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**AINMIÚCHÁIN 1984**

**Uachtarán:** Tomás Ó'Briain (Cill Chainnigh)

**Cisteoir:** An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú (Átha Cliath)

**Teachta ar Árd-Chómhairle Cumann Lúthchleas Gael:**

Tomás Breathnach (Dún na nGall) – Tomás Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh) – Séamus Ó Greacháin (An Mhí) – Pádraig Ó Muirí (Loch Garman) – An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú (Átha Cliath)

**STANDING ORDERS**

The following shall be the Standing Orders for the conduct of business at the Annual Congress:—

1. The proposer of a Motion or an Amendment may speak for not more than five minutes when making the proposal. He may speak a second time for not more than three minutes before a vote is taken.
2. A delegate seconding or speaking to a Motion or an Amendment may speak once only and must not exceed three minutes.
3. The President 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.
4. A delegate may, with the consent of the President, move "that the question be put" after which, when the proposer has spoken a vote must be taken.
5. 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 voting.



I mbliana tá Comóradh an Chéid á cheiliúradh ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. Thar cheann Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, idir imreoirí agus lucht stiúrtha, déanaim comhghairdeas ó chroí lenár máthair-chumann. Bhí liathróid láimhe ar cheann dena cluichí a luadh a gCairt an Chumann agus leagadh amach rialacha a bhain leis an gcluiche ó thús. Tá ceangal níos dlúithe ná riamh anois eadrainn agus sinne ag comóradh an Chéid.

As we enter the G.A.A. Centenary Year it is only fitting, at the outset of my report, that I pay a very special tribute to our parent body on reaching its centennial. One has only to reflect on the Ireland of over 100 years ago to really appreciate the tremendous contribution Cumann Lúthchleas Gael has made to the Irish people. As a result of the famine we had a depressed, disorganised, and persecuted people looking for some ray of hope for the future. The founding of the G.A.A. in 1884 by Michael Cusack was to be the ray of hope that the people had waited for and history shows how it developed the fibre of our nation. As the Association developed the confidence of our people grew and pride was restored in all that is good in our distinctly Irish way of life. As a result, a cultural base was created from which we established our national identity which made a major contribution to creating the Ireland of today. As our Association enters its second century it is my earnest wish, despite the many alien influences of today, that we do not lose sight of our nationalistic ideals but instead create an even greater awareness of the value of our games, language, and culture and as a result go from strength to strength.

It is worthy of record that while handball did not come under the direct administration of the G.A.A. until 1924 the game was included in the charter from the outset and as early as 1886 the G.A.A. Congress at Thurles laid down the regulation size for handball courts. Again in 1915 the official Guide of the G.A.A. set down the rule for "Short lines".

The year 1983 provides further evidence of the tremendous strides handball is making in all areas and it is encouraging that there appears to be greater awareness on the part of Football and Hurling clubs of the value of handball as a recreational outlet. It is only fitting on such an historic occasion that a review should be carried out on the development of the game since it came under the direct control of the G.A.A. and I am including, with this report, a special supplement setting out the various stages of development and a list of championship winners in all grades from 1924.

Some indication of the progress handball is making, since the mid-seventies, can be seen by the number of new courts being built each year. Grant-aid has been given to 167 clubs during this time. The amount of money spent, by clubs, on court construction in this period is now in excess of £4½ million. Apart from the G.A.A. I doubt if there is any other sports body in this country that has spent anywhere near this figure in providing recreational facilities for the community. In carrying out such a major development programme we are relieving the Government and the Local Authorities of their responsibility to provide recreational facilities for the community. Surely such a service to the nation is worthy of tangible recognition by both our Government and our Local Authorities.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

There has been a tremendous increase in participation over the past ten years and it is accepted that the remainder of the century will see dramatic economic, social and demographic changes so it is vital that we have clear minded aims and policies as what to adopt and respond to.

Indications are that the economical growth rate of the '60s and '70s is not projected for the '80s and as a result the high rate of unemployment will continue well into the future and more leisure time will be available to those in employment.

As a sports body we have a promotional aim to meet the needs of all the community and we must learn effectively the techniques of marketing, information and communication and to draw up distinctly formulated objectives and programme of action if we are to make a major impact in the years ahead and thereby improve the quality of people's lives, and contribute to their physical and mental health.

### POTENTIAL GROWTH AREAS

\* The unemployed form a very sizeable part of our population and recent surveys show that less than 10% take part in any form of recreation. As a sports body we should be seen to have a full commitment to serve all sections of the community by introducing a degree of flexibility to meet the various needs. In the case of the unemployed we are talking about one of the areas with the greatest growth potential and we must be seen to make handball attractive to them. I wish to submit the following suggestions for your consideration.

- (A) Introduction of specially reduced membership fees.
- (B) Make our courts available during the mornings and afternoons.
- (C) Introduce minimum court booking fees.
- (D) Appoint some club official/s who will be responsible for the development of handball in this area.
- (E) Provide Coaching and Fitness Training Courses.
- (F) Establish contact with the local community leaders — professional and voluntary.

\* While there has been a reasonable increase in the number of G.A.A. clubs involved in handball in recent years there still remains a vast number of these clubs where handball forms no part of the club's programme of activity. Now that the G.A.A. is preparing to enter a new century the time is appropriate for an all out effort to sell the benefits of handball to these clubs. This must be done by a joint approach from both Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

Handball County Committees and clubs for their part should be organising special competitions for Football and Hurling clubs. These could be organised either mid-week or in the off season. Monaghan, Clare, Tyrone and Carlow are counties who already provide this type of competition and as a result a considerable number of G.A.A. clubs have now built handball courts.

\* Handball at Primary School level is an area that has been seriously neglected in most counties and as a result we are losing out on what should be a valuable reservoir of talent. If we are serious in our efforts to develop handball at juvenile level then we must take immediate remedial action. During the past year the Dept. of Education, on the advice of Cospóir, set aside a special day in Primary Schools for the promotion of "Sport for All". The intention is that this will continue into the future and it provides an ideal opportunity to promote handball in the form of mini-handball games with a view to encouraging life long participation. Other matters worthy of serious consideration are:

- (A) Special Coaching Courses for teachers at Regional and County level.
- (B) Suitable printed material on the various forms of mini-handball.
- (C) Inter-School Competitions to be arranged on a district basis in each county with the winners qualifying for the final stages at county level. The competition should cease at county level as it is not recommended that children within the primary schools age group, should take part in serious competition at provincial or national level.
- (D) The production of an illustrated "Play Handball" book aimed specially at this level of Education.

\* Another area worth of very serious consideration is the development of handball as a suitable "Family Sport". The emphasis in Society now is more and more on the involvement of the family as against the individual. One has only to look around at the various places, where special facilities are provided for children, while their parents take part in some form of recreation. We in handball have a game where children can participate with their parents and I suggest that our policy should be to sell handball as the ideal game to benefit the "Health of the Community". Every effort must be made to ensure that handball is seen to be a true community sport, and not as in some sports, the privilege of the higher income groups. Clubs should strongly consider setting aside special "Family Days" and also to arrange special Family Competitions at regular intervals during the year.

