

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe
na hÉireann



An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 1977



Tuarascáil an Rúnaí
agus Cuntas an Airgid

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The President and Members of
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann,
Cumann Luithchleas Gael,
per Seosamh uasal Ó Loingsigh,
Secretary.

A Chairde,

We have audited the books of the Council for the year ended 31st December, 1976. We enclose copies of the Income and Expenditure Accounts of the General Account and the Development Account for the year ended 31st December, 1976.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – GENERAL ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £14,448 and Expenditure amounted to £14,851. Expenditure exceeded Income by £403. In 1975 Income exceeded Expenditure by £11.

On the Income side the principal increases were as follows:- Entrance Fees £220; Central Council Grant £400; Government Grant £500; and Sale of Handballs and Gloves £3,312. Deposit Interest from G.A.A. Club Development Scheme £449 had no equivalent in 1975.

On the Expenditure side the principal increases were as follows:- Over-age Competition Expenses £529 which had no equivalent in 1975; Purchase of Handballs and Gloves £3,746; Trophies £417; Meeting Expenses £280; Central Council Administration Charge £300 and Administration Grants £250.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £18,009 and Expenditure amounted to £19,638. Expenditure exceeded Income by £1,629. In 1975 Income exceeded Expenditure by £1,299. On the Income side the principal Increases were as follows:-

Government Grant	£1,000
Sponsorship	450
Subscriptions	445
R.T.E. Fees	2,600
(no equivalent in 1975)	
Sale of Sports Equipment	1,401

On the Expenditure side the variations were as follows:-

	Increase	Decrease
Grants for erection of		
Handball Courts	2,000	
Sports Equipment	4,100	
Coaching	1,233	
Top Ace Traveling	885	
(no equivalent in 1975)		
Court Development plans		265

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Council at 31st December, 1976 amounted to £32,234. Liabilities came to £10,956. Assets exceeded Liabilities by £21,278.

As usual the books were presented in good order for audit and vouching was satisfactory.

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D. O'CONNOR & CO.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1976

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1976: Dec. 31	£	1976 Dec. 31	£
To Teams' Expenses (Schedule I)	1,651.05	By Affiliation Fees	83.00
Over-age Competitions:		Competition Entrance Fees	309.00
Travelling Expenses	350.00	Gate Receipts (Schedule II)	1,647.19
Match Expenses Grants	120.00	Grant from Central Council	1,000.00
Trophies	59.00	Government Grant (portion)	4,000.00
Handballs and Gloves	6,668.46	Sponsorship	500.00
Trophies	965.71	Sale of Handballs and Gloves	6,393.12
Insurance on Trophies	7.50	Fines	67.00
Congress Expenses	50.00	G.A.A. Club Development Scheme	
Meetings Expenses	1,034.98	Deposit Interest	449.23
Postage and Telephone	54.27	Balance: Excess for year of	
Printing and Stationery	353.08	Expenditure over Income	402.88
Cleaning and Repairs	31.75		
Advertising	35.70		
Audit and Accountancy Fees	90.00		
Bank Interest and Charges	46.12		
Heating and Lighting	16.80		
Administration Charge paid to Central Council	2,300.00		
Administration Grants:			
Leinster Council	200.00		
Munster Council	200.00		
Connaught Council	150.00		
Ulster Council	100.00		
Ladies Handball Council	150.00		
Ceannaras	200.00		
	1,000.00		
Depreciation of Typewriter and Amplifier	17.00		
	14,851.42		14,851.42

DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1976

EXPENDITURE			INCOME	
1976 Dec. 31		£	£ 1976 Dec. 31	£
To Grants for erection of Handball Courts (Schedule III)	9,450.00		By Central Council Grant for erection of Handball Courts	6,600.00
Less Grants written back	2,450.00	7,000.00	Government Grant (portion)	4,500.00
Court Development Plans		105.50	Sponsorship	1,010.00
International Travel		2,072.11	Subscriptions	700.70
Sports Equipment		5,056.48	Gael Linn Gate Receipts (Schedule V)	142.15
Coaching		3,337.83	R..T.E. Fees	2,600.00
Gael Linn – Teams' Expenses (Schedule IV)		147.56	Competition Entrance Fee	210.00
Top Ace-Players' Travelling Expenses		885.06	Sale of Sports Equipment	1,641.29
Trophies		255.03	Ciste Gael Commission (net)	605.45
Telephone and Advertising		27.99	Balance: Excess for year of Expenditure over Income	1,628.57
Renovations – Croke Park		271.00		
Heating and Lighting		17.10		
All-Ireland Stand Tickets	1,023.00			
Less: Sales	828.50	194.50		
Audit and Accountancy Fees		90.00		
Bank Charges		3.00		
Proportion of Outlay on 13, St. Josephs Avenue Written off		175.00		
Balance, Excess for year of Income over Expenditure		<u>19,638.16</u>		<u>19,638.16</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1976

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	£		£	£
Sundry Creditors for:			Bank Balances		480.63
Handball Court Grants Allocated (Schedule VI)	5,350.00		Investment in G.A.A. Club Development Scheme		100.00
Central Council Administration Charge	2,300.00		Sundry Debtors for:		
Sports Equipment	246.00		Handballs and Gloves	1,856.50	
Handballs and Gloves	2,880.00		Sports Equipment	240.00	
Audit and Accountancy Fees	<u>180.00</u>	10,956.00	Sponsorship	300.00	
			Loan to Shannon Handball Club	<u>500.00</u>	2,896.50
			Stock of Handballs, Gloves and Sports Equipment		1,459.00
Balance to Credit forward from last Account	23,309.44		Typewriter per last Account	13.00	
Deduct Deficit for year:			Less: Depreciation	<u>3.00</u>	10.00
General Account 402.88			Amplification Equipment per last Account	25.00	
Development Account 1,628.57	<u>2,031.45</u>	21,277.99	Addition during year	<u>49.00</u>	
				74.00	
			Less: Depreciation	<u>14.00</u>	60.00
			Outlay on 13, St. Josephs Avenue	1,744.18	
			Less: Proportion written off	<u>349.18</u>	1,395.00
			Outlay on Croke Park Handball Court per last Account	24,346.79	
			Additional outlay during year	<u>1,486.07</u>	25,832.86
		<u>32,233.99</u>			<u>32,233.99</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
21 February 1977

