

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe  
na hÉireann



# An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 1983



Tuarascáil an Rúnaí  
Cuntas an Airgid  
Rúin Don Chómhdhail



# CONGRESS

will be held in

G.A.A. CEANNÁRAS, PÁIRC an CHRÓCAIGH  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12 AT NOON AND CONCLUDING  
AT 6 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, 13 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. Togadh na hOifigeach 1983<br>(a) Uachtarán<br>(c) Cisteoir | (b) Uachtarán Tofa<br>(d) Teachta ar Árd-Chomhairle C.L.G. |
| 6. Na Rúin  |  |
- In order that the proceedings of Congress be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:—

## STANDING ORDERS

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

## NA FEIDHEANNAIGH 1983

Uachtarán: Caimin Mac Seion (An Clár)

Uachtarán Tofa: Michael Mac Tiorrill (Tiobraid Árann). Tomás Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh) .

Cisteóir: An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú (Baile Átha Cliath) Tomás Breathnach (Dún na nGall)

Teachta ar Árd-Chomhairle Cumann Luthchleas Gael:

Tomás Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh) Tomás Breathnach (Dún na nGall) Michael Mac Tiorrill (Tiobraid Árann)

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

A Chairde,

We have audited the records of the Council for the year ended 31st December 1982. 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 £60,295 and Expenditure amounted to £59,653. This resulted in a surplus of £642. In 1981 there was a deficit of £6,238. There is no charge in the accounts for interest on the Bank Overdraft of £50,213 because this interest is borne by Central Council G.A.A. But for this there would have been a deficit of approximately £9,000. The Ceannáras Lounge gave a grant of £12,000 to the Council during the year. This amount has been included in the accounts after arriving at the surplus for the year of £642.00.

The principal variations relative to 1981 were:

INCOME:	Increase	Decrease
	IR£	IR£
Gate Receipts	408	
R.T.E. Broadcasting Fees	455	
Government Grants:		
Administration and Development	2,400	
International Travel	900	
National Handball Day (none in 1981)	4,871	
Sponsorship and Advertising	2,941	
Contribution from Sales		1,143
Proceeds of Raffle		1,079

#### EXPENDITURE

Top Ace Competition	1,888	
International Travel		919
Meeting Expenses		683
Administration Charge Payable to Central Council	547	
Grants for erection of Handball Courts		3,800
Repairs and Renewals - Ceannaras	790	
National Handball Day	4,588	

### BALANCE SHEET

The Fixed Assets of the Council at 31st December amounted to £156,826 and the Net Current Liabilities amounted to £56,591. This resulted in Net Assets of £100,235.

### STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

This Statement shows the changes that have taken place in the Balance Sheet since 31st December, 1981.

### CEANNÁRAS CLUB

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year was £16,911 and Expenditure was £11,767. This resulted in a surplus of £5,144. In 1981 there was a deficit of £798.

### BALANCE SHEET

Fixed Assets at 31st December amounted to £230 and Net Current Liabilities amounted to £656. This resulted in Net Liabilities of £426 at that date.

### CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

#### TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Gross Profit on Sales was £23,230 and Overhead Expenses amounted to £14,854. This resulted in a Net Profit of £8,376 for the year. An after profits Grant of £12,000 out of the Assets of the Lounge was made to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

### BALANCE SHEET

The Fixed Assets of the Lounge at 31st December amounted to £97 and the Net Current Liabilities amounted to £1,499. This resulted in Net Liabilities of £1,402 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, 1982**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
	IR£		Schedule	IR£
Affiliation Fees	960	Teams Expenses		3,062
Membership Levy	615	Over-age Competition Grants	1	520
Competition Entrance Fees	1,700	Top Ace Competition		10,519
Gate Receipts	3,584	International Travel		5,879
R.T.E. Broadcasting Fees	3,694	Trophies		2,470
Fines	219	Meetings Expenses		4,606
Central Council Grants:		Postage and Telephone		155
Administration	1,000	Printing, Stationery and Advertising		846
Erection of Handball Courts	6,600	Audit and Accountancy Fees		637
International Travel	500	Administration Charge payable to Central Council		5,413
Government Grants:		Administration Grants	2	2,100
Administration and Development	18,400	Juvenile Development Grants	3	1,000
International Travel	1,900	Grants to Ladies Handball Council	4	1,300
National Handball Day	4,871	Interest on Loan from G.A.A. Development Scheme		747
Sponsorship and Advertising	13,111	Court Development Plans		172
Subscriptions to Ceannaras Building Fund	766	Grants for Erection of Handball Courts (net)	5	5,900
Sale of Handballs and Sports Equipment	11,811	National Handball Day		4,993
Less: Cost of Handballs and Gloves	(11,153)	Coaching		8,026
Raffle	1,259	Repairs and Renewals - Ceannaras		980
Cheques written back	292	All Ireland Stand Tickets		2,224
Miscellaneous	166	Less: Sales		(2,071)
		Proportion of Outlay on 13, St. Joseph's Avenue written off		175
	<u>60,295</u>			<u>59,653</u>
		Operating Surplus for year:		
		Grant from Ceannaras Lounge		12,000
		Accumulated Surplus at 1st January		87,593
				<u>100,235</u>

# COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1982

	Schedule	IR£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
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		1,634
Sundry Debtors for Handballs and Sports Equipment		1,265
		<u>3,699</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Sundry Creditors for:		
Handball Court Grants allocated	6	800
Other Items		3,277
Bank Overdraft		50,213
Loan from G.A.A. Development Scheme		6,000
		<u>60,290</u>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		<u>(56,591)</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Outlay on 13, St. Joseph's Avenue	IR£1,744	
Less: Proportion written off to date	1,399	
		<u>345</u>
Outlay on Ceannaras Handball Courts		156,481
		<u>156,826</u>
		<u>100,235</u>
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Accumulated Surplus to date		<u>100,235</u>

## STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1982

	IR£
<b>Sources of Funds</b>	
Operating Surplus for year	642
Outlay written off 13 St. Joseph's Avenue	175
Grant from Ceannaras Lounge	12,000
	<u>12,817</u>
<b>Use of Funds</b>	
Repayment of G.A.A. Development Scheme Loan	4,000
Outlay on Ceannaras Handball Courts	2,822
	<u>6,822</u>
<b>Increase in Funds</b>	<u>5,995</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
Decrease in Stock of Handballs etc.	(4,206)
Decrease in Sundry Debtors	(483)
Decrease in Sundry Creditors	5,387
	<u>698</u>
Change in Bank Balance	5,297
	<u>5,995</u>



## COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1982

## SCHEDULE 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
Ulster	150
	<u>1,000</u>

## SCHEDULE 4

## GRANTS TO LADIES HANDBALL COUNCIL

Administration	600
International Travel	700
	<u>1,300</u>

## SCHEDULE 5

GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING YEAR FOR THE  
ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

Ballygar G.A.A.	500
Ballymore	500
Bantry	300
Castlegar G.A.A.	500
Clarecastle	1,000
Clooney G.A.A.	500
Iniskeen Grattans G.A.A.	500
Knock	500
Lisdowney G.A.A.	500
New Ross	200
Roscommon	500
Rosmuc	500
St. Mary's Galway	300
Taghmon	100
Toonagh G.A.A.	500
Grants written back	(1,000)
	<u>5,900</u>

## SCHEDULE 6

## HANDBALL COURT GRANTS PAYABLE

Knock	500
St. Mary's Galway	300
	<u>800</u>

## SCHEDULE 7

GRANTS FOR THE ERECTION OF HANDBALL  
COURTS

	IR£
Abbeydorney 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
Ballintubber	500
Ballybay G.A.A.	500
Ballygar G.A.A.	500
Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500
Ballymacelligott	1,000
Ballymore	500
Ballymote	300
Ballyporeen	700
Ballyvourney	500
Baltinglass	300
Bantry	300
Boefield	500
Boherbue (Co. Cork)	500
Bohermore	50
Bonniconlan	500
Brandon	500
Bray G.A.A.	100
Broadford (Co. Clare)	500
Burgess G.A.A.	500
Caherline	50
Cahiristrane 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
Castlegar G.A.A.	500
Castleisland	500
Castlemahon G.A.A.	500
Castlerea G.A.A.	500
Castletownbere	300
Ceannanus Mor	500
Clarecastle	1,000
Claremorris	500
Clones	500
Clonmel	500
Clooncan	500
Clooney G.A.A.	500
Cloonfad	500
Clough Bawn G.A.A.	500
Cloughfin	250
Collooney	100
Coolgreaney	300
Cootehill	1,200
	<u>27,050</u>

Carried Forward

	Brought Forward 27,050		Brought Forward 46,370
Coorane	50	Mothel	60
Crinkle	400	Mullinavat	200
Cullen	400	Mullingar G.A.A.	550
Delvin	200	Multyfarnham	1,000
Drumquin	500	Na Fianna G.A.A. (Dublin)	400
Dunleer G.A.A.	400	Newmarket-on-Fergus	500
Ennis C.B.S.	800	Newport (Co. Tipperary)	600
Enniscorthy G.A.A.	500	New Ross	400
Fahy	500	Newtown Blues G.A.A. (Drogheda)	400
Falcarragh G.A.A.	450	Oldtown	450
Fermoy	1,000	O'Loughlins G.A.A. (Kilkenny)	500
Fethard	500	O'Rahillys G.A.A. (Drogheda)	500
Garryhill	900	Rathmore	500
Glenacolumcille G.A.A.	500	Roscommon	900
Glenbeigh	500	Rosmuc	500
Glenfinn G.A.A.	500	Rossa G.A.A.	500
Glenmore G.A.A.	500	St. Flannan's (Ennis)	50
Goresbridge	400	St. Joseph's Boys Club (Wexford)	100
Gurteen	20	St. Kevin's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
Gusserane	500	St. Macartan's (Monaghan)	1,600
Gweedore G.A.A.	500	St. Mary's Drogheda	450
Indreabhán G.A.A.	500	St. Mary's Galway	300
Iniskeen Grattans G.A.A.	500	St. Maur's G.A.A.	500
Kilgobnet	400	St. Patrick's College (Cavan)	800
Kilishen G.A.A.	450	St. Patrick's College (Maynooth)	500
Killala	450	St. Vincent's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
Kilrush	500	Shannon	900
Kingscourt G.A.A.	1,000	Silvermines G.A.A.	500
Knock	500	Taghmaconnell	400
Lahorna	300	Taghmon	100
Limerick C.B.S.	50	Tarbert	500
Lisdoonvarna	400	Templederry G.A.A.	500
Lisdowney G.A.A.	500	Timoleague	400
Lispole G.A.A.	500	Tinahely	250
Longford Slashers G.A.A.	500	Tir an Fhia	500
Loughanure	200	Toonagh G.A.A.	500
Loughmacrory	750	Tralee	1,173
Mallow	500	Tuamgraney	900
Mitchelstown	800	Tulla	500
Moneygall G.A.A.	500	Tullamore G.A.A.	400
		Westport	300
		Wexford	400
Carried forward	46,370		67,853

## 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.

1, Gardiner Row,  
Dublin 1

4th February 1983

D. O'CONNOR & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants



**COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN**  
**CEANNÁRAS CLUB ACCOUNT**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1982**

INCOME	IR£
Membership Fees	4,780
Court Booking Fees	5,664
Other Fees	1,133
Shop Sales	18,386
Less: Cost of Sales	(13,052)
	<u>16,911</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Wages	5,985
Light and Heat	4,551
Rental of Equipment	74
Repairs and Cleaning	758
Sundry Expenses	32
Audit and Accountancy Fees	195
Depreciation of Equipment	172
	<u>11,767</u>
Surplus for year	5,144
Accumulated Deficit at 1st January	(5,570)
	<u>(426)</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1982**

CURRENT ASSETS	IR£
Stocks on hand	1,602
Cash at Bank	752
	<u>2,354</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Light and Heat	872
Audit and Accountancy	195
Trade Creditors	1,943
	<u>3,010</u>
	(656)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Equipment at Cost.	IR£869
Depreciation to date	(639)
	<u>230</u>
	(426)
FINANCED BY	
Accumulated Deficit to date	(426)

**AUDITORS REPORT**

To the members of Ceannáras Club

We have prepared the foregoing Account and Balance Sheet from the books and records of Ceannaras Club and from information supplied and we certify them to be correctly drawn up in accordance with such books, records and information.

