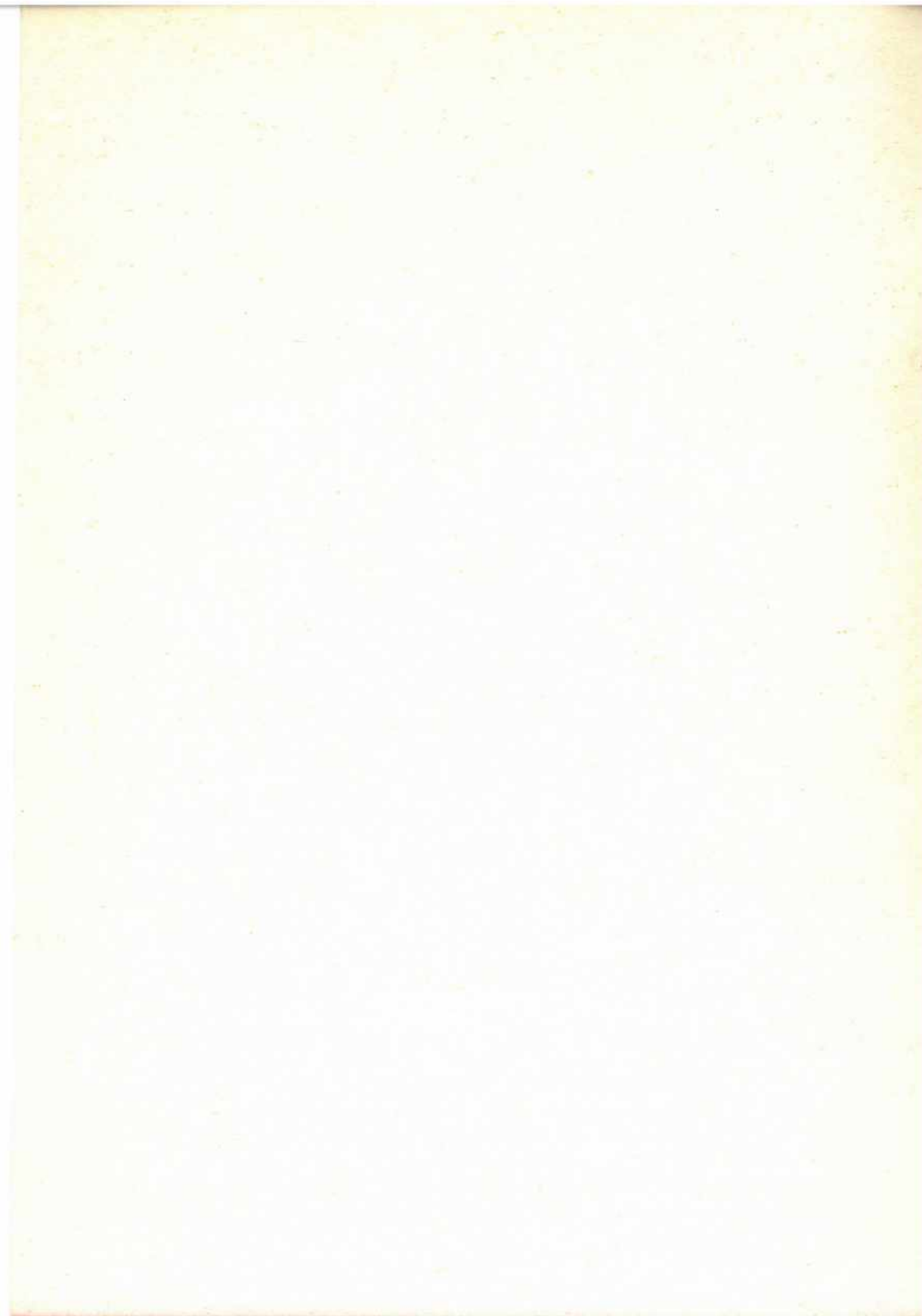


**Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe
na hÉireann**

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 1982



**Tuarascáil an Rúnaí
Cuntas an Airgid
Rúin Don Chómhdhail**



CONGRESS

will be held in

CEANNÁRAS, PÁIRC an CHRÓCAIGH

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13 AT NOON AND CONCLUDING

AT 6 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, 14 MARCH, AT 10.30 A.M.

Motions 1 – 10 will be taken on the opening day

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| 1. Miontuairiscí. | 3. Cúntas Airgid. |
| 2. Tuairisc an Rúnaí | 4. Oráid an t-Uachtarán |
| 5. Toghadh na hOifigeach 1982 | |
| (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 1982

Uachtarán: C. Mac Seoin (An Clár);

Cisteoir: An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú (An Lú); S.Ó. Gréacháin (An Mhí)

Teachta ar Árd-Chomhairle C.L.G.: T. Ó. Briain (Cill Chainnigh)

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

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The President and Members of
Comhairle Liathróid Lámhe na hÉireann,
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

A Chairde,

Annual Accounts to 31st December, 1981

We have audited the books of the Council for the year ended 31st December, 1981. We enclose copies of the Accounts of the Council, Ceannáras Club and Ceannáras Club Lounge.

THE COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to £49,879 and Expenditure amounted to £56,117. This resulted in a deficit of £6,238. In 1980 there was a surplus of £8,418. There is no charge in the accounts for interest on the bank overdraft of £55,510. This interest is borne by Central Council. But for this the Deficit for the year would be in the region of £16,000.

The principal variations relative to 1980 were:

INCOME:	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Affiliation Fees	809	
Membership Levy (none in 1980)	467	
Gate Receipts	501	
Government Grants	1,600	
Sponsorship and Advertising	1,220	
Subscriptions to Ceannaras Building Fund		7,441
Proceeds of Raffle (none in 1980)	2,338	

EXPENDITURE:

International Travel	1,126	
Top Ace Competition Expenses	3,257	
Trophies		2,204
Administration Charge payable to Central Council	866	
Juvenile Development Grants (none in 1980)	850	
Grants for Erection of Handball Courts	7,200	
National Handball Day		507
Coaching	1,406	

BALANCE SHEET

The Fixed Assets of the Council at 31st December amounted to £154,179 and the Net Current Liabilities amounted to £66,586. This resulted in Net Assets of £87,593.

STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

There was a net decrease of £63 in the Council's Funds in the year.

CEANNÁRAS CLUB:

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year was £12,776 and Expenditure was £13,574. This resulted in a Deficit of £798. In 1980 there was a Deficit of £584.

BALANCE SHEET

Fixed Assets at 31st December amounted to £402 and Net Current Liabilities amounted to £5,972. This resulted in Net Liabilities of £5,570 at that date.

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Gross Profit on Sales was £22,684 and Overhead Expenses amounted to £12,816. This resulted in a Net Profit of £9,868 for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

The Fixed Assets of the Lounge at 31st December amounted to £194 and the Net Current Assets amounted to £2,028. This resulted in Net Assets of £2,222 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, 1981

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	Schedule	IR£		Schedule	IR£
Affiliation Fees		910	Teams Expenses		2,818
Membership Levy		467	Over-age Competitions Grants	1	520
Competition Entrance Fees		1,457	Top Ace Competition		8,631
Gate Receipts		3,176	International Travel		6,798
R.T.E. Broadcasting Fees		3,239	Trophies		2,180
Fines		83	Meeting Expenses		5,289
Central Council Grants:			Postage and Telephone		230
Administration		1,000	Printing, Stationery and Advertising		671
Erection of Handball Courts		6,600	Audit and Accountancy Fees		420
International Travel		500	Administration Charge payable to Central Council		4,866
Government Grants:			Administration Grants	2	2,100
Administration and Development		16,000	Juvenile Development Grants	3	850
International Travel		1,000	Grants to Ladies Handball Council	4	1,150
Sponsorship and Advertising		10,170	Interest on Loan from G.A.A. Development Scheme		748
Subscriptions to Ceannáras Building Fund		1,118	Court Development Plans		358
Sale of Handballs and Sports Equipment		15,354	Grants for Erection of Handball Courts (net)	5	9,700
Less: Cost of Sales		(13,553)	National Handball Day		435
Raffle		2,338	Coaching		7,821
Ciste Gael Commission (net)		20	Repairs and Renewals - Ceannáras		190
		<u>49,879</u>	All Ireland Stand Tickets		1,674
			Less: Sales		(1,507)
			Proportion of Outlay on 13 St. Joseph's Avenue written off		<u>175</u>
					<u>56,117</u>
			Operating Surplus (deficit) for year:		(6,238)
			Grant from Ceannáras Lounge		10,000
			Accumulated Surplus at 1st January		<u>83,831</u>
					<u>87,593</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1981

