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Michael "Duxie" Walsh, Kilkenny, holding the Coca-Cola Senior Singles trophy following his victory over Tommy O'Rourke, Kildare. Also in the picture are Jim Whelan P.R.O., Coca-Cola and Micheal Tyrrell, President, Irish Handball Council.

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## AINMNIÚCHÁIN 1990

**Uachtarán:** Niall Ó Cathail, Baile Átha Cliath.

**Cisteoir:** Tomás Breathnach, Mícheál Ó hÓgáin.

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## 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 Uachtarán may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- (4) A delegate may, with the consent of the Uachtarán, 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

## RÉAMHRÁ

Ag féachaint siar ar imeachtaí na bliana 1989, is féidir a rá gur bliain neamh gnáthach a bhí againn. Bhí ganntanas liathróidí 40 x 20 ann agus cuireadh na comórtaí sin siar. D'imirfódh na comórtaí liathróid láimhe cruaid ag deire an bliana – chomh maith leis na comórtaí eadar-chlub. D'éirigh Seosamh Ó Loinsigh as a phost taréis bheith ina Riarthóir Náisiúnta ó 1954 agus ceapadh Riarthóir nua ina áit.

The shortage of 40 x 20 handballs and the delay in the championships spurred on efforts to produce a quality ball on the home market, and major progress was made in this regard during the year.

On the international front, Michael Walsh took the Under-23 U.S. Open title, while in December, Ciarán Curran lifted the 15 and under U.S.H.A. title from 23 entrants.

All-Ireland competitions were dominated by Kilkenny, who won 22 All-Ireland titles. This is a tribute to the organisation of the game in the county and to the dedication of players and their clubs in achieving the standards required to get such results. The emergence of new All-Ireland title winners was also a very welcome feature and I will return to this later.

With the restructuring of the Central G.A.A. Office Administration, Handball is slightly removed in the structural sense from the mainstream of G.A.A. activity. This has advantages and disadvantages but in the main it provides the opportunity for Handball to work to establish its own identity as an organisation and to develop forward from there.

## ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The full programme of All-Ireland championships from under-14 to Golden Masters level was carried out reasonably well, despite the difficulties resulting from the lack of Spalding handballs in the early part of the year. The handball championships took place in October, November and December and this summertime game suffered from being played in very inclement conditions during those months. However, such a situation should not be repeated because of the imminent production of 40 x 20 handballs on the home market.

The All-Ireland championships were dominated by Kilkenny, who won twenty-two titles. The emergence of new All-Ireland title winners was also a very welcome feature and All-Ireland title winners was also a very welcome feature and heartiest congratulations are due to London on winning the Novice 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles titles, their first in any grade. The dedication and hard work of Michael Collins, Johnny Quinn and others in having a modern court built and in developing the game in London has been justly rewarded and these successes have added a new dimension to the game in general.

It was another outstanding year for Michael "Duxie" Walsh of Kilkenny who won the 40 x 20 All-Ireland Senior Singles title defeating the very sporting John Herlihy from the St. Finbarr's Club in Cork. He partnered Michael Reade of Talbot's Inch to take the All-Ireland Doubles title, defeating Tom and John Quish of Limerick in a cliff-hanger on the scoreline 21-11, 14-21, 21-20. Duxie dominated the Coca-Cola championships in the 60 x 30 court and won the Senior Singles All-Ireland title for the fifth successive year, defeating Tommy O'Rourke who pressed him very hard until he tired late in the third game. Eugene Downey partnered Duxie to win the Coca-Cola Senior Doubles title for the fourth time in five years defeating James McGovern and John Molloy of the Kells club in Meath in a final which did not live up to expectations.



Lorcán Ó Ruairc, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

Tommy O'Rourke, Kildare, had some compensation for his defeat in the 60 x 30 SS final when he defeated Roscommon's Michael Walsh in a well-contested Senior Handball final at Kells on 9th December to retain his title.

For the O'Keeffe family of Kilkenny it was a very exciting year with Pat partnering Eddie Leahy to win the Golden Masters Doubles 40 x 20 title and son, Pearse, partnering Willie Pratt to win the Junior Softball Doubles. Pearse also won the Junior Handball Singles in very convincing fashion.

D. J. Carey's name appeared on several All-Ireland programmes during 1989. He won the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Minor Singles title, defeating Clare's Feargal Coughlan 21-10, 21-14. He won Minor Doubles titles in both codes partnering Éamonn Law to win the 40 x 20 title for the second year running, defeating Cavan's Jimmy McKeon and Niall McDonnell. Partnered by Graham O'Brien, he won a 60 x 30 Doubles medal against David Moloney and Noel Murphy of Tipperary. D. J. won the All-Ireland Colleges Singles 40 x 20 title and, partnering Frank Gowen, won the 60 x 30 Senior Colleges All-Ireland title.



D. J. Carey, Kilkenny, holding the All-Ireland M.S. 40 x 20 trophy.



Pearse O'Keeffe, J.H.S. and J.S.D. champion for 1989.

Jim O'Neill and Doc Hennessy continued Kilkenny's medal haul and combined well to win the All-Ireland 60 x 30 Silver Masters championship, thus winning their first ever All-Ireland title, defeating neighbouring Waterford in the final.

The Minor Handball championships were dominated by Kilkenny with John Connolly winning the Singles title in very admirable style against fellow county man, Graham O'Brien. The Doubles final was also an all-Kilkenny affair with Graham O'Brien and Éamonn Law winning their game against J. Pratt and D. Clifford.

**Tipperary** had a very successful year at Junior level in the 60 x 30 court. Willie Fitzgibbon won the Singles title against Seán Ryan of Carlow in fine style. The Eddie Corbett and John O'Donohue partnership was too strong for all opposition in the Junior Softball Doubles and they won their title 21-14, 21-20 against Kilkenny's Willie Pratt and Pearse O'Keeffe. Tipperary also won the Senior Handball Doubles final played at Ballyporeen in very inclement conditions when Willie McCarthy and Noel Ryan defeated Tom and John Quish in a very exciting game on the score 21-18, 21-20.



*Mr. Michael Tyrrell, Handball President, with Seán Ryan from Carlow, runner-up, and Willie Fitzgibbon, winner of the Junior Softball Singles title, and Pat McKenna, Chairman, Tipperary Handball Board.*

It was a tremendous year for **Westmeath** in the Novice 60 x 30 grade with Kevin Flanagan winning the All-Ireland Singles title over Jimmy Cagney, Tipperary. A week later he partnered Pat Molloy to win the Doubles title against Ger McKeogh and Michael Gleeson of Tipperary.

**Meath** player Egin Jensen attained senior status in the 40 x 20 court by defeating Dan Lucey of Kerry in an extremely exciting and very sporting Junior final at Crinkle. David Gough of Meath defeated Paddy Crothers of Antrim in a very hard-fought Under-21 final at the splendid Eugene Quinn Handball Centre at Armagh. He partnered Joe Lynch to win the Under-21 40 x 20 final, defeating Paddy Crothers and C. Harte of Antrim. The same partnership took the 60 x 30 title but, unfortunately, the final was not played.

In the Masters A Grade, it was double success for **Wexford** and **Clare**. Ned Buggy won the 60 x 30 Masters A Singles against Vincent O'Shea, Tipperary, and partnered Jimmy Goggins to win the 60 x 30 Doubles title, defeating Cavan's Patsy Hand and Greg Sheridan. Clare's John Kirby was too good for all opposition in the Masters Singles grade in the 40 x 20 court and defeated Wexford's Ned Buggy in the final. He partnered Michael Hogan to win the Doubles title, Ned Buggy and Jimmy Goggins providing the opposition.

For **Carlow's** Tony Ryan and Tom Stapleton, it was a very successful year in the Masters B grade. They won the Doubles titles, versus Tipperary, in both courts and Tony also won the 60 x 30 Master B Singles All-Ireland final, defeating F. O'Toole of Limerick.

Nicholas Kerins from **Kerry** won yet another All-Ireland title winning the Silver Masters Singles Championship in 60 x 30 against Paddy Walsh, Sligo. He partnered his brother Willie in the Doubles final to defeat Dick Walsh and Ed Flynn of Dublin.

**Dublin** players made a very welcome return to the All-Ireland winners list. Eugene Kennedy won the Masters B Singles title in the 40 x 20 court, defeating Vincent O'Shea of Tipperary. Pakie Ryan lifted the Silver Masters A Singles title, defeating Hughie Duff of Tyrone in convincing style. He also partnered Joe Maxwell, playing in his twelfth All-Ireland final — and winning his first medal — to win the 40 x 20 Silver Masters Doubles A title.

N. Clancy of **Galway** was that county's sole All-Ireland medal winner, claiming the Silver Masters B 40 x 20 Singles title in a final against F. Nugent of Antrim. Mick Reilly and Seán Heaney of **Mayo** were successful in the Silver Masters B Doubles grade, defeating Sam Tanner and Michael McCarthy of Cork in the final.

Pat Quaile of **Wicklow** took the Under-21 Softball title to the Garden County, defeating Morgan O'Brien from Cork in very convincing style.

**Waterford** had a successful year, winning three 60 x 30 titles. Mick Butler took the 60 x 30 Silver Masters B Singles title defeating Len Ahern of Dublin 21-16, 21-19, while Declan Mulcahy won the Golden Masters Singles Championship against Mick Naughton, Roscommon. He partnered John Kiely to take the Doubles title in that grade, defeating the 40 x 20 All-Ireland champions, Pat O'Keeffe and Eddie Leahy, Kilkenny, on a very tight scoreline, 21-11, 3-21, 21-20.

