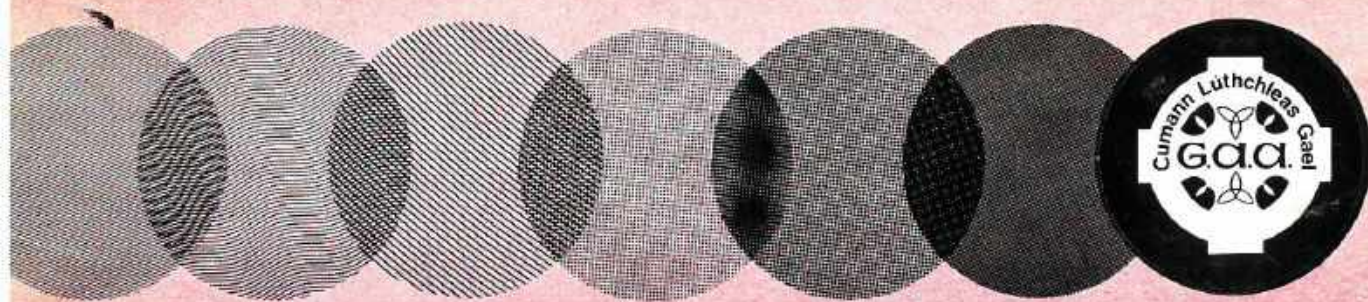


Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe
na hÉireann



An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 1976



Tuarascáil an Rúnaí
agus Cuntas an Airgid

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The President and Members of:
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe
na hÉireann,
Cumann Luitcheas Gael,
per Seosamh uasal Ó Loingsigh,
Secretary.

A Chairde,

We have audited the books of the Council for the year ended 31st December 1975. We enclose copies of the General Income and Expenditure Account and of the Development Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet showing the financial position of the Council at 31st December 1975.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £9,596 and Expenditure came to £9,585. Income was greater than Expenditure by £11. In 1974 Expenditure exceeded Income by £880.

On the Income side the Principal increases were as follows: Affiliation Fees £52; Gate Receipts £415; Government Grant £1,672 and Sales of Handballs and Gloves £2,197. Sponsorship £500 had no equivalent in 1974.

On the Expenditure side the principal increases were: Teams Expenses £532; Purchase of Handballs and Gloves £1,821; Meetings Expenses £478; Central Council Administration Charge £500; Printing and Stationery £121 and Administration Grants £386.

DEVELOPMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

This Account now incorporates the Gael Linn Tournament Account. Income of the year amounted to £12,647. In 1974 Expenditure exceeded Income by £773. On the Income side the principal variations were as follows:

	Increase	Decrease	
Central Council Grant for Handball Courts	£6,600		Not included in this Account in previous years.
Government Grant	1,828		
Sponsorship		£1,101	
Subscriptions		509	
Advertising		896	
Sale of Sports Equipment	196		
Broadcasting Fee		1,200	No equivalent in 1975

On the Expenditure side the principal variations were as follows:

	Increase £5,000	Decrease	
Grants for Handball Courts			Not included in this Account in previous years.
International Travel		£769	
Sports Equipment		387	
Coaching	873		
Teams Expenses		514	
Court Development Plans	265		No equivalent in 1974
Outlay on 13 St Josephs Avenue written off	174		No equivalent in 1974
Jubilee Dinner and Magazine		1,764	No equivalent in 1975

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Council at 31st December 1975 including Cash at Bank £784, Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme £1,600, Sundry Debtors £2,094, Stock of Handballs and Gloves £1,187, Outlay on 13 St Josephs Avenue £1,570 and Outlay on Croke Park Handball Court £24,347 amounted to £31,639. Liabilities amounted to £8,330. Assets exceeded Liabilities by £23,309.

Grants paid out and received for the erection of Handball Courts are no longer included in the Balance Sheet. Grants paid out are listed in Schedule IX. The Balance to Credit has been altered in Schedule VIII to take account of these changes.

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

Is sinne le meas,
D. O'CONNOR & CO.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1975

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1975: Dec. 31	£	1975 Dec. 31	£
To Teams' Expenses (Schedule I)	1,829.05	By Affiliation Fees (Schedule II)	84.50
Handballs and Gloves	2,922.46	Entrance Fees	88.90
Trophies	548.45	Gate Receipts (Schedule III)	1,741.44
Insurance on Trophies	7.50	Grant from Central Council	600.00
Congress Expenses	156.80	Government Grant (portion)	3,500.00
Meetings Expenses	755.38	Sponsorship	500.00
Administration Charge paid to Central Council	2,000.00	Sale of Handballs and Gloves	3,081.49
Postage and Telephone	38.97		
Printing and Stationery	310.62		
Cleaning and Repairs – Croke Park	65.54		
Advertising	25.61		
Audit and Accountancy Fee	65.00		
Cheque Book	1.00		
Masses	10.40		
Administration Grants:			
Connacht	150.00		
Leinster	200.00		
Munster	200.00		
Ulster	100.00		
Ladies Handball Council	100.00		
	750.00		
Filing Cabinets written off	81.01		
Depreciation – Typewriter and Amplifier	18.00		
Balance, Excess for year of Income over Expenditure	10.54		
	<u>9,596.33</u>		<u>9,595.33</u>

DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1975

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1975	£	£	1975	£	£
Dec. 31			Dec. 31		
To Grants for the erection of			By Central Council Grant for		
Handball Courts (Schedule IV)		5,000.00	erection of Handball Courts		6,600.00
International Travel		2,175.04			
Sports Equipment		868.70	Government Grant (portion)		3,500.00
Coaching		2,104.82			
Gael Linn Teams Expenses			Sponsorship		560.00
(Schedule V)		127.00			
Trophies		40.63	Subscriptions		255.80
Press Conference		33.47			
Telephone		25.42	Advertising		332.00
Advertising		35.00			
Meetings and Travelling			Jubilee Magazine		151.03
Expenses		115.00			
Court Development Plans		264.90	Gael Linn Gate Receipts		
Repairs and Renovations -			(Schedule VI)		180.50
Croke Park		166.88			
Grant to E. Hannon Fund		100.00	Grant from Gael Linn		300.00
All-Ireland Stand Tickets	690.00				
Less: Sales	<u>640.50</u>	49.50	Sale of Sports Equipment		240.50
Audit and Accountancy Fees		65.00			
Cheque Books		2.00	Deposit Interest		7.29
Proportion of Outlay on			Ciste Gael Commission, net		520.09
13 St Josephs Avenue, written					
off		174.18			
Balance, Excess for year of					
Income over Expenditure		1,299.17			
		<u>12,647.21</u>			<u>12,647.21</u>
		<u><u>12,647.21</u></u>			<u><u>12,647.21</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1975

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Sundry Creditors for:	£	£	Balance at Bank:	£	£
Handball Court Grants			Development Account	2,864.96	
(Schedule VII)	6,200.00		Deposit Account	<u>3.18</u>	
Administration Charge	2,000.00			2,868.14	
Audit and Accountancy Fees	<u>130.00</u>	8,330.00			
			Less: Balance due Bank –		
			General Account	<u>2,083.84</u>	784.30
			Cash on hands		19.75
			Investment in G.A.A. Club		
			Development Scheme		1,600.00
Adjusted Balance to Credit			Sundry Debtors for:		
forward from last Account			Handballs and Gloves	644.00	
(Schedule VIII)	21,999.73		Sponsorship	950.00	
Add: Excess for year of			Loan to Shannon Handball Club	<u>500.00</u>	2,094.00
Income over Expenditure					
– General Account	10.54		Stock of Handballs and Gloves		1,186.60
– Development Account	<u>1,299.17</u>	23,309.44	Typewriter, per last Balance		
			Sheet	19.00	
			Less: Depreciation	<u>6.00</u>	13.00
			Amplifier, per last Balance		
			Sheet	37.00	
			Less: Depreciation	<u>12.00</u>	25.00
			Outlay on 13 St Joseph's Avenue		
			Renovations	1,231.75	
			Furniture	<u>512.43</u>	
				1,744.18	
			Less: Proportion written off	<u>174.18</u>	1,570.00
			Outlay on Croke Park Handball		
			Court		24,346.79
					<u>31,639.44</u>
					<u>31,639.44</u>

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
13th February 1976

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

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE I

TEAMS EXPENSES

	£
Cavan	5.00
Clare	173.20
Cork	69.00
Donegal	53.50
Dublin	180.77
Galway	90.00
Kerry	221.00
Kildare	7.50
Kilkenny	125.00
Limerick	110.05
Louth	27.20
Mayo	116.22
Meath	45.00
Monaghan	43.70
Offaly	22.00
Roscommon	68.03
Sligo	49.30
Tipperary	114.80
Westmeath	30.40
Wexford	169.10
Wicklow	18.00
Expenses paid direct by Central Council	93.88
	<u>£1,832.65</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE II

AFFILIATION FEES

	£
Armagh	1.00
Carlow	3.50
Cavan	3.00
Clare	2.50
Cork	9.50
Donegal	50
Dublin	6.50
Galway	3.50
Kerry	1.00
Kildare	2.00
Kilkenny	4.50
Limerick	4.00
Louth	1.50
Mayo	6.50
Meath	2.00
Monaghan	3.00
Offaly	2.50
Roscommon	2.50
Sligo	3.00
Tipperary	10.00
Tyrone	1.50
Waterford	50
Westmeath	3.00
Wexford	4.00
Wicklow	3.00
	<u>£84.50</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE III

GATE RECEIPTS – GENERAL ACCOUNT

1975		£
June		
1	Ballyporeen	26.00
	Croke Park	1.70
8	Ceanannus Mor	3.34
	Mullinavat	9.60
21	Cappagh	-00
	Tuamgraney	3.60
	Wexford	4.50
22	Arklow	2.40
	Ballymacelligott	2.60

	Ballymote	2.50
	Baltinglass	1.00
	Mullinavat	-00
28	Croke Park	13.00
	Tinahely	5.20
	Tuamgraney	5.60
29	Ballymote	3.90
	Croke Park	2.90

July		
5	Croke Park	5.90
6	Ballyporeen	10.00
	Croke Park	2.20
12	Wexford	46.84
13	Croke Park	16.00
	Tuamgraney	9.90
19	Mullinavat	29.50
20	Tuamgraney	11.70
23	Croke Park	4.40
27	Croke Park	51.40

August		
3	Croke Park	113.87
9	Ballyporeen	15.30
10	Croke Park	65.85
17	Cavan	10.80
	Croke Park	89.70
24	Croke Park	39.86
30	Wexford	72.00
31	Castlebar	37.00

Sept		
6	Croke Park	425.50
14	Ballyporeen	114.90
21	Tuamgraney	50.50
27	Croke Park	310.85

Octr		
19	Fethard	60.00

Novr		
2	Enniscorthy	39.78
15	Ballyporeen	6.20

Decr		
14	Cappagh	3.20
	Castlebar	2.50
	Talbots Inch	4.15
	Wexford	3.80

£1,741.44

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE IV

GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING THE YEAR
FOR ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

	£
Arklow	50.00
Ashburton	200.00
Cashel C.B.S.	150.00
Cashel	500.00
Castlebar	400.00
Ennis	400.00
Enniscorthy	500.00
Erins Isle (Dublin)	400.00
Kilfane	200.00
Kilkishen	400.00
Lahorna	300.00
Limerick C.B.S.	50.00
St Flannans	50.00
Timoleague	300.00
Tralee	1,000.00
Wexford	100.00
	<u>£5,000.00</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE V

