



# COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

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Uachtarán Tofa: M. Mac Toirill (Tiobraid Arann); R. Ó Murchú (Aontrom); ~~S. Ó Meehan (An Lú)~~ <sup>W. K. O'Sullivan</sup>

Cisteoir: ~~M. Mac Toirill (Tiobraid Arann)~~; C. Mac Seoin (An Clár); ~~S. Ó Meehan (Baile Átha Cliath)~~ <sup>W. K. O'Sullivan</sup>

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle Cumann Lúthchleas Gael: An Br. B. C. Ó Murchú (Baile Átha Cliath); ~~T. Ó Conchúir (An Mhí)~~ ✓

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2. A delegate seconding or speaking to a Motion or an Amendment may speak once only and must not exceed three minutes.
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5. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda except by the consent of the majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.



JOHN QUISH



TOM QUISH



MARTIN HENNEGAN

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# SIOPA Cumann Lúthchleas GAEL





I rith na bliana seo caite tháinig ath-bhuaitheoirí Chomórtais na nÓgánach chun tosaigh go mór sa bhaile agus i gcéin. Tá an deas-shampla tugtha acu agus tá gach seans ag imreoirí óga eile iad a leanúint.

Cé gur tógadh mórán cúirteanna le tamall anuas tá obair mhór romhainn fós lena chinntiú go bhfuil bonn slán faoin liathróid láimhe ar fuaid na tíre. Cúis dóchais dúinn an líon Clubanna peile agus iomána a thóg cúirteanna le déanaí agus tá fás i gconat faoin líon seo.

Chun go mbeadh tionchair againn sna bailte móra atá ag síorfhás tá gá le pleanáil agus domhain-smoineamh ar chéim nua. Is furasta a sheiceáil go mbeidh gá le treoraithe oílte, díograis-eacha ar gach leibhéal chun go leanfar den dul chun cinn a tharla le tríocha bliain anuas.

The year under review was one of consistent growth especially in the field of court construction and also vindicated the Juvenile Development policy introduced some time ago when one looks at the outstanding achievements of players, at both national and international level, who have come up through the juvenile ranks. Michael "Duxie" Walsh, a player still in his teens became the youngest and also the first ever player to bring off the unique double in winning both Coca-Cola Championships. In winning the U.S.A. Open under 19 title last december he carved a special niche for himself as he had already won the U.S.A. Open Under 15 and Under 17 titles in previous years, a feat that had only been achieved once before. In winning the U.S.A. Open Under 23 Championship last June, and also the U.S.A. Open Under 19 title, a few months previously, John Duggan became the first Irish player to achieve success in these prestigious championships.



MICHAEL WALSH



JOHN DUGGAN

Despite the remarkable growth in court construction throughout the Country one wonders if our influence in the large urban areas, especially the newly built up areas and satellite towns is as strong as we would like to see it. I am convinced that there is an amount of goodwill and support in these areas and it only remains for us to provide the initial impetus. The approach of the past is not sufficient in today's world if we are to meet the challenge. We must remember that we are living in a rapidly changing world with its many social and moral problems created to a large extent by the high level of unemployment. We must provide structures and dynamic leadership that are flexible enough to adapt to the changing circumstances. We need a youthful and forward thinking group, who are fully conscious of what is happening, to advise the Ard Chomhairle on its future lines of development.

A total of £102,953 has been given out by the Ard Chomhairle in recent years to help 208 clubs in the construction of 239 courts, of which 75 were built by G.A.A. clubs. At a conservative estimate a sum in excess of £6 million has been spent by our clubs on court construction and this is an achievement any sports organisation would be proud of, and I feel very few sports bodies, apart from the G.A.A., could show such a progress rate in such a short space of time. On this evidence

it can be seen that the Handball Council is very conscious of its responsibility to provide recreational facilities for the benefit of the community and it is only fitting that I should pay tribute to our many clubs for the high level of commitment and dedication that brought about this healthy position whereby handball is now well established throughout the country.

In my view our progress is now history and we have reached a watershed and must be seen to plan in a most progressive and dynamic way with clear thinking and definite action if we are to extract the maximum value from the many handball courts now at our disposal and at the same time aim towards giving handball a new identity. I would like to submit some suggestions for consideration as to areas where we should be directing our attention if we are to lift handball to new heights:

- \* Introduce "Action Handball 86/87" a two year programme of development specially designed to make our game more attractive and at the same time work towards a major increase in participation at all levels in the community.
- \* We must accept that the involvement of greater numbers in any form of recreation requires special approaches and skills and these qualities can only be developed by learning the proper leadership techniques. When one considers the volume of non-participating people, in any form of sport, in our country it clearly identifies the wide market that is open to us for development. While I am aware that Coiste Forbartha is working on a suitable syllabus for Leadership Courses I feel the introduction of these Courses should be seen as an urgent priority if we are to make a major impact in the immediate future.
- \* Promotional Aids are another vital element to overall development and there is an immediate need to increase considerably the amount of material available, e.g. Posters, Booklets, Hand Outs, Stickers, Videos, etc.
- \* Greater emphasise must be placed on the value of handball:
  - (A) Ideal form of sport for lifetime recreation as it creates a good lifestyle and improves the overall well-being of the participant
  - (B) We must consider the family nature of handball and develop this aspect. Families should be encouraged to take up handball as a regular sporting activity as it is a game suitable for both sexes. Clubs should make special provision for family playing time and organise from time to time special Family Days.
  - (C) The level of participation by women should be paralalled to men. However such is not the case and a lot of work remains to be done before we reach this stage. If we are serious in selling handball as an ideal game for both sexes then we must face up to our responsibilities and immediately inaugurate a specially designed programme of development geared towards increasing considerably the level of participation by women.
  - (D) If we are to accept that we have a social responsibility to the community and not just a select segment then we must plan more and more to cater for a broader spectrum of our population whether they are employed, unemployed, underprivileged, or disabled. Special consideration should be given to the unemployed as they now form a large part of our total population. We should be making every effort to get them involved in handball as sport by its very nature gives them a healthy recreational outlet and helps to some extent offset the demoralising effects of unemployment.

In my view we should make our facilities available especially in the off peak hours and introduce specially reduced membership and court booking fees.

