

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe  
na hÉireann



# An Chomhdháil Bhlíantúil 1980



Tuarascáil an Rúnaí  
agus Cuntas an Airgid



# CONGRESS

will be held in

CEANNÁRAS, PÁIRC an CHRÓCAIGH

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22 AT 2.30 P.M. AND CONCLUDING

AT 5.30 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH, AT 10.30 A.M.

Motions 1 – 8 will be taken on the opening day

## CLÁR

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Tuairisc an Rúnaí.
5. Toghadh na hOifigeach 1980.
  - (a) Uachtarán
  - (b) Cisteoir.
  - (c) Teachta ar Árd-Chomhairle, C.L.G.
  - (d) Teachta ar Árd-Choiste Forbartha, C.L.G.
6. Na Ruin.

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 1980

Uachtarán: T. Breathnach (Dún na nGall)

Cisteoir: An.Br. B. C. Ó Murchú (An Iarmhí); M. Mac Toirill (Tiobraid Árann)

Teachta ar Árd-Chomhairle C.L.G.: T. Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh); T. Breathnach (Dún na nGall)

Teachta ar Árd-Choiste Forbartha C.L.G.: T. Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh); C. Mac Seoin (An Clár);  
P. Ó Duineacha (Corcaigh).



# NA RUÍN

## General

1. That the Irish Handball Council look into the possibility of establishing suppliers of handball gear in towns where handball courts exist. (Corcaigh).
2. That the Irish Handball Council call on the Ard-Chomhairle of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to issue a clear directive to all units of the Association to ensure that handball is promoted in keeping with the aims of An Treoraí Oifigiúil and that it be given priority over facilities for games which are presently being promoted by G.A.A. clubs in contravention to the stated aims of the Association. (Corcaigh).
3. That the Irish Handball Council set up All Ireland (Secondary Level) Schools Competitions. (Aontroim).
4. Any county taking part in championships at Ceannáras to be allowed ten free passes for hurling and football matches which may be taking place in Croke Park, either on the same day or the following day. (Loch Garman).
5. That the Novice grade be renamed Junior "B" or change the present Junior grade to Intermediate and the Novice grade to Junior. (Maigh Eo).
6. That a Junior Inter-Club championship in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 be played in 1980 and future years. (Ceatharlach).
7. That National League games be played at a venue as near as possible to mid-way between the participating counties. (Ceatharlach, Corcaigh).
8. That the present National League be changed from 60 x 30 to 40 x 20 courts. (Corcaigh).
9. That a 40 x 20 National League be set up. (Corcaigh).
10. That the Under 16 League team of six competition presently organised at Munster level be extended to All Ireland level. (Corcaigh).
11. That the All Ireland 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 softball finals be played in Páirc an Chrócaigh. (Ciarraí).
12. As and from 1980 the All Ireland Senior Open 60 x 30 Singles and Doubles Championships be played off in Dublin during a week to be designated by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.  
That players from other Countries other than Ireland be eligible to take part in the above Championships provided that:—
  - (1) Entries are made on their behalf by the governing body of Handball within their country.
  - (2) That their entries have the sanction of both the governing body of Handball within their own country and also of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Rules 244(iv) A & B, 247(D) to be amended accordingly. (An Clár).
13. That steps be taken to reactivate International competition. (Aontroim).
14. That Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann as and from 1980 send representatives to take part in the American Open Championships in lieu of the present arrangement whereby a team of four players accompany the Bank of Ireland All Star Tour. Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to determine the manner of selecting the representatives. (An Clár).
15. That the Irish Handball team be sent on tour at a time which would suit their participation in the U.S. National Championships. (Aontroim).
16. That Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann send a representative to take part in the 1980 and subsequent over 40 American Championships. (An Clár).
17. That the glass side wall at Ceannáras be removed and replaced with a concrete wall. (Cill Mhantáin).
18. That the Handball Courts at Ceannáras be used solely for handball. (Loch Garman).
19. That Comhdháil 1980, considering the vastly increased cost of gold medals and their availability for certain Championships only, recommends their retention for Senior Championships only. (6DWT 9 Carat only) and that for all other All Ireland Championships a standard trophy or medallion be commissioned as and from 1980. Relevant rules, if applicable, to be amended. Rules Treoraí Oifigiúil 8, 116, 117 and 118. (An Iarmhí).
20. That all All Ireland winners get a recognised G.A.A. All Ireland medal in all grades: Minor, Junior, Under 21, Novice, Senior, Masters and over 50. (Ciarraí).
21. That Rule 224, Treoraí Oifigiúil, be amended as follows: Chairman, Administrator and/or Treasurer. (An Iarmhí).
22. That Rule 227 (v) be amended as follows: elect by ballot Chairman, Administrator and/or Treasurer (subject to provisions made hereafter) of the Provincial Council. (An Iarmhí).
23. That the following section be added to Rule 227 (vii): A part-time Administrator may be appointed by the Ard-Chomhairle after consultation with the Provincial Council on such terms and conditions as the Ard-Chomhairle decides. (An Iarmhí).
24. That the Congress recommend that the Uachtarán be empowered to set up and appoint a sub-committee to consider in detail the setting up of a Bord na nOg to promote and control Juvenile Handball under the direction of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and with its financial assistance. (An Iarmhí).
25. That the travelling and subsistence allowance paid to counties competing in the All Ireland semi-finals and finals be brought into line with those paid to members of the Executive of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. (An Clár).
26. That travelling and subsistence allowances be paid to counties competing in the All Ireland 40 x 20 Senior, Junior and Minor semi-finals. The allowance to be identical to those paid to members of the Executive of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Rule 246 to be amended where deemed necessary. (An Clár).
27. That expenses be paid to teams involved in the 40 x 20 All Ireland semi-finals and finals. (Aontroim).
28. That expenses be paid to teams involved in the All Ireland semi-finals and finals of the Juvenile championships. (Aontroim, Muineachán).
29. That expenses be paid to players competing in the Masters and Golden Masters competitions. (Muineachán).
30. That the expenses granted for travelling to and from venues be increased and the expenses for all championship games be paid by the Irish Handball Council. (Sligeach).

# ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1979

## 60 x 30

Coca-Cola S.S.S.	T. Ó Ruairc (Cill Dara).
Coca-Cola S.D.D.	R. Laighean, S. Ó Bogaigh (Loch Garman).
J.S.S.	T. Ó Rian (Tiobraid Árann). S. Ó Maolmhiadha, P. Ó Cearúill. (An Mhí).
J.S.D.	L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh).
M.S.S.	L. de Búrca, M. Cantual (Cill Chainnigh).
M.S.D.	P. Mac Fhearaigh (Luimneach).
S.H.S.	P. Mac Fhearaigh, S. Bennis (Luimneach).
S.H.D.	N. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann).
J.H.S.	T. Ó Riain, N. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann).
J.H.D.	L. Ó Dónaill (Tiobraid Árann).
M.H.S.	M. Mag Shamhrain, S. Mac Gabhann (An Mhí).
M.H.D.	E. Ó Dúnaigh (Cill Chainnigh).
Under 21 S.S.	P. MacCanna, M. Póirtéir (Sligeach).
Under 21 S.D.	R. Mac Carthaigh (An Iarmhí).
N.S.S.	E. Ó Meachair, V. Ó Sé (Tiobraid Árann).
N.S.D.	L. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí).
Masters S.	S. de Búrca, C. de Siún (Cill Chainnigh).
Masters D.	