TEAMS EXPENSES – GAIL LINN

	£
Arklow	4.40
Ballypatrick	4.50
Beal na Mullia	4.00
Birr	6.50
Charlestown	1.00
Clogh	3.50
Hospital	10.00
Kingscourt	8.00
Limerick	18.00
Loughmacrory	10.40
Moone	2.00
Multyfarnham	8.00
Newport	16.50
Roscommon	7.00
Roscrea	5.20
Tipperary	8.00
Shannon	10.00
	<u>£127.00</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE VI

GAIL LINN GATE RECEIPTS

	£
1975	
Febby	
16	
Ballymacelligott	5.20
Ballymote	3.05
Baltinglass	12.00
Ceanannus Mor	3.50
Loughmacrory	4.20
Mullinavat	25.30
Tuamgraney	8.36
Wexford	17.40
March	
22	
Croke Park	101.49
	<u>£180.50</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE VII

HANDBALL COURT GRANTS PAYABLE

	£
Ardcath	200.00
Ashburton	200.00
Ballymote	250.00
Carrick on Suir	200.00
Cashel C.B.S.	150.00
Castlebar	400.00
Castlebridge	200.00
Croke Park	900.00
Collooney	300.00
Crinkle	200.00
Dunleer	200.00
Ennis C.B.S.	400.00
Erins Isle (Dublin)	800.00
Galway	300.00
Kilfane	200.00
Kilkishen	200.00
Lahorna	300.00
Loughanure	200.00
Roscommon	200.00
Rush	300.00
Wexford	100.00
	<u>£6,200.00</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE VIII

ADJUSTMENTS TO BALANCE TO CREDIT
FORWARD FROM LAST ACCOUNT

Balance to Credit	
per Balance Sheet at 31st December 1974	£26,059.73
Items now removed from Balance Sheet:	
Central Council for investment in Handball Courts	10,600.00
Public Subscriptions towards cost of Capital Expenditure	600.00
	<u>37,259.73</u>
Less:	
Grants for the erection of Handball Courts	15,260.00
	<u>£21,999.73</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE IX

GRANTS FOR THE ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

Ardcath	400.00
Arklow	500.00
Ashburton	200.00
Ballina (Co. Tipperary)	300.00
Ballymacelligott	400.00
Ballymote	550.00
Ballyporeen	200.00
Baltinglass	300.00
Bohermore	50.00
Bray	100.00
Caherline	50.00
Cappagh	450.00
Carrick on Suir	600.00
Cashel C.B.S.	150.00
Cashel	500.00
Castlebar	400.00
Castlebridge	200.00
Cloughfinn	250.00
Collooney	400.00
Crinkle	400.00
Cullen	400.00
Dunleer	600.00
Ennis	400.00
Enniscorthy	500.00
Erins Isle (Dublin)	800.00
Falcarragh	450.00
Fethard	400.00
Galway	300.00
Garryhill	400.00
Kilfane	200.00
Kilgobnet	400.00
Kilkishen	400.00
Killala	450.00
Lahorna	300.00
Limerick C.B.S.	50.00
Lisdoonvarna	400.00
Loughanure	400.00
Loughmacrory	250.00
Mothel	60.00
Mullinavat	200.00
Mullingar	350.00
Na Fianna (Dublin)	400.00
Newport (Co. Tipperary)	100.00
New Ross	200.00
Newtown Blues (Drogheda)	400.00
Oldtown	450.00
Roscommon	600.00
Rush	300.00
St Flannans	50.00
St Josephs Boys Club (Wexford)	100.00
Shannon Town	400.00

Tagmaconnell	100.00
Timoleague	400.00
Tinahely	250.00
Tralee	1,000.00
Tuamgraney	400.00
Tullamore	400.00
Westport	300.00
Wexford	300.00
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	£20,260.00

CONGRESS

will be held in

THE OFFICES, PAIRC an CHROCAIGH

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27 at 2.30 p.m. and concluding

at 5.30 p.m.

and

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH, at 10.30 a.m.

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

Motions I - II will be taken on the opening day

FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY

Holders of Trophies:

Canon Carroll Cup	B. Fitzpatrick and O. Harold (Kilkenny)
Comhairle na Mumhan Cup	J. Wafer (Wexford)
Dr. Harty Cup	P. McGee (Mayo)
Dunlop Shield	O. Harold (Kilkenny)
Elvery Shield	P. Hughes (Kilkenny)
Gaelic Weekly Cup	J. Wafer and J. Goggins (Wexford)
Gael Linn Cup	P. Ryan (Dublin)
Hassett Memorial Cup	P. Finnerty (Galway)
Irish Independent Cup	R. Lyng and P. Murphy (Wexford)
Irish Press Cup	J. Cleary and P. Hickey (Tipperary)
New Ireland Cup	P. Hughes and W. Kennedy (Kilkenny)
Paddy Purcell Memorial Cup	A. McConnell and J. Reilly (Meath)
Purcell Cup	P. Kirby (Clare)
Willie Lying Memorial Cup	Wexford

CLÁR

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Tuarascáil.
3. Tuairisc an Rúnaí.
4. Cúntas Airgid
5. Toghadh na hOifigeach 1976:
 - (a) Uachtarán.
 - (b) Cisteoir.
 - (c) Teachta an Ard-Chomhairle, C.L.G.
 - (d) Teachta ar Ard-Choiste Forbartha, C.L.G.

6. Na Rúin.

In order that the proceedings of Congress be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:-

STANDING ORDERS

1. The proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes but no more than five minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or an Amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a Resolution or Amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move "that the question be put" after which, when the proposer has spoken a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

NA FEIDHEANNAIGH 1976

Uachtarán - Micheál de Bus (An Clár).

Cisteoir - An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú (An Iarmhí).

Teachta ar Ard-Chomhairle C.L.G. - T. Ó'Briain (Cill Chainnigh).