\* With the emphasis now very much on the involvement of the 40 plus in some form of recreation the time is opportune for an intensive drive to get more and more of these people to play handball. Our game by its very nature is one of the most suitable games for this purpose as it can be played at a pace to meet individual needs. Further there is a championship structure for those anxious to take part in competitive handball. The market is there and it only remains for us to make the effort to secure a very sizeable return.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- (A) We should be endeavouring to maximise the use of our court facilities as a number are underused. This can be done by encouraging people to use them during lunch breaks and the introduction of incentives for use in the off-peak hours.
- (B) If we are to continue to make progress we must learn how to recruit and train leaders at the various levels. The principle of leadership must be accepted if we are serious about expanding handball to new horizons. Coiste Forbartha needs the full support of all units if it is to formulate a syllabus for a course suitable to our needs.
- (C) With the emphasis so much on fitness for sport I think the time is opportune to produce a "Fitness Training Manual" for handball. Expert advice will be available if you decide to proceed with such a publication. Consideration could also be given to organising a seminar for players and officials on Fitness Training and Injury Prevention.
- (D) With our championship clár very crowded there is no room for further competitions and all our efforts should be concentrated on consolidating and streamlining the championships and competitions already in existence.
- (E) Squad Training for our up and coming players is a subject that has been discussed from time to time without any worthwhile action being taken apart

from the very limited sessions for our Junior International team. If we are to improve the standards at home serious consideration will have to be given to the introduction of such a scheme. Now that our younger players are taking part in regular international competition it makes it all the more important that every effort be made to continue to improve their standard of play as there has been a very noticeable improvement in this direction as evidenced last year, by the players from other counties.

- (F) The impact of the 1970 World Handball Championships made on the development of Irish Handball has been immense and the benefits are still accruing. It is obvious that the 1984 World Championships will make a similar, if not greater, impact and we must ensure that we have the leadership and the instruments to fully capitalise on such an event.
- (G) We should not let the G.A.A. Centenary Year pass without a thought for the traditional forms of handball from which the game took its roots e.g. one wall and three wall handball and hardball. It would be most appropriate if we arranged special centenary weekend competitions to identify with the older forms of the game
  - (1) One wall Singles Competition
  - (2) Three wall Singles and Doubles Competitions
  - (3) Hardball Singles and Doubles Competitions
- (H) The handball club of the future should be seen as the club of activity in the local community with a wide range of social, cultural and recreational activity. A broadly structured club can make a major impact on the life of the local community and at the same time serve as a meeting place for all the community. The handball club can be developed in such a way as to serve as a community centre especially in areas where no facility exists.

#### ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The full championship programme in all codes and grades was carried out on time. The shorter time spread for each championship has led to a more efficient operation and at the same time has given players an opportunity to plan their programme of activity in advance.

Tony Ryan retained his 40 x 20 Senior Singles title and also won the Coca-Cola Singles Championship and as a result of this unusual feat joins the small band of players who have won titles in two codes in the same year. P. Clery and J. Fleming retained the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles while the Quish Brothers, Tom and John, after a few short years in the Senior grade made it to the top when decisive winners of the Coca-Cola doubles. P. McGee of Mayo equalled the record of J.J. Gilmartin when winning the Senior Hardball Singles for the tenth time. His first success was back in 1965. The Senior Hardball Doubles was retained by P. and C. Winders of Kildare. This was the third successive victory for Kildare in this championship. Dublin had their most successful year ever in winning titles in 6 grades, P. Hall in 40 x 20 Under 21 Singles, F. Daly in Novice 60 x 30 Singles, E. Mac Bhloscaidh and D. O Loinsigh in 60 x 30 Under 21 Doubles, M. Hore and L. Ferguson in 60 x 30 Over 50 Doubles, E. Lee in Junior Hardball Singles and E. Lee and R. Walsh in Junior Hardball Doubles. Former Waterford hurling star P. Kiely was an impressive winner in the Over 50 Singles and proved the point that handball can be an ideal activity for footballers and hurlers when they retire from their games. M. Walsh of Kilkenny added to his impressive record in winning titles in the following grades: Minor Singles in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20, Minor Softball Doubles with J. Walsh, and Junior Softball Doubles with E. Downey. Tipperary Minor J. O'Donoghue was dominant in Minor Hardball winning the Singles title for the second year



in succession and partnering E. Corbett to success in the Doubles. W. Kerins of Kerry added to his very impressive record at Masters level by once again winning the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Singles titles and partnering his brother Nicholas to success in the 40 x 20 Doubles. Clare had a dual success with J. Duggan and P. Clavin on 40 x 20 Minor Doubles and P. Coughlan and P. Conway in 40 x 20 Novice Doubles. J. Brennan added to Kilkenny's impressive record with success in the 40 x 20 Novice Singles. Cork were successful in winning three titles with J. Walsh scoring a double in the 40 x 20 Over 50 Singles and Doubles. He was partnered by J. McGann in the Doubles. J. Herlihy and N. Collins won the 40 x 20 Under 21 Doubles. In winning the Junior Softball Singles for Mayo M. Sweeney gave the county its second title in this grade. Their previous success was in 1961 with D. Walsh. The success of E. Conneely of Galway in the 40 x 20 Junior Singles was the first in this grade for the county since the championship was inaugurated in 1975. The success of M. and J. McGovern of Meath in the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles was a first timer for the county in this grade. P. McCarthy retained the 60 x 30 Under 21 Singles title for Waterford who won it last year with S. Lyons. The success of R. Alwyrd and M. Dwyer in the 60 x 30 Masters Doubles was a just reward for years of preservice.

### NATIONAL LEAGUES

Yet again the National League in the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 codes provided keen and in a number of matches razor edged competition. It is indeed encouraging to see such an evening up in standards in all sections. Wexford dominated the scene in winning Division I of the 60 x 30 league. However, in both codes they had to survive very severe competition in a number of matches. Former Division II winners Carlow put up a very creditable performance in qualifying for the Division I final and were only beaten by a small margin. Roscommon was a team that went very close in the semi finals of both codes losing in each case by very small margins.

Dublin finished off their most successful season for many a year when winning Division II of the 60 x 30 League after a close final against Offaly.

### INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The highlight of the Inter-Club Championships was the emergence of the St. Peter's club from Belfast in both the Open and Novice 40 x 20 Championships. They were clear cut winners of the Novice title and as a result became the first Antrim team to win such a championship. They were also runners-up in the Open Championship after putting up an impressive performance against a strong Talbot's Inch team in the final. These achievements are a tribute to the committed officials in Antrim who are now seeing a return for their work over the years.

Roscommons success in the Open 60 x 30 championship was the fifth success for the club over the past seven years and an indication of the overall strength of the club at this level.

Na Fianna defeated semi-finalists in 1982 went all the way in winning the Gael Linn Novice title for the first time.

### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

Once again there was a full entry in all grades of the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 championships. In keeping with previous years the standard was very good with most matches evenly contested.

Over the years these championships have played a major part in the development of Juvenile handball and in fact many of our present top players came up through these championships.

While we appreciate the support we receive from Willwood Tailteann nevertheless participation by our counties is a costly exercise and I would ask the Sponsors to consider reimbursing in some way at least part of the outlay involved.