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

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULE I

TEAMS EXPENSES

	£
Cavan	41.68
Clare	242.32
Dublin	75.00
Kerry	213.90
Kildare	64.70
Kilkenny	87.00
Limerick	216.60
Louth	110.00
Mayo	156.50
Meath	36.00
Monaghan	53.70
Roscommon	276.36
Sligo	106.60
Tipperary	44.00
Westmeath	18.00
Wexford	164.35
Expenses paid direct by Central Council	94.34
	2,001.05
Less: Paid for Over-age Competitions (estimated)	350.00
	<u>£1,651.05</u>

SCHEDULE II

GATE RECEIPTS – GENERAL ACCOUNT

	£
1976	
Feb 22	Tinahely 8.15
April 7	Ennis 33.78
10	Enniscorthy 3.60
11	Enniscorthy 4.55
11	Tullamore 2.50
24	Ennis 47.28
25	Ennis 26.60
June 6	Talbots Inch 2.40
6	Mullingar 6.30
13	Mullingar 9.30
13	Tinahely 8.00
20	Ballymote 7.00
20	Bridgetown 18.80
20	Ballyporeen 5.20
27	Ballyporeen 9.80
27	Ballyporeen 3.30
27	Mullingar 4.00
27	Falcarragh 6.20
July 3	Ballina 30.40
4	Croke Park 22.11
4	Croke Park 24.60
10	Croke Park 5.00
17	Ballyporeen 6.30
18	Croke Park 129.65
25	Croke Park 32.70
Aug 8	Croke Park 64.40
15	Cashel 33.70
15	Ballymote 16.10
21	Ceanannus Mor 10.13
22	Ballyporeen 23.10
29	Ceanannus Mor 8.62
29	Ballymote 4.10
29	Croke Park 64.80
Sept 4	Croke Park 343.46
12	Delvin 62.15
19	Ballyporeen 59.20
25	Croke Park 414.46

Oct 2	Croke Park	59.45
31	Ballina	22.00
Nov 3	Castlebar	4.00
		<u>£1,647.19</u>

SCHEDULE III

GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING THE YEAR
FOR ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

	£
Ballintubber	500.00
Ballymacelligott	500.00
Boherbue	500.00
Brandon	500.00
Capwell	200.00
Carlow	100.00
Castlebridge	100.00
Castleisland	500.00
Claremorris	500.00
Clonmel	500.00
Coolgreaney	300.00
Delvin	200.00
Ennis C.B.S.	400.00
Fethard	100.00
Guss erane	500.00
Kilkishen	50.00
Kingscourt	1,000.00
Mitchelstown	800.00
Moneygall	500.00
Mullingar	200.00
O'Rahillys (Drogheda)	500.00
Shannon	500.00
Tulla	500.00
	<u>£9,450.00</u>

SCHEDULE IV

TEAMS EXPENSES – GAIL LINN

	£
Ballypatrick	6.00
Beal na Mullia	7.50
Clonard	17.00
Dublin	21.25
Dunlavin	6.50
Galway	8.00
Loughmacrory	3.75
Moone	8.00
Mullinavat	4.70
Newport	3.36
Roscommon	15.75
Shannon	24.00
Taghmaconnell	10.00
Tralee	9.75
Ullard	2.00
	<u>£147.56</u>

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SCHEDULE V

GAEL LINN – GATE RECEIPTS

		£
1976		
Feb		
15	Ballymote	2.30
	Cappagh	4.40
	Castlebar	3.00
	Ceannanus Mor	3.15
	Kilfane	16.80
	Monaghan	2.70
	Wexford	7.20
Mar		
14	Fethard	3.00
	Tullamore	3.40
17	Enniscorthy	2.00
27	Croke Park	94.20
		<u>£142.15</u>

SCHEDULE VI

HANDBALL COURT GRANTS PAYABLE

	£
Ballintubber	500.00
Boherbue	500.00
Brandon	250.00
Carlow	100.00
Carrick-on-Suir	100.00
Castlebridge	300.00
Clonmel	500.00
Moneygall	500.00
Galway	300.00
Kilfane	200.00
Kingscourt	1,000.00
Mitchelstown	800.00
Roscommon	200.00
Wexford	100.00
	<u>£5,350.00</u>

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SCHEDULE VII

GRANTS FOR THE ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

	£
Ardcath	200.00
Arklow	500.00
Ashburton	200.00
Ballina (Co Tipperary)	300.00
Ballintubber	500.00
Ballymacelligott	900.00
Ballymote	300.00
Ballyporeen	200.00
Baltinglass	300.00
Boherbue	500.00
Bohermore	50.00
Brandon	500.00
Bray	100.00
Cahertine	50.00
Cappagh	450.00
Capwell	200.00
Carlow	100.00
Carrick on Suir	600.00
Cashel	500.00
Cashel C.B.S.	150.00
Castlebar	400.00
Castlebridge	300.00

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Castleisland	500.00
Claremorris	500.00
Clonmel	500.00
Cloughfinn	250.00
Collooney	100.00
Coolgreaney	300.00
Crinkle	200.00
Cullen	400.00
Delvin	200.00
Dunleer	400.00
Ennis C.B.S.	800.00
Enniscorthy	500.00
Falcarragh	450.00
Fethard	500.00
Galway	300.00
Garryhill	400.00
Gusserane	500.00
Kilfane	200.00
Kilgobnet	400.00
Kilkishen	450.00
Killala	450.00
Kingscourt	1,000.00
Lahorne	300.00
Limerick C.B.S.	50.00
Lisdoonvarna	400.00
Loughanure	200.00
Loughmacrory	250.00
Mitchelstown	800.00
Moneygall	500.00
Mothel	60.00
Mullinavat	200.00
Mullingar	550.00
Na Fianna (Dublin)	400.00
Newport (Co. Tipperary)	100.00
New Ross	200.00
Newtown Blues (Drogheda)	400.00
Oldtown	450.00
O'Rahillys (Drogheda)	500.00
Roscommon	600.00
St. Flannans (Ennis)	50.00
St. Josephs Boys Club (Wexford)	100.00
Shannon	900.00
Tagmacconnell	100.00
Timoleague	400.00
Tinahely	250.00
Trilce	1,000.00
Tuamgraney	400.00
Tulla	500.00
Tullamore	400.00
Westport	300.00
Wexford	300.00

£27,260.00

CONGRESS

will be held in

THE OFFICES, PAIRC an CHROCAIGH

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26 at 2.30 p.m. and concluding

at 5.30 p.m.

and

SUNDAY, 27 MARCH, at 10.30 a.m.