Teachta an Ard-Choiste Forbartha - C. Mac Seoin (An Clár)

NA RÚIN

GENERAL

1. Rule 211 be amended to include representative to the G.A.A. Development Committee with voting rights. – (An Clár).
2. That Arklow be selected as the venue for the 1977 Congress. – (Cill Mantáin).
3. The scheduled times and venues for handball matches should not be changed for either football or hurling matches that concerns neither counties. – (Uabh Failí).
4. That All-Ireland Championships be run for boys Under 11, 13 and 15 years of age. – (Cill Mantáin).
5. That an All-Ireland Winter League be organised for boys Under 11, 13 and 15 years of age. (Cill Mantáin)
6. Go bhfuil árd moladh ag dul go R.T.E. de thairbhe Comórtas an "Top Ace". – (Dún na nGall).
7. Congress recommend to R.T.E. that future "Top Ace" programmes consist of highlights of a 21 ace game. – (Cill Chainnigh).
8. All National League and Club Championship matches to be played in roofed courts. (Sligeach).
9. A junior team championship be held in 60/30 and 40/20 courts each year. Teams to consist of four players, two Singles and one Doubles partnership and to be played on a Provincial to All-Ireland basis. – (Baile Átha Cliath).

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

10. That in the All-Ireland Softball Singles and Doubles finals a rubber of five games be played. – (Muineacháin).
11. That the Open Championships be played at Ceannaras over the period of one week. Rules 226, 233 (1) and 235 to be amended accordingly. – (Maigh Eo).
12. (a) Rule 235, Sections (i), (ii) and (iv) be amended to read – "a player who has won a Novice or Junior All-Ireland Championship in 40/20 courts shall be eligible to take part in the 60/30 All-Ireland Novice or Junior Championships unless he has already won a 60/30 All-Ireland Novice or Junior championship.
A player who has won a Novice or Junior All-Ireland championship in 60/30 courts shall be eligible to take part in the 40/20 All-Ireland Novice or Junior Championships unless he has already won a 40/20 All-Ireland Novice or Junior Championship. – (Baile Átha Cliath).
(b) Rule 235, Sections (i), (ii) and (iv) be amended to include taking part or winning 40/20 All-Ireland Championships does not affect players status in 60/30 championships. – (An Clár).

PLAYING RULES

13. Standing Orders be suspended to allow Motions on proposed Playing Rule changes, as set out below, be discussed with a view to adoption for a trial period of one year. – (Baile Átha Cliath, Ros Comáin, Dún na nGall, An Clár).

PROPOSED PLAYING RULES AMENDMENTS.

14. 241(b) Amend to read "The team winning the toss shall have first service only in the 1st, 3rd and 5th game". Remainder of Rule to stand.
- 243 Amend to read: "A player may not run in over the short line to play a served ball on the fly. Penalty to be loss of point".
- 244 Amend to read: "The ball shall not be served until the receiving player or players are in position outside the short line and facing the front wall".
- 245 Amend to read: "The referee must disallow any ball served before the receiving player or players are in position or while a question of judgement is being decided".
- 246 Amend to read: "If the ball when served touches the short line it shall count as a "short" ball".
- 247 Delete this rule as the content is already covered in existing rules.

248 Amend to read: "The receiving player must play all services"

250 Amend to read: "A wet or partially wet court shall be considered unplayable".

251 Amend to read: "The decision of the referee in all matches concerning play in accordance with the rules shall be final".

253 Amend to read: "The referee or marker shall inform the players of the score before each service".

255(a) A player refusing to accept a referees ruling shall continue to play "under protest" but may lodge a formal objection in accordance with the rules within seven days.

258(b) Amend to read: "In doubles if a legally served ball strikes the servers partner prior to crossing the short line and while he is in the legal position it shall constitute a hinder.

261(c) Amend to read: "In doubles matches the partner of the player who is serving must stand erect with back to the side wall".

261(e) Amend to read: "shall be a fault service and two successive transgressions shall constitute a hand out".

261(i) Amend to read: "except in the case of a short ball".

261(k) Amend to read: "or in doubles his partner if he is not in the legal position".

261(t) Delete "The player serving the winning ace in any game continues in service for the following game and this automatically decides the order of service in that particular game for the team concerned".

261(u) Amend to read: "it shall constitute a dead ball".

261(x) Add "except when playing in the international court under international rules".

261(z) Add "except when playing in the international court under international rules".

261(1) The following amendment to be added to the rule: "In play, the ball on returning from the front wall may not strike the player who has first played it or in doubles his partner. Violation of this rule shall constitute a foul and an ace or hand out awarded as appropriate".

261(2) In the International Court any served ball that touches the ceiling after hitting the front wall shall constitute a fault serve. Two such transgressions constitute a hand out.

254(b) In the International Court a two minute rest period is allowed between the first and second game at which time the players may not leave the court without the approval of the referee. A five minute rest period is allowed between second and third game during which time the players may leave the court.

254(c) During a game in the International Court each player in Singles and each team in Doubles may request a "time out" for a towel wiping, glasses or change or adjustment of equipment. Each "time out" shall not exceed 30 seconds and no more than three "time outs" granted each player in Singles and each team in Doubles.

– (Dún na nGall, Baile Átha Cliath, Ros Comáin, An Clár, An Iarmhí).

15. The proposed Playing Rules changes be adopted for a trial period of one year. – (Baile Átha Cliath, Ros Comáin, An Clár, Dún na nGall, An Iarmhí).

16. The following addendum be added to Rule 249. "In any matters concerning play where the referee is unable to make a decision through being unsighted, or for any other reason, he may declare a "Let" and allow the rally to be replayed. – (Muineacháin).