- Greater efforts must be made to maximise the use of our courts especially in the off peak hours. When one considers the outlay on the construction of handball courts it is only by maximum usage that a worthwhile return, on the sum invested, can be achieved in the short term. To encourage greater usage we should ensure that our courts are attractive, well heated and have proper ancillary facilities. To overcome the management problems of longer opening hours consideration should be given to employing personnel under either the Team Work or Manpower Schemes. Apart altogether from longer opening hours personnel under either of these schemes could also be used by clubs in the promotion and coaching of handball in the local schools and colleges
- It was generally accepted that over the four year period 1981 - 1983 "National Handball Day" played a very significant role in the upsurge of interest in handball development and court construction and I would recommend an early re-introduction of a similar promotional undertaking. Conscious of the need to intensify our efforts to develop juvenile handball strong consideration should be given to introducing a "National Juvenile Handball Day". To make a success of a venture of this nature it is important that schools and community groups become involved and that every facility, whether it be an indoor or outdoor court or just a single wall, should be used
- To cater for people who cannot attend the National Coaching Course we should be working towards holding 2/3 day Courses on a Regional basis. The main objectives of these courses would be to enable people to qualify as club coaches.
- We should be aiming towards producing attractive coaching manuals for the various grades of Coaching
- There is an urgent need to get together a Coaching Kit and package of promotional aids for distribution to schools, clubs and county committees
- Much greater use must be made of the non-competition practice ball as it is the ideal ball for introducing newcomers, especially juveniles, to the game.
- A question we must address ourselves to, sooner or later, is at what age should juveniles be introduced to competitive handball at any level
- With the big increase in the number of lady teachers, serious thought will have to be given to the best and most attractive way of getting them involved in promoting handball. As I see it we must organise a series of Coaching cum Promotional Courses catering for both male and female teachers
- It is generally accepted that the Community Games Movement is playing an important part in the life of our country by providing recreational activity for a large number of our youth. Handball has been involved from the start but overall our level of involvement has been low. By becoming more involved in this movement we could use it as one of the vehicles to strengthen the position of juvenile handball as it gives direct access to the local community
- There is a lack of awareness on the part of many of our players of the need to get fit to play handball instead of playing handball to get fit. Consideration should be given to organising a series of Fitness Courses as a means of getting the message to players of the need for fitness
- Looking to the future court construction I feel serious consideration should be given to the siting of the court/s. It would be preferable to have courts built on school grounds or if not as near as possible to the school as it would enable the court to serve a dual purpose in catering for both the school and the community. Again it would be more cost effective, as the Management and maintenance costs could be shared
- Never be afraid to try new initiatives and always make allowances for mistakes in the early stages as it is only by mistakes we learn

- When one reflects on the success of the Special Squad Training Sessions for our Juvenile International players it appears that the obvious step forward is to organise on a Provisional basis a series of Squad Training Sessions for juveniles in the various age categories
- When one looks at the number of old handball courts attached to Garda Stations throughout the country one gets a clear indication of the widespread popularity of the game in the past. A similar situation applies with the Army. However while both of these Services still hold National Championships each year there has been a definite decline in interest and we need a concerted promotional drive to improve the overall position. An effort was made in the past year with the introduction of Coaching Courses for Garda recruits at Templemore but a lot more remains to be done and I would ask our clubs to make every effort to involve them in club activity
- Looking at Dublin of the past one finds that handball was part and parcel of city life with the game being played in every conceivable place from gable-ends to open three and four wall courts. If one relates that position to the present it is painfully obvious that a major rescue operation must be undertaken. Another important factor is the projected population for Dublin in the near future which is 1.3 million people and this further highlights the magnitude of the task ahead. It is very apparent that this is something that cannot be undertaken by the Dublin County Handball Committee on its own as they have neither the personnel or resources for such a major operation. If we are serious about this position and realise the importance of having handball firmly established in an area with such a high level of population action must be taken immediately. I would see the situation where the Ard Chomhairle, Leinster Handball Council and the Dublin G.A.A. County Committee come together and formulate a plan of action



EUGENE DOWNEY



TOMMY O'ROURKE

### ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The full Championship Clár was carried out on schedule and counties and players are deserving of our thanks for their co-operation. At senior level M. Walsh (Kilkenny) was the dominant character as he won both the Coca-Cola Singles and Doubles Championships and in addition won the Junior 40 x 20 Singles title. He was partnered by E. Downey, a former juvenile player, in his Doubles success. T. O'Rourke (Kildare) more renowned as a softball player was a decisive winner of the S.H.S.B. title while M. Hennigan (Mayo) retained his 40 x 20 Senior title. Galway made a welcome breakthrough when E. Rabbitte and P. Delaney won the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles for the first time. T. & J. Quish (Limerick) who lost their Coca-Cola Doubles title had some compensation when winning the S.H.B.D. for the second consecutive year. In winning the J.H.D. and J.S.D. P. Hand and P. Donagh (Cavan) brought off a nice double and equalled the achievement of fellow countyman G. & D. Sheridan who brought off the same double in 1976. After years of trying D. Doolin (Roscommon) won the J.S.S. title and a just reward for all his perseverance. Former Under 21 Champions P. Hall and D. O'Brien (Dublin) won the 40 x 20



Junior Doubles and ex-Minor M. Dowling (Kildare) won the J.H.S. The Minor championships were largely dominated by W. O' Connor and T. Sheridan (Meath) who between them won the M.S.D., 40 x 20 D and the M.H.D., while O'Connor won the 40 x 20 singles and Sheridan the M.H.S. Another former juvenile champion F. Kavanagh (Westmeath) won the M.S.S. title. The Under 21 singles was a fiasco as neither the Connacht or Ulster representatives turned up for the Semi-Finals and as a result J. O'Donoghue (Tipperary) had a walk-over in the final which was unprecedented. J. O'Donoghue also won the Under 21 Doubles in partnership with E. Corbett. The Novice 40 x 20 Singles championship saw a welcome breakthrough for Antrim when P. Duffy was a clear winner. Carlow, a county very prominent in the Novice and Junior grades in recent years added to their list of successes when T. & G. Kane won the 40 x 20 Novice Doubles title, while E. Jensen in winning the 40 x 20 Under 21 Singles added to Meath's list of successes. Kilkenny's M. Lalor won the 60 x 30 Novice Singles and Tipperary's S. O'Callaghan and P. O'Brien the 60 x 30 Novice Doubles. Ulster handball got a great boost when H. Duff (Tyrone) defeated warm favourite W. Kerins of Kerry in the 40 x 20 Masters Singles. Former Senior players M. Hogan and D. Kirby (Clare) were impressive winners in the 40 x 20 Masters Doubles. P. Lee of Wexford brought off a double success when he won the 60 x 30 Masters Singles and partnered N. Beaver to success in the Masters Doubles. Kilkenny's P. O'Keefe also had a double success in winning the 40 x 20 Golden Masters Singles and the 60 x 30 Golden Masters Doubles in partnership with J. O'Meara. The Mayo combination of M. Walsh and G. Daly won the 40 x 20 Golden Masters Doubles for the sixth time and in doing so set up a record of successes in this championship. W. Kerins of Kerry who established a unique record at Masters level when he dominated the grade for ten years during which time he won the following Championships: 40 x 20S - 5; 40 x 20 D - 7; 60 x 30 S - 6; and 60 x 30 D - 3. He has now entered the Golden Masters grade and made an impressive entry last year when he won the 60 x 30 Singles title.

### INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL

The outstanding success of our underage handballers in recent years has been one of the highlights of the Irish handball scene and a worthy tribute to those dedicated people who are so committed to the promotion of this grade of handball.

The past year saw this remarkable run of successes continue when three underage championships were won by Irish players competing in the U.S.A. Open Championships. Last June a three man team under Team Manager, Peter Carter travelled to Tuscon, Arizona and John Duggan, (Clare) despite the odds, was a clear cut winner of the Under 23 Singles Championship. He had already won the U.S.A. Under 19 title only six months previously and became the first Irish player to win both these prestigious championships.