### FÉILE NA nGAEL

The new format adopted for the Féile na nGael Competitions was an outstanding success and as a result the competition gained in stature. The decision to change from a doubles to a team of four competition was very well received and is here to stay as it now gives an outlet for juvenile team competition at national level for the first time ever. An additional attraction was the introduction of a Skills Award competition which was well received. A special tribute is due to Cathaoirleach, An Br. B.C. Ó Murchú, Leas Cathaoirleach Micheál Mac Bhloscaidh and Enda Tiomney who conducted the Skills Award competition.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

Again the big deterrent to full development is lack of playing facilities at most of our colleges. Until such time as there is a big improvement in this regard it is difficult to see handball making major progress.

The discrimination against handball still continues at Thomond College our National College of Physical Education with much talk but no action on the provision of handball courts. I doubt if there is any other National College of Physical Education in any part of the World where the games native and racy of the soil are not provided for.

Would it be too much to expect that in the G.A.A. Centenary Year there might be a change of heart.

### POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

While there has been a noticeable increase in the number of colleges taking part nevertheless there still remains a vast amount of work to be done before we can feel satisfied that handball is firmly established at this level of education. To make really worthwhile progress I feel an agreement will have to be reached between the G.A.A. Colleges Provincial Councils and the Handball Provincial Council whereby the latter body will be given responsibility for the development of handball at Colleges level. A similar arrangement would benefit handball at Vocational Schools level. Since the Leinster Handball Council was asked to make an input there has been an improvement in the province. However if such an agreement was reached it would be necessary to come to some agreement on the financial implications of such a change over.

### LADIES HANDBALL

While there was a noticeable improvement in Ladies Handball over the past year we cannot afford to feel complacent as a vast amount of work still remains to be done in all areas. To build up a vibrant Ladies organisation it is essential to have the necessary infrastructure and this can only be done if all our units from club, to county, to Provincial Council give a firm commitment to back the development of Ladies handball in a positive way by a properly planned campaign of action. The ladies for their part should be seen to be emerging as leaders at the various levels of administration and development as this would lead to uncomplicated leadership as they could devote their energies solely to the development of Ladies handball.

### INTERNATIONAL

While our representatives continue to project a good image for Irish handball on the international scene it was not one of our best years.

Two players, Tony Ryan and John Fleming travelled to Houston to take part in the U.S.A. Open and Under 23 championships. Both players were defeated in the quarter-finals of the Under 23 championships which was somewhat of a disappointment as Tony Ryan was one of the top seeds and only lost by a few aces, while John Fleming carried an injured hand from an earlier match in the Open Singles and could not do himself justice. In the Open Championship J. Fleming reached the third round before going out to No. 8 seed Mike Gardner on a tie breaker. Paddy O'Keefe who travelled on his own initiative, was disappointed that he could not gain entry into the Over 50 Singles, teamed up with Tony Ryan in the Open Doubles as J. Fleming was injured. They put on a very good performance in only going under in a Tie breaker against one of the top seeds.

### OPEN SINGLES - RESULTS

1st Round - J. Fleming defeated J. Hutchins (Wyoming) 21 - 2, 21 - 5.  
2nd Round - J. Fleming defeated F. Barboa (California) 20 - 21, 21 - 5, 1 - 0 on forfeit.  
3rd Round - J. Fleming lost to M. Gardner (Kansas City) 12 - 21, 21 - 1, 11 - 3.

### UNDER 23 SINGLES

2nd Round - J. Fleming defeated J. Berman (Tucson) 21 - 13, 21 - 8.  
T. Ryan defeated J. Brown (Austin) 21 - 6, 21 - 2.  
Quarter Finals - J. Fleming lost to A. Monreal (Mexico) 21 - 3, 21 - 8.  
T. Ryan lost to K. Shauman (U.S.A.F.) 21 - 19, 21 - 20.

### OPEN DOUBLES

T.P. Ryan & P. O'Keefe lost to C. Roberts, T. Sterritt, 21 - 11, 17 - 21, 11 - 8.

An official team of three players, John Duggan, Michael Walsh and Walter O'Connor travelled to the U.S. Junior Championship in December and in view of the very good results of the past two years we were confident of success in at least one or two of the grades. However this was not to be as all our players made their exit in the semi-finals or quarter-finals. It was indeed a big disappointment especially in the case of Mr. Walsh who had won the Under 15 title in 1981 and the Under 17 title in 1982. John Duggan gave his best ever performance when only losing out to the holder, over the past two years, in a thrilling encounter. Walter O'Connor on his first trip suffered from lack of experience at international level and was defeated in the Under 15 semi-final. The reports to hand indicate that there was a big improvement in the standard of the U.S.A. Junior players which in effect means that we will have to step up considerably our future training programmes if we are to compete successfully. Two other Irish players, Paul Clavin and Frank Kavanagh, also travelled and after being eliminated in the early stages of the Under 19 and Under 17 championships respectively, put up very good performances in the Consolation Competitions with Paul Clavin winning out in his grade and Frank Kavanagh being runner-up.

### UNDER 15 SINGLES RESULTS

1st Round W. O'Connor defeated C. Gutierrez (Lake-side, CA) 21 - 1, 21 - 4.  
Quarter-Final W. O'Connor defeated S. Chavez (Commerce, C.A.) 21 - 12, 21 - 15.  
Semi-Final W. O'Connor lost to R. Morones, 21 - 12, 16 - 21, 11 - 2.

### UNDER 17 SINGLES

1st Round M. Walsh defeated M. Belloumini (S. Francisco) 21 - 12, 21 - 14.  
Quarter-Final M. Walsh lost to J. Bike (New York), 21 - 12, 17 - 21, 9 - 11.  
1st Round F. Kavanagh lost to D. De Leon (California) 17 - 21, 14 - 21.  
F. Kavanagh went on to be runner-up in the Consolation

### UNDER 19 SINGLES

1st Round J. Duggan defeated M. Ohleyer (S. Francisco) 21 - 5, 21 - 1.  
Quarter Final - J. Duggan defeated L. Delatorre, (S. Francisco) 12 - 21, 21 - 14, 11 - 9.  
Semi-Final - J. Duggan lost to A. Monreal 16 - 21, 20 - 21.  
1st Round P. Clavin lost to S. Shapiro (Tucson) 10 - 21, 6 - 6 - 21.  
P. Clavin went on to win the Consolation

As in previous years special Coaching and Fitness Training Sessions were held for the players taking part in the U.S.A. underage championships and we are indebted to E. Timony and F. Mullen of the Coaching Council for their work in ensuring that the players received the necessary preparation before departing for the U.S.A.

### HANDBALL COURT DEVELOPMENT

The growth rate of court construction continues to increase considerably and as a result there is very heavy demand for construction grants. Despite the fact that grants were given to 25 clubs for court construction there is still a waiting list of 19 clubs for the 1984 grants. There is no way within our very limited resources that we can meet the demand to increase the grants payable for court construction or to meet the increasing demand from clubs for grants due to the explosion in court construction. We have made representation to the G.A.A. in the past to increase our annual grants without any success. Now that we are in the Centenary Year of the Association I would ask that Cumman Lutchleas Gael give serious and positive consideration to increasing our annual grants which have not been increased for the past nine years.