Motions I - II will be taken on the opening day

CLÁR

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Tuarascáil.
3. Tuairisc an Rúnaí.
4. Cúntas Airgid
5. Óráid an Uachtaráin.
6. Toghadh na hOifigeach 1977:
 - (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 1977

C. Mac Seoín (An Clár)
T. Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh)
An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú (An Iarmhí)
An t-Ath. S. Ó Nualláin (Muineachán)

NA RUIN

General

1. Coiste Liathróid Laimhe na hIarmhí requests Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hEireann to proceed immediately with the production of an Official Rule Book containing the revised rules of Handball and the special Rules governing juvenile competitions. (Iarmhí)
2. Coiste Liathróid Laimhe na hIarmhí congratulates Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hEireann, its Officers and Sub-Committees, on the progress of Handball in general and, particularly, on its standard of organisation. (Iarmhí)
3. That runner-up medals be awarded in the All-Ireland Championships and that they be presented on the day of the Finals. (Cill Mantáin)

FINANCE

- 4(a) That expenses similar to those paid for the 60 x 30 Championships be paid to counties competing in the All-Ireland Semi-finals and Finals of the 40 x 20 Championships. Rule 235 to be amended. (An Clár)
- (b) That the travelling expenses paid by Central Council at present be increased from 6p per mile. (Luimneach)
- (c) Due to the high cost of travelling and meal expenses that Central Council consider paying a % of the expenses incurred by Counties competing in the following competitions: Willwood Tailteann; Under 21 and Masters. (Luimneach)

CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

5. That the national winners of 60 x 30 championships be eligible to compete in the 40 x 20 championships of the same grade which they previously won. (Luimneach)
6. That in all championship matches the courts should be inspected, one hour before the match, by one official from each county together with the Referee to decide whether the court is playable or not to ensure against wet or slippery conditions which may make the court dangerous. (Sligeach)
7. That All-Ireland competitions in Singles and Doubles be initiated in 40 x 20 courts for Over 40 players. (Muineachan)
8. That Over 50 players be declared eligible to take part in all Over 40 competitions. (Muineachan)
9. That a separate grading be introduced for Hardball. (Corcaigh)
10. That a competition similar to the Gael-Linn be run in 40 x 20 courts and that those competing in the 60 x 30 Gael-Linn Competition be ineligible for the 40 x 20. (An Clár)
11. In future, the Gael-Linn Competition be run on a handicap basis. Handicaps to be decided by a Special Committee appointed by Congress. (Corcaigh)
12. That counties entering and failing to fulfil fixtures in the National League be fined £25. (An Clár)
13. That the groupings in the National League be altered to provide a minimum of six teams to each group. (An Clár)
14. That the Open Softball Championships be played at Ceannaras over the period of one week. Rules 226, 233(i) and 235 to be amended accordingly. (Maigh Eo)
15. That the All-Ireland Hardball Singles and Doubles Semi-finals and Finals be played over two week-ends. Rules 226, 233(i) and 235 to be amended. (Maigh Eo)
16. That the Playing Rules, which have been in operation for the past year and the amendments recommended by the Coaching Council, be adopted. (An Clár, Iarmhí)
- 241(a) Before beginning a rubber the opposing players shall decide by toss of coin or other agreed method who shall have first service.
- 241(b) The team winning the toss shall have first service only on the 1st, 3rd and 5th game. In the case of doubles matches only one member of the team starting the game shall be allowed to serve. Thereafter during the game both players on each team are permitted to serve.
- 241(c) The referee shall decide on the ball to be used for existing rules.

the entire match. This should be the ball which conforms nearest to stipulated regulations. Should it be necessary for any reason to change the ball during the course of the match, the referee's approval is required.

- 241(d) In team competitions each match commences with a toss for service.
- 243 A player may not run in over the short line to play a served ball on the fly. Penalty to be loss of an ace.
- 244 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 The referee must disallow any ball served before the receiving player or players are in position or while a question of judgment is being decided.
Unnecessary delay shall incur a penalty of an ace or handout as appropriate.
- 246 If the ball when served touches the short line it shall count as a "short" ball.
- 247 The receiving player must play all services unless they have been called by the Referee.
- 249 Should a match be stopped during the course of play because of weather conditions, failing light, or any other unforeseen circumstances it must be resumed from the point of stoppage with the same players, and if possible, the same officials. A wet or partially wet court shall be considered unplayable.
- 250 The decision of the referee in all matters concerning play in accordance with the rules shall be final.
- 252 A marker shall be appointed to keep a record of the aces scored and assist the referee by keeping the record of the order of service. The referee or marker shall inform the players of the score before each service.
- 253(a) In 60 x 30 courts, the referee may grant one, but only one interval of five minutes after the second game of a three game rubber, or after third or fourth game of a five game rubber. The interval shall not, under any circumstances, exceed five minutes.
- 253(b) In the 40 x 20 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.
- 253(c) During a game in the 40 x 20 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.
- 254(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. Such "protest" should be noted in the Referees Report.
- 254(b) A player leaving the court without the permission of the referee or refusing to continue the match shall automatically be suspended for six months and no Council or Committee of Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hEireann shall have power to modify this penalty. In the case of doubles matches the referee shall endeavour to find out if the player's partner is willing to continue and report accordingly. The Council or Committee in charge must award the match to the player (in Singles) or players (in Doubles) willing to continue.
- 256(a) A ball bouncing over the back or side wall or touching areas out of court having first touched the floor, whether in service or in play, shall be considered a dead ball and shall not count as a hand out or ace.
- 256(b) If a player attempts to play a ball before or after it has hopped on the floor and the ball goes over the back or side wall it shall constitute a "dead ball".
- 256(c) Accidental covering shall result in a "dead ball".