## 40 x 20

S.S.	P. Ó Ciarba (An Clár).
S.D.	P. Ó Ciarba, M. Ó Ciarba (An Clár).
J.S.	T. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann).
J.D.	E. Ó Coinín, S. Ó Callanáin (Gaillimh).
M.S.	L. Ó Dónaill (Tiobraid Árann).
M.D.	L. de Búrca, M. Cantual (Cill Chainnigh).
N.S.	M. Ó hÉanagáin (Maigh Eo).
N.D.	M. Ó hÉanagáin, M. Mac Dónaill (Maigh Eo).
Masters S.	L. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí).
Masters D.	L. Ó Céirín, T. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí).
Over 50S	M. Breathnach (Maigh Eo).
Over 50D	M. Breathnach G. Ó Dálaigh (Maigh Eo).

## WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

### 60 x 30

Under 12 S.	P. Ó Caomhanaigh (An Iarmhí).
Under 12 D.	T. Ó Sírdéain, A. Mag Shamhrain (An Mhí).
Under 13 S.	S. Ó Conchúir (Maigh Eo).
Under 13 D.	A. Ó Briain, P. Ruiseil (Luimneach).
Under 14 S.	S. Uadlóg (Tiobraid Árann).
Under 14 D.	M. Breathnach, S. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh).
Under 15 S.	T. Ó Foghlú (Cill Mhantáin).
Under 15 D.	S. Ó Murchú, L. Ó Caiside (An Iarmhí).
Under 16 S.	L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh).
Under 16 D.	P. de Háil, E. Mac Bhloscaidh (Baile Átha Cliath).

## WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

### 40 x 20

Under 14 S.	S. Uadlóg (Tiobraid Árann).
Under 14 D.	P. Mac Canna, S. Ó Dúagáin (An Clár).
Under 16 S.	G. Ó Cochláin (An Clár).
Under 16 D.	S. Ó Scannail, S. Ó Néill (Tiobraid Árann).

### GAEL LINN 60 x 30

T. Ó Ruairc (Cill Dara)

### GAEL LINN 40 x 20

P. Ó Ciarba (An Clár)

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Inter-Provincial Mumhan	S. Ó Ciarba, D. Ó Ciarba, P. Mac Fhearaigh, T. Ó Muireasa.
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## National League Cill Chainnigh

### Sraith 1

P. Ó Raghallaigh, O. Ó hArailt, E. Ó Dúnaigh, J. Ó Dúnaigh, T. Ó Briain, R. Mac Leannáin.

### Sraith 11

A. Ó Riain, S. Ó Riain, S. Ó Riain, T. Mac an Ghaill, S. Rosaitear, G. Ó Catháin

## Ceatharlach

### 60 x 30 Inter-Club

S. Ó Riain, S. Rosaitear, S. Ó Foghlú, T. Mac an Ghaill.

## Novice

### Garryhill

M. Breathnach, S. Ó Briain, P. Ó Moráin, D. Ó Dúlainn.

## Senior

### Roscommon

### 40 x 20 Inter-Club

S. Ó Riain, A. Ó Riain, S. Rosaitear, R. Mac Gearailt.

## Novice

### Garryhill

## Senior

### Capwell

S. Mac Daragh, S. Tanúir, D. Ó Ceallacháin, P. Ó Muiris, B. Ó Briain, E. Ó Cinnéide.

### R.T.E. Top Ace

M. Breathnach (Ros Comáin).

## UNIVERSITIES

### Championship

#### U.C.G.

P. Mac Bhroin, P. Ó Maoláin, M. Ó Siail, D. Mac Grífin, S. Ó Duinnín, F. Mac Eochagáin.

### League:

#### U.C.G.

P. Mac Bhroin, P. Ó Maoláin, M. Ó Siail, D. Mac Grífin, S. Ó Duinnín, F. Mac Eochagáin.

## HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

### Championship

#### Bolton Street

D. Mac Connuibh, B. Mag Uidhir, T. Mac Cathmhaoil, C. Ó Briain.

### League:

#### (Northern Section)

D. Mac Connuibh, B. Mag Uidhir, T. Mac Cathmhaoil, C. Ó Briain.

### League (Southern

#### Section)

### Cork Regional

S. Ó hAnluain, S. Ó Sé, M. Ó Cearúláin, D. Ó Deasúnaigh.

### Singles

#### U.C.G.

M. Ó Siail.

## COMBINED UNIVERSITIES v ADVANCED COLLEGES

### Advanced

#### Colleges

D. Mac Connuibh (Bolton St.), B. Mag Uidhir (Bolton St.), P. Mag Riabhaigh (St. Joseph's), C. Ó Briain (Bolton St.), L. Mac Einrí (Maynooth), S. Ó hAnluain (Cork R.C.).

Toisc go bhfuilimid tagtha cuig deireadh na seachtóidí tá sé tráthúil dúinn breithniú siar ar an dul chun cinn sna deich mbliana atá caite. Ó'n mbliain 1924 bhí a chuid deach-rachtaí ag Liathróid Láimhe ach beidh cuimhne go deo ar an dul chun cinn a deineadh sna deich mbliana deiridh seo. Chuaigh Liathróid Láimhe ó neart go neart agus tá glacadh leis anois go bhfuil sé ar an gcluiche is mó fáis sa tír agus tá gach dealramh ar an scéal go leanfaidh an fás seo agus gur i bhfeabhas a raghaidh an scéal ins na hochtóidí.

The year under review brings us to the end of another decade and it is only fitting that we review the position over this period. At the outset it is worth recording that from the time the Irish Handball Council was set up in 1924 until 1970 it had its ups and downs often brought about by the varying conditions over which at times it had no control. The Seventies in my opinion will stand out in history as the most remarkable period of development since the Council was established. Success followed success and it is now gen-



erally accepted that handball is one of the fastest growing sports in the Country and indications are that with progressive thinking and ambitious planning the progress rate will continue and even increase in the Eighties. However before discussing the future let us look at the major factors that brought about the remarkable upsurge in the Seventies:

#### 1970

The decision to stage a World Championship in the 60 x 30 court. As a result of this decision it was necessary to build a suitable court to house the event as the old court at Páirc an Chrócaigh was completely inadequate. As the Irish Handball Council could not form its own resources undertake such a costly development it turned to the parent body, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael; and to their credit they were not found wanting and as a result handball was provided with a fitting Headquarters with the Championship court including two glass side walls and a glass back wall. It was the first time in our country that such a glass walled structure was built for sport.

A total of five Countries competed: U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Australia and Ireland. The occasion was honoured by the President of the Country, Dr. Eamonn de Valera who officially opened the Court, the Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, Foreign Ambassadors and Government Ministers. A total of 1800 people attended on the final night.

The introduction of the glass walls enabled handball, for the first time, to be televised in a fitting manner, and as a result R.T.E. covered the finals. Were it not for the glass walls it would not have been possible for handball to receive fitting television coverage and makes it all the more difficult to understand why some people want the glass side wall removed. It prompts one to ask do we wish to move forward or backwards. Surely it must be accepted that proper coverage of any sport by television will do untold good to the development of that sport.

