



Comhaírle Líathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil
1995





Dr Paddy Galvin, Chairman and Chief Executive, Waterford Crystal, presents the World Invitational Singles trophy to David Chapman, U.S.A. Also in picture are Seán Mac an tSaoí, President, Irish Handball Council and Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, finalist.

Tionólfar Comhdháil Bliantúil 1995

Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

ar AN DOMHNACH, 19 MÁRTA, ag 10.30 r.n.

in

ÁRAS DÁIMHÍN, PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH

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AINMNIÚCHÁIN 1995

Uachtarán Tofa: Seosamh Mac an Mháistir, S. S. Ó Conchubhair, Conchúr Ó Mórdha.

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí (outgoing).

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle C.L.G.: Tomás Breathnach, Pádraig Mac Éanna,
Seosamh Mac an Mháistir, Eamon Ó Briain, Néill Ó Cathail.

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 ana ghnóthach ach bliain ana mhaith ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann i 1994 agus ba chóir dúinn bheith morálach as alán rudaf a tharla agus a eagraíodh.

Ba chúis mór áthais é na Comórtasáí Domhanda a eagrú ina raibh 650 daoine ó 10 tíortha páirteach, Rinne alán daoine ana-chuid oibre do na Comórtasáí sin agus gabhamíd buíochas dóibh as ucht a dtacaíocht agus as ucht an spreagadh a thug siad go léir don chluiche.

Bailíodh £70,650 tríd an Marathon Liathróid Láimhe agus tugadh £31,615 don Irish Cancer Society agus an Ulster Cancer Foundation as sin.

The year under review was extremely busy but a very successful and satisfying one for Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. The main feature was the staging of the highly successful Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships in the Dublin and Clare regions in October. This impacted very severely on the domestic programme which was compacted into an eight month period.

Five Irish players won U.S.A. national titles and on the domestic front Michael 'Duxie' Walsh set an all-time record for All-Ireland senior championship wins taking his 25th title in all. Michael Finnegan, Cavan, also set a national record in winning his 15th Minor All-Ireland Championship title.



Owen McCann, Editor, Gael Sport, presents the Gael Sport Player of the Finals Award to Michael Finnegan, An Cabhán, after he won his record fifteenth All-Ireland Minor title.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

During 1994, 103 national competitions were held. Juvenile competitions accounted for 19 of these including 3 inter-county team events. A total of 60 adult Singles and Doubles championships were held.

Five team of four Club championships were completed in Novice, Junior and Open grades covering 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 codes and the 40 x 20 National League was won by Meath. Eighteen competitions were held in the education sector with U.C.D. winning the main team event and Ciarán Curran from Queen's University, Belfast, taking the Open Singles title.

NOTABLE ITEMS

There were some significant achievements in Ladies Handball

and Comhairle na mBan became more closely associated with the Handball Council. The Handball Marathon was very successful and showed that the organisation was willing to support a very deserving cause as well as helping itself.

The introduction of a major Handball Awards scheme and a 15 event Irish Open Nationals are milestones which will point the way forward in combining a major tournament with a scheme which will give due recognition to those who achieved most in handball in 1994 and in the past.



At the launch of the National Handball Marathon were: back - Bobby Finn, Irish Cancer Society, Jim McGovern and Kit Finnegan, An Cabhán. Front: Neil Grainger, Ulster Cancer Foundation, Geraldine Vesey, Irish Cancer Society, Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan and Seán Mac an tSaol, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

BEREAVEMENTS

Two people who gave exceptionally long and devoted service to handball went to their eternal reward in 1994.

News of the death of Micheál Mac Toirill, Tiobraid Árann, who served as Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann from 1987 to 1990 came through during Féile na nGael in Limerick. Micheál was Rúnaí Contae and Munster Handball Administrator for over 20 years. He worked tirelessly for handball and introduced several new initiatives to the game at all levels, many of them through his own personal effort and resources.

The late President was meticulous in everything he did and set very high standards for others to follow. In addition to administration he enjoyed playing the game and won an All-Ireland Masters 'B' title with Vincent O'Shea in 1988. He also took part in the World Championships in Australia in the same year.

Seosamh Ó Loingsigh was Rúnaí/Riarthóir of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann from 1954 to 1989. He gave a lifetime of dedicated service to handball and was deeply committed to community and personal development through the game. He saw the handball club as a focal point where



The late Micheál Mac Toirríll, Uachtarán 1987-1990

people could enjoy a healthy game in comfortable surroundings as well as having a social outlet in their own and other areas.

The former Riarthóir oversaw the phenomenal growth of handball facilities from the late sixties through to the late eighties and he introduced several new initiatives in the coaching, development and juvenile areas.

As President of the World Handball Council Seosamh Ó Loingsigh was responsible for the development of international handball and for the staging of several World Championships. In particular, he was responsible for the re-introduction of the World Championships in Ireland in 1984 after a lapse of 14 years.

Above all, both Mick and Joe were family men and that is where they are missed most. We extend the sympathy of our own members to both the Lynch and Tyrrell families. They can be well satisfied that both men made enormous contributions to the development of handball and to the personal and social development of hundreds of people throughout their careers.

We also offer our sympathy and support to the relatives and friends of all former players and members who died during the year.

May all our departed rest in peace.



The late Seosamh Ó Loingsigh, Rúnaí/Riarthóir, 1954-1989, pictured at his retirement function with, on left: his daughter Maeve, wife Eleanor and son Fionnán.

BUÍOCHAS

Seán Mac an tSaoi has now completed his second year of office as Uachtarán and I wish to pay tribute to him for his tremendous commitment and leadership during that time. This was particularly true in the preparations for the World Championships and in several other initiatives which the Council has undertaken under his guidance.

A special word of thanks is due to our sub-committees and the many committed officials and players who helped considerably in the smooth running of our total operation during the past and extremely busy year.

On behalf of Ard Comhairle and on a personal note I want to thank the hundreds of voluntary members of our organisation who give so much of their time, energy and commitment to the promotion and development of handball. In particular, our thanks are due to the coaches and administrators who look after the juvenile game.

I also wish to thank all County Officers and particularly the Rúnaíthe Contae who facilitate the work of the Handball Council at county and Club levels. Our thanks, too, to the Provincial Secretaries on organising their own ever-growing programmes and for their co-operation in providing information to the office for the benefit of Ard Chomhairle.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to Cionnaith Ó Chonbhúir as Cisteoir of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. With his professional background he has kept a very tight rein on the handball finances and in particular the financial success of the World Championships was due to his expertise and guidance.

Our thanks are also due to the GAA central office staff for their help and support in many ways throughout the year. A special thanks goes to Roibeárd Mac Ailín and Muireann Ní Mhainnín who assist handball personnel as they come to the office or have telephone queries.

Áine Ní Reideacháin who spent three and a half years as Rúnaí of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann left the office staff in April 1994 and on behalf of all units I wish to thank her for her dedication and very valuable work for the Council during her term of employment. We also welcome Aingeal Nic Lochlainn to the staff and congratulate her on her commitment and professional attitude to her work.



Jimmy King, Coach, and Malachy McGeeney, I.N.T.O., pictured with Clare representatives at the Primary Schools National Handball Day.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

A total of 16 counties shared the 54 titles on offer in the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 All-Ireland Championships. Kilkenny took 8 titles and Tipperary followed closely with 7. Cavan won 6 awards in the Minor and Under 21 grades while Dublin Roscommon and Mayo won 5 titles each. Cork and Meath each had 3 wins and Wexford, Offaly, Waterford and Clare took 2 titles apiece. Sligo, Tyrone, Armagh and Louth each won a single title.



Noel Murphy and David Maloney, Tiobraid Árann, All-Ireland 40 x 20 Junior Doubles Champions.

Because of the hosting of the World Handball Championships in October the normal domestic 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Championships were compressed into a six-month period. Players and the organisation as a whole coped very well with the re-structuring of the Championships. However, there was a drastic decrease in the attendances at games and gate receipts were down from £7,400 in 1993 to £2,900 in 1994. It was proved beyond doubt that the traditional scheduling of the Softball semi-finals and finals in August and September will attract the major attendances of the year.

40 x 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tipperary Victories

Tipperary had three excellent wins in premier grades in the 1994 40 x 20 Championships. Eddie Corbett retained his Senior Singles title defeating Michael 'Duxie' Walsh in a semi-final and Sligo's Francie McCann in a final which had to be re-scheduled due to court condensation. David Maloney had an excellent double defeating Stevie Madden of Antrim 16-21, 21-19, 21-17 in the Junior Singles final and partnered Noel Murphy to defeat Gus Sweeney and Kevin Feerick of Mayo 20-21, 21-15, 21-12 in the Doubles event. Tipperary also had success at Novice Doubles level through Jim Ryan and Mark Flynn who had a good win over Tyrone's Niall Kerr and Ciarán McCallan.



Eddie Corbett, Tiobraid Árann, winner, and Francie McCann, Sligeach, pictured before the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Singles final.



All-Ireland Under 21 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Singles Champion, Raymond Cunningham, An Cabhán, right, pictured with Gene Kelleher, Corcaigh following the 40 x 20 Singles final.

The Under 21 Doubles title went to Gene Kelleher and Brendan O'Neill of Cork who defeated Raymond Cunningham and Derek Bartley, Cavan, 21-12, 20-21, 21-12 in an excellent final. Raymond Cunningham had compensation in the Singles event defeating Gene Kelleher 20-21, 21-8, 21-16 in one of the best games of the year.

Cork's other victory in the 40 x 20 court was in the Diamond Masters Doubles event in which Harry Hyde, after many years of trying, won his first All-Ireland title when he partnered Jim Kennedy to a 21-18, 21-15 victory over John Gaffney and Séamus O'Donnell of Sligo.

Cavan's Michael Finnegan again retained his Minor Singles and Doubles titles with a rather easy victory over Dominic Lynch of Kerry in Singles and, partnering Ciarán McDonnell, defeated Liam and Declan Frawley from Clare 21-9, 21-11 in Doubles. Niall Kerr from Tyrone had compensation for his Novice Doubles defeat when he won the Singles final against Pat Quaile of Wicklow.

D.J. Carey's first Senior Medal

D.J. Carey won his first All-Ireland Senior handball title partnering Michael 'Duxie' Walsh to a comprehensive victory over Paddy Crothers and John McGarry of Antrim in the Senior Doubles final. Kilkenny's other 40 x 20 title came through Jim O'Neill who defeated Nicholas Clancy of Galway 21-13, 21-19 in the Golden Masters A Singles event.



Dominic Lynch, Kerry, 40x20 Minor Singles finalist

Masters Grades

Mickey Walsh of Roscommon retained his Masters A Singles crown at the expense of Eugene Kennedy from Dublin but he and Pat Clarke lost their Doubles title to Billy Mullins and Paddy Hope of Offaly. Stephen French and Tony Hannon took another title for Roscommon defeating Paul Harris and Pat McGovern of Meath 18-21, 21-15, 21-10 in a marvellous encounter. Clare's John Kirby collected another All-Ireland

medal defeating Greg Sheridan from Cavan in the Silver Masters A Singles final and partnered Michael Hogan to defeat Sheridan and Patsy Hand in the Doubles event.

Dubliners Pakie Ryan and Joe Maxwell retained their Golden Masters A Doubles title defeating Seán Heaney and Michael O'Reilly of Mayo 21-17, 17-21, 21-14 in a very well contested final. Another Dublin victory went to Eddie Flynn who defeated Seán McEntee of Antrim in the Golden Masters B Singles final.

Wexford's only 40 x 20 title was won by Jim Doyle who defeated Tom Derrig of Mayo 21-10, 21-17 in the Silver Masters B Singles Championship but the Mayo player was compensated by winning the Doubles title in which he partnered Michael Corbett to victory over Jim Doyle and Tom McGrath, Wexford.

Another title came to Mayo in the Emerald Masters Doubles final when Matt Grier and Davy Macken defeated Declan Mulcahy and Br. Finbarr Spring representing Waterford. However, Declan Mulcahy turned the tables on Matt Grier winning the Singles final 21-8, 21-19.



Kiú Finnegan, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Uladh, presents the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Masters B Singles medal to Joe Kelly, Ard Mhacha, following his victory over Paddy Buckley, Corcaigh (right).

The Masters B Singles medal went to Joe Kelly of Armagh who defeated Pat Buckley of Cork 21-18, 21-16. Christy Lynagh and Oliver Gough from Meath claimed victory over Seán McEntee and Jim McCullough of Antrim in the Golden Masters B Doubles final when the latter player retired injured having won the first game and led in the second 14-13.

Finally, Joey Maher of Louth put his name on the inaugural Diamond Masters Singles medal with a good win over Sligo's John Gaffney.

60 x 30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six Titles for Kilkenny

Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny won his tenth consecutive Senior Softball Singles title defeating Tom Sheridan of Meath who stood in for the injured Walter O'Connor at very short notice. Ollie Falsey took the Novice Singles medal for Kilkenny defeating Bill Laverty of Antrim 21-15, 21-5 in the final. Paddy O'Reilly retained his Silver Masters 'A' Singles title for Kilkenny defeating Cavan's Greg Sheridan. Séamus Reade and Anthony Greene got the better of Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand from Cavan 12-21, 21-15, 21-12 in a thrilling Masters A Doubles final. Jim O'Neill and Doc Hennessy recorded a victory for Kilkenny in the Golden Masters 'A' Doubles final against Paddy Walsh and Michael Kelly of Sligo while the evergreen Pat O'Keeffe won the Diamond Masters Singles Championship with a comprehensive win over Sligo's John Gaffney.

Notable Leinster Successes

Tom Sheridan and James McGovern took the Senior Softball



Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán, left, and Pat Taylor second from right, Gael Sport, pictured with Tom Sheridan and James McGovern, An Mhí, following their victory in the Gael Sport All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles final.

Doubles title for Meath defeating reigning champions Michael 'Duxie' Walsh and Eugene Downey 21-17, 21-14 in a very well contested final. The Royal County had another victory in the Master's B Doubles final when Paul Harris and Pat McGovern defeated Martin Cronin and Séamus Mulchrone of Mayo in a three game thriller.

Dublin had notable successes in the Junior and Intermediate Softball finals. Alan Kenny and Francie Cunningham had a rather easy victory over Paddy Crothers and John McGarry from Antrim in the Junior Doubles final at Kingscourt while Pat Hall and Séamus Ahern accounted for Mayo's Gus Sweeney and Kevin Geraghty in a one-sided Intermediate final. A third Softball title came to Dublin through Liam Ferguson and Mick Hoare who retained their Diamond Masters Doubles title at the expense of John Gaffney and Séamus O'Donnell from Sligo.