	Schedule	IR£
Current Assets		
Investment in G.A.A. Development Scheme		100
Loan to Shannon Handball Club		450
Loan to Broadford Handball Club		250
Stock of Handballs, Gloves and Sports Equipment		5,840
Sundry Debtors for Handballs and Sports Equipment		1,748
		<u>8,388</u>
Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors for:		
Ceannáras Development		4,000
Handball Court Grants allocated	6	3,750
Other Items		1,714
Bank Overdraft		55,510
Loan from G.A.A. Development Scheme		10,000
		<u>74,974</u>
Net Current Liabilities		<u>(66,586)</u>
Fixed Assets		
Outlay on 13 St. Joseph's Avenue	IR££ 1,744	
Less: Proportion written off to date	<u>(1,224)</u>	520
Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts per last Account		<u>153,659</u>
		<u>154,179</u>
		<u>87,593</u>
Financed by:		
Accumulated Surplus to date		<u>87,593</u>

STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1981

Sources of Funds	
Operating Deficit for year	(6,238)
Outlay written off 13 St. Joseph's Avenue	175
Grant from Ceannáras Lounge	10,000
	<u>3,937</u>
Uses of Funds	
Repayment of G.A.A. Development Scheme Loan	<u>4,000</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Funds	<u>(63)</u>
Represented by:	
Increase in Stock of Handballs etc.	1,457
Increase in Sundry Debtors	791
Decrease in Sundry Creditors	1,828
(Decrease) in Bank balance	<u>(4,139)</u>
	<u>(63)</u>

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1981SCHEDULE 1
OVERAGE COMPETITIONS:

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

SCHEDULE 2
ADMINISTRATION GRANTS

Connacht Council	600
Leinster Council	500
Munster Council	500
Ulster Council	500
	<u>2,100</u>

SCHEDULE 3
JUVENILE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Connacht	150
Leinster	400
Munster	300
	<u>850</u>

SCHEDULE 4
GRANTS TO LADIES HANDBALL COUNCIL

Administration	500
International Travel	650
	<u>1,150</u>

SCHEDULE 5
GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING THE YEAR FOR
THE ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

Ardoyne G.A.A.	500
Ashburton	500
Ballybay G.A.A.	500
Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500
Bonniconlon	500
Burgess G.A.A.	500
Caherlistrane G.A.A.	500
Castlemahon G.A.A.	500
Clones	500
Cloughbawn G.A.A.	500
Cootehill	1,200
Fahy	500
Glencolumcille G.A.A.	500
Glenfinn G.A.A.	500
Gweedore G.A.A.	500
Newport	500
Rossa G.A.A.	500
St. Maurs G.A.A.	500
	<u>9,700</u>

SCHEDULE 6
HANDBALL COURT GRANTS PAYABLE

Ballinrobe	500
Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500
Ballymote	200
Boherbue	200
Corrane	50
Fahy	500
Glenfinn G.A.A.	500
Goresbridge	100
Kilfane	200
St. Maurs G.A.A.	500
Rossa G.A.A.	500
	<u>3,750</u>

SCHEDULE 7
GRANTS FOR THE ERECTION OF HANDBALL
COURTS

Abbeystorney G.A.A.	500
Abbeyfeale	500
Annaghdown	500
Ardoyne G.A.A.	500
Ardcath	200
Arklow	500
Ashburton	700
Athenry G.A.A.	500
Aughnamullen G.A.A.	500
Ballina Stephenites G.A.A.	500
Ballina (Co. Tipperary)	300
Ballinacargy G.A.A.	500
Ballinrobe	500
Ballintubber	500
Ballybay G.A.A.	500
Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500
Ballymacelligott	1,000
Ballymote	500
Ballyporeen	700
Ballyvourney	500
Baltinglass	300
Bofield	500
Boherbue (Co. Cork)	500
Bohermore	50
Bonniconlon	500
Brandon	500
Bray G.A.A.	100
Broadford (Co. Clare)	500
Burgess G.A.A.	500
Caherline	50
Cahirlistrane G.A.A.	500
Cappagh	450
Capwell	200
Carrick-on-Suir	700
Cashel	500
Cashel C.B.S.	150
Castlebar	400
Castlebar G.A.A.	500
Castleisland	500
Castlemahon G.A.A.	500
Castlereagh G.A.A.	500
Castletownbere	300
Ceannanus Mór	500
Claremorris	500
Clones	500

Clonmel	500	Newmarket-on-Fergus	500
Clooncan	500	Newport (Co. Tipperary)	600
Cloonfad	500	New Ross	200
Cloughbawn	500	Newtown Blues G.A.A. (Drogheda)	400
Cloughfinn	250	Oldtown	450
Coolgreaney	300	O'Loughlins G.A.A. (Kilkenny)	500
Collooney	100	O'Rahillys G.A.A. (Drogheda)	500
Cootehill	1,200	Rathmore	500
Corrane	50	Roscommon	400
Crinkle	400	Rossa G.A.A.	500
Cullen	400	St. Flannan's (Ennis)	50
Delvin	200	St. Joseph's Boys Club (Wexford)	100
Drumquin	500	St. Kevin's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
Dunleer G.A.A.	400	St. Macartan's (Monaghan)	1,600
Ennis C.B.S.	800	St. Mary's Drogheda	450
Enniscorthy G.A.A.	500	St. Maurs G.A.A.	500
Fahy	500	St. Patrick's College (Cavan)	800
Falcarragh G.A.A.	450	St. Patrick's College (Maynooth)	500
Fermoy	1,000	St. Vincent's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
Fethard	500	Shannon	900
Garryhill	900	Silvermines G.A.A.	500
Glencolumcille G.A.A.	500	Taghmaconnell	400
Glenbeigh	500	Tarbert	500
Glenfinn G.A.A.	500	Templederry G.A.A.	500
Glenmore G.A.A.	500	Timoleague	400
Goresbridge	500	Tinahely	250
Gurteen	20	Tir an Fhia	500
Gusserane	500	Tralee	1,173
Gweedore	500	Tuamgraney	900
Indreabhán G.A.A.	500	Tulla	500
Kilfane	200	Tullamore G.A.A.	400
Kilgobnet	400	Westport	300
Kilkishen G.A.A.	450	Wexford	400
Killala	450		
Kilrush	500		<u>61,953</u>
Kingscourt G.A.A.	1,000		
Lahorna	300		
Limerick C.B.S.	50		
Lisdoonvarna	400		
Lispole G.A.A.	500		
Longford Slashers G.A.A.	500		
Loughanure	200		
Loughmacrory	750		
Mallow	500		
Mitchelstown	800		
Moneygall G.A.A.	500		
Mothel	60		
Mullinavat	200		
Mullingar G.A.A.	550		
Multyfarnham	1,000		
Na Fianna G.A.A. (Dublin)	400		

AUDITORS REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet 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.
8th February, 1982

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

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN
CEANNÁRAS CLUB ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1981		BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1981	
INCOME		CURRENT ASSETS	IR£
Membership Fees	4,052	Stocks on hand	<u>400</u>
Court Booking Fees	3,742		
Other Fees	783	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Shop Sales	19,506	Bank Overdraft	1,023
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>(15,307)</u>	Light and Heat	1,228
	<u>12,776</u>	Audit and Accountancy Fees	125
		Trade Creditors	<u>3,996</u>
			<u>6,372</u>
EXPENDITURE		Net Current Liabilities:	(5,972)
Wages	6,255	Equipment at Cost	IR£ 869
Light and Heat	6,626	Depreciation to date	<u>467</u>
Rental of Equipment	210		<u>402</u>
Repairs and Cleaning	116		<u>(5,570)</u>
Advertising and Sundry Expenses	68		
Audit and Accountancy Fees	125		
Depreciation of Equipment	<u>174</u>		
	<u>13,574</u>		
		FINANCED BY	
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	(798)	Accumulated Deficit to date	<u>(5,570)</u>
Accumulated Deficit at 1st January	(5,122)		
Sale of Equipment	<u>350</u>		
	<u>(5,570)</u>		

AUDITORS' REPORT
To the Members of Ceannáras Club

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.

