

# COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 1989



Tuarascáil an Riarthóra Cuntas an Airgid Rúin



# COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN ANNUAL CONGRESS 1989

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# AINMIÚCHÁIN 1989

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M. Mac Toirrill (Tiobraid Arann)

Tachtarán Tofa:

#### STANDING ORDERS

- (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 give 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 the majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.



# TUARASCÁIL AN RIARTHÓRA NÁISIÚNTA

Is é seo mo Thuarascáil deiridh mar Riarthóir Náisiúnta agus is mian liom, ar an ócáid seo, buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis na daoine a cheap mé sa phost tábhachtach seo agus a rá gur ghlac mé mar onóir mhór é.

Bhí sé de phribhléid agam páirt a ghlacadh san aifeochain agus sa bhorradh íontach a tharla i gcúrsaí liathróid láimhe le blianta anuas. Tá mé cinnte go leanfaidh an forfhás sa todhchaí ach an treoir a bheith ar fáil. Caithfear na modhanna nua-aimseartha is fearr a usaid chuige seo. De réir mar a mhéadaíonn an Cumann beidh gá níos mó le treoirithe cáilithe ag gach leibhéal.

On the international front the highlight of the year was the World Handball Championships which were hosted by the Australian Handball Council for the first time ever. The Championships were played at the modern Sports Complex attached to the King Village Club on the outskirts of Melbourne where a total of 10 courts were available for use.

At home a full programme of championships was carried out without any hiccups catering for all age groups from the under 12's to the over 50's. This demonstrates clearly the commitment of Comhairle Liathroid Láimhe na hÉireann to promote the philosover of "Sport for All" in accordance with the directives received and Cospoir and the Council of Europe. However the glut of competitions has placed an almost impossible burden on our Provincial Administrators and further has led to a high level of duplication in the various codes with players taking part in as many as eight championships. With this in mind the Competition Structure Work Group, which was set up two years ago, has come up with recommendations to stream-line the championships structure and provide for the future. These recommendations have been submitted to all County Committees for consideration.

If we accept that participation is basic to our overall development then we will have to devise new ways and means to attract more and more people of all age groups. We must market handball as the ideal form of life-time recreation that caters for both the individual and the family unit. In a survey carried out in the U.S.A. by a group of leading doctors and experts in the field of recreation handball emerged at the very top of the list of sports most suitable for mental and physical development of the individual. The findings of this group prompts the question - have we been underselling the value of handball as the perfect means of improving the health of our jon?

A very interesting development during the year was the construction of a regulation size 40 x 20 court in Kilburn, London. This new facility will serve the many emigrants now living in that city. The prime movers behind this project; Michael Collins, Barney Matthews and John Quinn, are all Irish and also handball enthusiasts. The court has also proved very popular with many of our players visiting London. I hope that this initiative shown by London will be followed up by the construction of courts in other Irish centres through Britain.

Another interesting development was the involvement of the Travelling People in special handball competitions played at Páirc an Chrócaigh. The standard of play of some of these people was very good and an encouragement to the development of this aspect of handball.

We are now living in an era of increased leisure time and a high level of unemployment and I hold the view that is we are conscious of our responsibility to servicing the community we should be to the forefront in developing structures which will cater for the sporting and social needs of our people. In addition we must also be aware of the need to make our facilities attractive if we are to get more and more people to participate.

Looking to the future, the Minister of State for sport, Mr. Frank Fahy, clearly outlined that the modern sporting environment requires effective and efficient management and marketing structures to cope positively with growth and change. He also stressed that his Department will be giving support, encouragement and advice to Governing Bodies resulting in efficient, effective and commercially orientated organisations. He stressed that while we respect the Democratic and Volunteer nature of sport the time is right to introduce a professional commercial orientation at the top through the introduction of commercially experienced Managers and Administrators who will put the necessary administrative structures in place in addition to generating positive financial results to fund future growth. He also said that the onus is on Sports bodies to provide clear concise development plans addressing issues including:-

- (a) Current organisational structures and methods
- (b) Proposed organisational development over the next five years
- (c) Implementation of your plans, including the provision of Budgets and targets to which you will be accountable

A new system of grant allocation to Governing Bodies will be based on the provision of this development plan and the achievement of stated objectives. Such a system of accountability ensures:

- Effective utilisation of an organisations resources
- (2) Channelling of an organisation's effort towards our ultimate objective or goal
- (3) Justifies the Minister approaching the Government for continued significant Lottery expenditure

We must always remember that an organisation without a plan is like a ship without a rudder.

#### Handball and the G.A.A.

In most areas a very good relationship exists between the Handball and the G.A.A. and this is as it should be as all our committees are sub-committees of their respective G.A.A. Committees and as such are an integral part of the G.A.A.

However to consolidate the position further we must be seen to be working all the time to strengthen this bond. It is not sufficient to expect an annual grant and then not be seen until the following year. I am convinced that there is an amount of goodwill available and this is very evident in areas where there is a very close relationship between Handball and the respective G.A.A. Committee or Council.

It is encouraging when one visits venues like Thurles or Páirc Uí Chaoimh to see handball officials playing their part in helping in the stewarding.

#### P.L. Insurance

Despite the fact that counties were circularised with details of the G.A.A. Public Liability Insurance Scheme a number of clubs are still not aware that as registered clubs they are covered by this Scheme. The position is that once a club is registered with the County Committee it is automatically covered and each club is levied with a fee of £50 payable to the G.A.A. County Committee. This insurance cover should result in a sizeable saving for clubs as against taking out individual policies.

# All Ireland Championships

The dominant figure in the Senior grade was M. "Duxie" Walsh of Kilkenny who retained his Coca-Cola Singles title for the fourth consecutive year, a feat only performed once before by P. Kirby of



Michael "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny)

partnered by P. McCormack in Doubles. P. McAuley of Louth playing in the senior grade for the first year put up a magnificent performance in the Singles final in extending T. O'Rourke to the limit after three thrilling games. The Meath partnership T. Sheridan and J. McGovern retained the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles in convincing fashion.

Pierce O'Keefe of Cork, and formally of Kilkenny won the under 21 60 x 30 Singles for the

Clare. In addition he retained the Coca-Cola Doubles title in partnership with E. Downey, and also regained the 40 x 20 Singles title. Our two Coca-Cola finals were the highlights of the year and T. O'Rourke of Kildare in Singles and the Quish Brothers of Limerick are to be highly complimented on their performances in making both finals really thrilling events. T. O'Rourke of Kildare returned to the honours list with a dual success in the Senior Hardball Single and Doubles. He was