Wexford's only Softball success came in the Junior grade when Séamus O'Connor defeated Martin Golden of Sligo 21-8.



Winners of the All-Ireland Intermediate Softball Doubles title were Séamus Ahern and Pat Hall, Áth Cliath.



Gus Sweeney and Kevin Geraghty, Muigheo, finalists in the All-Ireland Intermediate Softball Doubles Championship.

21-14 in the final at Ceannáras. Billy Mullins and Paddy Hope, Offaly, completed their Masters A Doubles double for 1994 defeating Tom Derrig and Padraic McCormac of Mayo 21-12, 21-9 in the final. This brought to 13 Leinster's total of victories in the Softball Championships.

Records for Cavan and Ulster

Michael Finnegan of Cavan set new records for his county and province by winning the All-Ireland Minor Softball Singles and Doubles titles for the third successive year. He had things very much his own way against Trevor Winders of Kildare in the Singles final and partnered Ciarán McDonnell to defeat Winders and Darragh Ward 21-15, 21-11 in the Doubles event. Raymond Cunningham took a third Softball title for Cavan defeating Conor O'Brien of Offaly in the Under 21 Singles grade thus completing a nice double at this level for 1994.

Seven titles for Connacht

Connacht counties took seven Softball All-Ireland titles. The O'Donnell brothers, Anthony and Michael, from Roscommon had an exciting 21-18, 21-18 victory over John McQuaide and Mark Flynn of Tipperary in the Novice Softball Doubles final. Mickey Walsh retained his Masters A Singles title for Roscommon at the expense of Paddy Hope of Offaly winning on a scoreline of 16-21, 21-16, 21-14. Michael Naughton also retained his title winning the Emerald Masters Singles Championship with a 21-3, 11-21, 21-18 victory over Declan Mulcahy of Waterford. Another player to retain his title was Paddy Walsh of Sligo in Golden Masters A Singles who defeated Kilkenny's Doc Hennessy 21-18, 21-15.

Another county to retain a title was Mayo through Seán Heaney in the Golden Masters B Singles final with victory over Pat O'Brien of Cork. The Mayo player completed the Golden Masters B double when he partnered Paraic Browne to a 21-18, 21-18 victory over Justin Meighan and Declan Quigley of Dublin. Martin Cronin, Mayo, won in Masters B Singles at the expense of Paul Harris of Meath 14-21, 21-17, 21-12 in a very exciting contest.

Titles for Three Munster Counties

David Maloney of Tipperary won the inaugural Intermediate Singles Softball Championship with a relatively easy victory over Mayo's Gus Sweeney in the final at Ceannáras. Michael McGrath won the Silver Masters B Singles title for Tipperary defeating John Kenny of Mayo and he teamed up with John Ferncombe to take the Doubles title with a comprehensive victory over John Heneghan and Willie Mugan of Roscommon. Cork's only 60 x 30 title was won by Gene Kelleher and Brendan O'Neill who had an 11-21, 21-11, 21-5 victory over Raymond Cunningham and Derek Bartley of Cavan in Under 21 Doubles to complete an excellent double at this level for the southern county. The Emerald Masters Doubles title went to Declan Mulcahy and Br. Finbarr Spring of Waterford who had a good win over Michael Naughton and Frank Kenny of Roscommon.

REVIEW OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our thanks are due to all those Clubs and venues which provide their facilities for national competitions. Without the help of so many local officers and committee members it would not be possible to run off our competitions so well. A special word of thanks is due to all those Clubs which provide welcome hospitality for players and other visitors at their venues. This



All-Ireland Under 16 60 x 30 Doubles winners, Danny and Tony Healy, Corcaigh, are congratulated by Seán Mac and tSaoi, Uachtarán.

adds a very important social dimension to our game and provides the opportunity for players to meet after their games.

Referees, Presentation

On behalf of Ard Chomhairle and all the players I wish thank our referees who have helped so much throughout the year in officiating at our games. We have very many competent and efficient referees who do an excellent job but we need many more referees to spread the load, particularly with the increase in the number of national competitions over recent years.



John Hoban, Áth Cliath, receives his Referee's memento of the All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles final.

The presentation of games continues to improve with many counties putting the benefits of sponsorship to good use in kitting out their players in excellent playing attire. Every county must follow that standard.

As mentioned elsewhere, attendances during the year were much smaller than in previous years. Allowing for the extenuating circumstances in 1994 we must, nevertheless, promote our games much more vigorously and actively at national and local level.

Attractive programmes must be put together which will generate interest in the game. Club facilities must be of a very high standard to cater comfortably for major programmes.

Players

I also wish to thank all of our players for their co-operation during what was a very busy year. They had to prepare themselves for many different events before the World Championships and we appreciate their co-operation very much in the smooth running of our competitions.

I would also like to commend the players on their sportsmanship and sporting attitude to the game during the year. They put a lot of time, effort and other resources into handball and they are deserving of our thanks and appreciation.



Seán Mac an tSaoi, Handball President, presents the All-Ireland Under 16 40 x 20 Doubles finalists medals to Anthony McAtamney and Gerard Smith, Antrim.

However, a few players need to improve their discipline considerably. A small number of them continue to unjustifiably question referees' decisions while the use of bad language and profanity are not part of our game and must be discontinued.

All in all, 1994 was an eminently successful year on the playing front and the World Championships in particular set very high standards and showed what can be achieved with good planning, determination and co-operation on all sides.

ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

There was a good spread of winners in the All-Ireland Juvenile Championships with 10 counties sharing the 16 titles on offer. Eight counties won 40 x 20 titles while five counties shared the eight 60 x 30 titles.

Leinster counties won half of the All-Ireland titles, including 5 of the 8 premier events, thus emphasising the strength of juvenile handball within the province.

Doubles for Clifford and Kane

Timmy Clifford of Kilkenny added to his collection of All-Ireland medals by winning both Under 14 Singles titles with Ciarán Meenagh from Tyrone the unlucky loser on both occasions.



All-Ireland Under 14 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Singles Champion Timmy Clifford, centre, and Ciarán Meenagh, finalist pictured with the Handball President.

Carlow's Kenneth Kane continued on his winning way defeating Kieran Rafferty of Monaghan in Under 16 40 x 20 Singles and Pádraic Gaffney of Mayo in Under 16 60 x 30 Singles.

Cavan's Ryan McCormack and Kevin Corrigan defeated Danny Duggan and Brian Marrinan of Clare 6-15, 15-5, 15-7



Seán McEntee, President, Irish Handball Council, presents the All-Ireland Under 17 40 x 20 Doubles winners medals to Peter McNamee and Claran Cox of Tyrone

in a thrilling Under 14 40 x 20 Doubles final. The corresponding 60 x 30 title went to Brian Tansey and James Quinn representing Mayo who defeated Robert McGrath and Darren Boland from Wexford 15-14, 8-15, 15-11.

The Under 16 Doubles 40 x 20 title went to Barry Goff and Colin Keeling Wexford at the expense of Gerard Smith and Anthony McAtamney of Antrim. Cork had a good win the Under 16 60 x 30 Doubles final with Danny and Tony Healy dismissing the challenge of John Burke and Declan Costello of Roscommon.

The Under 15 40 x 20 Singles winner was Eoin Kennedy of Dublin who defeated Antrim's Barry Ramsey and the Under 15 Softball title went to David Stapleton of Carlow who defeated Sligo's Kevin Meehan.

Monaghan had an excellent victory in the Under 15 40 x 20 Doubles final when Brendan Daly and John Kiernan defeated Alan Dowling and Michael Falsey from Kilkenny 12-15, 15-7, 15-11. Alan Dowling had some compensation in the 60 x 30 court when he partnered Mark Dunne to defeat Hubert Smith and Pádraic Kiernan of Cavan in the Under 15 Doubles final.

Munster counties took both Under 17 Singles titles with Gerard Healy of Cork defeating Alan McDonnell from Roscommon 15-11, 15-14 in a very close encounter in the 40 x 20 court and Dominic Lynch from Kerry scoring a 15-6, 15-14 victory over Monaghan's Finbarr Rafferty in the 60 x 30 court.

Tyrone took the Under 17 40 x 20 Doubles medals with Ciarán Cox and Peter McNamee defeating Dion Cahill and Raymond O'Keeffe from Cork. Mayo's Charles Myers and Stephen Maughan defeated Anthony Supple and Kieran Timmons, Tipperary 15-4, 10-15, 15-6 in the Under 17 Doubles 60 x 30 final.



Danny Duggan and Brian Marrinan, Clare's Under 14 40 x 20 Doubles All-Ireland finalists.

JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

One of the brightest features of handball in the last couple of years has been the introduction of the Juvenile Team Championships. These offer county representation to an additional group of players. The competitions have been well supported but there is a great disparity of standards between the stronger and weaker counties.

The Under 12/13 Championship is an excellent substitution for the former Under 12 and Under 13 All-Ireland Singles and Doubles Championships. The team events are particularly suited to this age group and the weaker players' performances can be of vital importance to the outcome of any game.

Wexford won the inaugural Under 14/15 60 x 30 title. The Under 12/13 Championships were won by Tipperary in 60 x 30 and Cork in 40 x 20. These two victories will please the Munster Handball Council as evidence of the success of their coaching programme and of new Club development in particular Clubs in those counties.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

Féile na nGael 1994 was hosted by Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Luimní when 24 counties took part in the national festival of Gaelic sport from 24-26 June last. 42 teams participated in the competitions, 5 for boys and 1 for girls. Competition was intense throughout and most games were keenly contested. There were excellent attendances at each of the 6 venues where a warm welcome and excellent hospitality was extended by the host clubs, namely Coolroe, Galbally, Tournafulla, Ballingarry, Broadford and Rathkeale.

Almost all teams took part in the very colourful Féile parade through Limerick City on the Sunday morning followed by Mass at the Gaelic Grounds. The finals took place later in the afternoon.

Castlebridge from Wexford achieved a unique distinction in winning the Boys 60 x 30 Division I competition for the third successive year. It is also worth noting that Paraic McMahon was a member of each of those three teams. Ballymore Eustace from Cill Dara were victors in the Boys 60 x 30 Division 2 competition while the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip brought a second title to Kildare winning the Girls 40 x 20 competition. Boherbue from Cork with an excellent team won out in the top division in the Boys 40 x 20, while Coolboy from Chill Mhantáin and Monavea, Laois, won the Boys 40 x 20 Divisions 2 and 3 respectively.

The Skills Test provided intense competition with the winners coming from Tyrone, Tipperary, Dublin, Cork, Mayo and Laois.

With the many changes in personnel from one year to another and new Clubs coming to the fore, it is always difficult for the organising committee to adjudicate on the standard of entries in deciding on the composition of the various divisions in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. Every effort is taken to ensure that teams are entered in the appropriate divisions having regard to the Clubs' previous performances, if any, in Féile, information received from the Clubs themselves and the performance of players who had represented their counties.

Another difficulty is that a number of teams who indicate that they would travel and take part in Féile do not attend and this means that competition schedules have to be adjusted for the smaller number of games. It is imperative that every county which indicates its intention to be represented at Féile ensures that the Club/s chosen to represent the county actually do so.

Féile offers an excellent opportunity for any Club to attend a very well organised and most hospitable weekend within the handball calendar. Some of our counties do not appear to appreciate the value of Féile as a means of promoting and developing juvenile handball. It provides an ideal opportunity which should not be missed by any county. Therefore, it is incumbent on all counties and, indeed, on the provincial and Central Councils to ensure that every county makes the effort to have trials in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 and also in girls competitions so that every county will have full representation in what is, after all, a national festival of Gaelic sport.

On behalf of the Council and all the players, mentors and Clubs who took part I wish to extend our special thanks to Mossie Hennessy, Tony Hayes and J.J. Fahy and their hard-working committees for the marvellous work they did in ensuring that Féile na nGael 1994 in Limerick was the success it deserved to be. We can certainly rely on their commitment to ensure that Féile 1995 will be more successful, particularly in terms of the number of Clubs taking part and representation from more counties.

Finally, our thanks are due in no small way to the host Clubs and to the families who accommodated the visitors in their own homes for the week-end thus providing an excellent atmosphere in which to enjoy Féile.

COLÁISTÍ

Six schools shared the eight 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 All-Ireland Colleges titles. Leinster schools won 5 championships while Connacht took 2 titles with Ulster winning the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles medals.

Because of an internal difficulty in the province, the Munster GAA Colleges Council's hurling and football fixtures ran very



The victorious Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Féile na nGael Girls team pictured with Team Manager, Vincent Wrynn.

late in the school year 1993/94. The situation was not resolved in time for the Council to organise the Munster Colleges 40 x 20 Championships and consequently the province was not represented in the All-Ireland series. In addition, the province was not represented in the All-Ireland 60 x 30 Championships at the end of 1994. This issue brings into focus the level of participation of second level schools in the respective Provincial Colleges championships. The promotion of the game at second level must be seriously addressed by Ard Chomhairle and the Provincial Councils.

Colleges handball has been dominated by a relatively small number of schools in recent years and particularly by players who represent their counties in the All-Ireland series. It is natural enough that a number of All-Ireland champions should also win All-Ireland Colleges titles in Singles and Doubles but the idea of a team championship should be considered. This would reward the Colleges which really promote the game without relying on local Clubs to produce their talent. Clubs and County Committees should be to the forefront in encouraging their schools which have handball facilities to promote and develop the game properly and should also facilitate this development by making their own courts available to the local schools.

Dual Winners

Kenneth Kane representing Patrician De La Salle School from Muine Bheag won the Junior 40 x 20 and Senior 60 x 30 Singles titles at the expense of Finbarr Rafferty from Patrician High School, Carrickmacross on both occasions.

Malachy Whelan from St. Peter's College in Wexford was another player to win two titles. He partnered Barry Goff to win the Junior Doubles 40 x 20 medals and with Michael Lennon defeated Ryan McCormack and Paul Brady from St. Patrick's College, Cavan, 12-21, 21-18, 21-6 in the 60 x 30 Junior Doubles final.

Michael McHale from Coláiste Mhuire, Gaillimh, defeated



All-Ireland Under 16 40 x 20 Doubles Champions Colin Keeling and Barry Goff, Loch Garman.

Darragh Ward of Naas C.B.S. 21-15, 21-16 in the 40 x 20 Senior Singles final. There was a major breakthrough for Antrim handball when Seán Devine and Séamus Twomey representing St. Mary's C.B.S., Belfast defeated Alan and Enda Hawe from Callan C.B.S. 21-12, 21-19 in the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles All-Ireland.

Eoin Kennedy from Coolmine Community School defeated Pádraig Kiernan of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, in the 60 x 30 Junior Singles final. The remaining title went to Vincent Moran and Paul Flynn from St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, who defeated Ronan McDonnell and Paul Lynch of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, in the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles final.