9 Parnell Square,
Dublin 1.
12th February, 1981.

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

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1981

Sales	64,591
Cost of Sales	(41,907)
Gross Profit	<u>22,684</u>

OVERHEAD EXPENSES

Wages	9,916
Heat and Light	1,500
Repairs, Cleaning and Barware	308
Hire of Equipment	614
Legal Expenses	104
Audit and Accountancy Fees	220
Insurance	39
Sundry Expenses	18
Depreciation of Equipment	97
	<u>12,816</u>

Net Profit for year	9,868
Grant to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann	(10,000)
Accumulated Surplus forward	2,354
	<u>2,222</u>

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1981

	IR£
Cash on Hand	170
Prepayments	35
Stock on Hand	<u>5,680</u>
	<u>5,885</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Bank Overdraft	111
Trade Creditors	3,476
Other Items	<u>270</u>
	<u>3,857</u>
Net Current Assets	2,028
Equipment (net of Depreciation to date IR£291)	<u>194</u>
	<u>2,222</u>

REPRESENTED BY

Accumulated Surplus at date	<u>2,222</u>
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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.
8th February, 1982.

D. O'CONNOR & CO.
Chartered Accountants
Auditors

NA RUIN

1. That the All Ireland Handball Council would immediately formulate an information booklet on Court Construction and on the return from the average court. (Corcaigh)
2. That Handball Clubs be recognised separately when A.I.B. Awards are being considered. (Loch Garman)
3. Where there are five county teams in group for the National League Congress demands that each county be given two games away and two at home. (Loch Garman)
4. That each county be only allowed to enter one team in any division of the National League. (Loch Garman)
5. That runners up trophies be given to beaten finalists in All Ireland Club Championships. (Gaillimh)
6. That the ball used in both the 40 x 20 Juvenile Championships and the 60 x 30 Tailteann All-Ireland Championships be standardised, that is that the Family Ball be used for both under 13 and under 14 grades in both the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 or alternatively that the Delacoste Ball be used for both Championships. The important point being that different balls should not be used in the different courts. (Corcaigh)
7. That Rule 244 (iv) (B) be amended as follows "In Doubles a player must play with a partner from his own county. Where there is no suitable senior partner in his county he may be partnered by a player of any other grade. (Tiobraid Árann)
8. That where a match begins with a ball of inferior quality the referee shall be empowered to have the ball replaced if a better ball becomes available during the course of the match. Rule 250 (section 5C) to be amended. (An Mhí)
9. That the Árd-Chomhairle, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, be requested to allocate an additional 5 stand tickets to the Handball Boards within the Counties that contest the All-Ireland Senior Hurling and Football Finals each year. The allocation to be administered through an Riarthóir. (An Mhí)
10. That the runners-up in Singles, Doubles and Team All-Ireland Championships, and National League receive "Silver" medals of the type at present received by the winners of all grades with the exception of Senior. (An Mhí)
11. That owing to the financial position of clubs and County Boards we call for the removal of the (£1) one pound levy imposed on each playing member, and the reduction from (£10) ten pounds to five (£5) the affiliation fee per club. (An Mhí)
- 12 (A) That Riall 247 (b) T.O. be replaced by the following as and from 1982:
 - (i) A Novice shall not have won a Provincial and/or All-Ireland Under 21, Novice, Minor, Junior or Senior Championship in 40 x 20 or 60 x 30 Courts.
 - (ii) A Novice shall not have played on an All-Ireland Novice Inter-club Championship winning team.
 - (iii) A Novice shall not have won an underage Provincial and/or All-Ireland Championship.
 - (iv) A Novice shall not have represented his county in Junior or Senior Championships (60 x 30 or 40 x 20) and shall be over 18 years of age on the 1 January or the year of competition. (Dún na nGall)
- 12 (B) That rule 247 (Section B) be amended to read as follows:

A Novice shall not have won a Novice Singles, Doubles, or team All-Ireland Championship, a Provincial and/or All-Ireland Junior, Senior or Open Inter-Club Championship, or a Provincial and/or All-Ireland Minor, Under 21, Junior or Senior Championship in any code of handball, and shall be over 18 years of age on the 1st January of the year of the competition. (An Mhí)
- 12 (C) That the words "Novice or" be deleted from rule 247 (Section E). (An Mhí)
13. That the words "or Hardball prior to 1978" be deleted from rule 246 (Section A) and be replaced by the words "or have played in the All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles Championship. (An Mhí)
14. That the word "Hardball" be deleted from rule 240 (Section F County). (An Mhí)
15. That under Riall 248 the Under 21 Championships shall be confined to players in the 18 to 21 age bracket, who are not taking part in Novice, Junior or Senior Championships in the same year. Players must be 18 years of age or over and under 21 years of age on the 1st January of the year of the Championship. (Dún na nGall)
16. That under Riall 248 the following Championships shall be organised:
 - (a) Open Interclub Championships:
Each team to consist of four players, two junior players and two players of senior or any other grade.
 - (b) Novice Interclub Championship:
Each team to consist of four Novice players. (Dún na nGall)
17. That in the present 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Provincial and All Ireland Club Championships that a player be eligible to play in the same grade in which he can compete in the All Ireland Singles and Doubles Championships. (Corcaigh)
18. That Riall 244 be amended to contain the following changes or additions.
 - (a) That the 40 x 20 Championships be played in the period mid-March to mid-May
 - (b) That the time spread for the Coca-Cola Championships be reduced to 6 - 7 weeks by playing a double set of fixtures over each weekend in both Singles and Doubles Championships.
 - (c) That the Minor, Junior and Senior Hardball Championships be run on an Open Draw System from the first week in June to the first week in July. (Dún na nGall)
19. That under Riall 248 the Inter-Provincial Competition cease from 1983. (Dún na nGall)
20. That under Riall 248
 - (i) The winners of Division 11 of the National League shall be promoted to Division 1 for a period of three years after which the players involved may seek regrading.
 - (ii) That realistic financial penalties based on the inconvenience caused and the distance involved be imposed on Counties failing to fulfil a fixture in the National League. (Dún na nGall)
21. That Comhlairle Liathróid Láimhne na hÉireann run a Golden Masters Championships, Singles and Doubles in the 60 x 30 court similar to the existing 40 x 20 Championship from 1982 onwards. (Cill Chainnigh).

PLAYING RULES

The following playing rule amendments are proposed by Dún na nGall and Gaillimh.

22. That Riail 250 (2,3,4,5,6) be amended as follows
 - (i) A Match consists of two 21 point games with an 11 point tie breaker if the first two games are split. For the 11 point tie breaker, the player with the most points scored in the first two games is awarded the first serve. If the points are tied in the first two games, a toss of the coin determines the server.
 - (ii) In the case of matches played on a time basis..... (remains)
 - (iii) As 250 (d)
 - (iv) As 250 (6)
 - (v) In Hardball a match shall be the best of three 21 point games
23. That R. 252 be amended as follows:

..... with back wall minimum height of 10 feet.
24. That Rule 250 (31a) apply to all size courts. (Restraining lines)
25. That Rule 250 (29) be amended to include:

Wet shirts. Referee may request wet shirt to be changed. Players shall have ample supply of dry shirts.
26. That the pre-match duties of referees as outlined in the proposed format of Rules distributed to County Boards be adopted.
27. That Rule 250 (12a, b, c) be amended as follows:

Appeal calls. During the rally if a player feels his opponent did not return the ball legally (double bounce, wrist ball, or carry), he must stop play and appeal. He then accepts the consequence of his appeal.
28. That Rule 250 (18b) be amended to include the following:

A match may be forfeited by the referee when:

 - (a) Unsportsmanlike conduct.

Any player refusing to abide by the referee's decision or engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - (b) As present Rule
29. That Rule 250 (8 and 9 (a)) be replaced by the following:
 - (a) Readiness. Serves shall not be made until the receiving side is ready. "Ready" means receiver has at least one full second in the receiving position. Server must also stand in the "ready" position for one full second before serving.
30. That Rule 250 (24u, 24x and 30, 24c, 10) be replaced by the following:

Fault Serve. Two fault serves result in a handout. The following serves are faults and any two in succession result in a handout:

 - (i) Foot Faults
 - (a) Leaving the service zone. When the server leaves the service zone before the served ball passes the short line.
 - (b) Partner leaves the service zone. When the server's partner leaves the service zone before the served ball passes the short line.
 - (ii) Short serve
 - (iii) Three-wall serve
- (iv) Ceiling Serve
- (v) Long Serve
- (vi) Out-of-court serve. Any ball that goes out of the court on the serve.
31. That Rule 250 (24b, 9b, 24r) be amended to include the following under Handout Serves:-
 - (i) Bounces. Once the server is within the service zone and the receiver is in the ready position the ball may not be bounced anywhere but on the floor within the service zone.
 - (ii) Delay. A server fails to serve the ball within ten seconds after he and the receiver have assumed the ready position. Hopping the ball more than three times in the service position to count as exceeding the ten seconds.
32. That Rule 250 (31a) apply in all codes of handball under Return of Serve.
33. That Rule 250 (24r, 24y) be replaced by the following under Changes of Serve and Avoidable Hinders.

