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An Taoiseach, Mr. Albert Reynolds, T.D., presents the Texaco Award for Handball to Michael 'Duxie' Walsh watched by Vincent O'Brien, Managing Director, Texaco Ireland Ltd.

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ar AN DOMHNACH, 20 MÁRTA, ag 10.30 r.n.

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ÁRAS DÁIMHÍN, PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH

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AINMNIÚCHÁIN 1994

Cisteoir: Seosamh Mac an Mháistir, Eamon Ó Briain.

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle C.L.G.: Tomás Ó Briain, Eamon 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 mhaith ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann i 1993 agus ba chóir dúinn bheith mórálach as alán rudaí a tharla. Ar an dtaobh eile den scéal tharla rudaí éagsúla nach raibh aon mhaithas iontu don chluiche agus tá súil agam go mbeidh feabhas orthu as seo amach. Ag an an gcéanna is cóir agus is féidir linn bheith dócasach don bhliain atá romhainn, go háirithe ó

thaobh na Cluichí Domhanda agus an Marathon Liathróid Láimhe a cagrú.

Táimíd faoi bhrú le blianta ó thaobh airgeadais de ach táim cinnte go dtiocfaidh feabhas ar an scéal i mbliana le comhoibriú ó na Clubanna, na contaethe agus Cumann Lúthchleas Gael don Marathon Liathróid Láimhe. Le níos mo airgid ag teacht isteach, beidh Ard Chomhairle ábalta pleananna forbartha, margaiochta agus oiliúna a chur i gcríc. Beimid ábalta, freisin, cabhrú le scoileanna, go háirithe ag leibhéal na bunsoile, liathróid láimhe a fhorbairt níos leithne. Tá súil againn go léir go mbeidh an eagraíocht ag dul i bhfeabhas agus ag láidriú agus go mbeidh an cluiche ag leathnú i gcónaí as seo amach.

The year under review was quite satisfactory with several notable features which helped the profile of the game in general. There was much emphasis on improving the presentation of games, efforts were made to achieve increased media coverage of handball and there was renewed interest in coaching. In addition, there were some excellent matches in several grades of competition; three players won USA national titles and, of course, the highlight of the year was Michael 'Duxie' Walsh's achievement in winning a record-breaking ninth successive Senior Softball Singles title.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

During 1993, 70 All-Ireland championships were held in Singles and Doubles, 16 of these at juvenile level. Competitions were held at Over 55 and Over 60 levels for the first time and this development illustrates how handball is becoming more and more a sport for all ages.

Six team of four Club Championships were completed in Novice, Junior and Open grades in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 codes.

The 60 x 30 National League was won by Tiobraid Árann. Fifteen competitions were held in the education sector with Waterford RTC becoming the first non-University College to win the Comhairle Ard Oideachais team championship. In addition, a new juvenile team championship was introduced and Loch Garman and Cill Chainnigh teams won the premier Féile na nGael competitions while Curraghboy from Roscommon took the girls title.

The highlight of the playing season was the GAEL SPORT All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles final in which Michael



Seán Mac antSaoi, Uachtarán, John Joe O'Connor, Chairman Leinster Council, and Pat Taylor of Gael Sport pictured at the launch of the Gael Sport All-Ireland Handball Finals.

'Duxie' Walsh (Cill Chainnigh) defeated Walter O'Connor (An Mhí) 21-8, 15-21, 21-15 to collect his ninth title in this championship. Michael Finnegan, An Cabhán, made his own piece of history by becoming the first Ulster player to win all six Minor All-Ireland titles.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Our players continue to impress in the USA national championships. Eddie Corbett (Tiobraid Árann) won the US Open Singles Championship and Pearse O'Keeffe (Cill Chainnigh) took the 'B' Singles title.

At juvenile level Kenneth Kane (Ceatharlach) became the seventh Irish player to win the US 15 and Under championship since Michael 'Duxie' Walsh first won it in 1981. Ciarán Curran (Tír Eoghain) was an unfortunate loser - in a tie-breaker - in the 19 and Under event in attempting to win his fifth successive American title.

Ireland will host the eighth World Handball Championships in October. This will be a huge undertaking for Irish Handball but with the cooperation and goodwill of many voluntary members of Committees and Clubs the event will also present a major opportunity for the development of the game in Ireland.

HIGHLIGHTS

Apart from the above, other highlights of the year were:

- ❖ The screening by RTE of the FBD Insurance Irish Open 40 x 20 Singles Championship.
- ❖ The sponsorship by GAEL SPORT of the main 60 x 30 All-Ireland finals.
- ❖ The continuing successes of some counties and the emergence of national winners from others.
- ❖ Two very successful National Coaching Camps at Kilkenny and Tydavnet attended by almost 100 people.
- ❖ The development of better quality 40 x 20 balls and the successful use of a synthetic material in the making of hardballs.
- ❖ The participation of some new teams in the Third Level Colleges Championships.



Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, presents the Independent Cup to Eugene Downey (left) and Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, winners of the All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles championship.

ALL-IRELAND 60 X 30 FINALS

'DUXIE' WALSH SETS NEW ALL-IRELAND RECORD

Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Cill Chainnigh became the first player in history to win nine successive All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles titles when he defeated Walter O'Connor, An Mhí, in an enthralling final at Ceannáras. The Kilkennyman took the first game 21-8 but O'Connor fought back to take the second in convincing style on a scoreline of 21-15. The third game was a thrilling affair which the Meathman might have won. However, 'Duxie's' coolness under pressure was a vital factor and he went on to win by 21-15 and took his county's tally of All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles wins to eighteen, twice the total of second placed Wexford. Kilkenny also won the Gael Sport Senior Softball Doubles final when 'Duxie' teamed up with Eugene Downey to take their sixth title winning rather easily by 21-7, 21-7. That win took Kilkenny's total of Senior Doubles titles to 16, four ahead of second placed Kerry and twice the total of eight each held by Wexford and Tipperary. Kilkenny had further successes in the Silver Masters A grade with Paddy O'Reilly winning the Singles title defeating Dan Kirby, An Clár 21-8, 19-21, 21-14. He then teamed up with Eddie Leahy to



John Joe O'Connor pictured with Noel O'Brien following the All-Ireland Masters 'A' Doubles 60 x 30 final.

record the county's second Silver Masters 'A' Doubles victory by defeating Dan Kirby and P J Counihan in a three game match.

FIVE TITLES FOR TIPPERARY

Seán Ó Callaghan from Tipperary town led the challenge of the Premier county in search of All-Ireland honours when he defeated Tommy Hynes, Loch Garman 21-12, 12-21, 21-16 in the Junior Softball Singles final. Noel Murphy had a fine double in the U21 grade defeating Terry Byrne, Loch Garman who replaced the injured Brian Gilhooly 21-7, 21-7 in the Singles final. He also partnered David Moloney to a relatively easy victory over Adrian Benson and George Ryan, Baile Atha Cliath in the Doubles final. Michael Carrie and Paul McGrath, also from the Cashel Club, represented Tiobraid Árann in the Novice Doubles final and were victorious over Brendan Barnwell and Jerry Moran, Loch Garman. Tipperary's fifth victory in the Softball championships went to Ken Conway and Geddi McKeogh in the Masters 'B' Doubles championship in which they defeated Noel Rigney and Joe Nolan, Gaillimh 21-9, 21-4.

FURTHER ULSTER SUCCESSES

Michael Finnegan, An Cabhán retained his Minor Softball Singles title with a comprehensive victory over Glenn Walsh, Roscomáin and partnered Raymond Cunningham to retain their



Nicky Reilly (left) pictured with his father Paddy following his victory in the Silver Masters 'A' Softball Singles championship.



Minor Softball Singles finalist, Glenn Walsh, Roscommon.

Doubles title at the expense of John Noonan and Pat Doody, Luimneach on a 21-10, 21-15 scoreline. Billy Bilcock won Antrim's first-ever All-Ireland Softball title when he took the Novice Singles championship at the expense of Vincent McKeon, Sligeach. This victory means that twenty-five counties now appear on the Softball championship roll of honour.

Tommy Hynes made amends for his Singles defeat when he and Ned Buggy, Loch Garman took that county's fourth Junior Softball Doubles title at the expense of Mayo's John and Tom McCormack in a rather one-sided final. Jim Doyle took a second title for Wexford defeating Brian Meehan, Sligeach in the Silver Masters 'B' Singles final. Hugh Duff and M J Kelly, Tír Eoghain took the Silver Masters B Doubles championship with a 21-16, 21-17 victory over John Heneghan and Willie Mugan, Roscomáin.



Seán Mac an tSaoí, Uachtarán, presents the Canon Carroll cup to Ned Buggy (left) and Tommy Hynes (Loch Garman), winners of the 1993 J.S.D. title.

CONNACHT COUNTIES TAKE FIVE TITLES IN MASTERS GRADES

Following his victory in the 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles championship, Mickey Walsh collected a third Masters title winning the Softball Singles final against John Rossiter, Ceatharlach 13-21, 21-8, 21-15 in an excellent final. Michael Naughton, Roscomáin won the Emerald Masters Singles inaugural championship with a fine 21-16, 21-17 victory over Frank Dooley, Cill Dara. He then partnered Frank Kenny to a rather easy victory over Pat O'Keeffe and Martin O'Brien, Cill Chainnigh in the Doubles final.

Paddy Walsh, Sligeach won his second successive Golden Masters A Singles title at the expense of Declan Mulcahy, Port Láirge. Val Conroy took Mayo's first Golden Masters B Singles title defeating Tom O'Connor in the final thus depriving the Meathman of a grand slam in the Golden Masters B championships.

VICTORIES FOR MEATH

Meath players won all three All-Ireland finals which they contested in Roscommon on 12th September last. Vincent



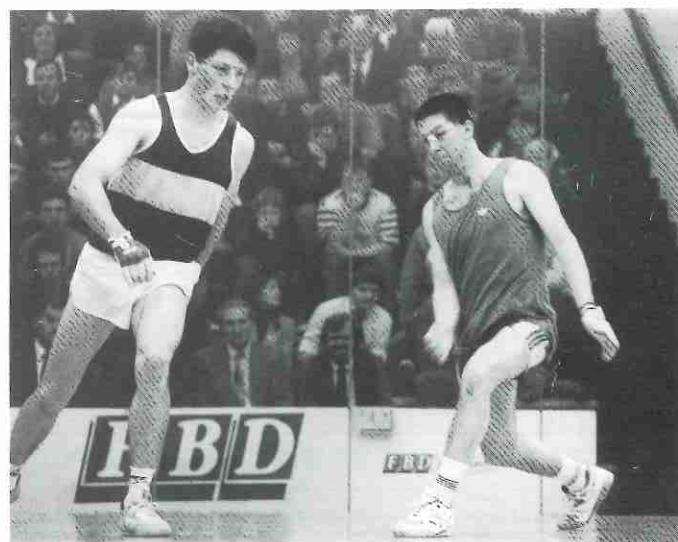
Masters A Softball Doubles Champions Seán Ryan and John Rossiter from Carlow.

Farrell took the Masters B Singles title with a fine but narrow 21-19, 21-20 victory over Martin Cronin, Muigheo. Following their victory in the 40 x 20 court, Tom and John Joe O'Connor defeated Matt Grier and Pdraig Browne, Muigheo 21-16, 21-16 in the final of the Golden Masters B Doubles Softball championship.

The third Meath victory went to Christy Lynagh and Oliver Gough who defeated Paddy Walsh and Mickey Kelly, Sligeach in an excellent 19-21, 21-12, 21-17 three match Golden Masters A Doubles final. The Masters A Doubles championship went to John Rossiter and Andy Ryan, Ceatharlach who defeated Pakie Mullins and Noel O'Brien, Tiobraid Árann 21-16, 21-14 in an entertaining final at Ceannaras. The inaugural Diamond Masters Singles championship was won by John Kiely, Port Láirge at the expense of Liam Ferguson, Baile Atha Cliath by two games to one. The Dubliner made amends by partnering Mick Hore to victory over John Gaffney and Seamus O'Donnell, Sligeach in the inaugural Doubles championship.

40 x 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

A total of ten counties shared the twenty-two All-Ireland 40 x 20 championship titles in 1993. Seven counties had first time



David Moloney (Tiobraid Árann) and David King (Ceatharlach) pictured in action in the All-Ireland Under-21 40 x 20 Doubles final.

victories between them over ten grades of competition. One of the highlights of the championships was the victory of Eddie Corbett, Tiobraid Árann over defending champion Walter O'Connor, An Mhí in the Senior Singles final. The Tipperary player won the first game 21-18 when play had to be stopped due to condensation of the court. On resumption of play three weeks later, Corbett lost the first game 10-21 but rallied to take the third 21-14 with a very determined display of handball. Meath had compensation in the Tom Sheridan/James McGovern partnership who took the Royal's county's fifth Senior Doubles title defeating Eddie Corbett and Tony Ryan, Tiobraid Árann 21-13, 21-18 in a well contested final.

Tipperary successes continued at U21 level where David Moloney from the Cashel club defeated Adrian Benson, Baile Átha Cliath 21-10, 21-8 in the Singles final. Moloney partnered Noel Murphy to victory in the U21 Doubles final defeating David King and Seamus Kavanagh, Ceatharlach 21-14, 13-21, 21-12 in an excellent contest.