- 256(d) Any serve passing between the server's partner and the side wall shall be an automatic "dead ball" if the server's partner is in the legal position.
- 257(a) If a player obstructs an opponent, but not wilfully, it shall be a hinder.
- 257(b) In doubles, if a legally served ball strikes the server's partner prior to crossing the short line and while he is in the legal position it shall constitute a hinder.
- 257(c) If a player strikes a ball which then strikes the player's opponent it shall be a hinder.
- 257(d) When a hinder occurs the ball must be served again.
- 260(a) Players serving the ball must stand between the short and service lines and must not cross the latter, even with one foot, until the ball has touched the front wall. Crossing the service or short line shall constitute a fault. Two successive transgressions shall count as a hand out.
- 260(b) When the ball is being served it must be hopped on the floor and struck with the hand against the front wall. The ball may not be hopped more than three times between the short and service lines (including their width) during service. If the ball is not served on or before the third hop, a hand out shall be given.
- 260(c) In doubles matches the partner of the player who is serving must stand erect with back to the side wall between the short and service lines until the ball is served i.e. crosses the short line. Otherwise a fault serve results.
- 260(d) When a served ball rebounds from the front wall and touches the back wall before striking the floor, it shall count as a fault service. Two such consecutive services shall count as a hand out.
- 260(f) A short service shall constitute a fault service. Two successive short balls shall constitute a hand out.
- 260(g) A hand out shall also be given for a combination of transgressions, amounting to two, as set out in Rule 260, sections (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f). A "dead ball" does not cancel out a short toss or foul.
- 260(i) A hand out shall be awarded if the server or, in doubles his partner, catches the ball after it is served and before it hops a second time, except in the case of a "short" ball called by the Referee.
- 260(k) A hand out shall be awarded when a legally served ball touches the server on the fly in service or in doubles his partner if he is not in the legal position.
- 260(t) In doubles matches only one member of the team starting each game is allowed to serve. Thereafter during the game both players are permitted to serve. At the beginning of each game each team will inform the referee of the order of service and this order must be adhered to throughout the game. Failure to maintain the correct order of service shall result in a hand out, i.e. if the number two player in order of service serves first he automatically disqualifies his partner.
- 260(u) If a player attempts to play a ball before or after it has hopped on the floor and the ball goes over the back or side wall it shall constitute a "dead ball".
- 260(v) If a ball, whether in service or subsequent play, is driven over the back or side wall without first hopping on the floor an ace or hand out shall be awarded as appropriate. (A ball hopping on the top of the back or side wall shall be governed by this rule).
- 260(x) It is not permitted to keep a ball in play by striking it against the back wall except when playing in 40 x 20 courts under International Rules.
- 260(z) If during service or subsequent play a ball strikes the roof or any part of it, it shall be a hand out or ace as appropriate except when playing in the 40 x 20 court under International Rules where the roof is playable.
- 260(ab) 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.
- 260(cd) In the case of all matches played on a time basis one short ball or one fault shall constitute a "hand out".
- 261 An injured player shall not be allowed more than a total of 15 minutes for treatment. If the injured player is unable to resume play the match shall be awarded to the opponent or opponents. In the case of a doubles match where one player is injured and unable to continue the second player cannot continue to play on his own.
- 264(a) **Glove Specifications:** Gloves must be light in colour and made of a soft material of leather, and form fitting. The fingers of the gloves may not be webbed or connected, or removed. No foreign substance, tape or rubber bands shall be used on the fingers or on the palms of the gloves. No metal or hard substance may be worn on the hand under the glove. For sensitive, bruised or sore hands, surgical gauze or tape may be wrapped around the palm of the hand with or without thin foam rubber for protective purposes. The gloves must be changed when they become sufficiently wet to moisten the ball. Players should have an ample supply of dry gloves for each match.
- 264(b) **Dry Ball and Gloves:** During the game and particularly on service every effort must be made to keep the ball dry. Deliberately wetting the ball results in an ace or hand-out. The ball may be inspected by the referee at any time during the game. If a player's gloves are wet to the extent they leave wet marks on the ball, the player must change to dry gloves. If a player wishes to change to dry gloves, he must hold the palms of his hands up to the referee and obtain the referee's permission to change. He may not leave the court without the referee's permission.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR 40 x 20 COURTS

- 265 During the match the referee shall decide all questions in accordance with the rules. If there is body contact on the back swing the player shall call it quickly. **This is the only call a player may make.** On all questions involving judgment and on all questions not covered by the rules the decision of the referee is final.
- 266 **Screen Balls:** Screen balls are those that pass so close to the server, or to the server's partner that the view of the returning side is obstructed. Any serve passing between the server's partner and the side wall is an automatic screen. The server is allowed another serve without cancelling a prior illegal serve.
- 267 **Ceiling Serve:** Any served ball that touches the ceiling after hitting the front wall shall constitute a fault service. Two such transgressions constitute a "hand out".

Return of Service:

- 268(a) The receiver or receivers must stand at least 5 feet behind the short line, as indicated by a three inch vertical line on each side wall, until the ball is struck by the server. Any infraction of this rule results in an ace for the server.
- 268(b) After the ball is legally served, one of the players on the receiving side must strike the ball either on the fly or after the first bounce and before the ball touches the floor a second time, to return the ball to the front wall either directly or after it has touched one or both side walls, the back wall or the ceiling, or any combination of these surfaces. A returned ball may not touch the floor before touching the front wall. A ball may be played off the back wall as well as the front wall provided the ball does not touch the floor a second time.
- 268(c) Any ball returned to the front wall that on the rebound or the first bounce goes into the gallery is declared dead and the serve replayed.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1976

60 x 30 COURTS

Coca-Cola	P. O Ciarba (An Clar)
S.S.S.	P. Mag Fhearaigh, M. O hOgain (Luimneach)
S.S.D.	