In concluding our review of the adult Championships, Joey Maher's performance in lifting the Golden Masters Singles 40 x 20 All-Ireland Championship against Bill Duggan of Limerick was an excellent display by the **Louth** maestro.

## HARDBALL

It was particularly unfortunate that the Handball Championships did not take place during the normal summer period, due to the re-arrangement of the 40 x 20 Championships which ran on into the month of August. The cold and damp conditions which prevailed when the Handball Championships were played in October, November and December made conditions very difficult for the players and, obviously, detracted from the quality of play. Hopefully, last year's problems will not be repeated, and with the staging of the Handball Championships during the normal time, the standard of play and the level of entries will improve in the coming years.



*Niall Cahill, Uachtarán Toifa, presents the 40 x 20 Under-21 runners-up medal to Paddy Crothers, Antrim.*

While many people lament the fact that the level of interest in handball and the quality of play seems to have decreased, nevertheless, where young players have been introduced to the game they have enjoyed it very much and have become proficient in the skills. In this context I would just like to ask counties to consider their own position: firstly, how many

counties during the last ten years have made any effort to promote handball and, secondly, how many counties have actually organised their own internal Handball Championships. It is time to assess the strengths and weaknesses of handball and see what can be done to promote the game and to improve its present position.

The following table shows the level of entries in the handball championships over the past eight years:

#### OPEN HANDBALL ENTRIES 1982-1989

	S.H.S.	S.H.D.	J.H.S.	J.H.D.	M.H.S.	M.H.D.	Total
1982	8	8	9	9	4	4	42
1983	7	5	8	10	6	5	41
1984	7	6	6	6	4	4	33
1985	7	6	6	6	5	5	35
1986	16	10	11	12	9	4	62
1987	12	6	16	17	7	5	63
1988	13	8	14	12	4	3	54
1989	10	5	15	15	7	6	58

It can be seen that the average number of entries from 1982 to 1985 was 38 and that this rose by over 50% to an average of 60 entries in 1986-1989.

The above facts indicate an improving level of interest, but it must also be pointed out that there were several walkovers during the years and, in particular, that the number of games played at minor level has been very disappointing. It must be added, however, that there were a number of difficulties in relation to the 1989 minor fixtures and to one in particular where there was a breakdown in communications about a M.H.D. semi-final between Kildare and Kilkenny.



*Eamon Law and Graham O'Brien, Kilkenny,  
1989 Minor Handball Doubles champions.*

## JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Here again **Kilkenny** was the most successful county winning six of the sixteen All-Ireland titles. Stephen Barcoe won the under-15 Singles championships in both courts in very convincing fashion, defeating G. Conroy, Tyrone, in 60 x 30 and F. White, Tipperary, in the 40 x 20 court. James Bourke and Ray Ryan took the Under-17 Softball Doubles title, defeating Limerick in the final. In the 40 x 20 court Clive O'Carroll and James Phelan took the Under-15 Doubles championship, defeating John and Finbarr Ryan, Tipperary. The Ryan brothers reversed the outcome against the same Kilkenny pairing by taking the 60 x 30 Under-15 Doubles championship to **Tipperary**. Joe Daly and Willie O'Neill had little difficulty in winning the Under-16 Doubles final, again against Tipperary. At under-17 level Michael Maher won the Under-17 40 x 20 Singles title in great style, defeating G. Hughes, Monaghan.

Michael Finnegan of **Cavan** defeated Kenneth Cottrell of Kilkenny in both the 40 x 20 and the 60 x 30 Singles finals. Success came to **Tyrone** in the Under-14 60 x 30 Doubles grade where Conal Curran and Plunkett Kelly won a very exciting game against R. Breen and M. Byrne of Wexford. Ciarán Curran, Tyrone, won the Under-16 40 x 20 Singles championship defeating Michael Tormey of Roscommon but found the going too tough against P. J. McGrath of **Kildare** in the 60 x 30 court in the Under-16 Singles final. **Offaly's** All-Ireland title came at Under-16 Doubles level in the 60 x 30 court where Conor O'Brien and Brian Doherty won a very entertaining game against Michael Carrie and Noel Marshall of Tipperary.

Brian Gilhooley of **Wexford** gave a tremendous exhibition of handball in winning the Under-17 Softball Singles title against John O'Dwyer of Tipperary. **Clare's** two All-Ireland juvenile titles in the 40 x 20 court came at Under-14 level through the Frawley brothers who defeated M. Byrne and D. Redmond of Wexford and in the Under-17 grade through D. Shaughnessy and I. Faul who defeated D. Cooke and D. Roe of Offaly.

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dublin clubs were successful in winning both the Novice and Junior 60 x 30 Inter-Club Championships. Naomh Pádraig won the Novice title, defeating Horse and Jockey in the All-Ireland final, while the Garda club defeated Clonmel, both games being played at Talbot's Inch. The Naomh Muire club from Leixlip celebrated the opening of their new court by winning the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Novice Inter-Club title, defeating the Rossa club from Belfast. At junior level the Naomh Pól, also from Belfast, were too good for Goresbridge of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

We are very grateful to players and county officials for their co-operation in fulfilling fixtures in what was an unusual playing year. Our thanks are due to the clubs who provided venues for the fixtures and for the co-operation and hard work of officials at local level in arranging and supervising fixtures on behalf of Ard Chomhairle.

Because of a number of observations with regard to venues, the Handball Activities Committee has undertaken a survey of facilities suitable to host All-Ireland handball championships and it is hoped that venues appointed for such games will meet the requirements of players, spectators and officials in every respect.



*Stephen Barcoe, Kilkenny's double  
U-15 All-Ireland Champion.*



## INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

On the international front, Michael Walsh took the Under-23 U.S. Open title, thus becoming the only Irish player to win the Under-15, Under-17, Under-19 and Under-23 USHA Championships. John Donlon of Clare outclassed all opposition to win the Class 'C' USHA Open Singles title. John Kirby, Clare, won his first and second round games in the U.S. Masters Singles but was unfortunate to be drawn against the eventual winner, D. Morones, in the quarter-final. Partnered by Peter O'Connor of Boston — and formerly of Sligo — he cleared the first three hurdles in the 35 and over Doubles championship only to lose in the semi-final.

In December, Ciarán Curran lifted the 15 and under title from 23 entrants. This was a remarkable achievement for the young Tyrone player and augurs very well for the future of the game in his own club, in his county and in his province. Indeed, the fruits of juvenile development in Ulster are becoming very obvious and this has been the highlight so far.

The other Irish entrants in the U.S. competitions performed very well. D. J. Carey, Kilkenny and Adrian Benson, Dublin, finished third in the Under-19 and Under-17 grades respectively, while Chris Curran and David King also did very well in the U.S. Juniors.

### U.S.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 23 and under Singles

1st Round: Bye.  
2nd Round: M. Walsh dft D. Hickey 21-5, 21-7.  
Quarter-final: M. Walsh dft R. Hoff 21-10, 21-12.  
Semi-final: M. Walsh dft M. McDonald 21-8, 21-3.  
Final: M. Walsh dft R. Prince 21-6, 21-13.

#### Masters Singles

1st Round: J. Kirby dft R. Rust 21-12, 21-12.  
2nd Round: J. Kirby dft G. Raya 16-21, 21-16, 11-4.  
Quarter-final: J. Kirby lost to D. Morones 21-8, 21-10.

#### 35 and over Doubles

1st Round: J. Kirby, P. O'Connor dft J. Conneely, J. Veloz 21-6, 21-1.  
2nd Round: J. Kirby, P. O'Connor dft R. William, R. Gastelum 21-18, 21-10.  
Quarter-final: J. Kirby, P. O'Connor dft B. Lohmueller, A. Drummond 21-14, 4-21, 11-10.  
Semi-final: J. Kirby, P. O'Connor lost to C. Reeve, S. Bell 21-3, 21-7.

#### Class "C" Singles

1st Round: J. Donlon dft P. Conrad 21-0, 21-0.  
2nd Round: J. Donlon dft P. Baker 21-1, 21-6.  
3rd Round: J. Donlon dft J. Consnetion 21-0, 21-11.  
Quarter-final: J. Donlon dft M. Gershowitz 21-7, 21-7.  
Semi-final: J. Donlon dft T. Winters 21-3, 21-5.  
Final: J. Donlon dft D. Dupps 21-4, 21-5.

### U.S.H.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

#### Under-15: Ciarán Curran

1st Round: Defeated Rodrigo Osorio (California) 21-2, 21-2.  
Quarter-final: Defeated Gilbert Rawvez (California) 21-6, 21-2.  
Semi-final: Defeated Jason Castro (California) 21-13, 21-9.  
Final: Defeated Oscar Zamora (Chicago) 21-1, 21-11.

#### Under-17: David King

1st Round: Defeated John Saunders (Texas) 21-4, 21-1.  
2nd Round: Lost to Evin Hickman (Colorado) 10-21, 21-17, 5-11.

#### Under-17: Adrian Benson

1st Round: Defeated Kris Johns (Canada) 21-10, 21-1.  
Quarter-final: Defeated Brad Warren (Ontario) 21-4, 21-10.  
Semi-final: Lost to David Chapman (California) 10-21, 11-21.  
Third Place: Win over Evin Hickman 21-16, 21-14.

### U.S.H.A. Juniors

#### Under-19: Chris Curran

1st Round: Defeated José Cito Barragran (Mexico) 21-16, 18-21, 11-7.  
2nd Round: Lost to Adolfo Monreal (Texas) 14-21, 8-21.

#### Under-19: D. J. Carey

1st Round: Defeated Brian Lee (Oregon) 21-9, 21-7.  
Quarter-final: Defeated Paul Godina (California) 21-8, 21-12.  
Semi-final: Lost to Tati Serveyra (U.S.A.) 21-12, 10-21, 6-11.  
Third Place: Win over Adolfo Monreal (Texas) 21-20, 21-16.

