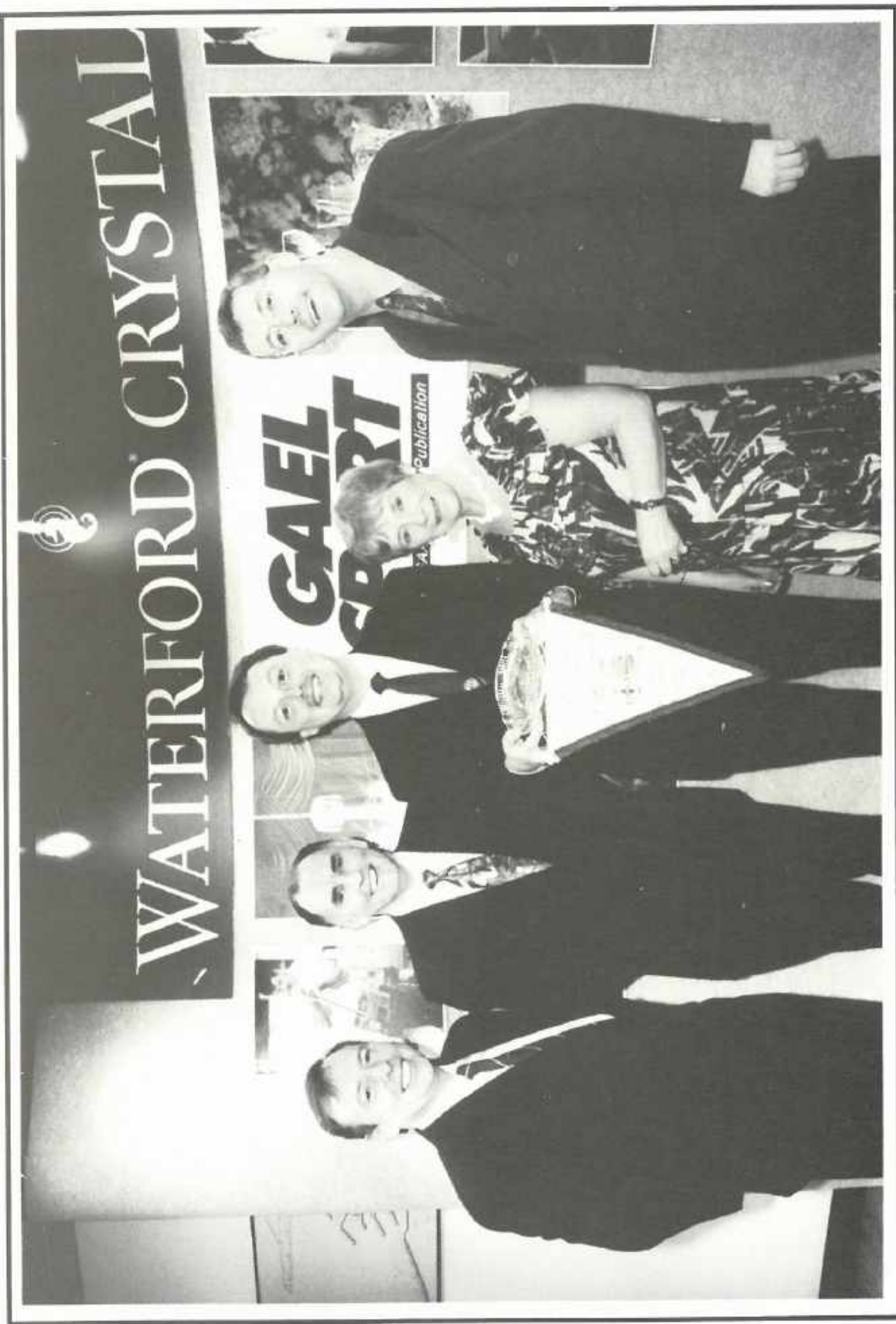




# Comhairle LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE na hÉireann

An Chomhtháil Bhliantúil  
1996





Michael Murray (centre), Cathaoirleach, Club Naomh Pól, Béal Feirste, with the Club of the Year award, pictured with Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán; Dr. Paddy Galvin, Chairman and Chief Executive, Waterford Crystal; Bridin Ui Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán, Comhairle na mBan and Michael Hogan, publisher of Gael-Sport.

# Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 1996 Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

ar AN DOMHNACH, 24 MÁRTA, ag 10.30 r.n.

ag  
HOTEL KILKENNY

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## AINMNIÚCHÁIN 1996

**Uachtarán:** Conchúr Ó Mórdha

**Cisteoir:** Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí (outgoing)

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## STANDING ORDERS

- (1) The proposer of a Motion or an Amendment may speak for not more than five minutes when making the proposal. He may speak a second time for not more than three minutes before a vote is taken.
- (2) A delegate seconding or speaking to a Motion or an Amendment may speak once only and must not exceed three minutes.
- (3) The Uachtarán may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- (4) A delegate may, with the consent of the Uachtarán, move "that the question be put" after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- (5) Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda except by the consent of the majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.

# Tuarascáil an Riarthóra Náisiúnta

## AG FÉACHAINT SIAR

Bhi bliain ana ghnóthach ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann i 1995 agus is féidir linn bheith dóchasach faoin cluiche agus faoin eagraíocht i gceitinne. Tá alán daoine ag obair chun liathróid láimhe a fhorbairt timpeall na tíre. Tá structúr réasúnta maith ag gach leibhéal agus tá daoine níos dóchasai ná mar a bhí le blianta gur féidir an cluiche a leathnú in Éirinn agus san Eoraip.

### Some of the year's highlights were

- ★ the introduction of the Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals
- ★ the inaugural Waterford Crystal-Gael Sport Handball Awards
- ★ the successful organisation of Féile na nGael in Limerick
- ★ the further development of international handball in European countries
- ★ the success of the Irish youth team in the U.S.H.A. Junior championships
- ★ improvements by counties in the presentation of their teams
- ★ positive developments with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Átha Cliath

### Some points to be noted on the negative side were

- ★ the indiscipline of a small number of players
- ★ the lack of juvenile development in many counties
- ★ the relatively small return from the Rathcairn draw
- ★ the poor response to coaching courses which were offered
- ★ the cancellation of the 60 x30 National League due to the small number of entries

- ★ the low level of attendances at some of our finals

The doubling in the number of national competitions since 1986 has meant that a lot more time and resources must be devoted to the organisation of fixtures. This means there is less emphasis than before on coaching and development, a situation which must be rectified. The Fixtures Review Committee has addressed this matter and some of its recommendations have been incorporated in the fixtures programme for 1996. We must press ahead and further streamline our fixtures; otherwise handball will decline seriously to a point where the overage championships will dominate the game in general and juvenile and youth handball will be neglected.

## ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 56 All-Ireland Championships were shared by 17 counties. Seven of the ten counties which won Softball titles also took 40 x 20 awards with an additional seven counties joining the 40 x 20 honours list.

Kilkenny led the field winning a total of 9 All-Irelands, 7 of these in Softball. Michael 'Duxie' Walsh won an eleventh successive Senior Softball Singles title defeating Walter O'Connor, An Mhí, in a disappointing final on a 21-5, 21-5



*The Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Lady Mayoress pictured with Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin and Seán Mac an tSaoi at the civic reception for the Irish Junior team at the Mansion House, Dublin.*





*Paddy O'Reilly, Cill Chainnigh, winner of the 1995 Silver Masters A Singles and Doubles Softball titles congratulates his son Nickey on his victory in the JSS final.*

scoreline. 'Duxie' teamed up with Eugene Downey to win their eighth Senior Softball Doubles title, another national record.

The Junior Softball Singles title was won by Nickey O'Reilly from the O'Loughlin's Club while his father Paddy won his third successive Silver Masters A Singles Softball title and teamed up with Seamus Reade to win the Doubles event. The evergreen Pat O'Keeffe from Mullinavat who holds over 20 All-Ireland titles won the Diamond Masters Singles event defeating 68-year-old former Waterford hurler Johnny Kiely in a well contested final. Kilkenny's other Softball title went to John Curran who defeated Antrim's Collie O'Hare 21-18, 21-14 in the Novice Singles final.