Eoin Kennedy who became the first Dubliner to win a USHA Junior title also won the Colleges Junior 60x30 Singles title.

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

D.C.U. had the honour of hosting a most successful Third Level Colleges Championship series. The College introduced new 'B' team, 'B' Singles and Ladies Singles championships. These competitions proved to be major successes and certainly will be of great benefit to the development of handball in Third Level Colleges in the future.

U.C.D. won the 'A' team championship for the first time since 1977 while Ciarán Curran, representing Queen's University, Belfast, retained his Open Singles title. The inaugural Ladies Singles Championship went to Yvonne Gacquin from U.C.G. Athlone RTC won the 'B' Team Championship while Shane Kelly from Queen's took the 'B' Singles title.



Adrian Benson, finalist and Ciarán Curran, winner of the Third Level Colleges A Singles title.

The League title was won by U.C.G. who defeated D.C.U. in the final.

Because of changes in College terms, the timing of examinations, teaching practice and other factors it is becoming increasingly difficult for many of our Third Level Colleges to take part in a meaningful League. The cost of travel for games was also a major factor in the decision of the Colleges A.G.M. to discontinue the League and to replace it with a weekend blitz for all Colleges in November 1995.

Some Third Level Colleges take part in county handball leagues and other competitions and this is a way of keeping young players involved in the game at a time when many of them find it increasingly difficult to make a place for handball in their lives. Counties and, indeed, provinces should do everything possible to examine the needs of the Third Level College Clubs and try to meet these needs in whatever way possible. The participation of today's students in our games is vital for the future health of the organisation as a whole. Many of them will become involved in the administration of the game

in later years and some will be in positions of influence where they can be of benefit in the sponsorship and promotion of handball. It is in our interest, therefore, to keep these players involved in the game and to facilitate their playing requirements in every possible way.

HARDBALL

The Hardball Championships attracted a total of 41 entries which was down significantly on previous years as indicated in the table below. The Minor Championships attracted 14 entries and were played in the months of May and June. Considering the fact that the Junior and Senior Championships were held in October/November after the World Championships, the level of entries at 12 in Senior and 15 in Junior was reasonable in the circumstances.

The 1995 Hardball Championships will be restored to the normal May/June period and this should ensure that there will be an increased number of entries this year. Very little attention is given to hardball and it is poorly supported, even by the participating counties. If one can judge from the comments of people of long experience, the standard of play today seems to be much lower than in the past. This may be due to the fact that this code is played almost exclusively in the All-Ireland Open Championships. If counties do not promote the game and if players do not practise sufficiently the standard will deteriorate further. The whole issue of the future of hardball should be addressed and the Council should adopt a much more positive policy on the matter.

OPEN HARDBALL ENTRIES 1982-1994

YEAR	S.H.S.	S.H.D.	J.H.S.	J.H.D.	M.H.S.	M.H.D.	TOTAL
1982	8	8	9	9	4	4	42
1983	7	5	8	10	6	5	41
1984	7	6	6	6	4	4	33
1985	7	6	6	6	5	5	35
1986	16	10	11	12	9	4	62
1987	12	6	16	17	7	5	63
1988	13	8	14	12	4	3	54
1989	10	5	15	15	7	6	58
1990	12	7	12	10	5	6	52
1991	15	9	10	10	10	6	60
1992	16	9	17	15	10	5	72
1993	14	7	14	14	6	2	57
1994	7	5	9	6	8	6	41

Winners

Peter McAuley, An Lú, retained his title and won his third Senior Hardball Singles title in all defeating Billy Bourke, Kilkenny, rather easily in the final. Walter O'Connor won his third consecutive Senior Doubles title partnering David Gough to victory over Billy Bourke and Pearse O'Keeffe, Kilkenny.

Pat Quaile, Cill Mhantáin, defeated Stephen French, Roscomáin, in the Junior Singles final while Noel Murphy and Michael Carrie, Tiobraid Árann, had a 21-7, 21-17, victory over Anthony Campbell and Ollie Deegan, Cill Dara, in Junior Doubles.

Darragh Ward took the Minor Singles title for Cill Dara defeating Michael Finnegan, An Cabhán, 21-18, 7-21, 21-19 in a most exciting final. The Cavan player had some compensation when he won his third Minor hardball title partnering Neville Doyle to victory in the Minor Doubles Championship final against Trevor Winders and Darragh Ward of Cill Dara.



Séan Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann presents the Under 16 Softball Doubles finalists medals to Declan Costello and John Burke of Roscommon.

40 X 20 NATIONAL LEAGUE

The 40 x 20 National League was a very good competition but attracted only 11 teams from 10 counties. It is a very valuable team competition but it should certainly attract a lot more entries. As in other areas, counties are reluctant to enter because of the fact that they would not expect to do well in the competition. However, participation in a National League would provide very valuable experience for players from so-called weaker counties. I would strongly urge these counties to enter the 1995 competition and give their players the opportunity of developing their game.

Meath and Dublin clashed in the League final at Leixlip at the end of which both teams were level on 97 points each. A powerful display by Egin Jensen in the final 21 against Adrian Benson ensured victory for the Royal County.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Participation in the inter-Club team championships left a lot to be desired in both codes. Very few Clubs took part in the 40 x 20 Open Championship while the Open Softball Championship was not completed. The commitment of Clubs in general to championships which are specifically intended for their own good and development must be seriously questioned.

While the championships are dominated to a great extent by the traditionally stronger Clubs one suspects that most Clubs do not participate if they do not expect to advance beyond the first round.

Whatever the problems, it is time to seriously examine the present format of the inter-Club championships. Are the existing competitions designed to meet the needs of the average Club?



Seamus McCormack (right) Sales Manager, FBD Insurance, presents playing attire to the World Championship Handball team. From left: Jimmy King, Team Manager, Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Egin Jensen and Tom Sheridan.



At the presentation of proceeds of the Handball Marathon to the Cancer Society were from left: Geraldine Vesey, Irish Cancer Society, John Joe O'Connor, Chairman, Organising Committee, James Cassidy, Irish Cancer Society, Lorcán Ó Ruairc, Riarthóir Náisiúnta and Seán Mac an tSaol, Uachtarán, C.L.L.E.

Should there be a new form of team championship which would cater for players in different grades of various ages? Perhaps the competitions cater for players who already have enough competition in county leagues and championships and in provincial and All-Ireland competitions? There is no doubt but that the Club championships need to be revitalised in some way which would make the competitions more meaningful and attract more Clubs to participate.

1994 Winners

The 40 x 20 Open Club title went to Kells represented by Michael McGovern, Tom Sheridan, James McGovern and Jimmy Reilly. O'Loughlin Gaels from Kilkenny took the Junior 60 x 30 Club medals defeating Kingscourt with a very strong team performance in the final.

Double for Talbot's Inch

Talbot's Inch Club from Kilkenny had a notable double in winning the 40 x 20 Junior title and the 60 x 30 Novice medals with Ollie Falsey having the distinction of playing in both teams. The Novice 40 x 20 title went to Ballyporeen from Tipperary.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

It is worth taking stock of the number of current national competitions, particularly in relation to adult events. There will be a total of 129 national competitions in 1995 compared with 80 in 1985:

	40 x 20		60 x 30		TOTAL	
	1985	1995	1985	1995	1985	1995
JUVENILE S & D	6	8	10	8	16	16
JUVENILE TEAM	-	2	-	2	-	4
FÉILE	2	4	2	2	4	6
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	4	4	4	4	8	8
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	4	4	-	-	4	4
THIRD LEVEL	5	6	-	-	5	6
ADULT	14	28	14	28	28	56
INTER-CLUB	3	3	3	3	6	6
NATIONAL LEAGUE	1	1	2	1	3	2
HARDBALL	-	6	6	6	6	
IRISH NATIONALS	-	15	-	-	-	15
	39	75	41	54	80	129

The increase is accounted for in the main by 4 new juvenile team championships, the Irish Nationals in 15 grades and the doubling of adult competitions in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 from a total of 28 in 1985 to 56 in 1995. The increase in adult competitions is due to the introduction of the Intermediate grade and the extension of Masters competition to further age brackets and B sections. This means that adults are playing handball into their later years which is a very good selling point in the promotion of the game as a life-long sport. On the other hand, the number of competitions gives rise to a huge workload for County and Provincial Secretaries and it may be timely now to examine our competitions structure to see if it is best suited to modern needs.

SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ireland successfully hosted the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships in October in which 650 players from 10 countries took part in 39 championships and in plate competitions for first round singles losers. Almost 1,000 games were held in 27 courts at 24 venues in 5 counties making it by far the biggest and most comprehensive championships in the history of world handball; what a great pity it was that former Riarthóir and pioneer of world handball, Seosamh Ó Loingsigh, did not live to witness this historic event.

CHALLENGE

The hosting of the 1994 Championships by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann was a major undertaking for Irish handball. It was an ambitious project, especially in view of

- The Council's ongoing serious financial situation;
- The task of organising a nine-day programme of games in 39 grades in one and two-court venues - the Championships are normally hosted in 16 to 20 court complexes in the U.S.A. and Canada;
- The requirement to organise a programme of social events in the Clare and Dublin regions;
- The uncertainty about how many players would come from other countries, mainly the USA and Canada and, also, how many would enter from Ireland;
- Concern in some quarters about the ability of the Irish

- Handball Council to host such an event and
(f) Lack of finance.

On the other hand, the event presented a great challenge to handball in Ireland and was an ideal opportunity

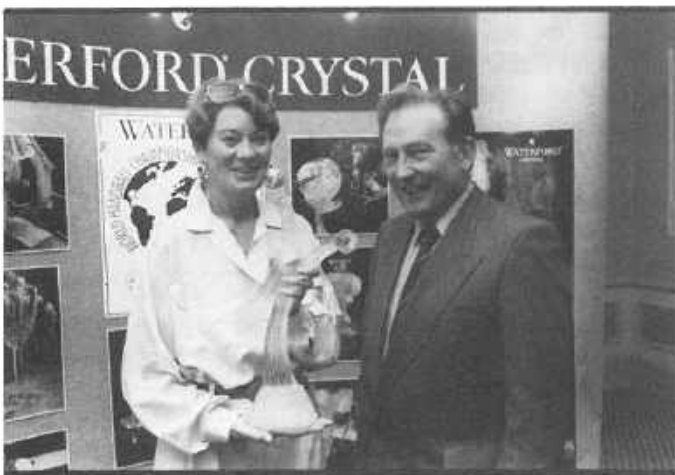
- (a) to organise a major event;
- (b) to bring people back to the organisation and involve some new personnel in handball;
- (c) to develop people's organisational, administrative and playing talents;
- (d) to upgrade facilities;
- (e) to learn from other countries and
- (f) to re-vitalise the organisation as a whole.

PREPARATIONS

Advance preparations for the Championships began in 1992 and regular Committee meetings commenced in January 1993. Four sub-committees were set up at national level with responsibility for

- (a) Finance and Sponsorship
- (b) PR/Publicity/Social Events
- (c) Fixtures and Refereeing
- (d) Court Refurbishment.

In addition, a number of people were given individual responsibility for specific areas of work and organising committees were put in place at the various venues. In all, approximately 400 people were involved in the preparations for and organisation of the Championships.



Bernadette and Caimín Jones pictured at the launch of the Waterford Crystal World Championships.

In addition to local Club Committees, the Clare Championship Committee - which had responsibility for 29 Championship events - had the following sub-committees:

- (a) Sponsorship and Finance
- (b) Publicity
- (c) Refereeing
- (d) Court Refurbishment
- (e) Social and Accommodation
- (f) History and Publications
- (g) Registration and Results.

Without doubt, the success of the Championships in Clare was due mainly to the leadership and organisational abilities of Caimín Mac Seoin who inspired and motivated Clubs and their personnel to host the various championships. Caimín led by example and worked tirelessly to ensure that everything was in readiness for the games and social events. He and the Clare Committees could never be repaid for their efforts but we hope that they will be happy in the knowledge that they were



*Eamon Ó Briain,
Chairman of
the Dublin
Organising
Committee
for the World
Championships.*

responsible for the most successful and enjoyable handball event ever held in Ireland.

The Dublin Organising Committee under the Chairmanship of Eamon Ó Briain did an enormous amount of work in a short period. Members put in a huge effort to ensure that the Dublin/Meath/Kildare venues were well prepared and well administered. Our thanks and appreciation go to all concerned.

FINANCE/SPONSORSHIP

In November 1993 the Council engaged a Public Relations agency to seek sponsorship for the World Championships. Following many promises, sponsorship was not secured and the agreement with the agency was terminated in May 1994.

A major breakthrough came in June when Ollie Harold, an All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles champion in 1980, approached his employer, Waterford Crystal, on the subject. This led to a meeting between the Council and Waterford Crystal and to the sponsorship of 250 trophies and special presentations for the Championships. This was a great boost as it relieved the Committee of the burden of providing trophies and gave a major impetus to the Championship preparations.

The Irish and World Handball Councils are extremely appreciative of the contribution of Waterford Crystal to the Championships: the company helped greatly to set and maintain standards which would not have been possible otherwise.

Our sincere thanks go to Dr. Paddy Galvin, Chairman and Chief Executive and to John Foley, Marketing Director of Waterford Crystal for their invaluable help and support.

Our thanks also go to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael who provided a grant of £10,000 towards the organisation of the Championships and a further £10,000 towards the cost of the upgrading of Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

Cospóir contributed £15,000 to the cost of the Championships and a total of £60,000 for refurbishments to courts - £30,000 in Clare, £24,300 for Ceannaras and £5,700 for courts in Dublin/Kildare.

Without this major input from Cospóir, it would not have been possible to upgrade our facilities to the standard required and achieved for the Championships.

Sponsorship in kind was provided by The Gresham Hotel and SRC (handball manufacturers) to the value of £6,000.

I wish to pay special tribute to Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí, our Cisteoir, who worked tirelessly to keep the world Championship costs in line with income. That he did so was due to his professional approach to the task and to his commitment to handball.

PLAYERS

Our own Irish players responded magnificently to the

opportunity to take part in the championships. Over 400 entered and enjoyed the experience of playing on an international stage. They were part of the biggest sports event held in Ireland in 1994 and contributed individually and collectively to a marvellous tournament. Our sincere thanks to each and every one of them for making the effort to take part.

MEN'S INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The premier Invitational Championships - Men's Singles and Doubles and Women's Singles - were held before packed galleries at Croke Park together with the final stages of other competitions. American players dominated the Men's finals with the 19-year-old David Chapman being too good for Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny in Singles. Walsh qualified from his group to meet Danny Bell of Canada in the semi-final and delighted the capacity attendance with an amazing performance of offensive handball defeating the Canadian 21-7, 21-7. However, the Kilkenny player had great difficulty in coping with the skill and tactical play of David Chapman who won the final on a scoreline 21-10, 21-8.