S.H.S.	P. Mag Aoidh (Maigh Eo)
S.H.D.	P. Mag Aoidh, P. Mac Cormaic (Maigh Eo)
J.S.S.	T. O'Briain (Ciarrai)
J.S.D.	G. & D. O Sirideain (Cabhan)
J.H.S.	M. Breathnach (Ros Comain)
J.H.D.	G. & D. O Sirideain (Cabhan)
M.S.S.	M. O Meachair (Lu)
M.S.D.	S. Mag Shamhrain, P. O Cearuill (An Mhi)
M.H.S.	S. O Duinnin (Luimneach)
M.H.D.	P. Mac Cana, M. Poirteir (Sligeach)
Under 21 S.S.	T. O Briain (Ciarrai)
Under 21 S.D.	P. an Gheimhridh, T. O Ruairc (Cill Dara)
N.S.S.	S. Rosaitear (Baile Atha Cliath)
N.S.D.	S. de Burca, S. O Maoildeirig (Cill Chainnigh)
Over 40 S.S.	P. O Caoimh (Tiobraid Arann)
Over 40 S.D.	S. O Meachair, S. Mac Ardail (Lu)

40 X 20 COURTS

S.S.	P. O Ciarba (An Clar)
S.D.	P. & M. O Ciarba (An Clar)
J.S.	M. Breathnach (Ros Comain)
J.D.	M. O Maolain, P. O Caollai (Uibh Fhaili)
M.S.	M. O Meachair (Lu)
M.D.	P. O Murchu, D. Neff (Corcaigh)
N.S.	N. O Maolchathail (Cill Chainnigh)
N.D.	S. & M. O Maoildeirig (Cill Chainnigh)
Over 50 S.	D. de Bhail (Tiobraid Arann)
Over 50 D.	T. Mac Donail, P. O hUaine (Cill Mhantain)

WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

60 X 30 COURTS

Under 12 S.	A. MacCionnaith (Baile Atha Cliath)
" 12 D.	S. O Riain, S. O hIci (Luimneach)
" 13 S.	D. MacCathmhaoil (Cill Chainnigh)
" 13 D.	C. O Murchu, E. O Cleirigh (Loch Garman)
" 14 S.	L. de Burca (Cill Chainnigh)
" 14 D.	S. O hOgain, T. Mac Coisteala (Luimneach)
" 15 S.	M. Mag Shamhrain (An Mhi)
" 15 D.	P. O Faolain, G. MacConraoi (Loch Garman)
" 16 S.	T. O Riain (Tiobraid Arann)
" 16 D.	A. O Maolchathail, M. Cantual (Cill Chainnigh)

Gael Linn

P. Mag Fhearaigh (Luimneach)

TEAM COMPETITIONS

Inter-Provincial

Mumhan:	P. Mag Fhearaigh; M. O hOgain; P. O Ciarba; S. O Ciarba; S. Mac Alastraim.
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National League 1975:

Division I.	Luimneach: P. Mag Fhearaigh; M. O hOgain; M. O Briain; S. de Paor; R. O Conaill; R. O Ciara.
Division II.	Ceatharlach: A. O Riain; S. O Riain; M. Mac an Ghaill; P. O Floinn; A. O hIfearnain; S. O Leathlobhair.

National League 1976:

Division I.	Cill Chainnigh: T. O Briain; S. de Burca; S. O Maoildeirig; R. O Leannain; A. O hUaine; A. O hArait.
Division II.	Cill Dara; P. an Gheimhridh; S. an Gheimhridh; G. O Leathlobhair; F. O hIfearnain; S. O Donail; T. O Ruairc.

60 x 30 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open	Talbots Inch: O. O hArait; A. O hUaine, C. de Siun, S. O Bearain.
Novice	Talbots Inch: R. O Leannain, S. MacGearailt, T. O Riada, S. O hAonasa.

40 x 20 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Novice	Enniscorthy: S. O Laoire, L. Mac Suain, P. Breathnach, S. O Dughail.
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UNIVERSITIES

Championship	U.C.D.: C. O Coinn, E. O Briain, P. Mac Craith, E. O Cinneide, S. O Muireartaigh, N. O Mainnin G. O Gadhra.
League	U.C.C.: P. O Muiris, E. Mac Gearailt, P. O Murchu, P. O Meara, E. O Muircheartaigh, P. de Paor.

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

Novice League	U.C.D.: E. O Briain, C. Hamaltuin, S. O Muireartaigh, P. Mac Craith, E. Mac an Tuile, P. O Donnaghain.
Championship	Bolton St.: A. Mac Cathmhaoil, B. Coonagh, S. O Geargain, B. Mag Uidhir.
Singles	U.C.D.: C. O Coinn.

Arís, tá ana fhorbairt déanta ag Liathróid Láimhe ar fud na tíre sa bhliain seo caite. Caithfimid ómós a thabhairt do na h-oifigigh duthrachtach a chuir áiseanna maithe ar fáil ar chostas ana íseal.

Tá sé le feiscint go soleir ins na h-áiteanna go bhfuil cúirteanna le díon orthu agus áiseanna eile le fáil go bhfuil go leor daoine, óg agus aosta, ag imirt Liathróid Láimhe mar chaitheamh aimsire.

Gabhaimid buíochas le hArd-Chomhairle C.L.G.; le C. O Murchú, Uachtarán; agus Seán O'Siocháin, 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 1976 was one of increased handball development throughout the country and signs are that this will continue, and even accelerate, for many years to come. This would not have been possible were it not for the many dedicated officials at all levels.

To give some indication of this progress, I am selecting three counties that were a source of worry for some years:

KERRY Four new 40 x 20 roofed courts were erected during the year. Another is almost completed and two more, at least, in the advanced planning stage.

CLARE Two new 40 x 20 roofed courts were erected, another three are almost completed, and plans are underway for a further two.