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

4th February 1983

**COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN**  
**CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE ACCOUNT**

<b>TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</b>		<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1982</b>		<b>AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1982</b>	
	<b>IR£</b>		<b>IR£</b>
Sales	71,795	Cash at Bank	6,793
Cost of Sales	48,565	Insurance Claim	360
		Prepayments	60
Gross Profit	<u>23,230</u>	Stock on Hand	5,673
			<u>12,886</u>
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>			
Wages	10,930	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Heat and Light	2,500	Trade Creditors	14,026
Repairs, Cleaning and Barware	381	Other Items	359
Hire of Equipment	153		<u>14,385</u>
Licence Renewal	392		
Audit and Accountancy Fees	275	<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	(1,499)
Insurance	97	Equipment (Net of Depreciation to	
Sundry Expenses	29	date IR£388).	97
Depreciation of Equipment	97		<u>(1,402)</u>
	<u>14,854</u>		
<b>NET PROFIT FOR YEAR</b>	8,376		
Grant to Comhairle Liathroid Laimhe na		<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	
hEireann	(12,000)	Accumulated Deficit at date	(1,402)
Accumulated Surplus at 1st January	2,222		
	<u>(1,402)</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 Ceannaras Club Lounge and from information supplied and we certify them to be correctly drawn up in accordance with such books, records and information.

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Dublin 1.

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

4th February 1983

## NA RÚIN

1. That Congress be rotated from Province to Province (Ciarraí)
2. That each Province run a pre-qualifying competition for Top Ace. That the qualifiers be recommended to R.T.E. for the Tournament proper. (Ciarraí)
3. That 60 x 30 Softballs be available to the various clubs in the country at all times as lack of same causes problems. (Uíbh Fhailí)
4. That referees and markers be appointed for All Ireland inter club semi-finals and finals. (An Mhí)
5. That 1 player over 40 qualify by competition to be sent by the Irish Handball Council for the USHA Championships. (Ciarraí)
6. That at least 2 players qualify to be sent by the Irish Handball Council for the USHA Championships from the Open Trials. (Ciarraí)
7. The formation of an All Ireland Referees Board and the appointing of a qualified referee for all championship games. (Cill Chainnigh)
8. The re-introduction of the Gael Linn Singles tournament. (Cill Chainnigh)
9. That Novice Club Teams be of 6 players (increase from 4). That the team play doubles only. (Ciarraí)
10. That the All-Ireland Junior and Senior inter club championships 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 be re-introduced in place of the Open inter club championships. Rule 248 to be amended. (An Mhí)
11. That a juvenile competition similar to the Tailteann 60 x 30 All Ireland series be run in the 40 x 20 court from 1983 on. (An Clár)
12. That the rules governing both adult and juvenile handball be incorporated into a booklet which would be circularised to all clubs. This booklet to clearly spell out the playing rules for both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 and also all juvenile playing rules, the ball to be used for the different age groups in both courts and also the eligibility of both adults and juveniles for the different championships. (Corcaigh)
13. That the Golden Masters be the best of three 21 ace games and not the best of three 15 ace games (Cill Chainnigh) (Maigh Eo)
14. That anyone who is a novice at the start of the year should remain so for that year irrespective of what he wins and be promoted from the beginning of the following year. (Maigh Eo.)
15. That Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann investigate all aspects of juvenile handball at the moment with special emphasis on the rules and the different balls used in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 courts. (Corcaigh)
16. That the 40 x 20 All Ireland Senior Singles and Doubles championships be run on an open draw, similar to that presently pertaining for the 60 x 30 Singles and Doubles All Ireland championships. (Corcaigh)
17. That rial 208 Treoraí Oifigiúil be amended to read as follows:—  
(A) The Club Registrar shall submit annually to the County Registrar in the Irish Language a list of full members i.e. officials and playing members over sixteen years of age together with a registration fee of £1.00 for full members.  
(B) The County Registrar shall forward one copy of the list of full members of each affiliated club to Central Council with a registration fee of £1.00 per full member before 1st February each year.  
(C) Only registered members of affiliated clubs shall be eligible to compete in any inter club or inter county competitions or championships. (An Clár)
18. That a membership card of the Irish Handball Council be issued each year to all registered players. (An Clár).
19. That in view of the serious financial situation of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann that the words "and shall pay the approved expenses" be deleted from Rial 246 T.O. (An Clár)
20. That the 1984 All Ireland Finals scheduled to be played on the eve of the All Ireland Hurling Final be played at a Tipperary venue. (Tiobraid Arann)
21. That Rial 244 be amended as follows:— "That the Minor, Junior and Senior Hardball Championships be run on an open draw system and that counties be allowed more than one representative in singles and doubles". (Tiobraid Arann)
22. That Rial 247 (b) and (ii) be amended as follows—  
(i) A novice shall not have won an All Ireland Novice, Under 21, 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 open championship winning team in either court. (Tiobraid Arann)
23. That rial 247 B (i) T.O. be amended and read as follows:—  
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, nor shall he have won a provincial and/or All Ireland competition, i.e. Willwood Tailteann Novice or Senior, organised under the auspices of the Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe. (An Clár)
24. That Rule 228 T.O. be amended to read "Handball representative on the G.A.A. Development Committee to now read one representative of the Development Committee as the Handball Council is no longer represented on the G.A.A. Development Committee". (Tiobraid Arann)
25. That the following word be deleted from Rial 228 T.O. "The Handball representative on the G.A.A. Development Committee" and substitute the Chairperson of the "Handball Development Committee". (An Clár)
26. That Rule 230 (iii) T.O. be amended to read "The Development Committee shall consist of four members appointed by Central Council. It shall be appointed annually and it shall elect its own Chairman and representative on Central Council". (Tiobraid Arann)
27. That Rial 230 (iii) T.O. be amended to read as follows:—  
The Development Committee shall consist of four members appointed by Central Council together with a Chairperson, to be nominated and appointed by the Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. No member of the Development Committee shall hold office in the same capacity for more than three consecutive years. (An Clár)
28. That Rial 230 (4) be amended to read as follows:—  
The Coaching Council shall consist of four members nominated by Central Council together with a Chairperson to be nominated by the Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. It shall be appointed annually. No member of the Coaching Council shall hold office in the same capacity for more than three consecutive years. (An Clár)
29. That the following words be deleted from Rial 233 (i) T.O. "And the G.A.A. Development Committee". (An Clár) (Tiobraid Arann)

# ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1982

## 60 x 30 COURT

Coca-Cola S.S.S. S.S.D.	O. Ó hArlait (Cill Chainnigh) R. Laighean, S. Gogan (Loch Garman)
J.S.S. J.S.D.	L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh) E. Ó Fearail, L. O Maoláin (Tiobraid Arann)
M.S. M.S.D.	M. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh) M. Breathnach, L. de Lá (Cill Chainnigh)
S.H.S. S.H.D.	P. Mag Aoidh (Maigh Eo) C. Mac an Gheimhridh, P. Mac an Gheimhridh (Cill Dara)
J.H.S. J.H.D.	L. de Búrca (Cill Chainnigh) L. de Búrca, M. O Leathlobhair (Cill Chainnigh)
M.H.S. M.H.D.	S. O Donnchú (Tiobraid Arann) E. Jensen, R. Ó Muiris (An Mhí)
Under 21S Under 21D	S. Ó Laighin (Port Láirge) C. Mag Shamhrain, M. Mag Shamhrain (An Mhí)
N.S.S. N.S.D.	P. Mac Cartaigh (Port Láirge) S. Ó Ceallaigh, S. O Donnuartaigh (Luimneach)
Masters S Masters D	P. Breathnach (Sligeach) L. Mac Giolla Mhuire, B. Ó Móra, (An Cabhán)
Golden Masters S Golden Masters D	M. de Hóra (Baile Átha Cliath) M. Breathnach, G. O Dálaigh (Maigh Eo)

## ALL - IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1982

### 40 x 20 COURT

S.S. S.D.	A. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Arann) S. Pleimeann, P. Ó Cleirigh (Loch Garman)
J.S. J.D.	G. Mac Cochlain (An Clár) G. Mac Cochlain, S. O Duagáin (An Clár)
M.S. M.D.	S. Ó Duagáin (An Clár) S. Ó Duagáin, P. O Claimhín (An Clár)
N.S. N.D.	R. Mac Cartaigh (An Iarmhí) R. Mac Cartaigh, G. Báiceir (An Iarmhí)
Under 21S Under 21D	G. Mac Cochlain (An Clár) G. Mac Cochlain, S. O Duagáin (An Clár)
Masters S Masters D	L. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí) L. O Céirín, T. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)
Golden Masters S Golden Masters D	M. Breathnach (Maigh Eo) M. Breathnach, G. O Dálaigh (Maigh Eo)

## WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

### 60 x 30 Court

Under 12S Under 12D	C. Mac Cnaimhín (An Iarmhí) D.J. Ó Ciara, B. Mac Cionnaigh (Cill Chainnigh)
Under 13S Under 13D	M. Ó hAodha, (Cill Chainnigh) P. O Ruairc, D. Mag Eochaidh (An Mhí)
Under 14S Under 14D	U. Ó Conchubhair (Baile Átha Cliath) T. O Sirideain, A. Mag Shamhrain (An Mhí)
Under 15S Under 15D	T. O Seighin (Corcaigh) C. O Loinsigh, S. O hEigeartaigh (Corcaigh)
Under 16S Under 16 D	M. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh) P. O Caománach, M. O Neachtáin (An Iarmhí)

### 40 x 20 Court

Under 14S Under 14D	U. Ó Conchuir (Baile Átha Cliath) T. O Sirideain, A. Mag Shamhrain (An Mhí)
Under 16S Under 16D	M. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh) P. O Caomhánach, M. O Neachtáin (An Iarmhí)

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

National League	Sraith 1 60 x 30
Loch Garman	E. Ó Bogaigh, P. Hillis, P. Pleimeann, P. O Cleirigh, P. O Murchú, S. O Bogaigh.
Cill Mhantain	Sraith II 60 x 30 M. O Bearáin, P. O Donail, R. Alyward, R. Willoughby, L. O Bearáin, M. O Duibhir.
Gael Linn Novice Clonmel	60 x 30 Inter-Club K. O Maoláin, S. Ó Riain, S. Ó Coirc, P. O Scolai.
Open Clonmel	T. Ó Myreasa, E. Ó Fearail, B. Ó Maoláin, P. O Maoláin.
Novice Dunshaughlin Senior Senior Ballymore Eustace	40 x 20 Inter-Club P. Ó Muiri, E. O Donnabháin, S. de Búrca, S. Seoigh T. O Ruairc, P. Mac an Gherihridh, A. Mac Cathmhaoil, M. O Dullaing.

### R.T.E. TOP ACE

60 x 30 40 x 20	R. Laighean (Loch Garman) J. Sabo (USA)
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## UNIVERSITIES

Championship: U.C.G.	G. Ó Cochlain, P. Mah Uighir, S. Ó Neill, S. Caomhanach, P. Ó hAodha, S. Caomhánach.
League U.C.D.	P. Ó Muiri, S. Mac Aidicin, S. Ó Donail, M. Dubshláine, E. O Cianáin, S. Breathnach.

## HIGHER EDUCATIONAL COLLEGES

Championship Sligo R.C.	P. Mac Cana, S. Ó Maoilmhín, J. Ó Caiside, C. Mac Donail
League Nth. Section	St. Patrick's Drumcondra G. O Gadhra, T. O Fuarain, P. Mac Caba, P. Mag Lochlainn
League Div. 1 Sth Section	N.I.H.E. Limerick P. Mac Donail, D. O Maolchathaigh, G. Cradoc, S. Spealain.
League Div II Sth Section	Thomond College S. Inglis, D. O Raghallaigh, B. Ó Muiri, P. O Rua
League Eastern Section	Sligo R.C. P. Mac Cana, S. Ó Maoilmhín, J. Ó Caiside, C. Mac Donail
Singles	G. O Cochlain (U.C.G.)