SUCCESSSES FOR ULSTER COUNTIES

Ulster counties had very significant successes in Minor and Junior grades. Michael Finnegan retained his Minor 40 x 20 Singles title defeating Michael McHale, Roscomáin 21-18, 21-9. The same players clashed again in the Minor Doubles final in which Raymond Cunningham partnered Michael Finnegan to a comprehensive victory over Michael McHale and Glenn Walsh.

Paddy Crothers, Aontroim created history by being the first player from that county to take both Junior titles. He defeated Gus Sweeney, Muigheo 15-21, 21-14, 21-11 in the Singles final and partnered John McGarry to a Doubles victory over Tony and Pat O'Flaherty, Tiobraid Árann 21-5, 0-21, 21-7. Cavan had further success in the Silver Masters A Doubles final where Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand defeated John and Dan Kirby 21-16, 10-21, 21-12 in an excellent three game contest. Charlie Nugent took a third title for Antrim winning the Silver Masters 'B' Singles final over Galway's Morgan Darcy 21-14, 21-13. The Corrib county had some compensation when Nicholas Clancy defeated Joey Maher, An Lú 21-13, 21-6 in the Golden Masters 'A' Singles final.

FOUR TITLES FOR CORK

Cork players collected four 40 x 20 titles, the main one being the Novice Doubles championship in which Colin O'Brien and Colm Cronin defeated Sean McManus and Colin O'Hehir, Aontroim 21-17, 21-14.

Paul Hayes achieved a notable double winning the Masters 'B' Singles title over Michael McCarron, Muineachán and partnering Dave O'Riordain to victory over Michael McCarron and Cathal Higgins 21-15, 21-11 in the Doubles final. Sean Boyle and Jim Buckley represented Cork against Jim Doyle and Tom McGrath, Loch Garman winning on an 18-21, 21-19, 21-16 scoreline in a very competitive Silver Masters B Doubles final.

The Novice Singles title went to Tommy Hynes, Loch Garman who defeated Darragh Kirby, An Clár in a rather one-sided final. In his first year in the Masters grade, Mickey Walsh, Roscomáin achieved a fine double defeating Eugene Kennedy, Baile Átha Cliath 21-16, 21-20 in the Singles final and partnering Pat Clarke to victory over Jerry Scully and Eugene Kennedy, Baile Átha Cliath on a 21-4, 15-21, 21-10 scoreline in the Doubles event. Dublin's only All-Ireland 40 x 20 title came in the Golden Masters A Doubles championship in which Pakie Ryan and Joe Maxwell defeated Mick McCarthy and Sam Tanner, Corcaigh 21-11, 21-12 in a very sporting final. John

Kirby, An Clár had an easier than expected victory over Greg Sheridan, An Cabhán in the Silver Masters 'A' Singles final. Tom O'Connor had a fine double in the Golden Masters 'B' grade. He defeated Mick Lally, Gaillimh 21-10, 21-7 in the Singles final and combined with John Joe O'Connor to defeated Tom Treacy and Frank O'Toole, Muigheo 21-4, 14-21, 21-16 in the Doubles final.

While the year was notable through the absence of Kilkenny from the winners list in the 40 x 20 championships from minor level upwards, that county still leads the All-Ireland honours list having won a total of 44 titles in 16 grades. Clare follow closely with 40 titles in 14 grades while Tipperary are in third place with 29 titles in 13 grades.

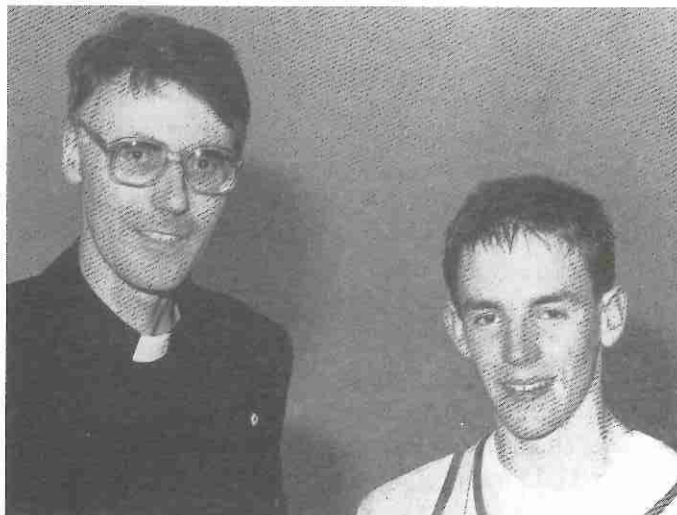


Ger Healy congratulates his son Tony following his victory in the All-Ireland Under-16 40 x 20 singles final.

ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight counties shared the sixteen All-Ireland Juvenile titles in 1993 with Kilkenny (5), Cork (4) sharing nine titles between them. Wexford took a title in each court while Kerry, Monaghan, Mayo, Dublin and Carlow each had one victory.

The emergence of Cork as a strong force at Juvenile level was underpinned by the fact that the county took three 40 x 20 titles and one in the 60 x 30 court. Cousins Danny and Tony Healy from the Ballydesmond Club took the 40 x 20 U14 Singles and U16 Singles titles respectively. The younger player defeated



Fr. Martin Jennings, Connacht Secretary, congratulates Micheál Rafferty on winning Monaghan's first ever All-Ireland juvenile title.



Kerry's first-ever All-Ireland 40 x 20 juvenile champions John Joe Quirke and Dominic Lynch receive their medals from Con Moore, Vice-Chairman, Leinster Handball Council.



Campbell Brennan and Vincent Moran of Mayo, winners of the county's first-ever All-Ireland Under-16 60 x 30 Doubles title.

Paul Bennett from Meath in a three game thriller 15-12, 9-15, 15-8. Tony Healy reversed the result of the 1992 U14 final defeating Kenneth Kane from Carlow 15-8, 15-9 in the U16 final with a very confident display of handball to win Cork's first ever All-Ireland title in this grade.

Cork's other 40 x 20 victory came in the U17 Doubles final where Anthony O'Brien and Enda Ahern defeated the Cavan pair of Ronan Danagher and Pdraig Martin.

Kilkenny's Timmy Clifford and Daniel Love won that county's first ever U14 Doubles title defeating Brendan Cox and Paul Carty of Roscommon in the final. The Noreside county also won the U15 doubles title with Robert Falsey and Enda Hawe scoring a 15-5, 14-15, 15-8 win over Michael Carroll and James Ryan from Tipperary.

Barry Goff from the Castlebridge club in Wexford had a relatively easy victory in the U15 Singles final over Adrian Marrinan from Clare. Micheal Rafferty from Monaghan won that county's first ever All-Ireland Juvenile title by virtue of a 15-10, 15-6 victory over Trevor Hannon of Galway in the U17 Singles final. Kerry's Dominic Lynch and John Joe Quirke took the Kingdom's first ever All-Ireland Juvenile 40 x 20 title by winning the U16 Doubles final 15-5, 15-4 against Kenneth Rafferty and Spillane Martin from Monaghan in an excellent display of handballing skills.

KILKENNY TOP WINNERS LIST

Kilkenny now lead the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Juvenile winners list with eleven wins in seven of the eight grades followed closely by Clare with ten victories. Cork have eight titles while Limerick, Meath and Cavan have six each. In all, a total of 21 counties have won eighty-six All-Ireland Juvenile titles between them from 1979 to 1993.

60 X 30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Timmy Clifford and Daniel Love took Kilkenny's fourth All-Ireland U14 Doubles 60 x 30 title and thus completed the double for 1993 when they defeated Paul Coleman and Keith Moroney from the Ballina Club in Tipperary. Enda Hawe, Kilkenny, won his second U15 medal of the year when he partnered Michael Falsey to victory over Paddy Buckley and Paddy O'Driscoll of Cork in the U15 Doubles final. Kilkenny's third victory in the Juvenile Softball Championships came when Michael Clifford

and Alan Hosey defeated Robert Foley and Con Clancy of Limerick to take the county's third title at that level.

U16 FIRSTS FOR CARLOW AND MAYO

Kenneth Kane from the Garryhill Club won Carlow's first ever U16 Softball Singles title when he defeated his 40 x 20 conqueror Tony Healy of Cork 15-2, 15-11 in the final. Campbell Brennan and Vincent Moran took Mayo's first ever U16 60 x 30 Doubles title when they defeated Mark Hillis and Michael O'Neill, Wexford, 15-9, 15-12 in an excellent game. Eoin Kennedy from the St Brigid's Club, Blanchardstown won Dublin's fifth U14 Softball Singles title when he defeated Danny Healy from Cork 15-9, 15-7 playing a very safe game of handball. Colin Keeling represented Wexford in the U15 Singles final in which he defeated Warren O'Brien from Tipperary 5-15, 15-9, 15-3 to take the county's first title at that level since 1977. Gerard Sherlock took Cork's first title at U17 Singles level when he defeated James Doyle of Wexford 3-15, 15-11, 15-7.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The All-Ireland Inter-Club championships produced some excellent handball, particularly in the 40 x 20 code. St Paul's, Aontroim defeated Ballyporeen, Tiobraid Árann 114 to 99 in the final of the Open 40 x 20 Championship. This was the fourth successive Open Club title for an Antrim club and is an indication of the general strength and development of the game in the north eastern county.

Kingscourt, An Cabhán defeated Lisacul, Roscomáin 113 to 79 in the Junior final giving further evidence of the ongoing development of handball in that Club. There was some controversy in the Junior 40 x 20 All-Ireland series when the Cashel team which had won the 1992 championship were deemed ineligible for the 1993 championship. In the event, Munster finalists Mallow were defeated by Lisacul in the All-Ireland semi-final. Commenting on the issue, most people agreed that while there was no rule to state that Junior Club winners should automatically be promoted to the Open grade, the spirit of the competition had always been that Junior winners did not participate in Junior Club championships again. The matter will be debated at Congress under Motions from Cork and Kilkenny and the question of eligibility of Junior winners for future years will certainly be decided one way or the other.

The Novice 40 x 20 Club championship was won by the

Garda Club from Baile Atha Cliath who defeated Cashel, Tiobraid Árann 124-110 in the final.

In the 60 x 30 code, the Kells club, An Mhí defeated St Mary's, Clonmel 108-71 in the All-Ireland. Cashel defeated Kingscourt in the Junior grade while Kilfane, Cill Chainnigh defeated Horse and Jockey, Tiobraid Árann convincingly in the Novice grade.

The standard of play in the team championships should be a very good indicator of the general standard of handball. These championships offer the ordinary club the opportunity to play in top class competition. However, the level of entries in the various grades does not indicate a great interest in the competitions. This is another area that should be examined by County Committees and Provincial councils with a view to increasing the number of teams which take part. Again, is it a case of weaker clubs not entering because of the standard of their stronger counterparts? Whatever the reason, ways will have to be devised to attract average and weaker clubs into competition at this level in an effort to improve their standard of play and to provide meaningful competition for them.



Walter O'Connor and Tom Sheridan (Meath), winners of the Senior Hardball Doubles championship, pictured with Pearse O'Keeffe (left) and Billy Bourke (right).

HARDBALL

Because of the pressure of so many other fixtures, the Hardball Championships were not held until October/November. Because of cold weather at that time of year and the fact that 40 x 20 championships were about to commence, twelve players withdrew from the Hardball championships. In addition, there was a total of sixteen walk-overs, two of these due to injuries. In summary, a total of 46 players competed in 38 games in the six hardball championships in 1993.

The level of entries for the Junior championships is quite satisfactory; thirteen players took part in the Singles event while 26 competed in Junior Doubles. Ten players played in the Senior Doubles championship and eight took part in the Senior Singles. However, the Minor Championship gives cause for concern - only three players took part in the Singles while the final was the only game played in the Minor Doubles championship.

WINNERS

Peter McAuley, An Lú won his second S.H.S title at the expense of Billy Bourke, Kilkenny on a 21-4, 21-17 scoreline. Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor, An Mhí retained their Senior Doubles title defeating Billy Bourke and Pearse O'Keeffe,

Kilkenny, 12-21, 21-4, 21-6 in an excellent final. Robbie McCarthy, An Iarnhí scored a nice double. He defeated Jack Kelly of Limerick in the Singles event and partnered Jim Guilfoyle to victory over Jack Kelly and Martin Kiely, Luimneach in the Doubles final. Michael Finnegan and Raymond Cunningham, An Cabhán won their third Minor Doubles title of the year defeating Darragh Ward and Trevor Winders, Cill Dara 12-21, 21-15, 21-11 in a very good Minor Doubles final and Michael Finnegan defeated Trevor Winders, Cill Dara 21-6, 21-16 in the final of the Singles event.

The introduction of a new synthetic material for the making of hardballs proved quite successful and the standard of balls supplied was of a much higher quality than in recent years. This augurs well for the future supply of hardballs and quantities should be available at any time throughout the year for training purposes.

The fact that many players have to travel considerable distances to take part in the All-Ireland Hardball championships must be a deterrent to many of them. This, of course, is due to the fact that so few 60 x 30 courts are suitable for hardball. In addition, the staging of the games at an unsuitable time of the year is also a major deterrent and every effort must be made in the future to facilitate the hardball championships and to provide the opportunity for more players to take part. This raises the question of the possibility of organising county and provincial hardball championships and of promoting the game at Minor level. The value of holding six All-Ireland hardball championships for less than fifty players when the game is not organised at various levels of the organisation must be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

60 x 30 NATIONAL LEAGUE

Eleven teams from nine counties took part in the 1993 60 x 30 National League. The competition was played in three sections giving a total of fifteen games. There were five games in the play-offs giving a total of twenty matches for the series. Competition was very keen throughout the League and most matches were very well contested. Tipperary teams contested the final with the Tipperary A team from the south of the county defeating their northern opponents. All-Ireland U21 stars David Moloney and Noel Murphy were anchor members of the team while Novice 60 x 30 Doubles champions Michael Carrie and Paul McGrath formed a very formidable partnership. In addition, Kevin Croke and Sean Doyle teamed up very well to play their part in the team victory.

