



COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

**An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil
1993**





IRELAND'S JUNIOR HANDBALL TEAMS which took part in the U.S.H.A. Championships in Cincinnati in December 1992:

Back Row: Joe Edge (Marketing Director, O'Neills Irish International Sportsgoods Ltd.), Séamus Ó Reilly (Comhairle na mBan), Jackie Keating, John Joe O'Connor (team manager), Sabrina Hughes, Seán Mac a' tSaoi (Uachtarán Tofa).

Front Row: Ciarán Curran, Kenneth Kane, Julie Long, Michael Finnegan and Raymond Cunningham.

Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 1993

Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

ar AN DOMHNACH, 21 MÁRTA, ag 10.30 r.n.

in

ÁRAS DÁIMHÍN, PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH

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2. Adoption of Standing Orders
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11. Close of Congress.

AINMNIÚCHÁIN 1993

Uachtarán: Seán Mac a' tSaoí.

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Conbhuí.

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle C.L.G.: Tomás Ó Briain.

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

Bhí bliain réasúnta mhaith ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann i 1992 agus, ag féachaint romhainn, tá an Chomhairle dóchasach in alán slithe. Ar an dtaobh eile den scéal cuireann easpa airgid isteach go mór ar imeachtaí liathróid láimhe agus ní feidir pleananna forbartha, oiliúna agus margaíochta a chur i gcrích in aon chor. Cluiche brea, bríomhar, spórtúil agus Gaelach is ea liathróid láimhe ach gan aon airgead, ní féidir linn é a fhorbairt mar ba chóir.

The year under review was reasonably satisfactory and there were a number of notable features which helped enhance the game in general. However, the continuing lack of finance makes it impossible to implement a broad development plan for the game and handball cannot be developed fully as one of the GAA sports while this situation pertains.

During the past year, 66 All-Ireland championships were held in Singles and Doubles, 16 of these at juvenile level. Six team of four Club championships were completed at Novice, Junior and Open levels in the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 courts. The 40 x 20 National League, re-introduced after a lapse of a number of years, and the 60 x 30 National League titles were won by Cill Chainnigh. An Irish Open Singles was held for the first time and an Under 23 Inter-Provincial competition was organised in conjunction with the Railway Cup Hurling competition. In addition, 16 competitions were held in the education sector.

Despite the wide range of national competitions, there is increasing concern at the standards of play at juvenile level – especially in some traditionally strong counties – and in the 60 x 30 softball code. On the other hand, 1992 provided some of the best games for several years, the Senior Softball Singles final between Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, and Walter O'Connor, An Mhí, providing thrilling fare and an excellent contest. The Kilkennyman bridged a 55 year gap by winning the title thus equalling the eight-in-a-row sequence of the late Paddy Perry from 1930 to 1937.

NOTABLE FEATURES

Other notable features of the year's activities were:

- * The first-time successes of some counties at All-Ireland level in particular grades.
- * The successful organisation by Cumann na mBunscol of the National Handball promotion at Primary School level culminating in a national event which parallels the INTO hurling, football and camogie mini-sevens events.
- * Ciarán Curran's fourth successive victory in the USHA Junior Championships.
- * A successful fund-raising draw in conjunction with Rathcairn Gaeltacht.
- * The staging of a national handball marathon – organised by the Naomh Mhuire Club, Leixlip – which generated over £100,000 for the Children's Cancer Research Unit of Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin.
- * The entry of some new Colleges and a greatly improved level of participation in the Third Level Colleges Championships.
- * The screening by RTE of the Royal Liver Irish Open 40 x 20 Singles.



Séan Mac a tSaoí, Uachtarán Tofa, presents Corn Puirséil to Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, following his eighth successive Senior Softball Singles victory.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sixteen counties shared a total of 50 All-Ireland Singles and Doubles titles on offer in the three codes of handball from minor level upwards. Three other counties took juvenile honours, and in all, nine counties shared the 16 juvenile titles while Carlow, Wexford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Monaghan and Antrim Clubs took inter-Club titles.

Leinster counties again dominated the championships winning all six senior titles but there were also significant victories for Armagh, Cavan, Clare, Tipperary, Mayo and Sligo.

Tom Sheridan, An Mhí, created his own piece of history by becoming the first player to win the three Senior Doubles titles in one season. Michael Finnegan, An Cabhán, became the first Ulster player to win Minor Singles and Doubles titles in both courts while Joe Kelly and Mickey Rafferty, Ard Mhacha, recorded the Orchard county's first All-Ireland success since Harry Haddock's J.S.S win in 1948. All in all, there were some excellent performances throughout the year which whet the appetite for 1993.



Mrs. Margaret Perry, wife of the late Paddy Perry, congratulates 'Duxie' on equalling her husband's record.

KILKENNY SUCCESSES

The jewel in the crown of Kilkenny's ten All-Ireland victories — including three at juvenile level — was undoubtedly that of Michael 'Duxie' Walsh in winning the sixty fourth Senior Softball Singles title to bring his own total to eight record-equalling successive wins and his county's record to seventeen titles in that championship. A capacity attendance at Ceannáras witnessed an excellent game of handball between the champion and Walter O'Connor, An Mhí, who provided a real fright for 'Duxie'. The defending champion won the first game comfortably 21-15 but he was severely tested by the Meathman who won the second 21-14. He raced into a 16-6 lead in the third but Walter clawed his way back into contention; with the outcome in doubt right up to the final point, the audience got great value for money before the champion retained his title on a 21-17 scoreline in the final game.

Billy Bourke won the Senior Hardball Singles Championship defeating fellow-countyman Willie Pratt in a very entertaining final. Kilkenny players were successful in the Novice grade winning the 40 x 20 Doubles and both 60 x 30 titles. Bobby Falsey and Michael Nolan had a good 21-15, 21-9 victory over Josie O'Dwyer and Brendan Murphy (Tiobraid Árann) in the 40 x 20 Novice Doubles final. Michael Nolan teamed up with Philly Parsons to take the 60 x 30 Novice Doubles medals, 21-14, 21-13 at the expense of another Tipperary pair, Paul Griffin and John O'Flaherty. Nickey Reilly had to call on all his talents



Former All-Ireland Senior champion Paddy Reilly with his son Nickey following his success in the All-Ireland Novice Softball Singles final.

to overcome Antrim's Paddy Crothers 21-13, 21-19 in the N.S.S final.

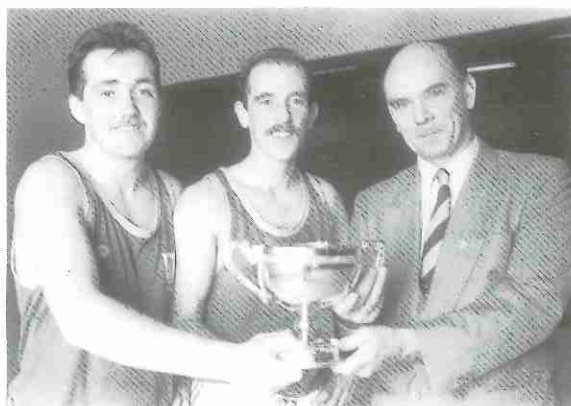
Kilkenny pair Anthony Greene and Séamus Reade score a 21-20, 13-21, 21-15 victory over Cavan's Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand in an absorbing Masters A 60 x 30 Doubles final.

Pat O'Keeffe and Eddie Leahy won their fifth successive Golden Masters A 40 x 20 Doubles title — a new record — in an excellent game 21-16, 21-12 against Sam Tanner and Mick McCarthy, Cork.

MEATH TOPS IN SENIOR GRADE

Meath players showed the way in winning four of the six senior titles during 1992. Walter O'Connor won his county's first ever Senior 40 x 20 Singles title defeating Eddie Corbett, Tipperary, before a packed gallery at the well appointed St Coman's Club in Roscommon on a 21-17, 15-21, 21-9 scoreline.

Tom Sheridan and James McGovern again proved an able partnership in winning the 40 x 20 and Softball Doubles double. They had a comfortable win over Eddie Corbett and John O'Donoghue, Tipperary, to take their fourth title in the 40 x 20 code while they defeated Kilkenny's Billy Bourke and Ollie Harold — competing in their second successive final — 21-13, 21-10 to take their county's first S.S.D title since 1967. Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor combined to defeat Louth's Peter McAuley and Joe McArdle 21-20, 21-16 in the final of the Senior Hardball Doubles championship.



Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán C.L.G., presents the trophy to Tom Sheridan (left) and James McGovern, An Mhí, following the Senior Softball Doubles final.

CLARE'S SIX TITLES

Clare took six titles during 1993, five of these in the 40 x 20 court. John Donlon had a 21-14, 21-10 victory over John Rossiter, Carlow, in the Junior 40 x 20 Singles final. The same counties contested the Junior Doubles final with Paul Walsh partnering John Donlon to a third game victory over John Rossiter and Sean Ryan after the Carlowmen had won the first 21-18.

John Kirby produced vintage handball when he defeated Ned Buggy, Wexford, in the Masters A 40 x 20 Singles final and he teamed up with Michael Hogan to collect the Doubles award at the expense of Jerry Scully and Eugene Kennedy, Dublin, 21-13, 21-18 in a very well contested final. Dan Kirby and Jimmy Walsh had a real battle on their hands before defeating Kildare's John Browne and Joe Rossiter 21-18, 21-19 in the Silver Masters A 40 x 20 Doubles final. Dan Kirby collected a second All-Ireland medal when he defeated Wexford's Séamus Buggy 21-19, 21-10 in the Silver Masters A Softball Singles final at Clonmel.

FURTHER ULSTER SUCCESSES

Cavan and Armagh player enhanced the growing status of Ulster handball by winning six All-Irelands. Michael Finnegan entered the record books as the second Ulster player to win an All-Ireland Minor handball title of any kind and he did so in style by taking four titles in all. He had a 21-10, 21-16 win over Kildare's P.J McGrath in the 40 x 20 Minor Singles final and defeated Raymond Breen of Wexford rather easily in the M.S.S final. The Cavan player was partnered by Derek Bartley to a 21-16, 18-21, 21-9 victory over P.J McGrath and Trevor Winders (Kildare) in the 40 x 20 Minor Doubles final and by Raymond Cunningham to defeat Glenn Walsh and Ciarán Heneghan, Roscommon, in the M.S.D final.

Joe Kelly and Mickey Rafferty of Armagh won the Orchard county's first national title since 1948 when they defeated Jim Doyle and Tom Kirwan of Wexford 21-5, 21-20 in the 60 x 30 Masters B final. Joe Kelly made it a double by virtue of his 21-16, 21-11 victory over Roscommon's Tony Hannon in the Singles final.



Michael Finnegan, An Cabhán, with the G.A.A. President after he won the first M.S.S. title for Ulster.



Liam Ó Maolmhichíl agus a mhac Aonghus ag na Cluichí Ceannais 60 x 30

JUNIOR SOFTBALL WINS FOR CORK, MAYO

John Herlihy won Cork's first Junior Softball Singles title when he defeated Ned Buggy, Wexford, in the final at Ceannáras. Having lost the 1991 decider, Tom Derrig and Páraic McCormack took the J.S.D title for Mayo by virtue of a 21-15, 21-13 victory over Noel Ryan and Francis Scully from

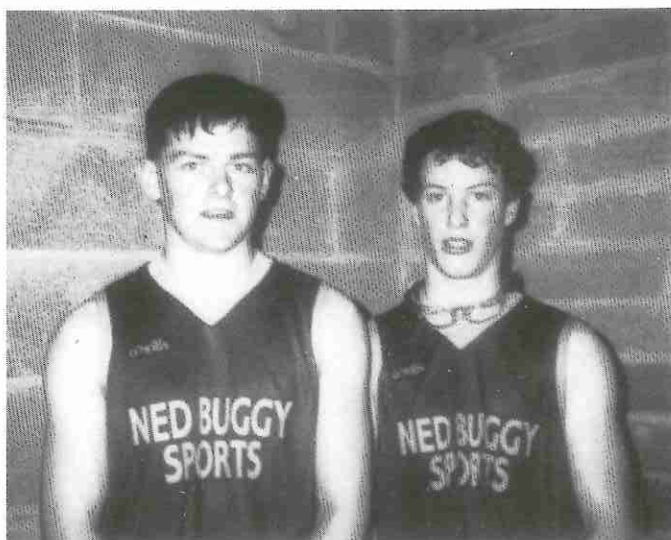


Peter Dennehy, with Ned Buggy, Loch Garman, runner-up in the J.S.S. championship.