Our thanks to Jimmy King, Team Manager, for looking after the Juniors so well and to Sean Lee, Coach for the team preparations.



The Irish representatives at the U.S.H.A. Junior Championships in December 1989. Front row, from left: Adrian Benson, Ciarán Curran, winner of the under-15 title, and D. J. Carey. Back Row: David King, Jimmy King, Team Manager, and Chris Curran.

## NEW 40 x 20 BALL

Because of the shortage of 40 x 20 handballs in 1989, efforts to produce an Irish-made ball, which commenced in 1988, were intensified. The Irish Handball Council encouraged Gerry McCormack of Specialised Rubber Components Ltd., whose company already produced the Irish Dunlop Softball, to develop a 40 x 20 ball.

Following over two years of extensive research work into the production of a new ball, the introduction of the Dunlop International 40 x 20 handball on to the market by the end of March will have been a very significant step forward for Irish Handball and for the development of handball in general. The final product has been tested by many top players and has received the approval of all concerned. We congratulate Gerry McCormack and his company on their initiative in producing this new handball which will guarantee a regular and readily available supply of Irish-made handballs for the home market and, hopefully, for the overseas market as well.

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

The Féile na nGael festival was held in Laois/Offaly over the last two years, the first occasion on which it was hosted by two counties jointly. Some doubts were expressed as to the ability of Laois/Offaly to host the handball competitions due to the small number of clubs and courts in those two counties. However, it is very gratifying to note and to record that the handball competitions were very successfully organised and staged under the careful guidance and direction of Joe Masterson and his hard-working committee. They did an excellent job in organising the event and our thanks are due to them in no small way.

Féile is a tremendous opportunity for any participating club to avail of a very well organised and hospitable week-end within the GAA calendar. It is a much sought-after event by hurling and camogie clubs, and by many handball clubs as well. However, one must point out that the level of handball entries in Féile has been somewhat disappointing. The task of the organising committee in Laois/Offaly last year was not helped by the fact that at very late notice a number of clubs withdrew from the Féile competitions, and this necessitated re-arrangement of fixtures and venues and alternative arrangements for accommodation. I would appeal to all counties to assess their level of interest in Féile for 1990 and, secondly, to ensure that the club or clubs representing the county fulfil their obligation in that regard, both to Féile and to Handball in general.

One of the highlights of Féile na nGael weekend is the Sunday morning Mass followed by the huge and very colourful parade to the main pitch. This is a central part of Féile na nGael, and part of the spirit of Féile. It is a focal point for all of the clubs and for their followers. I feel strongly that all handball clubs taking part should remain for the week-end and take part in the Sunday events. This is important in giving handball the profile within Féile na nGael that it needs and deserves, and I would ask all the clubs to take part and to co-operate in the spirit in which this is intended.

We are asking all counties to have their entries finalised by mid-May to allow the organising committee under Ken Conway adequate time to make local preparations. Finally, I wish the Tipperary Féile committee every success in hosting Féile na nGael and, in particular, handball in Féile na nGael in 1990 and '91 every success.



Pat Quail, Wicklow, All-Ireland Under-21 Softball champion, with, on left, Dick Murphy, Ard Chomhairle, and Tom Walsh, Co. Wicklow Secretary.

## JUVENILE DEVELOPMENT

Various aspects of juvenile handball are referred to elsewhere in this report but the development of the game at juvenile level is of vital importance for the future health and well-being of handball. Many clubs and counties have development plans and this is most laudable. Their efforts will be supported and advanced by the Council through a Seachtain na nÓg Juvenile Handball Week in May 1990.

The purpose of the week will be to give young girls and boys the experience of playing a simple handball game as a form of recreation. The promotion will be aimed at Primary Schools and Junior classes in Post-Primary Schools.

The role of County Committee will be to:

- (i) Organise publicity in the local papers and local radio stations.
- (ii) Produce a leaflet/brochure, setting out programmes of activities and facilities on offer.
- (iii) Contact other bodies such as V.E.C. Sports Sub-Committee, Bord na nÓg C.L.G./Primary Schools Boards and G.A.A. Youth Officers.
- (iv) Help finance the cost of balls for schools.
- (v) Get sponsors for stickers.
- (vi) Organise a County School Poster Competition.
- (vii) Encourage G.A.A. clubs to promote and organise handball events for young people.

The key unit in the promotion will be the **Club** where tasks will be to:

- (i) Organise week-end events.
- (ii) Publicise events locally in newspapers and on radio.
- (iii) Visit schools or contact teachers in the catchment area of the club.
- (iv) Where possible, get well-known handball stars to visit schools.
- (v) Offer the use of the handball court to schools.
- (vi) Supply practice balls to the schools in the area.
- (vii) Supply copies of the mini-handball booklet and rules to schools and interested teachers.
- (viii) Organise a handball poster competition and supply prizes.
- (ix) Provide and/or present trophies for schools competitions.

National Handball Days in the eighties were of enormous benefit to clubs and counties which planned a good programme and generated many new players and members. If there is good preparatory work for Seachtain na nÓg – Juvenile Handball Week – it can be the springboard for all clubs into the 1990s.

In the context of juvenile development, the availability of the Cospóir scheme of Grants for Disadvantaged Areas has generated very positive and forward-thinking promotional coaching and development plans in eleven counties and has led directly to increased membership and involvement in the game in these areas.

## COACHING

During the year, coaching courses for Garda recruits at the Garda Training College in Templemore, were re-commenced and have been very successful. Young Gardaí going into the community now have an additional medium through which they can establish contacts in the local communities. This is something which will be of great benefit to the Gardaí themselves and to the clubs with which they become involved.

A Club Coach course was held for final year student teachers at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, and this has been an annual feature on the coaching calendar for several years now. Another annual course was that for primary teachers at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. This type of course will be held at Cork, Galway, Dublin, Kilkenny and Monaghan in July 1990.

Coaching courses were held as usual as part of the mini-sport festival in June and a short course was also held for the Special Olympics movement.



The Coaching Council has re-introduced the club coach award at local or regional level and a course syllabus and modules have been developed to facilitate this. Thirty-three people attended a very successful coaching week-end at St. McCartan's College, Monaghan, in November while thirty members of Tyrone clubs took the club coach award at Loughmacrory in early 1990. The Council is presently reviewing coaching course content and general standards of coaching and will be actively promoting coaching courses in the coming year.

It must be stressed that clubs who have qualified and active coaches are laying the basis for the success of the game in the future provided, of course, that the ground-work is carried out at juvenile level. Coaching at juvenile level has been referred to in many reports to Handball Conventions and, indeed, to G.A.A. County Conventions and it is pleasing to note that there is so much emphasis on this particular topic.

## REFEREEING

The standard of refereeing at our games has come in for considerable criticism and according to the experts in the game, not without some justification. We all feel that the playing rules are quite well known by players, officials and supporters of the game; however, breaches even of simple technical rules are not penalised in a consistent manner by referees and their task is made more difficult in situations where players may take advantage of this.

A new playing rules booklet is to be published this year and every playing member and every supporter should have a copy of this document and study it carefully. In addition, we need to have a common understanding of the playing rules by players and referees alike. To this end, it is intended to have a national seminar for referees so that standards may be improved all round. Furthermore, there is need for refereeing courses at regional or provincial level. The question of the appointment of referees for all national fixtures is being examined critically by the Games Administration Committee with the intention of appointing referees in advance of all fixtures.

Although refereeing may not be the most popular of jobs, it is nevertheless one of the most important tasks to be performed within the Association. We thank all referees who have officiated at any level and look forward to their continued co-operation in the future.

## COURT DEVELOPMENT

The construction of new courts and the renovation of existing ones continues and there seems to be no slowing down in this regard. Grants continue to be provided for such developments through the annual grant from G.A.A. Central Council and we are very appreciative of this support. Grants were allocated during 1989 as follows:

<i>Club</i>	<i>Grant</i>
Castleconnor G.A.A. ....	£1,000
Doohamlet G.A.A. ....	£1,000
Carrickmacross G.A.A. ....	£1,000
Cormeen ....	£1,000
Dunleer ....	£500
Ballingarry ....	£1,000
Dunhill ....	£1,000
Rathluirc ....	£500
Liscarroll ....	£1,000
Caiseal ....	£500
St. Brendan's College, Killarney ...	£1,000
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>£9,500</b>

While on the subject of court development, one must raise the question as to the usage of existing courts. Facilities have been funded and built by G.A.A. and Handball clubs and many of these are not currently being used for the purposes for which they were constructed. There is a serious responsibility on all clubs to ensure that our national game of handball is given priority in all cases. Handball must be fostered, developed and encouraged by clubs who have courts; otherwise our handball facilities will be used for many other purposes and not for the primary purpose for which they were built.

## VENUES

I would like to thank very sincerely all the clubs which provided their venues for the staging of All-Ireland championships and commend them on their willingness to do so. Without their co-operation and without the facilities it would be much more difficult to arrange games and to run off fixtures according to schedule. We look forward to the co-operation of the clubs in this regard in 1990, and hope that the programme of fixtures which is arranged will be adhered to, with the co-operation of the venues.

There have been complaints — and not without foundation — that a number of venues where All-Ireland fixtures have been held were not properly prepared for the event.

Our players, officials and spectators deserve the best possible facilities, and An Coiste Ghnínmh, with the approval of Ard Chomhairle, has requested all provinces to nominate venues within their provinces which could be regarded as suitable for the staging of All-Ireland championship matches. The criteria used will be the standard of the venue in relation to quality of the court, spectator accommodation, both seated and standing, catering facilities, dressing rooms, showers, toilets and general presentation.