## COMBINED UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

Combined	L. Mac Einrí (Maigh Nuad), S. Ó Donail (U.C.D.), S. O Scanail (U.C.C.), P. Mac Roibeaird (Queen's), P. O hAirtneada (Maigh Nuad), G. O Cochlain (U.C.G.)
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D'éirigh go han-mhaith le cúrsaí liathróid láimhe i rith na bliana agus tá gach cuma ar an scéal go bhfuil an dul chun cinn a bhí le feiceáil sna blianta roimhe seo á dhéanamh i gcónaí. Níl laghdú ar bith sa líon cúirteanna atá dá thógáil agus tá breis daoine ag tabhairt aghaid ar an liathróid láimhe mar chaitheamh aimsire. Tá dea-thoradh ar obair na mblianta i gcúrsaí na n-óg agus tá todhchaí na liathróide láimhe cinnte dá bharr.

Arís bhí tionchar an-mhór ag ógánaigh na hÉireann i gcomórtais idirnáisiúnta - sna comórtais faoi 15 agus faoi 17, beirt Éireannach a d'imir sa chraobh i ngach cás. Tá an-mholadh ag dul dóibh siud a d'oibrigh ar feadh na mblianta chun an cluiche a mhúineadh don aos óg.

The year under review was indeed very successful and indications are that the progress made in recent years will be maintained and even improved on. The number of people turning to handball as a very suitable form of recreation continues to increase and it is indeed noticeable the number of G.A.A. clubs who are now building handball courts.

Coming up to the Centenary Year many G.A.A. clubs are either carrying out development programmes or planning to do so. This makes it all the more important that every effort is made to encourage these clubs to include a handball court. Handball should be seen as a truly integral part of all G.A.A. clubs in the Centenary Year. Despite the many promises given over the years Thomond College still has no handball courts nor is there provision to include handball on the curriculum. This indeed is a very serious indictment of what is supposed to be our National College of Physical Education. Surely the least anyone can expect from a National College of Physical Education is that the games native of the country are provided for. The only conclusion one can come to is that one of our national games is being discriminated against and it requires vigorous action on the part of Cumann Lúthleas Gael and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to have this position remedied.

While the future of handball looks very bright nevertheless we cannot afford to relax in our efforts to promote the game. We must be up and doing all the time and coming up with new ways and means to further expand the game. I would like to take this opportunity to submit some suggestions in this regard for your consideration.

1. As 1983 is the year of "Sport for Older People" we must be seen to expand our existing programme for "older people" in such a way that we have even greater numbers involved in handball in the future. As it has been decided not to hold a National Handball Day in 1983 there is an obvious opening for holding a "National Day for Older People" as handball is generally accepted as a game suitable for all age groups which can be played at a pace to suit each individual.
2. Every effort should be made within our counties to organise special competitions for G.A.A. clubs as in this way we will be able to sell the value of handball as a keep fit exercise in addition to providing a very enjoyable form of recreation. Further it should be a means of encouraging these clubs to build a handball court where none exist at present. One has only to look at Monaghan, Clare and Tyrone to see the results that can be achieved as a result of introducing competitions of this nature.
3. With the introduction of coaching for Primary School teachers the time is opportune for an extensive drive to organise Primary Schools competitions in each county. The time spent on this very worthwhile promotion will pay rich dividends as it will provide a constant inflow of talent for the future.

4. Generally there seems to be a lack of regular recreation for most industrial workers and I feel that handball could fill this void by inaugurating factory leagues. I am aware that some counties already have healthy inter-factory competitions but unfortunately they are few and so I would appeal to all those other counties to make a genuine effort now. You will find the response very encouraging and it will give handball a further boost in the county. In time it should be possible to follow up with a provincial and All Ireland competition.
5. As a result of the success of the squad training for our International panel of juvenile players the time is opportune to consider this form of training to involve a much larger group of juveniles. While I am aware that Connacht has carried out some Squad training I feel that the Coaching Council working together with our Provincial Councils should set out a definite schedule of courses for each Province.
6. It is becoming abundantly clear that the involvement of the mass of non-sports persons, in any form of recreation, requires special approaches and skills. With this in view strong consideration should be given to the introduction of Leadership Courses. It is an accepted fact that fully trained Leaders can play a vital part in shaping the life of any community. When one considers the very small percentage of our total population involved in any form of sport it is very clear that there is a ready made harvest awaiting guidance, direction and encouragement. Our efforts in this regard would pay rich dividends.
7. While Ladies handball has been established for some years now it has not reached the stage where there is a large involvement of ladies. A vast amount of work has to be done before it reaches anywhere near its potential and it is not enough to leave the whole development of this form of handball to the ladies. We must be seen to play a very full part at all levels from clubs to county committees, to Provincial and Central Councils. A healthy and vibrant Ladies handball organisation can only improve the overall image of handball in our country.
8. With the emphasis now very much on the erection of Community and Sports Centres in various parts of the country every effort should be made to ensure that handball courts are included. It is not enough to wait until plans have been drawn up to make representations. We must be fully alive to what is happening in the Community and ensure that we are involved in any proposals for such developments before they ever reach the planning stage.
9. It is not sufficient that the average handball club confine all its activities to the playing court. It should be seen as playing a vital part in the life of the local Community by broadening its area of operation to include social functions, outings, Scor competitions, Language classes and many other activities that will bring the local community together. The example set by the Cappagh and Garryhill clubs is one that could be followed by many other clubs.
10. The G.A.A. celebrates its Centenary in 1984 and the Handball Council has already drawn up a special programme of activity at National level for the full year. Each Handball club, County Committee and Provincial Council should already be working on plans to celebrate the occasion as this is indeed an unique occasion and a golden opportunity, if fully

availed of, to lift handball to new heights. In addition to planning a programme of activity each unit is asked to produce a history for the occasion.