Tipperary. The western county also took the G.M.B 40 x 20 Doubles medals with Martin Grier and Davy Macken proving too good for Cork's Harry Hyde and Liam O'Sullivan. Paddy Walsh of Sligo carved a special niche for himself by winning both Golden Masters A Singles titles. His 9-21, 21-18, 21-5 victory over Antrim's John Dempsey was his county's second All-Ireland win in the 40 x 20 court while his 21-17, 21-5 victory against Declan Mulcahy of Waterford – seeking his fourth success in this championship – was Sligo's eleventh 60 x 30 All-Ireland title.



Seán Mac a' tSaol presents the J.S.D. trophy to Páraic McCormack (left) and Tom Derrig, Muigheo.



Under-16 40 x 20 Doubles winners Jason Murphy and Simon McGrath. Loch Garman.

FIVE TITLES FOR TIPPERARY

Tipperary players won five All-Ireland titles, three of these in handball. David Moloney collected the J.H.S Elvery Shield at the expense of Robbie McCarthy and he partnered Josie O'Dwyer to victory over Meath's John Molloy and Jimmy Reilly in the J.H.D final 21-15, 21-11.

David Moloney teamed up with Noel Murphy to collect the U21 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Doubles titles. They had an easy victory over Graham O'Brien and Michael Maher, Kilkenny, in the small court while they outscored Wexford's Brian Gilhooley and Terry Byrne 21-17, 21-16 in a top-class 60 x 30 final at Garryhill. Michael Carrie and Noel Marshall from Tipperary had a very easy win over Roscommon's Glenn Walsh and Dara Rogers in the M.H.D final.

LEINSTER COUNTIES DO WELL

Eight Leinster counties won a total of 27 All-Irelands. Kilkenny and Meath apart, Dublin and Wicklow won four each; Wexford and Kildare each took three while Westmeath and Offaly won one title each.

Adrian Benson, Dublin, defeated Noel Murphy, Tipperary, 21-15, 21-17 in a fine U21 40 x 20 Singles final. Eugene Kennedy took the capital city's second title when he proved too strong for Tom Morrissey in a tie-breaker in the Masters A 60 x 30 Singles final. John Hoban and Dick Kenneally won the Silver Masters B Doubles Softball medals defeating Joe Collins and Pat O'Brien from Cork while Tony Buckley won the inaugural Golden Masters B Singles 40 x 20 championship by virtue of an 18-21, 21-17, 21-16 victory over Harry Hyde, Cork.

Wicklow players had an excellent year recording three wins — their first 40 x 20 success in any grade — in the international court and taking the GMA Softball Doubles medals as well. Richard Willoughby and Paddy Doyle had a relatively easy win over John O'Ryan-Moore and John O'Dwyer, Tipperary, in the 40 x 20 Masters B Doubles championship. Paddy Lennon scored an exciting 21-20, 16-21, 21-10 win over Antrim's Charlie Nugent in the 40 x 20 Silver Masters B Singles final and partnered Dick Doyle to defeat Gerry and Charlie Nugent, Antrim, in the Doubles event 13-21, 21-9, 21-14. Ray Aylward and Michael Dwyer won Wicklow's fourth All-Ireland for 1993 by 17-21, 21-12, 21-9 against Declan Mulcahy and John Kiely, Waterford, in the GMA 60 x 30 Doubles final.

Trevor Winders, Kildare, played superbly to win the M.H.S title against Noel Marshall, Tipperary, 21-17, 19-21, 21-10. John Browne won his second successive Silver Masters A Singles 40 x 20 medal for Kildare defeating Dan Kirby, Clare, 21-9, 21-16. Frank Flynn took Kildare's other national title by virtue of his victory over Frank O'Brien, Tipperary, in the Silver Masters B 60 x 30 Singles final.

Westmeath's Kevin Flanagan had a comfortable win over James Kennedy, Tipperary, in the 40 x 20 Novice Singles final and Paddy Hope from Offaly defeated Jim Dobbin, Antrim, in the 40 x 20 Masters B Singles event.

The Kerins brothers, Nicholas and Willie, collected yet another All-Ireland title for Kerry defeating Kilkennymen, Jim O'Neill and Dominic Hennessey, holders, 21-17, 18-21, 21-18 in a marvellous Silver Masters A Doubles Softball final.

ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six counties won the eight All-Ireland 40 x 20 Juvenile Championships and for the second year in a row three of these, Carlow, Wexford and Cavan, were again among the six counties which shared the 60 x 30 titles. In all, a total of nine counties shared the 16 juvenile championships in 1992.

Wexford had an excellent year at juvenile level winning four



Michael McHale, Roscomáin, who won the Under-16 40 x 20 Singles All-Ireland title.

doubles titles, three in 40 x 20 and one in 60 x 30. Colin Keeling and Michael O'Neill defeated Paul Tobin and Christopher McGrath, Tipperary, in a one-sided U14 40 x 20 Doubles final and Darren O'Reilly and Mark Hillis defeated Don and Dermot O'Sullivan of Cork 12-15, 15-2, 15-8 in a thrilling U15 40 x 20 Doubles final.

Simon McGrath and Jason Murphy, Wexford, had an excellent win over Sean Devine and Séamus Ó Tuama of Antrim in the U16 Doubles 40 x 20 final. Michael O'Neill from Wexford claimed his second All-Ireland medal when he partnered Barry Goff to defeat the Marrinan brothers from Clare in the U14 Doubles 60 x 30 final.

Kenneth Kane of Carlow had that county's first success in the U14 40 x 20 singles championship when he defeated Tony Healy of Cork 15-10, 15-12 in a top class game of handball. The same players met in the 60 x 30 final later in the year when the Carlowman was again victorious.

Alan Hawe from Kilkenny won the U16 60 x 30 Singles final defeating Eddie Shanahan of Limerick and Brian Walpole, Kilkenny, defeated Stephen Slattery of Cork in the U17 60 x 30 Singles final. Joseph Gorman and Brian Hosey completed a

60 x 30 juvenile treble for Kilkenny defeating Tomás Reidy and John Kenneally from Limerick in the U17 Doubles championship.

Cavan had wins in both codes at juvenile level through Matthew Cunningham and Ciarán McDonald who defeated Campbell Brennan and Vincent Moran from Mayo in the Under 16 60 x 30 Doubles championship, while David McEntee and Neville Doyle had an easy win over Wexford's Robert Byrne and Barry McWilliams in the U17 40 x 20 Doubles final. Michael McHale collected the U16 Singles 40 x 20 championship title for Roscommon defeating Matthew Cunningham from Cavan. Stephen Quinn, Meath, had his county's first success in the U15 40 x 20 Singles championship by defeating Martin O'Connor from Antrim 10-15, 15-13, 15-3. Michael Maguire from Tyrone won that county's first U17 40 x 20 Singles title defeating William Daniels from Westmeath in a tie-breaker.

Paul and Brian Glennan from Offaly defeated Paul McDonald and David Brady of Cavan in the U15 60 x 30 Doubles final and Stephen O'Hara won Clare's only juvenile title defeating Paul Flynn from Mayo in the U15 60 x 30 Singles championship.

JUVENILE STANDARDS

The fact that nine counties shared the 16 juvenile titles indicates the spread of juvenile handball in various parts of the country. The implementation of a positive juvenile development and coaching programme in a number of counties is bearing fruit and wins for Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Cavan are evidence of this. In fact, Wexford had never won a national juvenile title until 1991 and in the year under review, won four of the eight doubles titles on offer at juvenile level. This is a remarkable achievement for any county and must be a source of great pride for those concerned with the development of the game in the county.

All-Ireland juvenile success must be a source of great satisfaction to anybody concerned with the development of handball and should stimulate others to embark on development programmes in their own counties.

Having referred to the successes of some counties, one must remark on the huge variation in standards of juvenile handball throughout the country as evidenced by the many one-sided games at semi-final and final levels in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 codes.

It is regrettable that juvenile handball is not being promoted in a number of counties where the game had been traditionally strong. It appears that some of these counties are satisfied to rest on the laurels of their adult players, and their Masters players in particular, to the detriment of juvenile handball. The only way to ensure the future health of the game is to promote, develop and organise juvenile handball at Club, county, provincial and national levels in a co-ordinated plan.

Many coaches and officials point to the abolition of the U12 and U13 juvenile All-Ireland championships as a retrograde step in juvenile handball. They say, further, that this has led to a decline in competitiveness and, therefore, to a decline in standards at juvenile level. Several units of the organisation have recognised this and have introduced a team juvenile championship catering for U12 and U13 players. As well as providing meaningful team competition, these initiatives have the benefit of raising the standards of the average player rather than developing those of the top players only. All players have to play their part in the team event and this is for the betterment of handball at Club level in general.

An extension of U12 and U13 team events throughout the Association would pay great dividends in a short number of years and would provide the basis for the future health and



Kenneth Kane, Ceatharlach, winner of his county's first Under-14 40 x 20 Singles title, with runner-up Tony Healy, Corcaigh.

strength of handball at adult level. It must be said, however, that county, provincial and national team competitions at this level will be effective only if they are based on a strong positive and integrated juvenile policy at Club and county levels. County Committees must encourage their Clubs to initiate and maintain a good juvenile policy which will have the following characteristics;

- (a) the positive support of the adult Club.
- (b) the commitment of an adequate number of coaches to guide the young players.
- (c) a regular coaching programme under the careful guidance and supervision of dedicated personnel.
- (d) an adequate number of competitive games within the county and exchange visits with Clubs in other areas.
- (f) good school-Club liaison both at primary and post-primary level in the interests of promoting the game in the schools and attracting members to the Club.
- (g) the recruitment of parents and other personnel to provide the support necessary for the development and organisation of juvenile handball within the Club.

There is no doubt but that proper attention to juveniles will pay rich dividends in many grades in the future. An additional and far more important aspect of juvenile development is the character formation and personal and social development of the individual under the guidance of concerned and caring adults. In this regard, Clubs must ensure that the people looking after juveniles have the temperament, ability and attitude necessary for this responsible task which has so many long-term benefits both for the individual, the Club and the community in general.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

The inter-county National Leagues proved very popular and successful with thirteen teams taking part in the 60 x 30 competition and eleven entering the 40 x 20 League. Apart from a small number of games, the level of competition was very keen and most matches were very close. Kilkenny and Dublin contested the finals of both competitions with the Nore side county winning the 60 x 30 final on a scoreline of 95-61. The 40 x 20 final was a much closer affair and Dublin were the unlucky and unfortunate losers on a score of 109 to 107. Pearse O'Keeffe, Eamon Law and Michael Nolan achieved personal doubles as they were members of both victorious League teams.

The reaction of players to the National Leagues has been very



Cill Chainnigh's 60 x 30 National League team . . . Eamon Law, Philly Parsons, Ollie Falsey, Pearse O'Keeffe, Nickey Reilly and Michael Nolan.

enthusiastic. Many have commented that they value the experience of representing their county against players they would not normally meet in Singles or Doubles championships. The emphasis is very much on the contribution of all team members and in this regard the fact that the competition is based on the performance of a team of six gives added significance and value to the contribution of each team member.

The idea of confining the top pairing on each League team to players who have not won senior All-Irelands seems to have worked very well as this gives balance to teams and avoids the possibility of League matches being dominated by one or two very strong individual senior players. It also affords players in other grades the opportunity of representing their counties and gaining from this experience.

One must ask the question why so many counties do not take part in the Leagues and one of the obvious answers is the difference in standards between the better counties and the weaker ones. I feel that some form of League competition could be introduced to provide meaningful competition for the weaker counties. They certainly need this type of team competition if they are to improve their standards of play and the possibility of establishing regional Leagues on this basis should be seriously examined.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Leinster Clubs qualified for all six inter-Club championships winning the three 60 x 30 titles and losing out to Ulster and Munster opposition in the 40 x 20 code. O'Loughlins from Kilkenny contested both Novice finals defeating Horse & Jockey from Tipperary in the softball final. Tydavnet from Co Monaghan, contesting their second successive Novice 40 x 20 final, defeated O'Loughlins 121-107 in a very well contested match. Having won the 60 x 30 Novice Club title in 1991, the St Mary's Club from Wexford town defeated Ballina, Co Tipperary, in the Junior Softball Club final. The same counties met in the Junior 40 x 20 Club final in which Cashel defeated Ramsgrange 106-73.

MacDiarmada from Belfast contested the Open 40 x 20 final against Talbot's Inch from Kilkenny for the second year in succession and took their second title in a row and a third Open title to Antrim in three years by defeating the famed Kilkenny Club by the narrowest of margins 121-120 in an extremely well contested game. The Belfast Club team was the same as in 1991 with Billy Silcock and the Rainey brothers, Brendan, Joe and Larry representing MacDiarmada. The 60 x 30 open Club title

went to Garryhill, Co Carlow who defeated St Mary's, Clonmel in the final.