National Competition for boys under 12 years of age was introduced under the auspices of the Willwood Junior Sports Foundation.

Work on the first 40 x 20 court at Oldtown, Co. Dublin was completed. It must now be generally accepted that the introduction of the 40 x 20 courts into Ireland was one of the biggest single factors in the tremendous upsurge of interest in handball as it enabled many clubs to undertake court construction who would otherwise have not been able to do so as the playing area is only 800 square feet as against 1800 square feet for the traditional court with a resultant saving in construction costs. In fact in a number of areas we now find clubs with two 40 x 20 courts thereby allowing for greater participation.

The introduction of the government scheme of grant-in-aid through the Dept. of Education was another big factor that has had a very big effect on our development as without it I am doubtful if we would have made the progress now so evident in all areas. The added fact, that each year since its introduction, the annual grant to cover Administration, Coaching and Equipment, has shown an increase enabling us to adopt an expansionist policy and to face the future with confidence.

#### 1971

Handball included in the Community Games for the first time. This involvement has played a very significant part in the development of Juvenile handball.

#### 1972

The introduction of the first official Competitions in the 40 x 20 courts with the Senior and Junior Inter-Club Championships. The official opening of two roofed 40 x 20 courts at Queen's University, Belfast, which set an example for all other Universities and Higher Education Colleges.

#### 1973

The R.T.E. Top Ace Competition was shown for the first time on Irish Television and as a result of its initial success it has continued ever since. The Competition was extended to cater for Boys and Girls under 14 years of age. The annual television coverage of handball has played a very big part in the development of handball as it exposes the sport in a very professional manner and we are indebted to Sports Producer Michael O'Carroll who initiated the Series and his long time handball enthusiast Mick Dunne who has been commentator since the series began.

#### 1974

The Irish Handball Council celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

The G.A.A. gave a very sizeable increase in its Capital Invesement Grant which has played a very significant part in speeding up the Court Development Programme.

The first National Coaching Course of a weeks duration was held in Gormanston.

The Inter-Provincial Championships were inaugurated.

#### 1975

The All Ireland 40 x 20 Championships in Singles and Doubles were inaugurated. Coaching Charts for schools were produced.

#### 1976

Handball in Belfast finally got off the ground after many years of endeavour.

#### 1977

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann extended its competition structure to cater for players in the over 50 age bracket thereby expanding its policy to promote handball as the ideal "Sport for All" game.

#### 1978

It was decided to include for the future two players under 22 years of age on the International team taking part in Annual Competitions in the U.S.A. In this way it was hoped that as a result of the experience gained they would be encouraged to improve the overall technique of their game.

#### 1979

The sponsorship of National Handball Day by Cospóir, the National Sports Council added a new dimension to handball as it was aimed mainly at involving non-participants in a healthy form of recreation. The venture was acknowledged as being one of the outstanding promotions of this body and proved beyond doubt the tremendous goodwill that exists for handball. It further proved that the Irish Handball Council has the ability and the organised structure to undertake successfully such a major undertaking.

Coming to the end of 1979 the welcome news was received that R.T.E. intended filming a special Top Ace 40 x 20 International Competition early in the 1980 with four of the top U.S.A. players taking part together with four Irish players. The visiting players will also be competing in the usual 60 x 30 Top Ace Competition. Another major breakthrough is that both the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 matches will be shown on U.S.A. television.

Ceannáras, Páirc an Chrócaigh is now fully equipped as a National Headquarters as in addition to the 60 x 30 court built in 1970 it now includes a 40 x 20 court, Games Room and Refreshment Lounge. In addition to serving Handball the Centre is also providing a very worthwhile service to the local Community in an area bereft of recreational facilities.

The only blackspot in the seventies was the failure to provide handball courts at our National College of Physical Education in Limerick. Despite repeated assurances over

the years there has been no action. While it is accepted by the Department of Education that handball is one of the fastest growing sports nevertheless for unknown reasons the Section of the Department responsible for construction has failed to move and until this position is rectified there is absolutely no hope of the Graduates of the College emerging with the necessary qualifications or the incentive to become involved in coaching handball in their areas of operation.

Looking to the future I would like to submit some suggestions for your consideration as I feel it is essential to plan in a realistic and courageous manner if we are to maintain or even increase our progress rate.

- (1) A greater effort must be made to bring Football, Hurling and Handball clubs together. While we have been rightly critical of lack of commitment on the part of some G.A.A. clubs nevertheless we ourselves are not blameless as we have failed to make the necessary approaches in many cases. It has been borne out that where a good relationship exists handball is making steady headway e.g. Clare, Tipperary and Monaghan. It is vital that handball delegates attend their respective G.A.A. club and County Committee meetings as in this way they are seen to play their part in the overall G.A.A. picture and at the same time can encourage greater support for handball.
- (2) I would see as one of our top priorities the further development of Juvenile handball. Admittedly steady progress has been made in recent years but despite this there still remains a vast amount of work to be done before we can really feel satisfied. In essence what you should be aiming at is creating a natural reservoir of talent thereby ensuring the future development of the game.  
With this in view consideration could be given to setting up a Bord na nOg which would act as a subsidiary of the Ard Chomhairle and be adequately financed by that body. It is only by having its own body that we can secure a maximum return from our involvement in Juvenile handball.
- (3) There has been a tremendous growth in the field of court construction and as a result the demands for grants far exceeds the amount of money available. If this growth rate is to be maintained and even increased approaches will have to be made to our parent body, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, to increase its Annual Capital Investment Grant.
- (4) The future potential for handball is limitless and if we are to extract a maximum return it is essential that we have dynamic leadership and a business like approach at all levels. Lip service is not sufficient it is action that counts. The time is now ripe for the inauguration of Leadership Courses. This could be done either by holding special courses or clubs taking part in the G.A.A. Fás programme at County level.
- (5) Our coaching programme must be intensified to ensure that within a short space of time each club will have its own officially qualified coach. It is also very important that we aim at having at least one teacher in each Primary and Post Primary school capable of coaching handball.
- (6) Publicity is vital to the life of any Sports body which makes it all the more important that we secure increased publicity. There is ample evidence to prove the point that in most cases where material is submitted it will be published if not in full at least in part. The greatest example of this was the widespread coverage of the recent

National Handball Day activities. We must make a greater effort to improve publicity whether it be at National or local level as it will help us in our marketing of the game.

- (7) Greater attention will have to be paid to the development of handball in the Post Primary Schools. It is vital that a special sub-committee be set up by the Provincial Colleges Councils to look after handball as under the present system handball often suffers at the expense of football and hurling. Leinster set an example in this regard last year and the initial effort was a big improvement on other years.
- (8) Each County should be aiming at the holding of a Handball Festival each year. An ideal opportunity would be the extension of National Handball Day to a National Handball Weekend with the emphasis on a wide range of activity geared to meet the needs of all age groups in the community. It would be nice if social functions were arranged in conjunction with the weekend of activity.
- (9) The glamour of International Competitions is something that plays an important part in the development of sport and as handball is the only gaelic game that is truly international every effort should be made to maximise on this. It gives our players the opportunity of meeting players from other countries and generates increased public interest.
- (10) In addition to a part-time Administrator in each Province consideration will have to be given to the appointment of a Development officer as with the rapid development of handball and the anticipated increase in growth rate in the years ahead it is absolutely impossible for the present staff to give adequate attention to the wide range of areas of operation that now are enhanced by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. In effect, while the scale may be somewhat smaller, the limited staff in the Handball Section has to cover the same areas as the parent body, e.g. Activities, Development, Coaching, Higher Education, Management of Ceannáras, Administration etc.
- (11) The Sports Advisory Committees presently being set up by each Vocational Education Committee, with the full support of Cospóir, will be very much to the forefront in the promotion and implementation of the "Sport for All" policy for the future and this makes it all the more important for our County Committees to ensure that the right type of person is nominated to sit on these Committees.
- (12) Emphasis must be laid more and more on handball as being the ideal sport for life-time recreation for the whole family. It is essential that we adopt a strong marketing policy to ensure that this message gets across loud and clear.  
To get a maximum return it is vital to ensure that our facilities are well laid out, heated, and generally present a comfortable appearance as sub-standard facilities will be more of deterrent than a help to us in selling handball.

#### ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

As usual the full programme was carried out to schedule. Generally the standard was good in all grades with definite evidence that former juvenile and minor champions are now beginning to make their presence felt in the Junior and Senior grades. Again Pat Kirby dominated the Senior 40 x 20 Championships while the 60 x 30 Championships



saw a major breakthrough when Tommy O'Rourke of Kildare brought the Coca-Cola Senior Softball Singles for the first time in over 50 years to the County and Pat McGarry did likewise in Senior Hardball Singles in bringing Limerick its first ever title in this grade. McGarry in partnership with Joe Bennis retained the Senior Hardball Doubles, while Richie Lyng and Seamus Buggy of Wexford regained the Coca-Cola Senior Doubles. Tony Ryan of Tipperary made a name for himself in winning four Junior titles while Eamon Rabbittee of Galway made a welcome breakthrough in winning the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles in partnership with John Callanan. W. Burke of Kilkenny and W. O'Donnell of Tipperary were the dominant figures in the Minor grade. A welcome breakthrough was the success of F. McCann and M. Porter of Sligo in the under 21 Doubles after figuring prominently but unsuccessfully in the underage softball for some years.

#### OVERAGE COMPETITIONS

The decision to introduce competitions for players in the over 40 and over 50 age bracket has certainly been justified as each year sees increasing participation and at the same time identifies the Irish Handball Council with the Cospoir philosophy of "Sport for All". In former years many players were lost to handball when they retired from Senior and Junior competition and this loss has now been largely retrieved as a result of our policy decision to sell handball as the ideal form of family recreation for all age groups from under 10 to over 70.

#### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

One of our most successful undertakings is the Willwood Juvenile Handball Competitions which continues to grow in strength from year to year. With many hundreds of young players taking part in the various competitions from club level upwards it provides a natural reservoir of talent for the future. In winning his sixth Tailteann title, W. Burke of Kilkenny set a record that is unlikely to be surpassed in the years ahead. It is interesting to note that the titles were spread over nine counties giving some indication of how widespread the interest is. Wicklow, Mayo and Westmeath made a welcome appearance in the honours list.

For the first time the competitions were extended to the 40 x 20 courts with competitions in Singles and Doubles for players in the under 14, and 16 age brackets.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Interest in the National League has not greatly increased despite the new format whereby players of all grades are now catered for. In accordance with the decision of Annual Congress each county that fails to turn up for a match is fined £10 and despite this deterrent it is most disappointing to find that both Galway and Roscommon failed to appear on two occasions each.

Kilkenny ousted the holders Wicklow in Division 1 Final and Carlow just edged out Mayo in Division 11 Final.

#### INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competition in all grades was very keen at National level despite the last minute withdrawal of Newport in the Senior 40 x 20 Semi-Final. Garryhill had a unique success in winning both the Novice 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 championships. This achievement is all the more meritorious when one considers that Garryhill have no 40 x 20 court.

Capwell retained the Senior 40 x 20 championship while Roscommon retained the Senior 60 x 30 championships for the third year. It is disappointing to find that despite the success of the Roscommon Seniors handball at Juvenile level in the County is indeed very poor. This is difficult to understand when one thinks back a few years to the time when the county was producing a constant flow of juveniles.

The question of Inter-Club championships at Provincial level is worthy of consideration as despite the deadlines agreed it is difficult in some provinces to get the championships completed on time.

#### INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competitions between the Provinces is still very keen despite the fact that Munster have dominated it for five out of the past six years. To add glamour to the occasion it was decided to play the final on the Saturday night of Congress from 1980 onwards.

#### POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

This indeed has been a difficult one to make satisfactory progress as the controlling bodies are also committed to the promotion of football and hurling and as a result handball is often left in the background. The whole future success of handball at this level depends completely on the restructuring of the present organisation with special sub-committees, with the sole responsibility of promoting handball, being appointed by both the Secondary Schools and V.E.C. Provincial Councils. This has been tried at Secondary Schools level in Leinster in 1979 and showed a definite improvement on previous years.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

Progress is being maintained, even though there is still a vast amount of work to be done. It is encouraging to report that roofed 40 x 20 courts have been built in University College, Galway, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, while two such courts are presently being constructed in University College, Dublin. Plans are also on hand to build a similar court in Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick.

Where courts are not in existence our clubs could co-operate by approaching the Higher Education Colleges and offering the use of their facilities as in this way they would be helping to promote handball in these Colleges and as a result of the enthusiasm generated create a demand for playing facilities in the college.

#### LADIES HANDBALL

There was no evident improvement during the year despite the fact that there is ample evidence that ladies are active in a number of areas. However lack of adequate structures and organisation is mainly responsible for a number of their clubs not taking part in official competitions. While efforts have been made recently to improve the position only time will tell if they are effective.

I would appeal to all our clubs and Committees to make every effort to encourage ladies handball and to remember that they are still in the infancy stage and need all the help possible to get fully organised.

#### FÉILE NA nGAEL

The inclusion of handball in Féile na nGael has given an added incentive to Juvenile development as it gives many countries the opportunity to meet counties they would not normally meet in provincial competition. I am hopeful that in the forthcoming Féile in Galway handball will figure prominently.

#### GOVERNMENT GRANT

Our government grant once again showed a very sizeable increase and we are very much indebted to the Minister, Mr. Jim Tunney, and the Department of Education for this grant which enables us to meet many of our commitments in the fields of Coaching, Administration, and Equipment. Without it we could not have made the progress so evident in recent years.

An added bonus was the decision of the Minister to give a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of our development at Ceannáras. This indeed was most welcome and unexpected when one considers the many demands on the limited funds at his disposal. It was indeed indicative of his constant interest in our welfare and we say a very sincere thank you and compliment you on the tremendous work you are doing for the people of our country through Sport and Recreation.



## NATIONAL HANDBALL DAY

National Handball Day on 25 Samhain was the biggest ever individual promotion undertaken by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and we are deeply indebted to Cospóir for affording us the opportunity to undertake such a major promotional venture in our efforts to encourage the public to take part in a healthy form of recreation that is suitable to all family needs. Cospóir backed this undertaking fully by providing at very considerable expense Radio and Television Advertising, Car Stickers, Posters, Hand-outs, communication with schools and local authorities etc. and we are very much indebted to them for this help.