The National League provides players with the opportunity of representing their county in a meaningful team competition. However, in reviewing the competition, the question must be asked why so many counties did not take part in the League. The main reason is the difference in standards between the stronger and weaker counties. However, there must be a way of providing some meaningful competition for the weaker counties. Another point to be made is that the League teams comprise players who are already well catered for in various other competitions. It may be timely to review the League with a view to broadening its base and introducing a second Division with promotion and relegation, ideally on a regional basis.

FBD INSURANCE IRISH OPEN

Over 40 players entered the second Irish Open 40 x 20 Singles Championship which was sponsored by FBD Insurance. With 16



Seamus McCormack, Sales Manager, FBD Insurance, presents the trophies to Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, winner and Eddie Corbett, Tiobraid Árann, runner-up in the FBD 40 x 20 Irish Open TV series.

players seeded, there were a number of surprises in the earlier rounds. The play-offs were recorded at Croke Park at the end of April and were transmitted by RTE in Sports Stadium over six Saturdays in May and June. This provided excellent exposure for the game of handball and we are most grateful to the RTE TV Sports Department in this regard.

A couple of the games were somewhat one-sided but, nevertheless, produced some very good handball. Following his defeat by Peter McAuley of Louth in the Leinster 40 x 20 Senior Singles Championship, Michael 'Duxie' Walsh made a major impact right throughout the series. He showed excellent form in defeating Billy Silcock from Antrim 31-14 in the quarter-final and turned the tables on Peter McAuley winning his semi-final 31-19.

Defending champion, Walter O'Connor of Meath had a 31-20 victory over Billy Laverty from Antrim in his quarter-final but went out to the very much in form Eddie Corbett of Tipperary in the semi-final. Corbett had already defeated Kilkenny's Billy Bourke on a 31-28 scoreline in his quarter-final. In fact, his matches were the highlights of the competition and he showed excellent form and tremendous determination in coming back

from the jaws of defeat in both his quarter-final and semi-final. However, he could not repeat the performance against the very talented 'Duxie' who won the final on a 31-21 scoreline.

Presenting the trophies to the winner and runner-up, Mr Seamus McCormack, Sales Director, FBD Insurance said that his company was very pleased to be associated with an excellent GAA sport. He hoped that the TV coverage of the competition would be of great benefit to the game in general, particularly in promoting handball at juvenile level.

RESULTS

Quarter-finals:

W O'Connor (Meath) dft B Laverty (Antrim) 31-20
E Corbett (Tipperary) dft B Bourke (Kilkenny) 31-28
M Walsh (Kilkenny) dft B Silcock (Antrim) 31-14
P McAuley (Louth) dft M Walsh (Roscommon) 31-10

Semi-Finals: E Corbett dft W O'Connor 31-26
M Walsh dft P McAuley 31-19

Final: M Walsh dft E Corbett 31-21

The Plate Competition was delayed and was run off at the end of May. There were some excellent games in the closing stages with David Gough, An Mhí defeating David King, Ceatharlach 31-21 and Willie Pratt, Kilkenny defeating Jim Ryan, Tiobraid Árann 31-30 in the semi-finals. The Meath player saw off the challenge of the Kilkennyman winning the final on a 31-28 scoreline.

IRISH SUCCESS IN USHA JUNIORS

Irish handballers achieved significant success in the USHA Junior Championships held at Des Plaines, Illinois from 27 to 29 December last. Kenneth Kane from the Garryhill Club in Carlow became the seventh Irish player to win the 15 and Under title since Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny won that championship in 1981. The Carlow player defeated three Americans on his way to the final conceding a total of only 16 points over six games. The final was an all-Irish affair in which



Kenneth Kane (left), winner of the U.S. 15 and Under championship, pictured with Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán; Jimmy King, Team Manager; Joe Edge, Marketing Director, O'Neill's Sportsgoods Ltd., and Michael Finnegan who played in the 17 and Under championship.

Kenneth Kane took on Tony Healy from the Ballydesmond Club in Cork in a repeat of the 1993 40 x 20 U16 Singles final in which Healy was victorious. This time, however, Kane turned the tables and put on a magnificent display of offensive handball to win on a scoreline of 21-6, 21-7.

Ciarán Curran from Tyrone, winner of four successive US titles from 1989 to 1992, was unlucky to lose 11-7 in a tie-break in the final of the 19 and Under championship. Ireland's official entrant in this event was Michael Finnegan from Cavan who went out at the semi-final stage to the eventual winner James Komsthoeft of California on a 21-8, 21-13 scoreline.

Dominic Lynch from the Glenbeigh Club in Kerry lost his first round match in the 17 and Under championship very narrowly but recovered well to win the Consolation event at that level. Roisín Faulkner from Cavan did well to win three of her four matches to finish in second place in the Girls 19 and Under event.

INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR IRISH PLAYERS

Apart from the official team of three players, Kenneth Kane, Dominic Lynch and Michael Finnegan, eight Irish boys and two girls took part in the US Junior Championships at their own expense. They all acquitted themselves very well and gained much valuable experience of international handball which will be of benefit to their own game and to the game in general at juvenile level.

The success rate of Irish teams in the US championships has been very impressive with ten players winning seventeen of the thirty-five championships in which they took part since 1981. Irish winners of US titles include Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny who is the only Irish player to win all four American underage championships, Ciarán Curran (Tyrone), Walter O'Connor (Meath), Peter McAuley (Louth), John Duggan (Clare), Michael Finnegan (Cavan) and Michael McHale (Roscommon) who is the only Connacht player to win a US championship.

BUÍOCHAS

Our sincere thanks go to National Coach Jimmy King (Loch Garman) who prepared the players for the championships and who was also a very competent and caring Team Manager.

RESULTS:

15 and Under — Round I:

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft P Papatheymtrios (California) 21-3, 21-9.

Kenneth Rafferty (Monaghan) dft J Munoz (California) 21-3 21-5.

Round II:

Kenneth Kane (Carlow) dft J Santos (California) 21-3, 21-3.

John Joe Quirke (Kerry) dft J Sheppeck (Mass) 21-3, 21-7.

Tony Healy (Cork) dft M O'Leary (Mass) 21-3, 21-7.

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft D Szatkowski (Illinois) 21-2, 21-1.

Kenneth Rafferty (Monaghan) dft G Hahn (Illinois) 21-2, 21-2.

Quarter-finals:

K Kane dft C Zamora (Illinois) 21-1 21-2.

E Alesi (Illinois) dft J J Quirke 21-18, 21-19.

T Healy dft E Kennedy 21-5, 21-12.

N Mattioni (Pennsylvania) dft K Rafferty 21-3, 21-6.

Semi-finals:

K Kane dft E Alesi 21-5, 21-2.

T Healy dft N Mattioni 21-15, 21-18.

Final: K Kane dft T Healy 21-6, 21-7.

17 and Under

Round II:

Micheal Rafferty (Monaghan) dft T Nunez (California) 21-6, 21-1.

A Wilson (California) dft Dominic Lynch (Kerry) 21-15, 21-17.

Quarter-final:

J Hagen (South Dakota) dft M Rafferty 21-12, 18-21, 11-3.

17 and Under Consolation Event: Dominic Lynch

Quarter-final: dft A Fussner (Ontario) 21-2, 21-3.

Semi-final: dft J Flores (Illinois) 21-1, 21-5.

Final: dft A Szatkowski (Illinois) 21-5, 21-5.

19 and Under

Round I:

Martin Toner (Tyrone) dft L Numez (Illinois) 21-4, 21-4.

Round II:

Ciarán Curran (Tyrone) dft R Maloney (Minnesota) 21-1, 21-3.

M Gustafson (South Dakota) dft M Toner 21-9, 21-2.

Michael Finnegan (Cavan) dft B Zetzche (Illinois) 21-2, 21-1.

Raymond Cunningham (Cavan) dft B Bailey (Missouri) 21-8, 21-4.

Quarter-finals:

C Curran dft S Conneely (Illinois) 21-4, 21-3.

M Finnegan dft N Dobrash (Michigan) 21-6, 21-1.

J. Komsthoeft (California) dft R Cunningham 21-18, 21-18.

Semi-finals:

C Curran dft M Gustafson 21-12, 21-3.

J Komsthoeft dft M Finnegan 21-8, 21-13.

Final: J Komsthoeft dft C Curran 21-13, 20-21, 11-7.

Girls Under 17/19 and Under Round Robin

Roisín Faulkner (Cavan) dft M Little (Kansas) 21-3, 21-1

dft S Hughes (Dublin) 21-13, 21-4.1

lost to J Gawley (Canada) 21-12, 21-16.

dft S Gawley (Canada) 21-7, 21-10.

Sabrina Hughes (Dublin) dft M Little 21-14, 21-20.

lost to S Gawley 21-12, 14-21, 11-6.

lost to R Faulkner 21-13, 21-4.

lost to J Gawley 21-5, 21-15.

Placings: 1, J Gawley; 2, R Faulkner; 3, S Gawley;
4, S Hughes; 5. M Little

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

In reviewing the whole process of trials, team preparation and the actual performances in the USHA championships the following points must be taken into account:

1. One of the criteria for acceptance of any entry for trials should be that the player has taken part in the 40 x 20 championships earlier that year.
2. Consideration should be given to playing the trials earlier so that the team can have a longer period of preparation for the intense competition they face in the U.S.
3. The team players should be expected to attend for and complete the full training schedules; otherwise, they

should forfeit the right to represent Ireland in the competition for which they had been selected.

4. The official team should concentrate solely on 40 x 20 handball in the two months before the US championships and no team player should be expected to play hardball or softball competitions during that time.
5. The practice of an increasing number of non-team players taking part in the championships should be reviewed.
6. The practice of an increasing number of adults accompanying players to the championships should be examined, especially in the context of the role of the Team Manager.

There is, without doubt, a very bright future for our players in the US Junior Championships. However, we must work hard to provide the best possible environment for them in trials, training and competition so that they can maintain and improve upon the standards set since 1981.

USHA NATIONALS

Five Irish players competed with mixed fortunes in the USHA National Championships: Clareman Paul Walsh went out in the first round of the Pro Singles when he was defeated in a tie-breaker. Eddie Corbett advanced to the second round of that competition to be defeated by John Robles from Washington.

Paul Walsh advanced to the second round of the Open Singles competition and Eddie Corbett had three fine victories to put him into the final where he defeated Alan Frank from Maryland 21-1, 21-6.



Seosamh Ó Loinsigh (former Riarthóir) pictured with Eddie Corbett (left), U.S. Open Singles Champion and Pearse O'Keeffe, U.S. 'B' Singles Champion.

Pearse O'Keeffe from the Mullinavat Club in Kilkenny had five victories in the 'B' Singles championship thus becoming the second Irish player to take that title. John Corbett, Tiobraid Árann, had two fine victories in the 'C' Singles event before going out at the quarter-final stage 7-21, 21-12, 11-8. In addition, he won his quarter-final game in the 19 and Under championship but lost out 21-12, 21-19 to Tommy Little from Kansas in the semi-final.

Having lost his first round match in the Super Singles championship, Pat O'Keeffe from Kilkenny went on to win the Super Singles Consolation event.

RESULTS — Pro Singles

Round 1:

Paul Walsh (Clare) lost to Chris Watkins (California) 17-21, 21-10, 11-1.

Eddie Corbett (Tipperary) dft D Schmitt (Houston, Texas) 21-7, 21-7

Round Two:

E Corbett lost to John Robles (Washington) 21-12, 21-14

Open Singles

Round One:

Paul Walsh dft David Fink (Pennsylvania) 13-21, 21-13, 11-1.

Eddie Corbett dft Lois Clarke (Texas) 21-5, 21-11.

Quarter-finals:

P Walsh lost to Alan Frank (Maryland) 21-10, 21-7.

E Corbett dft Paul Tadevich (Arizona) 21-16, 21-2.

Semi-final: E Corbett dft Dave Steinberg (Oregon) 21-4, 21-14.

Final: E Corbett dft Alan Frank (Maryland) 21-1, 21-6.

B Singles

Round One:

P O'Keeffe dft E Lochary (Maryland) 21-15, 16-21, 11-5.

Round Two: P O'Keeffe dft J Lewis (New York) 21-13, 21-19.

Quarter-final: P O'Keeffe dft J Prather (Ohio) 21-7, 21-7.

Semi-final: P O'Keeffe dft Terry Ordaz (California) 21-7, 21-5.

Final: P O'Keeffe dft Joe McNeill (California) 21-5, 21-1.

C Singles

Round One:

John Corbett (Tipperary) dft M Frachel (New York) 21-7, 21-10.

Round Two:

J Corbett dft J Krovich (Georgia) 21-19, 4-21, 11-10.

Quarter-final: J Corbett lost to G Contreras 7-21, 21-12, 11-8.

19 and Under

Quarter-final:

J Corbett dft Joey Kaplan (New York) 7-21, 21-6, 11-4.

Semi-final:

J Corbett lost to Tommy Little (Kansas) 21-12, 21-19.

Super Singles

Round One:

Pat O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) lost to R Pelgrand (San Jose) 21-4, 21-2.