D.J. Carey partnered 'Duxie' Walsh to victory in the 40 x 20 Senior Doubles final over Antrim's Paddy Crothers and John McGarry 21-17, 21-17. Pat O'Keeffe also took a second title in 1995 partnering Eddie Leahy to victory over Waterford in the 40 x 20 Emerald Masters Doubles Championship.

#### **SUCSESSES FOR CAVAN AND TIPPERARY**

Cavan and Tipperary each won six All-Ireland titles. Michael Finnegan achieved a double double at U21 level with a comprehensive Softball Singles victory over Conor O'Brien of Offaly and a 21-18, 18-21, 21-8 win over Oliver Cassidy of Mayo in 40 x 20 and he partnered Raymond Cunningham and Dwayne Leggett respectively to victory over Offaly in both Softball and 40 x 20 Doubles. Cavan's other All-Ireland victories came in the 40 x 20 Masters B events with Dominic Sheridan defeating Tony Breen comprehensively in Singles and partnering Maurice Brady to defeat Tony Breen and Frank Hillis of Wexford 21-14, 21-12 to take the Doubles title.

Tipperary had five victories in the 60 x 30 court with Noel Murphy and Josie O'Dwyer showing the way in Intermediate Doubles defeating John Downey and Johnny Brennan, Kilkenny 21-15, 11-21, 21-14. Jim Ryan had a fine double in Silver Masters, winning the B Singles event against John Kenny from Mayo



*Seán Boothman, Uachtarán C.L.G., presents the MSS finalist's medal to Tony Healy, Corcaigh.*

and partnering Con Collins to victory over Wexford's Tom Rossiter and Pat Lacey on a 15-21, 21-19, 21-10 scoreline in Doubles. Pat Ryan and Kevin Croke took the Novice Softball title over brothers Christy and John Joe Joyce of Westmeath in an excellent final which ended 21-20, 21-20. Josie O'Dwyer added to his haul of All-Ireland medals with a 40 x 20 Junior Singles victory over Wexford's Raymond Breen.



*Josie O'Dwyer, Tiobraid Árann, in action in the All-Ireland Intermediate Softball Doubles final against Kilkenny.*

#### **LIMERICK DOUBLE**

Limerick brothers Tom and Billy O'Brien from Broadford had an excellent double winning the 40 x 20 Novice Doubles Championship with a very comprehensive victory over Nickey O'Reilly and Tommy Comerford, Kilkenny. They added the Junior Softball Doubles Championship later in the year defeating Kilkenny represented by Nickey O'Reilly and Joe Hickey 21-19, 21-13 to record their county's first success at this level since 1980.

Another player to achieve a marvellous double in 1995 was Corkman Tony Healy from Ballydesmond who defeated Barry Goff from the Castlebridge Club in Wexford in an excellent 40 x 20 Minor Singles final which ended 21-11, 15-21, 21-17. Tony partnered his namesake Gerard Healy in achieving a fine double over Wexford's Colin Keeling and Barry Goff 21-17, 21-14 in 40 x 20 Minor Doubles. Cork also achieved victory in the Diamond Masters Doubles 40 x 20 Championship when Mick McCarthy and Harry Hyde defeated Ray Doherty and Chubby Geary of Dublin 8-21, 21-2, 21-11.

#### **MINOR ALL-IRELANDS FOR CARLOW**

Kenneth Kane from the Garryhill Club became the first Carlow player to win a Minor Softball Singles title defeating Tony Healy comprehensively in the final. He completed the double when he partnered Oliver Ryan to win their county's first ever Minor Softball Doubles Championship, again defeating Cork represented by Tony Healy and Jerh Healy on a 21-11, 21-17 scoreline.