Seán Mac an tSaoí, President, Irish Handball Council, presents the Invitational Doubles trophies to John Bike and Randy Morones, U.S.A.

Meath players Tom Sheridan and Egin Jensen qualified from their section to defeat Canadians Tyler Hamel and Roberto Meneses, 21-15, 21-18 in an excellent semi-final. They were pitted against John Bike and Randy Morones of the U.S.A. in the final and put up a terrific performance before going down 21-15, 21-10 to the stylish Americans.

SPECTACULAR LADIES FINAL

There was an enthralling match in the Ladies final between defending champion Anna Engele of the U.S.A. and Lisa Fraser from Canada. The game ebbed and flowed and had the crowd on their toes right throughout. The American took the



Dr. Paddy Galvin, Chief Executive, Waterford Crystal, presents the Women's Singles Invitational trophy to Lisa Fraser of Canada following her victory over Anna Engele, U.S.A. in the final at Croke Park.

first game 21-11 but the sporting Lisa Fraser fought back to level the match 21-12. Sensing victory and urged on by the large Irish contingent, the Canadian girl delighted the packed gallery by winning the tie-breaker 11-6.

D.J. CAREY'S DOUBLE

All-Star hurler D.J. Carey was seeded No.1 in both the Singles and Doubles in the 23 and Under grade. He justified his ranking when he and Ciarán Curran of Tyrone won the Doubles title. D.J. then clashed with his partner in the Singles final which was another highlight of the Croke Park programme.

WINNERS

Irish players took 18 of the 39 titles on offer while two others combined with U.S. and Canadian partners to take a further two championships. Australia took one title, Canada three and the U.S.A. won a total of 15 including the premier events.

The complete list of Invitational results follows together with the results of all other events.

INVITATIONAL SINGLES

Group 1: Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Ireland d. Yoshiaki Takei, Japan, 21-5, 21-6; David Chapman, USA d. Takei 21-4, 21-4; Chapman d. Walsh 21-8, 21-6.

Group 2: Danny Bell, Canada, d. Poncho Monreal, Mexico 21-8, 21-8.

Semi-finals: Walsh d. Bell 21-7, 21-7; Chapman d. Monreal 21-9, 21-6.

Final: Chapman d. Walsh 21-10, 21-8.

INVITATIONAL DOUBLES

Group 1: Tyler Hamel/Roberto Meneses, Canada d. Kazuhiko Tsurumi/Mitzuyoshi Kadokura, Japan 21-8, 21-9; John Bike/Randy Morones, USA d. Tsurumi/Kadokura 21-5, 21-4; Bike/Morones d. Hamel/Meneses 21-11, 21-16.

Group 2: Tom Sheridan/Egin Jensen, Ireland d. Naty Alvarado/Naty Alvarado Jr., Mexico, 21-10, 21-16.

Semi-finals: Sheridan/Jensen d. Hamel/Meneses 21-15, 21-18; Bike/Morones d. Alvarado/Alvarado 21-13, 21-9.

Final: Bike/Morones d. Sheridan/Jensen 21-15, 21-10.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Round Robin: Anna Engele, USA d. Berni Hennessy, Ireland 21-14, 21-10; Lisa Fraser, Canada, d. Lupe Alvarado, Mexico, 21-16, 21-13; Alvarado d. Hennessy 10-21, 21-11, 11-1; Fraser d. Engele 21-13, 21-13; Fraser d. Hennessy 21-6, 21-14; Engele d. Alvarado 21-16, 21-19.

Semi-finals: Engele d. Alvarado 12-21, 21-4, 11-6; Fraser, bye.

Final: Fraser d. Engele 11-21, 21-12, 11-6.

OTHER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Open Singles: Walter O'Connor, Meath d. Peter McAuley, Louth 21-7, 21-4.

Open Doubles: Eddie Corbett, Dan Armijo, Tipperary/USA d. Pat Hall, Niall Breen, Dublin/Clare 21-10, 21-18.

B Singles: Stevie Madden, Antrim, d. Pat Donagh, Cavan, 21-3, 21-12.

A/B Doubles: Arturo Chavez, Al Alvarez, USA d. Michael McGovern, John Boy Molloy, Meath 21-10, 21-19.

C Singles: Nicky O'Reilly, Kilkenny d. Michael Carrie, Tipperary 21-9, 21-5.

15 and Under: Eoin Kennedy, Dublin d. Barry Goff, Wexford 21-10, 21-12.

Dr. Albert Reynolds, T.D., Taoiseach, second from left, pictured with Paul Williams, New York, Naty Alvarado, Mexico and Dr. Paddy Galvin, Chairman and Chief Executive, Waterford Crystal, at the World Championships Banquet.



17 and Under: Dominic Lynch, Kerry d. Vincent Moran, Mayo 21-8, 21-9.

19 and Under: Raymond Breen, Wexford d. Declan Frawley, Clare inj. def.

Girls 15 and Under: Sibeal McKenna, Antrim, d. Julie Long, Dublin 21-11, 21-11.

Girls 17 and Under: Fiona McKenna, Antrim d. Sasha Gawley, Canada 21-6, 21-9.

Girls 19 and Under: Jessica Gawley, Canada d. Carol Moloney, Tipperary 21-1, 21-9.

23 and Under Singles: D.J. Carey, Kilkenny d. Ciarán Curran, Tyrone 21-18, 21-11.

23 and Under Doubles: D.J. Carey, Ciarán Curran, Kilkenny/Tyrone d. Fergal Coughlan, Paul Walsh, Clare 21-9, 9-21, 11-5.

Women's Open Singles: Rosemary Bellini, USA d. Lavonah Muloin, Canada 21-3, 21-15.

Women's Open Doubles: Lavonah Muloin/Susan Carey, Canada/Ireland d. Rosemary Bellini/Beth Rowley, USA 21-8, 21-13.

Women's B Singles: Megan Layman, USA d. Mary Lou Furans, USA 21-2, 21-9.

Women's B Doubles: Mary Lindsay/Liz Nicholl, Antrim/Dublin d. Yvonne Gacquin/Neasa Naughton, Roscommon 21-19, 20-21, 11-0.

35 Plus Singles: Billy Silcock, Antrim d. Mickey Walsh, Roscommon 21-12, 21-11.

35 Plus Doubles: John Fleming/John Rossiter, Wexford/Carlow d. John Donlon/Eugene Kennedy, Clare/Dublin 21-12, 18-21, 11-1.

Masters A (40 Plus) Singles: Rick Christian, USA, d. David Steinberg, USA, 21-13, 21-20.

Masters A (40 Plus) Doubles: David Steinberg/Douglas Mull, USA d. Páraic McCormack/John Rossiter, Mayo/Carlow.

Masters B (40 Plus) Singles: Dominic Sheridan, Cavan d. Michael McCarron, Monaghan 21-6, 21-12.

Masters B (40 Plus) Doubles: Tony Breen/Billy McCarthy, Wexford/Tipperary d. Dominic Sheridan/Maurice Brady, Cavan 21-15, 21-7.

Veteran Masters A (45 Plus) Singles: Fred Bancallari, USA, d. Eugene Kennedy, Dublin 21-13, 20-21, 11-6.

Veteran Masters A (45 Plus) Doubles: John Kirby/Michael Hogan, Clare d. John Friesan/Mike McDonnell, Canada/USA 21-5, 21-7.

Veteran Masters B (45 Plus) Singles: Tony Russo, USA d. Gene Jackson, USA 21-8, 21-12.

Veteran Masters B (45 Plus) Doubles: Ron Almadova/Tom Krucker, USA d. Morgan Darcy/Bertie Kelehan, Galway

19-21, 21-18, 11-4.

Golden Masters A (50 Plus) Singles: Vic Di Luzio, Australia d. Pat Kirby, USA 21-19, 19-21, 11-4.

Golden Masters A (50 Plus) Doubles: Fred Chapman/Skip McDowell, USA d. Jimmy Walsh/Dan Kirby, Clare 21-7, 21-3.

Golden Masters B (50 Plus) Singles: Dan Martin, USA d. Francis Nugent, Antrim 21-14, 21-12.

Golden Masters B (50 Plus) Doubles: Joe Collins/Pat O'Brien, Cork d. Martin Buggy/Seamus Buggy, Wexford 21-15, 15-21, 11-6.

Golden Masters (55 Plus) Singles: Ed Grossenbacher, USA d. Pat Kirby, USA 21-16, 21-14.

Super (60 Plus) Singles: Vince Gabrielle, USA d. Billy Kerins, Kerry 21-18, 14-21, 11-1.

Super (60 Plus) Doubles: Pat O'Keefe/Ray Doherty, Kilkenny/Dublin d. Ben Marguglio/Lewis Buckingham, USA 21-6, 21-8.

Veteran Super (65 Plus) Singles: Harold McClean, Canada d. Richard Lemmon USA 21-9, 20-21, 11-9.

Diamond (70 Plus) Singles: Max Lasskow, USA d. Joe Mastrandrea, USA 21-6, 21-7.

Diamond 70 Doubles: Jim Slavin/Frank Yihannon, USA d. Joe Mastrandrea /J. Jones, USA 13-21, 21-17, 11-9.

SOCIAL EVENTS

While the main focus centred on the Championship series there was still time for social events which were a very high priority for everybody.

The main events in Clare were:

- Opening Banquet and Dance attended by 600 people at which Mr. Liam Aylward, T.D., Minister for Sport was guest of honour.
- Irish music nights.
- Barbeque and dance.
- Ladies Irish fashion show.
- Tours to scenic areas and historic sites.

Events in the Dublin region included:

- Lord Mayor's reception for officials and invitational players.
- Irish music night at Naomh Mhuire Club, Leixlip.
- Closing Banquet at Dublin Castle attended by 315 people at which Taoiseach Dr. Albert Reynolds, T.D., was guest of honour.

Our visitors were very impressed by the standard and quality of all the events, especially by the Lord Mayor's reception and the Banquets and by the splendour of the Mansion House and Dublin Castle.

BUÍOCHAS

Our thanks are due in a special way to all members of the World Handball Championship Committee under the Chairmanship of Seán Mac an tSaof, Uachtarán, who, when others had doubts about our ability to host the championships, guided the ship through troubled waters. Caimín Mac Seoin, Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí, Len Ahern, Ciarán Ó Corra, Mick Dunne, Néill Ó Cathail, Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Tomás Ó Briain and Tomás Ó Concubhair all had special responsibilities and carried them out very effectively. I wish to extend my personal thanks to all those people – too numerous to mention – who volunteered to work on so many areas of Championship preparations and, also, for the duration of the event in ensuring that everything was run off smoothly and efficiently.

The Clubs and educational establishments which hosted the Championships put in a magnificent effort to ensure that courts and all other facilities were up to standard and in readiness for the games. They all took the opportunity to enhance their facilities and, no doubt, this is of immense benefit to them in promoting the game in their own communities.

We also thank the hundreds of people – especially those at Club level – who helped in any way to make the World Championships so successful. They are the people who made the Championships truly memorable for everyone who took part and all can be satisfied that they contributed to a magnificent occasion.

CONCLUSION

The 1994 Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships has certainly given a major boost to the game in Ireland.

Our officials and members derived immense satisfaction from the success of the event and are confident that the knowledge and experience gained will benefit the organisation and development of handball in Ireland for many years to come.

One of the immediate benefits was that players and members saw how a major event could be organised over a short period of time and how players were prepared to play on successive days and even twice on some days. As a result, the format of some Provincial Championships has been changed to a tournament format. As described elsewhere in this report, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann itself is holding a major Irish Open Nationals Tournament for the first time covering 15 grades for Boys and Girls at 15 and Under level to Over 50 A and B competitions for men.

The Irish Handball Council feels justified in having taken on the responsibility of hosting the Eighth World Handball Championships thus maintaining Ireland's role in facilitating the development of what is essentially an Irish and a GAA sport. Our fears and concerns about the Championships were ill-founded and when Dr. Paddy Galvin, Chairman and Chief Executive of Waterford Crystal announced at the conclusion of the Men's Invitational final that his company would sponsor the 1997 Championships in Canada, we felt that the event had been far more successful than the Handball Council ever anticipated.

One final and lasting thought: the World Championships provided a focal point for Irish and World Handball. They gave us a great sense of achievement, pride and satisfaction. Above all, they gave us an inspired and inspiring sense of unity of



At the presentation to finalists in the World 'B' Singles final were Anthony Campbell, Cathaoirleach, Ballymore Eustace Club; Len Ahern, Organising Committee; Steve Madden, Antrim, winner; Pat Donagh, Cavan, finalist and Paddy Monaghan, Ballymore Eustace, referee.



Nicky O'Reilly, Kilkenny, winner of the Waterford Crystal World 'C' Singles Championship in action in the final at Ballymore Eustace.

purpose and togetherness which brought a great spirit to handball. Let us keep up the momentum and build on the World Championships for the good of the game and our organisation.

ONE-WALL TOURNAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

In addition to the main World Championships the Bray Handball Club under Frank Semple and Tom O'Connor undertook the organisation of a special One-Wall tournament in which Ireland, Wales, France, Finland, England (Eton Fives and Rugby Fives), Canada and Inner City New York took part.

This was another very successful event and brought some European countries into the international arena for the first time. It provided the opportunity for countries which play various forms of handball and hand tennis to come together to play a common form of handball in which the format and rules are akin to the old Irish one-wall game.

The Irish and World Councils appreciated the great work done by the Bray Club, not only in organising the games but also by planning a very extensive social programme for their visitors. The Club made an exceptional commitment in hosting a week of activities and contributed greatly to the possible future development of international handball.

The one-wall tournament impressed the Welsh Handball Association so much that they are hosting one-wall and three-

wall international tournaments from 6-8 May 1995 to which the following Associations have been invited:

French Federation Jeux de Balle
 French Federation Jeux de Paume
 Finnish Fistball Association
 Valencian Pilota Organisation (Spain)
 Basque Pelota Organisation (Spain)
 Irish Handball Council
 Eton Fives Association (England)
 Rugby Fives Association (England)
 Royal Dutch Kaatsen
 Royal Belgium Pelota
 Italian Pallone Elastico
 USHA (America)
 Gotland Pelot Association (Sweden)



Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Sadhbh O'Neill and Bob Pruden, President of the World Handball Council, pictured with the Mexican Team, Natty Alvarado Jr., Poncho Monreal, Lupe Alvarado and Natty Alvarado.