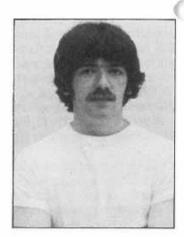
Eugene Downey (Kilkenny)

third consecutive year a feat which may be equalled but cannot be surpassed in the future. He also won the 40 x 20 under 21 Doubles in partnership with T. Donegan. With the success of his father Paddy in the 40 x 20 G.M.S. and the 40 x 20 and 50 x 30 G.M.D. the O'Keefe family once again figured in our honours list. Paddy was partnered by E. Leahy in both Doubles successes. The emergence of Antrim as serious championship contenders is indeed very welcome and a tribute to the committed officials who have worked very hard since the revival of the game especially in the Belfast area. They were successful in winning four 40 x 20 titles with W. Silcock, J. Dempsey, R. Murphy, P. Elliott and S. Graham. Clare again figured prominently in the Masters grade with J. Kirby winning both the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Singles championships and partnering M. Hogan to retain the 40 x 20 Doubles. N. Kerins of Kerry won the Silver Masters (1) Singles in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 and partnered his brother Billie to success in both Doubles championships. The Gough family of Meath brought off a nice double with father Ollie partnering C. Lynagh to victory in the 60 x 30 Silver Masters D (2) and son David partnering D. McDonald to success in the 60 x 30 Under 21 Doubles. C. Lynagh added to his Doubles success by winning the Singles in the same 60 x 30 code. The Buggy family of Wexford also figured in the honours list with former Inter-county hurler Ned winning the Novice 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. He was partnered by P. Mullet in the Doubles, while Séamus won the 60 x 30 Mas (1) Doubles in partnership with T. Doyle. It is not very often that the Uachtarán figures as an all Ireland champion so it is fitting that we should congratulate the present incumbent on winning the 60 x 50 Masters (2) D in partnership with V. O'Shea, who also won the Singles in this grade. W. McCarthy, after many years of trying, brought Tipperary further honours when he won the 60 x 30 Junior Singles. The up and coming starlet John Ryan of Carlow scored a nice double in winning the 40 x 20 Under 21 Singles and the 60 x 30 Novice Singles. Walt er O'Connor of Meath also scored a double in winning the J.H.S. and partnering J. Grant in 60 x 30 J.D. The Limerick partnership of P. Galvin and K. Lyons retained the M.S.D. title and also won the M.H.D. In addition P. Galvin won the M.S.S. while K. Lyons won the M.H.S. The most disappointing feature of these Minor Hardball championships was the paucity of entries with only three partnerships taking part in the doubles and only four players in the singles. This again prompts the question are we justified in holiday championships when there is no evidence of a strong demand. Limerick has an additional success when P. Quish and P. O'Connell won the J.H.D.

D.J. Carey of Kilkenny has a very successful year in the 40 x 20 as he won both Minor titles. He was partnered by E. Law in doubles. He has the unique distinction of being one of the few handballers who have also won All Ireland honours in hurling when he was a prominent member of the 1988 Kilkenny team which won the Minor Hurling Championship. S. Reade, who came in as a substitute in the All Ireland Mas S (2) semi-final went on to win the title and give Kilkenny a further success. While Mayo figured prominently in the All Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals they had to settle for one success when K. Geraghty and T. McCormack won the 60 x 30 Novice Doubles. The 40 x 20 Junior Doubles was won by Niall Breen and Pat Devanney of Clare in most impressive fashion. The whole handball world was deeply saddened when within a few short months Pat Devanney, who was so involved in handball from juvenile days, passed away after a very serious illness. It is only fitting that he should be remembered at our Annual Congress and our deepest sympathy extended to his wife and young family. Dermot Wall of Ballyporeen, a player who up to the time of his death figured prominently in the Golden Masters grade will be sadly missed as he always had a warm welcome for all visitors to Ballyporeen.



The late Pat Devanney (Clare)



Tom O'Rourke (Kildare)

# All Ireland Juvenile Championships

The whole future of handball depends on our level of commitment to the promotion of the game at underage level as in so doing we are providing a reservoir of talent for the future. When one reflects on the number of former juvenile players now prominent in Junior and Senior grades it vindicates the promotional policy initiated some years ago by our more progressive officials at various levels. However despite this success there is no reason to become complacent as there is still an amount of work to be done in many counties before we can feel happy with the level of underage involvement in handball.

As in previous years our juvenile championships were very successful and provided many keenly contested matches. The highlight in this grade is the emergence of Ulster representatives who were successful in winning five of the twenty titles available. Without doubt this is as a result of the high level of commitment in recent years by dedicated officials and demonstrates clearly that where a genuine effort is made the response will be positive.

The Curran family of Tyrone won three titles with Ciaran retaining the Under 14 Singles titles in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 and brother Conal winning the 40 x 20 Under 13 Singles, Adrian Benson of Dublin

retained his Under 16 Singles title in 40 x 20 and also win the 60 x 30 Under 16 Singles. The Offaly partnership of C. O'Brien and B. Doherty brought off a nice double winning the Under 14 Doubles in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30, while B. and C. Grennan won the 60 x 30 Under 12 Doubles. Another pair to bring off a dual doubles success were the Tipperary pair of K. O'Neill and J. O'Mahony who won out in both the Under 13 Doubles Championships. Roscommon, as usual, figured very prominently and were successful in winning three titles with P. Regan in 60 x 30 Under 15 Singles, K. Heneghan and F. O'Donnell in 60 x 30 Under 16 Doubles, and M. Kelly and M. McHale in 40 x 20 Under 12 Doubles. Antrim had their first success at Juvenile level with D. McGreevey and G. Hyland winning the 40 x 20 Under 15 Doubles. Carlow had a welcome success with S. Kavanagh and D. King winning out in the 40 x 20 Under 16 Doubles. Wexford won the 60 x 30 Under 15 Doubles with E. Kelly and D. Shiggins. When one looks back on the past and recalls the dominance of these championships by Wexford, Dublin and Kilkenny it poses the question have we the same level of commitment in these counties nowadays.

Kildare scored a nice double with P.J. McGrath winning the 40 x 20 Under 15 Singles and Trevor Winders, another member of the renowned Winders family winning the 60 x 30 Under 13 Singles. Another family to figure prominently in these championships were the O'Connors of Meath with C. O'Connor winning the 40 x 20 Under 12 Singles. Cavan was successful in the Under 12 60 x 30

Singles championship when M. Cunningham won the title in a thrilling three set match.

The World Handball Championships were held in Melbourne from 14-19 March 1988 and a total of six countries took part in the various grades of championships. A total of 9 players, including two ladies made up the official team while a number of other Irish players also competed. While the entries were somewhat down on the last Championships in Canada this could largely be accounted for by the heavy travelling expenses involved.

The Australian Handball Council is deserving of our thanks for undertaking such a mammoth task with their limited financial and







Ciaran Curran Tyrone

Brian Doherty and Connor O'Brien

# World Handball Championships



The Irish Party travelling to Australia

Semi-Final

Final

personnel resources. They were most hospitable to all participants and ensured that the championships were run off on schedule. Our Team Manager Caimin Jones carried out his duties in a most efficient and capable manner and was available at all times to help out in every way. He is indeed deserving of our thanks for a job well done. All the Irish players are to be commended on their magnificent performances and while the results were somewhat disappointing when compared with Canada, nevertheless the decision to send a full team was justified.