*Tom O'Brien, winner of the ND 40 x 20 and JSD titles with his brother Billy, in action in the JSS final at Ceannáras.*



*Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán C.L.L.E., presents the MSD trophy to Kenneth Kane and Oliver Ryan, Ceatharlach, who won that county's first title in this championship.*

Wexford had an excellent Intermediate Softball Singles win through Brian Gilhooly from Castlebridge who had a comprehensive victory over Jimmy McKeon from Cavan in the final. Wexford had a second Softball victory through brothers Seamus and Martin Buggy who defeated Junior Slattery and Danny Butler, Tipperary, in Golden Masters A Doubles. This was Martin Buggy's third All-Ireland win in 1995 as he had earlier defeated Joe Collins of Cork 13-21, 21-18, 21-0 in the Golden Masters B 40 x 20 Singles final and partnered Jimmy King to victory over Joe Collins and Pat O'Brien, Cork, 11-21, 21-16, 21-19 in the Golden Masters B 40 x 20 Doubles final.



*Frank and Mrs. Coscia, donors of the J. J. Bowles Cup with Jimmy McKeon, An Cabhán and Brian Gilhooly, Loch Garman, winner of the All-Ireland Intermediate Softball Singles title.*

#### **LOUTH AND ULSTER SUCCESSES**

Peter McAuley from Louth enhanced his reputation as a top-class player by defeating Eddie Corbett who was going for his third Senior 40 x 20 Singles title in a row, 21-19, 16-21, 21-19 in a marvellous contest. His fellow countyman Joey Maher won yet another All-Ireland title defeating Harry Hyde of Cork in the Diamond Masters 40 x 20 Singles final.

Ulster players dominated the Intermediate 40 x 20 Championships with Ciarán Curran of Tír Eoghain defeating Tommy Hynes, Loch Garman, 21-14, 19-21, 21-7 in Singles and Josie MacAllister and Stevie Madden, Aontroim, defeating Tommy Hynes and Ned Buggy, Loch Garman 21-15, 20-21, 21-17 in Doubles. The Novice Singles Championship went to Seán Mac Corraidh, Aontroim, who had a good 21-13, 21-11 win over Francie Cunningham of Dublin.

#### **FIVE TITLES FOR CLARE**

Three members of the Kirby family were on the winning side

for Clare in 40 x 20 finals. Darragh partnered Fergal Coughlan to a good win over Joe Lynch and Jimmy Reilly of Meath in Junior Doubles. His father John had a relatively easy win over Seamus Reade, Kilkenny, in Silver Masters A Singles and partnered Michael Hogan to a 21-7, 21-18 win over Seamus Reade and Anthony Greene, Kilkenny, in Doubles. The third family member, Dan, defeated Nicholas Clancy, Galway, 21-12, 21-13 in the Golden Masters A Singles final and was partnered by Jimmy Walsh to a 21-11, 21-10 win over Pakie Ryan and Joe Maxwell of Dublin in the Golden Masters A Doubles final.

Waterford's Declan Mulcahy won three titles in Emerald Masters. He defeated Michael Lally, Galway, 21-10, 21-17 in the 40 x 20 Singles final and defeated Matt Ryan of Dublin rather easily in Softball. He then partnered Br Finbar Spring to retain their Emerald Masters Doubles title in 60 x 30 with a good win over Matt Ryan and Syl Dowd of Dublin.

Waterford's fifth overage title came through Mossy Butler who defeated John Browne of Kildare 21-18, 21-6 in the Golden Masters A Singles Softball final.

#### **OTHER OVERAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Mickey Walsh of Roscommon put in some fine performances to win both Masters A Singles titles. He defeated Billy Mullins, Tipperary, 19-21, 21-11, 21-11 in Softball and was victorious over Pat Morris of Cork in 40 x 20. Roscommon won two other overage Softball Championships with Tony Hannon and Martin Bruen scoring a 21-20, 21-14 win over Paul Hayes and Chris Hurley of Cork in Masters B Doubles and Michael Naughton and Frank Kenny teaming up to defeat Waterford's John Kiely and Johnny Wall in Diamond Masters Doubles.

