secretaries	11.56		
Telephone	16.00		
Postage	14.09		
Audit Fee	6.30		
Cheque Book	1.00		
Photographs	1.20		
Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure	3.63		
	4420.10		4420.10

IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL

INTERNATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1972: Dec. 31	£	1972: Dec. 31	£
To Coaching Expenses		By Coaching—proportion of	
Handballs	400.00	Government Grant transferred from General Account	400.00
Alley Development Expenses	265.63	Grant from Central Council	1,600.00
Expenses re Visit of U.S.A. Team	51.20	Sales of Refreshments	315.85
Cleaning	93.18	Less: Purchases and Expenses	253.34
Presentation	14.00	Less: Purchases and Expenses	253.54
Special University Grant	5.00		62.31
Audit Fee	50.00	Boxing Tournament	306.78
All-Ireland Tickets	15.75	Draws and Raffles	917.91
Less: Sales	495.00	Less: Expenses	291.00
	431.00		626.91
Cheque Book	1.00		
Balance, Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure	2,036.24		
	2,996.00		2,996.00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 19726

**IRISH HANDBALL COUNCIL**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1972**

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£		£
Central Council for Investment in Grounds per last Balance Sheet	4,000.00	Balance at Bank: No. 2 Account	67.40
Public Subscription towards cost of Capital Expenditure	600.00	No. 3 Account	1,830.72
Sundry Creditors:		Less: Balance due Bank:	1,898.12
Grants:		No. 1 Account	139.17
Ballymote	450.00		1,758.95
Westport	300.00	Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme	100.00
Drumquin	400.00	Sundry Debtors for:	
Fethard	200.00	Entrance Fee	2.00
Carrick-on-Suir	200.00	Gate Receipt (estimated)	15.00
Shannon	200.00	Fine	2.00
Dungarvan (Kilgobnet)	200.00		
Rush	300.00	Stock of Gloves:	100.00
Galway	300.00	Typewriter	34.50
Collooney	100.00	Investment in Handball Alleys:	
	2,250.00	Arklow	450.00
Coaching Expenses	49.92	Ballymacelligott	300.00
Administration Expenses	750.00	Ballymote	350.00
Audit Fees	53.55	Bohermore	50.00
	3,103.47	Bray—Invested during year	100.00
Balance to Credit at 1st January 1972	22,275.18	Caherline	50.00
Add: Excess for Year of Income over Expenditure:		Cappagh	450.00
General Account	1.79	Carrick-on-Suir	200.00
Gael Linn Account	3.63	Cloughfinn	250.00
International and Tournament Account	2,036.24	Collooney—Invested during year	100.00
		Drumquin	400.00
Balance to Credit at date	24,316.84	Falcarraigh	450.00
		Fethard	200.00
		Galway—Invested during year	300.00
		Kilgobnet—Invested during year	400.00
		Kil'sla	450.00
		Loughmacrory	250.00
		Mullingar	350.00
		Na Fianna (Dublin)	400.00
		Newport (Co. Tipperary)	100.00
		New Ross	200.00
		Oldtown	450.00
		Rush—Invested during year	400.00
		Shannon—Invested during year	400.00
		Tuamgraney	400.00
		Westport	300.00
		Croke Park as per last Balance Sheet	120,876.45
		Invested during year ?	1,481.41
			22,357.86
			30,007.86
		For record purposes only:	
		Collectors' Bags	
		Stop Watch	
		Holders of Trophies:	
		Dr. Harty Cup (in possession of P. McGee (Mayo).	
		Purcell Cup (in possession of P. Murphy (Wexford)	
		Independent Cup (in possession of P. Murphy and J. Quigley (Wexford)	
		Irish Press Cup (in possession of P. Hickey and C. Cleere (Tipperary)	
		New Ireland Cup (in possession of T. Geoghegan and C. Winders (Kildare)	
		Canon Carroll Cup (in possession of P. Kelly and P. Delaney (Kilkenny)	
		Dunlop Shield (in possession of P. Reilly (Kilkenny)	
		Elvery Shield (in possession of E. Sheeran (Offaly).	
		Comhairle Mumhan Cup (in possession of S. McLoughlin (Wexford)	
		"Gaelic Weekly" Cup (in possession of D. Doolan and P. J. Moran (Roscommon)	
		Hassett Cup (in possession of C. Quinn (Mayo)	
		Gael Linn Cup (in possession of P. Ryan (Dublin)	
		Paddy Purcell Cup (in possession of P. Hughes and J. Barron (Kilkenny)	
		Willie Lyng Memorial Cup (in possession of Clare.	
	32,020.31		32,020.31

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 correctly drawn up in accordance with such books, records and information.

9 Parnell Square,  
DUBLIN 1. 7th March, 1973.

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

# AUDITORS' REPORT

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

7th March, 1973

A Chairde,

We have audited the books of the Council for the Year ended 31st December, 1972. Please find enclosed General Income and Expenditure Account, Gael Linn Income and Expenditure Account, and the International and Tournament Income and Expenditure Account for the Year and Balance Sheet, showing the financial position of the Council at 31st December, 1972.

## GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £2,691.18 and Expenditure came to £2,689.39. Income exceeded Expenditure by £1.79.

As compared with the preceding Year when Income (to the nearest £) exceeded Expenditure by £65, Income in total was greater by £1,177 and Expenditure in total was greater by £1,239. On the income side of the account, Gate Receipts were less by £95; Sales of Handballs were greater by £38, and Sales of Gloves were greater by £41. This account was credited with a Government Grant of £1,100 which had no equivalent in the preceding year. On the Expenditure side of the account the following were the principal variations: the charge for Handballs was greater by £95; the charge for Handball Gloves and Singlets was greater by £81; the charge for Trophies was less by £105, and Meeting Expenses were greater by £31. This year's account bears charges for Administration Expenses, £750, and Grants for Equipment, £100, for which there were no corresponding charges in the preceding year.

## GAEL-LINN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year, comprising Gate Receipts £120 and Grant from Gael-Linn £300, came to £420. Expenditure amounted to £416. Income exceeded Expenditure by £4. In the preceding year Income exceeded Expenditure by £16.

## INTERNATIONAL AND TOURNAMENT ACCOUNT

Income of the Year amounted to £2,996 and Expenditure came to £960. Income exceeded Expenditure by £2,036. In the preceding Year Income exceeded Expenditure by £3,057.

## BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Council at 31st December, 1972, comprising Cash at Bank, £1,759; Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme, £100; Sundry Debtors, £19; Stocks of Gloves, £100; Typewriter, £34, and investment in Handball Alleys, £30,008, amounted to £32,020. Liabilities at the same date, including £4,000 advanced by Central Council for investment in Grounds and Public Subscription towards cost of Capital Expenditure £600, came to £7,703. Assets exceeded Liabilities by £24,317.

During the year a further £3,081 was invested in Handball Alleys of which £1,481 related to Investment in Croke Park.

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

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D. O'CONNOR & CO.,