#### Tuscon, Arizona June 15th - 22nd 1985

##### Open Singles - Competitor Tony Ryan (Tipperary)

1st Round	defeated M. Hallowell (Colorado) 21 - 20, 21 - 9
2nd Round	lost to D. Haynes (California) 9 - 21, 12 - 21

##### Open Doubles - Competitors Tony Ryan/John Duggan (Tipperary/Clare)

1st Round	lost to R. Hatcher, S. Spann (Arizona/Texas) 20 - 21, 7 - 21
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##### Under 23 Singles - Competitors Billy Bourke (Kilkenny) John Duggan (Clare)

1st Round	B. Bourke defeated M. Ohleyer (San Francisco) 21 - 8, 21 - 3
	J. Duggan defeated K. Hill (South Bend) 21 - 5, 21 - 1
Quarter Finals	B. Bourke lost to D. Armijo (Albuquerque) 20 - 21, 14 - 21
	J. Duggan defeated P. Tadevich (Tuscon) 21 - 14, 17 - 21, 11 - 7

Semi Finals	J. Duggan defeated B. Reaves (California) 21 - 7, 21 - 9
FINAL	J. Duggan defeated J. Bike (New York) 21 - 8, 21 - 14

In December a team of three players, under Team Manager Jimmy Heffernan travelled to Fountain Valley, California to compete in the U.S. Open Under 15, 17 and 19 Championships. This again was a very rewarding trip as M. Walsh (Kilkenny) won the Under 19 and W. O'Connor (Meath) the Under 17 Championships. In winning the Under 19 title M. Walsh equalled the record of D. Glatt of Los Angeles who was the only other player to win the Under 15, 17 and 19 Singles Championships.



M. WALSH JIMMY HEFFERNAN W. O'CONNOR

#### Fountain Valley, California 27th - 30th December 1985

##### Results

##### Under 15 Championship - Competitor Seamus Ward (Westmeath)

1st Round	defeated T. Cartegena (Mexico) 21 - 1, 21 - 2
2nd Round	defeated M. Ketsdever (Canada) 21 - 0, 21 - 6
Quarter Final	lost to M. Rajszak (Canada) 20 - 21, 19 - 21

##### Under 17 Championship - Competitor Walter O'Connor (Meath)

1st Round	Bye
2nd Round	defeated D. Suter (Canada) 21 - 2, 21 - 1
Quarter Final	defeated D. Eldridge (Sacramento) 21 - 18, 21 - 11
Semi-Final	defeated C. Jennings (Canada) 21 - 0, 21 - 12
FINAL	defeated V. Munoz (Mexico) 19 - 21, 21 - 17, 11 - 9

##### Under 19 Championship - Competitor Michael Walsh (Kilkenny)

1st Round	Bye
2nd Round	defeated M. Resendez (Mexico) 21 - 2, 21 - 6
Quarter Final	defeated J. Bike (New York) 18 - 21, 21 - 7, 11 - 3
Semi-Final	defeated M. McDonnell (San Francisco) 21 - 12, 17 - 21, 11 - 1
FINAL	defeated R. Morones (Mexico) 21 - 10, 16 - 21, 11 - 9



The decision by R.T.E. to discontinue the Top Ace Series is indeed, to say the least, a big disappointment to our players and supporters throughout the country. It was generally accepted that this series played a very significant part in the remarkable upsurge of interest which led to the construction of so many courts in recent years. Again it was not a very costly competition to televise as the very sizeable sponsorship from the Bank of Ireland covered the bulk of the organising and teams expenses. Consideration is presently being given to televising one programme of All Ireland Finals which I feel will not give the same exposure as Top Ace. Again there could be a cost factor involved if a favourable decision is taken to proceed with this proposal and it could mean either looking for Sponsorship or the Handball Council having to pick up the tabs. While it is true to say that through the good offices of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael we have had very good relationships with R.T.E. Sport in the past but there now appears to be a wind of change blowing and coverage is being made more difficult to come by. It is indeed difficult to understand why so many imported canned programmes are being foisted on us to the detriment of our national past-times.

### HARDBALL

While it is accepted that hardball is the oldest form of handball one must be realistic and honest when examining the present position of the code. It is true to say that there is absolutely no evidence of any increase of interest and this can be borne out when one looks at one of the traditional hardball counties where no championships were held in 1985 despite the fact that there are only three clubs in the county and they certainly cannot complain of being overloaded with internal competitions. It would be true to say that very few counties hold regular championships and there is no indication of any improvement in this regard. While motions appear regularly on our Congress Clár one must ask the question do they really come from an individual or are they a demand from the county as a whole. It is true to say that with the introduction of Softball there was a slight decline in interest as players had an alternative game that was not as severe on the hands. The introduction of the 40 x 20 in the seventies was probably the major factor in the swing away from hardball.

### NATIONAL LEAGUES

In an effort to tidy up the Masters Fixture List to leave more time for the growing interest in Open Competitions and the obvious decline of interest in the National League, Coiste Gnínmh recommend to the Ard Chomhairle that the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 leagues be held on alternate years. A total of 10 counties competed in the 60 x 30 league and 11 counties in the 40 x 20 league which is not even half of the total affiliated counties. There is a glut of competitions available to players at Provincial and All Ireland level and as a consequence we have this falling off of interest.

Each of this years winners were successful for the first time in either 60 x 30 or 40 x 20 league competition:

Division I – 60 x 30 Tipperary  
Division II – 60 x 30 Offaly  
Division II – 40 x 20 Roscommon

### INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a result of the poor level of participation in the Open and Junior Championships Coiste Gnínmh recommended that both the Open and Junior Inter-Club be discontinued and only the Novice championship be retained.

When one takes for example the case of the Open 60 x 30 Championship, which was won by Roscommon for the sixth time, after playing only one match and that in the final, it brings home the seriousness of the position. The Open 40 x 20 championship was won by Loughrea, the first time for any

Galway club to win an Inter-Club Championship. A clear indication of the vast improvement in Antrim handball was clearly shown in the successes of St. Paul's, and McDermott's in the 40 x 20 Novice and Junior Championships respectively.

The progressive Crinkle club was successful in the 60 x 30 Junior championship, a first time success, while the Talbotts Inch club in winning the 60 x 30 Novice championship added to the clubs impressive record of achievements.

### FÉILE NA nGAEL

While there was a slight increase in the number of counties taking part there was certain criticism of the overall arrangements which were not on a par with previous years. I am confident that there will be considerable improvement for the 1986 competitions which will be held at Clare venues for the first time. The Skill Awards Competition was conducted by Jimmy Heffernan and produced a very high standard with the winners F. O'Loughlin (Clare) and J. Donegan (Cork) level on points at the end of the various tests while runner-up M. Blake (Offaly) was only a point behind. Our thanks are due to Coca-Cola and the Féile na nGael Committee for providing this outlet for Juvenile club competition.

### WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

As usual the level of participation was very high in both codes with the titles being well divided. Carlow had a welcome breakthrough at juvenile level when D. King and S. Kavanagh brought the first title to the county when winning the Under 13 doubles 60 x 30 championship. The title for these championships has been changed from Willwood to Silvermints and as this was not compatible with our guidelines on Sponsorship it was decided by the Ard Chomhairle to discontinue our association with the sponsors. It was further decided for the future to make the championships more attractive and to call them All Ireland Juvenile Championships and that agreed grants be made to all competing counties to help in some way to alleviate the financial burden on clubs. In addition a good quality medal and T-Shirt will be presented to all losing semi-finalists, runners-up and winners. In the past the Sponsors only provided the medals with no consideration being given to the costs involved by the participating counties.