The re-introduction of the Junior Club championship in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 meant that six Club championships were held for the first time in almost a decade. As team competition provides a very valuable championship outlet for Club members, one must raise the question as to why so few Clubs enter these championships. The Novice Club championships have great potential for the average Club and the average player and with good promotion of the competition, many more Clubs should be taking part. By virtue of their higher grades, there will be fewer entries in the Junior and Open grades but, nevertheless, there is room for a vast improvement in the number of entries for these championships at provincial level as well.

The format for the provincial stages of the championship should be examined and I feel there is a strong case for having the same format – that of open competition – in all provinces. By its very nature, open competition brings the experience of playing against Clubs from other counties and avoids the situation where one or two Clubs can dominate the Club championships in any particular county. In looking at this proposal, one is also conscious of the travel which would be involved for Clubs competing on an open basis but the merits of taking part in open competition would certainly outweigh the disadvantages of the extra travel that might be involved. With good planning, the initial stages of provincial Club championships could be run off on a regional basis thus minimising the amount of travel necessary. Whatever the problems involved and no matter what the format for the Club championships, we must seriously examine the question of why so few Clubs take part in such a valuable competition and encourage many more Clubs to enter in the future.

ROYAL LIVER IRISH OPEN

Sixty players entered the inaugural Royal Liver Irish Open 40 x 20 Singles championship and with sixteen players seeded, there were a number of surprises in the earlier rounds. The play-off stages of the Irish Open were recorded at Croke Park on 24/25 April and were transmitted by RTE in Sports Stadium over six Saturdays from 25 April to 30 May. This exposure provided a much needed boost for the game of handball and we acknowledge and appreciate the co-operation of the RTE Sports Department in this regard.

All in all, the standard of competition did not live up to the expectation which we had of the TV tournament. A few of the games were somewhat one-sided but, nevertheless, produced



Walter O'Connor, An Mhí, winner of the Royal Liver Irish Open Single title.

some excellent handball. There were some very good games and, in particular, the 31-30 contest between Mickey Walsh, Roscommon, and Pat Hall, Dublin, was one of the highlights of the series. It must also be said that the final was particularly disappointing and without going into the details, provided a very embarrassing occasion for Irish handball. Situations like this must not be repeated. Players, spectators and officials alike have a great responsibility to present the game in the best possible manner so that whether it is played in front of two or three people in a Club court or exposed to the nation on television, the same high standards apply throughout the Association.

Presenting the Trophies to the winner and runner-up, Mr Brian McCaul, Royal Liver Committee of Management said, "handball is a wonderful game of physical endeavour, skill and sportsmanship" and he hoped that "the exposure of the competition through RTE Network 2 would lead to a great resurgence in the game throughout the land".

The 1993 Irish Open is in progress at present and will again be screened by RTE Network 2 in April and May this year. This will provide another excellent opportunity for promoting and developing Irish handball and we must do all in our power to ensure that it is an unqualified success.

RESULTS OF 1992 IRISH OPEN

Quarter-finals:

Mickey Walsh (Roscommon)	dft	Pat Hall 31-30 (Dublin)
Peter McAuley (Dublin)	dft	Eamon Conneely 31-19 (Glaway)
Walter O'Connor (Meath)	dft	Tom Sheridan 31-12 (Meath)
Billy Mullins (Offaly)	dft	Dominic Sheridan 31-14 (Cavan)

Semi-finals:

Due to an injury sustained in his quarter-final, Mickey Walsh was replaced by Pat Hall in the semi-finals.

Peter McAuley	dft	Pat Hall	31-16
Walter O'Connor	dft	Billy Mullins	31-10

Final:

Walter O'Connor	dft	Peter McAuley	31-10
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The Plate competition for losers of their first matches was very successful as it gave all players a minimum of two competitive games in the Irish Open series.

Tipperary players featured prominently in the final stages of the Plate providing three of the four semi-finalists and both finalists. Noel Ryan defeated Jim O'Brien in a well contested final at the newly opened 40 x 20 court in the Eire Og GAA Club, Nenagh.

HARDBALL

It was not a good year for hardball. For the third time in five years, the championships had to be postponed due to an insufficient supply of hardballs. Three of the championships were eventually held in September-October. The remaining three championships were held in January, 1993 after an appeal was made to players and counties to provide hardballs for these championships.

Although the level of entries -- at eighty -- was the highest in the period 1982-1992, thirty-six entrants withdrew or gave walk-overs. Given the fact that only thirty-eight of a possible seventy-four matches took place, one must question the level of commitment to hardball among players and enthusiasts. In addition, the bad press and radio coverage arising from the shortage of hardballs brought no credit to handball.

If players and counties are serious about the future of hardball, it is incumbent on them to fulfil fixtures and, more importantly, to organise county hardball championships. The question of the merit of holding six All-Ireland Hardball Championships for a total of forty-seven players (1992 figure) when the game is not organised at any level in any county must be seriously addressed.



Billy Bourke, Cill Chainnigh, winner of the 1992 Senior Hardball Singles title.

On the positive side, there were some excellent games throughout the hardball championships and many of the matches were very closely contested as evidenced by the 21-17, 19-21, 21-10 M.H.S final scoreline and the 21-20, 21-19 result in the S.H.D final.

It may be opportune to review the format of the hardball championships, and of the minor grade in particular, having regard to the number of games which a player can expect and also to the venues and distances involved. It is a well accepted fact that only a very small number of venues are suitable for hardball. Despite the difficulties involved in promoting and organising hardball, each county should consider its own position with regard to the game. Firstly, how many counties made any effort to promote hardball during the past ten years and, secondly, how many counties actually organised their own hardball championships in that time? If the game is to survive, the traditional hardball playing counties must examine their own

situation and take steps to promote and develop the game; otherwise the future of the code cannot be guaranteed.

The question of the shortage of hardballs is not a new one. It appears in the minutes of Congresses in the 1930s and at various times since then. Ard Chomhairle has made several efforts to source new suppliers of hardballs but this is proving very difficult due to the fact that many potential manufacturers see the production of hardballs as being both difficult and uneconomic. However, efforts are continuing to improve the quality of the hardball and, also, to find new suppliers in the hope that there will be an adequate supply of hardballs for the 1993 season.

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL

While 1992 was a relatively quiet year on the international scene, plans are moving ahead for the staging of the eighth World Handball Championships in Ireland in 1994. Néill Ó Cathail, Uachtarán, and the Riarthoir attended a meeting of the World Handball Council in Michigan in conjunction with the USHA National Championship in June at which policy decisions were taken with regard to the staging of World Championships.

Ireland took part as usual in the USHA Junior Championships which were held in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the end of December and our players distinguished themselves and further enhanced the growing reputation of Irish handball, particularly at juvenile level.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following a long period of debate as to whether the next World Championships should be hosted by Ireland, Ard Chomhairle decided to go ahead with the event and appointed a Committee to set out policy guidelines and to set plans in motion.

Three players from each of five countries, Mexico, Ireland, Canada, Australia and the United States took part in two championships in the first World Handball Games held in New York in 1964. The Championships have grown enormously since that time with a total of up to forty Singles and Doubles championship under the policy of the World Handball Council. Thirty-five championships will be on offer when the event takes place in Ireland next year including four womens and three junior girls events. The championships are being promoted among member countries by the World Handball Council and already there is an exceptional interest, particularly among overage players, in taking part in the championships in Ireland.

The championships provide the opportunity for Irish players to compete against their international counterparts and judging from the level of entries from Ireland in the 1991 games in Phoenix, Arizona, there should be a very high level of entries in most grades in the 1994 championships. Should there not be the minimum eight entries for all championships, players will be included in wider groupings as applies in international competition.

In addition to the 40 x 20 championships, a number of 60 x 30 tournaments will be held in various grades but, again, under World Council policy, these will not have World Championship status. The 60 x 30 competitions will provide an excellent opportunity for American and other international players to take part in the traditional Irish game and to test their skills against the exponents of the code which gave birth to the international game.

It will take a great deal of planning and organising to ensure

that the World Championships are successfully staged in Ireland. American and Canadian players in particular are accustomed to playing the game in major sporting complexes with all the ancillary facilities necessary to support the staging of major competitions. Ireland is at a distinct disadvantage in not having such facilities, even on a modest scale. Our venues are much smaller but, nevertheless, can accommodate the large number of competitions which will have to be played on a regional basis.

The main priority is that venues are well prepared, and that the games are very well organised and administered throughout the championships. This will require great commitment over a long period of time on the part of those responsible for planning and organising the events. I am confident that this commitment will be forthcoming and that Ireland will host the eighth World Handball Championships in a manner befitting the status of the competition and the expectations of everybody involved.

USHA CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of three players, with one other travelling independently, under Team Manager, John Joe O'Connor, took part in the USHA Junior Championships in Cincinnati in December and maintained the high level of performance set by Irish players in this event since 1981.

Ciarán Curran from Tyrone became the first Irish player to win four successive USHA Junior titles. Having won the 15 and Under Championship in 1989 and the 17 and Under in 1990 and 1991, he achieved his fourth success by winning the 19 and Under title defeating Tommy Little from Kansas 21-8, 21-9 in the final.

Michael Finnegan from Cavan was unlucky to lose out for the second successive year to James Komsthoef from California, this time in the 17 and Under final on a 12-21, 16-21 scoreline.



Jimmy King, Ard Chomhairle, presents mementoes of their 1991 U.S.H.A. success to Ciarán Curran, Tír Eoghain and Michael McHale, Roscomáin.

Kenneth Kane from the Garryhill Club in Carlow, having won both U14 Irish titles, had an excellent debut in International competition when he took a bronze medal in the 15 and Under championship. In fact, the young Carlow player was very unlucky to lose out to the eventual winner David Silveyra from California 21-19, 8-21, 9-11 in his semi-final.

Raymond Cunningham from Cavan who also travelled with the official team did exceptionally well by winning two of his four games, one in the championship and one in the consolation event. The experience gained by all four players will be of great benefit to them in the coming years. As in the past, it will also be of great benefit to Irish handball in general thus vindicating the policy of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to take part in the USHA Junior championships.

Nine players have now won a total of sixteen American titles in the 19, 17 and 15 and Under age groups since Michael 'Duxie' Walsh won the 15 and Under title in 1981. Six of these were at 15 and Under level and there were five wins each in the 17 and Under and 19 and Under grades.

RESULTS:

19 and Under: Ciarán Curran

Round 1: Bye

Quarter-final: dft Mike Gustafson (Sth Dakota) 21-4, 21-11.

Semi-final: dft Oscar Zamora (Illinois) 21-13, 21-5.

Final: dft Tommy Little (Kansas) 21-8, 21-9.

19 and Under: Raymond Cunningham

Round 1: dft David Edgell (Texas) 21-6, 21-6.

Quarter-final: lost to Joe Paterna (Boston) 18-21, 20-21.

Consolation

Quarter-final: dft Kevin Hanver (Boston) 21-1, 21-2.

Consolation

Semi-final: lost to Bear Meiring (Michigan) 18-21, 20-21.

17 and Under: Michael Finnegan

Round 1: Bye

Semi-final: dft Vincent Espinoza (California) 21-7, 21-2.

Quarter-final: dft Adam Szatkowski (Illinois) 21-5, 21-3.

Final: lost to James Komsthoeft (California) 12-21, 16-21.

15 and Under: Kenneth Kane

Round 1: Bye

Round 2: dft Jose Munoz (California) 21-0, 21-0.

Quarter-final: dft Matt Phillips (Ontario) 21-4, 21-12

Semi-final: lost to David Silveyra (California) 21-19, 8-21, 9-11.

In assessing the relative merits of the participation of our teams in the USHA championships, one can suggest that the period of preparation should be somewhat longer in order to give the players the maximum opportunity of achieving the level of fitness and standard of performance required to achieve the maximum possible honours in these competitions. I have suggested on other occasions that the International trials be held soon after the completion of the 40 x 20 Juvenile Championships. This should encourage a higher level of entries for the trials in

each grade and would give a long period of preparation for those selected. One possibility in this regard might be to play the trials down to the last four or eight in each grade and to plan a period of coaching and training over the summer period before the trials would be completed. This would help to maximise the potential of each player before the final trials would take place in early autumn.

The final two months of preparation before the US Championships would be devoted to developing all the finer points of the game in each player and preparing them for the physical and mental demands of the intense International competition of the US Championships.

BUNSCOILEANNA

Eighteen counties took part in the first National Handball Programme for primary schools organised by Cumann na mBunscol and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. This programme operated in four stages – at school, county, regional and national levels beginning after Easter with the school and county stages and ending with the National Skills Day at Páirc an Chrócaigh on 16th August 1992.