#### **Invitational Singles**

Group 1 P. McAuley lost to D. Bell (Canada) 16-21, 21-8, 0-

P. McAuley W.O. O. Calzada (Mexico) Scr

Semi-Final P. McAuley lost to N. Alvarado (U.S.A.) 12-21, 20-

#### Invitational Doubles

Group 1 J. Fleming, P. Cleary dft A. Ripplinger, A. Menses (Canada) 21-16, 21-7

J. Fleming, P. Cleary dft O. Calzada, E. Cariulo

(Mexico) 21-16, 21-13 J. Fleming, P. Cleary, dft. V. Di Luzio, J. Santillo

(Australia) 21-11, 21-13 Final

J. Fleming, P. Cleary lost to J. Kendler and Monreal (USA) 11-21, 13-21

#### 19 and Under Singles

Semi-Finals F. Coughlan defeated D. Stices (Australia) 21-8,

21 - 3

F. Coughlan defeated B. Newport (Australia) 21-10, 21-14

23 and Under Singles

Semi-Final W. O'Connor defeated D. D'Sebastiano (Austra-

lia) 21-4, 21-6

Final W. O'Connor lost to J. Robles (U.S.A.) 4-21, 6-21

Open Singles

Quarter-Final J. McGovern dft D. Murray (U.S.A.) 21-16, 21-17

T. Sheridan dft. M. Murphy (U.S.A.) 21-1, 21-20

Semi-Final J. McGovern lost to E. Sheruga (Australia) 7-21,

15-21

T. Sheridan dft. J. Santilli (Australia) 21-10, 21-14

T. Sheridan lost to E. Sheruga (Australia) 14-21,

10-21

Final

Open Doubles

**Ouarter Final** T. Sheridan, J. McGovern lost to V. Mirand, J.

Robles (U.S.A.) 21-18, 20-21, 9-11

Master Singles

Quarter-Final J. Kirby dft. J. Friesan (Canada) 7-21, 21-4, 11-4

Semi-Final J. Kirby dft. B. Prudon (Canada) 21-9, 21-15

Final J. Kirby lost to P. Kirby (U.S.A.) 18-21, 21-16, 8-

Masters Doubles

Semi-Final J. Kirby, C. Jones dft B. Prudon, L. Spier (Canada)

21-9, 21-14

Final J. Kirby, C. Jones lost to P. Kirby, M. McGrath

(U.S.A.) 11-21, 5-21

Veteran Masters Singles

Quarter-Final M. Tyrrell lost to T. Smock (U.S.A.) 8-21, 12-21

Golden Masters Singles

1st Round W. Kerins dft, G. Pennington (Canada) 21-8, 21-3

R. Doherty dft. J. Bargmans (Canada) 5-21, 21-20,

11-6

M. Lally dft. F. Italiano (Australia) 21-13, 21-7

M. Reilly lost to M. McGrath (U.S.A.) 15-21, 14-21

Ouarter-Final W. Kerins dft. C. Nichols (U.S.A.) 21-10, 21-5

> R. Doherty lost to R. Scarpati (U.S.A.) 15-21, 8-21 M. Lally lost to L. Morales (U.S.A.) 5-21, 6-21

Semi-Final W. Kerins lost to E. Grossenbacher (U.S.A.) 5-21,

8-21

Golden Masters Doubles

Quarter-Final M. Reilly, M. Lally lost to L. Oliver, C. Mathison

(U.S.A.) 21-20, 12-21, 7-11

W. Kerins, R. Doherty dft. R. Carson, T. Hill

(Canada) 21-1, 21-4

Semi-Final W. Kerins, R. Doherty lost to B. Coffee, C.

Schildmeyer (U.S.A.) 21-12, 10-21, 7-11

Senior Doubles

Quarter-Final N. O'Brien dft, J. Simpson (U.S.A.) 16-21, 21-11,

Semi-Final N. O'Brien lost to D. Jones (Australia) 21-16, 15-

21, 7-11



Fergal Coughlan (Clare) Under 19 Champion



John Kirby (Clare) Captain of Irish Team



Pat Cleary and John Fleming (Wexford)

Mens 'B' Singles

F. Collins lost to T. Russo (U.S.A.) 10-21, 10-21 1st Round

M. Kiely dft F. Toaba (U.S.A.) 21-2, 21-7

T. O'Brien dft. B. Newport (Canada) 21-14, 21-14

Quarter-Final T. O'Brien lost to M. McGrath (U.S.A.) 9-21, 18-

M. Kiely dft. G. Padilinskey (Canada) 21-1, 21-1

Semi-Final M. Kiely lost to V. Constanzo (Australia) 8-21, 5-

Ladies Open Singles

1st Round B. Mythen dft. H. Friesen (Canada) 21-3, 21-6

S. Carey BYE

Ouarter-Final B. Mythen lost to K. Beddard (Canada) 5-21, 12-21

S. Carey dft. C. Mendonca (U.S.A.) 21-8, 21-1

Semi-Final S. Carey lost to K. Beddard (Canada) 17-21, 11-21

Ladies Open Doubles (Played on 'Round Robin' System)

S. Carey, B. Mythen dft. C. Mendonca, J. Grace

(U.S.A.) 21-2, 21-5

S. Carey, B. Mythen dft. J. Friesen, K. Jacklin

(Canada) 21-4, 21-5

Final S. Carey, B. Mythen lost to K. Bedard, L. Fraser

(Canada) 18-21, 21-12, 8-11

# International

Due to the heavy expense involved in sending the team to Australia it was decided against sending an official team to the U.S.A. Junior Championships in December. However as a result of grants received from Cospoir, under the outstanding Sportspersons Scheme, it was possible for Peter McAuley of Louth and D.J. Carey of Kilkenny to travel to San Francisco to compete in the 19 and under grade.

D.J. Carey was unfortunate to meet C. Dehnert, one of the top players, in the 2nd round and had to give best. He went on to compete in the Consolation Championship and was successful in winning out after defeating Ian Ross of Canada in the final. Peter McAuley was more successful in the championship proper and qualified for the final only to lose out to Randy Morones.



D.J. Carey

1st Round

2nd Round

Results P. McAuley Bye D.J. Carey Bye

P. McAuley dft. D. McGrath (U.S.A.) 21-5,

21-12

D.J. Carey lost to C. Dehnert (U.S.A.) 20-21, 7-21

Quarter-Final P.

McAuley dft. G. Panczyk (U.S.A.) 21-7, 21-

Semi-Final

P. McAuley dft. V. Munoz (U.S.A.) 21-5, 21-13

Final

P. McAuley lost to B. Morones (U.S.A.) 18-21,

Consolation Final

D.J. Carey dft. Ian Ross (Canada) 15-6, 15-7

# Inter-Club Championships

Once again the Novice 60 x 30 inter-club championship was sponsored by Gael Linn and we are appreciative of their sponsorship which now spans over 30 years. The winners of the Com Gael Linn trophy, the most valuable trophy in handball was the Kiltimagh team led by All Ireland Novice Doubles champions K. Geraghty and T. McCormack. The 1987 Novice winners Templeudigan went a stage further when decisively winning the 60 x 30 Junior title. The O'Loughlins club of Kilkenny, who have been to the forefront of the Inter-club Championships were successful in winning the Junior 40 x 20 championship. In winning the Novice 40 x 20 Inter-club the Gortnamona team became the second Belfast team to win this title which was won in 1985 by the St. Paul's Club.

# **Juvenile Promotion**

The Féile na nGael competition was held in Laois/Offaly for the first time and proved an outstanding success. The number of teams competing showed an increase with 22 counties represented. Denite the limited number of courts in each county the organising committee led by Leinster Chairman Joe Masterson, and Laois Secretary Tom Doheny were successful in organising a very compact programme of activity.

As usual the teams were very well presented and a tribute is due to the officials from each participating county. Reports to hand indicate that all the participating teams were highly complimentary of all the arrangements and this is indeed a fitting tribute to the organising committee.

During the year the Ulster Council carried out a major promotional exercise for the youth in the province when they involved 557 boys and girls in a series of courses which included Fitness Training, Mini-Handball, Skills Development and Video Showing. This type of initiative if introduced in all provinces would make a major impact on the involvement of youth in our games.

# Comhairle na mBan

While the Ladies representatives at the World Championships were at as successful as in 1986 nevertheless they performed with distinction and were somewhat unfortunate to lose the final of the Doubles after a very closely contested tie-breaker.