National Handball Day was an outstanding success despite varying weather conditions and it is only fitting that I pay tribute to our many clubs, County Committees, Provincial Councils and our National Committee for their tremendous help without which it would not have been possible to undertake such a major promotion.

As a result of the outstanding success of National Handball Day, Cospóir has agreed to sponsor a similar undertaking on 9 November 1980 and is prepared to give it the full support once again.

It was very encouraging to find that the Sports Council of Northern Ireland supported us and they have given every assurance of their full support again in 1980.

With the advantage of last years experience and the fact that we have had reasonable advance notice it should enable us to plan even more effectively for the 1980 venture.

## GAEL LINN

As a result of the decision of Annual Congress it was agreed to ask for submissions on the format of a suitable competition to replace the Gael Linn Competition. However no proposals were received and the position now is that the Gael Linn trophy is still in our possession and unless a suitable competition is found the very valuable cup will have to be returned to Gael Linn.

## EXHIBITIONS

During the year the G.A.A. took stands at the Leisúre Exhibition and the Spring Show and on both occasions handball was included. It is also the intention that handball be included at the 1980 Sports Show. Again this is a new area of exposure for our game and reports to hand indicate that the decision to participate has been well justified.

## R.T.E.

The Annual R.T.E. Top Ace and subsidiary competitions were recorded at Páirc an Chrócaigh in early January and shown shortly afterwards on television. As in previous years the matches proved good viewing and were responsible for generating increased enthusiasm for handball. It was very encouraging, to our Juvenile development policy, to see one of the younger players, Mickey Walsh of Roscommon winning out.

For the 1980 it is the intention to extend the range of competition to include an International 40 x 20 Top Ace Competition with four leading American players taking part. They will also take part in the 60 x 30 Top Ace Competition. This added dimension should result in increased exposure for handball and at the same time generate widespread interest. An interesting development is the decision to show the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 matches on American television through the E.S.P.N. channel.

It is fitting that special tribute be paid to Sports Producer, Michael O'Carroll, for his initiative and foresight in developing this additional dimension to handball. It is also worthy of note that this will be the first occasion for handball to receive widespread television coverage in the U.S.A. We are very appreciative of the support we receive from Mick Dunne, right through the year, and say a sincere thank you. Finally our thanks is due to the Head of Sport in R.T.E. Fred Cogley for this help and co-operation at all times.

## CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

Allied Irish Banks introduced a Club of the Year Award Scheme with a special section confined to Handball Clubs. In addition where handball clubs are part of a G.A.A. club and/or G.A.A. Community Centre they can take part in the overall G.A.A. Club Sections. This indeed is a welcome breakthrough and it is regrettable that this is not fully appreciated by our clubs as only a very small number entered for the special Handball Section despite the fact that proposals have been submitted to the Ard-Chomhairle from time to time that such a scheme should be inaugurated. When one considers the number of clubs now in existence and the large number of new courts being built each year it makes it all the more difficult to understand this apathy. Each County Committee and club was notified well in advance of the closing date for entries.

## INTERNATIONAL

As in former years a team of four players travelled with the Bank of Ireland All Stars to take part in a series of matches in the U.S.A. The team consisted of P. Kirby, P. McGee and two players under 22 years of age, Tony and Noel Ryan. It was the first occasion for two brothers to travel with an Irish team. They took part in a series of matches in Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles and performed very creditably. As in former years Pat Kirby was a big draw at all venues.

Looking to the future it is a matter for Annual Congress to decide whether the present system be retained or some alternative method be chosen to continue participation in International Competition.

## CISTE GAEL

The National Fund Raising Scheme sponsored by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for some unknown reason has not been received with the same enthusiasm by our clubs as by the Football and Hurling clubs despite the fact that we all need extra finance to meet pressing needs. If each county were to set a target of 200 members to subscribe £12 each a year it would realise £1092 under the present arrangements. In addition to the National Draw members would also take part in a special members draw.

## COURT DEVELOPMENT

Handball Court development continues at a very fast rate and indications are that this will continue. It is encouraging to find that G.A.A. clubs are becoming much more aware of the advantages of having a handball court as an additional amenity.

A special committee, consisting of members with professional qualifications, has been set up to examine all aspects of construction including heating, and lighting with a view to providing full information to all interested in constructing courts.

Grants were allocated to the following clubs during the year:—

Ballina Stephenites	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Ballinacargy	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Ballyvourney	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Broadford	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Castlereagh St. Kevins	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Garryhill	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Glenbeigh	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Loughmacrory	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Maynooth	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
O'Loughlins, Kilkenny	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
St. Kevin's, Dublin	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
Silvermines	£500	New roofed 40 x 20 court.
St. Patrick's, Cavan	£800	2 New roofed 40 x 20 crts.
Fermoy	£1000	2 New roofed 40 x 20 crts.
Clarecastle	£1000	2 New roofed 40 x 20 crts.
Multyfarnham	£1000	Roofed 60 x 30 and 40x20 courts.
Glenmore	£500	New roofed 60 x 30 court.
	<b>£10,300</b>	

## COMPETITIONS

The competition structure is now so widespread that there is the problem of getting competitions completed on time due in a number of cases to overlapping as players are often engaged in two or more competitions.

The club open tournament which was so popular in the past and filled a void when competition was scarce is now the main sufferer as a result of the glut of official competitions. Club tournaments still have a very important part to play in the life of a club and should be given every encouragement.

## COACHING

The sixth National Coaching Course was held in Gormans-ton last August over a week under the direction of our National Coaching Director Pat Kirby, assisted by Frank Mullen, Liam Hanly and Seán Lee. The attendance was the highest to date and it was generally agreed that the new elements introduced helped to make it an outstanding Course.

Numerous courses were held throughout the country during the year varying from one day to five day courses. With the appointment of part-time administrators in each Province it is the intention to step up the Coaching programme with a view to having a coach in each club within a reasonable time.

There is still a reluctance on the part of Senior players to either take part in coaching courses and to help out in conducting courses. A renewed effort will have to be made to encourage these players to involve themselves in coaching as they can by example alone have a big effect in developing our coaching programme.

## PUBLICITY

Publicity showed a steady improvement during the year and we are indebted to the National and Provincial Press for this coverage. However despite this improvement there is still room for further improvement and I would appeal to our clubs, committees and councils to furnish as much information and photographs as possible to the various correspondents as it is only by keeping up a constant supply of material that we can improve the position. Publicity is a two way thing and you will only get back what you put into it.

It was only after constant representation that we were successful in getting regular weekly columns established in some newspapers and it is regrettable that one of our correspondents sees fit to include coverage of other sporting activities in the regular handball article thereby automatically reducing the space available to handball. Certainly we have no objection to any sport receiving press coverage but we do object when one of our correspondents uses a regular handball article to do so.

## CEANNÁRAS

The major development, authorised by Annual Congress two years ago, is now completed. The finished product leaves Handball with a fitting Headquarters in keeping with the stature of the game. Naturally this development has imposed a heavy burden on our limited funds and this can be considerably lightened if each club and county meets its commitment. The target set for clubs and county committees is most reasonable and with a little endeavour should be easy to achieve. The Ard Chomhairle on its part has guaranteed that there will be no cutback in the usual grants available for court construction and other expenses so it is only reasonable that the clubs and county committees meet their responsibility.