The 40 x 20 Masters A Doubles title went to Billy Mullins and Paddy Hope of Offaly who recorded a 21-9, 21-16 win over Pat Morris and Paul Hayes, Cork. The Offaly players had to give best to Billy McCarthy and Billy Mullins, Tipperary, who won the Masters A Softball Doubles final 21-6, 21-16. Joe Rossiter, Cill Dara, achieved a fine double defeating Sean O'Mahoney of Waterford 21-8, 21-16 in the Silver Masters B 40 x 20 Singles final and partnering Vinny Wrynn to a 21-8, 21-12 victory over Tony Buckley and Dan O'Brien, Cork, in the Silver Masters B Doubles 40 x 20 championship. The Golden Masters B Singles Softball title went to Nicholas Clancy of Galway who defeated Joe Collins, Cork, 20-21, 21-15, 21-9 in an excellent final while the Doubles title went to Pat Farren and Declan Quigley of Dublin who outscored Pat Gleeson and Mick Fitzpatrick of Tipperary 21-14, 11-21, 21-9.



*Harry Hyde and Mick McCarthy, Cork, All-Ireland 40 x 20 Diamond Masters Doubles Champions*

## ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Tim Breen, Corcaigh, All-Ireland Under-14 Singles 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 champion.*

There was a reasonable spread of winners in the All-Ireland Juvenile Championships. Nine counties shared the sixteen titles with Cork and Cavan taking four each. Seven titles went to Leinster while Munster took five and Ulster four. Tim Breen of Cork had an excellent double in U14 Singles while Eoin Kennedy achieved a similar feat in U16 Singles. Patrick Finnegan and Alan McCabe from Cavan achieved a fine double in the U14 Doubles Championships. Cavan also won the U16 Doubles 40 x 20 title

through Paul Brady and Pádraig Kiernan and the U16 Softball Doubles title went to Kilkenny's Mark Dunne and Daniel Love. Paraic McMahon, winner of three Féile na nGael team medals with Castlebridge brought the U15 40 x 20 Singles title to Wexford while Carl Browne of Meath won the U15 Softball Singles title. The U15 Doubles championships went to Derek Tobin and David Butler of Tipperary in the 40 x 20 court and to Cavan's Ryan McCormack and Terence Tinnelly in Softball. David Stapleton of Carlow had an excellent 11-15, 15-13, 15-14 victory over Colm Jordan of Cork in the U17 40 x 20 Singles championship but the Corkman gained compensation in the big court winning his first All-Ireland title. Thomas Dillon and Niall Cronin brought victory to Cork in the U17 40 x 20 Doubles championship. Michael Lennon and Desmond Willoughby, Wicklow, won the U17 Doubles Softball title.



*Thomas Dillon and Niall Cronin, Corcaigh, All-Ireland U17 40 x 20 Doubles champions.*

The success of Cavan and Cork in winning four titles each reflects the intense juvenile development and coaching programmes which have been carried out in those counties in recent years. It takes a lot of coaching and development to bring players to All-Ireland standard. This requires much hard work, dedication and commitment to the development of players and

of the game. Success never comes before hard work and any player or county aspiring to All-Ireland honours must be dedicated to the game. One of the very encouraging results of All-Ireland success for several players is the fact that their successes have attracted many more young members to the game in their own areas. This is also very encouraging for the successful players as local heroes who have achieved national status and they in turn can pass on the value of their knowledge and experience to younger players.

## JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The introduction of the All-Ireland Juvenile Team Championships at Under 12/13 and 14/15 level in 1994 is one of the best developments in handball within the last decade. There is tremendous interest in these championships which offer county representation to additional groups of players. The counties which do take part in the championships are very enthusiastic about them but there are many counties which do not participate. These must be encouraged to do so, particularly as a way of developing juvenile handball. Because of the fact that the championships are team events the performance of every player in the team is important.