The Welsh Handball Association has been very active since October in touring the local schools and leisure centres in South Wales to introduce the one-wall game by video and demonstrations. They have found a great welcome for the game and this is an idea which should be also be followed up by our own Councils and county units to promote handball in Ireland.



Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Sadhbh O'Neill, greets Japanese players at the reception at the Mansion House.

contacts with so many national Handball Associations. He has carried out a tremendous amount of research into games in other countries and has helped in no small way to place the future of international handball firmly on our agenda for the future.

At the time of writing the Council is in the process of setting up a small committee to examine the possibilities of international development and establishing a policy on international relations.

The inclusion of the one-wall tournament with the 1994 World Championships, the 1995 Welsh event and the other happenings listed above point to the possibility of a much greater development of international handball in the future. The current thinking is that the natural progression will be that the one-wall game can be developed to the full four-wall game over the years. In time, the Irish court game may be adopted by many more countries - as it was in the USA, Canada and Australia. With further and more regular international contacts, handball in the future will probably look back with great pride and admiration on its Irish roots and in particular to the 1994 one-wall event in Bray which sparked off a new wave of enthusiasm for the game.

MAJOR SUCCESSES IN USHA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ireland's young handballers made history by taking four of the five titles on offer at the USHA National Junior Championships held at San Diego from 27-29 December 1994. This means that Irish players have now won 21 titles from the 40 competitions in which they took part on 13 championship occasions since 1981 when Michael 'Duxie' Walsh won the 15 and Under title.

GIRLS TEAM

It was also an historic occasion in that girls were included in the Irish Youth team for the first time and they certainly marked the occasion in fine style. Sisters Fiona and Sibéal McKenna from the St. Paul's Club in Belfast, both of whom had won Waterford Crystal World Handball Championship titles in October, had contrasting fortunes in their events. Because of the small number of entrants in the 17 and Under event Fiona moved up to join Jackie Keating, Ireland's representative, in the 19 and Under Championship. Fiona

Other features of international development are as follows:

***March 1994:** Trinity College Handball Club visited Manchester to play the local Rugby Fives Club.

***June 1994:** Tom O'Connor (Wicklow) represented the Irish Handball Council and gave lectures at the first World Congress of handball games in Valencia, Spain. This Congress was attended by representatives of handball codes played in the east, north and south of Spain, northern France, Wales, Mexico, Sweden, The Canary Islands, Holland and Argentina.

***September 1994:** Basque Pelota World Games held in St. Jean de Lux, South France, attended by Joe Jennings, former President of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

***March 1995:** One-Wall festival in northern France.

***May 6-8 1995:** One-Wall and three-wall international events in Nelson, South Wales.

***July 1995:** Dutch Handball Championships in field tennis to be held in northern Holland.

***1996:** The French Association has offered to host a one-wall international tournament.

Tom O'Connor has also established contacts with Handball Associations in Mexico, Belgium, France, Nigeria, Germany and Senegal. The Irish Handball Council is extremely grateful to Tom for all his work in establishing and maintaining



Sisters Fiona McKenna, 19 and Under finalist, and Sibeal McKenna, 15 and Under winner in the USHA Junior Championships.

and Jackie made it an all-Irish final with the Tipperary girl having a tight victory on a 21-18, 21-19 scoreline.

Sibeal McKenna had things very much her own way in the Girls 15 and Under event. She conceded only 3 points in the semi-final and defeated Erica Sove from California, 21-2, 21-1 to bring the first ever 15 and Under Girls title to Ireland.

FIRST U.S. TITLE FOR DUBLIN

From a starting line-up of 31 players Eoin Kennedy from the St. Brigid's Club in Blanchardstown and Danny Healy from Ballydesmond in Cork provided an all-Irish 15 and Under final.

Both players had tough passages to the final leaving all American and Canadian entrants in their wake. This match was a repeat of previous contests between both players and Kennedy emphasised his superiority as the official Irish entrant in the competition by defeating the Corkman 21-11, 21-2 to become the first Dubliner to win a US Junior title.

SECOND SUCCESS FOR KENNETH KANE

Kenneth Kane from the Garryhill Club in Carlow, winner of the 1993 15 and Under U.S. championship, took the 17 and Under title by defeating Eddie Chapa of California 21-14, 14-21, 11-2, in the final. The Carlow player pulverised all opposition on his way to the final conceding only 29 points over 8 games.

Michael Finnegan from Kingscourt in Cavan, who won the 1990 15 and Under US title, was less than fortunate in going under to David Silveyra of California in the 19 and Under semi-final on a 20-21, 21-19, 11-6 scoreline.

OTHER PLAYERS GAIN U.S. EXPERIENCE

Apart from the official team of 6 players, 12 other Irish boys took part in the US Junior Championships at their own expense. Most of them had the benefit of training and preparing with the full team over a two month period before the Championships. Their participation in the World Championships together with the US Juniors has certainly raised the standard of play at juvenile level. The players themselves have gained much valuable experience of handball at international level in a short space of time and this will certainly be of benefit to them and to

their Clubs and counties.

Of the 18 Irish players who took part, 17 won their first round games. Ciarán Meenagh from Tyrone reached the last 8 from the 31 who took part in the 15 and Under Boys championship while Eoin Kennedy and Danny Healy were the finalists at that level. Kenneth Kane, Barry Goff and Tony Healy reached the semi-finals of the 17 and Under Boys championship from a starting line-up of 32 players and only one of the 10 Irish players in that event was defeated in the first round. At 19 and Under level Seán Devine of Antrim had an easy first round victory before going out in the second round.

BUÍOCHAS

The Handball Council and all concerned and associated with the Irish party which travelled to the U.S. Juniors owe a deep debt of gratitude to Jimmy King, Team Manager, and to Kit Finnegan who assisted him in his duties. The Manager's role was a very onerous one, particularly having regard to the size of the party, the number of players involved in competition and the 17 day duration of the trip. Jimmy also coached the players in the two months preceding the championships and the Irish successes are testimony to his expertise and guidance as well as to the ability and enthusiasm of the players themselves.

RESULTS

Girls 15 and Under

Semi-final: Sibeal McKenna, Antrim, dft. Lindsay Crothers, Ontario, 21-2, 21-1.

Final: McKenna dft. Erica Sove, California, 21-2, 21-1.

Girls 17/19 and Under – Quarter-finals:

Jackie Keating, Tipperary, dft. Mandy Rounselle, South Dakota, 21-4, 21-5; Fiona McKenna, Antrim, dft. Amber Rounselle, South Dakota, 21-3, 21-5.

Semi-finals: McKenna dft. Sabrina Zamora, California, 21-2, 21-2; Keating dft. Sasha Gawley, Regina, Canada, 21-17, 21-20.

Final: Keating dft. McKenna 21-18, 21-19.

Boys 15 and Under

Round 1: Eoin Kennedy, Dublin, Bye; Danny Healy, Cork, dft. Jorge Ramirez, California, 21-0, 21-0; Ciarán Meenagh, Tyrone, dft. Valentine Gonzales, California, 21-1, 21-2.

Round of 16: Kennedy dft. Carlos Burrell, Arizona, 21-3, 21-1; Healy dft. Jeremy Muscia, Illinois, 21-1, 21-3; Meenagh dft. David Morones, California, 21-7, 21-8.

Quarter-finals: Kennedy dft. Ross Burke, Texas, 21-4, 21-6; Healy dft. Sony Gawley, Regina, Canada, 18-21, 21-14, 11-2; Meenagh lost to Brad Alesi, Illinois, 21-19, 21-9.

Semi-finals: Kennedy dft. Nick Mattioni, Pennsylvania, 21-9, 21-18. Healy dft. Alesi 21-15, 21-17.

Final: Kennedy dft. Healy 21-11, 21-2.

Boys 17 and Under

Round of 32: Kenneth Kane, Carlow, dft. Jay Sprenger, South Dakota, 21-2, 21-0; Paul Flynn, Mayo, dft. Seday Marquez, California, default; Kenneth Rafferty, Monaghan, dft. Luis Lozano, California, 21-1, 21-3; Campbell Brennan, Mayo, dft. Jose Iniguez, California, 21-0, 21-2; Barry Goff, Wexford, dft. Doug Lehman, California, 21-0, 21-5; Vincent Moran, Mayo, dft. Adam Gonzales, California, 21-2, 21-6; Conor O'Connor, Meath, dft. Adam Crothers, Ontario, 21-2, 21-0; Peter McNamee, Tyrone, dft. Eric Lozano, California, 21-0, 21-2; Padraig Gaffney, Mayo, lost to Stephen Natale,



Kenneth Kane, Ceatharlach, winner of the 1994 USHA Boys 17 and Under title.

Arizona; Tony Healy, Cork, dft. Oswaldo Torres, California 21-4, 21-5.

Round of 16: Kane dft. Brian Fromstein, Ontario, 21-1, 21-2; Flynn dft. Rafferty 2-1; Brennan lost to Jose Munoz 9-21, 21-14, 11-2; Goff dft. Pete Papathemetrios, California, 21-7, 21-2; Moran lost to Eddie Chapa, California, 21-9, 18-21, 11-4; O'Connor lost to Myles Paine, California, 11-21, 21-16, 11-7; McNamee lost to Natale 21-4, 21-6; Healy dft. Lalo Osorio, California, 2-0.

Quarter-finals: Kane dft. Flynn 21-6, 21-10; Goff dft. Munoz 21-9, 21-5; Healy dft. Natale 21-14, 21-5.

Semi-finals: Kane dft. Goff 21-0, 21-8; Chapa dft. Healy 21-13, 20-21, 11-8.

Final: Kane dft. Chapa 21-14, 14-21, 11-2.

Boys 19 and Under

First Round: Michael Finnegan, Cavan, Bye; Seán Devine, Antrim dft. Jacob Amabisca, California, 21-0, 21-3.

Second Round: Finnegan dft. Jeff Burnett, Missouri, 21-6, 21-13; Devine lost to Beau Bailey, Missouri, 19-21, 21-6, 11-5.

Quarter-finals: Finnegan dft. Jose Hernandez, California, 21-10, 21-8.

Semi-final: Finnegan lost to David Silveyra, California, 20-21, 21-19, 11-6.

REVIEW

Irish players have now won 5 of the last six 15 and Under US Championships and 3 of the last 6 at 17 and Under level. However, during the same time we have won only one Boys title at 19 and Under level by which time the top American players at that level are already very experienced on the semi-professional tournament circuit throughout the USA.



Jackie Keating from Cashel, winner of the 1994 USHA Girls 19 and Under Championship.

It is evident that our players can equal and better their USA and Canadian counterparts in the lower age groups but are left somewhat behind at 19 and Under level. This coincides with our players' concentration on studies and examinations. It is also a time when the Americans and Canadians have more intense competition. In addition, many of our players drop out from the game as they make the transition from juvenile to higher grades. The whole situation should be examined

by the Handball Council with a view to maintaining the interest of our young players and of keeping them involved in handball during these important years of their development.

The practice of an increasing number of players and adults accompanying the official team to the US Championships is a matter of concern for Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. While the participation of as many players as possible in the USHA Juniors is for the benefit of the players themselves and of handball in general we must always be conscious of the impact this has on the role of the Team Manager and on the time and attention he can give to the official team members who, after all, are his prime responsibility. Having considered the matter in some detail, Ard Chomhairle recently decided to ask a number of past Team Managers to examine the situation and make recommendations on the matter.

COMHAIRLE NA mBAN

The Ladies Handball Council carried out its annual programme of fixtures and activities and our thanks are due to all those who work for the promotion of ladies handball. The Comhairle had very successful 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 championships and ladies played a major role in the success of the World Handball Championships, particularly in the underage grades.

The Ladies Juvenile 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Championships were particularly successful with a number of new players taking part. The Gael Linn Mixed Doubles competition was also a major success and is now a well established main feature on the ladies handball calendar of events.

A major initiative in 1994 was the effective amalgamation of Comhairle na mBan and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann at national level. The Council will now provide financial and administrative support for ladies handball while Comhairle na mBan will continue to administer its own championships and other events. We trust that this will facilitate the development of ladies handball throughout the country and hope that all Club, county and provincial units will include ladies handball as a meaningful item in their meeting and development agendas. Rather than having separate ladies sections, every Club should promote ladies handball as part of its overall programme. Young girls can easily take their place alongside boys, particularly up to 14 years of age, in both coaching and playing the game. This involvement of boys and girls will also have social benefits and can help to build up interest in the Club and in the game in general. In this context it is worth noting that females can be included with the ordinary Club registrations.

For a long number of years the tendency was to develop ladies handball separately. This led to the feeling that a Club had no chance of growth or success unless it had a large number of girls playing the game. Consequently, many girls never had the opportunity to take part in handball and were lost to the game. This situation must be corrected through the involvement of ladies in handball, especially up to their teenage years.

Every county should review its own situation and take positive steps to encourage, promote and develop ladies handball. This in turn will have many major advantages for the strength and future health of any Club or county and, indeed, for the organisation as a whole. The success of our young ladies players in the World and USHA championships is ample evidence of the fact that where girls are encouraged to play and are properly coached they can attain national and international status within quite a short time.



David Stapleton, Ceatharlach, receives his All-Ireland Under 15 Softball Singles Winner's medal from the Handball President.

NATIONAL HANDBALL MARATHON

The Irish Handball Council joined with the Irish Cancer Society and the Ulster Cancer Foundation to organise a National Handball Marathon in aid of all three bodies on the May Bank Holiday weekend 1994. In keeping with the promotion of the International Year of the Family the Marathon was promoted and organised as a GAA Family Day. It was also intended to facilitate the promotion of handball within the Association as a whole as one of the main aims of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

A reasonable proportion of our Clubs organised very successful events and our congratulations and appreciation are due to them for all their efforts. However, a number of Clubs did not organise any event and this was a major disappointment, particularly in view of the fact that all units had the potential to benefit from the national promotion both in terms of handball events and the financial input to develop the game on the basis of proposals from various units of the organisation.

The Organising Committee was also disappointed with the poor response from the GAA in general despite the fact that all Clubs received correspondence, posters and sponsorship cards on the Marathon.