ANTRIM Activity was confined to one club, Queens University, for a long number of years until last September, when as a result of a series of development meetings initiated by Dr. Maguire, there are now nine active clubs in Belfast. In fact, such is the demand for playing time that the two courts at the Queens University are overtaxed. Representations have been made to both the Belfast Corporation and to G.A.A. Clubs to build courts and indications are that these demands will be met at least in part in the immediate future.

One of the biggest deterrents to handball development in the past was the lack of roofed courts and as a result, players involved in competition "hogged" the courts and there was little, if any, playing time left for the other club members. With the advent of roofed courts and the emphasis more on participation and less on competition the whole scene at club level has changed and we now find that there is a very big increase in the number of people, of all age groups, who play handball solely as a means of recreation. It is nothing unusual now to see clubs with 120 - 180 adult members, apart altogether from juveniles. Handball is now playing a major part in helping people to combat the stresses and strains of present day living by providing a healthy recreation outlet.

The fixture schedule which was introduced last year proved very satisfactory and enabled us to finish all our competitions to schedule. In looking to the future, I feel we should examine the whole competition structure as there is the danger of becoming top heavy with competition and as a result very little, if any, time is

left for club tournaments and the official opening of courts. With so many new courts opening each year it is only reasonable to expect that they should have the opportunity of arranging attractive programmes for their "Big Day". It is one way of showing our appreciation of the work being done by clubs.

There is still a lack of awareness by a large number of G.A.A. Clubs of their responsibility to handball development. While I appreciate they have a commitment to the purchase and development of grounds they should also realise that they have a definite responsibility to handball development. There must be a greater realisation on the part of G.A.A. clubs that handball is part and parcel of the Association as a whole and as such should receive every encouragement and help. At times, one wonders if clubs are interested in promoting an Irish way of life or just one or two aspects of it. One of the biggest disappointments is when one sees a club introducing other forms of indoor recreation at the expense of handball. I often wonder is it generally appreciated that:

1. Handball court plans incorporating dressing rooms suitable for teams and specifications are available free of charge.
2. Grants are available from the Central Council, Provincial Councils and, in most cases, G.A.A. County Committees.
3. Professional advice is available.

It has now been proved beyond doubt that a roofed handball court can prove a viable entity with more realistic membership fees than you have in a large number of G.A.A. Clubs. In addition, it will provide healthy recreation for all club members, irrespective of age, right through the year in addition to providing fitness training for field games.

The lack of playing facilities at Thomond College, Limerick and the failure to include handball on the curriculum is to be deplored. Surely the least one can expect from a National College of Physical Education are facilities for our native games. In any country this would be a top priority but for some reason, despite representations and promises, nothing has materialised. If the students passing through the College have not the opportunity of studying the game, how can they possibly coach the youth when they qualify as P.E. teachers.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The full programme of championship matches was carried out in 40 x 20 courts and 60 x 30 courts. The one unfortunate incident was the calling off of part of the programme at Ceannaras on the eve of the Football Final due to condensation. Steps have now been taken to prevent a recurrence.

Pat Kirby, once again, displayed his undoubted ability in winning both the Senior 40 x 20 Singles for the second year and the 60 x 30 Coca-Cola Singles for the third year in succession. In addition, he also won the 40 x 20 Doubles with his brother, Mick.

Peter McGee of Mayo retained the S.H.S. for the fifth year thereby carving a special niche for himself in our records. He also won the S.H.D. in partnership with P. McCormac.

The win of Limerick in S.B.D. was a success well due especially in the case of Pat McGarry who has been one of the most prominent of our Senior players for a number of years. The Cavan Juniors, Greg and Dominick Sheridan deserve special mention for winning both the Junior Softball and Hardball Doubles. They set a unique record in these successes as they won both championships in the third game by the minimum margin of one ace, 21-20. These wins should give Ulster Handball a good fillip.

Tommie O'Brien of Kerry brought off a nice double in winning the Junior and Under 21 Singles. M. Walsh of Roscommon had a nice double when winning the 40 x 20 J.S. and the J.H.S. Meath, one of the pioneers of juvenile handball, had a welcome success in M.S.D. M. Maher of Louth achieved a double success in retaining the 40 x 20 M.S. and winning the 60 x 30 M.S. This was something his father, Joey, never achieved despite his many successes in Junior and Senior grade. Sligo's work in promoting juvenile handball was amply rewarded when F. McCann and M. Porter won the M.H.D. The success of Cork in the 40 x 20 M.D. comes at a time when handball is making great headway in the county and should be an incentive to further effort. The success of Limerick in M.H.S. is ample reward for their perseverance in promoting juvenile handball.

In winning the 40 x 20 junior doubles, P. Keally and P. Mullins gave Offaly handball a further boost and this should have a beneficial effect on future development in the county.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Due to the overcrowded fixture schedule it was not possible to play the 1975 League until early in 1976. In addition, the 1976 League was played late in the year which now leaves the position up to date.

The introduction of the new format for the National League has

more than justified itself as it has been largely responsible for leveling up the competition in both divisions. For the future, consideration could be given to having two sections in each division instead of three as heretofore thereby providing extra matches for each county.

OVER-AGE COMPETITIONS

The decision to introduce Singles Competitions, in addition to the Doubles already in existence, for players Over 40 and Over 50 years of age was a progressive move and one that should encourage more and more players to stay active in handball. This is in line with the Department of Education policy of encouraging older people to remain active in sport.

GAEL-LINN COMPETITION

There was a sizeable increase in the number of entries over last year. The breakdown is as follows:

Connacht	224	An increase of 88 players.
Leinster	536	A decrease of 24 players.
Munster	240	An increase of 120 players.
Ulster	136	An increase of 32 players.

It has now been agreed that the final stage will be played each year on the Saturday night of Congress thus providing a fitting competition for the occasion.

The winner of the 1975/76 competition was Pat McGarry of Limerick and general opinion was that this popular player well deserved his first success in major competition.

With so many new 40 x 20 courts throughout the country it might be a good thing to divide the competition into two sections, one catering for players from 60 x 30 courts and the other for players from 40 x 20 courts. A player to have the option of playing in one or the other but not being allowed compete in both sections.