Avoidable Hinders. An avoidable hinder results in a handout or a point depending on whether the offender was serving or receiving. Player intent need not have a bearing on an avoidable call. Avoidable hinders are called when:

 - (a) A player does not move sufficiently to allow his opponent his shot
 - (b) A player moves into a position that effects a block or crowds his opponent about to return the ball; or, in doubles, one partner moves in front of an opponent as his partner is returning the ball
 - (c) A player moves in the way and is struck by the ball just played by his opponent.
 - (d) A player forcibly pushes or shoves an opponent during a rally.
 - (e) A player moves across his opponent's line of vision just before he strikes the ball.
 - (f) A player causes avoidable intimidation or distraction that would interfere with an opponent playing the ball such as stomping feet, shouting, whistling or loud noise.
34. That Rule 250 (24v) be replaced by the following under Rally:

Rally: The use of any other part of the body, including the wrist or arm other than the hand or fist to return the ball results in a handout or point.
35. That Riail 250 (31c) be applicable to all codes of handball and that Riail 250 (24u) be eliminated.
36. That Riail 250 (5c) be amended to include under Return Attempts the following:

Broken ball. If there is any suspicion that a ball is broken on the serve or during a rally play continues until the end of the rally. The referee or any player may request the ball be examined. If the referee decides the ball is broken a new ball must be put into play and point replayed. Once the succeeding service is begun (or attempted) the previous rally ends.
37. That the following Rule be added under Return Attempts: If a player loses a shoe or other equipment, or foreign objects enter the court, or any other outside interference occurs, the referee must stop the play immediately.
38. That Riail 250 (14 and 21a) be amended to include under Hinders (Dead Ball hinders):

- (i) Court hinders. If, in the referee's opinion, an erratic bounce caused by a court obstruction affected play, it should be called a "court hinder". The player should not stop play at any time in anticipation of a call nor influence the call. Included in court hinders is the unplayable, wet, skidding ball that hits a wet spot on the floor. This is the referee's, not the player's call.
- (ii) Body Contact. When any body contact with an opponent interferes with seeing or returning the ball. A player should not stop play except on physical contact on the backswing by the offensive (shooting) player. He should immediately call "contact" if he wants the contact hinder. If he elects to shoot no contact call will be permitted. At no other time should the players stop on physical contact. Physical contact is not an automatic hinder. It is the judgement of the referee if the physical contact impeded the play.
39. That Riall 250 (9b, 17a, b, c) be replaced by the following under Rest Periods:
- (i) Delays. Delays exceeding 10 seconds by server or receiver shall result in a handout or point against the offender. Server and receiver must be in ready position within 10 seconds of the end of the preceeding rally. The server must then serve within 10 seconds and not hop the ball more than three times in the service zone.
- (ii) Time outs. During a game each player in singles, or each side in doubles, either while serving or receiving may request a time out. Each time out must not exceed one minute. No more than three time outs may be granted each singles player or to each partner in doubles. Two one-minute time outs are allowed during the tie breaker.
A player may not call a time out after in the judgement of the referee, the players have taken their ready positions as server and receiver.
A player may leave the court during a time out. Time outs may be called consecutively.
- (iii) Equipment time out. At the discretion of the referee, equipment time outs may be granted for lost shoes, broken shoelaces, torn equipment, wet shirts, wet floors, etc. A player is not charged for this time out.
- (iv) Injury. No time out shall be charged to a player who is injured during play. An injured player shall not be allowed more than a total of 15 minutes of rest. If the injured player is not able to resume play after a period totalling 15 minutes per match, the match shall be awarded to the opponent or opponents.
- (v) Between games. Five minute time outs are allowed between the first and second game and before the tie breaker. Players may leave the court.
40. That Rule 233 (1) be amended to read as follows:
Annual Congress shall be held on a Sunday prior to the G.A.A. Annual Congress of each year to
(A) Consider Statement of Accounts which must be certified by the G.A.A. Auditor; (B) Consider the report of the outgoing Council; (C) To elect by ballot the President-elect, one year prior to his term as President, which shall not be for more than three consecutive years, and Treasurer who shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years (d) one representative each to the G.A.A. Central Council and the G.A.A. Development Committee, each of whom shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years. (Dún na nGall)
41. That Rule 228 be amended to read as follows:
"The Central Council shall consist of the President, elected each year but who shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years; Riathóir (without voting power); Treasurer, Ex-President, who shall continue as an ex-officio member for one year, President-elect for one year, one elected representative and the Chairman of each Provincial Council, the Ladies Council, the Handball representative on the G.A.A. Development Committee, one representative of the Coaching Council and one representative of Higher Education Council. In the event of the President being unable to attend any particular meeting one of the Provincial Chairman shall preside. Central Council shall pay the expenses of the President, Ex-President, President-elect, Riathóir, the Treasurer, and representatives of Coaching Council and Higher Education Committee. Central Council shall refund to each Provincial Council and the Ladies Council half of the specified expenses of their representatives at meetings of the Central Council.
- (A) It shall, at its first meeting each year, elect members to a Management Committee, an Activities Committee, a Development Committee, and a Coaching Council.
- (B) The President, President-elect, Ex-President, Treasurer and Riathóir shall not be represented by proxies at meetings of the Council. Representatives of the Provincial and Ladies Council, Coaching Council and Higher Education Committee may be represented by proxy, but such proxy must be a representative of the respective committees.
- (C) It shall also pay the authorised expenses of the Management Committee, Activities Committee, Development Committee and Coaching Council.
42. That Rule 230 be amended to now read:
(i) The Management Committee shall consist of the President (for three years) the President-elect, the Ex-President (for one year), The Treasurer and one representative from each of the Provinces. It shall be serviced by the Riathóir. No member of the Management Committee shall hold office in the same capacity for more than three consecutive years.
- (ii) The Activities Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the Management Committee and two members elected by Central Council. It shall be serviced by the Riathóir.
- (iii) The Development Committee shall consist of four members appointed by Central Council. It shall be appointed annually and shall elect its own Chairman.
- (iv) The Coaching Council shall consist of five members appointed by Central Council. It shall appoint its own Chairman and its own representative on Central Council. (Dún na nGall)
43. That rule 231 be amended as follows:
Members of Central Council only to be considered for election. No member shall hold office for more than three consecutive years. (Dún na nGall)

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1981

60 x 30 COURT

Coca-Cola

S.S.S.
S.S.D.

J.S.S.

J.S.D.

M.S.S.

M.S.D.

S.H.S.

S.H.D.

J.H.S.

J.H.D.

M.H.S.

M.H.D.

Under 21S

Under 21D

N.S.S.

N.S.D.

Masters S

Masters D

P. Ó Raghallaigh (Cill Chainnigh)

A. Ó hUaine, P. Ó hAodha (Cill Chainnigh)

P. Ó Maolain (Tiobraid Árann)

P. Mac Cana, M. Poiréir (Sligeach)

L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh)

E. Jensen, C. Mag Shamhráin (An Mhí)

P. Mac an Gheimhridh (Cill Dara)

P. Mac an Gheimhridh, M. Puirseil (Cill Dara)

L. de Prat (Cill Chainnigh)

P. Ó Cleirigh, S. Mag Lochlainn (Loch Garman)

L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh)

L. de Búrca, M. Ó Leathlobhair (Cill Chainnigh)

T. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)

T. Ó Riain, L. Ó Dónaill (Tiobraid Árann)

S. Grant (An Mhí)

S. Ó Riain, T. Mac an Ghaill

(Ceatharlach)

L. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)

B. Ó Mordha, L. Mac Giolla Mhire (An Cabhán)

40 x 20 COURT

S.S.