NATIONAL MARATHON PROCEEDS 1994

County	Amount
Antrim	£3,818.22
Armagh	£1,445.00
Carlow	£1,096.20
Cavan	£6,618.18
Clare	£324.00
Cork	£5,315.29
Derry	£152.11
Donegal	£605.00
Down	£200.00
Dublin	£3,117.72
Galway	£300.00
Kerry	£2,192.00
Kildare	£4,626.85
Kilkenny	£2,535.40
Laois	£173.00
Leitrim	£1,458.05
Limerick	£1,337.46
London	£382.00
Longford	£50.00
Louth	£1,173.70
Mayo	£8,043.50
Meath	£3,866.29
Monaghan	£2,434.50
Munster GAA Council	£500.00
Offaly	£618.50
Roscommon	£3,661.69
Tipperary	£2,910.90
Tyrone	£5,475.20
Waterford	£70.00
Westmeath	£426.50
Wexford	£3,418.36
Wicklow	£1,235.85
Other	£1,069.70
TOTAL	£70,651.17

SUMMARY OF MARATHON ACCOUNT

Total Proceeds:	£70,651.17
Expenses:	£7,420.42
Net Proceeds:	£63,230.75
Proceeds to Cancer Societies	£31,615.38
Proceeds to Handball Council	£31,615.37

I wish to thank the Organising Committee for their work and chairman S. S. Ó Concubhair for his tremendous enthusiasm in contacting all county co-ordinators on a regular basis and ensuring that everything possible was being done to make the Marathon a major success. We are also deeply grateful to Martin Moran from the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip who, in drawing on the great experience of his organisation of the 1992 Marathon for Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin, provided much valuable guidance and advice over several months in preparing for the Marathon.

The generation of over £63,000 net proceeds for the Cancer Societies and the Handball Council was a marvellous achievement by any standards. The Council is more than satisfied that it made a very significant contribution to the welfare of many people suffering from cancer and also to their families in a very meaningful and tangible way. The money generated for the development of juvenile handball will certainly be well spent in promoting the game at all levels of the organisation.

FINANCE

The financial report and balance sheet set out our financial position very clearly. It is evident that the Council does not have enough resources to develop the game properly, particularly in relation to coaching and juvenile development. The success of the National Handball Marathon will go some way towards relieving this situation.

The Council has again joined with Rathcairn in promoting another draw with membership costing £60 per ticket. All participants in the 1992 draw together with all entrants in the World Handball Championships have been circularised and asked to contribute to the draw. In addition, all Clubs and counties are expected to play their part by joining the draw.

The present serious financial situation built up over a long number of years and has been reasonably well contained in recent years. It is incumbent on all of us to help improve the situation so that handball can be developed to its full potential in the future on a sound financial footing.

CEANNÁRAS LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE

Approximately £45,000 was spent on refurbishment of the Handball Centre in preparation for the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships. This has made the Centre more attractive to members generally and provides a social facility for members of the local community who frequent the Club. There is room for much further development in this area and the membership which decreased dramatically following the demise of the old 60 x 30 alley must be built up again.

As can be seen from the Ceannáras Club accounts, membership and booking fees were down substantially on the previous year. The Club operated at a deficit of £8,583 for the year. Because of increased overheads and the small usage of the gym facilities it was decided that this facility would have to be closed with effect from June 1994 resulting in the discontinuation of the part-time employment of Martin Broderick who had served the Centre so well.

There was a gross profit of £43,709 in the Club lounge on sales of £103,298. Expenses for the year totalled £30,387 resulting in a surplus of £13,322. The net surplus for the Centre for year ending 30.12.1994 was £4,739. With better usage of the facilities and a membership recruitment drive, this figure can be increased substantially within a short time.

I wish to thank the Ceannáras Management Committee and

the Social Club for their interest in the Centre and for the work they have done throughout the past year. We have many committed people involved and it is up to us all to use their talents to best effect in the interest of handball as a whole.

Our sincere thanks go to Bar Manager, Micheál Ó Treasaigh, and Caretaker, Risteárd Mac Maoláin, on the very capable and efficient way in which they carry out their responsibilities. Their work is vital to the viability of the Centre and in this context I also wish to thank the casual bar staff for their help on so many occasions.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann is deeply indebted to Cospóir for the provision of £139,200 for handball during 1994. The annual grant was increased from £48,000 to £50,000 and four players received Outstanding Sportspersons Grants totalling £5,000. Cospóir provided a grant of £6,000 towards the cost of the USHA Junior Championships and contributed £18,200 for the running costs of the World Championships and £60,000 for court development.

We are very grateful to the former Minister for Sport, Mr. Liam Aylward T.D., for his interest in and support for handball and for his role in ensuring that the game was funded particularly well during 1994. We thank him especially for his interest in the World Championships and for the allocation of £60,000 for court development in the Clare and Dublin regions which enabled Clubs and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to carry out major improvements to facilities. In addition, the Minister set aside £140,000 for the development of four regional handball centres which will provide a major boost for the game in each province.

Thanks are also due to the Chief Executive of Cospóir, Paddy Heffernan and his staff for their help and assistance so many times during the past year.

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

I wish to acknowledge the help of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael units at all levels of the organisation for any assistance they give to handball units. This is very much appreciated and provides very valuable support for handball units in promoting and administering the game. However, there is room for improvement in many areas in this regard and our hope is that all the units concerned will work together for the betterment of handball and of the Association as a whole in the future.

I again appeal to GAA Clubs which have handball facilities to encourage their members to play handball. Many courts are not used for handball and are a marvellous asset which could be developed for the betterment of the Clubs themselves and of their members. Hurling and football players could be encouraged to take up handball as a life-long sport which would keep them involved in their Clubs when they might otherwise move away from the Association.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I

wish to thank Seán Boothman, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, for his support and for his interest in handball. I also wish to thank Ard Stiúrthóir, Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, for his advice and support on many occasions during the past year.

Finally, we thank the Association for providing grant-aid of £20,000 for the World Championships and for the annual grant of £13,000.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH OPEN NATIONALS

Following the success of the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships the company agreed in late 1994 to sponsor the 1995 Waterford Crystal Irish Open Nationals. The Championships will culminate with a series of play-offs on the week-end of 28-30 April 1995. RTE will record games at Ceannaras on 29-30 April for transmission in May.

The Nationals will cover the following grades:

1. Men's Open Singles
2. Ladies Open Singles
3. Men's 'B' Singles
4. Ladies 'B' Singles
5. Men's 'C' Singles
6. Masters 'A' Singles
7. Masters 'B' Singles
8. Golden Masters 'A' Singles
9. Golden Masters 'B' Singles
10. Boys 15 and Under
11. Girls 15 and Under
12. Boys 17 and Under
13. Girls 17 and Under
14. Boys 19 and Under
15. Girls 19 and Under

International Rules will apply for the Nationals and this will facilitate the entry of some overseas players. In addition, the age qualification will be as for international events.

At the time of writing there is a large entry for the Nationals.



Seán Mac an tSaoi, President, Irish Handball Council, presents the World A/B Doubles trophies to Arturo Chavez and Al Alvarez, U.S.A. following their victory over Michael McGovern and John Boy Molloy.



Kevin Meehan, Sligeach, finalist in the Under 15 Softball Singles Championship.



Mayo's All-Ireland Under 14 60 x 30 Doubles winners Brian Tansey and James Quinn pictured with Seán Mac an tSaol.

The Championships will be a great opportunity for a major development of Irish handball and every effort must be made to ensure their success. With longer term planning for future years it should be possible to avoid an overlap of the final stages of the Provincial and All-Ireland championships and the Nationals. Having said that, the 1995 event will certainly provide a focal point for handball players and supporters coming to the end of the 40 x 20 season.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL - GAEL SPORT NATIONAL HANDBALL AWARDS

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann has been fortunate in securing the sponsorship by Waterford Crystal and Gael Sport of a major Handball Awards Scheme. The Awards will recognise not only our top players in 7 categories but will also mark the achievements of the Club Person of the Year and the County Official of the Year. There is also a Club of the Year Award which should be a major ambition for many Clubs. The Hall of Fame and Special Achievement Awards are particularly welcome. The Awards will be presented at a special function in Dublin on 29 Aibreán 1995. The full list of Award categories is as follows:

1. Juvenile Player of the Year (Girls Under 17)
2. Juvenile Player of the Year (Boys Under 17)
3. Young Player of the Year (Minor and Under 21 grades)
4. Novice Player of the Year
5. Masters Player of the Year
6. Ladies Player of the Year
7. Player of the Year
8. Club Person of the Year
9. County Official of the Year
10. Club of the Year
11. Special Achievement
12. Hall of Fame.

The Handball Council is extremely grateful to Waterford Crystal and Gael Sport for their joint sponsorship of the inaugural National Handball Awards. Without their help, support and co-operation it would not have been possible to organise and promote such a scheme which recognises and encourages many of the people who make such an important contribution to handball in Ireland both as players and administrators. Our hope now is that Clubs will respond to the opportunity to enter for the Awards and to give recognition to their own personnel and make the scheme the success the game deserves.

PUBLICITY

It is always a difficult job to achieve adequate publicity for handball. All branches of the media have told us repeatedly that they will provide coverage only if they consider items to be newsworthy. The Irish Press and Irish Independent have discontinued their weekly handball columns and it is difficult to achieve the level of publicity we would like to have for the game and which it undoubtedly needs.

The national papers give very little coverage to handball. Fixtures and results which are forwarded to the papers are not always published. Perhaps we need to examine how we provide this information for the media to achieve the best possible coverage.

After several years of discussing this subject we should take steps to appoint a P.R.O. who would co-ordinate results at weekends and provide this information for the national media.

RTE

RTE gave excellent coverage to the World Handball Championships both on radio and television. The quality of the T.V. production, in particular, was excellent and we compliment all those responsible for the series. We are particularly indebted to Tim O'Connor, Group Head of T.V. Sport, and to Bill Lalor for their help and co-operation in ensuring that our game was covered in a very professional manner.

Print Media

We thank the print media for the coverage they afforded the World Championships. I wish to thank the GAA magazines for their regular coverage of handball. We thank Tom O'Connor for his articles for Gaelic Sport and Mick Dunne and Owen McCann for their regular coverage of handball in Gaelic World and Gael Sport magazines respectively. In this context I wish to thank Gael Sport for their continued sponsorship of the major 60 x 30 All-Ireland finals.

Provincial papers and local radio stations give excellent coverage to the game and this reflects very favourably on the work of county and provincial P.R.Os. However, there are some gaps in these areas which could be filled by counties which do not provide information on their activities to the local media.

COURT DEVELOPMENT

Interest in the development of new courts and improvements to existing courts continues. There have been many enquiries during the past year from GAA Clubs with an interest in providing a 40 x 20 court in their premises. New courts have been opened within the past year in Lurgan, Aughagower, Inisí, Omagh C.B.S., St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan and

Eire Og GAA Club, Nenagh. In addition, the Public Service Club has provided a 40 x 20 court in its new Sports Complex at Santry and this will be available to the Handball Council as required.

New 60 x 30 courts are due to open in the Garda Training College, Templemore, and in St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen in 1995. Limerick Corporation plans to convert outdoor facilities in the city into modern indoor courts.

Many Clubs carried out extensive refurbishments during the past year including the Clubs which hosted the World Championships and, also, Williamstown in Galway and the famous Clough Club in Kilkenny.

The provision by Cospóir of £140,000 under the Recreational Facilities Scheme has been allocated by Ard Chomhairle as follows:

- (a) £20,000 to St. Coman's, Roscommon for improvements to existing facilities;
- (b) £35,000 each to Cappagh (Luimneach) and O'Loughlin Gaels (Cill Chainmigh) for new 40 x 20 courts and
- (c) £50,000 to Kingscourt (An Cabhán) for a new complex including two 40 x 20 courts.

It is incumbent on every Club to have its own development plan to improve and upgrade facilities wherever possible so that our players, members and spectators can enjoy handball in comfortable surroundings.

DEVELOPMENT OF HANDBALL

Apart from the national and provincial competitions, many Clubs provide a very valuable service in organising regular tournaments. A very welcome trend has been the introduction of some new tournaments which cater for players of various grades. This is of great benefit to the game and, indeed, there is room for further development in this area. With further improvements in the format of provincial and national competitions it should be possible to make more room in the calendar for such tournaments.

Refereeing

A number of refereeing courses have been held at different levels of the organisation. However, we need to develop a better policy on the training of referees and guiding them as officials who make a very meaningful and positive contribution to our game. While there is excellent co-operation from our existing



Seán Mac an tSaol presents the All-Ireland Under 14 60 x 30 finalists medals to Darren Boland and Robert McGrath, Loch Garman.



All-Ireland Under 14 40 x 20 Doubles winners Ryan McCormack and Kevin Corrigan, An Cabhán, receive their medals from Seán Mac an tSaol, Uachtarán.

referees, we need many more personnel who will take charge of our games so that responsibilities are spread more evenly.

Coaching

Coaching personnel are always available through the Coaching Council to undertake courses, particularly for Club coaches. Proper coaching methods together with good instruction and plenty of good practice on the part of players will certainly lead to a better standard of play, particularly at juvenile level. Success can come in a very short number of years to Clubs which have positive coaching programmes. Every Club should have its own internal coaching plan. As well as taking part in normal county competitions, every Club should arrange friendly games with a variety of Clubs to maintain the interest of young players in handball.

FOCAL SCOIR

The very successful Waterford Crystal World Championships together with a very intense domestic championship season in 1994 has generated tremendous enthusiasm for handball. There is a definite renewed self-belief within the game and a great pride in our organisation. Already there have been many benefits arising from the activity of the past year. Many people looked for and found new standards in facilities and administration and also in playing the game and in related social activities.

If there is one major lesson to be learned from our experiences it is that people's talents should be used in whatever way possible for the benefit of handball. People contributed in the most unexpected ways and gave a tremendous commitment to the success of the World Championships. This was underpinned by a tremendous spirit of co-operation and goodwill and handball was the real winner. We must harness this type of energy and co-operate a lot more in the future in the interest of the game. There is room for everybody in handball no matter what their age or talents. Let us recognise that nobody has all the answers but that everybody can contribute to the answers we are all seeking. Let us capture the energy of 1994 and move forward together to promote handball for the sake of future generations.

Lorcán Ó Ruairc
LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

NA RÚIN

PLAYING RULES

1. That the format of the handball game be changed from the current format in the following respects:

- (a) Each player (pair in the case of doubles) to take 5 legal serves with the opponent being able to score against the serve. The serve would alternate until one player (or pair) scored 21 aces.

- (b) Each game to be for 31 aces.

Amend Handball Playing Rules The Game Part 1 E.

Amend Juvenile Handball Rules - 60 x 30 competitions rules 2 & 3 40 x 20 competitions Rule 2.

(Áth Cliath)

2. That the following addition be made to the Official Playing Rules:

The referee shall have power to penalise a player for abusive or offensive language in the court or stand by deduction of a point from a receiver (or that pair in doubles) who offends or forfeiture of one service if the server (or partner) offends, or apply both penalties if offence in the opinion of referee is very serious.

(Insert in section on Referee after Protests).