It must be stressed that handball must be seen to be an integral part of the G.A.A. and this can only be done by ensuring that our plans are part and parcel of the overall G.A.A. plan for the occasion at whatever level we operate. This is the time when we must show our solidarity as an organisation and not a time for anybody to go it alone. Football, Hurling and Handball should be seen operating as one combined unit under the auspices of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

### ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

As in former years the full programme of activity was carried out on schedule. It is pleasing to record that gate receipts showed an increase of 13% over last year. This is indeed a good performance when one looks at the declining attendances at most sports. Wexford always prominent in 60 x 30 handball made a major breakthrough at 40 x 20 level when J. Fleming and P. Cleary won the Senior Doubles for the first time. T. Ryan retained his 40 x 20 Singles title in convincing manner. In hardball P. McGee made a remarkable return when he won the Single title after a lapse of 5 years. The brothers Cecil and Pius Winders retained the Senior doubles title. O. Harold, who has won titles in all grades from juvenile upwards won his first Coca-Cola Singles title. In the Coca-Cola Doubles R. Lyng J. Goggins regained the title for Wexford. G. Coughlan and J. Duggan of Clare had a most impressive year in 40 x 20 handball and finished up winning 6 titles between them in Singles and Doubles, in Minor, Junior and Under 21. Westmeath had a welcome breakthrough when R. McCarthy won the Novice 40 x 20 Singles and partnered G. Baker to a Doubles success in this grade. W. Kerins again dominated in the Masters grade by winning the Singles and partnering his brother Tom to win the Doubles title. In the over 50 grade Mayo were once again to the fore in winning the 40 x 20 Singles title with M. Walsh and both the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Doubles titles with M. Walsh and G. Daly. Perseverance is the keynote of success and this was borne home this year when Mick Hore of Dublin won the over 50 Singles title. This was his first All Ireland success after over 25 years of competing in the various grades. Former Kilkenny Minor W. Bourke won both 60 x 30 Singles titles and partnered M. Lawlor in the J.H.D. victory. Tipperary won the Junior Softball Doubles title after a really thrilling final against Galway. Meath always in the forefront in the Minor Grade added the M.H.D. to their collection of underage trophies when E. Jensen and R. Morris outscored Tipperary. Another former Juvenile champion J. Donoghue of Tipperary won the M.H.S. championship. Sligo who have been prominent in the overage competitions had a welcome success when P. Walsh won the 60 x 30 Masters Singles title. Cavan's L. Gilmore and B. Moore retained their Masters Doubles title by the smallest possible margin after three games.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Once again the National League in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 provided really top class competition. In three matches only one ace separated the teams at the end of seven games while in a number of other matches only a few aces separated the teams. Overall competition in both codes was very keen and the standard high. Cork who have been to the forefront of the 40 x 20 competitions won the title in this grade by a very small margin of 3 aces after a gruelling four hour final against Meath. The 60 x 30 Division I title was retained by Wexford for the third year in succession after going through the whole competition undefeated. Wicklow who have figured prominently in the National League over the years won the 60 x 30 Division II title.

### INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We were successful in getting Gael Linn to sponsor the 60 x 30 Novice Inter-Club Championship. The winners received the magnificent Gael Linn Perpetual Cup. Clonmel dominated both the Open and Novice 60 x 30 championships and brought off an unique double. However in the Open Final they were strongly pressed by the 1981 champions Roscommon and only won by 2 aces after a thrilling struggle. Dunshaughlin were clearcut winners of the 40 x 20 Novice Championship while Ballymore Eustace were decisive winners of the Open Championship.

### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

As in former years there was a very good entry in all grades of the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 championships. As usual the standard was very high and augurs well for the future of handball. Since the introduction of these championships in 1966 there has been a steady flow of handballers to adult ranks and many of our present prominent players came up through juvenile ranks.

Participation in these championships is a very costly exercise both for clubs and county committees and the only return we receive from the Sponsors is the trophies for each grade.

### FEILE na nGAEL

The entry for the 1982 competition was very disappointing and certainly did not project a good image for handball. As a result of this I prepared a paper on the future of Feile na nGael for consideration by Coiste Forbartha and the Ard Chomhairle. It has now been agreed that a completely new format will be adopted for the future with the introduction of an inter-club team of four competition for players under 14 years of age. There will also be a Skills Award competition introduced. Each county will be asked to run off a competition to decide which club represents the county at All Ireland level.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

While handball continues to make progress at this level the lack of courts at a considerable number of colleges is a big deterrent to a major development in this area. At University level we are still without courts in University College, Cork and Trinity College, Dublin. The position is much worse with the Higher Education Colleges where only two have handball courts and were it not for our handball clubs making their courts available to these colleges there would be no handball played.

### POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

While there has been a steady improvement at Post-Primary level there still remains a vast amount of work to be done before we can feel happy with the situation. A sub-committee of the Leinster Handball Council has accepted responsibility, subject to the Provincial Colleges Council, for Colleges handball in the province and there has been a noticeable improvement. If the same arrangement could be made with the other Colleges Provincial Councils I feel confident that headway would be made.

Our own County Committees could help considerably by arranging coaching and promotional courses in the colleges within their area of operation. Consideration could also be given to organising county colleges championships.

### LADIES HANDBALL

During the year Provincial Councils were set up in three provinces and indications are that this will increase participation. However a vast amount of work remains to be done before Ladies Handball is firmly established in most of our counties. Our own handball clubs have been very slow to appreciate the value of having a ladies section attached to the club. It is not sufficient to leave the



development of ladies handball to the ladies as with their limited manpower and financial resources it is impossible for them to expand in a major way. If we accept ladies handball as part of our structure then we must be seen, at all levels, to fully support every effort to promote the game. I am convinced that it has unlimited potential if only the leadership was available at all levels.

The ladies sent a team to compete in the U.S.A. Ladies Championships and competed with reasonable success.

### INTERNATIONAL

Irish players, especially our Juveniles, are projecting a very good image in International Competition. Pride of place must go to our juveniles who competed in the U.S.A. Junior Championships last December with really remarkable success. We had an all Irish final in both the under 15 and under 17 Singles Championships while we secured runner-up in the Under 19 Consolation Singles. This indeed was our best ever performance in International competition and certainly augurs well for the future of Irish handball.

Details as follows:

U.S.A. Under 15 Singles –

Winner – Eamon O'Neill (Limerick)

U.S.A. Under 15 Singles Runner-up –

Frank Kavanagh (Westmeath)

U.S.A. Under 17 Singles –

Winner – Michael Walsh, (Kilkenny)

U.S.A. Under 17 Singles Runner-up –

John Duggan, (Clare)

U.S.A. Under 19 Consolation Singles Runner-up –

Gerard Coughlan (Clare)

E. Jensen of Meath was defeated in the Quarter-Finals of the Under 17 Singles Championship.

The performance of these players is indeed a wonderful tribute to those mentors who have spent so much time developing juvenile handball.