Wexford, Galway, Tipperary and Tyrone reached the All-Ireland U12/13 40 x 20 semi-finals with Tipperary defeating Wexford 90-55 in the final. Ulster was not represented in the U12/13 60 x 30 Championship. Kilkenny defeated Roscommon 77-56 in the Leinster-Connacht semi-final and Tipperary with five of the same team which won the 40 x 20 title being victorious over Kilkenny on a 90-69 scoreline in the final.

Tipperary and Kilkenny were victorious over Tyrone and Mayo respectively in the U14/15 40 x 20 semi-finals. Kilkenny had a 71-47 victory over Tipperary in the final. Wexford easily accounted for Roscommon in the U14/15 competition and defeated Limerick 90-42 in the final.

These Team Championships provided some excellent handball and are certain to develop the talents of players who have not previously won major titles. I wish to again emphasise the importance of the Team Championships as a major vehicle for the development of juvenile handball. It provides an incentive for Clubs to develop their players with a view to representing their counties and it gives the players the ambition to do so. However, each Provincial Council must encourage every county to take part in the Championships. While this means defeat for 50% of the teams in the first round it is an opportunity for each county to assess its own strength and give an indication of the level of coaching and development needed in each county.



*Conchúr Ó Mórdha, Uachtarán Tofa, presents the All-Ireland Intermediate Doubles Softball finalists medals to John Downey and Johnny Brennan, Cill Chainnigh.*



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The level of interest in the Club Championships is, to say the least, most disappointing. It is a great pity that so many Clubs have adopted the attitude that if they have no chance of success they will not take part. The obvious question which must be asked is what is the future of these Championships? With so few entries is there any point in organising them at all? It is time now to address this issue. As for the National League, a minimum number of entries should be required for each competition based on the status of all the Clubs in each province.

The 40 x 20 Club Championships were won by Naomh Pádraig of Dublin who defeated Liscarroll of Cork in Novice, Brackey (Tyrone) who were victorious over Garda Club in Junior and Kells who defeated Cashel in the Open Final. The 60 x 30 Novice Club Championship was won by Mullingar who defeated Horse and Jockey 105-73 in the final. The Junior title went to Castlebridge who defeated Kingscourt on a 121-83 scoreline and the Open final was won by O'Loughlin's who defeated St. Mary's, Clonmel 101-91.



*Eddie Corbett, Réiteoir, receives his referee's memento from Seán Mac an tSaoi following the All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles final.*

## HARDBALL

There were 56 entries for the six All-Ireland Hardball Championships, 17 at Minor level, 21 at Junior and 18 in Senior. However, there were 13 withdrawals covering all three grades. Peter McAuley, An Lú, won his third successive All-Ireland Senior Hardball Singles title and his fourth in all defeating Billy Bourke, Cill Chainnigh, 21-12, 21-8 in the final. Eddie Corbett and Noel Ryan, Tiobraid Árann, took the Senior Doubles title, defeating Tom Sheridan and Egin Jensen (An Mhí) in an excellent three game final on a 21-17, 10-21, 21-13 scoreline. Anthony Campbell, Cill Dara, had a double winning the Junior Singles title over Seamus Hussey, Tir Eoghain, 21-11, 21-8 and partnering Trevor Winders to defeat Philly Parsons and Michael Nolan, Cill Chainnigh 21-17, 21-15 in Doubles. Vincent Moran, Muigheo, also recorded a double defeating Daragh Ward, Cill Dara, 14-21, 21-4, 21-18 in Singles and teaming up with Campbell Brennan to defeat Wexford's Seán Nolan and James Doyle 21-17, 21-7 in the Doubles event.

Despite the withdrawals the Championships were run off smoothly. However, there was very little support for the games. The game of hardball is discussed at Congress every year. Many people say the standard of play has been falling. The point is also made that people no longer want to take up the game or have an interest in it. Apart from two counties, hardball is not promoted at all and even when Novice Provincial Championships

were offered there was very little interest in them.