### DETAILS OF GRANTS ALLOCATED 40 x 20 Courts (New Courts)

Colaiste Mhuire, Cobh	£500
Crinkle	£500
Barnacarroil	£500
Horse and Jockey	£500
Ballyfermot	£500
Corduff G.A.A.	£500
Killala	£500
Tournafulla G.A.A.	£500
St. Finbarra G.A.A. (Two Courts)	£1000
Youghal	£500
St. Martins G.A.A. Wexford	£500
Tydavnet G.A.A.	£500
Monaghan Harps G.A.A.	£500
St. Marys G.A.A. Sligo	£500
Galway (Two Courts)	£1000
Ballinrobe	£500
Liscaul	£500
Bree G.A.A. Wexford	£500

### 60 x 30 Courts New Court

Kilnaleck	£500
<u>Roofing</u>	
Hospital	£300
Dunlavin	£300
Templeudigan	£300
Belcarra	£300
<u>Renovations</u>	
Shanagolden	£100
The Bawn	£200

### R.T.E. TOP ACE

The annual Top Ace Television Series was once again an outstanding success. We are indebted to the many Irish players who took part and also to the United States Handball Association for sending a very formidable team: Naty Alvarado, John Sabo, Larry Bookman and Pat Kirby

with team Manager Bob Peters. The U.S.H.A. President Carl Porter is deserving of our thanks for ensuring that his country was represented by top class players. The 40 x 20 International competition was won by Naty Alvarado who defeated John Sabo, the winner for the past two years, in the final. Alvarado displayed all his wide range of skills and demonstrated clearly why he is the outstanding 40 x 20 handballer in the World. Eamon Conneely, the Galway Junior player, was the dark horse of the whole competition and carved a special niche for himself when winning the third place trophy, the first Irish player to do so since the series was inaugurated. During the course of the Competition he defeated M. Aherne, P. Kirby and T. Ryan. He was also awarded the "Player of the Tournament" trophy.

Tommy Morrissey who has been in the top bracket of senior players for the past five years made his first major breakthrough when winning the 60 x 30 International Series after a close contest with the Coca-Cola All Ireland Champion Ollie Harold in the final.

The U.S.A. represented by P. Kirby and L. Bookman won the 40 x 20 International Doubles while the Irish Players R. Lyng and J. Goggins won the 60 x 30 International Doubles.

Long serving Masters player W. Kerins had a clear cut win over Bob Peters in the Masters Singles while W. O'Connor and P. Curran defeated A. McGovern and T. Sheridan by one ace in a thrilling Juvenile final. Majella Mythen was a deserving winner over former All Ireland champion Mavis O'Toole in the Ladies Final.

A special word of thanks to our major sponsor Bank of Ireland without its financial injection it would not be possible to promote the Competition. Once again Waterford glass provided magnificent trophies which are greatly sought after by players from each country and we are indeed very thankful. O'Neills International Sports Goods once again provided very attractive playing attire for which we are thankful, while Puma are deserving of our thanks for sponsoring the footwear.

This whole operation would not be possible were it not for the R.T.E. Sports Department and we say a sincere thank you to Fred Cogley, Head of Sport, Producer Michael O'Carroll and Commentator Mick Dunne. We look forward to their continued support in the years ahead.

### COACHING

Coaching is high on the list of our priorities and the year under review saw no easing up in this regard. The National Coaching Course was held in Gormanstown from 1st - 6th August. The course, which was very well attended, was voted as an outstanding success by all the participants.

Teacher Coaching Courses were held in St. Patrick's College, Dublin, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny and St. Joseph's College, Belfast. There were also numerous courses at county and club level.

The intention is to produce a coaching video in the very near future which will fill a void in coaching material. We are indebted to the Belfast Polytechnic College for making their facilities available for this purpose.

A special word of thanks is due to the members of the Coaching Council: Sean Lee, Chairman, Frank Mullen, Pakie Hoare, Enda Timoney and Sean McEntee.

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

The response to this Scheme was very disappointing despite constant demands from handballers over the years for a

Personal Accident Scheme. At present the details of a new Scheme are being formulated and indications are that this will be attractive. Every effort should be made to encourage our members to cover themselves.

### ADMINISTRATION COURSES

There is still not an awareness of the need and value of Administration Courses. While a number were held during the year nevertheless there is still an apparent lack of enthusiasm and lack of awareness of the value of these courses. We are in the market of selling recreation and if we are to make a serious impact we must ensure that we have an administrative structure at every level that is capable of marketing our game in a more effective and professional manner.

### MEMBERS DRAW

The 600 Members Draw was launched during the year in an effort to reduce our heavy overdraft. Targets were set for our Provincial Councils and also the Ard-Chomhairle members and our councils were offered an attractive commission on all monies collected. It is disappointing to report that some of our councils and Ard-Chomhairle members failed to reach their targets. While the target of 600 members was reached we would have been in a position to launch a second Draw had we received the full support of all units.

### A.I.B. - G.A.A. CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

There was no Club of the Year Award in 1983 as it was decided to hold special Competitions for the Centenary Year with additional and more attractive awards in the various categories. These awards will be based on 1983 performances in each category.

### HARDBALL

There was no significant increase in the number of counties taking part in the various grades of hardball. While there was an increase of 2 counties in the Minor grades there was a corresponding decrease in the number of Senior entries.

If hardball is to be revived on a widespread basis then a promotional drive will have to be undertaken at club and county level. Unless hardball becomes firmly based in our clubs no significant progress will be made at All Ireland level. Another problem facing future development is the availability of suitable hardballs as at present the supply is very poor in quality and difficult to come by.

### G.A.A. CENTENARY YEAR

Cumann Lúthleas Gael has set out a programme of events for its Centenary Year and where possible each club, county committee, and provincial council should become fully involved. Handball must be seen to be an integral part of the G.A.A. and this can only be done by becoming involved in as many areas of general activity as possible. In addition consideration should be given to organising Competitions and events that would involve our footballers and hurlers as well as handballers.

The Special Centenary Handball Championships have been well supported and should generate much publicity for handball. Each participating player will receive a Souvenir Centenary Certificate and the winners and runners-up will receive special Centenary medallions which will not be repeated.

The winners of the Open 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Singles Championships will qualify to represent Ireland in the respective World Championships and as an added bonus will



take part in the U.S.A. Open championships which are scheduled for Baltimore next June.

Special Centenary Singles Championships are being arranged by the London County Committee, in Novice, Junior and Masters grades, for players in Britain. The winners of the Irish 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 championships in three grades will travel to London to take part in the final stages of these championships.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The major contribution from the Irish Handball Council to the G.A.A. Centenary celebrations will be the staging of the World Open Championships in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 courts. An added attraction will be the staging of a World Masters Open Singles and Doubles Championship in 40 x 20 court.

A record number of Countries are expected to participate in the various championships which will be spread over the period from 22nd April to 5th May 1984. The grand finale on Sunday May 6th will be the staging of the International Top Ace Series when both the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 competitions will be selected by R.T.E. from the players taking part in the World Championships.

The intention is that the World Masters Singles and Doubles Championships will be played at Clare Venues from 22nd - 27th April with the official opening of the World Open Championships in Ceannáras, Páirc on Chrócaigh on 28th April.

A special Centenary Banquet will be held in Dublin on Tuesday 1st May.