Super Singles Consolation Event

Quarter-final: P O'Keeffe dft J Mayer 21-5, 21-10.

Semi-final: P O'Keeffe dft J Gunzelman 21-9, 21-11.

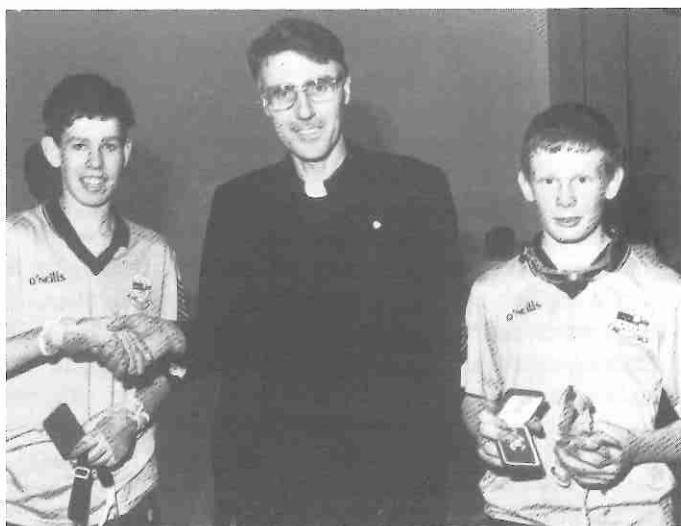
Final: P O'Keeffe dft R Argenzio 21-4, 21-5.

Although it is some years now since Irish teams officially took part in the US Nationals, players who competed over the past few years - at their own expense - have fared very well. It may be timely now to review our policy of not entering an official team; any change here would be of great benefit to the game. Our players can hold their own with the best in the world and, without doubt, participation in the Nationals would help to

improve standards at home. It would also be a great incentive for our players to represent their country at adult level and would be a natural follow-on from our international policy at junior level. International competition is as vital at adult level as it is at underage level; and this is especially true in handball which is the only Gaelic game with a true international outlet.

PLAYING STANDARDS AND COACHING

While there is a very wide spread of counties winning national championships, the standard of play in some competitions is a matter for concern. There is no doubt but that coaching and development of the game, especially at juvenile level is the key to solving this problem in the long-term. In fact, where there has been a good juvenile policy in place at club or county level, handball is thriving. However, units cannot prosper without a soundly based programme involving trained coaches. There is much room, too, for development in the primary and second level schools areas. A modest investment here would pay rich dividends and the future of the game would be assured. An essential ingredient in any coaching plan must be the appointment of a full-time National Coach/Development Officer and a submission has been made to Cospóir in this regard.



Fr. Martin Jennings pictured with Enda Howe and Robert Falsey (Cill Chainnigh) following their victory in the Under-15 40 x 20 Doubles final.

IRELAND TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OCTOBER

When Irish emigrants brought the game of handball with them to various parts of America in the nineteenth century, little did they realise the impact this development would have on the growth of handball generally. From humble origins in the streets of New York and places such as the coalmines of Butte, Montana, the influence of Irish handball was felt right across the American continent. In due course, the Irish game became adapted to a new form in the 40 x 20 court and by the 1960s the wheel had turned full circle to the point where Irish handball came under the influence of the American game. Since the 1960s, seven World championships have been held in the USA, Ireland, Canada and Australia.

The eighth World championships will be held in Ireland from October 1 to 9, 1994. A total of 41 championships will be on offer ranging from 15 and Under for both boys and girls to a

Men's 75 and Over Veteran Diamond Singles competition. Eight countries, Ireland, Britain, the USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Japan and France will be taking part. The Invitational Singles and Doubles events for men and the Invitational Women's Singles championship will be confined to one entry per country. All other competitions are totally open and this will provide an excellent opportunity for Irish players to sample World championship fare.

The World championships were last held in Ireland in 1984 to coincide with the GAA Centenary year and were hosted in Dublin and Clare venues. Since then, the championships have been hosted by Canada, Australia and the USA with Irish players figuring prominently on the victory rostrum in each case. This time around, the primary events will be again held in Dublin with the Invitational Men's Singles and Doubles and the Invitational Women's Singles topping the attractions. The Open Singles and Doubles and the 23 and Under Singles and Doubles events will also be held in Dublin as will the Men's 'B' Singles, A/B Doubles and 'C' Singles. Clare will host 31 championships including all the over-age competitions, the Junior Boys and Girls championships and four women's events.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

There will be a full programme of social activities in both Clare and Dublin at which competitors can unwind and relax with their friends after a hard day's play. Highlights of the events will be the Banquets at the Clare Inn Hotel on Saturday 1 October and in the State Apartments, Dublin Castle on Thursday 6 October.

ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

At the time of writing, the general planning for events is well in hand under the chairmanship of Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán, but a huge amount of work will have to be done in the coming months to ensure that everything is in order for the championships. Clubs in Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Clare are willing to upgrade their facilities for the games and, no doubt, will themselves benefit greatly from their involvement in the World series. Efforts are proceeding to secure sponsorship for the championships and this should be forthcoming in the near future given the fact that RTE has given agreement in principle to show highlights of the main games on television. Sub-committees have been appointed to look after the following responsibilities for the Dublin based games: (a) Courts and facilities. (b) Fixtures and Refereeing. (c) Finance and Sponsorship. (d) Promotions, Publicity and Social Activities. Former Uachtarán, Caimín Mac Seoin and his Committee have put several Sub-committees in place to organise events in Clare. From the commitment already shown by the people tasked with various responsibilities in both Dublin and Clare, I am fully confident that Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann will carry out an excellent job in hosting the Eighth World Handball Championships.

LIST OF EVENTS

The huge increase in the number of All-Ireland championships over the past decade or more means that we now have players competing in domestic competition well into their sixties. This means that Ireland will be very well represented in the World Championships. There is a keen sense of anticipation among players and clubs throughout the country and members are eagerly looking forward to what will be a very exciting year. The complete list of World Championship events follows

1. Invitational Singles - One entry per country



Photographed at the Leitrim County Board launch of the Handball Marathon where Lorcán Ó Ruairc (Riarthóir Náisiúnta), Peter Heaney, Seán McKeon, Oliver Carey, Bobby Finn (Irish Cancer Society) and Seán McEntee, Uachtarán.

2. Invitational Doubles - One entry per country
3. Invitational Women's Singles - One entry per country
4. Open Singles
5. Open Doubles
6. Challenger Singles - 23 and Under
7. 23 and Under Doubles
8. 35 and Over Singles
9. 35 and Over Doubles
10. Masters 'A' Singles - 40 and Over
11. Masters 'A' Doubles - 40 and Over
12. Masters 'B' Singles - 40 and Over
13. Masters 'B' Doubles - 40 and Over
14. Veteran Masters 'A' Singles - 45 and Over
15. Veteran Masters 'A' Doubles - 45 and Over
16. Veteran Masters 'B' Singles - 45 and Over
17. Veteran Masters 'B' Doubles - 45 and Over
18. Golden Masters 'A' Singles - 50 and Over
19. Golden Masters 'A' Doubles - 50 and Over
20. Golden Masters 'B' Singles - 50 and Over
21. Golden Masters 'B' Doubles - 50 and Over
22. Veteran Golden Masters Singles - 55 and Over
23. Super Singles - 60 and Over
24. Super Doubles - 60 and Over
25. Veteran Super Singles - 65 and Over
26. Diamond Singles - 70 and Over
27. Diamond Doubles - 70 and Over
28. Veteran Diamond Singles - 75 and Over
29. Men's 'B' Singles
30. Men's 'A/B' Doubles
31. Men's 'C' Singles
32. Junior Boys 15 and Under
33. Junior Boys 17 and Under
34. Junior Boys 19 and Under
35. Junior Girls 15 and Under
36. Junior Girls 17 and Under
37. Junior Girls 19 and Under
38. Women's Open Singles
39. Women's Doubles
40. Women's 'B' Singles
41. Women's 'B' Doubles

VENUES: 1. DUBLIN (10) Events 1-7, 29-31
2. CLARE (31) Events 8-28, 32-41

MARATHON TO AID HANDBALL AND IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

The Irish Handball Council has joined forces with the Irish Cancer Society and the Ulster Cancer Foundation in a major fund-raising handball Marathon in aid of the three bodies on the May bank holiday weekend. The Marathon will take place in all handball clubs around the country from 8.00pm on Friday 29 April to 8.00pm on Saturday 30th April.

In keeping with the promotion of the International Year of the Family, the Marathon will be promoted and organised as a GAA Family Day. The exercise itself will also facilitate the promotion of handball within the Association as whole in line with one of the aims of the GAA.

The proceeds of the Marathon will be shared equally by the Cancer bodies for their Night Nursing and Home Care Programmes and by the Irish Handball Council mainly for the coaching and development of handball but partly to help relieve the Council's debt.

ORGANISATION OF EVENT

A National Organising Committee representing each of the provinces was set up last autumn to plan and coordinate the



Discussing details of the Handball Marathon were John Gaffney (Connacht Council Chairman), Lorcán Ó Ruairc (Riarthóir Náisiúnta), Bobby Finn (Irish Cancer Society), Eugene Maloney and Thomas Gibbons (Mayo), Fr. Martin Jennings and Seán Mac an tSaoi, President of the Irish Handball Council.

Marathon. Committees have also been set up at provincial level and there are county coordinators in each county whose role and that of the County Committee is:

1. To set up an Organising Committee to plan and coordinate the Marathon in the county. This will include the GAA Coordinator, ICS personnel and enough members to enable the Committee to maintain regular contact with every handball and GAA Club in the county - without overloading any one person.
2. To set out the role and responsibilities of Committee members.
3. To ask the GAA County Board to select 3-5 celebrities (current/past players, officials) to support the marathon by attending photo-calls, speaking on local radio and taking part in the Marathon.
4. To liaise with Irish Cancer Society personnel with regard to planning a coordinated approach to fund-raising in the county.
5. To notify every Club in the county of the Marathon, issue the appropriate literature and to ask every Club to support the Marathon as a GAA Family Day by fund-raising and by organising some GAA Marathon event.
6. To seek local sponsorship for the marathon in the county.
7. To collate the list of events in the county (for general information and inclusion in press Releases).
8. To provide regular information for the local radio station/s and newspaper/s.
9. To organise a photo-call with celebrities (by mid-April) to announce final details of events and get local publicity.

GAA SUPPORT

A major effort is being made to involve GAA clubs as much as possible in the Marathon by organising events, involving personalities in opening events and playing handball games and also in selling sponsorship cards. GAA players and personalities contributed immensely to the success of the 1992 Marathon when the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip assisted by sixty venues throughout the country and London generated over £100,000 for Cancer Research at Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin. I have no doubt but that with a major involvement of GAA units, the 1994 Marathon will be a huge success. In this regard, we thank An Coiste Bainistí Cumann Luthchleas Gael for its support for the Marathon and we acknowledge and appreciate very much the commitment of Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán, and Liam Ó Maolmichíl, Ard Stiúrthoir to the event.

ROLE OF CANCER PERSONNEL

Irish Cancer Society and Ulster Cancer Foundation personnel have been most helpful in giving of their professional advice and expertise in preparation for the Marathon. In summary, their role is:

1. To liaise with Handball Committees at national, provincial and county levels.
2. To brief Provincial Handball Conventions and National Handball Congress on the work of I.C.S and the purpose of fund-raising.
3. To act on County Organising Committees.
4. To advise each County Organising Committee of fund-raising potential and target areas within the county.
5. To target specific areas for sale of personalised sponsorship cards.
6. To assist the Coordinator with publicity and related events.



Brian Murphy pictured with the Castlebridge Féile na nGael team, winners of the 60 x 30 Division I Team Event.

This Marathon has the potential to raise the profile of handball throughout the country and, also, to put the future of the game and the organisation on a new and sound footing. However, it will take a huge amount of work to ensure its success. Given the response and commitment of people to date to the Marathon, I am convinced that it will be one of the highlights of the decade not alone for handball but for Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in general and I appeal to everyone to support a major venture which can help secure the future of handball and at the same time help to provide much-needed funds for the Night Nursing and Home Care Programmes for cancer patients.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

The 1993 Féile na nGael U14 Festival was held in Mayo and Galway venues with Anne Naughton, Comhairle na mBan, Peter Carter and Peter Mulryan having responsibility for the organisation of the various competitions. Our thanks are due to all three and to their hard-working committees and to the host clubs on the excellent organisation of the weekend activities. They did an excellent job in organising the various events and the clubs and Ard Chomhairle are very appreciative of the time, effort and commitment they gave to organising the whole weekend.

The strength of Wexford and Kilkenny handball was seen in the fact that Castlebridge won the Division I 60 x 30 title while O'Loughlins from Kilkenny won the 40 x 20 Division I title. Ballingarry were winners of the 60 x 30 Division II event and Cavan Gaels and Irvinestown took Division II and III honours in the 40 x 20 code. Curraghby from Roscommon won the Girls 40 x 20 competition.

Féile na nGael offers an excellent opportunity for any club to avail of a very well organised and hospitable weekend within the GAA calendar. It is a much sought after prize by hurling and camogie clubs and also by many handball clubs. However, some counties do not appear to appreciate the value of Féile as a team event and as a social and cultural weekend as well.

One of the many benefits of participation in Féile is the long-lasting friendships that are built up between clubs and individuals from different parts of the country which are often followed up by exchange visits over the years and further contact in competitions at juvenile and adult level. If every county appreciated fully the value of participating in Féile na nGael, I am confident that there would be a much increased entry in the competitions. Féile can provide a great focal point for the development of juvenile handball.