On the home front it was a year of earnest endeavour with some progress. The Ulster Handball Council has taken the ladies under its wing and as a result there is a steady improvement in the level of participation mainly as a result of coaching and leadership courses. If ladies handball is to make a major breakthrough it must be fully supported by the other Provincial Councils. The time for promises is long past and in my view what we now need is positive action.

# **Primary Schools**

Last year all the Primary Schools were issued with promotional material for Mini-Handball games and if we are to make a major impact at this level of Education we must launch a countrywide promotional drive involving teachers, students and our clubs. During the year a series of Mini-Handball Courses were held in certain areas of the country and they were most successful, However this was only the tip of the iceberg. One encouraging feature is the decision of the Irish Mini Sport Movement to include handball, amongst a few other sports, on a pilot scheme in Tallaght which, if successful, will lead to the introduction of a series of similar courses

throughout the country. We are indeed indebted to this body for their support. Enda Timoney has played a major role in getting them involved in handball and is deserving of our thanks. It is very important that all our clubs be seen to support this drive. In fact I would go further and ask each club to adopt one or two schools in their own area and work with the teachers to promote the game.

# **Post Primary Schools**

The overall positions has shown no significant improvement over past years. The problem as I see it is that handball plays second fiddle to the other games in our colleges and I feel that the time has come when our Provincial Councils must be seen to work with the G.A.A. Secondary and Vocational Schools Committees. It may be that the time is opportune to discuss with each respective body the feasibility of merging into one group for handball purposes.

# **Higher Education**

While the level of interest is improving, especially in the Higher Education Colleges, the big deterrent is the lack of playing facilities at most colleges. Again this is an area where our clubs could help by making their facilities available especially in the afternoons when most courts are relatively free. A further help would be if counties or Provincial Councils considered organising Competitions in their area of jurisdiction.

# **Government Grants**

It is only appropriate that we once again thank the Minister of State, Department of Education, Mr. Frank Fahy, for the very sizeable grants which we received during this year. It is true to say that they exceeded our expectations and covered a wide area of operation from the World Championships, to Grants to Outstanding Sportspersons, to special project grants, and the usual allocation for Administration Coaching and Equipment.

It is accepted now that this annual financial injection from the Department of Education, through Cospoir, has played a major part in the progress handball has made in recent years and without it, it would be very difficult to operate.

We are also indebted to the Chief Executive of Cospoir, Barra O hUallacháin, and his assistant Con Haugh, who at all times have been most helpful to us.







Peter McAuley (Louth), Tom Sheridan (Meath), Walter O'Connor (Meath) - Received Outstanding Sportsmen Grants

# R.T.E.

As last year was the Dublin Millennium and no major plans had been made in the city to contribute in a major way Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann decided to promote an International Millennium tournament to honour the occasion. With players form the U.S.A. and Canada competing it was probably the most successful of all our televised competitions as every match was very keenly

contested and at least one semi-final and the final were cliff hangers and compulsive T.V. viewing.

The Bank of Ireland was once again our main Sponsor and we are again indebted to them as without their support it would have been difficult to host such a major competition. Once again Waterford Glass added very considerably to the occasion by providing high quality trophies while O'Neill's International Sports provided the playing attire with Puma supplying the shoes.

We are very indebted to R.T.E. for the high quality coverage of all the matches including the special juvenile and ladies Competitions. It is only right and proper that I say a sincere thank you to Fred Cogley, Head of Sport, and Tim O'Connor, Head of T.V. Sport. Senior Producer, Michael O'Carroll was again very professional in his whole approach thus ensuring that handball was projected in a very good light. Commentator Mick Dunne was on top of the action with quality commentaries on each match.

#### Results

P. McAuley (Louth) dft. R. Christian (Califor-**Ouarter-Finals** 

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J. Bike (California) dft. M. Walsh (Roscommon)

D. Bell (Canada) dft. W. Silcock (Antrim) 18-12

M. Walsh (Kilkenny) dft. J. Herlihy (Cork) 18-9

Semi-Finals

J. Bike dft. P. McAuley 19-15

M. Walsh dft. D. Bell 16-15

Sudden death play-off

M. Walsh dft. J. Bike 21-19 Final

Third Place play-off D. Bell dft. P. McAuley 16-14

Under 14 Juvenile Doubles T.V. Tournament

D. McMahon (Wicklow), D. Fitzgerald (Kilkenny)

C. Curran (Tyrone), M. Finnegan (Cavan) 17-14

Special Ladies Doubles Tournament

S. Carey (Dublin), B. Mythen (Wexford)

E. Hall (Dublin), G. Hall (Dublin) 26-14

# Sponsorship

Coca-Cola once again sponsored the 60 x 30 Senior Championships and we are indeed very grateful for this major Sponsorship. As I mentioned earlier the Bank of Ireland, Waterford Glass, O'Neill's International Sports and Puma are deserving of our thanks. Our Uachtarán is also very deserving of our thanks as in addition to his personal support he secured a number of other sponsorships towards our World Handball Championships expenses. Caimin Jones, our Cisteoir, also helped considerably in this regard.

Before moving away from Sponsorship I would like to make some observations which may be helpful to units looking for sponsorship.

- If we are to succeed we must be professional in our approach (a)
- All proposals for sponsorship must be fully thought out (b)
- (c) Vagueness, a 'good idea', or well meaning intentions have no relevance
- (d) Sports bodies need to understand the requirement of commercial companies interested in Sponsorship, enthusiasm is
- (e) It is not good enough to take a cheque and run
- (f) The greatest asset any organisation has to offer is its members. Remember every sport, large or small, represents someone's customers
- Don't promise unless you can deliver. Remember to make a (g) success of a sponsorship we must be prepared to work on it

- A successful sponsorship is something that can be worked on from year to year
- Remember controversy or bad publicity will never attract (i) Sponsors

# Coaching

Despite the fact that a number of coaching courses were held at both county and provincial level there is still in some areas a lack of awareness of the value of coaching especially by the older players. All of our younger players are fully aware of the need and value of Coaching and this is demonstrated clearly by the results achieved at both national and international level. A special Coaching and Fitness Training course was held over six weekends for the team travelling to the World Championships and this was very benefical to all the official representatives. Special courses were held for teachers at St. Patrick's, Dublin and St. Mary's, Belfast. In addition the usual weeklong course was held for Primary School teachers in Kilkenny.

# Leadership Courses

The value of leadership in any sport cannot be underestimated and this is all the more reason why we must push for more courses especially at provincial and county level. The National Course, with an attendance of thirty people, was held in Monaghan and report indicate that it was very successful. An Ulster course was held in Letterkenny and again it was well attended. Over in Connacht a course is presently underway covering a number of sports including handball and F. McCann the well known player is looking after the handball content on the course. Both Tomás Breathnach and Ciarán O Corra are to be commended on their work in preparing and conducting the various courses.

# **Court Construction Grants**

Coiste Forbartha is presently examining the position of grants for court construction as there is a feeling abroad that these grants could be much better used in establishing a solid club base to ensure that there is maximum useage of our courts.

# Be Active/Be Alive

The Minister of State, Mr. Frank Fahy set aside a special week in May to encourage all sports bodies to plan a week of activity aimed at involving all members of the community in some form of recree tion. Each county and club was asked to co-operate fully and despite the fact that it cut across some of our fixtures the response was reasonably good. In the coming year I suggest that we make an earlier start on organising our activity and ensure that the week is left fully free of fixtures.