(Muigheo)

3. That Technical Rule 4.9 of the International Rules be incorporated into the Irish Rules as follows:

Technicals

A technical is assessed for unsportsmanlike conduct or for improperly wearing eye protection. If a referee issues a technical, one point shall be deducted from the offender's score. The technical has no effect on service changes or sideouts. If the technical occurs between games or when the offender has no points, the result will be that the offender's score will be a negative one. Three technicals in a match will result in a forfeiture.

A. Types

Some examples of actions that may result in technicals are:

- 1) Too frequent complaints made against the referee's judgement
- 2) Abuse of appeal privileges
- 3) Profanity
- 4) Excessive arguing
- 5) Threat of any nature to opponent or referee
- 6) Excessive or hard striking, throwing or kicking of ball between rallies (see interpretation No. 20)
- 7) Failure to properly wear eye protection
- 8) Anything considered to be unsportsmanlike behaviour.

B. Warnings

If a player's behaviour is not so severe as to warrant a technical, a technical warning may be issued without a point deduction and should be accompanied by a brief explanation of the reason for a warning. A technical warning may precede the penalty of a technical but is not necessary.

Interpretation No. 20

If the opponent is hit or narrowly missed by the ball, a technical should be called. On the other hand, if it is the first offence, and the opponent was in no danger of being hit, a technical warning should be issued.

(Aontroim)

4. Amend Playing Rule 3 Juvenile Handball to read:
Singles and Doubles matches are for the best of three games of 21 aces.

(Aontroim)

5. Amend Riail 4Eb (Playing Rules) to read:

Hitting an opponent. When a returned ball touches an opponent on the fly before it returns to the front wall and the shot obviously would not have reached the front wall on the fly, the player who is hit by the shot will be awarded the rally. If the ball had any chance of reaching the front wall or there is any doubt in the referee's mind as to whether the ball would have reached the front wall, a dead ball hinder will be called.

(Aontroim)

ADMINISTRATION

6. That Registration of Players be completed by January 31st each year, before the Provincial Championships start. Copy to be retained by Club, County Secretary and Provincial Secretary. Amend Fo-Riail 6A.

(Cill Chainnigh)

7. Amend Fo-Riail 6A to read:

Prior to 1 December each year, the County Secretary shall forward the list of full members for the year to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. He shall also forward a signed copy of the Club's list of Full Registered Members to the Divisional Secretary, where same exists. Additional registrations may be made subsequently.

(Aontroim)

8. Amend Fo-Riail 31 (b) to read "Motions to enact new or amend existing rules shall give the full text of the proposed addition or amendment".

(Áth Cliath)

9. Amend Fo-Riail 37 D to read:

The Coaching Council shall consist of four members elected by Central Council and a representative from the Development Committee. It shall elect its own chairman and shall be serviced by the Riarthóir. It shall elect its own representative to Central Council and to the Development Committee. No member shall hold office in the same capacity more than three consecutive years and a total of six years.

(Aontroim)

GRADING/CHAMPIONSHIPS

10. That an alternate 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 Fo-Rialacha 47, 50, 52, 53, 55 and delete Fo-Rial 49.
(Áth Cliath)

11. That the age qualification for over-age championships be based on qualifying age being reached before the start of the championship.

Amend Fo-Rialacha 47F(i)(ii)(iii)(iv), 47G(i)(ii), 47(H), 47(I).
(Áth Cliath)

12. Amend Fo-Rial 47N(i) to read:
Juveniles at Under 14, 15, 16 and 17 are permitted to play both Singles and Doubles. Remainder of Rule stands.
(Aontroim)

13. In the All-Ireland Championships that players be allowed to play in two grades in each code. Amend Fo-Rial 47M.
(Cill Chainnigh)

14. In the All-Ireland Club Championships that the Doubles match be 2 Games instead of 3. Club Championship regulations refer.
(Cill Chainnigh)

15. Where there is a programme of All-Ireland finals that Coiste Gnínmh decide on the major game and toss for the home or away venue. Fo-Rialacha 47 A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I and 58 refer.

(Cill Chainnigh)

16. In the 60 x 30 Softball All-Ireland Championships that all games be played at provincial venues up to the All-Ireland finals. Introduce a home and away system. Fo-Rialacha 47A, 53, 55 and 58 refer.

(Cill Chainnigh)

17. That the words Under 12, 14 or 16 be amended to Under 14 or 16 in Fo-Rial 49D (i) (ii) (iii) (iv).

(Tiobraid Árann)

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

18. That a Novice All-Ireland Hardball Championship be introduced. Fo-Rial 47(F) refers.

(Cill Mhantáin)

19. That National Tournament rules be as devised by the National Tournament Committee.

(Aontroim)

20. That the All-Ireland medals for all grades except senior be improved.

(Aontroim)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7th March 1995.

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 1994.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£148,329. Expenditure came to IR£153,243 leaving an Operating Deficit for the period of IR£4,914 as compared to an Operating Deficit of IR£9,716 in the preceding year. After adding Marathon Proceeds IR£31,615 there was a surplus of IR£26,701 for the period.

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

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	20,000	
Government Grants	46,000	
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		2,329
Draw Surplus		3,328

EXPENDITURE

International	2,215
World Championship Expenses	51,082
Promotional Materials	1,544
Coaching, Leadership and Development	1,761
Staff Costs	5,191
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	2,789
Postage and Telephone	2,010

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1994 including Outlay on Ceannáras IR£304,200 had a book value of IR£406,945. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£186,936 came to IR£203,115. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£203,830.

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

Is sinne le meas,

D. O'CONNOR & CO., Chartered Accountants

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1994

	Schedule	1994 IR£	1993 IR£
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		11,427	12,723
Gate Receipts		2,900	7,482
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	1	33,000	13,000
Government Grants Net	2	95,500	49,500
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		4,022	6,351
Advertising		—	1,000
Draw Surplus		—	3,328
Sundry Sales		934	2,324
Administration Fees		—	800
Other Income		546	870
		<u>148,329</u>	<u>97,378</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		5,670	4,949
International		6,337	4,122
World Championship Expenses		51,082	—
Juvenile		2,939	3,708
Promotional Materials		1,292	2,836
Trophies		7,714	8,941
Meetings and Officials' Travel		13,949	14,035
Administration Grants	3	2,600	2,600
Coaching, Leadership and Development		1,615	3,376
Repairs to Ceannáras		367	1,449
Finance Charges		148	316
Administration and General	4	57,505	58,217
Depreciation		2,025	2,545
		<u>153,243</u>	<u>107,094</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(4,914)</u>	<u>(9,716)</u>
Marathon Proceeds		31,615	—
Transfer from Patron Scheme		—	2,888
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>(26,701)</u>	<u>(6,828)</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1994

	Note	1994 IR£	1993 IR£
FIXED ASSETS			
	2	308,390	310,415
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		4,449	6,717
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		39,549	12,051
Cash and Bank Balances		36,007	3,138
		<u>80,555</u>	<u>22,456</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Court Construction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		3,591	3,591
Creditors		10,088	11,774
Bank Overdraft		186,936	155,877
		<u>203,115</u>	<u>173,742</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(122,560)</u>	<u>(151,286)</u>
		<u>203,830</u>	<u>177,129</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund	3	<u>203,830</u>	<u>177,129</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1994

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 the 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 1994	304,200	4,494	8,230	316,924
At 31 Dec. 1994	304,200	4,494	8,230	316,924
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 1994	—	2,697	3,812	6,509
Charge for Year	—	899	1,126	2,025
At 31 Dec. 1994	—	3,596	4,938	8,534
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>304,200</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>3,292</u>	<u>308,390</u>

3. ACCUMULATED FUND

	1994 IR£	1993 IR£
Balance at beginning of year	177,129	183,957
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	26,701	(6,828)
Balance at date	<u>203,830</u>	<u>177,129</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.
7th March 1995.

SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1994

	1994 IR£	1993 IR£
SCHEDULE 1:		
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		
Annual	13,000	13,000
Special	20,000	—
	<u>33,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>

SCHEDULE 2:

Government Grants		
Annual Grant	50,000	48,000
World Championships	42,500	—
International	6,000	1,500
Outstanding Sportspersons	5,000	2,000
Court Grants	35,700	—
	<u>139,200</u>	<u>51,500</u>
Less: Distributable	(43,700)	(2,000)
	<u>95,500</u>	<u>49,500</u>

SCHEDULE 3:

Administration 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>2,600</u>

SCHEDULE 4:

Administration and General Expenses		
Staff Costs	38,544	43,735
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	8,581	5,792
Postage and Telephone	7,911	5,901
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,700	1,600
All-Ireland Tickets	296	685
Miscellaneous	473	454
	<u>57,505</u>	<u>58,217</u>

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CEANNÁRAS CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS — for the year ended 30th September 1994

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1993 IR£
INCOME			
Membership Fees	4,650		6,596
Court Booking Fees	3,770		3,961
Other Fees	1651		1,409
		8,585	11,966
Shop Sales	8,100		9,138
Less: Cost of Sales	4,618		5,501
		3,482	3,637
		<u>12,067</u>	<u>15,603</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Wages	11,937		17,616
Telephone	(200)		217
Light and Heat	4,799		4,886
Repairs and Cleaning	1,292		82
Accountancy Fees	450		400
Sundries	2,050		1,669
Security	32		247
Insurance	103		103
Bank Charges	187		14
		20,650	25,234
Deficit for Year		(8,583)	(9,631)
Exceptional Item		6,542	—
Deficit After Exceptional Item		(2,131)	(9,631)
Opening Deficit		(43,739)	(34,108)
Closing Deficit		<u>(45,870)</u>	<u>(43,739)</u>

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1994

	Note	IR£	IR£	30-9-1993 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock on Hand		1,925		965
Debtors		21		26
Cash		60		30
Bank		1,946		—
		<u>3,952</u>		<u>1,021</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Bank Overdraft		—		7,986
Accruals		5,294		8,190
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>(1,342)</u>	<u>(15,155)</u>
FINANCED BY				
Accumulated Deficit to Date			(45,870)	(43,739)
Ceannáras Club Lounge			(44,528)	(28,584)
			<u>(1,342)</u>	<u>(15,155)</u>

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

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

GORMAN QUIGLEY & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants. 2nd February 1995
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. 2nd February 1995

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 1994

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1993 IR£
SALES	103,298		101,706
COST OF SALES	59,589		60,411
GROSS PROFIT		43,709	41,295
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Wages	17,850		19,075
Pension Premium	1,010		1,010
Light and Heat	3,199		3,258
Repairs, Cleaning and Barware	3,124		2,983
Security	339		37
Licence Renewal	2,077		2,199
Accounting Fees	700		630
Insurance	84		84
Sundry Expenses	1,932		3,271
Stationery and Printing	72		288
		30,387	32,835
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		13,322	8,460
EXCEPTIONAL ITEM		5,583	—
SURPLUS AFTER EXCEPTIONAL ITEM		18,905	8,460
OPENING SURPLUS		32,116	23,656
CLOSING SURPLUS		51,021	32,116

BALANCE SHEET As at 30th September 1994

	IR£	IR£	30-9-1992 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank	6,096		16,679
Cash on Hand	374		418
Prepayments	1,296		206
Stock	11,805		10,248
	19,571		27,551
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	13,078		24,019
NET ASSETS		6,493	3,532
REPRESENTED BY			
Accumulated Surplus to Date		51,021	32,116
Ceannáras Club		(44,528)	(28,584)
		6,493	3,532

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ALL-IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS 1994

60 x 30

S.S.	Micheál Breathnach	Michael Walsh	Cill Chainnigh
S.D.	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Séamus Mac Samhráin	Tom Sheridan, James McGovern	An Mhí
I.S.	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh	David Moloney	Tiobraid Árann
I.D.	Séamus Ó hEatháin, Pádraig de hÁl	Séamus Ahern, Pat Hall	Áth Cliath
J.S.	Séamus Ó Concubhair	Séamus O'Connor	Loch Garman
J.D.	Ailín Ó Cionnaith, Proinsias Mac Cuinneagáin	Alan Kenny, Francie Cunningham	Áth Cliath
M.S.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Ciarán Mac Domhnaill	Michael Finnegan, Ciarán McDonnell	An Cabhán
U21S	Réamoinn Mac Cuinneagáin	Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
U21D	Eoghan Ó Céileachair, Breandán Ó Néill	Gene Kelleher, Brendan O'Neill	Corcaigh
N.S.	Oilibhéar Ó Faolchaidh	Ollie Falsey	Cill Chainnigh
N.D.	Antóin Ó Domhnaill, Micheál Ó Domhnaill	Anthony O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell	Roscomáin
Mas A S	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
Mas A D	Liam Ó Maoláin, Pádraig Hob	Billy Mullins, Paddy Hope	Uíbh Fáilí
Mas B S	Máirtín Ó Cróinín	Martin Cronin	Muigheo
Mas B D	Pól Ó hEarchaí, Pádraig Mac Samhráin	Paul Harris, Pat McGovern	An Mhí
S M A S	Pádraig Ó Raghallaigh	Paddy O'Reilly	Cill Chainnigh
S M A D	Séamus Ó Maoildeirg, Antóin Ó hUaine	Séamus Reade, Anthony Greene	Cill Chainnigh
S M B S	Micheál Mac Craith	Michael McGrath	Tiobraid Árann
S M B D	Seán Ferncombe, Micheál Mac Craith	John Ferncombe, Michael McGrath	Tiobraid Árann
G M A S	Pádraig Breathnach	Paddy Walsh	Sligeach
G M A D	Séamus Ó Néill, Dominic Ó hAonasa	Jim O'Neill, Doc Hennessy	Cill Chainnigh
G M B S	Seán Ó hÉanna	Seán Heaney	Muigheo
G M B D	Seán Ó hÉanna, Pádraig de Brún	Seán Heaney, Pádraig Browne	Muigheo
E M S	Micheál Ó Neachtain	Michael Naughton	Roscomáin
E M D	Deaglán Ó Maolchataigh, An Br Fionbarra Spring	Declan Mulcahy, Br Finbarr Spring	Port Láirge
D M S	Pádraig Ó Caoimh	Pat O'Keeffe	Cill Chainnigh
D M D	Micheál de hÓra, Liam Mac Fhearghais	Mick Hoare, Liam Ferguson	Áth Cliath

HARDBALL

S H S	Peadar Mac Amhaláí	Peter McAuley	An Lú
S H D	Ualtar Ó Concubhair, Daithí Mac Eochaidh	Walter O'Connor, David Gough	An Mhí
J H S	Pádraig Mac Fhail	Pat Quaile	Cill Mhantáin
J H D	Nollaig Ó Murchú, Micheál Carrie	Noel Murphy, Michael Carrie	Tiobraid Árann
M H S	Darrach Mac an Bháird	Darragh Ward	Cill Dara
M H D	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Neibhil Ó Dúill	Michael Finnegan, Neville Doyle	An Cabhán