The St. Paul's Féile na nGael team from Antrim.

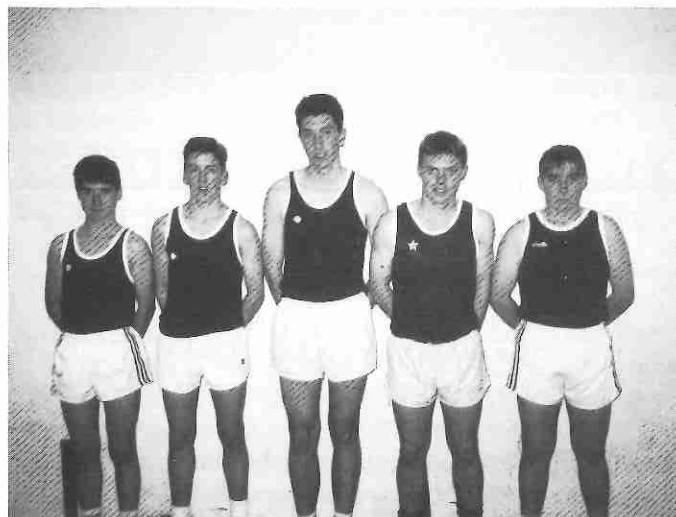
The choice of host county for the Féile na nGael festivities determines the geographical spread of the handball events. Because of the locations of the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 courts in Galway/Mayo, it was difficult to have a particular focal point for handball. Nevertheless, all of the arrangements were excellent. In previous years, the finals were held on Saturday and the tendency was for teams not to stay for the Mass and parade on the Sunday. However, in 1993 the format was changed and the finals of all Divisions were played at central venues on the Sunday afternoon. Almost all of the clubs participated in the parade and many attended the finals at Athenry and Loughrea venues.

Participation in the Féile parade gave handball a very high profile within Féile na nGael and congratulations are due to many teams which were splendidly presented for the occasion. However, we need to improve our overall presentation and present the best possible image when taking part in what is a very prestigious event. Handball needs and deserves this and I ask all clubs to fulfil their obligations in this regard.

On another level, it appears that many counties do not take the selection of teams for Féile na nGael as seriously as they should. Several counties do not have any entries and others have no qualifying competitions at county level. This means that in many cases, the same clubs enter the competition year after year whereas the whole purpose of Féile na nGael is to provide every club with the opportunity to qualify for entry to this major national festival. Therefore, I strongly urge every county,

especially as part of its juvenile development plan, to organise a qualifying competition for Féile na nGael. In this way, clubs who take part will feel they have qualified for the event in a meaningful way and can better represent themselves and their counties.

The 1994 Féile will be hosted by Limerick and we are asking all counties to have their entries finalised by early May to allow the organising committee adequate time to make local preparations. At this point, I would like to wish the Luimneach Féile Committee every success in hosting Féile na nGael 1994. With the cooperation of all counties and the participating clubs, together with the organisational ability of the host county, I am confident that handball will reach new heights in Féile na nGael this year.



Cork juvenile handballers who won four All-Ireland titles in 1993. From left, Danny Healy (U14 40 x 20 Singles Champion), Tony Healy (U16 40 x 20 Singles Champion), Enda Ahearne and Anthony O'Brien (U17 40 x 20 Doubles Champions) and Gerard Sherlock (U17 60 x 30 Singles Champion).

JUVENILE STANDARDS

The fact that Cork and Kilkenny took nine of the sixteen Juvenile titles is an indication of the strength of the game in those counties. Their victories are the result of long and painstaking development work at juvenile level coupled with promotional and coaching courses in recent years. The first time wins in various grades for Kerry, Monaghan, Carlow and Mayo as well as Cork and Kilkenny must be a source of great satisfaction for



The Derry Féile na nGael girls team.



Hugh Meenagh pictured with the Tyrone Féile na nGael team.



Taking part in Féile na nGael were the Kells team from Co. Meath.

those counties. It is further evidence of good coaching and development work which should be an inspiration and example to all other counties.

In referring to the successes of some counties, it is obvious that there is a huge variation in standards of juvenile handball throughout the country as evidenced by the fact that some counties entered the provincial championships in very few grades and also by the fact that there are so many one-sided games at semi-final and final levels in both codes.

It may be stating the obvious to say that counties which neglect juvenile handball are, regrettably, neglecting the future of the game. The only way to ensure that the future of handball is secure is to promote and develop juvenile handball through a coordinated plan of promotional, development and coaching programmes aimed at primary schools and juvenile sections of clubs. Regrettably, many clubs do not promote juvenile handball at all. This matter should be examined seriously by every county and perhaps Provincial Handball Councils should take the lead in this regard in examining the state of juvenile handball in every county and implementing a programme to develop the game on a very broad basis. The initiatives of the Leinster Council are most commendable in this regard and set a headline for all of us to follow. The introduction of the U12/13 Team events is a very welcome innovation which provides meaningful competition in a format in which the contribution of every member of the team is of vital importance to the outcome. This should help to improve the standard of play of the average player for whom this competition is intended and also fills the gap created by the abolition of the U12 and U13 Singles and Doubles championships. However, the team championships will only be as effective as the strength of the juvenile policy at Club and county level. It is incumbent on all counties to examine their structures and competitions and see how best they can provide for the needs of juvenile handball.

A basic requirement for any development of juvenile handball is to have an adequate number of coaches to guide the young players in the skills of the game and their general development as young people. There must be an ongoing coaching programme with a reasonable number of competitive games which will provide the incentive for the young people to continue in the game and provide a meaningful outlet for their competitive nature.

There are many clubs which pay no attention at all to juvenile handball. County Committees must see to it that a policy of juvenile recruitment and development is introduced in every



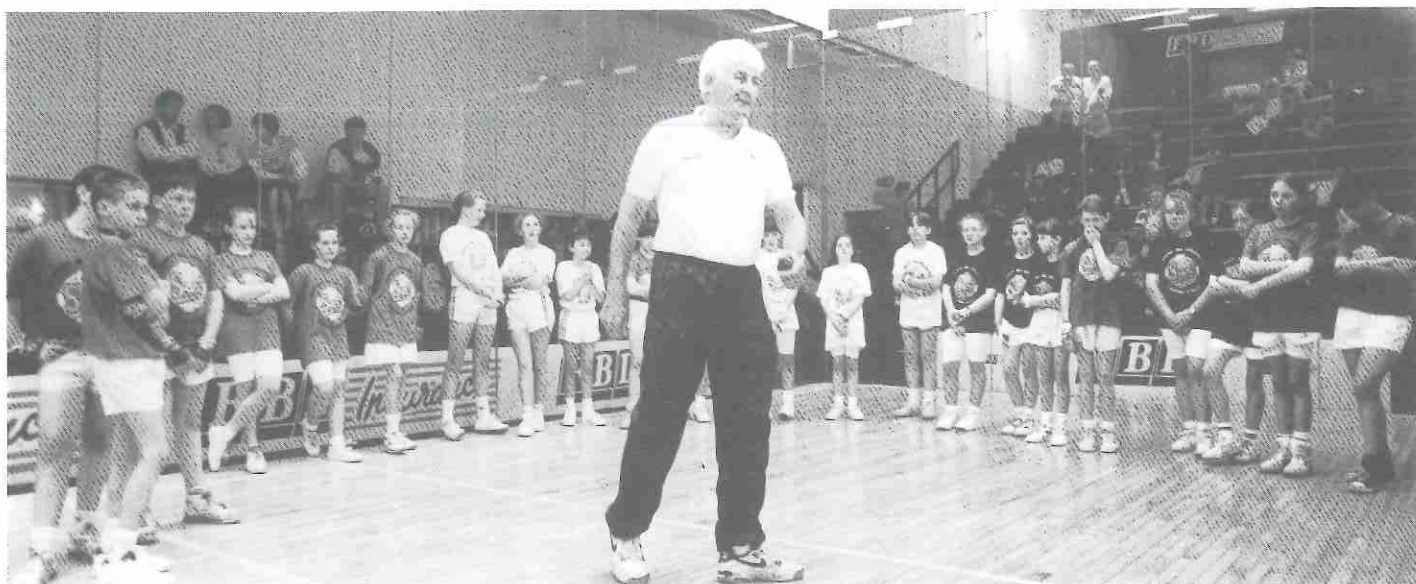
Patrick Finnegan from the Kingscourt Club, Féile na nGael Skills runner-up.

club, particularly those which have been traditionally strong and where there are ample personnel with sufficient expertise to introduce the game to juveniles and coach them in the skills of handball. Perhaps we should look at the possibility of nominating 1995 as the year of the juvenile and carry out a comprehensive development and coaching programme at all levels of the organisation to cater for the needs of our young people. The organisation of such a promotion would pay far better dividends than the organisation of many of the competitions which are currently run from county to national level. In fact, if the same organisational ability and expertise were applied to the development of juvenile handball as applies at overage level, we could feel very re-assured about the future health of the game.

BUNSCOILEANNA

Nineteen counties took part in the second National Handball Programme for Primary Schools organised by Cumann na mBunscol and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann. The programme operated at school, county, regional and national levels through the school year ending with the National Skills Day at Páirc an Chrócaigh on 4 July 1993. There was a great response to the promotion and a total of 36 boys and girls qualified for the national event. Each player took part in two games and also participated in a short coaching programme under National Coach, Jimmy King. The main philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol is to promote the national games through a sense of fun and participation rather than on competition and the Handball Council applauds this approach to the promotion of handball. The Council wishes to thank all teachers and the county and regional committees of Cumann na mBunscol on their excellent organisation of the promotion of primary schools handball. ArdChomhairle also wish to thank the County Handball Committees for their financial and other support for the handball initiative. Given the success of the first two years of the handball promotion at primary schools level, we hope that many more schools will take part in those counties in the coming year and also that the scheme will be taken up by the remaining counties. In this connection, it is incumbent on every County Handball Committee to encourage its Coiste na mBunscol to promote handball at primary schools level.

It is in the interests of every club to put their facilities at the disposal of the local primary schools and to do everything possible to assist the teachers in making the scheme a success.



Jimmy King demonstrates some coaching points to the participants in the Primary Schools National Handball Day.

If the game were to develop and prosper in primary schools, there would be a direct benefit to every club in the country and to the game in general.

COLÁISTÍ

As in other years, the winners of the All-Ireland Colleges Championships in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 were in the main, winners of juvenile or minor titles as well. There is a direct relationship between the standard of play at underage level in each province and the performance of that province in the Colleges championships. This is an area which each Provincial Council should examine in depth with a view to increasing the number of schools which take part in the Colleges championships and also in developing a programme to cater for the needs of schools.

Most schools which take part in the Colleges championships rely very much on the talents of players who come through from the local clubs. In some cases, schools which have won All-Ireland championships do not promote the game within the school. The lack of facilities prevents some schools from doing so but many of our schools which have Handball Courts or are within easy reach of local clubs should be doing much more to promote and develop the game. Perhaps the time has come to review the format of the All-Ireland Colleges championships. The idea of a team competition has been suggested by a number of people in the past and should be examined again. Such a competition would reward the schools which are making a sincere and genuine effort to promote handball. In addition, we need to look at the possibility of amalgamating the Vocational and Colleges championships as has been successfully carried out in some areas in hurling and football.

Leinster and Connacht schools won three All-Ireland titles each while Ulster schools won two. Perhaps Munster with the successes of Kerry and Cork at juvenile level will again appear in the winners list in the near future. Kenneth Kane representing Presentation De La Salle College in Muine Bheag won both Junior Singles titles defeating David Davoren of Presentation College, Headford in the 40 x 20 final and Finbarr Rafferty, St Macartan's, Monaghan in 60 x 30. Vincent Moran and Campbell Brennan of St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen had a fine double defeating Barry Goff and Malachy Whelan of St Peters College, Wexford, 21-19, 21-10 in the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles final. They went on to defeat Alan and Enda Hawe of Callan CBS

21-15, 21-14 in the 60 x 30 Senior Doubles final. Barry Goff and Malachy Whelan had compensation for their 40 x 20 defeat by winning the 60 x 30 Junior Doubles title at the expense of Shane McCullagh and Noel Shane of Omagh CBS 21-16, 21-15.

Lorcan Maughan of St Joseph's College, Glenamaddy defeated William Murphy from St Kieran's College, Kilkenny 21-15, 21-15 in the Senior 60 x 30 Singles final while the 40 x 20 Senior Singles championship was won by Michael Finnegan of St Patrick's College, Cavan who defeated Michael McHale, St Mary's College, Galway in the final. Omagh CBS in the persons of Conal Curran and Pat Kelly won the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles title defeating Kevin Craddock and Trevor Hannon of Presentation College, Headford 21-8, 21-17.

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

Waterford RTC became the first non-University to win the Third Level Team Championship since the competition was introduced in 1963 at which time it was confined to Universities. Their team of Tomas O'Connor, Joe Daly, Kenneth Cottrell and P J McGrath defeated Queen's University, Belfast in the final. Queens defeated University of Limerick in the Plate Final and Ciaran Curran, St Mary's College, Belfast defeated Adrian Benson, UCD in the Open Singles final.