However, in fairness we should convey our thanks to the Willwood Sports Foundation for their help in the past which played a significant part in getting juvenile handball off the ground.

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

If we are to establish a solid foundation that will provide a regular and constant inflow of talent then we must ensure that handball is on a firm footing at this level of education. The time, energy, and initiative spent in this area will pay immense dividends and establish a solid base for the future growth of our sport. The introduction of promotional aids, coaching and development programmes would be of great assistance in involving both teachers and pupils. Serious consideration must be given to setting up a Primary Schools Committee in each county as this would be the ideal vehicle to organise competitions and initiate development programmes.

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

While progress can be reported the growth rate is still rather slow and would need to accelerate considerably if handball is to be firmly established in our Secondary and Vocational Schools. In my view we have got to address ourselves to this level of education and launch a major promotional drive with the full backing of the Secondary and Vocational Education Provincial and All Ireland Councils.

If handball is firmly established at second level then we are establishing a firm base for future development at Third Level as a sizeable number of these students will continue on into our Higher Education Colleges and Universities.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

The level of participation showed a slight improvement especially with the Higher Education Colleges. However the



big deterrent to a major breakthrough in this vital area of Education is the dearth of playing facilities.

During the past year a meeting was held in Thomond College at which the Uachtarán and Ard Stiúrthóir of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, and the Riarthóir attended and every assurance was given that handball courts would be built shortly. In fact we were shown plans and told that a sizeable amount of money was already in hand for this purpose.

The area with the greatest possibilities in my view is the V.E.C. Colleges where already five courts have been built in the past few years. In the interim I would ask all our clubs to establish contact with Colleges within close proximity and offer to make your facilities available and provide coaching where necessary.

### LADIES HANDBALL

While there was a considerable improvement on the previous year a vast amount of work still remains to be done if the level of participation is to increase significantly. It is evident that there is plenty of goodwill for Ladies handball but the problem seems to be difficulty of harnessing it into a cohesive unit.

If we are to have active and virile handball clubs then we should be ensuring that they cater fully for male and female members. Handball should not be seen as the prerogative of male members and we should be working towards creating a greater awareness of the need to provide for females.

One of the problems facing Ladies handball is the lack of adequate administrative structures especially at County and Provincial level and this is an area where our Provincial and County Committees could play a significant role if they accept that they have a responsibility to promote handball at all levels of Community life.

### REGISTRATION

While the overall position showed an improvement the total number of registered members falls far short of our total adult membership. Under the conditions laid down when the Registration fee was introduced two years ago adult members cannot compete in county, provincial or All Ireland Championships unless the stipulated fee is paid. A strict enforcement of this rule by County Committees would improve the position considerably and leave more finance available to meet our many demands.

### HANDBALL COURT GRANTS

Grants for the construction or renovation of courts were approved as follows:

Ballydesmond	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
O'Callaghans Mills G.A.A.	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Cill Chiarain	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Drumcliffe	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Inagh G.A.A.	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Kanturk	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Kiltimagh	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Kiltormer G.A.A.	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Listowel	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Moylough	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Ramsgrange G.A.A.	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Shanagarry G.A.A.	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
St. Pauls, Belfast G.A.A.	£1000 2 New 20 x 20 indoor courts
Truagh G.A.A.	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Windgap	£500 New 40 x 20 indoor court
Béal na Mulla	£300 Roofing existing 60 x 30 court
Caherline	£300 Roofing existing 60 x 30 court
Belcarra	£200 Renovations
Franciscan College, Clara	£100 Renovations

Finance to grant-aid Court Construction has been a problem in recent years as the demand exceeded the amount allocated by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for this purpose. As a result of recent representations the Annual Capital Investment grant has been increased to £8,500 and we are indeed thankful for this increase which should help to alleviate the position.

### COACHING

A welcome breakthrough in the field of coaching was the introduction of coaching courses for Garda recruits in Templemore. To date three courses have been completed and a fourth is underway. As the graduating Gardaí will be stationed throughout the country they could play an important part as they will be closely involved with the community in the course of their duties. A special word of praise is due to Seán Lee as he was mainly responsible for making this breakthrough in an important area of our Services. He conducted all the courses to date with the support of Jimmy Heffernan.

The 12th National Coaching Course in Gormanston was again one of the highlights of the year with a good attendance for both the Club and County Coach Courses. Again we are indebted to the panel of coaches who conducted the course in the usual efficient manner.

Special courses, conducted by E. Timoney, were held for teachers in Kilkenny and St. Patrick's College, Dublin while many club and county courses were also held in various parts of the country. In addition special Squad Coaching and Fitness Courses were held for the underage players taking part in the U.S.A. Open Junior Championships and these were conducted by J. Heffernan and S. Lee.

A series of Referees courses were held in Connacht and proved successful as they gave the participants a greater insight into the correct method of refereeing. Such courses are a must if we are to improve the level of refereeing with clarification and standard interpretation of rules and other provinces are recommended to organise such courses.

### COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Serious consideration should be given by Annual Congress to the setting up of a special work group to look at the overall competition structure as there is a fairly general feeling that we are overloaded with championships and competitions of one kind or another. In setting out hereunder a breakdown of our present competition structure at National level one must remember that provincial championships must be held in all grades except the Coca-Cola and National Leagues.

60 x 30 Softball	Hardball	40 x 20
Coca-Cola S & D	Senior S & D	Senior S & D
Junior S & D	Junior S & D	Junior S & D
Minor S & D	Minor S & D	Minor S & D
Novice S & D		Novice S & D
Masters S & D		Masters S & D
Golden Mas S & D		Golden Mas S & D
Under 12 S & D		Under 12 S & D
Under 13 S & D		Under 13 S & D
Under 14 S & D		Under 14 S & D
Under 15 S & D		Under 15 S & D
Under 16 S & D		Under 16 S & D
Under 21 S & D		Under 21 S & D
National League	Inter-Club Championships	
60 x 30 Team of 6	60 x 30	40 x 20
40 x 20 Team of 6	Open team of 4	Open team of 4
	Junior team of 4	Junior team of 4
	Novice team of 4	Novice team of 4

### OTHER COMPETITIONS

Féile na nGael, Team of four for 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 courts  
International Trials: Senior, Under 15, 17, 19 and 23 Singles.  
Inter-Varsity League and Team Championships  
Higher Education Leagues and Championship  
Combined Universities v Higher Education Colleges  
Higher Education Open Singles

### WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1986 World Handball Championships will be held in Kelowna, from 20 - 24th May and it has been decided to extend the range of Championships and the following is the schedule.