S.D.

J.S.

J.D.

M.S.

M.D.

N.S.

N.D.

Under 21S

Under 21D

Masters S

Masters D

Golden Mas. S

Golden Mas. D

T. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)

P. Ó Dulainne, L. Ó Maolain (Uíbh Fhailí)

S. Pleimeann (Loch Garman)

S. Pleimeann, P. Ó Cléirigh (Loch Garman)

L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh)

L. de Búrca, M. Ó Leathlobhair (Cill Chainnigh)

S. Ó Fathartaigh (Gaillimh)

S. Ó Fathartaigh, M. Ó Conaola

(Gaillimh)

T. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)

T. Ó Riain, L. Ó Dónaill (Tiobraid Árann)

M. Ó Ciarba (Cill Chainnigh)

L. Ó Céirín, T. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)

S. Breathnach (Tiobraid Árann)

M. Breathnach, M. S. Ó Fathaigh

(Maigh Eo)

WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

60 x 30 COURT

Under 12S

Under 12D

Under 13S

Under 13D

Under 14S

Under 14D

Under 15S

Under 15D

Under 16S

Under 16D

S. Ó Dubhúir (Tiobraid Árann)

S. de Faoite, S. Mac an Gheairr

(Tiobraid Árann)

S. Ó Broin (Maigh Eo)

N. Ó Cléirigh, P. Mac Gairbheith

(Maigh Eo)

E. Ó Néill (Luimneach)

C. Ó Raghallaigh, D. Ó Maolomhnaigh

(Maigh Eo)

M. Mac Neachtain (Ar Mhí)

E. Ó Coirbín, M. Ó Cinnaolaigh (Tiobraid Árann)

S. Uadló, (Tiobraid Árann)

S. Ó Dúill, P. Meachair (Cill Chainnigh)

40 x 20 COURT

Under 14S

Under 14D

E. Ó Néill (Luimneach)

C. Ó Raghallaigh, D. Ó Maolomhnaigh

(Maigh Eo)

Under 16S

Under 16 D

J. Ó Duagáin (An Clár)

M. Breathnach, S. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Inter-Provincial

Mumhan

T. Ó Riain, D. Ó Ciarba, S. Ó Ciarba,

T. Ó Muireasa

National League

Loch Garman

Sraith I 60 x 30

R. Laighean, P. Ó Murchu, S. Pleimeann,

P. Ó Cléirigh, P. Hillis, E. Ó Bogaigh.

Ceatharlach

Sraith II 60 x 30

S. Rosaitear, P. Ó Floinn, A. Ó Riain,

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

60 x 30 Inter-Club

Novice

Castlebar

Junior

Ceanannus Mór

Senior

Talbot's Inch

M. Mac Óda, L. de Róiste, M. Ó Seanáin,

S. Ó Cléirigh

S. Grant, A. Mac Chonaill, M. Mac

Shamhráin, S. Mag Shamhráin

L. de Búrca, S. Ó hArait, S. Ó Riada,

P. Ó Raghallaigh

40 x 20 Inter-Club

Novice Bally-

more Eustace

Junior

Ceanannus Mór

Senior

Tralee

M. Mag Shamhráin, S. Mag Shamhráin,

P. Ó Cearúill, S. Ó Maolmhuaidh

T. Mac Gearailt, M. Ó hEatháin, L. Ó

Céirín, M. Ó Briain

National League

An Clár

40 x 20

S. Ó Ciarba, D. Ó Ciarba, G. MacCochláin,

M. Ó hAnluain, P. Ó Dúbhanaigh, N. Ó

Braoin.

R.T.E. TOP ACE

60 x 30

40 x 20

P. Ó Riain (Baile Átha Cliath)

J. Sabo (U.S.A.)

UNIVERSITIES

Championship

U.C.G.

F. Mac Eochagáin, D. Mac Grifín,

P. Ó Maoláin, P. Ó Tailtigh, G. Mac

Cochláin, M. Ó hAnluain

League

U.C.G.

F. Mac Eochagáin, D. Mac Grifín,

P. Ó Maoláin, P. Ó Tailtigh, G. Mac

Cochláin, M. Ó hAnluain

HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

Championship

St. Patrick's

Drumcondra

G. Ó Gadhra, T. Ó Fuaráin, P. Mac Cába,

P. Mag Lochlainn

League

Nth. Section

St. Patrick's Drumcondra

G. Ó Gadhra, T. Ó Fuaráin, P. Mac Cába,

P. Mag Lochlainn

League

Sth. Section

Thomond College

(E. O Tiomanaí, N. Rennick, P.

Conmara, M. Mac Briataigh

Singles

G. Mac Cochláin (U.C.G.)

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES V ADVANCED COLLEGES

Combined

Universities

B. Ó Flannagáin (Coláiste na Troinóide),

G. Mac Giolla Uir (Queen's), J. Stac

(U.C.C.), M. Ó Dubhshláine (U.C.D.),

J. Mac Éinrí (Maigh Nuad) agus G. Mac

Cochláin (U.C.G.)

Theispeáin an cuma inar ionsaigh lucht Liathróid Láimhe an chéad bhliain de na hochtóidí go raibh sé ar intinn leanacht le díogras agus le fuinneamh le cur chun chinn an chluiche. Chun bonn slán a chur faoin gcluiche is gá breis aire fós a thabhairt do chúrsaí liathróid láimhe sna trí leibhéal oid-eachais. Chinntóidh sé seo go mbeadh imeoirí agus ceannairí ar fáil sa todhchaí.

Is creidmheach an tionchar atá anois ag imreoirí Éirean-nacha i ngach grád i gcomórtais idirnáisiúnta. Tá sé cruth-aithe acu go raibh an ceart ag na hoifigigh a raibh muinín acu iontu agus a chreid go dtailfeadh siad meas agus cáil dár dtír.

Caithfear a dheimhniú anois go nglacfaidh Liathróid Láimhe páirt i gComóradh an Chéid ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael i 1984. Ba chóir go rachadh an phoiblíocht a ghabh-faídh leis an ócáid chun leasa an chluiche.

Handball has made a most impressive entry into the new decade with clear indications that the progress rate of recent years will continue and even accelerate in the immediate future. Some indication of this progress can be seen in the massive growth in court construction throughout the country over the past six years. Over 110 new courts have been built at a cost in the region of £3 million in this period and it is doubtful if many other sporting organisations in this country can show the same progress in such a short space of time. It is a clear indication of what can be done if people are fully motivated.

It is indeed regrettable that despite the tremendous growth of handball throughout the country we still have no handball courts at our National College of Physical Education nor is handball included on the curriculum. Over the past number of years regular representations have been made to the Department of Education by both the G.A.A. and the Handball Council and despite certain promises being made we are still awaiting the construction of handball courts. Surely one would expect as a priority that a National College of Physical Education would cater for all National games. While our other native games are provided for the one Irish game, handball, that is truly International is still out in the cold. This whole position is all the more difficult to understand when one considers that the progress handball is making is fully acknowledged by another section of the Department of Education which provides very generous grant-in-aid each year without which it would be impossible to continue our expansionist policy.

Despite the remarkable progress of recent years there still remains a vast amount of work to be done in all areas if we are to lift handball to new heights. While accepting that competitive sport is a vital part in the development of any game nevertheless if we are to get the masses fully involved in handball we must create a greater awareness of the need for people to participate. It is only with the emphasis on participation and not necessarily on competition that we can involve large numbers of people. In handball we have an ideal sport for "Life-time recreation" and this is all the more reason why we should seek to involve more and more people.

When one looks at the economic scene throughout the world it brings home to us the increasingly urgent need to provide recreational facilities. Unemployment is a severe problem in all countries and we are no different in this regard. With the introduction of modern techniques we are facing a future where there will be a decline in the hours and days worked and unemployment will continue. This again emphasises the need for more and more recreational facilities as people will have more leisure time.