A very welcome feature of the championships was the entry of a number of RTC's into the competitions for the first time. This augurs very well for the future of the game at Colleges level. It is important that better league structures are developed to cater for the increase in the numbers of teams taking part in competitions. This is particularly so because of the fact that so many third level college students do not play in their county or provincial championships. College competitions help to rekindle their interest in and commitment to handball. As these students will be future leaders of society we must see to it that their handball needs are well catered for.

TOURNAMENTS

There is a wide variety of tournaments throughout the country and Ard Chomhairle and members generally are grateful to those clubs which organise events to cater for players of all grades. These tournaments provide a very meaningful and competitive outlet for players and the format generally includes

a social dimension which is lacking in most national fixtures. Clubs which organise tournaments provide a very valuable service for players and for the game generally. The most prestigious tournaments attract the top players and get most attention. However, clubs which organise tournaments for the average player do an excellent job in catering for players who would not normally attract the headlines. Their efforts are as valuable to the game as those of clubs which organise major tournaments for the top players.

REFEREEING

The role of the referee is crucial to the proper presentation of our games and, as the official in charge, he has a responsibility to know the rules and to implement them fully and properly. There is a great variation in the application of the rules and this can frustrate players and spectators alike. Breaches of some simple technical rules are not penalised in a consistent manner by referees and their task is made more difficult in situations where players may take advantage of this.

Despite some criticism, our referees do an excellent job in



Neilly Donaghy, Armagh, referee of the Senior Softball Singles final, receives his memento from Seán Mac an tSaoi.

officiating at our games. They give a lot of time, dedication and commitment to the game and it is only right that we pay tribute to them for their work. Indeed, their task would be much more pleasant if players and spectators accepted their decisions, whether they agree with them or not. Inevitably, because of the speed of the game and, sometimes, because of his location, the referee is under pressure in giving split-second decisions. However, he must always have our support and encouragement in carrying out his role within the game.

COACHING COURSES

There was a great renewal of interest in coaching during the year and two National Coaching Camps were held at Kilkenny and Tydavnet attended by almost 100 people. The weekend camps included talks and demonstrations on the various skills of the game. This was supplemented by video presentations and by discussion on tactics and refereeing. The courses were open to (a) players who wished to improve their skills and knowledge of the game, (b) coaches and potential club coaches (c) referees and (d) anybody interested in coaching and/or playing handball.

The success of the courses has prompted the Coaching



Eoin Kennedy, Dublin, receives his Under-14 Softball Singles medal from Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán.

Council to look at the organisation of similar courses in Munster and Connacht. The Council also intends to run a number of courses for Club coaches over two weekends. Already, the Leinster Games Development Committee has made significant progress in this regard and has organised three such courses to cater for all regions of the province. This is an example of a Provincial Council taking a very progressive initiative and setting a lead for others to follow.

The possibility of holding a week-long Summer School of Coaching should be explored given the success of similar ventures in other sports. There is no reason why handball could not provide a similar service for its members. Such a School would provide courses in a very wide variety of aspects of the game from coaching through playing to refereeing. The Council will also have to look at the possibility of training new staff coaches to supplement the services of those who are carrying out the work at present. If the game is to progress, there must be much more emphasis on coaching, the game must be introduced to juveniles and new players in a systematic way and training must be provided for them so that they can derive the maximum benefit from playing handball and also progress to the best of their ability at any given time.

HANDBALLS

Having had some initial difficulties in maintaining a supply of top quality 40 x 20 handballs, Gerry Mac Cormac of S.R.C. has succeeded in manufacturing a very satisfactory ball. He has researched various components, developed new production techniques, invested heavily in modern technology and employed additional staff in painstaking efforts to produce the best possible handball. We congratulate him and his Company on their success in this regard and, also, on making a major impact on the U.S. market.

The use of the Dunlop 40 x 20 ball as the official ball for the World Championships will be a major boost for S.R.C. and we are confident that the feedback from players on the quality of the ball will be very encouraging and supportive.

The quality of the softball has also improved and is of a good standard. The suitability of three types of juvenile balls — as well as the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 balls — means that we now have adequate supplies of Irish-made balls for all levels of ability and competition. We no longer have to rely on any imported products. Gerry Mac Cormac has done an excellent job in supplying our needs and we wish him well in the future.

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

It is with a sense of great satisfaction and pride in our Association that we congratulate Cumann Lúthchleas Gael on commencing the major development of Páirc an Chrócaigh and in particular, the construction of the new Cusack Stand. The importance of the Association in the social and cultural life of the nation was recognised through the Government's contribution of £5 million to the first phase of the development.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, I wish our parent body every success in providing the most modern playing and spectator facilities possible. This is in keeping with the long tradition of self-help, community development and national spirit which have been among the hallmarks of our Association since its foundation.

I wish to acknowledge our appreciation of the annual GAA grant to the Irish Handball Council. This is vital to our work and as always, our hope is that the grant will be increased substantially in the coming year. We also congratulate Cumann Lúthchleas Gael on an excellent year on the playing fields. There were many marvellous hurling and football games throughout the league



Roisín Faulkner from Cavan who took part in the USHA Girls 19 and Under championship.

and championship which captured the attention and imagination of the nation. Attendances were very high throughout and there were many marvellous occasions during the year.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and of handball players and supporters in general, I wish to say a special thank you to Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, for his support for and interest in handball. He attended many of our finals and spoke very favourably of handball on numerous occasions during his Presidency. We congratulate him on completing a very successful term as Uachtarán and wish him well in the years ahead. We also extend warm good wishes to the incoming Uachtarán, Seán Boothman as he commences what will be an historic Presidency and hope that he will have a most successful term of office.

COMHAIRLE NA mBAN

Comhairle na mBan continues its annual programme of activities and I thank and compliment all who work for the promotion of Ladies Handball. The game has great potential for development but the organisation has to rely on too few voluntary officials to carry out its work. Every club should have an active

ladies section. Ladies handball has been successfully introduced in many clubs providing them with an excellent sporting, social and cultural dimension. Many other clubs should follow their example and provide an opportunity for females to take up a healthy and life-long sporting activity.

Each County Handball Committee should review the situation in its own county and take positive steps to encourage and promote ladies handball. This, in turn, would have major advantages for the future of any club or county where ladies handball is played.

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. This helps in no small way in funding the cost of the participation of the official team in the USHA Junior championships. For the second successive year, Michael 'Duxie' Walsh and Walter O'Connor received grants of £1,000 each under the 1993 Schedule of Grants for Outstanding Sportspeople. Congratulations to both players on receiving the grants which help greatly with their training programmes. Our hope for 1994 is that more players will receive grants, especially in view of our hosting of the World Handball Championships.

I wish to thank former Cospóir Chief Executive, Mr. Con Hough, for his courtesy and assistance to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann on so many occasions and we wish him well in his new post. Congratulations to Mr. Paddy Heffernan who has taken up the position of Chief Executive. We wish him every success in his appointment.

COURT DEVELOPMENT

While the scale of the provision of facilities in the 1990s does not compare with the previous two decades. It is heartening, nevertheless, that some clubs have provided new courts over the past few years. The provision of handball courts in a small number of second level schools is particularly welcome. So too is the building of a 40 x 20 court in Custume Barracks, Athlone which is the first court built by the Army in modern times. Plans



One of the many fine outdoor courts which still survive around the country.

are in train at present for the building of two court complexes in UCG and the new Public Service Sports Complex in Santry. A 40 x 20 court is also planned by the Kingscourt club while a 60 x 30 court is included in the plans for development in St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen. A new court is also included in the building of the Garda Training College at Templemore.

The revival of handball in Leitrim continues apace with major developments in the game at both adult and juvenile levels. In addition, the outdoor court at Fenagh has been refurbished and will be roofed in the near future. A 40 x 20 court has also been built in the Leisure Centre at Drumshanbo. All of the new facilities will provide a great boost for the game and our hope is that they will be used to the fullest extent possible.

Many of the courts which were built over the past few decades are now in urgent need of repair and perhaps this is something which every county committee could examine within its own jurisdiction and encourage clubs to carry out improvements to bring standards into line with the expectations of players and spectators of today. If we are to retain the membership and attract new members, we need to upgrade facilities on a regular basis so that they are comfortable and attractive as playing facilities and also as centres where people can meet in a friendly and social atmosphere.

In the context of court development, one might also pose the question of the usefulness of some of the old outdoor courts which have fallen into disuse and disrepair. Many of these areas had very strong handball traditions in the past and with a little encouragement from Provincial Councils and County Committees it might be possible to revive the game in some of these areas.

Several outdoor courts are still used when weather permits and there is no doubt but that the game could be promoted and developed and clubs formed in many of these areas. If the organisation is to strengthen, we must look not alone to the stronger clubs which are in existence at present, but also to those areas where the game was strong in the past and where it could be revived. Again, this is another area which every county must address in any plans for the development of handball.

AWARDS

Despite the best efforts of the Council, it was not possible to secure sponsorship for the proposed 1993 Handball Awards Scheme. This was a major disappointment and it was not possible to proceed with the Scheme. However, the concept of such a scheme is a very live one and will be followed up during the coming year. It is only right and fitting that our players and clubs should receive national recognition for their efforts and every effort will be made to secure sponsorship and to set up a scheme in the near future.

A number of counties have their own Awards Schemes and this is very praiseworthy indeed. It is important that clubs and players are given due recognition in their own county and that their efforts are rewarded in a suitable manner. In addition, a growing number of counties are holding social events and annual presentation functions and this is a very welcome trend. Such occasions add an extra dimension to the game of handball and can be used to publicise the game outside of the organisation.

It was very gratifying indeed that Michael 'Duxie' Walsh received a Texaco Sports Person of the Year Award for 1993. This gave major recognition to his achievement in winning his ninth successive Senior Softball Singles title and the occasion resulted in major publicity for the top player in handball and also for the game itself. 'Duxie' also received many other Awards

including the Smithwicks Kilkenny Sports Star of the Year Award, the Dublin/Kilkennymen's Association Award and the National Irish Bank Award. We congratulate him on his many fine achievements and on the recognition he received as an outstanding sportsman.

BUÍOCHAS

On behalf of Ard Chomhairle, and on a personal note, I wish to thank and congratulate the hundreds of voluntary members of our organisation who devote so much of their time and energies to the promotion and organisation of handball. I would like to pay a special tribute to those coaches and officials who look after the vital area of juvenile handball. They perform a major service for the game, and, quite often, their work goes unseen and unacclaimed. However, these people are the real custodians of the future of handball as they pass on their skills and dedication to the younger generation.

Our thanks are due, also, to all county officers, especially the Rúnaithe Contae who carry out a major role in the organisation of handball. I also thank the Provincial Secretaries on organising their programmes and for their co-operation and help in forwarding information to the office. I would also like to thank all members of our central Coistí for their help in the administration of national handball affairs. They give a tremendous commitment to handball and I value their advice and assistance on many issues.

My sincere thanks are due to Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán for his support and guidance during his first year in office. He has taken many initiatives in attempting to improve the status of handball in general and I wish him well in doing so for the remainder of his term.

Special tribute is also due to Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí on carrying out his duties so well as Cisteóir of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. He has brought a very professional approach to his role which is of great benefit to Ard Chomhairle and to the organisation as a whole. I thank all our players, coaches and referees without whom the game could not prosper. Their help and co-operation is always forthcoming and is very much appreciated.

My thanks are due to the GAA central office staff for their advice and support in very many ways throughout the year. A special go raibh maith agaibh is due to Roibeard Mac Ailin and Muireann Ní Mhainnín who assist people as they come to Áras Daimhín.

On behalf of all handball units, and on a personal note, I wish to express my appreciation to Áine Ní Reideacáin for her very valuable contribution to the work of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. I also thank Risteárd Mac Maoláin, Caretaker of Ceannáras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann for his long and dedicated service to our patrons and players who frequent the Centre. I also wish to thank Michael Treacy, Bar Manager, on his dedication and service to the Ceannáras Club.

I wish to extend the sympathy of all members to those who suffered bereavements during the past year. May all of our deceased members enjoy the external happiness of heaven.

Finally, may I wish our units and members a very sporting and successful year ahead.



LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC
Riarthóir Náisiúnta

NA RÚIN

MOTIONS

ADMINISTRATION

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.
(Baile Átha Cliath)

2. That the words "except the Treasurer" be added to Rule 37 (A) so that the appropriate part of the Rule would read: "No member of the Management Committee **except the Treasurer** shall hold office in the same capacity for 3 consecutive years and a total of 6 years in all" and Rule 37 (A) be amended accordingly.

That the word "Treasurer" be deleted from the third sentence of Riail 28 which would then read "A President or representative to the GAA Central Council shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years".

(Aontroim)

GRADING

3. That an alternative form of grading be set up on the basis of A, B, C for competitions that are not age related . . . with the top 20 players in the country in the "A" grade, the next 30 in the "B" grade, and all others in the "C" grade. Ranking of players to be decided on a points system specified by Central Council and based on players performances in national, county and club competitions and in designated tournaments. Amend Rules 47, 50, 52, 53, 55 and delete Rule 49.

(Baile Átha Cliath)

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)

5. That a club team winning a 40 x 20 All-Ireland Junior Club Championship be automatically upgraded to Open 40 x 20 Club Championship status.

(Corcaigh)

6. That a club team winning a 60 x 30 All-Ireland Junior Club Championship be automatically upgraded to Open 60 x 30 Club Championship status.

(Corcaigh)

7. That two players who win the Junior Club Championship All-Ireland Final be eligible to play Junior Club Championship in the following years i.e. the winning Team splits up and cannot play Junior Club Championship as a Team again. Amend Riail 50D Fo-Rialacha.