Open Invitational Singles and Doubles confined to the No. 1 Team from each country  
 Open Singles & Doubles  
 Senior Singles and Doubles - players in the 35 plus bracket  
 Masters Singles and Doubles - players in the 40 plus bracket  
 Veteran Masters Singles only - players in the 45 plus bracket  
 Golden Masters S & D - players in the 50 plus bracket  
 Veteran Golden Singles only - players in the 55 plus bracket  
 Super Singles & D - players in the 60 plus bracket  
 Veteran Super Singles - players in the 65 plus bracket  
 Diamond S & D players in the 70 plus bracket  
 Under 13, 15, 17, 19, 23 Singles - age as of 31 December 1986  
 Ladies Open Singles and Doubles

Players can also compete in the following championships which will be played in conjunction with the World Championships: Canadian Open B & C Singles and Ladies B Singles. The entry fee is \$60 for the first event and \$15 extra if competing in a second event. Entrante fee for Juniors \$25.

As Chairman of the World Handball Council I have received an application from the Australian Handball Association to stage the 1988 World Championships in Melbourne and I will be placing this application before our next meeting and I am sure it will receive favourable consideration.

### CEANNÁRAS LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE

As a result of satisfactory years trading it was possible to transfer £22,000 from the Sports Centre and Bar to Handball Council funds. However the benefit of this was offset to a large extent as it was necessary to equip the Fitness Training Room and also carry out renovations and replace certain items of equipment due to wear and tear.

The introduction of Fitness Training as an extra activity is proving very popular and membership is increasing at a steady rate. Paul Clarke, All Ireland Minor Football medal holder has been appointed as Manager and is carrying out his duties in a very efficient and capable manner. E. Timoney, a member of the Coaching Council played a major role in the setting up of this whole operation and we are thankful to him for his help and co-operation.

While a considerable amount has been spent on repairs to Ceannáras and the caretakers house over the past two years, as a result of damage on the occasion of major games in Páirc an Chrócaigh this has been offset to some extent by the recent grants received from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and we are indeed very grateful for this financial help.

Our caretaker Richard McMullen and Bar Manager Micháel Ó Treasaigh have both given a high level of commitment in the performance of their respective duties and are deserving of our thanks for their loyalty. The onerous responsibility of acting as Rúnaí was carried out in her usual capable and efficient manner by Irín Uí Chollata in addition to her other duties in handball and catering.

### SPONSORSHIP

Once again Coca-Cola sponsored our Senior Singles and Doubles Championships and we are very indebted for the sizeable sponsorship and look forward to their continuing support in the future. Our good friend Martin Flannery, Mayo native, now living in the U.S.A. once again gave a very sizeable subscription to Irish Handball for which we are deeply grateful. He was also very kind to the underage players on their recent visit to the U.S.A. During the year the G.A.A. issued clear cut directive on sponsorship which applies to all three games. On the question of sponsorship I feel we must make much greater efforts to secure additional sponsorship to enable us to continue our programme of development.

### GOVERNMENT GRANTS

It is opportune to once again express our sincere thanks for the very sizeable grant-in-aid received and also for the grant for International competition. Without this annual financial injection it would be impossible to carry out much of our work especially in the field of Administration, Coaching

and development.

We thank the Minister of State, Mr. Donal Creed T.D., Barra Ó hUallacháin, Conchúr Ó hEachach, Cospóir, and the staff of the Sports Section for their every ready help and co-operation at all times.

### FINANCE

The Auditors report which covers fully the financial position shows a definite improvement on previous years with a significant reduction in the Bank overdraft. The special grants received from the G.A.A. for repairs to the Caretakers house and the Ceannáras premises helped in this regard.

Participation in the forthcoming World Handball Championships will be very costly and new sources of revenue must be found to ease the burden and also to enable us to work towards a further reduction of our overdraft.

### PUBLICITY

While the level of publicity continues to improve there is still plenty of scope for further improvement and we should be making every effort to extract the maximum publicity as it is one of the vital elements in the marketing of our game. The inclusion of photographs in our newspapers and magazines is another important means of creating interest in handball and I feel there is not sufficient realisation of the value of this type of exposure as, despite regular requests to counties, photographs - which must be black and white - are very difficult to come by.

The importance of Public Relations cannot be overstressed and Coiste Forbartha is deserving of our thanks for coming up with a very attractive P.R. Course under the direction of C. Ó Corra and counties and provincial councils are strongly recommended to avail of this service.

### BUIÓCHAS

Our Uachtarán Tomás Ó Briain has now completed his second year of office and it is only fitting that I pay tribute to him for his commitment and dedication to the promotion and development of handball. The past year was very trying in many ways and as a result required extra care and attention to solve some of the problems that arose.

A special word of thanks is due to our various sub-committees, our many officials and players for their co-operation and support at all times, which helped in no small way to the smooth running of our whole operation.

It is only right and fitting that I should express our appreciation of the help received from the Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Dr. M. Ó Lochlainn and Árd Stiúrthóir, Liam Ó Maolmíchíl, also Coiste Bainistí and the Ard Chomhairle and to the many other units of the G.A.A. for their support and co-operation.

To the members of Ard Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, my sincere thanks for your help and co-operation. To our Provincial Councils and County Committees, and our many willing helpers a very sincere thanks and may we all work together in the future to lift handball to new heights.

During the year we lost a number of handballers, past and present, and we offer our deepest sympathy to their families and relatives. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the happy repose of the Souls of all deceased members.

Go dtuga Dia suainmheas sioraí dóibh.

*Seosamh Ó Loinsigh*

SEOSAMH Ó LOINSIGH,  
 Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

A Chairde,

We have audited the records of the Council for the year ended  
31st December 1985.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£73,407 and Expenditure came to IR£60,903. This resulted in an Operating Surplus of IR£12,504 (1984: Deficit IR£15,013). 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£15,990 and the Ceannáras Club gave a grant of IR£4,490 to the Council during the year. These amounts have been added to the Accumulated Surplus to date.

The principal variations relative to 1984 were:

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Registration Fees (Approximately 2 years Fees in 1985)	1,879	
Gate Receipts		1,454
R.T.E. Broadcasting Fees (none in 1985)		2,000
G.A.A. Central Council Grants	8,200	
Government Grants		2,000
Sponsorship and Advertising		17,507
EXPENDITURE		
Top Ace and World Championship Competitions (none in 1985)		28,194
Centenary Banquet (1984 only)		2,347
Trophies		4,400
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		1,792
Court Construction Grants		7,100
International Youth Year (1985 only)	2,496	
Coaching Courses	1,786	
Repairs and Renewals - Ceannáras	2,163	

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

Is sinne le meas,  
D. O'Connor & Co.  
Chartered Accountants.



**COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
For the year ended 31st December 1985

INCOME			BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1985	
	Schedule	IR£		IR£
Affiliation Fees		1,099	<b>Current Assets</b>	
Registration Fees		4,667	Investment in G.A.A. Development Scheme	100
Competition Entrance Fees		2,817	Loan to Shannon Handball Club	200
Gate Receipts		5,089	Loan to Broadford Handball Club	250
Fines		185	Stock of Handballs, Gloves and Sports Equipment	2,932
G.A.A. Central Council Grants:			Debtors for Handballs and Sports Equipment	1,767
Administration		1,000	Other Debtors	8,395
Erection of Handball Courts		8,500		<u>13,644</u>
International Travel		500		
Special Repair Grant		6,300		
Government Grants:			<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Administration and Development		25,000	Court Construction Grants payable	
Sponsorship and Advertising		8,250	(Schedule 4)	3,000
Subscriptions to Ceannáras Building Fund		6,286	Sundry Creditors	1,611
Sale of Handball and Sports Equipment		12,008	Bank Overdraft	109,308
Less Cost of Handballs and Equipment		(10,897)		<u>113,919</u>
Members Draw		2,061		
Miscellaneous		542	<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>	<u>(100,275)</u>
		<u>73,407</u>		
			<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts	254,190
	Schedule	IR£	Gymnasium Equipment	5,020
Competition Expenses	1	2,311		<u>259,210</u>
Over-age Competition Grants		520		
International Travel		8,842	<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>158,935</u>
Trophies		2,732		
Meeting Expenses		6,523	<b>Financed by:</b>	
Postage and Telephone		208	Accumulated Surplus to date	158,935
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		2,769		<u>=====</u>
Audit and Accountancy Fees		909		
G.A.A. Central Council Administration Charge		6,653	<b>STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS</b>	
Provincial Councils Administration Grants	2	2,600	<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1985</b>	
Court Construction Grants	3	9,100		IR£
Court Development Plans		257	<b>Source of Funds</b>	
Feile na nGael		924	Operating Surplus for year	12,504
International Youth Year		2,496	Grant from Ceannáras Lounge	15,990
Coaching, Leadership and Referee Courses		8,342	Grant from Ceannáras Club	4,490
Repairs and Renewals - Ceannáras		5,350		<u>32,984</u>
All Ireland Stand Tickets		3,461		
Less Sales		(3,135)	<b>Use of Funds</b>	
Miscellaneous		41	Outlay on Ceannáras Handball Courts	9,826
		<u>60,903</u>	Outlay on Gymnasium Equipment	2,508
				<u>12,334</u>
<b>Operating Surplus for Year</b>		12,504	<b>Increase in Funds</b>	<u>20,650</u>
Grant from Ceannáras Lounge		15,990		<u>=====</u>
Grant from Ceannáras Club		4,490	<b>Represented by:</b>	
Accumulated Surplus at 1st January		125,951	(Decrease) in Stock of Handballs etc.	(2,154)
		<u>158,935</u>	(Decrease) in Debtors	(11)
			Decrease in Creditors	10,164
				<u>7,999</u>
			<b>Increase in Bank Balances</b>	<u>12,651</u>
				<u>20,650</u>
				<u>=====</u>

**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1985**

**SCHEDULE 1 - OVER-AGE 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
Ladies Council	600
	<u>2,600</u>
	=====

**SCHEDULE 3  
COURT CONSTRUCTION GRANTS ALLOCATED  
DURING THE YEAR**

Ballydesmond	500
Béal na Mulla	300
Belcarra	200
Caherline	300
Cill Chiaran	500
Davidstown G.A.A.	500
Drumcliffe	500
Franciscan College, Clara	100
Galway Inter-Firm G.A.A.	1,500
Inagh G.A.A.	500
Kanturk	500
Kiltimagh	500
Kiltormer G.A.A.	500
Listowel	500
Moylough-Meath	500
Ramsgrange G.A.A.	500
St. Paul's Belfast G.A.A.	1,000
Shanagarry G.A.A.	500
Truagh G.A.A.	500
Windgap	500
Grants remitted	(1,300)
	<u>9,100</u>
	=====

**SCHEDULE 4  
COURT CONSTRUCTION GRANTS PAYABLE**

Carlow	500
London	1,000
Inagh	500
Kiltimagh	500
Listowel	500
	<u>3,000</u>
	=====

**SCHEDULE  
COURT CONSTRUCTION GRANTS**

Abbeydorney G.A.A.	500
Abbeyfeale	500
Annaghdown	500
Ardoyne G.A.A.	500
Ardcath	200
Arklow	500
Armagh G.A.A.	500
Ashburton	700
Athenry G.A.A.	500
Aughamullen G.A.A.	500
Avondale G.A.A.	500
Ballaghaderreen	500
Ballina Stephenites G.A.A.	500

Contd.	IR£
Ballina (Co. Tipperary)	300
Ballinacargy G.A.A.	500
Ballinrobe G.A.A.	500
Ballintubber	500
Ballybay G.A.A.	500
Ballydesmond	500
Ballyfermot	500
Ballygar G.A.A.	500
Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500
Ballymacelligott	1,000
Ballymitty	300
Ballymore	500
Ballymote	300
Ballyporeen	700
Ballyvourney	500
Baltinglass	300
Bantry	300
Barnacarroil	500
Bawn	200
Béal na Mulla	300
Belcarra	500
Bellaghy G.A.A.	500
Boefield	500
Boherbue (Co. Cork)	500
Bohermore	350
Bonniconlan	500
Boyle	500
Brandon	500
Bray G.A.A.	100
Bree G.A.A.	500
Bridgetown	300
Broadford (Co. Clare)	500
Burgess G.A.A.	500
Caherline	350
Caherlistrane G.A.A.	500
Carlow C.B.S.	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	800
Ceannanus Mór	500
Cill Chiaran	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
Colaiste Mhuire (Cobh)	500
Collooney	100
Coolgreaney	300
Cootehill	1,200
Corauiff G.A.A.	500
Corran	50
Crinkle	900
Cullen	400
Davidstown G.A.A.	500
Delvin	200
Derrymullen	500
Drumcliffe	500
Drumquin	500
Dunlavin	300
Dunleer G.A.A.	400
Emyvale	500
Ennis C.B.S.	800



Contd.	IR£
Enniscorthy G.A.A.	500
Fairymount	500
Falcarragh G.A.A.	950
Fahy	500
Fermoy	1,000
Fethard	500
Franciscan College, Clara	100
Galmoy G.A.A.	500
Galway Inter-Firm	2,500
Garryhill	900
Glenamaddy	500
Glencolmcille 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
Horeswood G.A.A.	500
Horse and Jockey	500
Hospital	300
Inagh G.A.A.	500
Indreabhán G.A.A.	500
Iniskeen Grattans G.A.A.	500
Kanturk	500
Kilgobnet	400
Kilkishen G.A.A.	450
Killala	950
Kilasser	500
Kilnaleck	500
Kilrush	500
Kiltimagh	500
Kiltormer G.A.A.	500
Kingscourt G.A.A.	1,000
Kiskeam G.A.A.	500
Knock	500
Lahorna	300
Limerick C.B.S.	50
Lisacul	500
Lisdoonvarna	400
Lisdowney G.A.A.	500
Lispole G.A.A.	500
Listowel	500
London	1,000
Longford Slashers G.A.A.	500
Loughanure	500
Loughrea	300
Loughmacrory	750
Mallow	500
Mitchelstown	800
Monaghan Harps G.A.A.	500
Moneygall G.A.A.	500
Mothel	360
Moylough (Meath)	500
Mullinavat	200
Mullingar G.A.A.	550
Mulrany	500
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
O'Callaghan's Mills G.A.A.	500
Oldtown	450
O'Loughlin's G.A.A. (Kilkenny)	500
O'Rahillys G.A.A. (Drogheda)	500
Pomeroy Mitchel's G.A.A.	500
Ramsgrange G.A.A.	500
Rathmore	500
Roscommon	900
Rosmuc	500
Rossa G.A.A.	500
St. Finbarr's G.A.A. (Cork)	1,000
St. Flannan's (Ennis)	50