The lack of quality hardballs has been a problem for a number of years but thanks to the work of Anthony and Mary Campbell from Ballymore Eustace through their hardball making seminar in December last a number of people are now making hardballs. This should ensure a steady supply of hardballs and if the goodwill is there it should not be a major problem for counties and provinces to organise hardball coaching and suitable competitions to introduce players to the game. If this is not done the danger is that the game will decline further to a point where it could be lost forever. This must not be allowed to happen. We have a duty to preserve hardball which has been part of the central tradition and history of handball in Ireland. We owe it to the game itself and to the people who played and promoted it in the past to preserve it for future generations.

## NATIONAL LEAGUES

The 40 x 20 National League which attracted 11 teams from 10 counties was a very good competition and provided many attractive and excellent games. It is certainly a great pity that there were so few entries. The League is a competition which affords counties the opportunity to take part in a national competition but it appears that many of them are reluctant to enter if they feel they do not have a chance of doing well. This deprives players of the opportunity of representing their counties and of developing their game in top class competition.

The 40 x 20 National League was won by Westmeath who defeated Cork 97-64 in the final while the 60 x 30 League had to be cancelled due to the small number of entries received. If the Leagues are to have a reasonable future they must be supported by at least half the counties in the country. Perhaps the time is opportune to examine the possibility of having two divisions in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. The introduction of a second division might attract more counties to enter and this would certainly be in the interest of the game.

## COLÁISTÍ

Seven schools shared the eight 40x20 and 60x30 All-Ireland Colleges titles. Leinster schools won six of these with one title each going to Ulster and Connacht.

I wish to express the thanks and appreciation of Ard Chomhairle to Tomás Ó Briain, Laighean, Micheál Ó Fuireastal, Mumha, An tAthair Mac Sheoinin, Connacht and An tAthair Mac Giolla Ghuala for their organisation of the provincial colleges championships. The number of colleges taking part has increased somewhat over the past couple of years and the competitions are better organised than heretofore. While it is satisfying to record this there are many other colleges which should be taking part in the Championships. I would urge every Provincial Council to look at this as a major area for development of handball. Where necessary, Clubs and counties should help out with regard to arrangements including fixtures, transport, coaching and making facilities available for the games.

I would also like to thank and congratulate the teachers who are involved in the promotion and organisation of handball in second level schools. Handball may not be a top priority in many schools but we certainly appreciate the efforts of the teachers who do organise the game.

I would like to again suggest that serious consideration be given to the organisation of a schools team championship. This would certainly help to promote the game and would make the schools and colleges less reliant on the talent produced by local Clubs. A team championship would also encourage and reward





**Boys Committee of St. Augustine's Club, Dungarvan**

*Front: Ricky Keane, Ed Beresford, Richard Long.*

*Back: Kenny Keane, Damien O'Donnell, Mark Power, David Moran.*

schools which make a genuine effort to promote the game. Schools would then be less reliant on the individual stars to represent them in competition. More players would have the opportunity of representing their schools and there would be an increase in the pool of players available for competition.

#### WINNERS

Kenneth Kane representing Presentation De La Salle, Muine Bheag, took both Senior Singles titles. He had comfortable wins over Aidrian Marrinan of St. Flannan's College, Ennis, in 40 x 20 and Paul Coleman, St. Anne's, Killaloe in 60 x 30.

The 40 x 20 Senior Doubles title went to Vincent Moran and Campbell Brennan of St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen who had a 21-5, 21-19 victory over Shane McCullagh and Niall Ward of Omagh C.B.S. in the final.

St. Peter's of Wexford represented by Barry Goff and Robert Cleary defeated Paraic Gaffney and Denis Creaton of St. Nathy's in the Softball Doubles final.

The Junior Singles titles went to Eoin Kennedy of Coolmine C.S. who defeated Ryan McCormack of St. Patrick's College, Cavan in 40 x 20 and to Carl Browne of Kells Community School who had an easy victory over Brian Marrinan of St. Flannan's College in the 60 x 30 code.

Alan Dowling and Michael Falsey of Kilkenny C.B.S. defeated Alan O'Dwyer and Niall Cotter of St. Coleman's College, Fermoy in the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles final.