I would like to submit some suggestions for your consider-

ation:

- (1) A Handball club should not cater for an elite group but should be seen to cater for all members of the community irrespective of income. Membership and booking fees should be reasonable otherwise you will price people out and as a result the club instead of saving will have lost. We must maximise the use of our facilities.
It is not enough to build a handball court. There must be a conscious decision to increase participation and introduce new people to handball. In new areas where there is no handball tradition there is a definite responsibility on County Committees and Provincial Councils to give every encouragement to the development of the game.
- (2) The Handball club should ensure that there is a proper "Deed of Trust" drawn up and that the property is vested in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. In this way the club would be ensuring that the property could never be taken over and that it would always be available to the Community for the playing of handball. In the past courts that were not vested, despite being built by money subscribed by the Community, were taken over and converted to uses other than sport. While it has been customary in some areas to give the use of facilities for other indoor games it should be clearly seen at all times that the handball court is the sole property of the club. While we all have a responsibility to the Community to provide recreational facilities nevertheless we must safeguard our courts from being taken over. If other people want to develop games other than handball let them do so by providing their own facilities.
viding their own facilities.
- (3) Every effort should be made to improve the Social life of the club by broadening its area of activity e.g. Scór Competitions, Language classes, Social functions, and other activities that will help to bring members closer together.
- (4) We must continue the drive to have more handball courts built. While there has been an improvement in the number of G.A.A. clubs building courts the overall position is still unsatisfactory. With many G.A.A. clubs embarking on development programmes for the Centenary Year in 1984 we must work all the harder to convince them of the value of including a handball court. It is not enough to make regular appeals to G.A.A. clubs to build courts. We must have a more dynamic and positive approach and be seen to be an integral part of the G.A.A. at whatever level we operate. We should be seen to take part in their activities, attend their meetings, and help in the general running of the club. Again we should be seen to organise special competitions for G.A.A. clubs. It is only in this way that we can get G.A.A. clubs fully involved in handball development. The progress handball is making in Monaghan with G.A.A. clubs is an example of what can be done if the right approach is adopted.
- (5) There is a pattern now evolving whereby the school and the local community are becoming more aware of the need for joint sharing where recreational facilities exist. School facilities on their own represent a high capital investment and given that there is a massive underusage it would be totally wasteful if the community was to build separate facilities. It is clearly more cost effective to build facilities fulfilling both functions. It is not enough to build Sports Halls alone. Provision must be made

for sports needing specialised facilities e.g. handball. We must create a greater awareness among our members of the need to include handball courts in such facilities. Joint sharing can reduce considerably the running costs for any club and make it easier for it to operate.

- (6) We must create a greater awareness by Local Authorities of the need to include handball courts in Sports Centres either contemplated or presently in existence. A number of Sports Centres are presently being built under the Tri-partite scheme and indications are that this scheme will continue in the future. This makes it all the more important that regular representations are made to ensure that handball courts are included.
- (7) To ensure that handball is established on lasting foundations much greater emphasis must be placed on the development of handball at the three levels of education. Special committees should be set up in each county to cater for this specific area of development. Every effort put into the development of handball at Schools and Colleges level will amply repay itself with a constant supply of players and leaders for the future. The introduction of young people to handball at an early age could well mean that they will continue to play the game right through their life-time as it is now accepted as an ideal "Sport for All" recreation that meets the need of the whole family.
- (8) Serious consideration should be given to organising an Annual Three Day Festival of Juvenile handball. While I accept that this could be a costly exercise nevertheless I feel confident that the return to handball in the long term would more than justify any expense involved. If a suitable sponsor or sponsors were found the cost could be reduced considerably.
- (9) With the G.A.A. Centenary Year coming up in 1984 it is important that we start planning now to ensure that handball is fully involved. The amount of publicity which such an occasion will generate at national and local level can only benefit handball if we are seen to be fully involved.
- (10) This introduction of Squad Training for selected Juvenile players is worthy of consideration as in the long term it should pay rich dividends. It is important that if such a Scheme is accepted that proper guidelines are drawn up to ensure that a maximum return is got from the courses. Again if groups of young boys are taken away for say week-end courses we must ensure that they are under proper supervision while in our care.

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

As usual the full championship year was carried out to schedule. Competition in all grades was very keen and the standard of play on a par with previous years. It was heartening to see Uíbh Fhailí win its first senior title when P. Delaney and W. Mullins won the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles. T. Ryan of Tiobraid Árann carved a special niche for himself when he won all four Under 21 titles and the Senior 40 x 20 Singles Championships. Cill Chainnigh dominated the Coca-Cola Singles and Doubles with P. Reilly winning the Singles for the first time and P. Hughes and A. Greene doing likewise in the Doubles. Cill Dara had a good double in Senior Hardball when P. Winders won the Singles and partnered M. Purcell in Doubles. Loch Garman hurler John Fleming scored a double success in winning the 40 x 20 Junior Singles and Doubles. P. Clery partnered him in

doubles. P. Mullins of Tiobraid Árann who has been to the forefront of the Junior grade for some years won the Junior Softball Singles, while former under 21 Doubles champions F. McCann and M. Porter of Sligeach won the Junior Softball Doubles. P. Clery of Loch Garman had a second All Ireland success when he partnered S. McLoughlin to victory in the Junior Hardball Doubles. W. Pratt of Cill Chainnigh was rewarded for his perseverance when he won the Junior Hardball Singles. W. Burke of Kilkenny again dominated the Minor scene with victories in five of the six Minor championships. He was partnered by M. Lawlor in his doubles successes. E. Jensen and C. McGovern of An Mhí won the Minor Softball Doubles and in doing so prevented W. Burke equalling last year's record. W. Kerins of Ciarraí won the Masters Singles 60 x 30 and Masters Doubles 40 x 20 in partnership with his brother Tom. The 40 x 20 Masters Singles was won by default by M. Kirby of Cill Chainnigh. Ulster had a welcome breakthrough when B. Moore and L. Gilmore won the 60 x 30 Masters Doubles. The Golden Masters Singles was won by J. Walsh of Tiobraid Árann and the Doubles by M. Walsh and M. Fahy of Maigh Eo. The 40 x 20 Novice Championships were dominated by Gaillimh with J. Faherty winning the Singles and partnering M. Conneely in the Doubles. S. Grant of An Mhí was an impressive winner in the 60 x 30 Novice Singles while Ceatharlach won the 60 x 30 Novice Doubles with S. Ryan and T. Stapleton.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The National League yet again provided good quality competition in both Divisions of the 60 x 30 competition and the newly inaugurated 40 x 20 League. Wexford retained the 60 x 30 Division I title while Carlow regained the 60 x 30 Division II title. Clare were successful in winning the 40 x 20 League.

The problem of walkovers by counties out of contention is still with us and will have to be looked at when the rules and regulations for future competitions are drawn up. The number of teams each county can enter is also worthy of examination.

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a result of a motion at last year's Annual Congress a Junior Inter-club championship was introduced in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 courts. With hindsight it is doubtful if it achieved its objective of involving more clubs in this form of competition. Both Senior Championships saw new champions with Talbot's Inch winning the 60 x 30 title and Tralee the 40 x 20 title. Ceanannus Mór scored an impressive double in winning both Junior titles. The Novice titles went to Castlebar in 60 x 30 and Ballymore Eustace in 40 x 20.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

The Inter-Provincial series were played again with Munster regaining the title after a year's lapse. With the exception of two years Munster has been dominant since the competition was inaugurated 8 years ago.

Generally there has not been any great enthusiasm for this competition and the time might be opportune to examine whether or not the competition has any future.

WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

As in former years the Willwood Juvenile Championships were one of the highlights of the year. Once again hundreds of players from the four provinces took part in the various under-age championships. The success of Juvenile handball is a tribute to the many dedicated officials at this level and

they deserve our thanks. By their efforts they are ensuring that there will be a constant supply of players for the future. Each year sees more and more former juvenile handballers making an impact in adult handball.

The cost of these championships are very considerable and the only return we get from the Sponsor are the medals which is small compensation when one considers the total expense incurred by clubs and county committees taking part.

I would like to avail of this opportunity to pass a well deserved tribute to An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú for his wonderful work for Juvenile handball over the years in the various counties where he was resident. He was transferred to Drogheda recently and I am confident that he will do for Louth what he has already done for Meath, Dublin and Westmeath. His commitment and dedication has brought remarkable results more especially when you consider that in all cases he had to start from scratch with no ready made pool of handballers.

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

A vast amount of work remains to be done before we can feel happy with the position in the schools. Until such time as handball at this level is under the direct control of our Provincial Councils I cannot see any worthwhile progress being made. In the meantime clubs and county committees can help to improve the present position by arranging coaching courses for both students and teachers. Periodic exhibitions should be arranged in an effort to promote the game with students

HIGHER EDUCATION

Handball at this level continues to make progress despite the lack of playing facilities at a number of the Higher Education Colleges. The two new courts at U.C.D. were opened during the year which leaves only Trinity College and U.C.C. without courts. In the case of Cork regular representations are made and I feel that the position should be resolved in the near future.