Contd.	IR£
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. Paul's Belfast G.A.A.	1,000
St. Vincent's C.B.S. (Dublin)	500
Scoil Uí Chonaill C.B.S.	1,000
Shanagarry G.A.A.	500
Shanagolden G.A.A.	100
Shannon	900
Silvermines G.A.A.	500
Taghmaconnel	400
Taghmon	200
Tarbert	500
Templederry G.A.A.	500
Templeudigan	300
Thurles G.A.A.	500
Timoleague	400
Tinahely	250
Tinryland G.A.A.	500
Tir an Fhía	500
Toonagh G.A.A.	500
Tournafulla G.A.A.	500
Tralee	1,173
Truagh G.A.A.	500
Tumagraney	900
Tulla	500
Tullamore G.A.A.	400
Tydavnet G.A.A.	500
Westport	300
Wexford	400
Wind Gap	500
Youghal	500
	<b>104,653</b>

#### 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 confirm that they are correctly drawn up in accordance with such books, records and information.

1 Gardiner Row,  
Dublin 1.  
5th February 1985

D. O'CONNOR & CO.  
Chartered Accountants.

That counties who were allocated three tickets for each of the All Ireland Senior Hurling and Football Finals in 1985, should have their allocation restored to four tickets for each final as was the case up to 1985. (Loch Garman).

That equal publicity be given to the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 at National Level. (Tiobraid Árann)

That a Silver Medal be presented to All Ireland Runners-up in all grades. <sup>to cont.</sup> ~~4500 cont.~~ 28.13 (Cill Chainnigh)

That venues which would result in the least amount of travelling to the players involved should be chosen in all Coca-Cola Championship matches, with the exception of All Ireland Finals and Semi-Finals. (Loch Garman)

That capable Referees be appointed to take charge of all major competitions including National League Finals. (Ceatharlach)

That the President establish a Working Party, consisting of the Officers of the Council and one member from each Province chosen by the President, to examine in depth the existing competition structure under the jurisdiction of the Council, consider any changes which the Working Party feels desirable in view of the present and possible future demands on our game and make any recommendation it considers proper. The recommendations to be in the hands of the President and circulated to County Secretaries by 31st December 1986. (Aontroim)

That the words "Hopping the ball more than three times in the service position to count as exceeding the ten seconds" be deleted from paragraph "(viii) Delay" at page 19 under the general heading of "Fault Serves" in the Playing Rules. (Aontroim)

That as and from January 1st 1987 eyeguards be compulsory for all handball championships and competitions. Rule 250 - 29 to be amended. (An Clár)

That as and from January 1st 1987 eyeguards be compulsory for all 40 x 20 championships and competitions. Rule 250 - 29 to be amended. (An Clár)

Rule 250 (21) (c) to be amended by adding the words "except that a point or hand out may be awarded against the player returning the ball or in the opinion of the referee it would not have reached the front wall if the ball had not struck an opponent". (Aontroim)

That Golden Masters Games be the best three 21's instead of the best of three 15 ace games. Amend 250 accordingly. (Cill Chainnigh)

That 247 (B) Section (ii) be amended to read (A) That a Novice shall not have played on an All Ireland Winning Team of Four in Junior, Senior or Open.

(B) The Novice Team of Four All Ireland Winning Team are promoted to Junior in Team of Four events in subsequent years. (Cill Chainnigh)

That the Senior and Junior All Ireland Club Championships be retained and in an effort to increase interest in the Competition that efforts be made to acquire worthwhile sponsorship to make same more attractive to players. (Ceatharlach)

We propose that the Junior and Senior Inter-Club 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 be retained. (Ros Comáin)

That the Junior Team of Four Inter-Club All Ireland Championship in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 be re-introduced immediately. (Cill Chainnigh)

That the Junior Singles and Doubles be organised on an Open basis retaining the Provincial Finals with no limit on entries from each County. (Ceatharlach)

That Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann run a Masters Inter-Club All Ireland Championship in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 courts. (Cill Chainnigh)

be precluded from playing in Masters Championships (Luimneach)

19. That Masters players who hold either an All Ireland or Provincial title at senior, junior or masters level play in a winners section of Masters Championship and that another Masters Championship be held for Master players who have never won any of the above titles. (Luimneach)

20. That an 0-40 "B" Championship be organised to All Ireland level confined to players who never won a Provincial title in any grade. (Ceatharlach)

21. That "Masters" grade be divided into two sections with separate competitions in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20.

(a) Open to all masters players

(b) To exclude players who have won either junior or senior All Ireland titles. (An Cabhan)

22. That a Masters player who has never won an All Ireland or Provincial title in any grade be eligible to play in either Novice or Junior as well as the Masters Championship. (Luimneach)

23. We propose that both National Leagues 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 be retained in the one year. (Ros Comáin)

24. That the All Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Singles Champion be automatic choice to take part in American Open Championships. (Muigheo)

25. That the following addendum be added to Rule 244: "(viii) Central Council shall pay expenses in respect of the semi-finals and finals of the All Ireland minor and junior hardball singles and doubles championships". (Cill Dara)

26. That the following addendum be added to Rule 244 (iv) (c): "The expenses for matches in all other rounds to be borne by Central Council". (Cill Dara)

27. That the following addendum be added to Rule 240: "The following championships shall be promoted every second year when facilities offer: World (a) Senior Softball Singles and Doubles". (Cill Dara)

28. That Rule 240 All Ireland Section (f) be amended to read: "Over 40 Hardball, Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles". (Cill Dara)

29. We propose that Hardball should be retained. (Ros Comáin)

30. That the Hardball Competition be an Open draw as in the Coca Cola softball Competition. (Luimneach)

31. That Rule 240 be amended to read: That the present All Ireland Hardball Competitions be played on an Open Draw System i.e. in the event of a county having more than one entry in any of these competitions that they be allowed compete. (Tiobraid Árann)

32. That the following addendums be added to Rule 244 (iv), (a): "and each county will be allowed multiple entries in both softball and hardball". (Cill Dara)

33. That Section F Sub-Section (a) of Part One of the Official Playing Rules be amended to read: "A match is won by the side first winning two games except in senior hardball singles and doubles where a match is won by the side first winning three games". (Cill Dara)