Grants allocated for court construction and returns received to date for Ceannaras are set out hereunder:

## COURT CONSTRUCTION

## RETURNS TO CEANNÁRAS (Club and County)

GALWAY	£3020	NIL
ROSCOMMON	£2800	£5
SLIGO	£ 400	NIL
MAYO	£2650	NIL
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£8870</b>	<b>£5</b>
TYRONE	£1500	NIL
MONAGHAN	£1800	£380
ANTRIM	NIL	£320
ARMAGH	NIL	£10
CAVAN	£1800	£100
DONEGAL	£ 650	£150
DOWN	NIL	£30
	<b>£5750</b>	<b>£990</b>
MEATH	£1700	£238
WICKLOW	£1150	£226
WEXFORD	£2000	£143.50
OFFALY	£ 800	NIL
WESTMEATH	£2050	£170
LOUTH	£1750	£38
CARLOW	£ 900	£48
KILKENNY	£1960	£179
DUBLIN	£1850	£50
KILDARE	£ 500	£74
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£14660</b>	<b>£1166.50</b>
KERRY	£4223	£235
LIMERICK	£1100	NIL
TIPPERARY	£4250	£410
CLARE	£6000	£250
CORK	£3600	£100
WATERFORD	£ 400	£150
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£19573</b>	<b>£1145</b>

This represents a total figure allocated to Clubs for court construction of £48,853 and the total figure returned for Ceannaras from Clubs and County Committees of £3306.50.

## DUBLIN CORPORATION

The Council is again indebted to the Dublin Corporation for a further grant of £10,000 bringing their total grant to £25,000. Were it not for this major injection of funds it would not have been possible to complete the full development.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Again we are indebted to Mr. Jim Tunney, Minister of State, Department of Education for a very sizeable grant of £10,000 for Ceannaras.

It is very gratifying to see the Centre being fully availed of both by Handball personnel and the local Community.

## FINANCE

The financial position is well covered in the report from our Auditor. While the Income and Expenditure account shows a surplus of £19748 it would give the impression that our financial position is very solvent. However if you turn to the Balance Sheet you will find the exact position which shows the Bank Overdraft at £28,254 and Loan due to the G.A.A. Development Scheme at £18,000.

## PROVINCIAL REPORTS

### CONNACHT

The full programme of championships were carried out. New courts were constructed at U.C.G., St. Kevin's G.A.A. Castlerea, Tir an Fhia, and Athenry. Work is underway at courts in Inverin, Bonniclon, Cloonfad and Clooncan. Sligo is the one area where no court development has taken place. Leitrim still remains to be organised.



## ULADH

Handball development is beginning to gain momentum with definite signs of some progress being made in Fermanagh and Down. New courts were opened in Andersonstown, St. Patrick's College, (2 courts), Kingscourt and Drumquin, while work on court construction is underway in other areas.

## LAIGHEAN

The Province has the largest competition structure in the Country and with activity right through the year. New courts were constructed at O'Loughlin's G.A.A. Club, Goresbridge, St. Kevin's C.B.S. Dublin and Ceanannus Mor, while work is on hand on other projects. The intention in 1980 is to carry out an intense promotional drive in Longford and Laois which the Leinster G.A.A. Council has promised to support. Efforts will also be made to strengthen the Administrative structure in other Counties. The Council through a special sub-committee spearheaded by the Runai organised the Leinster Colleges Championships and as a result of their efforts there was a big improvement both in entries and organisation over previous years. The intention is to extend this area of activity to include the Vocational Schools in 1980.

## MUMHAN

The Province now has the largest number of active clubs in the Country and are ahead in the field of development with many new courts being constructed at: Abbeydorney, Lispolie, Glenbeigh, Broadford, Kilkishen, Tuamgraney, Silvermines, Templederry, Ballyvourney, Kiskeam, Boherbue and Fermoy (2 courts). The usual programme of competitions were carried out to schedule and it is the intention to take on the organisation of the Secondary and Vocational Schools Championships in 1980.

## UACHTARÁN

Our Uachtarán, Tomás Breathnach, has completed his second year in office during which he has set an example in dedication, enthusiasm and energy that will be difficult to surpass. Despite living in a very northerly part of the country he is always available to travel to any part of the country in the interests of handball and certainly must be our most travelled Uachtarán. His work rate is exceptionally high and this in itself must have its effect on our members. It is a pleasure to work with him as he sees the necessity of working as a team if worthwhile progress is to be made.

In addition to her duties as Assistant to Handball Irín Ní Ghláibhú is also Rúnaí of Ceannáras. Her commitment to handball, in all its aspects, is what one comes to expect from a person with such high dedication and enthusiasm and we are indeed fortunate to be serviced in such an efficient manner.

I wish to express our appreciation of the help and assistance which is given at all times by P. Mac Floinn, Uachtarán, C.L.G. and Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, Ard Stiúrthóir. Also to the members of the Árd Chomhairle, Coiste Bainistí and other Sub-Committees of Cumann Lúthcleas Gael.

To the members of Árd Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, sincere thanks for your help and co-operation. To our Provincial Councils, County Committees and our many voluntary workers, my thanks and may we all continue to work together in a true spirit of harmony to achieve our ultimate objective of spreading handball to every town and village.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the Happy Repose of the Souls of all deceased members.

Go ndéanaí Dia Trócaire ar a n-anamacha.  
Seosamh Ó Loinsigh,  
Riarthóir

The President and Members of  
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann,  
Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

A Chairde,

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31st DECEMBER 1979

We have audited the books of the Council for the year ended 31st December 1979. We enclose copies of the Accounts of the Council, Ceannáras Club and Ceannaras Club Lounge.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £69,097 and Expenditure amounted to £49,349. This resulted in a revenue surplus of £19,748. In 1978 Income exceeded Expenditure by £29,058.

The principal variations relative to 1978 were:—

INCOME:	Increase £	Decrease £
Competition Entrance Fees		271
RTE Broadcasting Fees (non in 1978)	1,700	
Central Council Grants for erection of Handball Courts		7,500
Government Grants: Administration & Development Ceannáras (none in 1978)	2,500 10,000	
Dublin Corporation Amenity Grant		5,000
Sponsorship and Advertising	2,650	
Subscriptions to Ceannáras Building Fund		1,680
Sale of Handballs and Gloves	1,356	
Sale of Sports Equipment		1,179
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Teams Expenses		647
Top Ace Competition (none in 1978)	1,078	
International Travel	1,211	
Trophies	397	
Meeting Expenses	1,655	
Administration Grants	1,000	
Grants for the erection of Handball Courts	3,500	
Handballs and Gloves	1,845	
Sports Equipment		2,297
National Handball Day (1979 only)	994	
Coaching	1,353	
Presentations (net) (1979 only)	484	

#### STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF FUNDS

This statement shows how the additional outlay of £25,193 on the Ceannáras Handball Courts was funded. Net Funds received contributed £19,923 and the remaining £5,270 was financed by the changes in in assets outlined in the statement.

#### BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of the Council at 31st December amounted to £132,567. Liabilities came to £57,154. Assets exceeded Liabilities by £75, 413.

#### CEANNÁRAS CLUB INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year was £18,775 and Expenditure was £16,928. This resulted in a revenue surplus of £1,847. There are no figures available for 1978.