The Inter-Varsity competitions were dominated by U.C.G. who won both the League Championship and Open Singles. A welcome breakthrough was the success of Thomond College in the Southern Section of the League, while St. Patrick's College, Dublin had a dual success in winning the Higher Education Team Championship and the Northern Section of the League. As in previous years the Combined Universities v Higher Education match was closely contested with victory going to the Universities.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

Again the Feile na nGael Competitions were very successful and received a good response from counties. The grading of competitions provided for more even matches and allowed players of all standards to be catered for. Consideration could be given to extending the programme of activity over 2 - 3 days with the inclusion of sessions on Coaching and Skill Awards.

LADIES HANDBALL

The lack of administrative structures at Provincial and County level are a big deterrent to progress as it is not possible to operate fully at national level if there is no back-up structures right down the line to club level.

Efforts are presently being made by our Provincial Councils to remedy this situation and indications are that there will be some improvement in the near future. Competitions,

under the control of our Provincial Councils, have been organised for Ulster, Munster and Connacht and efforts are being made by these bodies to set up suitable Administrative Structures. In Leinster efforts have been made by the Provincial Council to organise competitions at Provincial level and despite the large number of players in the Province the response was very poor.

Again the Ladies Council sent a team of six players to compete in the U.S.H.A. Championships and one of the players Majella Mythen won the Consolation Singles Championship. Apart from a grant of £500 from the Department of Education and a grant of £150 from Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, the balance of the money was either paid by the players or raised by the Ladies Handball Council. In this regard they have shown an example to their male counterparts. Looking to the future I feel serious consideration should be given to the number of players sent to these championships in view of the limited number of competitions in which they can take part.

INTERNATIONAL

It is heartening to report that Irish players are now making a significant impact at various levels of International competition and justifies the faith and confidence of those officials who firmly believed, despite some opinions to the contrary, that we have players in this country capable of projecting a good image for our country, at this level, given the necessary coaching and fitness training.

Three players travelled to the U.S.H.A. adult championships in Chicago last June and performed very creditably. The Connacht Council set a headline when they agreed to send M. Walsh (Maigh Eo) as a tribute to his commitment and dedication to handball over the years. The other two players, T. Ryan and M. Ahern qualified as a result of winning out the Atlas Under 23 and Open Trials. Details as follows:

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| M. Ahern: | Defeated in the 2nd round of the Open Singles by seeded player, Dave Lynch of Tucson.
Winner of the U.S.H.A. Consolation Singles in which he had to play six matches. |
| T. Ryan: | Defeated in the Semi-Final of the Under 23 Singles by J. Kendler of Chicago. After winning the first game rather easily he led 18-12, and 20-18 in the second game before losing this game. He also led 5-0 in the Tie-breaker. Overall I feel he was unlucky to lose. |

As a result of a decision taken at last year's Annual Congress, it was decided to send three Juvenile players to the U.S.A. Junior Championships in Tucson from 27-29 December. The three players, M. Walsh (Cill Chainning), J. Duggan and G. Coughlan (An Clár) qualified as a result of winning out in the special qualifying competitions for Boys Under 15, 17 and 19 years of age.

Cill Chainning decided to send W. Bourke as an additional member of the party. Prior to their departure the players underwent special coaching and fitness training sessions spread over five weekends and it is a tribute to the members of the Coaching Council that they performed so well. Seán Lee assisted by Pat Morris was responsible for the coaching while Enda Timoney looked after the fitness training.

The decision to send these players was fully justified as they projected a very good image for our Juvenile Handball. The success of M. Walsh in the Under 15 Singles was clear cut and decisive. As a result of this success he is the first Irish juvenile player to win a U.S.H.A. Junior title.

Our other players acquitted themselves exceptionally well with J. Duggan securing 3rd place in the Under 17 Singles and W. Bourke securing 3rd place in the Under 19 Singles Championship. G. Coughlan was defeated in the Quarter-Finals of the under 19 Singles.

Finance is always a problem and were it not for the help received from Coca-Cola, Atlas Travel, Tayto, Cumann Luthchleas Gael and the Department of Education it would not have been possible to send two teams to the U.S.H.A. Championships. Looking to the future it is very clear that additional sources of finance must be found to bridge the gap as with our present critical financial position it will not be possible to meet the deficit from our funds. If the clubs, county committees and provincial councils concerned were to accept part of the cost involved it would enable us to continue to participate in International Competition. It is important for handball to have an international outlet as it gives added status to the game.

CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Falcarragh club won the Special Handball Award in the A.I.B. Club of the Year Award Scheme. This award is a tribute to the dedication and commitment of the club officials, John Kelly, John Gallagher, Tom Walsh and Bernie McCallion, who over the years have worked unceasingly to promote handball in the most north easterly part of our country.

Again the total entry was disappointing and difficult to explain when one considers the number of handball clubs throughout the country.

COURT DEVELOPMENT

The Court Construction continues unabated and indications are that the growth rate will continue well into the future. It is encouraging to see a sizeable increase in the number of G.A.A. clubs building courts. During the year grants were allocated as follows:-

Castlemahon G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
St. Maurs, Rush G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Glencolmcille G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Glenfinn G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Caherlistrane G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Cloughbawn G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Burgess G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Ballybay G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Ardoyne G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Rossa G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Ballyhaunis G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Newport	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Bonniconlon	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Ashburton	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Cootehill	£1200	Three roofed 40 x 20 courts
Clones	£500	Roofed 40 x 20 court
Fahy Cross	£500	Roofed 60 x 30 court

NATIONAL HANDBALL DAY

One third National Handball Day was held on 8 November and was an outstanding success. A new dimension was added this year with the introduction of a National Poster Competition for Primary and Post-Primary Schools. While there were some teething troubles the competition was a success. In the light of the experience gained I am confident that future competitions will be exceptionally successful. We are indebted to O'Neill's International Sports who supplied all the prizes for the county and national competitions.

Cospoir once again fully backed the venture and provided posters, car stickers, advertising on Radio and Television in addition to circularising schools, Local Authorities, Community Groups etc. Their total input was very sizeable and we are deeply indebted to them for their support and also for giving us approval to hold National Handball Day for the third consecutive year. The Sports Advisory Committees of the V.E.C. fully supported the undertaking and arranged to have the various programmes advertised in the Provincial and National newspapers.

National Handball Day has played a significant part in bringing handball to an increasing number of people each year and as a result our membership has grown. There is general acceptance now that handball is an ideal game for Life-time recreation and as a result people of all age groups are now participating.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

Our thanks once again to the Department of Education for a very sizeable annual grant without which it would be impossible to operate at our present high level. Due to this government aid we are in a position to carry out an extensive Coaching programme and also to provide help for our Provincial Councils to improve their administration and carry out development programmes. We are indebted to the Minister, Mr. Michael Keating and his predecessor Mr. Jim Tunney, for their help during the year. In addition to the grant-in-aid the Department of Education also provided a grant of £1000 for International Competition which helped to reduce the heavy costs involved in taking part in International Competition.

R.T.E.

For the second consecutive year the United States Handball Association sent four players: John Sabo, Terry Muck, Vernon Roberts and Gordy Pfiefer, accompanied by Executive Director Bob Peters, to take part in the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Top Ace Competition. In addition to being shown in Ireland the matches were shown in the U.S.A. on the E.S.P.N. channel and were very well received.

As in previous years the overall standard in both competitions was very high with the 40 x 20 final being a real cliff hanger with J. Sabo ousting G. Pfiefer in the last second on the score 9-8. It was without doubt the best 40 x 20 match we have seen in this country since this code of handball was introduced. Unfortunately the 60 x 30 final was an anti-climax as T. O'Rourke had to retire with an injury when leading 8-6 halfway through the game leaving P. Ryan to win the title.

For the second year in succession the U.S.A. Doubles team represented by T. Muck and G. Pfiefer defeated Ireland represented by J. Kirby and O. Harold, in the 60 x 30 International Doubles in a sudden death play-off on the score 12-11. In the 40 x 20 International Doubles the U.S.A., T. Muck and V. Roberts defeated Ireland T. Ryan and T. Morrissey on the score 19-10.