### HANDBALL IN BRITAIN

The efforts over the years to develop handball in Britain received a major boost when two 40 x 20 courts were built in the London area. Plans are in hand for the construction of one, if not two courts, in a new Irish Centre being built in London. The only other courts available in Britain are those at the U.S. Army bases which are only open on an invitational basis. The next move is to approach Irish Centres and G.A.A. clubs in various parts of the country to encourage them to build handball courts. A special word of thanks is due to the committed band: Michael Collins, Sean O'Mahony and Johnny Quinn for their perseverance and dedication over the years which is now beginning to bear fruit.

### MEMBERSHIP

As a result of the motion passed at last year's Annual Congress the new membership fee comes into operation from this year. On the payment of the £1 fee each member will be registered at National Level and a membership card will be issued by the Registrar. Players cannot take part in any championship or competition at club, county, provincial or national level until such time as they are registered. When one examines the number of clubs throughout the country and compares the incomes from affiliation fees it is apparent that in some counties the total number of active clubs are not being affiliated.

This is a matter that that should be taken up by the Provincial Councils as it would result in an increase in income for both the Provincial and Central Councils.

### CEANNÁRAS LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE

Ceannáras continues to act as Headquarters for handball in addition to serving the Community as a Sports Centre. During the year the courts were made available to the Leinster and Ladies Councils, Higher Education and Post Primary Colleges, Community Games etc. free of

charge.

As a result of two break-ins and the considerable damage done to the roofs on the occasion of the All Ireland Football Semi-Final and Final it was necessary to take out all the acrylic domes in both courts and replace them with steel deck roofing. The roofing on the Games Room had also to be fully replaced as a result of the damage done by vandals on the occasion of football matches. These extra security measures should improve the overall security of the premises and effect a significant saving in the future.

A pension scheme was introduced last year to cover our Caretaker and Bar Manager as it was the feeling that we had a moral obligation to provide for our employees on their retirement.

As a result of a successful years working it was possible to transfer £18,000 from the Bar and £1,500 from the Sports Centre, to Handball Council Funds. This bears out my prediction that the Centre will prove a valuable income earner for the Handball Council in the years ahead.

In preparation for the forthcoming World Championships the Ard-Chomhairle decided to increase, as far as possible, the seating at the 40 x 20 court, and also to build a Hospitality room which will also serve as a Fitness Training Room. With the increasing income from Ceannáras there should be no problem in covering the total cost of this development within a short space of time. Contrary to the generally held opinion only 8.5% of the total cost of the second stage of the development at Ceannáras was subscribed by clubs, county committees, provincial councils, and Ard-Chomhairle members.

A special tribute is due to our Caretaker, Dick McMullen, and our Bar Manager Micháel Ó Treasaigh for their commitment in ensuring that the Centre and Bar are run in a very efficient manner. As usual Irín Ní Ghlábhín proved a most efficient and committed Rúnaí despite her many other duties in the different areas of handball.

### OUR SPONSORS

Our Sponsors made a major contribution in various ways which enable us to carry through many of our programmes of activity and for this support we say a sincere thank you to: The Bank of Ireland; Coca-Cola Ltd.; Waterford Glass; Cougar Sports; Gael Linn; O'Neills International Sports Goods; Willwood and Tayto.

### PUBLICITY

Once again we say thank you to our National and Provincial Press for their constructive and positive coverage of our game. The coverage we receive has played an important part in the overall development of handball. Our thanks is also due to R.T.E. for the coverage we receive on Radio and Television. While naturally there is always room for additional coverage I feel we ourselves must accept responsibility at certain levels for failure to make a genuine effort.

Photographs are a very important segment of overall publicity and this is one area where we fall down as despite regular requests we receive very little for distribution at central level from our various units.

### GOVERNMENT GRANT

Despite the economic recession our grant was maintained at the 1982 level. This in itself was appreciated as all indications early in the year were that there would be a decrease. We are certainly appreciative of the help from the Department of Education as it is a sizeable part of our overall income and enables us to carry out our programme of development in all areas without undue restrictions.

We are indebted to the Minister of State, Donal Creed for his help and encouragement at all times, to Barra Ó hUallacháin, Cospóir and his staff for their courtesy and co-operation.

### FINANCE

Financially the year was reasonably satisfactory when one considers that: the Loan from the G.A.A. Club Developments Scheme has now been reduced from £6000 to £2000, a sizeable sum was spent on the re-roofing and provision of other security measures at Ceannáras which will not be of a recurring nature. Extra seating was provided in the 40 x 20 court for the forthcoming World Championships, and the sum paid in grants to clubs for court construction was in excess of the annual capital Investment Grant we get from the G.A.A. With an Income at £116,913 and Expenditure at £115,479 another milestone was reached as for the first time we exceeded the £100,000 mark. It is worthy of note that in my first year of office which was in 1954 the Income was £935 and Expenditure £838. We have certainly come a long way since then.

### BUÍOCHAS

Caimín. Mac Seoin has completed his term of office and I wish to pay him a special tribute for his commitment and dedication. Over the years he has been to the forefront of our court development programme and he cannot but feel happy with the tremendous strides made in court construction. The plans in general use for court construction were designed by him and he has made his services readily available to many clubs who had court construction problems. His commitment to Juvenile handball has been regarded with the emergence of some top class juvenile players in his own county. He can look back at his term of office as very rewarding and I am confident that he will make his services available in the future.

I wish to express our appreciation of the help and assistance received from the Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Pádraig Ó Bogaigh, an tArd Stiúrthóir Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, also to the members of Coiste Bainistí and Ard-Chómhairle Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the other G.A.A. sub-committees.

To the members of Ard Chómhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann, 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 dtuga Dia suaimhneas síoraí dóibh.

*Seamus Ó. Lamsigh*  
Riarthóir.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

A Chairde,

We have audited the records of the Council for the year ended 31st December 1983. 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 IR£70,342 and Expenditure came to IR£68,113. This resulted in an Operating Surplus of IR£2,229 (1982: IR£642). The amounts included for Raffle are those received and incurred up to 6th January, 1984. As in past years the bank overdraft interest has been borne by the G.A.A. Central Council. The Ceannáras Club Lounge gave a grant of IR£17,000 and the Ceannáras Club gave a grant of IR£500 to the Council during the year. These amounts have been added to the Accumulated Surplus to date.

The Principle Variations relative to 1982 were:

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Membership Levy (none in 1983)		615
Competition Entrance Fees	2,278	
R.T.E. Broadcasting Fees		1,510
Government Grants		6,771
Sponsorship and Advertising	1,239	
Raffle (net of prizes and commission)	11,882	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Top Ace Competition		861
International Travel	2,163	
Handball Court Construction Grants	5,600	
Coaching		1,238
Handballs	1,432	
Repairs and Renewals - Ceannáras	3,370	

## BALANCE SHEET

The Fixed Assets of the Council at 31st December amounted to IR£176,354 and Net Current Liabilities amounted to IR£56,390. This resulted in Net Assets IR£119,964.

## STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

This Statement shows the changes that have taken place in the Balance Sheet since 31st December 1982. The principle change has been the additional outlay of IR£19,703 on the Ceannáras Courts.

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year was IR£18,323 and Expenditure was IR£16,551. This resulted in a Surplus of IR£1,772 (1982: IR£5,144).