# Publicity

It is through the media that we can address ourselves to a much larger audience and consious of this we should be placing much greater emphasis on the appointment of a Public Relations Officer. I believe this should be a high profile position as the right appointment will definitely ensure good quality coverage for handball. In the case of the provincial newspapers there has been a cut back in the number of reporters, including sports journalists and as a result it is not always possible for them to cover the various sporting activites. It is accepted now by many of these papers that a well presented Press Release (typed and double spaced) which is short and snappy will generally be included verbatim. In effect this means that the PRO really acts as a free lance reporter.

The value of black and white photographs is not really appreciated and there is a constant difficulty in trying to come by them as most counties and provincial councils are loathe to forward them. In

emphasising the value of photographs I wish to stress that it is generally accepted that one photograph is the equivalent of eight columns of space as readers will generally look at photographs whereas very few will read the article.

The media are generally positive and constructive in the coverage of our activities and are deserving of our thanks. Our Radio and T.V. coverage is poor in the extreme and we will have to work very hard on this area if we are to see an improvement.

With the advent of Local Radio and Commercial Television a whole new world of publicity is opening up and the bodies that will benefit most are the ones who have prepared in advance and are professional in their approach. It is generally accepted that there will be more time for coverage of sports events and activities and this is all the more reason why we must be up and doing if we are to benefit.

### **Finance**

Our financial position as set out in the Auditor's Report shows a worsening of our position as expenses exceeded income. We were indeed fortunate that through Government Grants, Sponsorships and Subscriptions, it was possible to send a full team to the World Championships at no great expense.

"he situation is quite serious and we must face up to it immediately with the present reorganisation in Páirc an Chrócaigh our outgoings could be heavier in the coming year.

# Buíochas

Our Uachtarán has now completed his second year of office and he is due our thanks for his high work rate and dedication and also for his generosity in helping handball in many tangible ways.

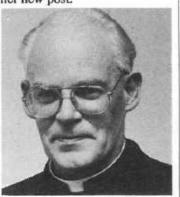
Seán Ó Dubhlainn agus Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, Uachtarán and Árd Stiúrthóir respectively of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael are due our thanks for their every help and co-operation. To Coiste Bainistí and Ard Chomhairle Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the various G.A.A. Provincial Councils and County Committees a sincere thank you for your help and support.

To the members of Ard Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe a sincere thank you for your help and co-operation freely given at all times. A special word of thanks to our various Sub-Committees and Work Groups, to our Provincial Councils and County Committees, our my willing helpers, and all our players. The Holy Sacrifice of the was has been offered for all our deceased members. Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas Síoraí dóibh.

Irín Uí Chollata who has served with us for over 11 years has been transferred to another section as a result of the recent reorganisation of the staff structures in Páirc an Chrócaigh and it is only fitting that we pay tribute to her for the many years and long hours of dedicated commitment. It is true to say that she played a very significant role in the great upsurge of handball throughout the country. May she enjoy many years of happiness in her new post.



Irin Ui Chollata



An Br. B.C. O. Murchú

An Br. O Murchú, who retires this year as our representative on Ard Chomhairle, is deserving of our full thanks as it was through his initiative and drive that handball always had a high profile at G.A.A. level. The past few years have been difficult indeed for him with all the changes in staff structures, procedures, etc. Nevertheless he was always to the forefront in pushing the handball cause.

As I come to the final stage of this, my last Report as Riarthóir, it is a time to reflect on the past. It is coincidental that I took up office during the Presidency of the late Joe Bergin from Tipperary, and leave office after 35 years with another Tipperary man, Michael Mac Toirrill, at the helm.

It has been my privilege to hold office during a period which saw so many positive changes taking place in handball. I was fortunate to be part of the unprecendented upsurge in court construction, the introduction of juvenile handball, the development of International and World handball, the construction of a fitting headquarters for handball, the televising of handball, and many other promotions and developments. I was indeed fortunate to serve under the late Pádraig O Caoimh, Seán O Síocháin, and Liam O Maolmhichíl as it was with their help and co-operation that handball became firmly established within the G.A.A. To the many G.A.A. Presidents a sincere thank you for your every help and support. To our various Handball Presidents from the late Joe Bergin to the present incumbent Mick Tyrrell a sincere thank you for all your guidance, help, and tolerance, also the many Ard Chomhairle members, Provincial, County and Club officials who were always very helpful and courteous to deal with. To our players, past and present many thanks for all the memories of many thrilling and exciting matches. During my term of office I travelled the whole country and made friends in every part from Donegal to Kerry and were it not for handball I wouldn't have met so many nice and kind people.

In conclusion it is only appropriate that I should pay tribute to my wife and family, for without their support and constant help, it would not have been possible for me to devote so much of my time to handball.

A final word - I believe handball has a bright future only if we continue to increase the level of commitment and dedication. The day of the amateur approach to sports development is well gone and nothing less than a professional approach will suffice if we are to lift handball to new heights.

Sevent D. Lewigh

Riarthóir Náisiúnta

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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

A Chairde

We have examined the records of an Chomhairle for the year ended 31 December 1988.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

ome of the year amounted to IR£83,962. Expenditure came to IR£62,645 leaving an operating surplus for the year of IR£21,317. After adjusting for Court Construction Grants and Ceannaras Club Lounge Transfer, there was a surplus of IR£32,036. The Ceannaras Club Lounge Transfer represents an overprovision for liabilities transferred to an Chomharile in 1987. There was no transfer of cash from Ceannaras Club Lounge Account during the year.

As compared with the preceeding year when there was an overall deficit of IR£15,917 the principal variations in Income and Expenditure were as follows:

	-	Decrease
INCOME	IR£	IR£
Competition Entrance Fees		994
Government Grants	12,017	
Subscriptions & Sponsorships	4,774	
EXPENDITURE		
npetition Expenses		1,157
ernational	15,518	* IN # 5 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5 * 5
Mini Handball	3,285	
Promotional	DOMESTICAL	5,091
Meetings and Travel		2,368
Coaching Leadership and Development		2,713

#### BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1988 including Outlay on Ceannaras and Gymnasium Equipment IR£308,856 amounted to IR£337,645. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£123,265 came to IR£148,499. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£189,146. As in previous years Interest on Bank Borrowings has been avoided by arrangement with Central Council CLG.

#### Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds

This Statement shows the changes that have taken place in Assets, Liabilities and Capital Items since 31 December 1987 and the resultant effect on Bank Borrowings.

The Books and records were, as usual, 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 1988

INCOME		
Schedule	1988 IR£	_1987 IR£
County Committe and Members 1 Gate Receipts C.L.G. Grant Government Grants 2 C.A.O. Grants and Colleges Grants Subscriptions and Sponsorship Handballs and Gloves Members Draw	6,044 5,701 10,000 37,667 1,000 22,223 1,327	7,880 5,289 10,000 25,650 300 17,449 1,690 7,337
EXPENDITURE		
Competition Expenses Over-Age Competition Grants International Mini Handball Juvenile Promotional Materials Trophies Meetings and Officials Travel Provincial Councils Administration Grants Grants Coaching, Leadership and Development Repairs to Ceannaras Administration and General 4	2,433 520 18,844 3,285 1,981 2,155 4,306 5,751 2,600 5,241 674 14,855 62,645	3,590 520 3,326 
Operating Surplus Comhairle Liathroid Laimhe na hEireann Ceannaras Club Lounge Transfer Court Construction Grants - Allocated 5 Court Construction Grants withdrawn Surplus/(Deficit) for year	21,317 7,719 (1,000) 4,000 32,036	21,312 (31,729) (7,000) 1,500 (15,917)