Again we are indebted to R.T.E. through its Head of Sport, Fred Cogley, Producer Michael O'Carroll and commentator Mick Dunne for their continued support and help in ensuring that handball is projected in a very fitting manner both here and in the U.S.A. The support received from the United States Handball Association is very much appreciated and we thank them and their President Robert Kendler for this support. The introduction of the International element has added a new dimension to the Top Ace Series which has now been running for nine years.

COACHING

The past year has been the most fruitful since the National Coaching Council was set up. Towards the end of the year the Munster Council set up its special committee which will be responsible for all coaching within the province and it is expected that the other provinces will do likewise within the next year. With committees at provincial level it would take the pressure of the National Coaching Council which so far has largely been responsible for conducting courses at all levels.

The National Coaching Course was held at Gormanston from 3-8 August and was very successful. The inclusion of a special one day session of Fitness Training was very well received and will be a feature of all future courses. Numerous courses were held at provincial, county and club level throughout the country. There is now a much greater acceptance of the need for coaching at all levels.

A very attractive new booklet "Guide to Better Handball" has been produced by P. O. Multhain with the support of the National Coaching Council. This booklet is now available for distribution to clubs, schools etc.

It is only fitting that I pay tribute to the members of the Coaching Council for their commitment and dedication. A special tribute is due to the Chairman Sean Lee who worked unceasingly on organising and conducting courses in various parts of the country.

ADMINISTRATION COURSES

A series of administration courses were held during the year and we are indebted to Coiste Forbartha and especially its Cathaoirleach Tomas Breathnach for providing a very attractive administration pack which will be of immense benefit to all clubs and county committees.

Coiste Forbartha also produced a new Master Fixture list which has been circularised to all counties and will be up for discussion at Annual Congress. The fixture List as set out should meet the needs of all players as each code of handball is given a specific period over which to play the championships and as a result players will be able to concentrate on one code before turning to another code. It should also ease the fixture problems of the provincial councils.

G.A.A. PERSONAL ACCIDENT SCHEME

The G.A.A. has launched a most attractive Personal Accident Scheme and the details have been sent to each county and provincial council. The Premium for adults is £5 and for Juveniles £1. This Scheme, which is open to all playing and non-playing handball members fulfils a much needed want in handball. In addition to covering playing injuries cover is also given to travelling to and from matches, meetings etc. This new Scheme is very worthy of the full support of all our members, playing and non-playing.

CEANNÁRAS

The year under review saw Ceannáras in full operation throughout the year. As in former years the courts were made available to the Universities, Higher Education Colleges, Post-Primary Schools, Vocational Schools, Dublin County Committee, Leinster Council and Community Games.

There is general agreement that Ceannáras as its title denotes provides a very fitting Headquarters for handball.

As there is still a very sizeable debt on the premises a renewed appeal is made to all Clubs and County Com-

mittees who have not responded to do so immediately. The levy set per County Committee and Club is a very attainable figure and could be achieved without undue effort. The total received from Provincial Council, County Committees and Clubs is only £7963. This I am sure you will agree is a poor reflection when one considers that £65,565 was raised from sources other than handball.

It is worthy of note that it was possible to transfer £10,000 from Ceannaras Funds to our Funds. A total of £17,200 has now been transferred from Ceannáras to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann over the past two and a half years. Looking to the future it is obvious that Ceannáras will always be a source of income to the Handball Council.

I wish to pay tribute to our caretaker Dick McMullen, our Bar Manager Micheal Ó Treasaigh for their co-operation and help in ensuring that Ceannaras operates in an efficient manner at all times. To Irín Ní Ghláibhín a sincere thanks for her work as Rúnaí for Ceannáras in addition to her many other duties in handball.

PUBLICITY

The general level of publicity at National and Provincial level is reasonably satisfactory and we are indebted for this coverage. Naturally there is always room for extra coverage and I firmly believe that where a genuine effort is made the newspapers usually respond. The publicity at all levels generated by National Handball Day is an indication of what can be achieved if worthwhile and attractive information is supplied. It is generally accepted that photographs are a major means of giving exposure as the general public will always look at photographs whereas they will not always read articles. When submitting photographs it is well to remember that they should be black and white and not coloured.

FINANCE

The Auditors Report covers in full our present Financial position which indeed is very critical. It is evident we cannot keep on spending money indiscriminately unless we can generate new sources of revenue. If we had to pay interest charges on our present overdraft the position would be even worse. We are indeed very fortunate to have our interest charges covered for us by Cumann Luthchleas Gael. It is clearly evident that we will have to take immediate steps to reduce considerably this overdraft as otherwise our whole financial position will become unmanageable within a short space of time. New sources of revenue will have to be found and the level of expenditure will have to be very curtailed.

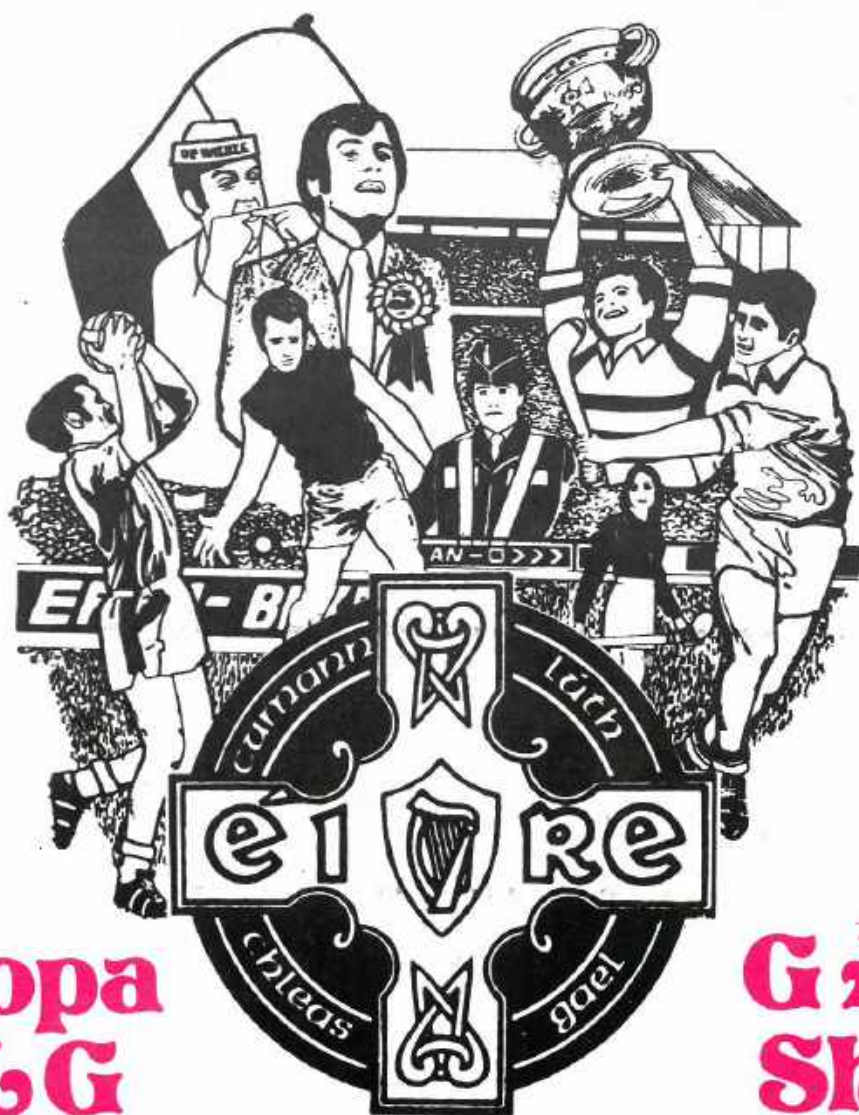
Caimin Mac Seoin was elected Uachtaran last year and it is only fitting that I pay tribute to him for his commitment and dedication during his initial year of office. He has been particularly active in the field of court construction and has made his services available to a number of clubs in addition to providing plans and specifications for courts.

I wish to express our appreciation of the help and assistance which is given at all times by P. Mac Floinn, Uachtaran, C.L.G. and Liam O Maolmhichil, Ard Stiurthoir. Also the members of the Ard Chomhairle Coiste Bainisti and other Sub-Committees of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

To the members of Ard Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, sincere thanks for your help and co-operation. To our Provincial Councils, County Committees and 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 ndeaná Dia Trócaire ar a n-anamacha. Seosamh O Lóinsigh, Riarthóir.



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