The levels of involvement within counties varied from very high participation by schools in some counties to participation by just three or four schools in others. There were a number of reasons for this;

- the timing of the programme in its first year.
- the varied spread of handball within counties.
- the small number of counties which up to now have had handball as part of their Primary Schools activities.
- the relatively short notice for the programme.
- the lack of handball facilities in many areas and schools.
- the fact that many teachers were unfamiliar with the game of handball.
- the postal strike.

In spite of these difficulties, there was tremendous enthusiasm for the promotion and six of the seven regions were represented at Páirc an Chrócaigh on National Handball Day with 36 boys and girls taking part in a programme which included a coaching programme by National Coach, Jimmy King, an exhibition game and demonstration games by the boys and girls with each player getting two games.

Refreshments were provided and the children received a special tee-shirt. In addition, special medals were provided for the winners of the county competitions.



Jimmy King with some of the Primary School pupils on National Handball Day at Páirc An Chrócaigh.



John Cotter, P.R.O. and Handball Co-ordinator, Cumann na mBunscol, Lorcán Ó Ruairc, Riarthóir Náisiúnta, and Malachy McGeevey, President, Cumann na mBunscol with (front) Paddy Houghton (Wexford) Clodagh Ryan (Carlow), and (back) Roy Doyle, Páraic McMahon, Martin Ryan and Sharon Carr, all from Wexford.

The emphasis throughout the promotion was on fun and participation rather on competition and this is the over-riding philosophy of the Cumann na mBunscol organisation. The Irish Handball Council supports this attitude and sees it as an excellent means of introducing many young children to the game at Primary School level.

In addition to this, there is a positive attitude to handball among all County Coistí of Cumann na mBunscol with many counties regretting that they did not take part in the inaugural promotion. As a pilot scheme for the promotion of handball at Primary School level, the programme was a great success and a basis now exists for further development of the idea, building on the experience gained by the organisers.

As a result of the introduction of the promotion, the programme for the school year 1992/'93 began in the first term and the regional stages will be completed by Easter 1993. The National Handball Day will take place in May.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann would like to thank and compliment the Coiste na mBunscol Executive for their commitment to the introduction of handball alongside the hurling, football and camogie mini-sevens competitions which take place from school to national level. The Council also thanks all those teachers and County and Regional Committees of Cumann na mBunscol who organised the promotion at various levels.

Ard Chomhairle also wish to thank the County Handball Committees for their very strong support, financially and otherwise, for the initial handball promotion within Primary Schools.

Given the strong commitment to the scheme which exists both in Cumann na mBunscol and the Irish Handball Council and the very positive attitude to handball expressed by County Primary Schools Committees and teachers generally, the future for the Handball Skills Awards promotion is very bright and it is set to become a major part of Cumann na mBunscol national activities alongside their hurling, football and camogie promotions.

COLÁISTÍ

The practice of playing the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 All-Ireland Colleges Championships in the first and second terms respectively has been very successful. The schools in general have welcomed this as it means that the codes are played within season.

Each of the four provinces won a title in the 60 x 30 court with Ulster Colleges taking three of the four titles in 40 x 20.

The Junior 40 x 20 Singles Championship was won by Michael McHale of Roscommon CBS who defeated Michael Rafferty, St Macartan's College, Monaghan, in the final. St Patrick's College, Cavan, had success in both Doubles championships. Ciarán McDonald and Damien Keaney defeated Brian Grennan and Barry Milne, Birr C.S 21-17, 8-21, 21-17 in the Junior Doubles final while Michael Finnegan and David McEntee defeated Raymond Breen and Kenneth Cottrell from Good Counsel College, New Ross 21-16, 21-11 in the Senior Doubles event. Ciarán Curran from Omagh CBS defeated the unlucky Michael Tormey from St Mary's in Boyle who had to retire injured in the second game of the Senior 40 x 20 Singles final.

Kenneth Kane, representing Presentation De La Salle in Muinebheag, defeated Campbell Brennan from St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen in the final of the Junior Singles 60 x 30 Championship. The Ballaghaderreen school, however, had compensation when Vincent Moran and Paul Flynn turned the tables on Muinebheag defeating Adrian Ryan and David Stapleton in the final of Junior Doubles 40 x 20 Championship. Michael Finnegan collected his second Colleges medal of the year when he took the Senior Singles 60 x 30 title at the expense of Glenn Walsh, Roscommon CBS, while St Flannan's College represented by Pat Custy and Declan Frawley defeated Conal Curran and Plunkett Kelly from Omagh CBS 21-13, 21-10 in the Senior Doubles 60 x 30 final.

It must be noted that the All-Ireland Colleges championship winners also tend to be winners of the national underage championships. This is a natural enough feature of the Colleges games but a question must also be asked in this context; does the present format of Singles and Doubles Colleges championships provide the best format and framework for the development of handball at second level? There is a genuine concern on the part of many teachers and schools that the championships are dominated by a small number of individuals. One can accept the fact that Singles and Doubles winners may come from schools where handball is genuinely promoted and developed among a large number of students but it is much less acceptable when the game is not promoted at all in individual schools which rely on the talents of the Club player to represent the school at competitive level. A recommendation to change the format of the All-Ireland schools competitions introducing team events was considered some years ago. In the interests of genuine promotion of the game in many secondary schools, this proposal should be considered again. It would offer many more pupils the opportunity to represent their schools in provincial championships and it would support the efforts of those schools

which are genuinely promoting handball at a broad level among a large student population.

As only a small number of second level schools have handball courts or access to Club facilities, all Clubs should do their utmost to encourage the inclusion of handball facilities in any school developments or extensions. They should also put their own Club facilities and coaching expertise at the disposal of Post-Primary schools as a means of developing the game at that level and of attracting new members to their Clubs.

THIRD LEVEL COMPETITIONS

The Third Level Championships were jointly organised by UCD and Bolton Street with the main events taking place in the UCD Sports Complex in Belfield. UCG won the team competition for the eleventh time in twelve years while Queen's University defeated the UCG B team in the Plate final. Adrian Benson of UCD won the Open Singles Championship and University of Limerick defeated Queen's University, Belfast in the League final.

The Third Level Colleges competitions are in full swing at the time of writing and a very heartening feature of this year's events is the re-entry of UCC, TCD and Waterford RTC to competitive fair. In addition, new Clubs have been formed in Carlow RTC, St Mary's College, Belfast and D.C.U.

On the negative side, it must be said that it is a pity that some Colleges do not take part in the League competition and concentrate mainly on the team championships. This is somewhat unfair to those Colleges who are willing to play their part throughout the competitive season and all Colleges must be encouraged to compete in both League and Championship.

A major feature of the year was the inclusion of a 40 x 20 court in the new sports complex at Dublin City University in Glasnevin. This is an excellent facility and will provide a much needed boost for the game in the College. In this context, it is a matter of great regret that the handball court at University of Limerick is still not available for the playing of handball. This is a major disappointment after many years of effort to ensure that a handball court would be provided at the College, particularly as the coaching of handball should be an integral part of the education of all P.E undergraduates. Handball has lost out greatly over the past twenty years as handball was not provided in the appropriate courses which means that a whole generation of P.E teachers missed out seriously on this aspect of their education and, consequently, there was a great loss to the potential development of handball in general.

It is our genuine hope that the University of Limerick authorities will see fit to establish the handball court as originally intended in the near future.



John Kirby concentrates totally on the ball.



Ag na Cluichí Ceannais Liathróid Láimhe . . . Áine Uí Neachtáin, Uachtarán Comhairle na mBan agus Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael.

COMHAIRLE NA mBAN

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan came of age in 1992 and several special events were held to mark the foundation of the Council in 1971. In addition to a special anniversary celebration, Comhairle na mBan held a number of special championships to celebrate the occasion. Girls handball was included in Féile na nGael for the first time and proved very successful. The Ladies Council intends to expand this promotion in 1993 and to appeal to a wider number of Clubs to take part.

In another major initiative, Comhairle na mBan was represented by a team of three girls in the USHA Junior Ladies Championships. Jackie Keating from the Cashel Club in Tipperary had three wins from five games in the Round Robin 19 and Under competition and took the bronze medal. Sabrina Hughes and Julie Long, both from the St Brigid's Club in Dublin, finished second and third respectively in the Girls 15 and Under Round Robin competition. Our hope now is that if the Ladies Council is to be represented in future USHA Championships, that the level of entries from Mexico, America and Canada will justify the level of expenditure and effort involved in taking part in these competitions.

In the course of his address to Congress in Kilkenny, Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, clearly identified the importance and potential of Ladies Handball within the GAA when he said that ??handball's equal appropriateness to males and female seems to me to have been undersold... and as we struggle to provide an adequate basis for the expression of women's involvement in the broader Association, handball has given a lead which the rest of us must imitate??.

Comhairle na mBan has acted on the GAA President's tribute to Ladies Handball by asking all handball units to contribute to the objective of promoting gender equity through the development to the fullest possible extent women's involvement and participation in sporting activities. The Council emphasises that it is important that the national game of handball be developed in a truly equal way for both sexes, particularly when it is recognised as eminently suitable for both females and males alike. The Council goes on to state that it will have a leading role in any such initiative but points out that it does not have an adequate level of structures or personnel to make a significant impression in this area. Their appeal, therefore, is for the support of the Irish Handball Council with its established

structure and committed coaches and administrators.

The Ladies Council suggests the following ways of promoting Ladies Handball in handball Clubs in general:

- (a) Recruitment of girls to juvenile sections of existing Clubs and affiliations of girls sections to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan.
- (b) Coaching of girls as an integral part of the main Club programme.
- (c) Provision of coaching instruction for female coaches.
- (d) Promotion of mixed competition where possible.
- (e) Establishment of adult units for ladies through amalgamations or other flexible arrangements.
- (f) Promotion of Ladies Handball to be a standing agenda item at County Board and Provincial Council meetings.

It is the experience of many handball Clubs that the inclusion of Ladies Handball has added a very significant dimension to Club activities. In addition to increasing the playing membership of the Club and, therefore, the level of playing activity, the inclusion of Ladies Handball has meant an extra social dimension for those Clubs. There is no doubt but that the experience of these Clubs can be very valuable in pointing the way for many other Clubs to develop ladies sections and to include ladies on an equal basis in all aspects of Club activity.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann heartily congratulates its sister body on 21 years of successful and fruitful activity. Ireland has produced many top class international ladies players during that time and can still do so as evidenced by the successes of the under-age girls in the recent USHA Junior Championships.

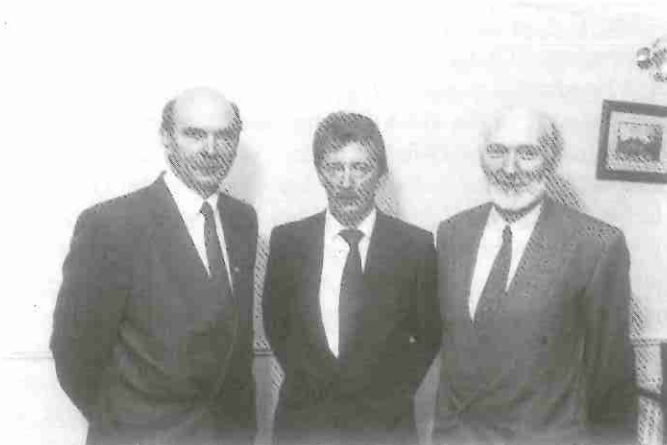
We fully support and encourage the efforts of the Comhairle na mBan to develop the game in whatever way possible and look forward to the mutual benefits which will accrue to both bodies as a result of the further development of Ladies Handball.



At the launch of the National Handball Marathon were Mr. Chris Flood, Minister of State at the Department of Health, Mr. Michael Hawshaw, Chairman Our Lady's Hospital, Vincent Wrynn, Naomh Mhuire organising committee and Dr. Fin Breathnach, Our Lady's Hospital.

HANDBALL MARATHON

One of the outstanding handball successes of recent years was the staging of the National Handball Marathon – organised by the Naomh Mhuire Club, Leixlip – in aid of the Children's Cancer Research Unit Fund in Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin.



Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán C.L.G., with Martin Moran, Chairman of Leixlip organising committee and Vincent Wrynn, Naomh Mhuire.

The worthy nature of this cause together with the superb organisational support provided by the Organising Committee and by the local organisers at county and Club levels contributed to the generation of over £100,000 for the Research Fund. This was a tremendous feat by any standards and the efforts of everybody concerned will impact on the lives of many young children in the future through the provision of new equipment at Our Lady's Hospital.

Apart from the obvious direct benefits of the Marathon, there were many indirect benefits as well. The event in general attracted major media attention. Hundreds of sporting, religious, civic and political personalities were associated with the Marathon. Scores of former handball players took part in the promotion, many of them returning to handball on a permanent basis. The event generated major public interest and involved hundreds of people in handball who would not normally be associated with the game.