17. The U.S.H.A. rules be adopted in full for 40/20 All-Ireland and other Championships. – (Baile Átha Cliath).

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1975

Coca-Cola		
S.S.S.	60 x 30	P. Ó Ciarba (An Clár)
S.S.D.	60 x 30	P. Ó Murchú, R. Laighean (Loch Garman)
S.H.S.	60 x 30	P. Mag Aoidh (Maigh Eo)
S.H.D.	"	P. Ó hIcí, S. Ó'Cléirigh (Tiobraid Árann)
J.S.S.	"	O. Harrold (Cill Chainnigh)
J.S.D.	"	O. Harrold, B. Mac Giolla Phádraig (Cill Chainnigh)
J.H.S.	"	P. Ó hAodha (Cill Chainnigh)
J.H.D.	"	P. Ó hAodha, L. Ó Cinnéide (Cill Chainnigh)
M.S.S.	"	S. Wafer (Loch Garman)
M.S.D.	"	S. Wafer, S. Goggins (Loch Garman)
M.H.S.	"	P. Ó Fiannachta (Gaillimh)
M.H.D.	"	A. Mac Dhónaill, S. Ó Raghallaigh (An Mhí).

S.S.S.	40 x 20	P. Ó Ciarba (An Clár)
S.S.D.	"	P. & M. Ó Ciarba (An Clár)
J.S.S.	"	P. Ó Caoimh (Tiobraid Árann)
J.S.D.	"	S. Ó Muireasa, E. Ó Fearail (Tiobraid Árann)
M.S.S.	"	M. Meachair (An Lú)
M.S.D.	"	P. Ó Dúlainne, B. Ó Conaill (Ua bhFáilí)
N.S.S.	"	U. Ó Sé (An Clár)
N.S.D.	"	A. Ó hIfeárnáin, P. Ó Floinn (Ceatharlach)
Under 21 S.	60 x 30	O. Harrold (Cill Chainnigh)
" 21 D.	"	P. Ó Móráin, D. Ó Dúlainn (Ros Comáin)
Over 50 D.	40 x 20	P. Ó Maicín, D. de Bháil (Tiobraid Árann).

WILLWOOD TAILTEANN:

Under 12 S.	L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh)
" 12 D.	E. Mac Bhloscaigh, P. de Hál (Baile Átha Cliath)
" 14 S.	M. Mac Pháidín (Baile Átha Cliath)
" 14 D.	E. Mac Thoiréalaigh, C. Mac an Bháird (Gaillimh)
" 16 S.	E. Ó Dúnaigh (Cill Chainnigh)
" 16 D.	P. Ó Cléirigh, S. Pleimeann (Loch Garman)
S.S.D.	P. Ó Murchú, R. Laighean (Loch Garman)
Masters D.	S. Ó Meachair, S. Mac Árdail (Lú)
Novice S.	M. de Búrca (Luimneach)
Novice D.	S. de Róiste, R. Ó Conaill (Luimneach)

COMÓRTAS IDIR-CHÚIGEACH:

Laighean	P. Ó Murchú, R. Laighean, P. Ó Riain, S. Ó Bogaigh, P. Ó Raghallaigh.
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Gael-Linn:

P. Ó Riain, (Baile Átha Cliath)

60 x 30 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Open	Ballymacelligott	N. Ó Céirín, T. Mac Alastraim, M. Mac Alastraim, T. Ó Laighin.
Novice	Ballyanne	S. Ó Dúghaill, S. Inglis, T. Ó Murchú, M. Mac Braoin.

40 x 20 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Novice	Carlow	A. Ó hIfeárnáin, P. Ó Floinn, A. Ó Ceallaigh, S. Caomhánach.
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Bhí bliain an rathúil againn i 1975. As na trí cluichí atá á reachtúil ag Cumann Lúthleas Gael, glacann gach éinne leis anois gur Liathróid Láimhe atá ag déanamh an dul chun cinn is mó. Gné tabhachtach ab ea an breis mór a tháinig ar líon na geúirteanna 40 x 20 agus tá sé dealraitheach go leanóidh seo ar luas níos tapúla. Thug bunú an Comórtas Os Cionn 50 níos giorra sin dá ár n-aidhm chun Liathróid Láimhe a dhaingeanú mar chaitheamh aimsire saoil.

Gabhaimid buíochas le h-Ard-Chomhairle C.L.G., le Dónal Ó Cuanáin, Uachtarán agus Seán Ó'Síocháin, Ard-Stiúrthóir. Mo bhuíochas le gach ball de'n Ard-Chomhairle, leis na Comhairlí Cúige, leis na Coistí Contae agus le gach éinne a chuidigh liom.

The year 1975 was one of considerable progress. It is now generally accepted that of the three G.A.A. games, handball is the one that is making most progress. This no doubt is due to the many dedicated officials throughout the country. A most significant feature was the great growth of 40 x 20 courts and indications are that this growth rate will be even greater in the years ahead.

In introducing over 50 championships, we now provide a competition structure for players in all age groups from ten years right up to the over fifty. This also brings us nearer to our main objective of establishing handball as the ideal sport for lifetime recreation.

No doubt there is still plenty of work ahead but I have the utmost confidence in our ability to achieve our full potential. This we can do by a well prepared planned approach with definite objectives set to a realistic time schedule. One pleasing feature is the number of professional men who are now making their services available to us and I can see the number growing in the years ahead.

During the year a Fixture Schedule for 1976 was produced in consultation with the Provincial Councils. By keeping to this schedule we should be able to make maximum use of the time available. In addition, if we abide by this fixture list we can help clubs to plan for their own tournaments which are most beneficial to local development.

Now that the 40 x 20 All-Ireland Championships are established it is important that we should, as far as possible, ensure that rules for both size courts are the same as otherwise the referee's task will become impossible.

Now that the Willwood Tailteann championships are confined to underage players we will have to provide competition for Novice and Master players. Both of these grades enjoy widespread popularity.

There is still a lack of awareness by a large number of G.A.A. clubs and to overcome this an approach must be made by our officials to the clubs in their own counties. This policy has been adopted in a few counties and the results are very encouraging. We should realise that we have something very worthwhile to offer these clubs. The cost of a handball court will repay itself in a very short time as it will provide recreation for club members over the full week right through the year. In addition to providing recreation handball is accepted as the ideal keep fit game and this would be of immense benefit to our footballers and hurlers.