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Talbots Inch achieved a unique double in winning the 60 x 30 Open and Novice Championship. The Novice 40 x 20 Championship was won by Enniscorthy, a club that has benefitted by the construction of a new 40 x 20 court.

WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

The new format for the Willwood Tailteann Competition was introduced and proved very successful. From 1976 onwards, competition under the auspices of this body will be confined to juvenile grade. Under the new arrangement the Under 13 and 15 Singles and Doubles will be confined to players who have never won a Tailteann medal, thus giving the competition a wider spread.

Over the years, these competitions, especially at juvenile level, have played a very significant part in the upsurge of interest in handball.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

The Inter-Provincial series again provided keen competition except in the final where Munster had a clear cut victory over Leinster. There was no comparison between last year's final and those of previous years. As a result it was decided to change the 1977 final to a one day affair.

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

While handball at this level continues to show improvement I feel it is still not receiving all the attention it requires. It is controlled at provincial level by the G.A.A. Colleges Provincial Councils and as they are very committed to football and hurling, little time is spent on handball organisation. The only solution is for special sub-committees to be set up whose sole function would be the control and promotion of handball in the province.

The format of the competitions will be changed from 1977 with the Singles and Team competitions being replaced by three new competitions in doubles for boys Under 15, 17 and 19 years of age.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Handball in the Vocational Schools continues to make headway with a steady increase in the number of schools taking part. It is the intention during 1977, in some provinces, to introduce competitions for girls. All indications are that the sport has a bright future in these schools.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Handball continues to figure prominently in the Community Games and as a result many new recruits are brought into the game each year. Every effort should be made by Handball Officials to

help out in the organisation especially at local level where there is often a shortage of officials.

THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION

Handball at University level is very strong now and players from the various Universities now figure prominently in National Competitions. The progress is remarkable when you consider that there are no courts at U.C.D., Trinity or U.C.C.

Despite the efforts of Comhairle Ard Oideachais Liathroind Laimhe, progress is still very slow with the Third Level Colleges. Until such time as handball courts are built at the Colleges it is difficult to see worthwhile progress being made.

LADIES HANDBALL

While Ladies Handball continues to make progress, I feel it is not receiving the full support of our Clubs, County Committees and Provincial Councils. While it is generally accepted that the inclusion of a Ladies Section can give an added dimension to handball at all levels, nevertheless, for some unknown reason the various bodies are not making a worthwhile effort to help in organising the ladies.

On the part of the Ladies, I would say they must get out and meet the various Clubs, County Committees, and Provincial Councils if they are to sell the game as it is only by personal contact that you can get results. Consideration should be given to establishing County Committees in counties where more than one club exist. Provision for this is made in our Constitution but it has not been taken up as yet. Another important field is the development of the game in schools and colleges at the three levels. While the Ard-Chomhairle help financially, I am confident that some assistance would be forthcoming if approaches were made to County Committees and Provincial Councils.

R.T.E.

During the year, two series of "Top Ace" Competitions were recorded - one was shown during 1976 and the other will be shown early in 1977. In addition, the usual exhibition doubles, juvenile and ladies doubles were recorded for showing.

Details of winners hereunder:

1976 Top Ace Winner:	Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny)
1977 Top Ace Winner:	John Kirby (Clare)
1976 Doubles Exhibition:	D. & J. Kirby (Clare)
1977 Doubles Exhibition:	M. McEllistrim (Kerry) and P. McGarry (Limerick)
1976 Juvenile Doubles:	M. Patterson (Dublin) and J. Cawley (Sligo)
1977 Juvenile Doubles:	W. Burke (Kilkenny) and P. Hall (Dublin)

It is generally accepted that the exposure handball received on the television screens has been largely responsible for the tremendous upsurge in interest throughout the country. R.T.E. are deserving of our sincere thanks for the service they are rendering to the sport. It is only fitting that I should pay a special tribute to the men largely responsible - Fred Cogley, Michael O'Carroll and Mick Dunne.

The increase in radio coverage is very welcome and in its own way has generated much enthusiasm.

INTERNATIONAL

A team of three players, Pat Kirby (Clare), Pat O'Keeffe (Tipperary) and Jimmie Goggins (Wexford) travelled to the U.S.A. to take part in a series of matches in California last May. Overall, this was one of the most successful trips abroad as both P. Kirby and P. O'Keeffe took home with them U.S. Regional titles.

Despite only arriving less than 24 hours beforehand, P. Kirby played three times on the opening day of the Southern Californian Regional Championships played at Long Beach and continued right through the next two days to become the first Irishman to win a U.S. Regional Senior Singles title. This indeed was Kirby at his best.

In winning the Northern Californian Masters Singles Championship (for players over 40 years of age) Pat O'Keeffe was very impressive. This success helped in a large way to project a good image for Irish over-age players. The matches were played at Stockton over a period of three days.

Matches were also played at a number of venues in San Francisco and in all cases our players did exceptionally well against strong opposition.

One lesson to be learned from these trips is that a high degree of physical fitness is necessary if our players are to continue to take

part with distinction in international competition as it is often necessary to play two or three matches on the same day.

It was this type of fitness, plus ability, that enabled P. Kirby and P. O'Keeffe to be so successful last year.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

The Government Grant was increased by 21% over last year and we are indeed very appreciative of this sizeable increase coming at a time when money is so scarce in all sectors and when handball is developing at such a fast rate in all areas.

The increase has helped in the expansion of our coaching programme and enabled us to provide financial assistance to the Provincial Councils and Ladies Council to meet part of their Administration Costs and development of over-age competitions.

CISTE GAEL

There was no remarkable increase in membership during the year. I feel the time is opportune to launch an all out drive to recruit members but this cannot be done without the support of our Clubs and County Committees.

The big advantage of taking part in Ciste Gael is that a club is assured of a profit for each member recruited and you don't have the problem of providing prizes, printing costs, etc. as you would have if you were to organise your own raffle or draw. For every £12 collected each year the club retains £5 as clear profit. Members take part in the National Draw and also the Handball Members Draw. A club with 50 or more members is allocated a special £10 prize each month for every 50 members on the register.