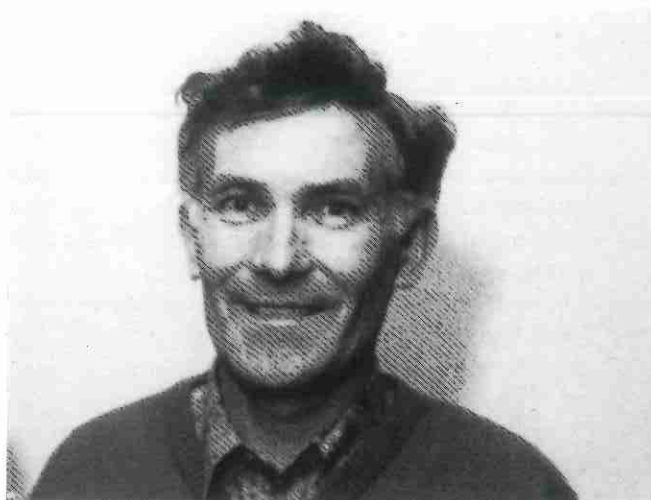
Our sincere thanks and congratulations are due to the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip in particular and to all organising committees and people who supported the event throughout the country and in London. We are very grateful for the impetus provided by the Marathon for the game of handball and hope that this will mean as much long-term success to handball as the financial contribution means to Our Lady's Hospital.



Paul Moran presenting the proceeds of the National Handball Marathon to Michael Hawshaw, Chairman Our Lady's Hospital accompanied by his parents Martin and Carmel Moran

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Féile '93 will be held in Galway-Mayo and a major effort is being made to re-organise handball in this year's events. The Development Committee has recommended a return to the original two-day format for Féile and a re-organisation of the week-end schedule to include some additional features. The Committee will be promoting Féile na nGael and encouraging all counties to prepare for the event by holding county trials in April this year.

As Féile na nGael has tremendous potential for the development of handball and involves people on a social and cultural level as well in the general affairs of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, it is regrettable that so few counties take part in it. Handball in Féile can be made much more attractive and with good promotion, it is hoped that many more counties will see the benefit of taking part in this major national GAA youth festival.

COACHING

The Handball Coaching Council has been concerned for some time about the void created by the demise of the Gormanston National Coaching Course some years ago. Many feel that this was a great loss to handball, not alone from the coaching point of view but also through the loss of the opportunity it provided for people involved in handball, and in particular in coaching, to come together in a congenial atmosphere in the interests of coaching and promoting the game.

The Council has now decided to revive the Gormanston type of course — but on a weekend module — and the first course will be held in Kilkenny at an early date following the 40 x 20 championships. Pending the success of this venture, further courses can be arranged at other regional venues.



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ncil continues to provide the coaching ices for the Irish Mini-Sport Movement embers have been actively involved in ounty level and in providing courses for Patrick's College, Drumcondra and for Garda College in Templemore.

INJURY SCHEME

associated with coaching is the prevention at the outset, it must be noted that the andball players is very low by comparison ticularly team sports. Nevertheless, the handball must be monitored and every taken to avoid recurrence of common injuries of all kinds. In this regard, players a more aware of the level of fitness or competitive handball as some of the relate to lack of proper preparation in this g which the Coaching Council intends to coaching courses as the importance of for competitive handball can not be over

Association. Our hope is that when commercial scheme becomes available that it will be well supported by handball personnel. Some other commercial schemes have failed in the past due to lack of support but the increasing level of financial commitments which players have to bear in their daily lives is certain to give an added impetus to the proposed new scheme.

EX-PLAYERS TRUST FUND

Having referred to the area of player injury, it is only proper to congratulate the Connacht Council on setting up a small Trust Fund for deserving ex-players. The merits of such a scheme will be very apparent to those who have been in contact with former players who have suffered misfortune of one kind or another. One of the characteristics of handball personnel should be a caring attitude; and this extends from how we introduce our young players to the game and look after them in their formative years to how we respond to the special needs of people who may need assistance in difficult times. Even though we are very hard pressed financially for the past number of years, an ex-players National Trust Fund would be a very worthy cause and should be supported widely by all of our units. The setting up of such a Trust Fund would be a matter for further discussion but the principle should be examined and preparations made to put the proposal into effect as soon as possible.

RULES AND REFEREEING

In line with GAA practice on the matter, it will be possible to put forward motions on the playing rules for discussion at next year's Congress with a view to having an experimental period before any full proposals would be implemented in 1995. Any changes recommended can be implemented on an experimental basis during the following year so that decisions made will be on the basis of empirical evidence and informed opinion.

It might be appropriate in discussing the playing rules to ask what proportion of players and supporters of handball actually know the full playing rules of the game. There is room for much wider communication and study of the rules in general and with this in mind, the playing rules booklet will be reprinted at an early date for wide circulation.

At the best of times, the task of refereeing games is an onerous one. Nevertheless, we have many officials throughout the country who assist in the completion of the national fixtures programme by refereeing our games. This is often a thankless task and no matter what the level of competition, our referees

deserve our praise and support for carrying out their job.

The Coaching Council is conscious of the wide variety of standards in refereeing and intends to organise a number of courses for county level referees. Such courses are in the interests of the game at all levels of the organisation and must be well supported by all counties. When previous courses were organised, they were not well supported but it is incumbent on all of us to ensure that they are a success this time round.

The role of the referee is crucial in the overall control and presentation of our games. His knowledge and application of the rules, his attitude to the players and his control over the



John Hoban, Baile Átha Cliath, who refereed the 1992 S.S.S. final.

playing arena and gallery in general will have a great bearing on the standards of behaviour both inside and outside the court. A small number of players tend to question referees decisions beyond acceptable standards. Any such protest behaviour is totally unacceptable. Players must appreciate that they have a responsibility to themselves and to the game in general to behave in a manner consistent with creating a good image for the game.

They must recognise that the referee is in control of the game, that he must implement the rules and that his decisions are final with regard to all aspects of the game.

Spectators are not entitled to embarrass referees or to engage in dialogue with them. They must accept the referees decisions in all circumstances. Spectators too must respect the role of the referee and have due regard for their fellow spectators. It is not at all acceptable that spectators should make public and negative comments about a referee during a game.

Such behaviour cannot be condoned; not alone does it distract the referee's attention from his task of refereeing a game but it also brings the game in general into disrepute. Such abuse of referees is not very widespread but, at the same time, any such abuse must be stamped out in the interest of handball and the controlling bodies must deal in an appropriate manner with the small number of people who cause any such problems.

TOURNAMENTS

Once again, our thanks are due to all those Clubs which organise annual tournaments and particularly those Clubs which hold tournaments for players other than those in the top grades. Most tournaments are very highly organised in terms of general arrangements, preparation and presentation and the players involved look forward to and enjoy these occasions very much.

All Clubs which organise tournaments involving inter-county players should apply to the National Fixtures Committee for permission to hold their tournaments before the start of the playing year. By doing so, the dates can then be included in the national calendar of events so that there is a wide knowledge of when the tournaments are taking place. This helps various units in planning their own fixtures and avoids problems which may arise with late notification of tournament dates.

COURT DEVELOPMENT

The phenomenal rate of court construction which took place during the 1970s and 1980s has slowed down. During those decades between ten and fifteen new courts were built every year whereas the rate is now approximately five per annum. We are now at the stage where many of the earlier courts are in need of urgent refurbishment. Some courts need to be upgraded and modernised to take account of the need of the nineties while many others need a face-lift.

All Clubs should give due attention to the current fire and safety regulations and comply with the law of the land in relation to these matters. A top priority must be for those Clubs which do not presently have fire exits to rectify the situation in the interests of player and public safety.

The area of court development in general is something which each Provincial Council should examine in relation to the Clubs in its counties. This could be a function of each Provincial Development Council and it is also an area in which advice can be sought in relation to the fire and safety requirements from the GAA Safety Committees in each Province.

OWNERSHIP AND USAGE OF PROPERTY

Having referred to the need to upgrade facilities in line with modern requirements, it may be appropriate to mention the question of ownership and usage of handball facilities. Many of our older 60 x 30 courts were built at a time when far less attention was paid to ensuring that all legal documentation was in place in relation to handball property. If one can judge from the queries which come to the notice of the office, a large measure of doubt surrounds the question of the ownership of many of our Club facilities. In some cases, property was developed on the goodwill of the owner of the site. In other cases, some of the trustees or all of them, perhaps, may be deceased. Still other Clubs have full legal documentation in place and there is no doubt about the ownership and trusteeship of their properties. However, the question of ownership and trusteeship of property must be examined where any doubt exists and this is another area in which the Provincial Councils might take an initiative in assisting Clubs and counties with research and guidance in this area.

Every Club should have its own Title Deeds and Trustees of the property in order to comply with the GAA requirements in this matter. The GAA provides a Declaration of Trust, the purpose of which is to vest the property in the Association, in order to ensure (a) that it is used for GAA purposes (b) that it remains under the permanent control of the Club (c) that continuity of ownership is ensured and (d) that the legal ownership is firmly established.



Cumann na mBunscol Executive members (front) Dermot Keane, Vincent Keating (back) Liam Broderick, John Cotter and P. J. Geraghty.

ADMINISTRATION

The Development Committee has examined the question of Club Administration and at the time of writing it is preparing the content for Administration Courses which will be available at county or regional levels during the coming year.

The course content will include the following items;

- (a) Historical background of handball.
- (b) Club structure and administration.
- (c) Role of Club Chairman.
- (d) Role of Club Secretary.
- (e) Role of P.R.O and other officers.
- (f) Coaching and juvenile development.
- (g) Club facilities.
- (h) Finance and fundraising.
- (i) Playing rules and refereeing

The success of any Club will depend to a great extent to the quality of its own administration. Regular meetings, good internal Club communications, good relations with the County Committee and with the public and an appropriate competitions and game development structure are all essential features of good administration.

Every Club should have its own Constitution in place to provide for the operation, control and management of the Club as required in Rule 26 of the Official Guide 1992 of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. The Constitution provides for the control within the Club and the GAA of assets of the Club and, also, for the efficient operation of Club activities. It sets out the basic Club requirements for

- (a) Membership categories and fees
- (b) Club management structure, including the Executive and Sub-committees,
- (c) Meetings and voting procedures
- (d) Club assets and trustees
- (e) Club rules, including alterations and interpretations.

As in the case of the Deed of Trust a copy of the draft Club Constitution is available from central office and this is another area which each Provincial Council and County Committee might examine in relation to its units.

PUBLICITY

It is very difficult to get adequate publicity for handball at national level on an ongoing basis. We need to examine our performance in this regard and see how our efforts measure up to media requirements and expectations.

There were some very positive points with regard to publicity during the past year. The RTE television coverage of the Irish Open 40 x 20 Singles on Network 2 provided excellent exposure for the game over a sequence of six Saturdays in April and May and we are very grateful to the RTE T.V Sports Department for this. Our particular thanks are due to Tim O'Connor, Group Head of T.V Sport for including television coverage of handball in the RTE schedule and to Bill Lalor who produced and directed the series.

We are also grateful to Liam Gorman of the Irish Press for his weekly coverage and to Owen McCann for his articles in the Sunday Press. The Irish News and Cork Examiner continue to give good coverage to handball and the inclusion of our fixtures in some of the RTE Radio Sports bulletins is to be welcomed.

Many of the provincial papers and local Radio Stations provide excellent coverage of handball on a weekly basis but this only happens where Club and County P.R.Os and others put in the necessary amount of work providing information on fixtures and results for media personnel. Good public relations for handball also depends on establishing good personal relationships with members of the media. In this regard, a number of suggestions have been made that a national PRO be appointed and there is great merit in this proposal. The appointment of a person who would supplement the work of the office could greatly enhance the public profile of handball through the national media.



Seán Mac a' tSaoi with (left) Patsy Hand and Greg Sheridan, An Cabhán, following the Masters A Softball Doubles final.

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

The financial situation of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann continues to be a major problem. For several years now the Council has been carrying a huge overdraft. This means that there is very little money available to promote the game through adequate coaching and development programmes at national level. Apart from this, many people are reluctant to become involved in central administration because of the enormity of the debt and the game suffers further because of this.



At the presentation of the Handball Marathon cheque . . . Con Moore (Cill Chainnigh), Mark Cribbin (Naomh Mhuire Club), Peadar Ó Cuinn (Uachtarán C.L.G.). John Joe Ó Connor (Leinster Handball Chairman), Mossy Hennessy (Luimneach), Lorcán Ó Ruairc (Riarthóir Náisiúnta) and Matthew McMahon (An Clár).