On the question of Provincial Councils I feel there is too much emphasis on activities and very little, if any, attention on Development except in the case of Munster. Looking at the tremendous growth in court construction in Clare, Kerry and Tipperary it is very obvious that efforts put into development are paying handsome dividends.

Our coaching programme is now so widespread that we will have to seriously consider appointing, at least, a part-time coach as it is not possible for voluntary officials to meet the demand in full. We have been depending largely on the expertise of Pat Kirby and his fellow coaches and there is a limit to the demands we can make on them.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The programme of All-Ireland Championships was extended considerably by the introduction of 40 x 20 championships in four grades. The introduction of this new championship more than justified itself and indications are that this will prove even more so in the years ahead with the advent of so many new 40 x 20 courts.

Pat Kirby who is rendering such a fine service in the field of coaching proved equally as capable on the court in winning the Coca-Cola Singles and the 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles titles. He was partnered by brother Mick in his doubles success. Peter McGee of Mayo dominated the Hardball scene when he retained the Singles title for the fourth consecutive year and sixth time in all. P. Murphy and R. Lyng of Wexford became the first holders of the Coca-Cola Doubles while P. Hickey and J. Clery regained the S.H.B.D. title for Tipperary. The junior scene was dominated to a large extent by Kilkenny who won all four titles in the 60 x 30 court, while Tipperary won both 40 x 20 championships. Wexford added to their lengthy record in winning both 60 x 30 Minor Softball Championships while Galway and Meath made a welcome, if rare, appearance

in the honours list with successes in Minor Hardball Singles and Doubles. In winning the first 40 x 20 Minor Singles, Michael Maher, carved a special niche for himself as he now joins his renowned father in the honours list. The success of Carlow and Offaly in the Minor and Novice grades was indeed a welcome break after many years in the wilderness. The Offaly v Tipperary 40 x 20 Minor Doubles Final was one of the most exciting matches for years with the counties tied at 20 all in the third game before Offaly finally won through.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Due to the very overcrowded fixture schedule, the 1975 National League was postponed until January and February 1976. However, this situation should not arise again as a full fixture schedule, including the 1976 National League, has been drawn in consultation with the Provincial Counties.

GAEL LINN

Despite the decrease in entries, the Gael Linn Competition continues to be one of the most popular of our annual competitions. The decrease could in the large be attributed to:

1. The increase in Entrance Fees.
2. The variety of competition that is now available to Novice and Junior players.

A total of 920 players entered for the current competition with the breakdown as follows:

Leinster	560 Players	— a decrease of 130 players
Connacht	136	— " " " 80 "
Munster	120	— " " " 120 "
Ulster	104	— " " " 8 "

The final stage of the 1974/75 competition was played in Ceanannas on the Saturday evening of Congress and proved, once again, a fitting competition for the occasion. Packie Ryan of Dublin, in winning the competition for the third time, joined the very select band of players who hold this honour.

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

In accordance with the decision of last year's Coress, championships were only held in two grades in the 60 x 30 courts, and one grade in the 40 x 20 courts.

The standard of competition was very high in all grades with the Ballymacelligott club winning the Senior 60 x 30 title for the first time. Ballynane who have been prominent for some years finally won the Novice 60 x 30 grade. The Carlow club built a new 40 x 20 court during the year and this was amply rewarded when they won the Novice 40 x 20 championship.

WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

Over the years, the Willwood Sports Foundation has by its sponsorship played a significant part in the development of handball and we are indebted for that support. Up to and including the year under review, players of all grades from Under 12 to Over 40 were catered for. However, from 1976, the format will be changed in that all competitions will be confined to underage players. To offset the loss of the Senior, Novice and Master Championships, new competitions will be introduced in Singles and Doubles for boys Under 13 and 15 years of age. These competitions will be confined to boys who have never won a Tailteann medal in any under age group and should give added impetus to juvenile development.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

Once again the Inter-Provincial championships were one of the highlights of the year with Munster and Leinster once again contesting the final. The standard of play was exceptionally high and all matches were keenly contested with the provinces finishing level at seven games all at the end of the official schedule of matches. In a play off to decide the winners, Leinster won on the score 21-17.

A big disappointment was the failure of Connacht to take part despite the fact that they were in a position to field a strong team. I believe they will compete in future years.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Handball at this level continues to improve and the past year saw an extension of the Singles and Doubles championships to the All-Ireland stage. In previous years all competitions finished with the provincial finals so this extension gives added status to the championships. Both titles were won by Mayo schools, Charlestown and Achill.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Community Games handball continues to play a significant part in the present upsurge of interest and we are indebted to that body for its help. Handball officials should make every effort to help out in the organisation and control of competitions especially at local level where there is often a shortage of officials.

THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION

Despite limited playing facilities, Third Level Handball continues to make very steady progress. The usual Inter-Varsity Championships and League were carried out to schedule and in addition we saw an extension of activity with the introduction of a special team championship for Colleges other than the universities and also an open Singles Championship which was well supported by both the Universities and other Colleges.

The lack of both playing and coaching facilities at the National College of Physical Education is to be deplored. Representations have been made by the officers of the G.A.A. on different occasions and despite many promises nothing materialised. Strong action is required by the G.A.A. if results are to be achieved.

LADIES HANDBALL

While progress can be reported during the past year, nevertheless I feel that Ladies Handball is not receiving the support of Councils, Committees and Clubs. I would appeal to all these units to make a really genuine effort this year to promote the game. To the ladies I would say that they must play their part also. Why not ask the Clubs and County Committees to meet your representatives to discuss the possibility of development. Again, where there are two or more clubs in a county, why not set up a County Committee. A motion at our Congress two years ago placed the onus on our County Committees to take such steps. I know of one case where the effort was made by a County Committee but ladies were not forthcoming to take over the various posts.