One of the main difficulties at all venues is the collection of gates. This is not the most pleasant of tasks, but to be realistic, we need to maximise the income from our games and provide revenue for the Handball Council. In this regard I feel that a suggestion that venues might retain, say, 10% of the gate for their own clubs, could be considered. With better advance publicity at local level it should be possible to attract bigger attendances to our games and therefore gates should increase. Obviously, it would be in the interest of clubs at local level to promote the events being staged at their venues, and it would also serve the interest of handball in general. I don't know to what extent units of the Association collect gates, but this is something which all organising committees should examine critically as a source of revenue. All units have the potential to earn some revenue from their games, and should avail of every opportunity to do so.

## EDUCATION SECTOR

The potential to develop handball within the education sector cannot be stressed strongly enough. Mini-Handball can be suitably introduced to all classes at primary school level and, indeed, at post-primary level. The rules are simple. The skills can be easily learned. The game is very enjoyable and only basic facilities are required. Teachers can include handball in their class programme and clubs can encourage them in this regard by providing equipment and financial assistance. Clubs can also make their own facilities available to schools and it is pleasing to note that where there is a good relationship between the local club and the schools in its catchment area, handball is thriving, both in terms of club membership and playing membership.

A very welcome development at **primary school** level is the introduction of primary schools competitions in a number of counties on a local basis. This is something which can be expanded and developed in conjunction with Bord na mBunscol in each county.

The situation at **post-primary** level is less than satisfactory. The game is in need of urgent attention as very few schools take part in annual competition. This matter is under examination at present and steps will be taken to improve the situation during the next year. **Third-level** competitions suffered in 1989 due to the lack of handballs and the number of games played was down on other years. However, for those who could take part, competition was keen and the possibility of developing additional competitions on a regional basis is under examination. Of course, the main difficulty is the lack of court facilities on campus. Where colleges do not have facilities, local clubs have been very helpful in facilitating College Clubs and we thank them sincerely for this.



*Presentation of medals to U.C.G. players:  
Feargal Coughlan and Feargal Maughan.*

## COMPUTERS

During the year, computers were purchased jointly by the Provincial and Central Councils for the use of the provincial administrators. This progressive move will undoubtedly be of great help to the administrators in running the affairs of their provinces. It will also be appreciated by counties and by players in general and will, hopefully, tie in with the introduction of a similar system at central level at a future date. It will also facilitate the recording of vital information which will be compiled over the years to stand as an accurate historical record for the future.

An introductory course has been held for the administrators and a further course is planned during 1990. I would ask all the administrators to use the potential of the system to the maximum and to become as fully proficient as possible in the use of the system.

## PUBLICITY

Since taking up my appointment as Riarthóir, I have had many approaches on the topic of the lack of publicity for our national game of handball, particularly in the national media. We have examined this very critically and, with some exceptions, the coverage provided for handball has been, to say the least, minimal and disappointing. While one can understand the interests of the various newspapers at that level it is, nevertheless, disappointing when fixtures and subsequent results are furnished to them and are not published by the media. We do appreciate that commercial interests and newspaper sales at regional level dictate the topics that are covered within those regions by the national newspapers. However, so many handballers from all over the country meet each other so often in the Championships – and have done so from juvenile level through the ranks – and know each other very well, people in distant parts are always interested in results at any level in handball.

At the time of writing, steps are being taken to meet with reporters and with the sports editors of the various national newspapers to discuss the situation. We are fully confident that if we supply regular information to the media that we will establish a good working relationship with the people concerned and that the publicity which we are seeking will be forthcoming.

I must stress the importance of providing well-presented material for the newspapers. There should be good advance notification of fixtures with subsequent follow-up with results. Feature articles can also be supplied from time to time, particularly during the winter months, when sporting activity in general is lower than normal.

I am delighted to say that I have been very impressed by the level of coverage and the amount of publicity in the provincial newspapers. This speaks very well for the work of PROs at county and provincial level. The role of the PRO in this regard is vital. Provincial newspapers generally do not have the resources to cover games as often as we would like. It is incumbent, therefore, on all PROs to convey all relevant information to the newspapers and, also, where possible, to generate photographs for inclusion with feature articles and with results in particular. I think it is also vital for players to see that information is carried in the newspapers. No matter what his age, any player appreciates and values information on his own fixture, whether in a preview or in results; and this is particularly vital at juvenile level.

I would like to compliment and congratulate those newspapers and media forms which cover our games and give the desired exposure. They do a wonderful job for handball and without them our game would be much poorer. There is much goodwill available to us and we should certainly avail of it. We should also acknowledge the contribution made by the media to the development of our game. In this context, the introduction of local radio has provided an additional readily available means of communication for handball. Many counties have availed of this opportunity and do so on a very regular basis. These contacts must be maintained and must be increased where at all possible. Any county which does not already have such a link and such contacts should follow up immediately and become a regular contributor to the sports programmes which are a very valuable feature of local radio. I would very strongly urge all Handball Committees to encourage their local stations to have a regular handball feature within the sports programme. The Development Committee at national level plans to hold a seminar and workshop for PROs dealing with such topics as maximising the use of local radio, preparing and providing material for the newspapers, how to achieve good public relations, and effective communications.

## LITERATURE

An Coiste Forbartha has examined handball literature and a promotional leaflet is presently at final design stage. The first issue of *Game Ball*, Newsletter of the Handball Council, will have been published by Congress as a means of disseminating information to Handball and G.A.A. members and clubs and to act as a link between the various units within the organisation. The Newsletter will cover the following main items:

- Editorial
- Fixtures, results
- News from the Provinces
- County reports
- Club news
- Coaching news
- Tournament news
- Patron's Scheme
- Awards Scheme
- International news
- Photographic content
- General features
- Advertising



I appeal to all counties, and to PROs in particular, to contribute articles for the Newsletter — if we have adequate material it will make the task of producing *Game Ball* on a regular basis quite feasible.

## FINANCE

With the re-structuring of the G.A.A. Central Office administration, the Handball Council is now responsible for many costs formerly borne by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. These include postage, telephone and office equipment costs as well as salaries and related costs. This has greatly increased expenditure for the Council and the situation is quite serious. The Patrons Scheme has the potential to generate much-needed finance but will need the positive support of all units if it is to be a success.

The Council is examining a number of ways of generating income and any suggestions in this regard will be most welcome. Over the years Ard Chomhairle C.L.G. has given generous grants to Handball and, in addition, carried the interest on overdraft. We thank the Council for this support and are confident that handball will continue to be assisted by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. The decrease in revenue from the Ceannáras Handball Centre is a cause for concern, a matter referred to in a following section.

## HANDBALL PATRONS SCHEME

The Handball Council introduced a Handball Patrons Scheme in October 1989 which has the potential to provide the basis and financial support for the further development of handball. The Council plans to:

- ★ Publish a regular Newsletter for circulation to all Handball Clubs and G.A.A. Units.
- ★ Publish a Handball Yearbook.
- ★ Organise administration and public relations courses.
- ★ Increase the number of coaching courses held each year, particularly for primary teachers.
- ★ Assist with the organisation of coaching for primary and post-primary schools.
- ★ Organise national coaching and refereeing courses.
- ★ Provide additional promotional literature on the game.
- ★ Hold a Seachtain na nÓg — Juvenile Handball Week in 1990.



*At the launch of the Handball Patrons Scheme, Michael Tyrrell, President; John Joe O'Connor, Meath Co. Secretary, and Dick Walsh, Dublin Co. Chairman.*

The Patrons Scheme allows people to participate in the development of our game and provides tangible and worthwhile recognition of their contributions. One may invest in the scheme for a three-year period in any of three categories, each of which offers a range of attractive benefits including a handball tie in county colours, tee-shirt, sports shirt and designer sweater, each with the Handball crest.

We are asking all handball members, and Clubs and G.A.A. units, to lend us modest financial assistance which will allow the implementation of our development plan and we look forward to the future, confident of having the support of many members for the Patrons Scheme.

## SPONSORSHIP

Our long established, much appreciated and very valuable relationship with Coca-Cola, our main sponsors, continued in 1989 — in fact, the level of sponsorship was increased by the company. We very much appreciate the interest of Coca-Cola in Handball and thank Mr. John O'Connell, Managing Director, and Mr. Jim Whelan, Public Relations Manager of Coca-Cola in Ireland for their very valuable advice and assistance.

I must acknowledge that the presentation of the Coca-Cola Doubles final left much to be desired and apologise to the players, our sponsors and our patrons for the embarrassment caused. The finals night has been discussed with Coca-Cola and An Coiste Gnímh has carried out a review of the presentation of games in general, so we are confident that the desired standards will be met in the future.

The following table shows the level of entries in the Coca-Cola competitions over ten years:

### Entries Coca-Cola Championships

	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Doubles</i>	<i>Totals</i>
1984	20	14	34
1985	22	16	38
1986	17	15	32
1987	15	10	25
1988	15	10	25
1989	14	11	25

These are the facts of the situation. Many people say that the standard of play in the Coca-Cola championships has decreased. I appeal to all eligible players to enter for the 1990 competitions, to fulfil their fixtures and to take part in the proper spirit. We have a duty to our sponsors, to handball and to the general public to have the proper arrangements in place for all our games — and this requires the full co-operation of all concerned with the presentation of any programme of games.

The Handball Council is examining areas with sponsorship potential and it is hoped to develop some additional revenue in this way over the next few years.

## COSPÓIR

Since 1969, the assistance and support provided by Cospóir and An Roinn Oideachais has been most valuable in developing Handball. Without that support the role of Ard Chomhairle would have been much more difficult in administering and promoting the game.