There are several areas which can be improved greatly with regard to increasing our income and our units and members must play their part in this regard. Club registrations, for example, should be much higher and counties must make every effort to ensure that all people who are playing handball are registered by their Clubs.

On a positive note, the Handball Fundraising Draw in conjunction with Rathcairn Gaeltacht was very successful. This was particularly so because of the short lead-in sales time before the Draw and the decision to promote the Draw mainly through members of Ard Chomhairle. The Council must seriously examine ways and means of generating very substantial finance and the commitment of all units will be essential to the success of any fundraising ventures.

CEANNÁRAS LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN

Ceannáras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann returned a nett profit of £1,327 in the combined operation of the Club and Club Lounge over the past year. At the same time, over £9,000 was expended by the Handball Council in essential repairs and maintenance to Ceannáras. This entailed upgrading of the dressing rooms and painting of the 40 x 20 court and gallery area in preparation for the Irish Open Singles T.V series. In addition, new fire equipment was installed and a modern alarm system had to be put in place in order to maintain standards in line with current fire and safety regulations.

The decline in income and in the nett profit to Ceannáras has meant that there was no transfer of funds to the Irish Handball Council account since 1988. It is a very unfortunate situation that the facility which was intended to generate substantial finance as well as providing handball and social amenities should be costing the Handball Council so much in maintenance and upkeep.

It must be pointed out that the demolition of the old 60 x 30 alley at the rear of Hill 16 reduced the number of Ceannáras members and also reduced the number of players who frequent the Club lounge. In addition, the closure of the Ceannaras shop at the rear of Hill 16 at the same time as the demolition of the old alley significantly reduced income to the Ceannáras Club. The Ceannáras Club has made efforts to promote the Centre in a very positive way but the income generated through the use of the fitness room and other facilities have in no way made up for the losses in other areas. It is obvious that unless there is a radical overhaul of the Ceannáras Club in general and of

membership fees and an increase in charges for use of the facilities that the Centre will continue to decline. In the interests of handball, the present situation can not be allowed to continue indefinitely.

I wish to thank the Ceannáras Management and Social Committees for the work they have done in organising a number of functions which have brought an added dimension to the place.

I also thank our Bar Manager, Michael Treacy, on his very efficient and dedicated service to the Ceannáras Club. He always carries out his duties in a very effective way and we are grateful to him for his genuine interest in all aspects of the Club.

On behalf of all those who use the Centre and those who attend for games and other events, I wish to thank Caretaker, Richard McMullen, for his tireless service to the Handball Centre and for looking after members generally. We also thank the casual helpers without whose assistance and contribution it would not be possible to provide the present level of service.

SPONSORSHIP

Without a reasonable level of publicity, it is very difficult to achieve the level of sponsorship which we feel our game can realise. The game has some very good potential for sponsorship as many counties have shown through their associations with various companies.

All units, particularly County Committees, should try to negotiate sponsorship for the game. The increase in the size of the lettering allowed on singlets/jersies under GAA regulations



Seamus Reade (left) and Anthony Green, Cill Chainnigh, winners of the All-Ireland Masters A Softball Doubles title with Seán Mac a' tSaóí, Uachtarán Tofa.

is to be welcomed as this should make it somewhat easier for units to put their case to potential sponsors. The use of photographs of players wearing sponsored playing attire will be of great benefit in seeking sponsorship. The proper presentation of players, particularly at county level, is another very important issue and units must make our players aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann is very grateful to Royal Irish Assurance for their sponsorship of the Irish Open and also to the same company for the portion of sponsorship allocated to handball through the sponsorship of the Royal Liver National Hurling and Football Leagues. We thank in particular Mr Chris McCay and Mr Brian McCaul from the Committee of Management, Royal Liver for their interest in and attendance at the Irish Open Finals.

It is our hope to develop some further sponsorships during 1993. It will be a difficult task to achieve our targets in this area but with the help of a professional agency, we hope to improve our situation very much during the year.

COSPÓIR

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann wishes to record its appreciation of the grant-aid received from the Cospóir allocation of National Lottery Funds. Without this, it would be impossible to maintain a full-time service to handball. We also acknowledge the provision of grants for taking part in international competition and look forward to receiving a major financial input for the staging of the next World Handball Championships in Ireland in 1994.

Two players, Michael Walsh and Walter O'Connor, received £1,000 each in 1992 under the scheme of grants for Outstanding Sports Persons. While this was a 100% increase on both 1990 and 1991 it falls far short of the expectations of handball members and of players in general. We are convinced that our ancient Gaelic sport with its major contribution to the development of World Handball deserves much more significant recognition through the funding of our top players and we hope that this will be the case when the grants are decided for 1993.

UACHTARÁN

Neill Ó Cathail who has been Uachtarán for the past three years, ends his term of office at Congress and on behalf of all members, I wish to thank him for his input to the game during that time. We compliment and congratulate him on his dedication to and interest in the game. He had a very particular interest in players and undertook many initiatives to establish better communications and links with players all over the country.

I wish to thank the Uachtarán for his help and guidance to me over the past three years. He has always been available for advice and discussions and this is greatly appreciated. I wish him a happy retirement and hope that he will continue his deep interest in handball throughout his lifetime.

On behalf of all units and members, I wish to welcome the incoming Uachtarán, Seán Mac a tSaoí, as he begins his term of office. He has given long and dedicated service to the game and was responsible in no small way for the development of coaching policy and practice throughout the country. He has been very involved in the affairs of his Club, county and province. He has been associated with the successful promotion,

development and organisation of handball in those units over the past twenty years. We look forward to his Presidency and know that he will bring the many benefits of his experience to the world of handball in general through his dynamic leadership, innovative ideas and openness to progress throughout the organisation.



Neill Ó Cathail, Uachtarán 1990 - 1993.

SYMPATHY

I wish to express sympathy to the families of our deceased members who went to their external reward during the past year. Members everywhere were saddened by the death of Jimmy O'Brien who was the first Kerryman to win an All-Ireland handball title, the inaugural M.S.S title in 1949. He went on to win a record nine S.S.D medals and a total of 15 All-Ireland titles between 1949 and 1972.

Paddy O'Shaughnessy who organised the Delvin Annual Tournament for 52 years also died in 1992. He had special interest in players and was one of the first to promote tournaments and he was also a fine exponent of the game. The death occurred tragically of minor player Barry Brennan, Gaillimh, who was an exceptionally gifted person with outstanding leadership qualities. May all deceased members who brought so much to the game enjoy eternal happiness in heaven.

BUÍOCHAS

Ba mhaith le Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann buíochas a ghabháil le hArd-Chomhairle agus le Coiste Bainistí Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as ucht a dtacaíocht do Liathróid Láimhe.

Ár mbuíochas, freisin, do Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán, Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, Árd Stiúrthóir agus foireann na h-oifige as ucht an chabhair agus an chomhairle a thug siad dúinn i rith na bliana.

I wish to thank Robert Allen and Muireann Ní Mhainín who meet people as they come to the handball office and who have been most helpful in many ways throughout the past year.

I wish to thank all GAA 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. We acknowledge in particular the tangible recognition of handball by many GAA County Committees in grant-aiding handball, facilitating flag days at county finals, providing administrative help and support for the game and featuring handball in annual publications. However, there is much room for further co-operation and development between handball units and our



Paddy Crothers, Aontroim, N.S.S. finalist 1992.

parent units; the Irish Handball Council urges all personnel and Coistí to fulfil their obligation in this regard.

I wish to thank Cionnaith Ó Conbhuí, Cisteoir, for his professional help and advice and, in particular, for his role in assisting with the administration of the fundraising draw. I also want to express my personal thanks to all Central Council and Committee members for their guidance and assistance in very many ways.

Our thanks are due to all those who help to administer handball affairs at various levels of the organisation. Without the dedication and commitment of so many voluntary officials, it would be impossible to carry out our extensive programme from Club to national level.

The thanks of all handball personnel are due to our players who take part in the championships. We often take them for granted but the vast majority of players give total commitment

to handball and we appreciate the efforts which they make to prepare for the championships. Many of them are also involved in coaching and administration and, hopefully, many more will follow in these vital areas. The Council acknowledges that players can make a very valuable contribution to the organisation of handball and welcomes their input in trying to improve the game.

On behalf of all handball units and personnel, I express our thanks and appreciation to Áine Ní Reideacáin for her positive attitude and secretarial and communication skills in carrying out the work of the Council.

FOCAL SCOIR

I hope that the office has given satisfactory service to handball units and personnel during the past year. The role of the full-time person in a voluntary organisation is to co-operate with and supplement the work of the voluntary personnel and their units.

I appreciate that the lack of time and resources makes it impossible to do everything we would like to achieve. However, I hope we have achieved some worthwhile progress and look forward to the current year with confidence.

Criticism is always welcome; it is better to know people's views and feelings and be in a position to improve our service where possible. On the other hand, some criticism may be based on inadequate information and it is only fair that there be an opportunity to respond to this. We all share the same basic interest – that of promoting, developing and organising our great and ancient game of handball – and want to do our best for the game.

It is only through hard work, mutual support and sincere co-operation that we can achieve some progress and in this regard, I am very confident that together we can put handball on a new footing and establish it as a vibrant, challenging and strong sport on a planned basis during the next three years.

Lorcán Ó Ruairc

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC,
Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

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

NA RÚIN

MOTIONS

CONGRESS

1. That a county's representation at Congress be based on the number of players registered in the county, with 1 delegate per 50 players, or part thereof exceeding a multiple of 50 but not less than 25, but should not be less than 2 senior delegates and one under-21 delegate. Amend Rule 26.
(Áth Cliath)
2. Amend Rule 31(b) to read "Motions to enact new or amend existing rules shall give the full text of the proposed addition or amendment."
(Áth Cliath)

GRADINGS

3. There shall be separate grading for all Softball, Hardball and 40 x 20 Championships. (Delete — other than the Championships arising from Fo-Rialacha 47(F)ii, 47(F)iv and 47(G)ii. Amend Riail 50(A).
(Cill Chainnigh)
4. That section (h) under sub-heading County of Rule 47 of Fo-Rialacha be amended to read: "Players can only compete in two grades of competition in 40 x 20, 60 x 30 softball and 60 x 30 hardball in any one year".
(Loch Garman)

CHAMPIONSHIPS

5. Amend Riail 47F and 47G as follows:
 - (i) Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships.
Open to players over 40 years of age.
 - (ii) Masters (B) Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships.
Confined to players over 40 who have never won either Novice, Junior, Senior or Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.
 - (iii) Silver Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships.
Open to players over 45 years of age.
 - (iv) Silver Masters (B) Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships.
Confined to players over 45 years of age who have never won either Novice, Junior, Senior, Masters (A) or (B) or Silver Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.
- (G)
 - (i) Golden Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships.
Open to players over 50 years of age.

- (ii) Golden Masters (B) Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships.
Confined to players over 50 years of age who have never won either Novice, Junior, Senior, Masters (A) or (B), Silver Masters (A) or (B) or Golden Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.

(Cill Chainnigh)

6. That all overage championships be run as "Open" Championships and all games be played on alternate weekends. Amend Riail 47(F), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (G).
(Cill Chainnigh)
7. That Diamond Masters Championships (Over 60) Singles and Doubles in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 be introduced. Riail 47(F) refers.
(Cill Chainnigh)
8. That All-Ireland juvenile team "Competitions" or "Championships" in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 be introduced consisting U12-U13 players.
 - (a) Provincial to All-Ireland level.
 - (b) Team of Six i.e. three (3) U12; three (3) U13 doubles pairings.
 - (c) Two (2) games each to 15 aces — Aggregate score to decide winners.
In the case of a tie — additional 2 games of chosen pairing.
 - (d) Full Rules.
(Luimneach)
9. That a two-minute break be allowed in 60 x 30 games between the first and second games. Playing regulations Part IV, Play Regulation (F)(2)(A) refers.
(Cill Chainnigh)

RECOMMENDATIONS

HARDBALL

1. That in view of the huge interest in hardball indicated by the exceptional number of entries for the 1992 championships, Ard Chomhairle issue a bulletin setting out its plans for the future production of balls and giving an assurance of its total commitment to the code — the oldest form of handball.
(Cill Dara)
2. That Ard Chomhairle sponsor a seminar on the art of hardball making and following such a seminar, a national suggestion scheme should be initiated with the object of finding the most efficient method of producing balls, areas for consideration being
 - (a) Supply of goat skin.
 - (b) Curing of skin.
 - (c) Supply of miscellaneous other materials.
 - (d) Actual manufacture of ball.
(Cill Dara)

ALL-IRELAND MEDALS

3. That in view of the poor quality of medals presented to the Silver Masters B winners of 1992 the next All-Ireland winners in this grade be presented with a more respectable medal in honour of their endeavour.
(Cill Dara)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8th March 1993.