R.T.E.

The third Top Ace television tournament was recorded during the year and the matches were shown over a seven week period. The final of this tournament provided one of the best matches ever played and as a result of public demand the final was shown for a second time. A special Junior Club tournament for boys under 14 was filmed and shown, as also were Ladies and Mens Doubles matches.

TOP ACE 1975

1st Round:	P. Kirby (Clare)	defeated	J. Howlin (Wexford)	29-7
	P. McGarry (Limerick)	"	M. McEllistrim (Kerry)	26-7
	R. Lyng (Wexford)	"	J. Maher (Louth)	13-8
	P. Murphy (Wexford)	"	D. Kirby (Clare)	18-8
Semi-finals:	P. Kirby	"	P. McGarry	21-10
	R. Lyng	"	P. Murphy	17-10
Final:	P. Kirby	"	R. Lyng	16-15

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Semi-finals:	P. Clery (Wexford)	"	P. Devaney (Clare)	18-8
	E. Downey (Kilkenny)	"	G. Ryan (Tipperary)	
(Stigo)	F. McCann (Stigo)	"	V. O Riordain (Dublin)	18-11
	A. Macken (Dublin)	"	M. Pattison (Dublin)	

Final: P. Clery, E. Downey, defeated F. McCann, A. Macken 22-6

SPECIAL DOUBLES EXHIBITION

M. McEllistrim (Kerry) defeated J. Maher (Louth)
D. Kirby (Clare) " J. Howlin (Wexford)

Again, I would like on behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to thank very sincerely Fred Cogley, Michael O'Carroll, Mick Dunne and the various other R.T.E. officials for their help and co-operation. They have rendered a big service to handball as this annual series of matches has been largely responsible for the

tremendous upsurge in interest throughout the country and this is borne out especially in the number of new courts being constructed.

The coverage of our championship matches on radio and television showed a big improvement over previous years and again we say thank you.

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

Since the introduction of the team of six championship for players of varying age groups and Singles Championship, handball in the Colleges has shown a definite improvement. The one big problem facing major development in this area is the apparent laxity in organisation at provincial level as the councils concerned are mainly involved in football and hurling promotion. A better approach would be for each Provincial Council to appoint a sub-committee whose main function would be the development of handball.

INTERNATIONAL

A team of four players travelled to the U.S.A. to take part in a series of matches in San Francisco and also to compete in the American Championships at Las Vegas.

Matches were played in a number of clubs in San Francisco and in all cases our players, despite the strong opposition, performed exceptionally well.

The American Championships were in keeping with everything else in Las Vegas as for the first three days they were played over the full twenty four hours. This indeed was something our players never expected and they found it very difficult to adjust to playing matches, in some cases at 3 o'clock in the morning. Added to this was that due to the very heavy fixture schedule players had to play two and three times on the same day. Possibly our biggest disappointment was the defeat of the holder, Joe Maher, in the quarter final of the Masters Singles. Despite intensive training he did not appear as sharp as last year.

Last November, Joe Maher (Louth) and Peter McGee (Mayo) travelled to Bristol to compete in the Rugby Fives Championship. This was the first official contact between our Council and the Fives Association and while the exercise was worthwhile, I feel it will take a long time before anything positive comes of it. While the general principle of hitting the ball with the hand is basic in both games, there are a number of other factors which will delay a coming together. Briefly they are: Playing rules and court size - the Fives court is 28' in length, 18' width and 15' in height. In play all balls must be played to the front wall and above a board which is 2' 6" above the floor.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

The Government Grant was increased by 100% over the previous year and we were very much indebted to the Department of Education for this very sizeable increase. It comes at a very opportune time with handball developing rapidly in most areas. This increase has enabled us to expand our coaching programme, to help our Provincial and Ladies Councils to meet part of the administration costs, and the purchase of equipment.

CISTE GAEL

The past year saw no remarkable increases in the number of subscribers. This is one of the big disappointments of the year as Ciste Gael can be a very valuable source of revenue for both clubs and the Ard-Chomhairle. Out of every £12 per year collected, £5 is retained by the club, £1 goes to the Ard-Chomhairle and the remaining £6 to Ciste Gael for the National Prize Fund. With the ever increasing demands on our limited finances it is imperative that every effort should be made to improve the position.

Every effort must be made to get new members and I would appeal to all clubs and County Committees to make a real genuine effort to get Ciste Gael organised. Surely there is no unit of the Association but can do with additional sources of revenue.

GRANTS FOR HANDBALL COURTS

Despite the injection of an additional £5,000 for the past two years the Capital Investment Fund is not able to meet fully the demands. This indeed is a very healthy sign and a definite indication of the big up growth in handball court construction.

It is obvious that the G.A.A. will have to continue to provide financial backing at least on the lines of the past two years if handball development is to continue. Anything less would only restrict very much the obvious upsurge that the game is enjoying in all areas.

During the past year grants were allocated as follows:

	£	
Arklow	50	Dressing Rooms
Cashel	500	New roofed 60/30 court.
Cashel C.B.S.	150	Two roofed 40/20 courts.
Castlebar	400	60/30 court rebuilt, roofed and lighted.
Ennis C.B.S.	400	Two roofed 40/20 courts.
Enniscorthy	500	New roofed 40/20 court.
Erins Isle	400	Building two roofed 40/20 courts.
Kilfane	200	60/30 court roofed and lighted.
Kilkishen	400	Roofed 40/20 court.
Limerick C.B.S.	50	Courts renovated.
Lahorna	300	60/30 court roofed and lighted.
Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,600	Development to include 40/20 court, bar and gymnasium.
St. Flannans	50	Courts renovated.
Timoleague	300	60/30 court roofed and lighted.
Tralee	1,000	Two roofed 40/20 courts.
Wexford	100	Dressing Rooms.
Ashburton	200	60/30 court renovated.