#### BALANCE SHEET:

As figures for capital expenditure in previous years were not readily available only capital expenditure incurred in 1979 was included in the Balance Sheet. Assets at 31st December amounted to £3,690 and Liabilities amounted to £2,228. This resulted in Net Assets of £1,462 at that date.

#### CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE: TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT:

Gross Profit on Sales was £2,715 and Overhead Expenses amounted to £3,209. This resulted in a Net Loss of £494 for the period from 20th June 1979 to 31st December 1979.

#### BALANCE SHEET:

The Assets of the Lounge at 31st December amounted to £2,688 and Liabilities amounted to £3,182. This resulted in Net Liabilities of £494 at that date.

The books were presented in good order for audit and vouching was satisfactory.

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



## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	Schedule	£		Schedule	£
Teams Expenses		1,686	Affiliation Fees		88
Over-age Competitions Grants	1	520	Competition Entrance Fees		630
Top Ace Competition		1,078	Gate Receipts		2,307
International Travel		4,090	RTE Broadcasting Fees		1,700
Heating and Lighting		11	Fines		150
Trophies		1,387	Central Council Grants:		
Congress Expenses		262	Administration		1,000
Meeting Expenses		3,666	Erection of Handball Courts		6,600
Postage and Telephone		70	International Travel		500
Printing and Stationery		509	Government Grants:		
Insurance		38	Administration & Development		12,500
Audit and Accountancy Fees		300	Ceannáras		10,000
Administration Charge payable to Central Council		2,800	Dublin Corporation Amenity Grant		10,000
Administration Grants	2	2,500	Sponsorship and Advertising		4,750
Interest on Loan from GAA Development Scheme		929	Subscriptions to Ceannáras		
Court Development Plans		60	Building Fund		5,452
Grants for Erection of Handball Courts	3	10,550	Sale of Handballs and Gloves		10,661
Grant to Ceannáras for Equipment		160	Sale of Sports Equipment		1,883
Handballs and Gloves		8,937	Coaching and Rule Books		459
Sports Equipment		2,127	Ciste Gael Commission (net)		249
National Handball Day		994	Cancellation of old Cheques		102
Coaching		5,607	Currency Exchange Profit		66
Juvenile Development		200			<u>69,097</u>
Recreational Planning Conference		70			
All Ireland Stand Tickets		1,350			
Less: Sales		(1,211)			
Presentations (net)		484			
Proportion of Outlay on 13 St. Joseph's Avenue written off		175			
		<u>49,349</u>			
Excess of Income over Expenditure		19,748			
Accumulated Surplus at 1st January		55,665			
		<u>75,413</u>			

## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979

	£		£
Surplus per Income and Expenditure Account	19,748	Financed by:	
Add: Outlay written off 13 St. Joseph's Avenue	175	Repayment of Loan by Shannon Handball Club	50
Net Funds received	19,923	Dublin Corporation Amenity Grant received	15,000
<b>Outlay of Funds</b>		Decrease in Stock-Handballs etc.,	2,939
Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts during year	25,193	Increase in Sundry Debtors	(2,467)
Shortfall of Outlay over Funds received	5,270	Decrease in Sundry Creditors	(450)
		Increase in Bank and Cash Balances	(7,802)
		Repayment to G.A.A. Development Scheme	(2,000)
			5,270

## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1979

	Schedule	£		Schedule	£
<b>ASSETS</b>			<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Investment in G.A.A. Development Scheme		100	Sundry Creditors for:		
Loan to Shannon Handball Club		450	Handball Court Grants allocated	4	10,600
Stock of Handballs, Gloves and Sports Equipment		570	Audit and Accountancy Fees		300
Sundry Debtors for: Handballs, Gloves and Sports Equipment Sponsorship		1,139	Bank Overdraft		28,254
		3,000	Loan from G.A.A. Development Scheme		18,000
					57,154
Outlay on 13 St. Joseph's Avenue	£1,744		<b>Net Assets</b>		75,413
Less: Proportion written off to date	874	870			
Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts per last Account	101,245		<b>Financed by:</b>		
Additional Outlay during year	25,193	126,438	Accumulated Surplus to date:		75,413
		132,567			

## AUDITORS' REPORT

To the members of  
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet set out on pages one to seven from the books and records of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann 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.  
21st February, 1980.

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



## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979

## SCHEDULE 1 — OVERAGE COMPETITIONS:

	£
Central Council	300
Leinster Council	60
Munster Council	60
Ulster Council	50
Connacht Council	50
	<u>520</u>

## SCHEDULE 2 — ADMINISTRATION GRANTS:

Ceannáras	400
Leinster Council	500
Munster Council	500
Ulster Council	500
Connacht Council	600
	<u>2,500</u>

SCHEDULE 3 — GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING  
THE YEAR FOR THE ERECTION OF  
HANDBALL COURTS

Ballina Stephenites	500
Ballinacargy	500
Ballyvourney	500
Broadford	250
Castlereagh St. Kevin's	500
Clarecastle	1,000
Fermoy	1,000
Garryhill	500
Glenbeigh	500
Glenmore	500
Loughmacrory	500
Maynooth	500
Multyfarnham	1,000
O'Loughlin's Kilkenny	500
Rathmore	500
St. Kevin's Dublin	500
St. Patrick's Cavan	800
Silvermines	500
	<u>10,550</u>

SCHEDULE 4 —  
HANDBALL COURT GRANTS PAYABLE:

Abbeydorney	300
Abbeyfeale	250
Ballina Stephenites	500
Ballinacargy	300
Ballintubber	500
Castlebar Mitchels	300
Ceannanus Mor	500
Clarecastle	1,000
Clooncan	300
Cloonfad	300
Drumquin	300
Fermoy	500
Galway	1,000
Glenmore	250
Goresbridge	100
Indreabhan	500
Kilfane	200
Kingscourt	500
Loughmacrory	500
Multyfarnham	500
Newmarket-on-Fergus	500
Rathmore	500
Silvermines	500
Warrenstown	500
	<u>10,600</u>

SCHEDULE 5 —  
GRANTS FOR THE ERECTION OF  
HANDBALL COURTS

Abbeydorney	500
Abbeyfeale	500
Annaghdown	500
Ardcath	200
Arklow	500
Ashburton	200
Athenry	500
Ballina Stephenites	500
Ballina (Co. Tipperary)	300
Ballinacargy	500
Ballintubber	500
Ballymacelligott	1,000
Ballymote	300
Ballyporeen	200
Ballyvourney	500
Baltinglass	300
Bohermore	50
Brandon	500
Bray	100
Broadford (Co. Clare)	500
Broadford	250
Caherline	50
Cappagh	450
Capwell	200
Carrick-on-Suir	700
Cashel	500
Cashel C.B.S.	150
Castlebar	900
Castleisland	500
Castlereagh St. Kevin's	500
Castletownbere	300
Ceannanus Mor	500
Clarecastle	1,000
Claremorris	500
Clonmel	500
Clooncan	500
Cloonfad	500
Cloughfinn	250
Collooney	100
Coolgreaney	300
Crinkle	400
Cullen	400
Delvin	200
Drumquin	500
Dunleer	400
Ennis C.B.S.	800
Enniscorthy	500
Falcarragh	450
Fermoy	1,000
Fethard	500
Galway	1,000
Garryhill	900
Glenbeigh	500
Glenmore	500
Goresbridge	500
Gurteen	20
Gusserane	500
Indreabhan	500
Kilfane	200
Kilgobnet	400
Kilkishen	450
Killala	450
Kingscourt	1,000
Lahorna	300
Limerick C.B.S.	50
Lisdoonvarna	400
Lispole	500
Loughanure	200
Loughmacrory	750
Mitchelstown	800
Moneygall	500
Mothel	60
Mullinavat	200
Mullingar	550
	<u>33,180</u>