(Cill Chainnigh)

NOVICE GRADE / CHAMPIONSHIPS

8. That the following be added to Rule 49G: "and regrading to Novice shall be allowed where a player shall not have won a Junior provincial title in Singles or Doubles following his upgrading to Junior status".

(Tiobraid Árann)

9. That the following be added to Rule 47F (J): "and that the members of a Novice All-Ireland winning team shall not be eligible to compete in Novice Inter-Club championships thereafter unless regraded under Rule 49G".

(Tiobraid Árann)

10. That Rule 49A (i) be amended to read "a Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland Novice, Under-21, Minor, Junior or Senior Championship in the 40 x 20 Court".

(Cill Mhantáin) (Tiobraid Árann)

11. That Rule 49A (ii) be amended to read "a Novice shall not have won All-Ireland Novice, Under 21, Minor, Junior or Senior Championship in the 60 x 30 court".

(Cill Mhantáin) (Tiobraid Árann)

12. That Rule 49B (i) be amended as follows: "A Novice shall not have played on an All-Ireland Junior or Open Softball Championship winning team in the 60 x 30 court".

(Tiobraid Árann)

13. That Rule 49B (i) be deleted.

(Cill Mhantáin)

14. That Rule 49B (ii) be amended as follows: "A Novice shall not have played on an All-Ireland Junior or Open Championship winning team in the 40 x 20 court".

(Tiobraid Árann)

15. That Rule 49B (ii) be deleted.

(Cill Mhantáin)

16. That the following: "and shall be over 19 years of age" be deleted from Rule 49E (i) and 49E (ii)".

(Tiobraid Árann)

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

17. That the Junior Singles and Doubles All-Ireland championships be confined to the following players:

- (i) Players who have won Under-14 or Under-16 All-Ireland Championships.
- (ii) Players who have won Under-21 or Novice Provincial Championships.
- (iii) Players who have won Novice or Junior All-Ireland Club Championships.
- (iv) Players who have won Novice Singles or Doubles All-Ireland Championships.

Amend Rule 50B accordingly. (Cill Chainnigh)

18. That a new Intermediate Singles and Doubles All-Ireland Championship be introduced for the following players:

- (i) Players who have won Minor or Under-21 All-Ireland Championships.
- (ii) Players who have won Junior Provincial Singles or Doubles Championships.
- (iii) Players who win the new Junior Singles or Doubles All-Ireland Championships.

(A) and (B) to apply in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Courts separately.

Amend Riail 47(A), 50(B), 50(C), 53(A) Fo-Rialachta.

Amend Riail 47(F) (i), (ii), (iv) + Riail 47(G) (i) (ii)

(Cill Chainnigh)

19. That the "Under 21 Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles" be replaced by "Under 23 Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles". Rule 47D, 48B, 49A (i) and (ii) to be amended accordingly.

(Roscomáin)

20. That the following Juvenile Team Championships from County to All-Ireland level be set up, in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. Team of 6 players, three Under-14, three Under-15. Rules as per Under-12/13 Team championship. Confined to players who did not represent their county in that year, and to exclude players who have won provincial or All-Ireland Juvenile championships in any age group. Separate grading for 40 x 20 and 60 x 30.

(Corcaigh)

MASTERS GRADES:

21. Amend Riail (47F (ii): Masters (B) Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles confined to players over 40 who have never won either Junior, Senior or Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.

(Ceatharlach)

22. Amend Riail 47F (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 Junior, Senior, Masters (A) or (B) or Silver Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.

(Ceatharlach)

23. The age qualification for over-age championships be based on qualifying age being reached before the start of the championship. Amend Rule 47(F) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv), 47(G) (i) (ii), 47(H), 47(I).

(Baile Átha Cliath)



Joe Masterson pictured with the Fahy Club Féile na nGael team from Offaly

GENERAL:

24. That eye guards be made compulsory in the 60 x 30 court.

(Ciarraí)

25. That the position of Team Manager for USHA Juniors be rotated on a provincial basis.

(Roscomáin)

26. That the practice of playing the All-Ireland 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Juvenile Finals annually in Croke Park be discontinued. That from 1995 on, the finals will rotate between the four provinces.

(Corcaigh)

27. That updated playing rules/bye-laws be sent to each Club.

(Tiobraid Árann)

28. That improvements be made to the quality of the juvenile ball for 60 x 30 courts.

(Tiobraid Árann)

29. In order to ensure an ongoing and accurate history of handball, all Club and County Minute Books and other items of historical interest to be held centrally (in Headquarters) for safe keeping.

(Cill Mhantáin)



Brian Tansey in action on National Handball Day

Ba mhaith le
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann
buíochas a ghabháil le
C O S P Ó I R
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8th March 1994.

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 1993.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£97,378. Expenditure came to IR£107,094 leaving an Operating Deficit for the period of IR£9,716 as compared to an Operating Deficit of IR£4,077 in the preceding year. After a transfer from the Patron Scheme of IR£2,888 the deficit remaining was IR£6,828.

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

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Government Grants	2,900	
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		2,402
Draw Surplus		8,647
Sundry Sales		1,799

EXPENDITURE

Competition Expenses	1,654
International	1,598
Juvenile	2,100
Trophies	2,446
Meetings and Officials Travel	1,636
Repairs to Ceannáras	7,877
Staff Costs	4,404
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	2,145

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1993 including Outlay on Ceannáras IR£304,200 had a book value of IR£350,871. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£155,877 came to IR£173,742. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£177,129.

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 1993

	Schedule	1993 IR£	1992 IR£
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		12,723	12,385
Gate Receipts		7,482	7,631
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	1	13,000	13,000
Government Grants Net	2	49,500	46,600
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		6,351	8,753
Advertising		1,000	600
Draw Surplus	3	3,328	11,975
Sundry Sales		2,324	4,123
Administration Fees		800	—
Other Income		870	379
		<u>97,378</u>	<u>105,446</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		4,389	6,043
Over-age Competition Grants		560	560
International		4,122	5,720
Juvenile		3,708	1,608
Promotional Materials		2,836	3,407
Trophies		8,941	6,495
Meetings and Officials' Travel		14,035	12,399
Administration Grants	4	2,600	2,800
Coaching, Leadership and Development		3,376	2,609
Repairs to Ceannáras		1,449	9,326
Finance Charges		316	348
Administration and General	5	58,217	55,663
Depreciation		2,545	2,545
		<u>107,094</u>	<u>109,523</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(9,716)</u>	<u>(4,077)</u>
Transfer from Patron Scheme		2,888	—
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>(6,828)</u>	<u>(4,077)</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1993

	Note	1993 IR£	1992 IR£
FIXED ASSETS			
	2	310,415	311,722
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		6,717	7,004
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		12,051	23,431
Cash and Bank Balances		3,138	2,861
		<u>22,456</u>	<u>33,846</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Court Counstruction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		3,591	3,591
Creditors		11,774	12,390
Bank Overdraft		155,877	158,281
		<u>173,742</u>	<u>176,762</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(151,286)</u>	<u>(142,916)</u>
		<u>177,129</u>	<u>186,806</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund	3	177,129	183,957
Patron Scheme	4	—	2,849
		<u>177,129</u>	<u>186,806</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1993

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 1993	302,962	4,494	8,230	315,686
Additions	1,238	—	—	1,238
At 31 Dec. 1993	304,200	4,494	8,230	316,924
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 1993	—	1,798	2,166	3,964
Charge for Year	—	899	1,646	2,545
At 31 Dec. 1993	—	2,697	3,812	6,509
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>304,200</u>	<u>1,797</u>	<u>4,418</u>	<u>310,415</u>

1. ACCUMULATED FUND

	1993 IR£	1992 IR£
Balance at beginning of year	183,957	188,034
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(6,828)	(4,077)
Balance at date	<u>177,129</u>	<u>183,957</u>

4. PATRON SCHEME

	1993 IR£	1992 IR£
Balance at date	2,849	2,105
Subscriptions	—	825
Deposit Interest	39	112
	<u>2,888</u>	<u>3,042</u>
Expenses	—	(193)
Transfer to Revenue Account	(2,888)	—
Balance at date	<u>—</u>	<u>2,849</u>

SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1993

1993
IR£

1992
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	48,000	43,500
International	1,500	3,100
Outstanding Sportspersons	2,000	2,000
	<u>51,500</u>	<u>48,600</u>
Less: Distributable	(2,000)	(2,000)
	<u>49,500</u>	<u>46,600</u>

SCHEDULE 3:

Rathcairn Draw

Ticket Sales	3,888	18,705
Less Expenses of Draw:		
Cost of Tickets	(560)	(5,240)
Ticket Commission	—	(1,290)
Draw Prize	—	(200)
Draw Surplus	<u>3,328</u>	<u>11,975</u>

SCHEDULE 4:

Provincial Council Grants

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

SCHEDULE 5:

Administration and General Expenses

Staff Costs	43,735	39,331
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	5,792	7,937
Postage and Telephone	5,901	5,300
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,650	1,600
All-Ireland Tickets	685	937
Miscellaneous	454	558
	<u>58,217</u>	<u>55,663</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 1994.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS — for the year ended 30th September 1993

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1992 IR£
INCOME			
Membership Fees	6,596		6,512
Court Booking Fees	3,961		3,608
Other Fees	1,409		681
Shop Sales	9,138		9,191
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>5,501</u>		<u>(6,594)</u>
	3,637		—
		15,603	13,398
EXPENDITURE			
Wages	17,616		16,498
Telephone	217		21
Light and Heat	4,886		4,953
Repairs and Cleaning	82		1,578
Accountancy Fees	400		375
Sundries	1,669		300
Security	247		—
Insurance	103		107
Bank Charges	<u>14</u>		<u>—</u>
		25,234	23,832
Deficit for Year		(9,631)	(10,434)
Opening Deficit		(34,108)	(23,674)
Closing Deficit		<u>(43,739)</u>	<u>(34,108)</u>

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1993

	IR£	IR£	30.9.1992 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock on Hand	965		1,113
Debtors	26		26
Cash	<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>
	1,021		1,169
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank Overdraft	7,986		6,249
Accruals	<u>8,190</u>		<u>6,660</u>
	16,176		12,909
NET LIABILITIES		(15,155)	(11,740)
FINANCED BY			
Accumulated Deficit to Date		(43,739)	(34,108)
Ceannáras Club Lounge		<u>(28,584)</u>	<u>(22,368)</u>
		(15,155)	(11,740)

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.

32 Greenmount Office Park, 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 1993

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1992 IR£
SALES	101,706		97,187
COST OF SALES	60,411		58,639
GROSS PROFIT		41,295	38,548
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Wages	19,075		19,279
Pension Premium	1,010		1,015
Light and Heat	3,258		3,301
Repairs, Cleaning and Bar Ware	2,983		2,922
Security	37		797
Licence Renewal	2,199		2,160
Accounting Fees	630		600
Insurance	84		91
Sundry Expenses	3,271		1,783
Stationery and Printing	288		343
		32,835	32,291
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR		8,460	6,257
COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN		—	—
		8,460	6,257
OPENING SURPLUS		23,656	17,399
CLOSING SURPLUS		32,116	23,656

BALANCE SHEET As at 30th September 1993

	IR£	IR£	30.9.1992 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank	16,679		13,794
Cash on Hand	418		440
Prepayments	206		21
Stock	10,248		8,334
	27,551		22,589
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	24,019		21,301
NET ASSETS		3,532	1,288
REPRESENTED BY			
Accumulated Surplus to Date		32,116	23,656
Ceannáras Club		(28,584)	(22,368)
		3,532	1,288

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LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

ALL-IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS 1993

60 x 30

S.S.	Micheál Breathnach	Michael Walsh	Cill Chainnigh
S.D.	Micheál Breathnach, Eoin Ó Dúnaí	Michael Walsh, Eugene Downey	Cill Chainnigh
J.S.	Seán Ó Ceallacháin	Seán O'Callaghan	Tiobraid Árann
J.D.	Eamon Ó Bogaidh, Tomás Ó hEidhin	Ned Buggy, Tommy Hynes	Loch Garman
M.S.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamonn Ó Cuinneagáin	Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
U21 S.	Nollaig Ó Murchú	Noel Murphy	Tiobraid Árann
U21 D.	Nollaig Ó Murchú, Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh	Noel Murphy, David Moloney	Tiobraid Árann
N.S.	Liam Silcock	Billy Silcock	Aontroim
N.D.	Micheál Carrie, Pól Mac Craith	Michael Carrie, Paul McGrath	Tiobraid Árann
Mas A S.	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
Mas A D.	Seán Rossaitear, Seán Ó Riain	John Rossiter, Seán Ryan	Ceatharlach
Mas B S.	Uinsíonn Ó Fearghaill	Vincent Farrell	An Mhí
Mas B D.	Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí, Gearóid Mac Eochaidh	Ken Conway, Geddi McKeogh	Tiobraid Árann
S.M.A S.	Pádraig Ó Raghallaigh	Paddy O'Reilly	Cill Chainnigh
S.M.A D.	Pádraig Ó Raghallaigh, Eamon Ó Laocha	Paddy O'Reilly, Eddie Leahy	Cill Chainnigh
S.M.B S.	Séamus Ó Dúill	Jim Doyle	Loch Garman
S.M.B D.	Aodh Ó Duibh, Micheál S. Ó Ceallaigh	Hugh Duff, Michael J. Kelly	Tír Eoghain
G.M.A S.	Pádraig Breathnach	Paddy Walsh	Sligeach
G.M.A D.	Criostóir Laighneach, Oilibhéar Mac Eochaidh	Christy Lynagh, Oliver Gough	An Mhí
G.M.B S.	Vail Ó Conraí	Val Conroy	Muigheo
G.M.B D.	Tomás Ó Concubhair, S. S. Ó Concubhair	Tom O'Connor, J. J. O'Connor	An Mhí
E.M. S.	Micheál Mac Neachtain	Michael Naughton	Roscomáin
E.M. D.	Micheál Mac Neachtain, Proinsias Ó Cionnaith	Michael Naughton, Frank Kenny	Roscomáin
D.M. S.	Seán Ó Cadhla	John Kiely	Portlárige
D.M. D.	Liam Mac Fearghais, Micheál de hÓra	Liam Ferguson, Mick Hore	Baile Átha Cliath