*Suggest regarding to note*



# 60 x 30 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Coca-Cola S.S.	M. Breathnach	(Cill Chainnigh)
Coca-Cola S.D.	M. Breathnach, E. Ó'Dúnaigh	(Cill Chainnigh)
J.S.S.	D. Ó'Dúlainn	(Ros Comáin)
J.S.D.	P. Mac Laithim,	(An Cabhan)
M.S.S.	P. Mac Donncha	(An Iarmhí)
M.S.D.	P. Ó Caomhánach	(An Iarmhí)
N.S.S.	T. Ó Sirideáin, U. Ó Conchúir	(An Mhí)
N.S.D.	M. Ó Leathlobhair	(Cill Chainnigh)
Under 21S	S. Ó Ceallachain,	(Tiobraid Árann)
Under 21D	P. Ó Briain	(Tiobraid Árann)
Masters S	S. Ó Donnchú	(Tiobraid Árann)
Masters D	S. Ó Donnchú,	(Tiobraid Árann)
Golden Masters S	E. Ó Coirbín	(Tiobraid Árann)
Golden Masters D	P. Ó Laoi	(Loch Garman)
S.H.S.	P. Ó Laoi, N. Beaver	(Loch Garman)
S.H.D.	L. Ó Céirín	(Ciarraí)
J.H.S.	P. Ó Caoimh, S. Ó Méara	(Cill Chainnigh)
J.H.D.	T. Ó Ruairc	(Cill Dara)
M.H.S.	T. Ó Coise, S. Ó Coise	(Luimneach)
M.H.D.	M. Ó Dúllaing	(Cill Dara)
	P. Mag Laithim,	(An Cabhan)
	P. Mac Donncha	(An Cabhan)
	T. Ó Sirideáin	(An Mhí)
	T. Ó Sirideáin, U. Ó Conchúir	(An Mhí)

# 40 x 20 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

S.S.	M. Ó hEanádaín	(Maigh Eo)
S.D.	P. Ó Dúlainne, E. Ó Coinín	(Gallimh)
J.S.	M. Breathnach,	(Cill Chainnigh)
J.D.	P. de Hál, D. Ó Briain	(Baile Átha Cliath)
M.S.	U. Ó Conchúir	(An Mhí)
M.D.	U. Ó Conchúir, T. Ó Sirideáin	(An Mhí)
N.S.	P. Ó Dúfaigh	(Aontroim)
N.D.	T. Ó Catháin, G. Ó Catháin	(Ceatharlach)
Under 21S	E. Jensen	(An Mhí)
Under 21D	S. Ó Ceallaigh, P. Ó Cluainigh	(Corcaigh)
Masters S	A. Ó Duibh	(Tir Eoghain)
Masters D	D. Ó Ciarba, M. Ó hÓgáin	(An Clár)
Golden Masters S	P. Ó Caoimh	(Cill Chainnigh)
Golden Masters D	M. Breathnach, G. Ó Dálaigh	(Maigh Eo)

# WILLWOOD TAILTEANN

## 60 x 30 COURT

Under 12 S	P. Ó hAichir	(Luimneach)
Under 12 D	P. Ó Dubhánaigh,	(Ros Comáin)
Under 13S	C. Ó hEineacháin	(Baile Átha Cliath)
Under 13 D	A. Benson	(Ceatharlach)
Under 14 S	D. Mac Conraoi,	(Corcaigh)
Under 14 D	S. Mac Caomhánach	(Corcaigh)
Under 15 S	S. Ó Donnagáin	(Tiobraid Árann)
Under 15 D	M. Mac an Airchinnigh,	(Luimneach)
Under 16 S	D. de Faoite	(Tiobraid Árann)
Under 16 D	G. Ó Suilleabháin	(An Lú)
	B. Ó Murchú,	(An Lú)
	A. Mac Giolla Easpaig	(An Lú)
	P. Mac Amhlai	(An Lú)
	S. Mac Ardail, B. Ó Doinn	(An Lú)

## 40 x 20 COURT

Under 12 S	P. Ó hAichir	(Luimneach)
Under 12D	P. Ó Dubhánaigh,	(Ros Comáin)
Under 14D	C. Ó hEineacháin	(Corcaigh)
Under 16 S	M. Baréid, S. Ó Donnagáin	(An Lú)
Under 16 D	P. Mac Amhlai	(An Mhí)
	D. Mag Eochaidh, P. Ó Ruairc	(An Mhí)

# TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 60 x 30 INTER-CLUB

Gael Linn Novice	R. Fawley, S. Mac Náraigh
Talbot's Inch	M. Ó Leathlobhair, S. Mac Fhíogháin
Junior-Crinkle	P. Ó Caollaí, E. Ó Sforáin, L. Ó Maolain,
Senior	G. Milne,
St. Coman's	M. Breathnach, D. Ó Dúlainn,
	C. Ó'Dúlainn, P.S. Ó Moráin

## 40 x 20 INTER-CLUB

Novice	S. Mac an tSaoi, G. Mac an tSaoi,
St. Paul's	S. Ó Madáin, S. Ó Madain,
Junior	P. Mac Caomhánach,
McDermott's	L. Silcock, S. Mac Giolla Eáin, T. Mag
Senior	Uídhir,
	E. Ó Coinín, P. Ó Dúlainne, G. Ó Calla-
	náin, S. Ó Laocha

# UNIVERSITIES

Championship	S. Ó Néill, S. Ó Néill, S. Ó Duagáin,
U.C.G.	G. Ó Cochláin, N. Ó Conchúir, B. Rennick
League	S. Ó Néill, S. Ó Néill, S. Ó Duagáin,
	G. Ó Cochláin, N. Ó Conchúir, B. Rennick

# HIGHER EDUCATIONAL COLLEGES

Championship	P. Mac Caomhánach, P. Mag Aonasa,
St. Joseph's	P. Mac Mánaís, B. Ó Murchú
League Eastern	F. Ó Riain, E. Ó Cualláin, S. Mac Cathail
Region Kevin St.	Riabhaigh, M. Ó Cinnaolach
Southern Region	S. Ó Críodáin, P. Mac Amhlai, P. Ó
Thomond	Dufáigh, C. Ó Figich
League Play-Off	F. Ó Riain, E. Ó Cualláin, S. Mac Cathail
Kevin Street	Riabhaigh, M. Ó Cinnaolach
Singles	S. Ó Duagáin (U.C.G.)

# COMBINED UNIVERSITIES V HIGHER EDUCATION

Combined	S. Uadló (N.I.H.E.), E. Jensen, E. Ó
Universities	Cianáin (U.C.D.), P. Ó Ruadháin (May-
	nooth), M. Mac Suibhne (Q.U.B.) C. Ó
	Crónain (U.C.C.)

# FÉILE NA nGAEL

Skill Award	(F. Ó Lochlainn (An Clár) Winner on
	play-off
	(S. Ó Donnagáin (Corcaigh))

## 60 x 30

St. Coman's	P. Ó Dónaill, A. Ó hEineacháin, C. Ó
	hEineacháin, M. Ó Dúlainn

## 40 x 20

Mitchelstown	S. Ó Donnagáin, S. Ó hAnradháin, M.
	Baréid, G. Ó Briain

# NATIONAL LEAGUES

## 60 x 30

Division I	S. Ó Dughaill, S. Ó Caigne, P. Ó Scollai,
Tiobraid Árann	S. Ó Slatara, P. Ó Maoláin, E. Ó Fearail
Division II	S. Mac an Mhístir, N. Mac Ruairc, L. Ó
Uíbh Fhaili	Maoláin, D. Ó Duiginn, P. Hob, P. Ó
	Caollaí

## 40 x 20

Ros	S. Ó Mantáin, T. Ó Corcráin, S. Grinse,
Comáin	P. S. Ó Moráin, M. Breathnach, D. Ó
	Dúlainn