## BALANCE SHEET

The Club had Net Assets of IR£846 at 31st December.

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Gross Profit on Sales of IR£88,159 was IR£28,809 and Overhead Expenses amounted to IR£18,073. This resulted in a Net Profit of IR£10,736 for the year (1982: IR£8,376). The Lounge made an after profits grant of IR£17,000 to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

## BALANCE SHEET

The Lounge had Net Liabilities of IR£7,666 at 31st December.

The books and records 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 1983

INCOME		IR£	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1983		IR£
Affiliation Fees		953	<b>Current Assets</b>		
Competition Entrance Fees		3,987	Investment in G.A.A. Development Scheme		100
Gate Receipts		4,047	Loan to Shannon Handball Club		200
R.T.E. Broadcasting Fees		2,184	Loan to Broadford Handball Club		250
Fines		235	Stocks of Handballs, Gloves and Sports Equipment		1,980
G.A.A. Central Council Grants:			Debtors for Handballs and Sports Equipment		739
Administration		1,000	Sundry Debtors		650
Erection of Handball Courts		6,600			<u>3,919</u>
International Travel		500	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Government Grants:			Handball Court Grants allocated (Schedule 5)		2,000
Administration and Development		18,400	Sundry Creditors		3,428
Sponsorship and Advertising		14,350	Raffle Commission to Provinces		4,500
Subscription to Ceannáras Building Fund		974	Bank Overdraft		48,381
Sale of Handballs and Sports Equipment		11,616	Loan from G.A.A. Development Scheme		2,000
Less Cost of Handballs and Equipment		(12,390)			<u>60,309</u>
Raffle		28,780	<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		<u>(56,390)</u>
Less Prizes and Expenses		(11,139)	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Miscellaneous		245	Outlay on 13, St. Joseph's Avenue		1,744
		<u>70,342</u>	Less Proportion written off to date		1,574
					<u>170</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>IR£</b>	Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts		176,184
Teams Expenses		3,779			<u>176,354</u>
Over Age Competition Grants	1	520	<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>119,964</u>
Top Ace Competition		9,658	<b>Financed by:</b>		
International Travel		8,042	Accumulated Surplus to date		119,964
Trophies		2,322			
Meeting Expenses		4,594	<b>STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS</b>		
Postage and Telephone		230	<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1983</b>		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		1,183			<b>IR£</b>
Audit and Accountancy Fees		769	<b>Sources of Funds</b>		
G.A.A. Central Council Administration Charge		5,110	Operating Surplus for year		2,229
Provincial Councils Administration Grants	2	2,000	Outlay written off 13, St. Joseph's Avenue		175
Grants to Ladies Handball Council	3	800	Grant from Ceannáras Lounge		17,000
Handball Court Construction Grants	4	11,500	Grant from Ceannáras Club		500
Court Development Plans		114			<u>19,904</u>
Provincial Councils Raffle Commissions		4,500	<b>Uses of Funds</b>		
Féile na nGael Expenses		819	Repayment of G.A.A. Development Scheme Loan		4,000
Coaching		6,788	Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts		19,703
Repairs and Renewals - Ceannáras		4,350			<u>23,703</u>
Loan Interest - G.A.A. Development Scheme		747	<b>Decrease in Funds</b>		<u>(3,799)</u>
All Ireland Stand Tickets		2,360	<b>Represented by:</b>		
Less Sales		(2,247)	Increase in Stock of Handballs etc.		346
Proportion of Outlay on 13, St. Joseph's Avenue written off		175	Decrease in Sundry Debtors		(126)
		<u>68,113</u>	Increase in Sundry Creditors		(5,851)
					<u>(5,631)</u>
Operating Surplus for year:		2,229	Improvement on Bank Balance		1,832
Grants from Ceannáras Lounge		17,000			<u>3,799</u>
Grant from Ceannáras Club		500			
Accumulated Surplus at 1st January		100,235			
		<u>119,964</u>			

# COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

## SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1983

## SCHEDULE 6 GRANTS FOR THE ERECTION OF HANDBALL COURTS

### 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	500
Leinster Council	500
Munster Council	500
Ulster Council	500
	<u>2,000</u>

### SCHEDULE 3 GRANTS TO LADIES HANDBALL COUNCIL

Administration	600
International Travel	200
	<u>800</u>

### SCHEDULE 4 HANDBALL COURT CONSTRUCTION GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING YEAR

Ballinrobe	500
Ballyfermot	500
Barnacarroil	500
Bawn	200
Belcarra	300
Bree G.A.A.	500
Colaiste Mhuire (Cobh)	500
Corduff G.A.A.	500
Crinkle	500
Dunlavin	300
Galway	1,000
Horse and Jockey	500
Hospital	300
Killala	500
Kilnaleck	500
Lisacul	500
Monaghan Harps G.A.A.	500
St. Finbarrs G.A.A. Cork	1,000
St. Martins G.A.A. Wexford	500
St. Mary's G.A.A. Sligo	500
Shanagolden G.A.A.	100
Templeudigan	300
Tournafulla G.A.A.	500
Tydavnet G.A.A.	500
Youghal	500
Grants written back	(500)
	<u>11,500</u>

### SCHEDULE 5 HANDBALL COURT GRANTS PAYABLE

Crinkle	500
Horse and Jockey	500
St. Martins G.A.A. (Wexford)	500
Youghal	500
	<u>2,000</u>

	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
Ballinrobe G.A.A.	500
Ballintubber	500
Ballybay G.A.A.	500
Ballyfermot	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
Barnacarroil	500
Bawn	200
Belcarra	300
Boefield	500
Boherbue (Co. Cork)	500
Bohermore	50
Bonninconlan	500
Brandon	500
Bray G.A.A.	100
Bree G.A.A.	500
Broadford (Co. Clare)	500
Burgess G.A.A. (Co. Tipperary)	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
Castlegar G.A.A.	500
Castleisland	500
Castlemahon G.A.A.	500
Castlereagh G.A.A.	500
Castletownbere	300
Ceannanus Mór	500
Clarecastle G.A.A.	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
Coláiste Mhuire (Cobh)	500
Collooney	100
Coolgreaney	300
Cootehill	1,200
Corduff G.A.A.	500
Corran	50
Crinkle	900
Cullen	400
Delvin	200
Drumquin	500
Dunlavin	300
Dunleer G.A.A.	400