40 x 20

S S	Eamon Ó Coirbín	Eddie Corbett	Tiobraid Árann
S D	Micheál Breathnach, D.S. Ó Ciardha	Michael Walsh, D.J. Carey	Cill Chainnigh
J S	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh	David Moloney	Tiobraid Árann
J D	Daithí Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Nollaig Ó Murchú	David Moloney, Noel Murphy	Tiobraid Árann
M S	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
M D	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Ciarán Mac Domhnaill	Michael Finnegan, Ciarán McDonnell	An Cabhán
U21 S	Réamoinn Mac Cuinneagáin	Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
U21 D	Eoghan Ó Céileachair, Breandán Ó Néill	Gene Kelleher, Brendan O'Neill	Corcaigh
N S	Néill Mac Giolla Cheara	Niall Kerr	Tír Eoghain
N D	Séamus Ó Riain, Marc Ó Floinn	Jim Ryan, Mark Flynn	Tiobraid Árann
MAS A S	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
MAS A D	Liam Ó Maoláin, Pádraig Hob	Billy Mullins, Paddy Hope	Uíbh Fáilí
MAS B S	Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh	Joe Kelly	Ard Mhacha
MAS B D	Stiofán Frinse, Antóin Ó hAnnáin	Stephen French, Tony Hannon	Roscomáin
S M A S	Seán Ó Ciardha	John Kelly	An Clár
S M A D	Seán Ó Ciardha, Micheál Ó hOgáin	John Kirby, Michael Hogan	An Clár
S M B S	Séamus Ó Dúill	Jim Doyle	Loch Garman
S M B D	Tomás Ó Deirg, Micheál Ó Coirbín	Tom Derrig, Michael Corbett	Muigheo
G M A S	Séamus Ó Néill	Jim O'Neill	Cill Chainnigh

G M A D	Pádraig Ó Riain, Seosamh Meiscil	Pakie Ryan, Joe Maxwell	Áth Cliath
G M B S	Eamon Ó Floinn	Eddie Flynn	Áth Cliath
G M B D	Criostóir Laighneach, Oilibhéar Mac Eochaidh	Christy Lynagh, Oliver Gough	An Mhí
E M S	Deaglán Ó Maolchathaigh	Declan Mulcahy	Port Láirge
E M D	Maitiú Mac Grioghair, Daithí Ó Maicín	Matt Grier, Davy Macken	Muigheo
D M S	Seosamh Ó Meachair	Joey Maher	An Lú
D M D	Aonraí de hÍde, Séamus Ó Cinnéide	Harry Hyde, Jim Kennedy	Corcaigh

ÓGÁNAIGH 60 x 30

FAOI 14 S	Tadhg Ó Clumhain	Timmy Clifford	Cill Chainnigh
FAOI 14 D	Brian Mac an Tánaiste, Séamus Ó Cuinn	Brian Tansey, James Quinn	Muigheo
FAOI 15 S	Daithí Mac an Ghaill	David Stapleton	Ceatharlach
FAOI 15 D	Ailín Ó Dúlaing, Marc Ó Duinn	Alan Dowling, Mark Dunne	Cill Chainnigh
FAOI 16 S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
FAOI 16 D	Dónal Ó hÉilí, Antóin Ó hÉilí	Danny Healy, Tony Healy	Corcaigh
FAOI 17 S	Dominic Ó Loingsigh	Dominic Lynch	Ciarraí
FAOI 17 D	Cathal Ó Mir, Stiofán Ó Mocháin	Cathal Myers, Stephen Maughan	Muigheo

60 x 30 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FAOI 12/13

TIOBRAID ÁRANN Caoimhín Ó Diompsaigh, Seán Ó Spealáin, Daithí Ó hÍcí, Nollaig Ó Maolruanaidh Brian Ó Dorchaí, Daithí Ó Coileáin, Ailín Ó Riain.
Kevin Dempsey, Shane Spillane, David Hickey, Noel Moroney, Brian Darcy, David Collins, Alan Ryan.

60 x 30 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FAOI 14/15

LOCH GARMAN Maoileachlainn Ó Faoláin, Pádraig Ó Cuirc, Pádraig Mac Mathúna, Liam Mac Domhnaill, Micheál Ó Nualláin, Maolmhuire Ó Murchú.
Malachy Whelan, Paddy Quirke, Paraic McMahon, William McDonald, Michael Nolan, Myles Murphy.

ÓGÁNAIGH 40 x 20

FAOI 14 S	Tadhg Ó Clumhain	Timmy Clifford	Cill Chainnigh
FAOI 14 D	Riain McCormaic, Caoimhín Ó Corragáin	Ryan McCormack, Kevin Corrigan	An Cabhán
FAOI 15 S	Eoin Ó Cinnéide	Eoin Kennedy	Áth Cliath
FAOI 15 D	Breandán Ó Dálaigh, Seán Ó Ciarnáin	Brendan Daly, John Kiernan	Muineachán
FAOI 16 S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
FAOI 16 D	Barra Mac Eochaidh, Coflín Ó Ceileacháin	Barry Goff, Colin Keeling	Loch Garman
FAOI 17 S	Gearóid Ó hÉilí	Jeremiah Healy	Corcaigh
FAOI 17 D	Ciarán Mac an Choiligh, Peadar Mac Conmidhe	Ciarán Cox, Peter McNamee	Tír Eoghain

40 x 20 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FAOI 12/13

CORCAIGH Aodán Pléimeann, Breandán Pléimeann, Pádraig Ó Toráin, Donnacatha Ó Concubhair, Tadhg Ó Braoin, Jonathan Ó Luasaigh
Aidan Fleming, Brendan Fleming, Paudie Tarrant, Donnacatha O'Connor, Tim Breen, Jonathan Lucey.

SRAITH NAISIÚNTA 40 x 20

AN MHÍ Seán Mac Muireartaigh, Criostóir Laighneach, Pól Ó hEarchaí, Pádraig Mac Samhráin, Micheál Mac Samhráin, Egin Jensen
Johnny Murtagh, Christy Lynagh, Paul Harris, Pat McGovern, Michael McGovern, Egin Jensen

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

60 x 30 JUNIOR: O'LOUGHLIN GAELS, CILL CHAINNIGH

Nicolás Ó Raghallaigh, Pilib Mac an Phearsúin, Micheál Ó Nualláin, Roibeárd Ó Faolchaidh, Séamus Ó Néill.
Nicky O'Reilly, Philly Parsons, Michael Nolan, Bobby Falsey, Jim O'Neill.

60 x 30 NOVICE: TALBOT'S INCH, CILL CHAINNIGH

Oilibhéar Ó Faolchaidh, Dominic Ó hAonasa, Sailbheastar Mac Shiúrtáin, Pádraig Sabhaois, Pádraig Breathnach.
Ollie Falsey, Doc Hennessy, Syd Jordan, Pat Savage, Paddy Walsh.

40 x 20 OPEN: KELLS, CO. NA MÍ

Micheál Mac Samhráin, Séamus Mac Samhráin, Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Séamus Ó Raghallaigh.
Michael McGovern, James McGovern, Tom Sheridan, Jimmy Reilly.

40 x 20 JUNIOR: TALBOT'S INCH, CILL CHAINNIGH

Máirtín Ó Leathlobhair, Seán Ó Conghaile, Séamus Maoildeirg, Oilibhéar Ó Faolchaidh.
Martin Lalor, John Connolly, Séamus Reade, Ollie Falsey.

40 x 20 NOVICE: BALLYPOREEN, TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Seán Ó Coirbín, Seosamh Inglis, Proinnsias Ó Briain, Pádraig Ó Riain, Seán Ó Tóibín.
John Corbett, Joseph English, Frank O'Brien, Pat Ryan, Seán Tobin.

COLÁISTÍ 40 x 20

SÓISEAR S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin, Kenneth Kane	Presentation De La Salle, Muine Bheag
SÓISEAR D	Barra Mac Eochaidh, Maoileachlainn Ó Faoláin, Barry Goff, Malachy Whelan	St. Peter's College, Loch Garman
SINSEAR S	Micheál Mac Éil, Michael McHale	Coláiste Mhuire, Gaillimh
SINSEAR D	Seán Ó Daimhín, Séamus Ó Tuama Seán Devine, Séamus Twomey	St. Mary's C.B.S. Béal Feirste

COLÁISTÍ 60 x 30

SÓISEAR S	Eoin Ó Cinnéide Eoin Kennedy	Coolmine C.S.
SÓISEAR D	Maoileachlainn Ó Faoláin, Micheál Ó Leannáin Malachy Whelan, Michael Lennon	St. Peter's College, Loch Garman
SINSEAR S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin, Kenneth Kane	Presentation De La Salle, Muine Bheag
SINSEAR D	Uionsfonn Ó Móráin, Pól Ó Floinn Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn	St. Nathy's College Ballaghaderreen

FÉILE NA nGAEL**60 x 30 ROINN I: CASTLEBRIDGE, CO LOCH GARMAN**

P Mac Mathúna, S de hÁl, T. Gainsford, L. Mac Domhnaill, C Mac Domhnaill
P McMahon, S Hall, T. Gainsford, W. McDonnell, K. McDonnell

SKILLS TEST: Ciarán Muineach: Ciarán Meenagh Loughmacrory, Co. Thír Eoghain

60 x 30 ROINN II: BALLYMORE EUSTACE, CO. CHILL DARA

S. Ó Néill, M. Ó Duiginn, M. Ó Muirí, E. Ó hEimhin, P. Ó Cléirigh
J. O'Neill, M. Deegan, M. Murray, E. Evans, P. Clarke.

SKILLS TEST: Daithí Ó hÍcí: David Hickey, Ballina, Co. Thiobraid Árann

40 x 20 – CAILÍNÍ: NAOMH MHUIRE, LEIXLIP, CO. CHILL DARA

O Ní Rinn, U. Ní Rinn, F Ní hÉilí, S Ní Roidigh, M Ní Fallúin
O Wrynn, U. Wrynn, F. Healey, S. Reddy, M. Fallon

SKILLS TEST: Síle Ní Longáin: Julie Long, Naomh Bríd, Baile Bhlainséir, Co. Átha Cliath

40 x 20 – ROINN I: BOHERBUE, CO. CHORCAÍ

T. Mac Braoin, R Ó Cathasaigh, S. Ó Luasaigh, P Ó Buachalla, P Ó Concubhair
T. Breen, R Casey, J. Lucey, P. Buckley, P. O'Connor

SKILLS TEST: Ruairí Ó Cathasaigh: Roger Casey, Boherbue, Co. Chorcaí

40 x 20 ROINN II: COOLBOY, CO. CHILL MHANTÁIN

S. Willoughby, R. Willoughby, M. Ó Críogáin, G. Ó Críogáin A. Ó Sioradáin
S. Willoughby, R. Willoughby, M. Cregan, G. Cregan, A. Sheridan

SKILLS TEST: Brian Mac an Tánaiste: Brian Tansey, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Mhuigheo

40 x 20 ROINN III: NAOMH BRÍD, MONAVEA, CO. LAOIS

R. Ó Súilleabháin, I. Booth, C. Ó hEosa, I. Mac Néill
R. O'Sullivan, I. Booth, K. Hosey, I. Neale

SKILLS TEST: Ivan Mac Néill: Ivan Neale, Naomh Bríd, Monavea, Co. Laois

COMHAIRLE ARD OIDEACHAIS

'A' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: U.C.D.

Adrian Mac Giolla Dé, Aindriú Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Egin Jensen, Darach Mac Réamoinn
Adrian Benson, Andrew Muldowney, Egin Jensen, Darragh Redmond

'B' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: ATHLONE RTC

Micheál Ó Tormaigh, Daithí Ó hAinle, Seosamh Mac Íomhair, Liam Ó Ceallacháin, Tomás Ó Tofa, Tadhg Mac Ostaí
Michael Torney, Davy Hanley, Joe Geever, Liam Ó Callaghan, Tom Tuffy, Timmy Custy

LADIES SINGLES: Yvonne Gacquin, U.C.G.

OPEN SINGLES: Ciarán Ó Corráin: Ciarán Curran, Q.U.B.

'B' SINGLES: Seán Ó Ceallaigh: Shane Kelly, Q.U.B.

LEAGUE: U.C.G.

Liam Ó Riada, Pádraig Mag Fhinneachta, Pádraig Mac Ostaí, Tomás Ó Raghallaigh, Daithí Ó Braonáin
Liam Reidy, Patrick Ginty, Pat Custy, Thomas Reilly, David Brennan

60 x 30 CAILÍNÍ

U14 S	Julie Long (Áth Cliath)
U14 D	Claire Heneghan, Clodagh O'Connor (Roscomáin)
U15 S	Marie Finneran (Roscomáin)
U15 D	Donna Harding, Sarah Crothers (Tiobraid Árann)
U16 S	Anna Wrynn (Cill Dara)
U16 D	Lorraine Gallagher, Lenore Coyle (Roscomáin)
U17 S	Christine Cullinane (An Clár)
U17 D	Michelle Harding, Elaine Moloney (Tiobraid Árann)
Minor S	Carol Maloney (Tiobraid Árann)
Minor D	Linda Gillespie, Carol Maloney (Tiobraid Árann)

40 x 20 CAILÍNÍ

U14 S	Julie Long (Áth Cliath)
U14 D	Una Wrynn, Fiona Healy (Cill Dara)
U15 S	Lorraine Gallagher (Roscomáin)
U15 D	Orla Wrynn, Maeve Leahy (Cill Dara)
U16 S	Fiona McKenna (Aontroim)
U16 D	Jean McKenna, Johanna Garrahan (Aontroim)
U17 S	Christina Cullinane (An Clár)
U17 D	C Kelly, Catherine McMahon (Aontroim)
Minor S	Carol Maloney (Tiobraid Árann)
Minor D	Fionnuala Mee, Martina Dolan (Roscomáin)

CORN GAEL LINN

FAOI 13 MIXED Fiona Healy, Damien Ryan (Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Co. Cill Dara)



World Handball Championships Committee. Back: Mick Dunne, Tomás Ó Briain, Tom O'Connor, Len Ahern, Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí, Ciarán Ó Corra. Front: Lorcán Ó Ruairc, Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Seán Mac an tSaoí, Caimín Mac Seoin. Néill Ó Cathail was also a member of the Committee.



Jimmy King, Team Manager, pictured with the Irish Team which took part in the U.S.A. Junior Handball Championships in San Diego. Sibeal McKenna, 15 and Under winner; Eoin Kennedy, 15 and Under winner; Fiona McKenna, 17/19 and Under finalist; Michael Finnegan, 19 and Under semi-finalist; Jackie Keating, 17/19 and Under winner and Kenneth Kane, 17 and Under winner.

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