carried forward — 33,180

**SCHEDULE 5 (Continued)**

	brought forward —	33,180
Multyfarnham		1,000
Na Fianna (Dublin)		400
Newmarket-on-Fergus		500
Newport (Co. Tipperary)		100
New Ross		200
Newtown Blues (Drogheda)		400
Oldtown		450
O'Loughlin's Kilkenny		500
O'Rahilly's (Drogheda)		500
Rathmore		500
Roscommon		400
St. Flannan's (Ennis)		50
St. Joseph's Boys Club (Wexford)		100
St. Kevin's (Dublin)		500
St. Macartan's		1,600
St. Mary's Drogheda		450
St. Patrick's Cavan		800
St. Patrick's College (Maynooth)		500
St. Vincent's Dublin		500
Shannon		900
Silvermines		500
Tagmaconnell		400
Timoleague		400
Tinahely		250
Tir an Fhia		500
Tralee		1,173
Tuamgraney		900
Tulla		500
Tullamore		400
Warrenstown		500
Westport		300
Wexford		400
		<u>49,753</u>



## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB ACCOUNT

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979

EXPENDITURE:	£	INCOME:	£
Wages	4,979	Membership Fees	2,064
Light and Heat	1,871	Court Booking Fees	3,394
Repairs and Cleaning	237	Other Fees	175
Stationery and Advertising	134	Grants from Comhairle Liathróid	
Audit and Accountancy Fees	90	Láimhe na hÉireann:	
Bank Charges	5	Equipment	160
Depreciation of Equipment	119	Administration	400
	<u>7,435</u>	Shop Sales	12,582
		Less: Cost of Sales	<u>(9,493)</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	1,847		<u>9,282</u>
Accumulated Deficit at 1st January	( 385)		
	<u>1,462</u>		

## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB ACCOUNT

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1979

	£	AUDITORS' REPORT
Current Assets:		To the members of Ceannáras Club
Cash at Bank	<u>3,215</u>	We have prepared the foregoing Account and Balance Sheet from the books and records of Ceannáras Club and from information supplied and we certify them to be correctly drawn up in accordance with such books, records and information.
Current Liabilities:		
Light and Heat	188	
Audit and Accountancy Fees	90	
Trade Creditors	<u>1,950</u>	
	<u>2,228</u>	
	987	
Net Current Assets		
Equipment at Cost	£594	9 Parnell Square,
Depreciation to date	<u>119</u>	Dublin 1.
	<u>475</u>	21st February, 1980.
	<u>1,462</u>	
Financed by		
Accumulated Surplus to date	<u>1,462</u>	

## AUDITORS' REPORT

## To the members of Ceannáras Club Lounge

We have prepared the foregoing Account and Balance Sheet from the books and records of Ceannáras Club Lounge 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.  
21st February, 1980.

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

## COMHAIRLE LIAHTRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

**TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD FROM 20th JUNE 1979 TO 31st DECEMBER 1979**

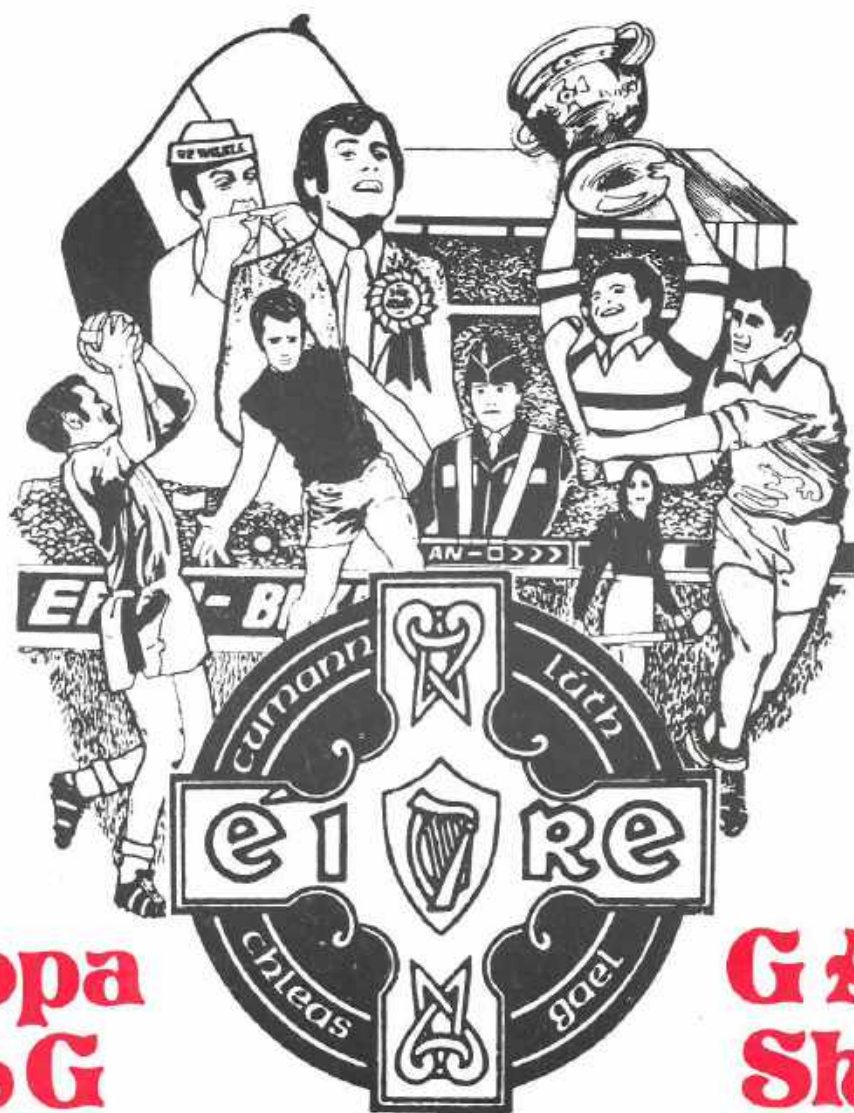
	£		£
Sales	7,172	<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	
Cost of Sales	4,457	<b>AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1979</b>	
<b>Gross Profit (37.9%)</b>	<u>2,715</u>	Cash on hand	170
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>		Prepayments	37
Wages	2,425	Stock on hand	<u>2,093</u>
Heat and Light	200		<u>2,300</u>
Repairs and Cleaning	63	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Hire of Equipment	297	Bank Overdraft	2,081
Audit and Accountancy Fees	80	Trade Creditors	1,021
Insurance	40	Audit and Accountancy Fees	80
Sundry Expenses	7		<u>3,182</u>
Depreciation of Equipment	97	<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>	( 882)
	<u>3,209</u>	Equipment (net of depreciation to date £97)	<u>388</u>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<u>494</u>	<b>Net Liabilities</b>	( <u>494</u> )
		<b>Represented by</b>	
		Accumulated Loss at date	( <u>494</u> )











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