GRANTS FOR HANDBALL COURTS

The Capital Investment Grant of £6,600 was maintained by the G.A.A. but despite this it was necessary to overspend due to the big increase in applications for grants. This in itself is a very healthy sign and a sure indication of the progress being made in the field of court construction. It is obvious that the G.A.A. will have to continue to provide financial backing at least on a par with the past three years if handball development is to continue. When one examines the position of court development over the past four years it emerges that clubs throughout the country, in this period, spent almost £750,000 on court construction. Surely you will agree that this is indeed a most impressive record and all signs are that the court construction programme will continue at even a faster rate in the future.

It is only fitting that I pay a special tribute to three men - Joe Jennings, Caimin Jones and Mick Lynch, who have made their services available to advise clubs and provide plans for court construction. They have contributed in a major way to the court development programme at no expense to the clubs.

Grants were allocated as follows:

Ballintubber	£500	Fethard	£100
Ballymacelligott	500	Gusserane	500
Boherbue	500	Kilkishen	50
Brandon	500	Kingscourt	£1,000
Capwell	200	Mitchelstown	800
Carlow	100	Moneygall	500
Castlebridge	100	Mullingar	200
Castleisland	500	O'Rahillys,	
Claremorris	500	Drogheda	500
Clonmel	500	Shannon	500
Coolgreaney	300	Tulla	500
Delvin	200	Ceannaras	£1,486.07
Ennis	400		

COACHING

The Third National Coaching Course was held in Gormanston from 2 - 7 August. The course which was under the direction of Pat Kirby was divided into three sections: (1) 1st Year Students; (2) 2nd Year Students and (3) 3rd Year Students. Once again the course was an outstanding success.

Numerous one day and two day courses were held at club, county and provincial levels. We are indebted to the many coaches who helped out at the various venues.

A two day Course was held for trainee teachers at St. Patrick's College, Dublin and proved very successful. It is the intention to arrange follow up courses.

A second coaching film was secured from the U.S.A. Negotiations were held with R.T.E. with a view to having an Irish Coaching Film made which would include action from Top-Ace Matches. It is the intention to go ahead with the film as soon as the slow motion equipment arrives.

Coaching Certificates are available to students who have completed the various courses:

- (a) Advanced Coach (c) Club Coach
- (b) Senior Coach (d) School Coach.

The Coaching Council is presently working on a series of "Skill Award" tests for boys under 14 years of age. The main purpose of this is to encourage juvenile players to practise individual skills and improve his performances. It is the intention that awards should be given for passing various phases of the test.

A National Referees Course was held in Ennis during the year. As a follow up courses were held at County level.

SPORTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND

As a result of meetings held between representatives of the Sports Council of Northern Ireland and officials of the Ulster and Central Councils, it was agreed to hold a seminar on Handball in Belfast. The main objective of the exercise was to sell handball to the Recreation Officers in the Province. The Seminar which was held last September at the Queens University P.E. Centre was well attended and the feedback to date has been very encouraging.

Negotiations are presently being conducted on behalf of the Ulster Council with a view to securing annual grants from this body to cover in part, administration, coaching and other expenses within the six counties.

It is only fitting that I should pay a special tribute to Mr Gerry Hannon of the Sports Council for his help, co-operation and courtesy at all times.

CEANNARAS

The present facilities are completely inadequate to meet the demands of the members and if we are to retain them we must proceed immediately with the proposed development plan. Full Planning Permission has now been secured and representations are presently being made to the Dublin Corporation for a grant under the Amenity Grants Scheme.

The past year was the most successful since the premises were opened and for the first time there was a small surplus at the end of the year. This in a large measure is due to the efficiency of the present caretaker, Dick McMullen.

In addition to servicing the Handball Council, Aine Ni Cheallachain is also looking after the finances and clerical work of Ceannaras in her own efficient way.

The Financial Report for the year is as follows:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Shop Receipts	6,635.27	E.S.B.	607.79
Bookings	1,503.85	Wages	2,674.32
Sauna	63.00	Phone	64.23
Telephone	41.03	Fuel	405.25
Membership	994.00	Cleaning Materials	78.78
		Repairs	307.51
		Shop Purchases	4,474.99
		Sundries	12.07
		Surplus	612.21
	£9,237.15		£9,237.15

Aine Ni Cheallachain
An Br. B.C. O Murchu.

EQUIPMENT

In an effort to improve the image of players specially designed togs and T-Shirts were produced during the year and it is pleasing to record that there was general acceptance and there has been a steady demand for supplies.

It is now possible for clubs or counties to purchase T-Shirts bearing the GAA/Handball Crest and also the name of the county or club. Togs with the crest are also available. In the case of T-Shirts a minimum order of 12 is necessary.

During the year many approaches were made to various Glove manufacturing firms with a view to having the gloves manufactured here. However, the response was very poor and as a result direct approaches were made to the I.D.A. and we are awaiting a report of their investigation.

PUBLICITY

Publicity continues to show improvement at National and Provincial level and indications are that it will improve given the co-operation of our various committees. In addition to supplying

information it is very important that photographs be supplied as one photograph can often achieve much more than an article.

FINANCE

As to be expected with a growing organisation, finance is always a problem and handball is no different in this regard. The deficit on the year was approximately £2,000 and unless other sources of revenue are secured I cannot see any improvement in the coming year. In fact, with increased costs in all areas the position could be much worse. In addition to our usual grants and sponsorships, other sources of revenue must be found. If we had a commitment to Ciste Gael from even 50% of our clubs, this could help to bridge the gap.

Our Uachtarán is deserving of your thanks for the very capable and efficient manner in which he conducts the business of the Association.

Again I wish to express our appreciation for the help and assistance which is freely given at all times by C. O Murchu, Uachtarán, C.L.G. and Sean O Siachain, Ard-Stiurthoir. Also to the members of the Ard-Chomhairle and Coiste Bainisti our sincere thanks.

To the members of Ard-Chomhairle Liathroid Láimhe na hEireann 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 the Mass has been offered for the Happy Repose of the Souls of all deceased members.

Go ndeanai Dia Trocaire ar a n-anamacha.

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