I wish to place on record our sincere thanks to the Minister for Sport at the Department of Education, Mr. Frank Fahey, T.D., for his interest in our affairs and for his support for our game. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil do Barra Ó hUallacháin, Príomh Fheidhmeannach, as ucht a chabhair i rith na blianta agus, freisin, le Con Ó hEochadha as ucht a chomhairle agus a chomhoibriú maidir le riarachán agus forbairt ár gcluiche náisiúnta.



We are very pleased that the annual Cospóir grant was increased from £32,000 in 1988 to £40,000 in 1989. In addition, Cospóir provided £2,250 under the scheme for grants for outstanding sportspersons. These grants were awarded to Michael Walsh and Walter O'Connor and the scheme is also available in 1990. Cospóir have also grant-aided attendance at International Handball meetings and travel for international competition. This helps greatly to reduce the burden on the Council and on the people involved in those particular activities. We have also received Cospóir grants for the Handball Ceannáras building in the past and for special promotions such as National Handball Day. All in all, the assistance of Cospóir and the financial support has been a tremendous boost for Irish Handball.

## CEANNÁRAS

There have been a number of problems relating to the Handball Centre in the past few years. The accounts for the years 1987 to 1989 have now been completed and, in accordance with the terms of agreement, profits will be transferred to the Handball Council at an early date. However, sales have decreased markedly, both in the Club lounge and in the Club areas, the latter following on the closure of the shop at the rear of the old Hill 16 site. In fact, shop sales decreased from £21,683 in 1987 to less than one-third of that figure in 1989 which represents a very significant loss in gross income.

There has been a decrease in sales in the Club lounge also in recent years and nett profits have fallen dramatically. One of the main purposes of setting up the Ceannáras Handball Centre was to generate funds for the Irish Handball Council. The present situation will have to be turned around to the healthy state which prevailed during most of the eighties; if matters are not redressed the outlook for the future will be very worrying.

I wish to thank and compliment our Bar Manager, **Michael Treacy**, on his loyal and dedicated service to the Ceannáras Club. He is very efficient and hard-working in a post which is not without its difficulties.

Since his appointment as Ceannáras caretaker, **Richard McMullen** has given excellent service to the Handball Centre and to members generally. On behalf of all, I thank him on his co-operation and diligence to duty during 1989.

Our thanks are also due to the casual helpers whose assistance is very much valued and appreciated. Ciarán Ó Corra fulfilled his role admirably as Rúnaí, Coiste Bainistí Ceannáras, and we thank him sincerely on doing an excellent job on behalf of Ard Chomhairle.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The variation in the number of clubs and counties, and in the total number of players and members in each county, means that there are great variations in the number of entrants in competitions and in the administrative structure required to service the needs of each county. Despite the disadvantages which many units suffer as a result, I feel it is very important that every county would examine its own structure and among the points which should be addressed are the following:

- ★ How effective is the County Handball Board?
- ★ Does it have regular meetings?
- ★ Are the structures suitable to deal with administration, youth, development, coaching, schools and finance?
- ★ Can the competitions structure be improved?
- ★ Are facilities adequate, well maintained and properly used?
- ★ Is there a juvenile/youth policy in place?
- ★ Does the Handball Board report regularly to An Coiste Contae, C.L.G.?

One might also ask if G.A.A. clubs which have handball courts, and could those which have indoor halls promote handball/mini-handball, especially in winter months?

At county level, the interest in An Coiste Contae in handball affairs could be assessed. Any county will support worthwhile promotions/development or give a reasonable annual grant to the Handball Board for such work.

Some counties which have five clubs or less have very good working arrangements with neighbouring counties to provide additional games for their players. This is an excellent approach and one which could be developed further in the future, particularly where some clubs are geographically close to clubs in other counties.

## HANDBALL AND THE G.A.A.

The relationship between Handball and county G.A.A. units varies considerably throughout the country. In some cases, there are regular handball reports to G.A.A. County Committee meetings as well as the annual report to the G.A.A. Convention. In other cases, however, it must be said that there is a lack of regular communication between Handball and G.A.A. units. It is important that good communications be established and maintained for the sake of Handball and the G.A.A. Handball cannot operate in isolation and in this regard the role of the G.A.A. County Committee can be of considerable support and influence on Handball Committees. The level of grant assistance provided by G.A.A. County Committees also varies from £100 to £2,000 per annum. It is vital that G.A.A. units do support Handball Committees and provide assistance where deserved and in this regard the onus must be on handball committees to develop programmes whether promotional, developmental or within a fixtures programme which will merit the support of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

## COMHAIRLE NA mBAN

The close association between Ard Chomhairle and Ladies Handball continues and we congratulate the ladies on their work. However, there seems to be an unwillingness among ladies to become involved in administration at top level and there is a great need for more people to offer their experience and expertise in administering the affairs of Comhairle na mBan.

Many clubs, some counties and one province are very progressive in organising ladies competitions. Others must follow so that there will be a nationwide structure for Ladies Handball. There is a vast amount of goodwill for the game; this must be harnessed and developed — otherwise, potential players will be lost to handball.



*Jimmy King and Tommy O'Brien pictured with a group of teachers at the coaching course in Kilkenny.*

## CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The CIBA-GEIGY G.A.A. Clubman of the Year awards scheme was extended to include Handball in 1989. This was a very welcome development and we thank CIBA-GEIGY for their recognition of Handball in this way. The award scheme was set up in 1984 to give recognition to club members for outstanding service.

Congratulations to Pat Ryan from Garryhill in Carlow on being the first recipient of the prestigious CIBA-GEIGY Handball Clubman of the Year award. This honour is well deserved by Pat who has given outstanding service to his club and to his county and to the development of the game generally.

I would urge every club to submit an entry for the award scheme and so avail of the opportunity of giving recognition to a club member in this special way.



Pat Ryan, centre, CIBA-GEIGY Handball Clubman of the Year award winner with, on left, Mr. Dick Hickey, Managing Director, CIBA-GEIGY, and John Dowling, G.A.A. President, at the presentation of the Clubman of the Year awards.

## SEOSAMH Ó LOINSIGH

Seosamh Ó Loinsigh retired from his position as Riarthóir in September last after a lifetime of dedication to handball. Under Joe's guidance Irish Handball moved into the international arena with tremendous success. As President of the World Handball Council, he was responsible for international handball matters and for the staging of several World Handball Championships.

Joe believed very strongly in the provision of facilities and the phenomenal rate of court construction during the past twenty years is due in great measure to his encouragement to clubs to develop modern courts which provide the facility for all-year-round recreation at local level. He was committed to community development and saw the Handball Club as a focal point where people could enjoy recreational facilities as well as having social contact in their own area.

Over the past decade I can recall Joe's constant emphasis on juvenile development, the role of coaching in improving standards and on the importance of the Universities and Higher Education Colleges competitions. He stressed these vital aspects of Irish Handball and worked tirelessly and unselfishly to ensure the highest possible standards in these key areas. The success rate of Irish players in the U.S.A. and World Championships is testimony to this.

I wish to pay a special tribute to Joe for his very helpful guidance and assistance to me following my appointment as Riarthóir. I appreciate his assistance very much indeed and this has been of great help to me in recent months. I wish him continued health and happiness in what, hopefully, will be a long period of retirement and I know that he will always continue to take a very deep interest in handball affairs at all levels.

## BUÍOCHAS

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le hArd Chomhairle agus le Coiste Bainistí Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as ucht a dtacaíocht do liathróid láimhe. Gabhaim buíochas pearsanta le Seán Ó Dubhlainn, Uachtarán C.L.G., agus le Liam Ó Maolmíchíl, Ard Stiúrthóir, as ucht an chabhair agus an chomhairle a thugadar dom ar chúrsaí liathróid láimhe i rith na bliana.

We also wish to thank all G.A.A. units and personnel who assist in any way with handball at club and other levels. Without their help and support, handball members would have a much more difficult task in promoting and administering the game. Our thanks are due in great measure to all our provincial, county and club officials on their dedication to the promotion, development and organisation of handball at the various levels. Each one gives of his or her own voluntary time and effort and it is this which is an inspiration to any full-time person in trying to support them in carrying out the real work — both at club and school level.

Our players are our greatest resource . . . but do we take them for granted? We thank all players who took part in our 1989 competitions and hope that the playing strength improves this year. For our part, we will do everything possible to make the playing of handball enjoyable and satisfying for our competitors.

I wish to sincerely thank our Handball President, Mícheál Mac Toirill, for his guidance and assistance during the past year. He has been a great support to Handball and as he leaves the office of Uachtarán I congratulate him on his hard work and achievements during his term of office. Mícheál has done many things for our game and contributed financially to many projects without seeking any attention. In addition to his responsibilities as Uachtarán he carried out many other roles in Handball and introduced many new initiatives in his own county and province in recent years.

Ar son gach duine go bhfuil baint aige nó aici le Liathróid Láimhe gabhaim fíor buíochas leis an Uachtarán ar gach rud a rinne sé dúinn go léir.

Fáiltím roimh an Uachtarán nua, Niall Ó Cathail, agus iar-raim ar ár mbail agus na himreoirí go léir comhoibriú leis i rith a théarma chun ár gcluiche iontach a fhorbairt agus a fheabhsú.

Since I was appointed Riarthóir I have invited recommendations, ideas and criticisms which might help to improve Handball. I have said publicly that I want to know how we can improve central office administration, achieve better communications, implement plans etc and I thank all those who have brought many items to my attention. Constructive criticism and suggestions are healthy; we must be open to change and development and I ask for continued co-operation in this regard.