Two players travelled to the U.S.A. Adult Championships in Tucson last June and performed reasonably well. M. Hennigan (Mayo) was defeated in the 2nd round of the Open Singles, and in partnership with T. Ryan (Tipperary) was defeated in the 3rd round of the Open Doubles. For the second year in succession T. Ryan was defeated in the semi-final of the under 23 Singles after a tie-breaker.

Finance is always a major problem and were it not for the help received from Coca-Cola, Atlas Travel, O'Neill's Sports Goods, Cumman Lúthchleas Gael, and the Department of Education it would not have been possible to send two teams to the U.S.A.

Special Coaching and Fitness Training Sessions were held for all players taking part in International Competition and we are indebted to S. Lee, E. Timoney, F. Mullen and all members of the Coaching Council, for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that our players received adequate training and coaching. A special word of praise is also due to the club coaches, T. O'Brien, C. Jones, G. Baker, and S. Burke for their help.

With the G.A.A. Centenary Year coming up in 1984 it is an appropriate time to revive the World Handball Championships which were last held here in 1970. If Annual Congress gives its approval to the revival of these championships I feel that we will receive the full support of Australia, U.S.A., Mexico, Canada and possibly England as handball is now being played in parts of that country by Irish emigrants. With the acceptance of the 60 x 30 court by the U.S.A. for Top Ace competitions in recent years it should be possible to hold championships in both the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 courts. While I accept that this will be a very costly venture nevertheless, I feel that if approval is given, that it will lift handball to new heights. Undoubtedly a tremendous amount of work will have to be done if we are to organise a successful World Championship but again I am confident that we have the personnel

available to make it one of the highlights of the Centenary Year. The format of these championships is something that will have to be worked out if full approval is forthcoming.

### CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

The A.I.B. club of the Year Award went to the Kingscourt club. It is indeed fitting that this club, which has a very long association with handball received due recognition. In addition to an open 60 x 30 court the club now has a roofed 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 court. This is indeed a great tribute to their energy and enthusiasm when one considers the very limited population of the town.

While there was an increase in entries over previous years there is still a very considerable number of clubs who don't take part. As the next Awards will be made during the G.A.A. Centenary Year we should ensure that the bulk of our clubs enter for this competition.

### GOVERNMENT GRANT

Our thanks is once again due to the Department of Education for the very generous grant-in-aid without which it would be impossible to carry out our full development programme. This grant makes up a sizeable part of our total income and enables us to carry out an extensive coaching and development programme in addition to helping our Provincial Councils and the Ladies Council in the area of administration.

A sizeable grant was also made to enable us to send players to the U.S.A. to take part in the International Competition. Financial help was also made available to some of our clubs to help them take part in cross border competition.

We are indebted to the Minister of State Máire Geoghegan Quinn for her help during her term of office and to Barra O hUallachain, Chief Executive Officer, Cospoirl, for his ever ready help and advice.

### SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

A Sports Scholarship for University College, Galway, has been awarded by the Department of Education, through Cospoirl, to Clare handballer John Duggan. This is the first occasion for such an award to come to handball and a recognition of the status the game has now achieved. Further it is an incentive to our many up and coming handballers to further their education and at the same time their skill in the game. Frank Mullen, a member of the National Coaching Council, will be responsible for carrying out the coaching element of this Scholarship.

### NATIONAL HANDBALL DAY

Our fourth National Handball Day was held on 7th November and once again was an outstanding success. In former years the event was organised by Cospoirl with the full support of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann whereas last year our Council was completely responsible for the full organisation. Cospoirl, provided a grant to cover the total outlay on the undertaking and once again we express our sincere thanks for this help without which it would be impossible to undertake such a major promotional exercise.

National Handball Day since its introduction four years ago has played a very significant part in the tremendous growth of handball throughout the country.

### HANDBALL COURT DEVELOPMENTS

There has been no slackening off in the construction of handball courts and indications are that this will continue well into the future. During the year the following grants were given to clubs:

Lisdowney G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed	40 x 20 court.
Ballygar G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed	40 x 20 court.
Toonagh G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed	40 x 20 court.

Iniskeen G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court.
Clooney G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court
Castlegar G.A.A. Club	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court
Roscommon	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court
Rosmuc	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court
Ballymore	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court
Knock	£500	Roofed	40 x 20	court
Clarecastle	£1000	Two roofed	40 x 20	courts
Bantry	£300	Roofing	60 x 30	court
New Ross	£200	Court Renovations		
Tagmahon	£100	Court Renovations		
St. Mary's Galway	£300	two open	60 x 30	courts.

### HARDBALL

During the year I was requested by the Ard-Chomhairle to present a paper on the present position of handball. To enable me to make this presentation I circularised all county committees requesting information on the number of handball championships held each year within the county and the resultant returns were most disappointing as county championships are held in only three counties i.e. Limerick, Kildare and Meath. In an effort to encourage participation the 1982 championships were played on the open draw system and the overall response was disappointing despite the fact that the rubber of games was reduced from five to three to encourage participation.

Minor Grade— Four counties took part.

Junior Grade— Nine counties took part. in doubles and eight counties in singles.

Senior— Eight counties took part.

The total cost of the championships amounted to £1551 while the income from gate receipts and entrance fees was £321.00. Another problem I encountered was that the supply of handballs is very poor as there is only one individual making balls and there is an obvious variance in both the size and quality of the balls.

### R.T.E.

The Annual Top Ace International competitions were an outstanding success and we are once again indebted to the United States Handball Association for sending a team of four players, John Sabo, Dave Dohman, Vernon Roberts and Bo Blinski. The team was accompanied by Executive Director Bob Peters. It was with regret that we learned of the death of former U.S.H.A. President Bob Kendler who was closely identified with the inauguration of these International Television competitions. During his long association with handball he lifted it to new heights in the U.S.A. and was the pioneer of many innovations in the Sport. We wish his successor Carl Porter every success and look forward to working closely with him in the future for development of handball throughout the world.

John Sabo won the International 40 x 20 competition for the second year in succession and in doing so played handball of the highest quality. He established himself as a warm favourite with Irish supporters by his all out action and pleasant personality.

The 60 x 30 International competition saw Dick Lyng of Wexford, one of the oldest of our top players defying all odds to win the competition for the second time.