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

A Cháirde,

We have examined the records of an Chomhairle for the year ended 31 December 1992.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£105,446. Expenditure came to IR£109,523 leaving an Operating Deficit for the period of IR£4,077. In the preceding year there was an overall deficit of IR£3,788 after adjusting for a transfer from the patron scheme IR£11,300.

As compared with the preceding year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase IR£
County Committee and Members	5,184
Sponsorship and Subscriptions	6,241
Draw Surplus	11,975

EXPENDITURE

Competition Expenses	1,669
International	2,249
Coaching, Leadership and Development	1,269
Repairs to Ceannáras	4,577
Staff Costs	2,017
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	1,819

PATRON SCHEME

Contributions to the Scheme during the year amounted to IR£825. After adding Bank Interest IR£112 and deducting expenses IR£193, the balance in the Fund at the end of the year was IR£2,849.

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1992 including Outlay on Ceannáras IR£302,962 had a book value of IR£363,568. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£158,281 came to IR£176,762. The excess of Assets over Liabilities may be summarised as follows:

Accumulated Fund	IR£183,957
Patron Scheme	2,849
	<u>186,806</u>

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

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D. O'CONNOR & CO., Chartered Accountants

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1992

	Schedule	1992 IR£	1991 IR£
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		12,385	7,201
Gate Receipts		7,631	7,566
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	1	13,000	13,000
Government Grants Net	2	46,600	45,410
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		8,753	2,512
Advertising		600	—
Draw Surplus	3	11,975	—
Sundry Sales		4,123	2,484
Other Income		379	88
		<u>105,446</u>	<u>78,261</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		6,043	4,374
Over-age Competition Grants		560	520
International		5,720	3,471
World Championship		—	1,055
Juvenile		1,608	1,748
Promotional Materials		3,407	2,293
Trophies		6,495	5,658
Meetings and Officials' Travel		12,399	13,002
Administration Grants	4	2,800	2,800
Coaching, Leadership and Development		2,609	1,340
Repairs to Ceannáras		9,326	4,749
Presentations		—	148
Finance Charges		348	—
Administration and General	5	55,663	50,762
Depreciation		2,545	1,419
		<u>109,523</u>	<u>93,339</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(4,077)	(15,078)
Transfer from Patron Scheme		—	11,300
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>(4,077)</u>	<u>(3,778)</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1992

	Note	1992 IR£	1991 IR£
FIXED ASSETS			
	2	311,722	308,637
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Balance — Patron Scheme		2,849	2,105
Stocks		7,004	5,847
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		23,431	12,572
Cash on Hands		12	22
		<u>33,846</u>	<u>21,096</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Court Counstruction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		3,591	3,591
Creditors		12,390	4,168
Bank Overdraft		158,281	147,335
		<u>176,762</u>	<u>157,594</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(142,916)</u>	<u>(136,498)</u>
		<u>186,806</u>	<u>190,139</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund	3	183,957	188,034
Patron Scheme	4	2,849	2,105
		<u>186,806</u>	<u>190,139</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1992

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (A) The accounts are prepared under the historic cost convention.
- (B) Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets other than Outlay on Ceannáras in equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Gymnasium Equipment	— 20% Straight line
Office Equipment	— 20% Straight line

- (C) Assets held under leasing arrangements that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to Council are capitalised. The capital element of the related rental obligations is included in creditors. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the Profit and Loss Account so as to produce a periodic rate of charge.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Outlay on Ceannáras IR£	Gymnasium Equipment IR£	Office Equipment IR£	Total IR£
COST				
At 1 January 1992	302,962	4,494	2,600	310,056
Additions	—	—	5,630	5,630
At 31 Dec. 1992	302,962	4,494	8,230	315,686
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 1992	—	899	520	1,419
Charge for Year	—	899	1,646	2,545
At 31 Dec. 1992	—	1,798	2,166	3,964
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>302,962</u>	<u>2,696</u>	<u>6,064</u>	<u>311,722</u>

3. ACCUMULATED FUND

	1992 IR£	1991 IR£
Balance at beginning of year	188,034	191,812
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(4,077)	(3,778)
Balance at date	<u>183,957</u>	<u>188,034</u>

4. PATRON SCHEME

	1992 IR£	1991 IR£
Balance at date	2,105	12,188
Subscriptions	825	1,380
Deposit Interest	112	441
	<u>3,042</u>	<u>14,009</u>
Expenses	(193)	(604)
Transfer to Revenue Account	—	(11,300)
Balance at date	<u>2,849</u>	<u>2,105</u>

SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1992

1992
IR£

1991
IR£

SCHEDULE 1:

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants

Annual	5,000	5,000
Administrative	8,000	8,000
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>

SCHEDULE 2:

Government Grants

Annual Grant	43,500	44,410
International	3,100	1,000
Outstanding Sportspersons	2,000	1,000
	<u>48,600</u>	<u>46,410</u>
Less: Distributable	(2,000)	(1,000)
	<u>46,600</u>	<u>45,410</u>

SCHEDULE 3:

Rathcairn Draw

Ticket Sales	18,705
Less Expenses of Draw:	
Cost of Tickets	(5,240)
Ticket Commission	(1,290)
Draw Prize	(200)
	<u>11,975</u>

SCHEDULE 4:

Provincial Council Grants

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

SCHEDULE 5:

Administration and General Expenses

Staff Costs	39,331	37,314
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	7,937	6,118
Postage and Telephone	5,300	5,293
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,600	1,500
All-Ireland Tickets	937	256
Miscellaneous	558	281
	<u>55,663</u>	<u>50,762</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.

D. O'CONNOR & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

1 Gardiner Row,
Dublin 1.
8th March 1993.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 30th September 1992

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1991 IR£
INCOME			
Membership Fees	6,512		5,430
Court Booking Fees	3,608		3,860
Other Fees	681		1,136
Shop Sales	9,191		10,242
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>6,594</u>		<u>(7,590)</u>
	<u>2,597</u>		
		13,398	<u>13,078</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Wages	16,498		13,606
Telephone	21		834
Light and Heat	4,953		5,117
Repairs and Cleaning	1,578		106
Accountancy Fees	375		375
Sundries	300		799
Security	—		761
Insurance	<u>107</u>		<u>94</u>
		23,832	<u>21,692</u>
Deficit for Year		(10,434)	(8,614)
Opening Deficit		<u>(23,674)</u>	<u>(15,060)</u>
Closing Deficit		<u>(34,108)</u>	<u>(23,674)</u>

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th September 1992

	IR£	IR£	30.9.1991 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock on Hand	1,113		1,116
Debtors	26		2,591
Cash	<u>30</u>		<u>—</u>
	1,169		3,707
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank Overdraft	6,249		24,610
Accruals	<u>6,660</u>		<u>2,771</u>
	<u>12,909</u>		<u>27,381</u>
NET LIABILITIES		(11,740)	<u>(23,674)</u>
FINANCED BY			
Accumulated Deficit to Date		34,108	(23,674)
Ceannáras Club Lounge		<u>22,368</u>	<u>—</u>
		(11,740)	<u>(23,674)</u>

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

We have prepared the foregoing Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet from the books, vouchers and information supplied to us by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and we certify same to be correct and in accordance therewith.

GORMAN QUIGLEY & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants.

3 Boyne House, Harolds Cross Bridge, Dublin 6W.

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 1992

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1991 IR£
SALES	97,187		88,374
COST OF SALES	58,639		53,862
GROSS PROFIT		38,548	34,512
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Wages	19,279		14,071
Pension Premium	1,015		1,020
Light and Heat	3,301		3,412
Repairs, Cleaning and Bar Ware	2,922		2,980
Security	797		269
Licence Renewal	2,160		1,581
Accounting Fees	600		600
Insurance	91		79
Sound System	—		681
Sundry Expenses	1,783		1,152
Stationery and Printing	343		169
		32,291	26,014
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR		6,257	8,498
COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN		—	—
		6,257	8,498
OPENING SURPLUS		17,399	8,901
CLOSING SURPLUS		23,656	17,399

BALANCE SHEET As at 30th September 1992

	IR£	IR£	30.9.1991 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank	13,794		35,678
Cash on Hand	440		364
Prepayments	21		536
Stock	8,334		5,584
	22,589		42,162
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	21,301		24,763
NET ASSETS		1,288	17,399
REPRESENTED BY			
Accumulated Surplus to Date		23,656	17,399
Ceannáras Club		(22,368)	—
		1,288	17,399

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LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

ALL-IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS 1992

60 x 30

S.S.	Micheál Breathnach	Michael Walsh	Cill Chainnigh
S.D.	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Séamus Mac Samhráin	Tom Sheridan, James McGovern	An Mhí
J.S.	Seán Ó hIarlaithe	John Herlihy	Corcaigh
J.D.	Tomás Ó Deirg, Pádraig Mac Cormaic	Tom Derrig, Paraic McCormack	Muigheo
M.S.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamonn Mac Cuinneagáin	Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
U21 S.	Brian Mac Giolla Ghuala	Brian Gilhooley	Loch Garman
U21 D.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Nollaig Ó Murchú	David Moloney, Noel Murphy	Tiobraid Árann
N.S.	Nioclás Ó Raghallaigh	Nicholas O'Reilly	Cill Chainnigh
N.D.	Philip Mac an Phearsúin, Micheál Ó Nualláin	Philip Parsons, Michael Nolan	Cill Chainnigh
Mas A S.	Eoin Ó Cinnéide	Eugene Kennedy	Áth Cliath
Mas A D.	Antóin Ó hUaine, Séamus Ó Maoildeirg	Anthony Green, Seamus Reade	Cill Chainnigh
Mas B S.	Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh	Joe Kelly	Ard Mhaca
Mas B D.	Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh, Micheál Ó Raiftearaigh	Joe Kelly, Michael Rafferty	Ard Mhaca
S.M.A S.	Donal Ó Ciarba	Dan Kirby	An Clár
S.M.A D.	Nioclás Ó Céirín, Liam Ó Céirín	Nicholas Kerins, Willie Kerins	Ciarraí
S.M.B S.	Proinnsias Ó Floinn	Frank Flynn	Cill Dara
S.M.B D.	Seán Ó hObáin, Ristéard Ó Conghaile	John Hoban, Dick Kenneally	Áth Cliath
G.M.A S.	Pádraig Breathnach	Paddy Walsh	Sligeach
G.M.A D.	Réamonn Aighleart, Micheál Ó Duibhir	Ray Aylward, Michael Dwyer	Cill Mhantáin
G.M.B S.	Máirtín Ó Bogaidh	Martin Buggy	Loch Garman
G.M.B D.	Máirtín Ó Bogaidh, Tomás Furlong	Martin Buggy, Tom Furlong	Loch Garman

HARDBALL

S.H.S.	Liam de Búrca	Billy Bourke	Cill Chainnigh
S.H.D.	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Ualtar Ó Conchubhair	Tom Sheridan, Walter O'Connor	An Mhí
J.H.S.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh	David Moloney	Tiobraid Árann
J.H.D.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Seosamh Ó Duibhir	David Moloney, Joseph O'Dwyer	Tiobraid Árann
M.H.S.	Treibhear Mac An Gheimhridh	Trevor Winders	Cill Dara
M.H.D.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Nollaig Marascal	David Moloney, Noel Marshall	Tiobraid Árann

40 x 20

S.S.	Ualtar Ó Concubhair	Walter O'Connor	An Mhí
S.D.	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Séamus Mac Samhráin	Tom Sheridan, James McGovern	An Mhí
J.S.	Seán Ó Donolláin	John Donlon	An Clár
J.D.	Seán Ó Donolláin, Pól Breathnach	John Donlon, Paul Walsh	An Clár
M.S.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Deiric Mac Parthaláin	Michael Finnegan, Derek Bartley	An Cabhán
U21 S.	Adrian Benson	Adrian Benson	Áth Cliath
U21 D.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Nollaig Ó Murchú	David Moloney, Noel Murphy	Tiobraid Árann
N.S.	Caoimhín Ó Flannagáin	Kevin Flanagan	An Iar Mhí
N.D.	Roiibeárd Faolchaidh, Micheál Ó Nualláin	Robert Falsey, Michael Nolan	Cill Chainnigh
Mas A S.	Seán Ó Ciarba	John Kirby	An Clár
Mas A D.	Seán Ó Ciarba, Michael Ó hÓgáin	John Kirby, Michael Hogan	An Clár
Mas B S.	Pádraigh Hop	Paddy Hope	Uibh Fáilí
Mas B D.	Ristéard Mac Bhilbhí, Pádraigh Ó Dúill	Richard Willoughby, Paddy Doyle	Cill Mhantáin
S.M.A S.	Seán de Brún	John Browne	Cill Dara
S.M.A D.	Dónal Ó Ciarba, Séamus Breathnach	Dan Kirby, Jimmy Walsh	An Clár
S.M.B S.	Pádraigh Ó Leannáin	Paddy Lennon	Cill Mhantáin
S.M.B D.	Pádraig Ó Leannáin, Ristéard Ó Dúill	Paddy Lennon, Dick Doyle	Chill Mhantáin
G.M.A S.	Pádraig Breathnach	Paddy Walsh	Sligeach
G.M.A D.	Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Eamonn Ó Lochdha	Pat O'Keeffe, Eddie Leahy	Cill Chainnigh
G.M.B S.	Antóin Ó Buachalla	Tony Buckley	Áth Cliath
G.M.B D.	Máirtín Mac Griogháir, Daithí Ó Maicín	Martin Grier, Davy Macken	Muigheo