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

#### To the Members of

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

We have prepared the following Accounts and Balance Sheet from the books and records of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann 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. 28th February 1989

D. O'CONNOR & CO., Chartered Accountants

BALANCE SHEET	
AS AT 31st DECEMBER	1988

NO HI DISC DECEN	101211 1700	
	1988 IR£	1987 IR£
Fixed Assets	13777	0.000
Outlay on Ceannaras	303,239	280,742
Gymnasium Equipment at Cost	5,617	5,476
	308,856	286,218
Loan - Galway County Board	18,000	18,000
Current Assets		
Stocks	775	3,594
CLG Club Development Scheme	100	100
Loans to Clubs	450	450
Debtors and Prepayments	9,464	2,674
	10,789	6,818
Current Liabilities		2 500
Court Construction Grants Grants to Underprivileged Areas	18,000	3,500
Creditors	7,234	45,636
Bank Overdraft	123,265	104,790
	148,499	153,926
Net Current Liabilities	(137,710)	(147,108)
	189,146	157,110
Represented by: Accumulated Fund		
Balance at beginning of year	157,110	173,027
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	32,036	(15,917)
Balance at date	189,146	157,110

#### STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1988

Source of Funds Operating Surplus for year Ceannaras Club Lounge Transfer (Increase)/Decrease in Debtors (Decrease)/Increase in Creditors Court Construction Grants withdrawn (Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	21,317 7,719 (6,790) (23,902) 4,000 2,819 5,163	21,312 (31,729) 36 37,642 1,500 (1,175) 27,586
Uses of Funds Outlay on Ceannaras Outlay on Gymnasium Equipment Court Construction Grants Allocated Loan Advanced	22,497 141 1,000  23,638	7,000 18,000 26,403
Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Overdraft	18,475	(1,183)

# SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1988

				TDC
	1988	1987	Ballinrobe G.A.A.	IR£ 500
	IR£	IR£	Ballintubber	500
SCHEDULE 1			Ballybay G.A.A.	1,000
County Committee and Members Affiliation Fees	045	1 200	Ballydesmond	500
Registration Fees	945 2,711	1,390 3,014	Ballyfermot Ballygar G.A.A.	500 500
Competition Entrance Fees	2,057	3,051	Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500
Fines	331	425	Ballymacelligott	1,000
	6,044	7,880	Ballymitty	300
	0,011	7,000	Ballymore Ballymote	500
SCHEDULE 2			Ballyporeen	300 700
Government Grant	22.000		Ballyvourney	500
Annual Grant World Championships	32,000 5,667	25,650	Baltinglass	300
Underprivileged Areas	20,000		Bantry	300
ondorphi Hogod / Louis			Barnacarroll Barntown	500
	57,667	25,650	Bawn	300 200
Less: Distributable	20,000		Balcara	300
	37,667	25,650	Beal na Mulla	300
	37,007	25,050	Belcarra	200
SCHEDULE 3			Bellaghy G.A.A. Boefield	500
Administration Grants	***	500	Boherbue (Co. Cork)	500 500
Connacht Council Leinster Council	500 500	500 500	Bohermore	350
Munster Council	500	500	Bonniconlan	500
Ulster Council	500	500	Borris	500
Ladies Council	600	600	Boyle Brandon	500
	2,600	2,600	Bray G.A.A.	500 500
W1 W0 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11			Bree G.A.A.	500
SCHEDULE 4			Bridgetown	300
Administration and General Expens C.L.G. Administration Charge	ses 8,502	7 502	Broadford (Co. Clare)	500
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	1,662	7,503 2,321	Burgess G.A.A. Caherline	500
Postage and Telephone	182	188	Caherlistrane G.A.A.	350 500
Audit and Accountancy Fee	1,150	1,100	Carlow C.B.S.	500
All Ireland Tickets	886	547	Cappagh	450
Court Development Plans Higher Education	1,706 728	1,598 537	Capwell	200
Insurance - Pearse Stadium	720	412	Carrick-on-Suir Cashel	700 500
Miscellaneous	39	148	Cashel C.B.S.	150
	14,855	14,354	Cashel (Co. Galway)	300
1 12/12/2014 (1971) 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		**,55*	Castlebar	400
SCHEDULE 5	2-2-52-	12.202.6	Castlebar G.A.A. Castlegar G.A.A.	500 500
Court Construction Grants allocated Kilworth	d during yea		Castleisland	500
London		500 500	Castlemahon G.A.A.	500
			Castlerea G.A.A.	500
		1,000	Castletownbere Ceannanus Mor	300
			Cill Chiaran	500 500
Constitution C. 16 1	ana.	TD 0	Clarecastle G.A.A.	1,000
Grants to date for Court Constructi Abbeydorney G.A.A.	on	IR£ 500	Claremorris	500
Abbeyfeale		500	Clones	500
Annaghdown		500	Clonmel Clooncan	500
Ardoyne G.A.A.		500	Clooney G.A.A.	500 500
Ardcath Arklow		200	Cloonfad	500
Armagh G.A.A.		500 500	Clough Bawn G.A.A.	500
Ashburton		700	Cloughfin	250
Athenry G.A.A.		500	Colaiste Mhuire (Cobh) Collooney	500
Aughnamullen G.A.A.		500	Conna	100 500
Avondale G.A.A. Ballaghadereen		500	Coolgreaney	300
Ballina Stephenites G.A.A.		500 500	Cootehill	1,200
Ballina (Co. Tipperary)		300	Corduff G.A.A.	500
Ballinacargy G.A.A.		500	Crossakiel Corran	500
			Corrain	500

Crinkle	900
Cullen	400
Davidstown G.A.A.	500
Delvin	200
Derrymullen	500
Drumcliffe	500
Drumquin	500
Dunlavin Dunleer G.A.A.	300
Emyvale	400 500
Ennis C.B.S.	1,800
Enniscorthy G.A.A.	500
Fairymount	500
Falcarragh G.A.A.	950
Fahy	500
Fermoy	1,000
Fethard	500
Franciscan College, Clara	100
Galmoy	500
Galway Inter-Firm Garryhill	2,500
Glenamaddy	900 500
Glencolmcille G.A.A.	500
Glenbeigh	500
Glenfinn G.A.A.	500
Glenmore G.A.A.	500
Golden	500
Goresbridge	400
Gurteen	20
Gusserane	500
Gweedore G.A.A.	500
Horsewood G.A.A. Horse and Jockey	500
Hospital	500
Indreabhan G.A.A.	300 500
Iniskeen Grattans G.A.A.	500
Kanturk	500
Kilbeggan	500
Kilgobnet	400
Kilkishen G.A.A.	450
Killala Kilasser	950
Kilnaleck	500
Kilrush	500
Kiltimagh	500 500
Kiltormer G.A.A	500
Kilworth	500
Kingscourt G.A.A	1,000
Kiskeam G.A.A.	500
Knock	500
Lahorna Lehanmore	300
Limerick C.B.S.	500
Lisacul	50
Lisdoonvarna	500 400
Lisdowney G.A.A.	500
Lispole G.A.A.	500
Listowel	500
London	500
Longford Slashers G.A.A.	500
Loughanure	500
Loughrea	300
Loughmacrory Mallow	750
Mitchelstown	500
Monaghan Harps G.A.A.	800 500
Monavea	500
Moneygall G.A.A.	500
Mothel	360
Moylough (Meath)	500
Mullahoran	300
Mullinavat	200
Mullingar G.A.A.	550
Multufamham	500
Multyfamham Na Fianna G.A.A. (Dublin)	1,000
Newmarket-on-Fergus	400 500
Newport (Co. Tipperary)	500 600
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N D	
New Ross	400
Newtown Blues G.A.A. (Drogheda)	400
O'Callaghan's Mills G.A.A.	500
Oldtown	450
O'Loughlins 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
Roscrea	500
Rosmuc Rosse C A A	500
Rossa G.A.A.	500
St. Finbarr'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 G.A.A. (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 Ui Chonaill C.B.S.	1,000
Shanagarry G.A.A.	500
Shanagolden G.A.A. Shannon	100
Silvermines G.A.A.	900
Taghmaconnel	500
Taghmon	400
Tarbert	200 500
Templederry G.A.A.	500
Templeudigan	300
Thurles G.A.A.	500
Timoleague	400
Tinahely	250
Tinryland G.A.A.	500
Tir na Fhia	500
Toonagh G.A.A.	500
Tournafulla G.A.A.	500
Tralee	1,173
Truagh G.A.A.	500
Tuamgraney	900
Tulla	500
Tullamore G.A.A.	400
Tydavnet G.A.A.	500
Virginia	500
Westport	300
Wexford	400
Wind Gap	500
Youghal	500
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#### NA RUIN

#### COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 1. All players to be confined to one grade of competition in 40 x 20, 60 x 30, and hardball, in any one year. Rule 47 to be amended. (An Clár)
- National League to be abolished. (Aontroim)
- Under 21 grade to be abolished. Rules 47 (D), and 48 (A) to be amended. (An Clár)
- 4. Present hardball championships to be abolished and replaced by an Open championship, in singles and doubles, to be held in October each year. Rules 47 (A), (B), (C), 50(A), 52(1), 53 and 56 to be amended. (An Clár)
- Minor age limit to be raised to under 19 years of age. Rule 48(A) to be amended. (Coraigh)
- Present All Ireland Juvenile championships to be eliminated and replaced by the following championships in 40 x 20 and 60

Under 14 years of age Open Championship

Under 15 years of age Confined to non-provincial winners

Under 16 years of age Open Championship

Under 17 years of age Confined to non-provincial winners Rules 48(C) and 47(H) to be amended. (An Clár)

- The All Ireland 40 x 20 Juvenile championship to be completed by 30 April each year and the 60 x 30 Juvenile championships to be completed by 15 October each year. (Coraigh)
- 8. Novice championships to be confined to:

(a) Players over 19 years of age.

- (b) Players who have not won an All Ireland championship in Minor, Novice, Under 21, Junior, Senior, over 40, over 45 or over 50 grades in any code of handball in either Singles or Doubles or Team events.
- (c) Players who have not won an All Ireland Juvenile championship in either 40 x 20 or 60 x 30 at under 12, under 14 or under 16 grades.

Rules 47(E), 49(A 1-3), (B1-3), (C1-4), (D1-2), 49E, 49F to be amended.

(Aontroim)

- That any player who wins an All Ireland title in 40 x 20 or 60 x 30 or Hardball, should not be allowed to compete in the Novice Grade, that Rule 49 "Redefinition of Novice" be amended accordingly. (Roscomáin)
- A Novice must remain in the Novice grade in hardball, softball, and 40 x 20 for the year, and may not switch grades between the various codes during the year. Rules 47(E), 49(A1-3), (B1-3), (C1-4), (D1-2), 49E and 49F to be amended. (Aontroim)
- 11. Junior championships in a particular code shall be confined to players who have not won All Ireland Junior or Senior Singles or Doubles championships in that particular code and who are not competing in any grade in that code during the same year. Rules 47(B), 50(B) to be amended. (Corcaigh)

- 12. The All Ireland Senior Singles and Doubles championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 softball shall be open to all players who are not competing in any other grade in that particular code during the same year. Rules 47(A), (D), 53 and 53(A) to be amended. (An Clár)
- 13. The draws for the All Ireland Senior Singles and Doubles championships shall be an open seeded draw with the seedings to be determined on the basis of the previous years championships in that championship. Rules 47(A), 53(A) and 53(B) to be amended. (Corcaigh)
- 14. The Masters championships shall be as follows:

(a) Masters 'A': open to all players over 40 years of age on 1 January in the championship year.

(b) Masters 'B': confined to players who have never won an All Ireland in any grade of any code in Singles, Doubles, or Team events in any preceeding year.

(c) Silver Masters: open to all players who have reached the age of 50 on 1 January in the championship year.

Rule 47(F) 1-4 to be amended. (Aontroim)

- The Semi-Finals and Finals of the All Ireland 40 x 20 Singles championships to be played over one weekend at central venues. Similarly the doubles semi-finals and finals. Rules 51(A) and (B) to be amended. (An Clar)
- 16. Munster and Leinster championship winners to be seeded apart in All Ireland semi-finals. Ulster winners to be drawn against Connacht winners with the winner of this pairing meeting Leinster and Munster in alternative years. This applies to 60x 30 championships only. (Corcaigh)
- 17. Inter-club championships to be confined to the Novice grade and the All Ireland Semi-finals and Finals to be played at a central venue over one weekend. No seeding in the All Ireland Inter-club semi-finals. (Aontroim)
- 18. Where any All Ireland semi-finals and fin is are being played over one weekend at a central venue, the venue shall be selected by the Activities Committee on the basis of "bids" from interested counties.

The "bids" to be evaluated on the basis of:

- (a) court facilities
- (b) sponsorship
- (c) publicity
- (d) social events including hospitality. Rule 51(A) and (B) to be amended.

(Corcaigh)

- 19. That Rule 34D be amended to read as follows: 'It shall at it's first meeting each year, elect members to the Management Committee, Activities Committee, Development Committee and Coaching Council.' (Baile Atha Cliath)
- 20. That Rule 37C be amended to read as follows:-'The Development Committee shall consist of four members elected by Central Council. It shall elect it's own chairman and it's own representative to Central Council and to the Coaching Committee. No member shall hold office in the same capacity for more than three consecutive years and a total of six years. It shall be serviced by the Riarthoir. (Baile Atha Cliath)
- 21. Ardchomhairle promote a National Mini-handball Day in 1989. (Dún na nGall)

## **ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1988**

7	60 x 30 ALL II	RELAND CHAMPIONS	
	Coca Cola S.S.	M. Breathnach	Cill Chainnigh
	Coca Cola S.D.	M. Breathnach, E. O Dúnaigh	Cill Chainnigh
		L. MacCarthaigh	Tiobraid Árann
	J.D.	U. Q Conchúir, S. Grant	An Mhí
	M.S.S.	P. Q Gealbháin	Luimneach
	M.S.S.	P. Ó Gealbháin, C. Ó Laighin	Luimneach
	N.S.S.	S. Ó Riain	Ceatharlach
	N.S.D.	C. Mac Oireachtaigh,	Communicity
		T. MacCormaic	Maigh Eo
	Under 21S	P. Ó Caoimh	Corcaigh
	Under 21D	D. MagEochaidh,	Corcuign
		D. MacDónaill	An Mhí
	Mas S (1)	S. O Ciarba	An Clár
	Mac D (1)	S O Boggigh T O Dughoill	Loch Garman
	Mas S (2)	U. Ó Sé	Tiobraid Arann
	Mas S (2) Mas D (2)	U. Q Sé, M. Mac Toirrill	Tiobraid Arann
	Sil Mas S (1)	L. Ó Céirín	Ciarraí
	Sil Mas D (1)	L. Ó Céirín, N. Ó Céirín	Ciarraí
	Sil Mas S (2)		An Mhí
		C. Laighneach,	
		D. Mag Eochaidh	An Mhí
	Golden Mas S-	D. Q Maolchathaigh	Port Láirge
	Golden Mas D	P. Q Caoimh, E. O Laocha	Cill Chainnigh
	S.H.S.	T. Q Ruairc	Cill Dara
	S.H.D.	T. O Ruaire, P. MacCormaic	Cill Dara
	J.H.S.	U. Ó Conchúir	An Mhí
	J.H.D.	P. O Coise, P. O Conaill	Luimneach
	M.H.S.	C. O Laighin	Luimneach
	M.H.D.	P. Ó Gealbháin, C. Ó Laighin	Luimneach
		are combined, or o bargini	Laminogen