The U.S.A., represented by John Sabo and Bo Blinski were clear cut winners over Ireland, represented by John Fleming and Mickey Walsh, on the score 17-7 in the 40 x 20 International Doubles while Ireland represented by Pat Murphy and Dick Lyng defeated Dave Dohman and Vern Roberts of the U.S.A. 21-11 in the 60 x 30 International Doubles.

These Annual Television competitions have played a major part in the tremendous upsurge of interest in handball throughout the country and the continuing growth in court construction can be attributed in no small way to the exposure the game gets on television.

Once again we say a sincere thank you to Fred Cogley, Head of

Sport R.T.E., Producer Michael O'Carroll who has been with us since the inauguration of the competitions 10 years ago, and commentator Mick Dunne, an active player himself, for their help and co-operation in ensuring that handball is projected in a most fitting manner.

The Bank of Ireland who have been our major sponsor are most deserving of our thanks as without their major financial input it would be impossible to carry out such a major event. O'Neill's International Sports Goods, and Puma have all played a significant part in supplying the top quality playing attire while Waterford Glass supplied the magnificent trophies.

Without the support of our many Irish players, over the years, it would not have been possible to make such a success of Top Ace and we are most appreciative of this support.

### COACHING

The renowned International Coach Pete Tyson visited our country on two occasions during the year and in addition to conducting the National Coaching Course in Gormanston conducted a total of 15 other courses throughout the country. He added a new dimension to the coaching scene and created a great impact everywhere.

The members of our National Coaching Council were very active during the year and conducted many courses at various levels. In addition to county and club courses special coaching courses for teachers were held in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, St. Patrick's College, Dublin, and St. Joseph's College, Belfast. For the future there will be 4 Grades of coach i.e. Teacher Coach, Club Coach, County Coach and Senior Coach. A suitable syllabus for each type of coach has been drawn up.

### G.A.A. PERSONAL ACCIDENT SCHEME

Despite a constant demand for Accident Insurance over the years the initial response to the new G.A.A. Personal Accident Scheme was disappointing. I would appeal to all county committees to encourage their players to join this Scheme as in addition to coverage for accidents players and officials travelling to and from matches and meetings are also covered.

### ADMINISTRATION COURSES

While a number of courses were held during the past year there is still not a general awareness of the need to improve our administration. There has been a mini explosion in the field of recreation and indications are that with increasing leisure time and a high level of unemployment, more and more time is available to people to take part in some form of recreation. We must develop our Administrative structures to enable them to cater for the increasing demand for recreation otherwise we will find ourselves left behind in the development and expansion of sport.

### CISTE NA BANBAN RAFFLE

The Council took part in the Ciste na Banban Raffle for the second year and I regret to say the response from clubs and county committees was disappointing despite the fact that 60% of all cards sold was retained by the club or county. A regular complaint from our units is the difficulty in coming by funds and this makes it all the more difficult to understand the general apathy towards an attractive fund raising scheme.

### MEMBERS DRAW

The Ard Chomhairle has launched a Members Draw in an effort to help improve the financial position of our Provincial Councils and at the same time make inroads on our large overdraft at central level. This is the most ambitious fund raising scheme ever undertaken in handball and it

is vital to its success that it is fully supported by our members. The prize fund alone is £12,500 with the prizes spread over 10 months. The Draw itself is one of the most attractive as subscribers have one chance in five of winning a prize. Nothing less than 100% support will do if the returns from the Draw are to reach the targets set and thus enable us to make a major financial input to funds at provincial and national level.

### CEANNÁRAS LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE

Ceannáras was in full operation during the year. In addition to acting as Headquarters for handball it also serves the community as a Sports Centre. As in former years the courts were made available to the Leinster Council, Dublin County Committee, Post Primary and Higher Education Colleges, and the Community Games.

During the year we had some robberies and as a result had to improve the overall security of the premises. While we have spent a sizeable sum in this regard we will receive some compensation through our insurance.

As a result of a successful year's working it was possible to transfer a surplus of £12,000 from the Bar account to central funds. Indications are that the Centre will prove a valuable money earner for the Handball Council in the years ahead and vindicate the decision taken to proceed with the second stage of the development a few years ago.

A total sum of £29,200 has now been transferred to central funds over the past three and a half years.

It is fitting that I should pay tribute to our Caretaker Dick McMullen and our Bar Manager, Michael Ó Treasaigh for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that the Centre and Bar are operated in a most efficient manner.

Irín Ní Ghláibhín acts as a very efficient Runaí to Ceannáras in addition to her many other duties in the various areas of handball.

### PUBLICITY

Once again our thanks is due to the Press at National and Provincial level for the publicity which our game receives. Naturally there is always room for extra coverage and I am a firm believer that where genuine efforts are made on worthwhile promotions and developments that the press will respond in a generous manner. The level of publicity is often an indication of the input we make into communication.

Again I would emphasise the value of photographs as these will be seen as there is always the tendency for the general public to look at photographs whereas they will not always read press articles.

### FINANCE

While our financial position is still critical it is pleasing to report that there has been a decrease in our overall deficit. It is plainly evident, as we prepare for the Centenary Year, that serious efforts must be made to create new sources of revenue that will make a sizeable impact on our deficit and enable us to enter 1984 with confidence in our ability to finance our various Centenary activities.

I don't think it is generally appreciated, that were it not for Cumann Lúthleas Gael, we would have to pay very sizeable interest on our overdraft, for this help we are indeed grateful.

Caimin Mac Seoin has completed his second year of office as Uachtarán and it is fitting that I should pay tribute to him for his commitment and dedication. He has helped considerably in the field of court construction and has made himself readily available to clubs embarking on development programmes.

I wish to express our appreciation of the help and assistance received from the Uachtarán Cumann Lúthleas Gael, Pádraig Ó Bogaigh, an tÁrd Stiúrthoir Liam Ó Maolmichíl, also to the members of Coiste Bainistí and Ard Chomhairle Cumann Lúthleas Gael and the other G.A.A. sub-committees.

To the members of Árd Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, a very sincere thanks for your ever ready help and co-operation. To our Provincial Councils, County Committees and our many workers a very sincere thank you and may we all work together to lift handball to new heights in the years ahead.

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-anamnacha.

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