With this support and encouragement, we can look forward to building on existing goodwill and co-operation in developing handball to its rightful place in our society.

Many of our members suffered bereavements during the year and we extend to them and to their families our sincere sympathy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all our deceased members. Go dtuga Dia suaimehneas sfóraí dóibh go léir.

Lorcán Ó Ruairc

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, RIARTHÓIR NÁISIÚNTA

# NA RÚIN

## COMMITTEES

1. That Rule 34(D) be amended to read as follows:  
"It shall at its first meeting each year, elect members to the Management Committee, Games Administration Committee, Development Committee and Coaching Council."  
*(Baile Átha Cliath)*
2. That Rule 37(B) be amended to read as follows:  
"The Games Administration Committee to have one representative from each of the four provinces from which its chairman be elected. No member shall hold office in the same capacity for more than three consecutive years and a total of six years."  
*(An Cabhán)*
3. That Rule 37(B) be amended to read as follows:  
"The Games Administration Committee shall consist of three members elected by Central Council. It shall elect its own chairman and shall be serviced by the Riarthóir. No members shall hold office in the same capacity more than three consecutive years and a total of six years."  
*(Baile Átha Cliath)*
4. That Rule 37(C) be amended to read as follows:  
"The Development Committee shall consist of three members elected by Central Council and a representative from the Coaching Council. It shall elect its own chairman and shall be serviced by the Riarthóir. It shall elect its own representative to Central Council and to the Coaching Council. No member shall hold office in the same capacity more than three consecutive years and a total of six years."  
*(Baile Átha Cliath)*
5. That Rule 37(D) be amended to read as follows:  
"The Coaching Council shall consist of three members elected by Central Council and a representative from the Development Committee. It shall elect its own chairman and shall be serviced by the Riarthóir. It shall elect its own representative to Central Council and to the Development Committee. No members shall hold office in the same capacity more than three consecutive years and a total of six years."  
*(Baile Átha Cliath)*

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

### (a) JUVENILE

6. Present All-Ireland Juvenile Championships to be eliminated and replaced by the following Championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30:  
U/12 years of age Open Championship  
U/13 years of age Confined to Non-Provincial winners  
U/14 years of age Open Championship  
U/15 years of age Confined to Non-Provincial winners  
U/16 years of age Open Championship  
U/17 years of age Confined to Non-Provincial winners  
Rules 48(C) and 47(H) to be amended accordingly.  
*(Luimneach agus Corcaigh)*
7. That Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann re-introduce the All-Ireland Under-12 and 13 Singles and Doubles Championships. Amend Rule 47(H) accordingly.  
Fo-Rialacha.  
*(Cill Chainnigh)*

### (b) GRADING

8. That Rule 47(H) be amended to read:  
"All players are confined to one grade of inter-county competition in 40 x 20, 60 x 30 and hardball in any one year."  
*(An Cabhán)*
9. That Rule 47(H) be amended to read:  
"All players are confined to **two** grades of competition in 40 x 20, 60 x 30 and hardball in any one year."  
*(Tír Eoghain)*
10. That Rule 49, "Definition of Novice", be amended to read:  
(A) (i) A Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland Novice, Under-21, Minor, Junior or Senior Championship in the 40 x 20 Court.  
(ii) A Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland Novice, Under-21, Minor, Junior or Senior Championship in the 60 x 30 Court.  
(iii) No change proposed.  
(B) (i) Be deleted.  
(ii) Be deleted.  
(iii) No change — Remain as at present.  
(C) (i) No change — Remain as at present.

### (c) INTER-CLUB

11. That the present Junior Club Championship run at Provincial and All-Ireland level in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 courts shall be amended to read "Open Club Championship". In this championship a club would be allowed to play two Senior players on a team. The Club Championships in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 could then be known as Open Club Championship and Novice Club Championship.  
*(Corcaigh)*

### (d) HARDBALL

12. That Hardball Championships be promoted each year at Masters level and that Rule 47(f) be amended to read:  
"Masters Softball, Hardball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles."  
Rule 47(f) (ii) to be amended accordingly.  
*(Cill Dara)*

## ALL-IRELAND MEDALS, MEMENTOES

13. That the standard of All-Ireland medals, excluding Senior, be improved.  
*(Luimneach)*
14. That the quality of medal presented to the All-Ireland champion in any grade be not less a quality than:  
"A Hallmarked Silver Medal of not less than 10 grammes in weight".  
*(Baile Átha Cliath)*
15. That referees of All-Ireland finals be rewarded with suitable mementoes of the occasion.  
*(Baile Átha Cliath)*



## Na Rúin (ar lean)

### GENERAL

16. That the glass on the right-hand side of the 60x30 and 40x20 Courts in Croke Park be replaced with concrete.  
(Ceatharlach)
17. That the right-hand glass sidewall of the Ceannáras 60 x 30 Court be replaced by a concrete sidewall or "one-way" special glass.  
(Baile Átha Cliath)
18. That discussions be commenced immediately with R.T.E. with a view to having both an adult and juvenile series shown on R.T.E.  
(Corcaigh)

19. That the Manager of players, playing International Championships, be selected from the county that contributed most to handball in that particular year and that the Manager be from a different county each year. Addendum (f) to Rule 34. Fo-Rialacha.  
(Cill Chainnigh)
20. That a working party be set up to examine the implications of racquetball on handball.  
(Baile Átha Cliath)
21. That Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann endeavours to have four-wall handball included in the Olympic Games.  
(Baile Átha Cliath)

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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 31st December 1989.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£93,440. Expenditure came to IR£79,220 leaving an Operating Surplus for the year of IR£14,220. After adjusting for Provincial Councils' Computer Subsidy IR£3,818 and Court Construction Grants IR£10,000 there was a Surplus of IR£402. Where the format of presentation of the Accounts has been revised, corresponding figures for 1988 have been restated.

As compared with the previous year when there was an overall Surplus of IR£32,036 the principal variations in Income and Expenditure were as follows:

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Gate Receipts		2,081
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	20,000	
Government Grants	3,633	
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		11,911
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
International Meetings and Officials' Travel	7,136	6,946
Coaching, Leadership and Development	2,304	
Staff Costs	15,226	
Postage and Telephone	1,270	

### PATRON SCHEME

The Patron Scheme which was launched late in the year received contributions amounting to IR£11,440. Promotional Expenses came to IR£2,592, leaving a Surplus of IR£8,848.

### BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31st December 1989 including Outlay on Ceannáras and Gymnasium Equipment IR£308,856 had a book value of IR£382,552. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£122,658 came to IR£184,156. The excess of Assets over Liabilities may be summarised as follows:

Accumulated Fund	IR£189,548
Patron Scheme	8,848
	<u>198,396</u>

As in previous years Interest on Bank Borrowings has been avoided by arrangement with Central Council C.L.G.

### STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

This Statement highlights the changes that have taken place in Assets, Liabilities and Capital Items since 31st December 1988 and the resultant effect on Net Liquid Funds.

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 1989

INCOME			
		1989	1988
	Schedule	IR£	IR£
County Committee and Members		5,794	6,044
Gate Receipts		3,620	5,701
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	1	30,000	10,000
Government Grants Net	2	41,300	37,667
C.A.O. and College Grants		1,000	1,000
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		10,312	22,223
Sundry Sales		904	1,327
Other Income		510	—
		<u>93,440</u>	<u>83,962</u>
EXPENDITURE			
		1989	1988
	Schedule	IR£	IR£
Competition Expenses		1,678	2,433
Over-age Competition Grants		520	520
International		11,898	18,844
Mini Handball		3,489	3,285
Juvenile		2,570	1,981
Promotional Materials		1,874	2,155
Trophies		4,191	4,306
Meetings and Officials' Travel		12,887	5,751
Administration Grants	3	2,800	2,600
Coaching, Leadership and Development		7,545	5,241
Repairs to Ceannáras		430	674
Administration and General	4	29,338	14,855
		<u>79,220</u>	<u>62,645</u>
Operating Surplus		14,220	21,317
Provincial Councils' Computer Subsidy		(3,818)	—
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann — Ceannáras Club Lounge Transfer		—	7,719
Court Construction Grants Allocated		(10,000)	(1,000)
Court Construction Grants Withdrawn		—	4,000
Surplus for Period		<u>402</u>	<u>32,036</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1989			
		1989	1988
	Schedule	IR£	IR£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Outlay on Ceannáras		303,239	303,239
Gymnasium Equipment at Cost		5,617	5,617
Office Equipment at Cost		174	—
		<u>309,030</u>	<u>308,856</u>
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank Balance — Patron Scheme		8,848	—
Stocks		8,163	775
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		37,841	9,464
Cash on Hands		120	—
		<u>55,522</u>	<u>10,798</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Court Construction Grants		10,000	—
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		12,851	18,000
Creditors		38,647	7,234
Bank Overdraft		122,658	123,265
		<u>184,156</u>	<u>148,499</u>
Net Current Liabilities		(128,634)	(137,710)
		<u>198,396</u>	<u>189,149</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Accumulated Fund	5	189,548	189,146
Patron Scheme	6	8,848	—
		<u>198,396</u>	<u>189,146</u>

By mhaith le  
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann  
buíochas a ghabháil le  
**COSPÓIR**  
as ucht deontasaí a chur ar fáil  
d'ár gcluiche.

## SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 1989

	1989 IR£	1988 IR£		1989 IR£	1988 IR£
<b>Sources of Funds</b>			<b>Uses of Funds</b>		
Operating Surplus for year	14,220	21,317	Purchase of Office Equipment	174	—
Patron Scheme Surplus	8,848	—	Outlay on Ceannáras	—	22,497
Ceannáras Club Lounge Transfer	—	7,719	Outlay on Gymnasium Equipment	—	141
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(28,377)	(6,790)	Court Construction Grants Allocated	10,000	1,000
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	36,264	(23,902)	Provincial Councils' - Computer Subsidy	3,818	—
Court Construction Grants withdrawn	—	4,000		<u>13,992</u>	<u>23,638</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	(7,388)	2,819			
	<u>23,567</u>	<u>5,163</u>			
			Increase/(Decrease) in Net Liquid Funds	<u>9,575</u>	<u>18,475</u>

Net Liquid Funds comprise Cash and Bank Balances less Bank Overdraft.

## STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS for the year ended 31st December 1989

### Schedule 1 - Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants

Annual	10,000	10,000
Administrative	8,000	—
Restructuring	12,000	—
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

### Schedule 2 - Government Grants

Annual Grant	40,000	32,000
World Championships/International	1,800	5,667
Outstanding Sportspersons	2,250	2,750
Underprivileged Areas	—	20,000
	<u>44,050</u>	<u>60,417</u>
Less: Distributable	2,750	(22,750)
	<u>41,300</u>	<u>37,667</u>

### Schedule 3 - Provincial Council Grants

Connacht Council	500	500
Leinster Council	500	500
Munster Council	500	500
Ulster Council	700	500
Ladies Council	600	600
	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,600</u>

### Schedule 4 - Administration and General Expenses

Staff Costs	23,728	8,502
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	1,434	1,662
Postage and Telephone	1,452	182
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,375	1,150
All-Ireland Tickets	999	886
Court Development Plans	40	1,706
Higher Education	255	728
Miscellaneous	55	39
	<u>29,338</u>	<u>14,855</u>

### Schedule 5 - Accumulated Fund

Balance at beginning of Year	189,146	157,110
Surplus for Year	402	32,036
Balance at date	<u>189,548</u>	<u>189,146</u>

### Schedule 6 - Patron Scheme

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	10,000	—
Other Subscriptions	1,440	—
	<u>11,440</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenses	2,592	—
Balance at date	<u>8,848</u>	<u>—</u>

## 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,  
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13th March 1990

D. O'CONNOR & CO.  
Chartered Accountants



## GRANTS TO DATE FOR COURT CONSTRUCTION

	IR£		
Abbeydorney G.A.A.	500	Castlemahon G.A.A.	500
Abbeyfeale	500	Castlereagh G.A.A.	500
Annaghdown	500	Castletownbere	300
Ardoyne G.A.A.	500	Ceannanus Mór	500
Ardcath	200	Cill Chiarán	500
Arklow	500	Clarecastle G.A.A.	1,000
Armagh G.A.A.	500	Claremorris	500
Ashburton	700	Clones	500
Athenry G.A.A.	500	Clonmel	500
Aughnamullen G.A.A.	500	Clooncan	500
Avondale G.A.A.	500	Clooney G.A.A.	500
Ballaghadereen	500	Cloonfad	500
Ballina Stephenites G.A.A.	500	Clough Bawn G.A.A.	500
Ballina (Co. Tipperary)	300	Cloughfin	250
Ballinacargy G.A.A.	300	Coláiste Mhuire (Cobh)	500
Ballingarry	1,000	Collooney	100
Ballinrobe G.A.A.	500	Conna	500
Ballintubber	500	Coolgreaney	300
Ballybay G.A.A.	1,000	Cootehill	1,200
Ballydesmond	500	Corduff G.A.A.	500
Ballyfermot	500	Comeen	500
Ballygar G.A.A.	500	Crossakiel	500
Ballyhaunis G.A.A.	500	Corran	500
Ballymacelligott	1,000	Crinkle	900
Ballymitty	300	Cullen	400
Ballymore	500	Davidstown G.A.A.	500
Ballymote	300	Delvin	200
Ballyporeen	700	Derrymullen	500
Ballyvourney	500	Doohamlet G.A.A.	1,000
Baltinglass	300	Drumcliffe	500
Bantry	300	Drumquin	500
Barnacarroll	500	Dunhill	1,000
Barntown	300	Dunlavin	300
Bawn	200	Dunleer G.A.A.	400
Balcara	300	Dunleer	500
Beal na Mulla	300	Emyvale	500
Belcarra	200	Ennis C.B.S.	1,800
Bellaghy G.A.A.	500	Enniscorthy G.A.A.	500
Boefield	500	Fairymount	500
Boherbue (Co. Cork)	500	Falcarragh G.A.A.	950
Bohermore	350	Fahy	500
Bonniconlan	500	Fermoy	1,000
Borris	500	Fethard	500
Boyle	500	Franciscan College, Clara	100
Brandon	500	Galmoey	500
Bray G.A.A.	500	Galway Inter-Firm	2,500
Bree G.A.A.	500	Garryhill	900
Bridgetown	300	Glenamaddy	500
Broadford (Co. Clare)	500	Glencolmcille G.A.A.	500
Burgess G.A.A.	500	Glenbeigh	500
Caherline	350	Glenfinn G.A.A.	500
Caherlistrane G.A.A.	500	Glenmore G.A.A.	500
Carlow C.B.S.	500	Golden	500
Cappagh	450	Goresbridge	400
Capwell	200	Gurteen	20
Carrickmacross G.A.A.	1,000	Gusserane	500
Carrick-on-Suir	700	Gweedore G.A.A.	500
Cashel	1,000	Horsewood G.A.A.	500
Cashel C.B.S.	150	Horse and Jockey	500
Cashel (Co. Galway)	300	Hospital	300
Castlebar	400	Indreabhan G.A.A.	500
Castlebar G.A.A.	500	Iniskeen Grattans G.A.A.	500
Castleconnor G.A.A.	1,000	Kanturk	500
Castlegar G.A.A.	500	Kilbeggan	500
Castleisland	500	Kilgobnet	400
		Kilkishen G.A.A.	450
		Killala	950
		Killasser	500
		Kilnaleck	500
		Kilrush	500

Kiltimagh	500	Taghmon	200
Kiltormer G.A.A.	500	Tarbert	500
Kilworth	500	Templeberry G.A.A.	500
Kingscourt G.A.A.	1,000	Templeudigan	300
Kiskeam G.A.A.	500	Thurles G.A.A.	500
Knock	500	Timoleague	400
Lahorna	300	Tinahely	250
Lehanmore	500	Tinryland G.A.A.	500
Limerick C.B.S.	50	Tír na Fhia	500
Lisacul	500	Toonagh G.A.A.	500
Liscarroll	1,000	Tournafulla G.A.A.	500
Lisdoonvarna	400	Tralee	1,173
Lisdowney G.A.A.	500	Truagh G.A.A.	500
Lispole G.A.A.	500	Tuamgraney	900
Listowel	500	Tulla	500
London	500	Tullamore G.A.A.	400
Longford Slashers G.A.A.	500	Tydavnet G.A.A.	500
Loughanure	500	Virginia	500
Loughrea	300	Westport	300
Loughmacrory	750	Wexford	400
Mallow	500	Wind Gap	500
Mitchelstown	800	Youghal	500
Monaghan Harps G.A.A.	500	To be allocated	500
Monavea	500		
Moneygall G.A.A.	500		
Mothel	360		
Moylough (Meath)	500		
Mullahoran	300		
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		
Rathluirc	500		
Rathmore	500		
Roscommon	900		
Roscrea	500		
Rosmuc	500		
Rossa G.A.A.	500		
St. Brendan's (Killarney)	1,000		
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 Uí Chonail C.B.S.	1,000		
Shanagarry G.A.A.	500		
Shanagolden G.A.A.	100		
Shannon	900		
Silvermines G.A.A.	500		
Taghmaconnel	400		
			120,993

# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st December 1988 and the period ended 30th September 1989

	30-9-1989		31-12-1988		31-12-1987
	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£
<b>INCOME</b>					
Membership Fees .....		1,690		7,557	6,724
Court Booking Fees .....		3,629		4,455	3,792
Other Fees .....		526		882	806
Insurance Claim .....		—		1,421	—
Shop Sales .....	6,304		16,612		21,683
Less: Cost of Sales .....	(5,133)	1,171	(11,076)	5,536	(14,366)
		<u>7,016</u>		<u>19,851</u>	<u>18,639</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Wages .....	7,879		12,859		13,070
Pension Premium .....	2,020		1,010		1,010
Light and Heat .....	3,226		4,039		5,407
Repairs and Cleaning .....	730		2,206		2,006
Printing and Other Expenses .....	405		419		355
		<u>14,635</u>		<u>20,908</u>	<u>22,160</u>
Deficit for Year .....		(7,619)		(1,057)	(3,521)
Opening Deficit .....		(4,068)		(3,011)	510
Closing Deficit .....		<u>(11,687)</u>		<u>(4,068)</u>	<u>(3,011)</u>

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 1988 and 30th September 1989

	30-9-1989		31-12-1988		31-12-1987
	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock on Hand .....		1,147		1,568	1,475
Prepayments .....		—		3,175	—
		<u>1,147</u>		<u>4,743</u>	<u>1,475</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Bank Overdraft .....	8,256		7,426		2,084
Creditors .....	4,578		1,385		2,402
		<u>12,834</u>		<u>8,811</u>	<u>4,486</u>
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b> .....		<u>(11,687)</u>		<u>(4,068)</u>	<u>(3,011)</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>					
Accumulated Deficit to Date .....		<u>(11,687)</u>		<u>(4,068)</u>	<u>(3,011)</u>



# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

### TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st December 1988 and the period ended 30th September 1989

	30-9-1989		31-12-1988		31-12-1987
	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£
<b>INCOME</b> .....		57,970		87,451	90,707
<b>COST OF SALES</b> .....		35,067		56,521	57,381
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b> .....		22,903		30,930	33,326
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>					
Wages .....	10,921		15,596		15,179
Pension Premium .....	—		—		1,010
Light and Heat .....	2,098		2,500		2,591
Repairs, Cleaning and Barware .....	1,052		1,811		2,256
Security .....	—		—		408
Licence Renewal .....	1,020		608		275
Accountancy Fees .....	600		485		500
Insurance .....	120		115		168
Sundry Expenses .....	547		1,783		56
		16,358		22,898	22,443
<b>NET PROFIT FOR YEAR</b> .....		6,545		8,032	10,883
<b>COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE</b>					
NA hÉIREANN .....		—		—	31,729
<b>OPENING SURPLUS</b> .....		24,529		16,497	(26,115)
<b>CLOSING SURPLUS</b> .....		31,074		24,529	16,497

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 1988 and 30th September 1989

	30-9-1989		31-12-1988		31-12-1987
	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Bank .....	36,124		15,592		11,555
Cash on Hand .....	440		400		300
Prepayments .....	2,324		1,010		1,043
Stock .....	6,410		8,365		6,886
		45,298		25,367	19,784
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors .....		14,224		838	3,287
		31,074		24,529	16,497
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>					
Accumulated Surplus to Date .....		31,074		24,529	16,497

# ALL-IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS — 1989

## 60 x 30 WINNERS

Coca-Cola S.S.	M. Breathnach	Cill Chainnigh
Coca-Cola S.D.	M. Breathnach, E. Ó Dúnaigh	Cill Chainnigh
J.S.S.	L. Mac Giobúin	Tiobraid Árann
J.S.D.	E. Ó Coirbín, S. Ó Donnchú	Tiobraid Árann
M.S.S.	A. Ó hÉineacháin	Roscommon
M.S.D.	D. S. Ó Ciardha, G. Ó Briain	Cill Chainnigh
N.S.S.	C. Ó Flannagáin	Iarmhí
N.S.D.	P. Ó Maolmhuaidh, C. Ó Flannagáin	Iarmhí
Under-21 S.S.	P. Mac Uaid	Cill Mhantáin
Under-21 S.D.	D. Mac Eochaidh, S. Ó Loinsigh	An Mhí
Mas S (1)	E. Ó Bogaigh	Loch Garman
Mas D (2)	E. Ó Bogaigh, S. Gógan	Loch Garman
Mas S (2)	A. Ó Riain	Ceatharlach
Mas D (2)	A. Ó Riain, T. Mac an Ghaill	Ceatharlach
Sil Mas S (1)	N. Ó Céirín	Ciarraí
Sil Mas D (1)	N. Ó Céirín, L. Ó Céirín	Ciarraí
Sil Mas S (2)	M. de Buitléir	Port Láirge
Sil Mas D (2)	S. Ó'Neill, D. Ó Aonasa	Cill Chainnigh
Golden Mas S	D. Ó Maolchathaigh	Port Láirge
Golden Mas D	D. Ó Maolchathaigh, S. Ó Cadhla	Port Láirge
S.H.S.	T. Ó Ruairc	Cill Dara
S.H.D.	L. Mac Cárthaigh, N. Ó Riain	Tiobraid Árann
J.H.S.	P. Ó Caoimh	Cill Chainnigh
J.H.D.	C. Mac Shamhráin, T. Ó Sirideáin	An Mhí
M.H.S.	S. Ó Conghaile	Cill Chainnigh
M.H.D.	G. Ó Briain, G. de Lá	Cill Chainnigh

## 40 x 20 WINNERS

S.S.	M. Breathnach	Cill Chainnigh
S.D.	M. Breathnach, M. Ó Maoldeirg	Cill Chainnigh
J.S.	E. Jensen	An Mhí
J.D.	L. de Prát, P. Ó Caoimh	Cill Chainnigh
M.S.	D. S. Ó Ciardha	Cill Chainnigh
M.D.	D. S. Ó Ciardha, E. de Lá	Cill Chainnigh
N.S.	S. Mac Cárthaigh	London
N.D.	L. Mac Cárthaigh, D. Mac Fheorais	London
Under-21 S	D. Mac Eochaidh	An Mí
Under-21 D	D. Mac Eochaidh, S. Ó Loinsigh	An Mí
Mas S (1)	S. Ó Ciarba	An Clár
Mas D (1)	S. Ó Ciarba, M. Ó hÓgáin	An Clár
Mas S (2)	E. Ó Cinnéide	Baile Átha Cliath
Mas D (2)	A. Ó Riain, T. Mac an Ghaill	Ceatharlach
Sil Mas S (1)	P. Ó Riain	Baile Átha Cliath
Sil Mas D (1)	P. Ó Riain, S. Ó Meiscill	Baile Átha Cliath
Sil Mas S (2)	N. Maclannachaidh	Gaillimh
Sil Mas D (2)	M. Ó Raghallaigh, S. Ó hÉanna	Maigh Eó
Golden Mas S	S. Ó Meachair	An Lú
Golden Mas D	E. Ó Laocha, P. Ó Caoimh	Cill Chainnigh

## 60 x 30 JUVENILE WINNERS

Under-14 S	M. Ó Fionnagáin	An Cabhán
Under-14 D	C. Ó Corráin, P. Ó Ceallaigh	Tír Eoghain
Under-15 S	S. Barcoe	Cill Chainnigh
Under-15 D	S. Ó Riain, F. Ó Riain	Tiobraid Árann
Under-16 S	P. S. Mac Craith	Cill Dara
Under-16 D	C. Ó Briain, B. Ó Dochartaigh	Uibh Fháilí
Under-17 S	B. Mac Giolla Ghuala	Loch Garman
Under-17 D	S. de Búrca, R. Ó Riain	Cill Chainnigh

## 40 x 20 JUVENILE WINNERS

Under-14 S	M. Ó Fionnagáin	An Cabhán
Under-14 D	L. Ó Freaghaile, D. Ó Freaghaile	An Clár
Under-15 S	S. Barcoe	Cill Chainnigh
Under-15 D	C. Ó Carrúil, S. Ó Faoláin	Cill Chainnigh
Under-16 S	C. Ó Corráin	Tír Eoghain

Under-16 D	S. Ó Dálaigh, L. Ó Neill	Cill Chainnigh
Under-17 S	M. Ó Meachair	Cill Chainnigh
Under-17 D	D. Ó Seachnasaigh, I. Ó Maolfabhail	An Clár

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 60 x 30 Court

Novice

**N. Pádraig, Áth Cliath:** M. Ó Faircheallaigh, F. de Prís, D. Mac Cathmhaoil, F. Ó Riain

Junior

**Garda, Áth Cliath:** A. Mac Cuinneagáin, P. Mac Griffin, L. Mac Stóibín, A. Ó Cionnaith

### 40 x 20 Court

Novice

**Leixlip, Cill Dara:** M. Ó Mórán, V. Mac Bhraín, S. Rosaitear, L. Magaoidh.

Junior

**N. Pól, Aontroim:** S. Ó Madáin, P. Caomhánaigh, P. Ó Dufaigh, B. Mac Labhraí.

## OLLSCOILEANNA

Championship

**U.C.D:** E. Jensen, C. Ó Briain, T. Ó Sé, B. Mac Fhearghusa, S. Ó Conghaile, S. Ó Maoláin, S. Ó Madáin.

League

**U.C.G:** P. Ó Macháin, F. Ó Macháin, S. Mac Cuinneagáin, M. Ó Concubhair, D. Ó Cinnéide, S. Ó Ciardha.

## ARD OIDEACHAIS

Championship

**Multyfarnham:** S. Mac a' Bháird, N. Ó hEosa, M. Ó Braonáin, C. Ó Ciarnáin.

Singles

**Dame Street:** U. Ó Concubhair.

## GAIRMSCOILEANNA

U-15 Singles

**McGuirk College:** C. Ó Corráin.

U-15 Doubles

**McGuirk College:** I. Mac Giolla Eáin, M. Ó Tomhnair.

U-18 Singles

**Borris V.S:** D. Mac Conraoi.

U-18 Doubles

**Castleblayney V.S:** M. Ó Broin, D. Mac Cumascaigh.

## COLÁISTÍ AN DARA LEIBHÉAL

Junior Doubles

**Kilkenny C.B.S:** S. Ó Dálaigh, L. Ó Neill.

Senior Singles

**St. Kieran's College:** D. S. Ó Ciardha.

Senior Doubles

**St. Kieran's College:** D. S. Ó Ciardha, D. Mac Gobhnan.

Senior Doubles (60 x 30)

**Roscommon C.B.S:** A. Ó hÉineacháin, C. Ó hÉineacháin.

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

### 60 x 30 Court

Roinn 1

**Kingscourt, An Cabhán:** M. Ó Fionnagáin, M. Mac Cuinneagáin, T. Ó Cearúlláin, A. Ó Geargáin.

Roinn 2

**Broadford, Luimneach:** S. Ó Cinnolaigh, S. de Staic, T. Ó Riada, P. Ó Dúda.

Skills Test

M. Ó Fionnagáin, An Cabhán.

### 40 x 20 Court

Roinn 1

**Toonagh, An Clár:**

Roinn 2

**Crinkle, Uibh Fháilí:** N. Ó Briain, B. Mac Peáircín, B. Mac Maoláin, A. de hÓra.

Roinn 3

**Downpatrick, An Dún:** S. Mac Cuinneagáin, P. Ó Loinsigh, P. Ó Duibhir, C. Ó hAnnaidh.

Skills Test

C. Cotraill, Cill Chainnigh.



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