IRISH OPEN

Ualtar Ó Concubhair

Walter O'Connor

An Mhí

ÓGÁNAIGH — 60 x 30

Faoi 14 S.	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
Faoi 14 D.	Barra Mac Eochaidh, Micheál Ó Néill	Barry Goff, Michael O'Neill	Loch Garman
Faoi 15 S.	Stíofán Ó hEara	Stephen O'Hara	An Clár
Faoi 15 D.	Pól Ó Gleannáin, Brian Ó Gleannáin	Paul Glennan, Brian Glennan	Uibh Fháilí
Faoi 16 S.	Alan Ó hEachach	Alan Hawe	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 16 D.	Maitiú Mac Cuinneagáin, Ciarán Mac Domhnaill	Matthew Cunningham, Ciaran McDonnell	An Cabhán
Faoi 17 S.	Brian Walpól	Brian Walpole	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 17 D.	Seosamh Ó Gormáin, Breandán Ó hEosa	Joseph O'Gorman, Brendan Hosey	Cill Chainnigh

OGÁNAIGH — 40 x 20

Faoi 14 S.	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
Faoi 14 D.	Cóilín Ó Ceileacháin, Micheál Ó Neill	Colin Keeling, Michael O'Neill	Loch Garman
Faoi 15 S.	Stíofán Ó Cuinn	Stephen Quinn	An Mhí
Faoi 15 D.	Dairen Ó Raghallaigh, Marc Hillis	Darren O'Reilly, Mark Hillis	Loch Garman
Faoi 16 S.	Micheál Mac Éil	Michael McHale	Roscomáin
Faoi 16 D.	Siómón Mac Craith, Jason Ó Murchú	Simon McGrath, Jason Murphy	Loch Garman
Faoi 17 S.	Micheál Mac Guidhir	Michael Maguire	Tír Eoghain
Faoi 17 D.	Daithí Mac a tSaoí, Neibhil Ó Dúill	David McEntee, Neville Doyle	An Cabhán

STRAITH NÁISIÚNTA 60 x 30

CILL CHAINNIGH: Piaras Ó Caoimh, Eamon de Lá, Pilip Mac an Phearsúin, Micheál Ó Nualláin, Nioclás Ó Raghallaigh, Oilibhéar Ó Faolchaidh, Pearse O'Keeffe, Eamon Law, Philip Parsons, Michael Nolan, Nicholas Reilly, Oliver Falsey.

SRAITH NÁISIÚNTA 40 x 20

CILL CHAINNIGH: Roibeárd Ó Faolchaidh, Micheál Ó Nualláin, Piaras Ó Caoimh, Eamon de Lá, Tomás Ó Duibhir, Tomás Ó Néill, Robert Falsey, Michael Nolan, Pearse O'Keeffe, Eamon Law, Tom O'Dwyer, Tom O'Neill.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

60 x 30 OPEN: GARBH CHOILL, CO. CEATHARLACH

Seán Ó Riain, Seán Rosaitear, Seán Ó Riain, Aindrias Ó Riain.
John Ryan, John Rossiter, Sean Ryan, Andy Ryan.

60 x 30 NOVICE: NAOMH MUIRE, CO. LOCH GARMAN

Eamon Ó Bogaidh, Pól Ó Cárthaigh, Tomás Ó hEidhin, Micheál Laimbeart, Tomás Ó Ciarubháin.
Ned Buggy, Paul Carty, Tommy Hynes, Michael Lambert, Tom Kirwan.

60 x 30 NOVICE: NA LOCHLANNAIGH, CILL CHAINNIGH

Nioclás Ó Raghallaigh, Pilib Mac an Phearsúin, Micheál Ó Nualláin, Séamus Ó Néill, Eamonn Ó Laochdha.
Nicholas Reilly, Philip Parsons, Michael Nolan, Jim O'Neill, Eddie Leady.

40 x 20 OPEN: MAC DIARMADA, CO. AONTROMA

Liam Silcoc, Seosamh Ó Réanaí, Breandán Ó Réanaí, Labhrás Ó Réanaí
Billy Silcock, Joe Rainey, Brendan Rainey, Larry Rainey

40 x 20 JUNIOR: CAISEAL, CO. THIOBRAID ÁRANN

Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Breandán Ó Murchú, Seosamh Ó Duibhir, Nollaig Ó Murchú.
David Moloney, Brendan Murphy, Joseph O'Dwyer, Noel Murphy.

40 x 20 NOVICE: TEACH DAIBHNAID, CO. MHUINEACHÁN

Breandán Mac Thaidhg, Cathal Ó hUiginn, Ciarán Ó Loinín, Antóin Mac Cadáin.
Brendan McCague, Cathal Higgins, Kieran Leonard, Anthony Cadden.

COLÁISTÍ — 60 x 30

Sóisear S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Presentation De La Salle College, Muinebheag
Sóisear D	Uinsíonn Ó Mórán, Pól Ó Floinn	Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn	St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen
Sinsear S	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	St. Patrick's, Cavan
Sinsear D	Pádraig Mac Oiste, Deaglán Ó Freaghláí	Pat Custy, Declan Frawley	St. Flannan's, Ennis

COLÁISTÍ — 40 x 20

Sóisear S	Micheál Mac Éil	Michael McHale	Roscommon C.B.S.
Sóisear D	Ciarán Mac Domhnaill, Damian Ó Cianaigh	Ciaran McDonnell, Damien Keaney	St. Patrick's, Cavan
Sinsear S	Ciarán Ó Corráin	Ciarán Curran	Omagh C.B.S.
Sinsear D	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Daithí Mac a tSaoí	Michael Finnegan, David McEntee	St. Patrick's, Cavan

FÉILE NA nGAEL

60 x 30 Roinn I: CASTLEBRIDGE, CO. LOCH GARMAN

Barra Mac Eochaidh, Stiofán de hÁl, Pádraig Mac Mathúna, Malachí Ó Faoláin, Cólín Mac Réamoinn.
Barry Goff, Stephen Hall, Pádraig McMahon, Malachy Whelan, Colin Redmond.

Skills Test: Barra Mac Eochaidh, Barry Goff, Co. Loch Garman

60 x 30 Roinn II: LOUGHMACRORY, CO. THÍR EOGHAIN

Seán Mac Cú Uladh, Ciarán Ó Mianaigh, Carl Ó Corráin, Aodhán Ó Tónaire Adamhnán Ó Donnghaile.
Shane McCullagh, Ciaran Meenagh, Carl Curran, Aidan Toner, Evan Donnelly.

Skills Test: Carl Ó Corráin, Carl Curran, Co. Thír Eoghain.

40 x 20 Roinn I: BALLYDESMOND, CO. CHORCAÍ

Antóin Ó hÉalaigh, Dónal Ó hÉalaigh, Donnachda Ó Concubhair, Micheál Ó Murchú, Nollaig Ó Tóráin.
Tony Healy, Danny Healy, Donnachda O'Connor, Michael Murphy, Noel Tarrant.

40 x 20 Roinn II: CARRICKMACROSS, CO. MHUINEACHÁN

Cionnaith Ó Raifeartaigh, Fionbarra Ó Raifeartaigh, Seán Ó Ciarnáin, Traolach Ó Ciarnáin, Pól Ó Dálaigh, Breandán Ó Dálaigh.
Kenneth Rafferty, Finbarr Rafferty, John Kiernan, Terry Kiernan, Paul Daly, Brendan Daly.

Skills Test: Pól Mac Beinéid, Paul Bennett, Co. na Mí.

40 x 20 Roinn III: BRACKEY, CO. THÍR EOGHAIN

Néill Mac a Bháird, Pádraig Mac Mathúna, Pádraig Ó Maoláin, Stiofán Mac Nic, Stiofán Mac Cú Uladh.
Niall Ward, Paddy McMahon, Paddy Mullen, Stephen Nixon, Stephen McCullagh.

COMHAIRLE ARD OIDEACHAIS

CHAMPIONSHIP: U.C.G.

Feargal Ó Cochláin, Feargal Ó Mocháin, Séamus Clós, Micheál Ó Cinnéide, Pádraig Ó Duibhearnaigh.
Feargal Coughlan, Feargal Maughan, Séamus Close, Michael Kennedy, Pat Devanney.

OPEN SINGLES: Adrian Benson, U.C.D.

LEAGUE: UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

Tadhg Mac Oiste, Micheál Carrie, Séamus Ó Mocháin, Breandán Ó hEalaí, Tomás Oibicín.
Timothy Custy, Michael Carrie, Séamus Maughan, Brendan, Healy, Tom Hopkins.

PLATE: QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BÉAL FEIRISTE

Risteárd Mac Cormaic, Seán Mac Guirn, Néill Mac Domhnaill, Antóin Ó Floinn.
Richard McCormack, Seán McGurn, Niall McDonnell, Anthony Flynn.

Comhairle na mBan — Buaiteoirí, 1992

LADIES 40 x 20

S.S.	Bernie Hennessy — Limerick.
S.D.	Mary Lindsay, Margaret Armstrong — Antrim.
J.S.	Attracta Foy — Mayo.
N.S.	Anne Boland — Wexford.
N.D.	Helen Brennan, Anne Boland — Wexford.
O/30 S.	Mary Lindsay — Antrim.
O/30 D.	Mary Nugent, Ann Henry — Kildare.
O/40 S.	Anne Naughton — Roscommon.
O/40 D.	Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin — Dublin, M. Lindsay — Antrim.

LADIES 60 x 30

S.S.	Bernie Hennessey — Limerick.
S.D.	Margaret Armstrong, Mary Lindsay — Antrim.
J.S.	Lucy Carolan — Meath.
J.D.	Adrienne Fleming, Lucy Carolan — Meath.
N.S.	Susan Ennis — Dublin.
N.D.	Mary Finneran, Siobán Hunt, Roscommon.
O/30 S.	Beatrice O'Connor, Roscommon.
O/40 S.	Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin — Dublin.
O/40 D.	Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin — Dublin, Mary Lindsay, Antrim.

UNDER-16 TEAM COMPETITION

St. Paul's, Antrim:	Fiona McKenna	Teresa Donnelly
	Róisín Donnelly	Joanne Farnham

JUVENILE 40 x 20 CHAMPIONSHPS

U-14 S.	Fiona McKenna — Antrim.
U-14 D.	Gene McKiernan, Joanne Graham — Antrim.
U-15 S.	Sabrina Hughes — Dublin.
U-15 D.	Sandra Hourigan, Caroline Kenny, Tipperary.
U-16 S.	Patricia Judge — Mayo.
U-16 D.	Carrie Shannon, Teresa Donnelly — Antrim.
U-17 S.	Fionnuala McHugh — Roscommon.
U-17 D.	Eva O'Keeffe, Attracta O'Keeffe — Limerick.
U-19 S.	Jackie Keating — Tipperary.
U-19 D.	Hannah Healy, Patricia McKenna — Antrim.

JUVENILE 60 x 30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

U-14 S.	Anna Wrynn — Kildare.
U-14 D.	Mary Hennessey — Limerick.
U-15 S.	Sabrina Hughes — Dublin.
U-15 D.	Sandra Hourigan, Caroline Kenny — Tipperary.
U-16 S.	Patricia Judge — Mayo.
U-16 D.	Sandra McGee, Patricia Burke — Kildare.
U-17 S.	Fiona McHugh — Roscommon.
U-17 D.	Sandra McGee, Patricia Burke — Kildare.
U-19 S.	Sandra Keating — Limerick.
U-19 D.	Nessa & Miranda Naughton — Roscommon.

GAEL-LINN UNDER-13 MIXED COMPETITION

1st	— Julie Long, Eoin Kennedy — Dublin.
2nd	— Clodagh Ryan, David Stapleton — Carlow.
3rd	— Lorraine Gallagher, Ronan Coyne — Roscommon.



Part of the capacity attendance at the All-Ireland Handball finals.