**SCHEDULE 6 (Contd.)**

	<b>IR£</b>
Ennis C.B.S.	800
Enniscorthy G.A.A.	500
Fahy	500
Falcarragh G.A.A.	450
Fermoy	1,000
Fethard	500
Galway	1,000
Garryhill	900
Glencolumcille G.A.A.	500
Glenbeigh	500
Glenfinn G.A.A.	500
Glenmore G.A.A.	500
Goresbridge	400
Gurteen	20
Gusserane	500
Gweedore G.A.A.	500
Horse and Jockey	500
Hospital	300
Indrebhán G.A.A.	500
Iniskeen Grattans G.A.A.	500
Kilgobnet	400
Kilkishen G.A.A.	450
Killala	950
Kilnaleek	500
Kilrush	500
Kingscourt G.A.A.	1,000
Lahorna	300
Limerick C.B.S.	50
Lisacul	500
Lisdoonvarna	400
Lisdowney G.A.A.	500
Lispole G.A.A.	500
Longford Slashers G.A.A.	500
Loughanure	200
Loughmacrory	750
Mallow	500
Mitchelstown	800
Monaghan Harps G.A.A.	500
Moneygall G.A.A.	500
Mothel	60
Mullinavat	200
Mullingar G.A.A.	550
Multyfarnham	1,000
Na Fianna G.A.A. (Dublin)	400
Newmarket-on-Fergus	500
Newport (Co. Tipperary)	600
New Ross	400
Newtown Blues G.A.A. (Drogheda)	400
Oldtown	450
O'Loughlins G.A.A. (Kilkenny)	500
O'Rahillys G.A.A. (Drogheda)	500
Rathmore	500
Roscommon	900
Rosmuc	500
Rossa G.A.A.	500
St. Finbar's G.A.A. (Cork)	1,000
St. Flannan's (Ennis)	50
St. Joseph's Boys Club (Wexford)	100
St. Kevin's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
St. Macartan's (Monaghan)	1,600
St. Martin's G.A.A. (Wexford)	500
St. Mary's (Drogheda)	450
St. Mary's (Galway)	300
St. Mary's (Sligo)	500
St. Maur's G.A.A. (Rush)	500
St. Patrick's College (Cavan)	800
St. Patrick's College (Maynooth)	500
St. Vincent's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
Shanagolden G.A.A.	100
Shannon	900
Silvermines G.A.A.	500
Taghmaconnell	400

Taghmon	100
Tarbert	500
Templederry G.A.A.	500
Templeudigan	300
Timoleague	400
Tinahely	250
Tir an Fhia	500
Toonagh G.A.A.	500
Tournafulla G.A.A.	500
Tralee	1,173
Tuamgraney	900
Tulla	500
Tullamore G.A.A.	400
Tydavnet G.A.A.	500
Westport	300
Wexford	400
Youghal	500

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**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.  
6th February 1984

**D. O'CONNOR**  
Chartered Accountants



**COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN**  
**CEANNÁRAS CLUB**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1983**

INCOME		BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1983	
	IR£		IR£
Membership Fees	5,140	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Court Booking Fees	5,052		
Other Fees	1,061	Stocks on Hand	1,915
Shop Sales	23,926		
Less: Cost of Sales	(16,856)	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
	<u>18,323</u>	Bank Overdraft	54
		Light and Heat	1,123
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		Sundry Creditors	304
Wages	7,432		<u>1,481</u>
Pension Premium	1,000	Net Current Assets	434
Light and Heat	6,497		<u></u>
Repairs and Cleaning	1,095	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
Audit and Accountancy Fees	234	Equipment at Cost	1,314
Depreciation of Equipment	263	Depreciation to date	(902)
Sundry Expenses	30		<u>412</u>
	<u>16,551</u>	Net Assets	846
			<u></u>
Surplus for Year	1,772	<b>FINANCED BY</b>	
Grant to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na h Éireann	(500)	Accumulated Surplus to date	846
Accumulated Deficit at 1st January	(426)		<u></u>
	<u>846</u>		

**AUDITORS REPORT**  
**To the Members of Ceannáras Club**

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts 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.

I. Gardiner Row,  
Dublin 1.  
6th February 1984

D. O'CONNOR  
Chartered Accountants

**COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN  
CEANNARÁS CLUB LOUNGE**

<b>TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1983</b>		<b>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1983</b>	
	<b>IR£</b>		<b>IR£</b>
Sales	88,159	Cash on Hand	340
Cost of Sales	59,350	Insurance Claim	226
Gross Profit	<u>28,809</u>	Prepayments	61
		Stock on Hand	5,881
			<u>6,491</u>
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>			
Wages	11,331		
Pension Premium	1,000	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Heat and Light	2,500	Bank Overdraft	197
Repairs, Cleaning and Barware	1,694	Trade Creditors	13,751
Security	577	Other Items	209
Licence Renewal	400		<u>14,157</u>
Audit and Accountancy Fees	320		
Insurance	122	<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>	<u>( 7,666 )</u>
Sundry Expenses	32		
Depreciation of Equipment	97		
	<u>18,073</u>	<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	
<b>NET PROFIT FOR YEAR</b>	10,736	Accumulated Deficit at date	<u>( 7,666 )</u>
Grant to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann	(17,000)		
Accumulated Surplus at 1st January	<u>(1,402)</u>		
	<u>7,666</u>		

**AUDITORS REPORT**

To the Members of Ceannáras Club Lounge

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

1 Gardiner Row,  
Dublin 1.  
6th February 1984

D. O'CONNOR  
Chartered Accountants

## NA RÚIN

1. That a Vice-President of the Irish Handball Association be elected and to act as and from 1984 (**Luinmeach**)
2. That all players taking part in Minor, Junior and Senior Softball All Ireland finals be:-
  - (a) Presented with complimentary tickets for All Ireland finals on the following day.
  - (b) Invited to G.A.A. reception on the Monday (**An Cabhán**)
3. That runners-up in All Ireland Singles and Doubles Championships get a genuine silver medal. (**Cill Chainnigh**)
4. That every runner-up in an All Ireland Competition receives a runner-up trophy. (**Tiobraid Árann**)
5. That Riall 250 be amended to include the following: Twenty-one aces shall constitute a game in Golden Masters Singles and Doubles. (**Cill Chainnigh**)
6. That Rule 247 (d), (e), (f) be amended to read:
  - (d) A Senior is a player, who has represented his county in the Senior All Ireland Championships and/or won a Junior or Senior All Ireland Championship.
  - (e) That there shall be separate grading for each of the three forms of handball (hardball, softball and 40 x 20 handball) except in regard to the Novice grade. A player winning a Junior All Ireland Championship will only be upgraded in the form of handball in which he has won the Championship.
  - (f) A player who has represented his county at Senior level may be regarded to Junior by his Provincial Council and subject to ratification by Central Council except in the form or forms of handball in which he has won an All Ireland Junior or Senior Championship. (**Cill Dara**)
7. That Riall 247 (b) (i) 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". (**Tiobraid Árann**)
8. That an All Ireland inter-club championship be introduced and run on the same basis as the Novice Inter-club championships. Rule 248 to be amended. (**Tiobraid Árann**)
9. That the All Ireland Senior and Junior inter-club championships 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 be re-introduced in place of the Open inter-club championships. Rule 248 T.O. to be amended. (**An Mhí**)
10. That the All Ireland Junior Club Championship be re-introduced in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. (**Ceatharlach**)
11. That no player be given the opportunity to play any round of the Coca-Cola Singles or Doubles in his home court. (**Loch Garman**)
12. That all venues in the Coca-Cola Singles and Doubles, and all other National Championships be neutral and as centrally situated as possible, with the exception of finals. (**Loch Garman**)
13. To introduce a Grade between Novice and Junior, for all Championships. (**Maigh Eo**)
14. That it be compulsory for the under 12 grade in the 40 x 20 court to play off back wall where a legally served ball reaches the back wall i.e. from toss. (**Cill Mhantáin**)
15. That a sub committee of Ard Chomhairle be set up every three years, beginning in 1984, to adjudicate on regrading applications. All such applications to come through respective Provincial Councils with recommendations. (**Cill Mhantáin**)
16. That the words "a wet or partially wet court shall be considered unplayable" be deleted from rule 26, page 12 of the Book "Handball Playing Rules". (**Loch Garman**)

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

### Winners

#### Skill Award:

		Joseph O'Dwyer (Tipperary)
Division I	60 x 30	Killala, Co. Mayo: N. Lynn, M. Kavanagh, P. Kilgannon, T. Kilgannon.
Division II	60 x 30	Cashel, Co. Tipperary: J. O'Dwyer, S. Whyte, W. O'Dowd, J. McGreer.
Division III	60 x 30	Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare: G. Bolger, N. Browne, S. Mahon, D. Garvey.
Division I	40 x 20	Gort na Mona, Antrim: G. McConville, G. Quinn, P. McCormack, D. McGuigan.
Division II	40 x 20	Mallow, Co. Cork: J. Walsh, S. Palmer, C. Warnsley, J. O'Flynn.



# ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1983

## 60 x 30 COURT

Coca-Cola	A. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
S.S.S.	T. O' Coise, S. Ó Coise (Luimneach)
S.S.D.	M. Mac Suibhne (Sligeach)
J.S.S.	M. Breathnach, E. Ó Dúnaigh (Cill Chainnigh)
J.S.D.	M. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh)
M.S.S.	M. Breathnach, S. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh)
M.S.D.	P. Mag Aoidh (Maigh Eo)
S.H.S.	C. Mac an Gheimhridh, P. Mac an Gheimhridh (Cill Dara)
S.H.D.	E. Ó Laoi (Baile Átha Cliath)
J.H.S.	E. Ó Laoi, R. Breathnach (Baile Átha Cliath)
J.H.D.	S. Ó Donnchú (Tiobraid Árann)
M.H.S.	S. Ó Donnchú, E. O Coirbin (Tiobraid Árann)
M.H.D.	P. Mac Cárthaigh (Port Láirge)
Under 21 S	E. Mac Bhloscaidh, D. Ó Loinsigh (Baile Átha Cliath)
Under 21 D	P. Ó Dalaigh (Baile Átha Cliath)
N.S.S.	E. Ó Bogaigh, P. Hillis (Loch Garman)
N.S.D.	L. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)
Masters S	L. Ó Céirín, N. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)
Masters D	S. Ó Cadhla (Port Láirge)
Golden Masters S	M. de Hóla, L. Mac Fearghais (Baile Átha Cliath)
Golden Masters D	

## 40 x 20 COURT

S.S.	A. Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
S.D.	S. Pleimeann, P. Ó Cléirigh (Loch Garman)
J.S.	E. Ó Cinnaolaidh (Gaillimh)
J.D.	S. Mag Shamhráin, M. Mag Shamhráin (An Mhí)
M.S.	M. Breathnach (Cill Chainnigh)
M.D.	S. Ó Duagáin, P. Ó Cláimhín (An Clár)
N.S.	S. Ó Braonáin (Cill Chainnigh)
N.D.	P. Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Cochláin (An Clár)
Under 21S	P. de Hál (Baile Átha Cliath)
Under 21D	S. Ó hIarlatha, N. Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)
Masters S	L. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)
Masters D	L. Ó Céirín, N. Ó Céirín (Ciarraí)
Golden Masters S	S. Breathnach (Corcaigh)
Golden Masters D	S. Breathnach, S. Mag Annaidh (Corcaigh)

## WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

### 60 x 30 COURT

Under 12S	B. Aldridge (Cill Chainnigh)
Under 12D	S. Ó Dúlainne, S. Ó Ceallaigh (Cill Chainnigh)
Under 13S	S. Mac an Bhaird (An Iarmhí)
Under 13D	C. Liatháin, P. Ó Gealbháin (Luimneach)
Under 14S	P. Mac Giolla Ghannáin (Maigh Eo)
Under 14D	D. Mag Eochaidh, P. Ó Ruairc (An Mhí)
Under 15S	G. Ó Cartaigh (Corcaigh)
Under 15D	D. Hennick, N. Mac Eochaidh (Loch Garman)
Under 16S	P. Caománach (An Iarmhí)
Under 16D	T. Ó Sirideáin, A. Mag Shamhráin (An Mhí)

## Mhí) x 20 COURT

Under 14S	M. Ó hAodha (Cill Chainnigh)
Under 14D	S. Ó Floinn, C. Warnsley (Corcaigh)
Under 16 S	U. Ó Conchúir, (Baile Átha Cliath)
Under 16 D	T. Ó Sirideáin, A. Mag Shamhráin (An Mhí)

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

National League	Sraith 1 60 x 30
Loch Garman	S. Cogley, P. Ó Beara, S. Pleimeann, P. Ó Cléirigh, P. Ó Murchú, S. Ó Bogaigh
Baile Átha Cliath	Sraith 11 60 x 30
National League	P. Gríffin, S. Ó hEithirín, P. Ó Dálaigh, P. Ó Riain, R. Breathnach, S. Rosaitear
Loch Garman	40 x 20
Novice	P. Ó Nualláin, S. Ó Broin, S. Ó Dúghaill, T. Ó Ciarubháin, P. Ó Cléirigh, P. Ó Murchú
St. Peters.	40 x 20 Inter-Club
Senior	T. Mag Uidhir, S. Ó Ráine, L. Ó Ráine, G. Nuinseann
Talbot's Inch	M. Breathnach, A. Ó hUaine, M. Ó Maoil-deirg, T. Ó Maoil-deirg
Gael Linn Novice	60 x 30 Inter-Club
Open	P. Mac Craith, M. Ó Briain, G. Ó. hÉig-eartaigh, C. Mac Gafraidh
St. Coman's	M. Breathnach, S. Ó Briain, P.S. Ó Moráin, D. Ó Dúlainn

## R.T.E. TOP ACE

T. Ó Muireasa (Tiobraid Árann)
N. Alvarado (U.S.A.)

## UNIVERSITIES

G. Ó Cochláin, P. Mag Uidhir, S. Ó Cinnéide, M. Ó Cathasaigh, S. Caomhánach, P. Ó hAodha
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## HIGHER EDUCATIONAL COLLEGES

Championship Kevin Street	S. Ó Nuanáin, A. Ó Murchú, E. Mac Bhloscaidh, B. Ó hUallacháin
League Nth. Section	Kevin Street
League Sth. Section	S. Ó Nuanáin, A. Ó Murchú, E. Mac Bhloscaidh, B. Ó hUallacháin
League Play-Off Kevin Street	N.I.H.E. Limerick
Singles	T. de Róiste, S. Ó Riain, E. Mac Giolla Coda, P. Ó Duinnín, S. Woodlock
	S. Ó Nuanáin, A. Ó Murchú, M. Mac Síthigh, B. Ó hUallacháin, E. Ó Cualáin
	G. Ó Cochláin (U.C.G.)

## COMBINED UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Combined	G. Ó Cochláin, S. Caomhánach (U.C.G.), S. Breathnach (U.C.D.) M. Spealáin (U.C.C.), B. Mac Goilla Uir, (Queen's)
Universities	P. Ó Ruáin (Maynooth)