#### **V40 x 20 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS**

S.S.	M. Breachnach	Cill Chainnigh
S.D.	T. Ó Sirideáin,	
	S. MagShamhráin	An Mhí
J.S.	L. Silcock	Aontroim
J.D.	N. MacBraoin,	
	P. Ó Dubhánaigh	An Clár
M.S.	D. Ó Ciara	Cill Chainnigh
M,D	D. Q Ciara, E. de Lá	Cill Chainnigh
N.S.~	F. O Bogaigh	Loch Garman
N.D.	E. O Bogaigh Phullet	Loch Garman
Under 21S	S. O Riain	Ceatharlach
Under 21D	P. O Caoimh, T. O Dúnagáin	Corcaigh
Mas S (1)	S. O Ciarba	An Clar
Mas D (1)	S. Q Ciarba, S. O hOgáin	An Clar
Mas S (2)	S. Ó Maoildeirg	Cill Chainnigh
Mas D (2)	R. O Murchú, S. O Greacháin	Aontroim
Sil Mas S (1)	N. Q Céirín	Ciarraí
Sil Mas D (1)√	L. Ó Céirín, N. Ó Céirín	Ciarraí
Sil Mas S (2)	S. O Díomasaigh	Aontroim
Sil Mas D (2)	S. O Díomasaigh, P. Elliot	Aontroim
Golden Mas S	L. Ó Céirín	Ciarrai
	P. O Caoimh, E. O Laocha	Cill Chainnigh

#### ALL IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONS

Under 12S	M. MacCuinneagáin	An Cabhán
Under 12D	B. Ó Grianáin, Č. Ó Grianáin	Uibh Fháilí
Under 13S	T. Mac an Gheimhridh	Cill Dara
Under 13D	S. O Mathúna, C. Ó Néill	Tiobraid Arann
Under 14S	C. Q Corráin	Tír Eoghain
Under 14D	C. Q Briain, B. O Dochartaigh	Uibh Fháilí
Under 15S	P. Q Riagáin	Ros Comáin
Under 15D	E. O Ceallaigh, D. Shiggins	Loch Garman
Under 16S	A. Benson	Baile Átha Cliath
Under 16D	C. Ó hÉanacháin, F. Ó Dónaill	Ros Comáin
40 x 20 COU	RT ,	
Under 12S	C. O. Conchúir	An Mhí
Under 12D	M. O Ceallaigh, M. MacHéil	Ros Comáin

	Under 13S	C. Q Corráin	Tír Eoghain
	Under 13D	S. O Mathúna, C. O Néill	Tiobraid Árann
	Under 14S	C. Ó Corráin	Tír Eoghain
	Under 14D	C. O Briain, B. O Dochartaigh	Uibh Fháillí
	Under 15S	P.S. MacCraith	Cill Dara
	Under 15D	D. MagRiabaigh, G. Ó hAoláin	Aontroim
	Under 16S	A. Benson	Baile Átha Cliath
1	Under 16D	D. MacConraoi,	- main
		S. MacCaomhánaigh	Ceatharlach
		S. MacCaomhánaigh	Ceatharlach

#### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 60x 30 INTER-CLUB

Gael Linn Novice	G. MacOireachtaigh, T. McCormaic,
Kiltimagh -	P. MacPhiaraic, C. MacPhiaraic

Junior	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Templeudigan	A. Ó Braoin, S. Ó Ceallaigh, P. Méalóid,
	S O hEappraic

#### 40 x 20 INTER-CLUB

Novice Gortnamona	v	S. Ó Murchu, C. Ó hAirt, P. Crowthers S.MagFhearaigh
Junior O'Loughlin's	-	L. de Búrca, P. Mac am Phearsúin, S. Ó Néill, G. Ó Murchú

# Championship

OLLSCOILEAN	NA .
Championship	P. O Macháin, B. Rennick, C. O Macháin,
and the transfer of the	F. O Machain,
U.C.G.	M. Ó Cinnéide, S. Ó Maolmhuaidh,
	S. Mac Cuinneacháin
League	E. Jensen, S. Breathnach, L. O Briain,
U.C.D.	B. MacFearghias, L. ÓNéill, S. Ó Maoláin

#### ARD OIDEACHAIS

Championship	S. de Fráin, M. O Nualláin, H. O Coileáin
Kevin Street	P. MacLannchaidh
Singles	E. Jensen (U.C.D)

#### FEILE NA nGAEL

#### 60 x 30 COURT

Division 1	M. Ó Fionnagáin, T. Ó Cearrúllláin,
Kingscourt	M. MacCuinneagáin, N. Pléimeann
Division 2	T. Ó Conchúir, Č. Ó Conchúir,
Gormanston	C. O Conchúir, C. O Ceallacháin

#### $40 \times 20$

Division 1 Crinkle	<ul><li>C. Ó Briain, B. Ó Cochartaigh,</li><li>M. Ó Riain, B. Ó Griannáin</li></ul>	
Division 2 Multyfarnham	D. Mullanif, P. Ó Cearnaigh, C. MacAilín, G. Leadús	

Division 3	E. MacOscair, F. MagUidhir, C. Armas,
Irvinestown	L. Ó Catháin

#### ALL IRELAND COLLEGES

Under 14 1/2D	M. Ó Tormaigh, S. Ó Braoin
Under 16 1/2D	(St. Mary's, Boyle) A Ó hÉineacháin, C. Ó hÉineacháin
	(Roscommon C.B.S.)
Under 18 1/2D	D.S. O Ciara, P. MacGabhan (St. Kieran's College)
Under 18 1/2S	D.S. O Ciara, (St. Kieran's College)



### 7 Márta 1989

# Do gach Runaithe Contae agus Ball de'n Árd Chomhairle

A Chara,

Due to a Printers error, the following names were omitted from the Congress Report:

Uachtarán Tofa: N. Ó Cathail (Baile Átha Cliath)

R. Ó Murchú (Aontroim)

Cisteoir:

T. Breathnach (Dún na nGall)

S. Mac Mháistir (Uibh Fhailí)

C. Mac Seoin (An Clár)

E. Ó Briain (Baile Átha Cliath)

An Br. B. C. Ó Murchú (Baile Átha Cliath)

R. Ó Murchú (Aontroim)

Teachta ar Árd Chomhairle:

T. Breathnach (Dún na nGall)

C. Mac Seoin (An Clár)

E. Ó Briain (Baile Átha Cliath)

T. Ó Briain (Cill Chainnigh)

With apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Is mise, le fior mheas,

Noelsen Kelly. P. Seosamh Ó Loinsigh RIARTHÓTR NÁTSTÚNTA