HARDBALL

S.H.S.	Peadar Mac Amhalaí	Peter McAuley	An Lú
S.H.D.	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Ualtar Ó Conchubhair	Tom Sheridan, Walter O'Connor	An Mhí
J.H.S.	Roibeárd Mac Cárthaigh	Robbie McCarthy	An Iarmhí
J.H.D.	Roibeárd Mac Cárthaigh, Séamus Mac Giolla Phóil	Robbie McCarthy, Jim Guilfoyle	An Iarmhí
M.H.S.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M.H.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamonn Ó Cuinneagáin	Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán

40 x 20

S.S.	Eamon Ó Coirbín	Eddie Corbett	Tiobraid Árann
S.D.	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Séamus Mac Samhráin	Tom Sheridan, James McGovern	An Mhí
J.S.	Pádraig Mac Crotair	Paddy Crothers	Aontroim
J.D.	Pádraig Mac Crotair, Seán Mac Fhearaigh	Paddy Crothers, John McGarry	Aontroim
M.S.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamonn Ó Cuinneagáin	Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
U21 S.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh	David Moloney	Tiobraid Árann
U21 D.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Nollaig Ó Murchú	David Moloney, Noel Murphy	Tiobraid Árann
N.S.	Tomás Ó hEidhin	Tommy Hynes	Loch Garman
N.D.	Cóilín Ó Cróinín, Colm Ó Briain	Colin Cronin, Colm O'Brien	Corcaigh
Mas A S.	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
Mas A D.	Micheál Breathnach, Pádraig Ó Cléirigh	Mickey Walsh, Pat Clarke	Roscomáin
Mas B S.	Pól Ó hAodha	Paul Hayes	Corcaigh
Mas B D.	Pól Ó hAodha, Daithí Ó Riordáin	Paul Hayes, Dave O'Riordain	Corcaigh
S.M.A S.	Seán Ó Ciarba	John Kirby	An Clár
S.M.A D.	Greagóir Ó Sioradáin, Pádraig Mac Laithimh	Greg Sheridan, Patsy Hand	An Cabhán
S.M.B S.	Cathal Ó Nuinseann	Charlie Nugent	Aontroim
S.M.B D.	Seán Ó Baoill, Séamus Ó Buachalla	Seán Boyle, Jim Buckley	Corcaigh
G.M.A S.	Nioclás Mac Lannchaidh	Nicholas Clancy	Gaillimh
G.M.A D.	Pádraig Ó Riain, Seosamh Ó Meiscill	Pakie Ryan, Joe Maxwell	Baile Átha Cliath
G.M.B S.	Tomás Ó Concubhair	Tom O'Connor	An Mhí
G.M.B D.	Tomás Ó Concubhair, S. S. Ó Concubhair	Tom O'Connor, J. J. O'Connor	An Mhí

IRISH OPEN

Micheál Breathnach

Michael Walsh

Cill Chainnigh

ÓGÁNAIGH — 60 x 30

Faoi 14 S.	Eoin Ó Cinnéide	Eoin Kennedy	Baile Átha Cliath
Faoi 14 D.	Tadhg Ó Clumhain, Dónal Ó Gadhra	Timmy Clifford, David Love	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 15 S.	Cóilín Ó Céileacháin	Colin Keeling	Loch Garman
Faoi 15 D.	Micheál Ó Faolchaidh, Éanna Ó hEacach	Michael Falsey, Enda Hawe	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 16 S.	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
Faoi 16 D.	Cathmhaoil Ó Braonáin, Uinsíonn Ó Móráin	Campbell Brennan, Vincent Moran	Muigheo
Faoi 17 S.	Gearóid Sciorlóig	Gerard Sherlock	Corcaigh
Faoi 17 D.	Micheál Ó Clumhain, Alan Ó hEosa	Michael Clifford, Alan Hosey	Cill Chainnigh

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FAOI 12/13

LOCH GARMAN: Pádraig Mac Mathúna, Nollaig Ó hUallacháin, Daireann Ó Beoláin, Pádraig de hOchtún, Roibeárd Mac Craith, Rua Ó Dúill.
Pádraig McMahon, Noel Holohan, Darren Boland, Paddy Haughton, Robert McGrath, Roy Doyle.

OGÁNAIGH — 40 x 20

Faoi 14 S.	Dónal Ó hÉalaí	Danny Healy	Corcaigh
Faoi 14 D.	Tadhg Ó Clumhain, Dónal Ó Gadhra	Timmy Clifford, Daniel Love	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 15 S.	Barra Mac Eochaidh	Barry Goff	Loch Garman
Faoi 15 D.	Roibeárd Ó Faolchaidh, Éanna Ó hEachach	Robert Falsey, Enda Hawe	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 16 S.	Antóin Ó hÉalaí	Tony Healy	Corcaigh
Faoi 16 D.	Doimín Ó Loinsigh, Seán Seosamh Ó Cuirc	Dominic Lynch, John Joe Quirke	Ciarraí
Faoi 17 S.	Micheál Ó Raifeartaigh	Michael Rafferty	Muineachán
Faoi 17 D.	Antóin Ó Briain, Éanna Ó hEathairn	Anthony O'Brien, Enda Ahern	Corcaigh

STRAITH NÁISIÚNTA 60 x 30

TIOBRAID ÁRANN 'A':

Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Nollaig Ó Murchú, Caoimhín de Cróc, Seán Ó Dúill, Micheál Carrie, Pól Mac Craith, Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí.
David Moloney, Noel Murphy, Kevin Croke, Seán Doyle, Michael Carrie, Paul McGrath, Ken Conway.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

60 x 30 OPEN: CEANNANAS MÓR, AN MHÍ

Séamus Mac Samhráin, Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Seosamh Ó Loinsigh, Micheál Mac Samhráin, Antóin Mac Conaill.
James McGovern, Tom Sheridan, Joe Lynch, Michael McGovern, Anthony McConnell.

60 x 30 JUNIOR: CASHEL, TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Liam Ó Duibhir, Seosamh Ó Duibhir, Nollaig Ó Murchú, Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Seán de Faoite.
Willie O'Dwyer, Josie O'Dwyer, Noel Murphy, David Moloney, Seán White.

60 x30 NOVICE: KILFANE, CILL CHAINNIGH

Liam Ó hÓldáin, Liam Ó Caoimh, Nollaig Ó hÓldáin, Tomás Ó Caoimh, Séamus Ó hÓldáin.
Willie Holden, Billy O'Keeffe, Noel Holden, Tom O'Keeffe, Jimmy Holden.

40 x 20 OPEN: NAOMH PÓL, AONTROIM

Stíofán Ó Madáin, Seosamh Mac Alastair, Liam Ó Laibheartaigh, Pádraig Ó Dufaigh.
Stevie Madden, Josie McAllister, Bill Laverty, Paddy Duffy.

40 x 20 JUNIOR: KINGSCOURT, AN CABHÁN

Pádraig Mac Donnacha, Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamoinn Ó Cuinneagáin, Séamus Mac Eoin, Pádraig Mac Laithimh.
Pat Donagh, Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham, Jimmy McKeon, Patsy Hand.

40 x 20 NOVICE: GÁRDA, BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

Micheál Ó Laoire, Eamonn Ó Floinn, Alan Ó Cionnaith, Micheál Ó Duinn, Seosamh Ó Dúlaing.
Mick O'Leary, Eddie Flynn, Alan Kenny, Mick Dunne, Joe Dowling.

COLÁISTÍ — 60 x 30

Sóisear S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Presentation De La Salle College, Muine Bheag
Sóisear D	Barra Mac Eochaidh, Maoileachlainn Ó Faoláin	Barry Goff, Malachy Whelan	St. Peter's College, Wexford
Sinsear S	Lorcán Ó Mocháin	Lorcan Maughan	St. Joseph's College, Glenamaddy
Sinsear D	Cathmhaoil Ó Braonáin, Uinsíonn Ó Móráin	Campbell Brennan, Vincent Moran	St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen

COLÁISTÍ — 40 x 20

Sóisear S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Presentation De La Salle College, Muine Bheag
Sóisear D	Cathmhaoil Ó Braonáin, Uinsíonn Ó Móráin	Campbell Brennan, Vincent Moran	St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen
Sinsear S	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	St. Patrick's College, Cavan
Sinsear D	Conal Ó Corráin, Pádraig Ó Ceallaigh	Conal Curran, Pat Kelly	Omagh C.B.S.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

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

Barra Mac Eochaidh, Stiofán de hÁl, Pádraig Mac Mathúna, Traolach Gainfort, Ian de hÁl.

Barry Goff, Stephen Hall, Pádraig McMahon, Terry Gainfort, Ian Hall.

Skills Test: Dónal Ó Gadhra: Daniel Love, Clogh, Co. Chill Chainnigh.

60 x 30 Roinn II: BALLINGARRY, CO. LUIMNÍ

Micheál de Roiste, Dónal Ó Grádaigh, Liam Ó Dálaigh, Cionnaith Ó Síthigh, Dónall Mac Amhlaoibh.

Michael Roche, Donal O'Grady, Liam Daly, Kenneth Sheehy, Daniel McAuliffe.

Skills Test: Carl de Brún: Carl Browne, Kells, Co. na Mí.

40 x 20 Roinn I: O'LOUGHLINS, CILL CHAINNIGH

Tadhg Clumhain, Micheál Ó Faolchaidh, Marc Ó Duinn, Alan Ó Dullaing, Gearóid Ó Duibhir.

Timmy Clifford, Michael Falsey, Mark Dunne, Alan Dowling, Gerry Dwyer.

Skills Test: Pádraig Ó Cuirc: Patrick Quirke, Ballymitty, Co. Loch Garman.

40 x 20 Roinn II: CAVAN GAELS, AN CABHÁN

Pól Ó Brádaigh, Pádraig Ó Ciarnáin, Pádraig Mac Samhráin, Hoibeárd Mac Gabhann, Séamus Ó Brádaigh.

Paul Brady, Páraic Kiernan, Páraic McGovern, Hubert Smith, James Brady.

Skills Test: Pól Ó Brádaigh: Paul Brady, Cavan Gaels, Co. an Chabháin.

40 x 20 Roinn III: IRVINESTOWN, CO. FHEARMANACH

Seán Mag Aindreís, Máirtín Mac Aireachtaigh, Conor Ó Duanáin, Marc Mac Ailín, Bearnard Maguidhir.

John Henderson, Martin Garrity, Conor Doonan, Mark Allen, Bernard Maguire.

Skills Test: Máirtín Mac Aireachtaigh: Martin Garrity, Irvinestown, Co. Fhearmanach.

Girls 40 x 20: CURRAGHBOY, CO. ROSCOMÁIN

Lorraine Ní Ghallchóir, Nora Nic Giolla Chomhail, Máire Ní Fionnaráin, Cloda Ní Choncubhair.

Lorraine Gallagher, Nora Coyle, Marie Finneran, Cloda O'Connor.

COMHAIRLE ARD OIDEACHAIS

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: WATERFORD RTC

Tomás Ó Concubhair, P. S. Mac Craith, Seosamh Ó Dálaigh, Cionnaith Ó Cotraill.

Thomas O'Connor, P. J. McGrath, Joe Daly, Kenneth Cottrell.

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N.S.	Jenny O'Shea — Luimneach.
J.S.	Róisín Faulkner — An Cabhán.
S.S.	Bernie Hennessy — Luimneach.
S.D.	Sue Carey, Liz Nichol — Cill Dara/Baile Átha Cliath.
O/40 S.	Mary Lindsay — Aontroim.

ÓGÁNAIGH — 60 x 30

U-14 S.	Sibéal McKenna — Aontroim.
U-14 D.	Julie Long, Audrey McCormack — Baile Átha Cliath.
U-15 S.	Claire Devlin — Baile Átha Cliath.
U-15 D.	Julie Colgan, Fionnuala Ní Cheitinn — Aontroim.
U-16 S.	Fiona McKenna — Aontroim.
U-17 D.	Antoinette Long, Sabrina Hughes — Baile Átha Cliath.

LADIES 40 x 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

N.S.	Anne Henry — Cill Dara.
N.D.	Tara Cooke, Brenda Owens — Doire.
J.S.	Suzanne Smith — Luimneach.
S.S.	Bernie Hennessy — Luimneach.
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U-17 D.	Mary Madigan, Chrissie Stokes — Luimneach.
U-19 S.	Jackie Keating — Tiobraid Árann.
U-19 D.	Fionnuala Mee, Martina Dolan — Roscomáin.



Michael 'Duxie' Walsh (Cill Chaimmigh), pictured with Mr. Liam Aylward, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Education, the Mayor of Kilkenny, Michael McGuinness and John McGuinness, following his record-breaking ninth successive S.S.S. victory.