COACHING

The second National Coaching Course was held in Gormanston from 3 - 9 August. The course was divided into two sections: (1) 1st Year Students, (2) 2nd Year Students. A total of 32 attended. Once again, the course which was under the direction of Pat Kirby was an outstanding success. Handball is indeed fortunate in having such a highly qualified coach to direct proceedings.

Numerous one day and two day courses were held both at Provincial, County and Club level and we are indebted to the officials who directed these courses: P. Kirby, P. Hoare, J. King, S. Lee, A. Byrne and L. Hanley.

During the year a Coaching Advisory Council was set up and the following terms of reference were drawn up by the Ard-Chomhairle.

1. Organisation of National, Provincial, County and Club Coaching Courses.
2. Preparation of material for such courses.
3. Revision of rules with the emphasis on clarification, interpretation and application.
4. Organisation of courses for Referees.

In addition to working on coaching and referees courses the Council also prepared a draft of rules with a view to overcoming the variance between 40/20 and 60/30 rules. This document was sent out to all County Committees with the recommendation that they be accepted by Congress for a trial period of one year.

A Coaching Film was secured from the U.S.A. and this has been shown in a number of areas. It was agreed to purchase a second copy and also to explore the possibility of having a similar film made in Ireland. The provision of visual aids for coaching and the purchase of suitable equipment are matters that were also discussed.

Coaching Charts were produced in conjunction with the Department of Health and we are indebted to the Department for this sponsorship. They are a very fine production and come at a very opportune time as the demand for coaching material grows from day to day. Copies have been distributed to schools and also to our clubs and further supplies are available from Páirc an Chrócaigh.

CEANNARAS

Membership continues to increase and the stage has now been reached whereby the one court is completely inadequate to meet the needs of the members. Plans have been drawn up to develop Ceannaras to include a 40/20 court, gymnasium and bar. It is only by the extension of facilities that the project can become viable. This proposed development will be a matter for discussion between the G.A.A. and the Handball Council.

During the year the house at 13, St. Joseph's Ave. was given over to the Council by the G.A.A. As it was in poor condition it was necessary to completely renovate it. The house was also fully furnished and a resident caretaker, Richard McMullan, has now been appointed. This should lead to greater security of the premises and a more efficient service.

The Financial Report for the year is as follows:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Membership	730.00	E.S.B.	513.22
Shop Receipts	3,582.70	Goods	2,898.87
Booking Fees	708.75	Wages	631.00
Sauna	40.00	Repairs	196.01
Phone	45.84	Sundries	44.92
Subscription	5.00	Phone	94.15
		Fuel	173.18
		Bank Charges	1.25
		Presentation	32.50
		Handballs and Gloves	289.40
		Furniture	31.25
		Ground Rent	47
		Advertising	18.20
		Stationery	3.02
		Ergas	74.69
		Surplus on year	110.16
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	£5,112.29		£5,112.29

An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú
Seosamh Ó'Loingsigh.

PUBLICATIONS

While it was not possible, due to lack of finance, to produce a magazine on a par with last years production, nevertheless, the importance of publications was not lost. During the year a decision was taken to produce a regular Newsletter and three issues were distributed to clubs. It is the intention to use this letter mainly as a means of communication between clubs and the Ard-Chomhairle thus ensuring that all important items of information and decisions of Council are conveyed to the ordinary club member.

Through the courtesy of the Department of Health, Coaching Charts were produced and have been distributed to schools and clubs. These charts have been very well received and perform a very important function for us.

School copy books have also been produced and will be distributed through the usual outlets. Supplies are also available from Páirc an Chrócaigh. On the front cover there is the figure of a handballer and on the back cover are drawings of handballers, items of information, details re outstanding achievements, and a list of Hints for Beginners.

A series of car stickers with appropriate slogans were produced and distributed to all clubs. Again this was a worthwhile exercise as a means of publicising the game.

In accordance with the decision of last Congress, Mr. Pat Quigley was appointed to act as Press Officer. He has now been appointed Publications Officer by the G.A.A. and this new appointment should be to our advantage as he is committed to handball development.

PUBLICITY

There has been a big improvement in publicity at both national and provincial level and we are appreciative of this. Coverage on radio and television continues to improve and we look forward to the same co-operation in the future.

Again I would stress that this is a two way exercise and while we make every effort to supply as much information as possible to the correspondents they in turn should realise that they also have a responsibility in this regard.

FINANCE

The rapid growth of handball brings with it a much greater demand on our finances. On examination of the accounts for the past year it is clearly obvious that our present financial resources are not adequate to meet this expansion. Representations will have to be made to the G.A.A. for an increase in our administration grant and also that the present Capital Investment Grant be maintained if not increased. While we were fortunate in securing a degree of sponsorship we must realise that with the present depressing period in business it is going to be difficult to increase on this. Other sources of revenue must be found and I feel that if we had a full commitment to Ciste Gael we could bridge the gap. Even if we had a

commitment from each club of say 10 members this would bring in over £2,000 to our funds.

Our Uachtarán, Micheál de Bús, has completed his first year of office and during this period his dedication, industry and enthusiasm was what we have come to expect of him. His understanding and co-operation helped to make my task all the easier.

Again I wish to express our appreciation for the help and assistance which is freely given at all times by An Dr. D. Ó Cianáin, Uachtarán, C.L.G. and Seán Ó'Síocháin, Ard-Stiúrthóir. Also to the members of the Ard-Chomhairle and Coiste Bainistí our sincere thanks.

To the members of Ard-Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann sincere thanks for your help and co-operation. To our Provincial Councils, County Committees and the ever willing band of helpers my thanks and may we all continue to work in a true spirit of harmony to achieve our objective of establishing handball as the ideal means of lifetime recreation.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered for the Happy Repose of the Souls of all deceased members.
Go ndeanáí Dia Trócaire ar a n-anamacha.



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