Terence Tinnelly and Ryan McCormack, St. Patrick's College, Cavan had a 21-10, 21-11 victory over Brian Tansey and Desmond Keegan of St. Nathy's in the Junior Softball Doubles Championship.

#### THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

The Third Level Colleges Championships were hosted in splendid manner by U.C.G. The organisation of the games and the social programme was a credit to all concerned. There has been a tremendous increase in the interest shown in the Championships over the past few years, especially since the Regional Technical Colleges and other Third Level Institutes have taken part.

Queen's University, Belfast won the 'A' Team Championship, while the 'B' Championship was won by U.C.G. whose captain, Liam Reidy, also won the Open 'B' Singles competition. Ciarán Curran from Queen's won the Open Singles title for the third successive year while Yvonne Gacquin of U.C.G. retained the Ladies Open Singles title.

#### COLLEGES BLITZ

A very successful Colleges blitz was hosted by U.C.D. in December. This inaugural event was reasonably well supported with eight Colleges taking part. It has great potential for further development and, like the Championships, is certainly destined to become another highlight of the Colleges handball season.

The weekend format for the blitz competition is much more suitable for Colleges than playing occasional mid-week league games. Apart from a national blitz, consideration should now be given to regional blitzes in future years.

Third Level competitions also have great potential for the development ladies handball. Many young ladies players who graduate from Club and second level can now represent their Colleges in the Ladies competitions. Every College Club must make a determined effort to promote and encourage ladies handball. One way of doing this, as has already been suggested, would be to introduce a Mixed Doubles competition.

Apart from the Colleges which take part in the competition handballers in several other Third Level Colleges do not take part purely because there is no Handball Club in many of them. This is another area for development which should be examined by each Provincial Council. Indeed, every county in which there is a Third Level College should promote the game there and give the opportunity to the College to take part in county competition. It is vital for the future health of handball that we involve today's students in our competitions and encourage them to become involved in the administration of handball.

#### WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS

The inaugural Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals attracted an entry of 243 players in four ladies and ten male events from 15 and Under to Golden Masters level. Despite the logistical problems which many Clubs had to overcome to have players at several venues in different grades in the early stages of the Nationals, the event was an outstanding success.

The host Clubs did an excellent job in catering for such a concentrated programme of matches. We are very grateful to the Clubs for the use of their facilities and to the officials who did marvellous work to ensure that all games were played according to plan. Our thanks, too, to the referees and those who provided hospitality for everybody. The main Nationals/Awards Coiste, led by Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán, who pioneered both events, did an extraordinary amount of work over a short period of time in planning the Nationals and Awards.

On behalf of everybody who took part in or was associated



*RTÉ recording in progress during the Open Singles event.*

with either or both we place on record our thanks and appreciation for their efforts.

## T.V. COVERAGE

One major concern regarding the Nationals was the fact that the main events at Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann did not attract large attendances. This was very disappointing, not alone in view of the quality of players and games on show but also in not complementing the players and games with audiences which would be expected for such a prestigious T.V. tournament. This impacts very directly on the image of handball: we must support – and be seen to support – our own sport. Good attendances at the main fixtures for 1996 will be vital to securing further T.V. coverage. This year the Committee has decided that no other fixtures will clash with the TV recording; it will be up to all players and supporters to help make our showcase games the spectacle they can and should be.

## RESULTS

For the record the results of the 1995 Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals were:

**Open Singles:** David Chapman (USA) dft Peter McAuley (O'Raghallaighs, Louth) 21-13, 21-8.

**Ladies Open:** Berni Hennessy (Hospital, Limerick) dft Sinéad Boyle (Antrim) 21-18, 21-1.

**'B' Singles:** Martin Lalor (Talbot's Inch, Kilkenny) dft Tony Breen (Templeudigan, Wexford) 17-21, 21-15, 11-2.

**Ladies 'B':** Róisín Faulkner (Kingscourt, Cavan) dft Patricia Judge (Mayo) 21-1, 21-1.

**'C' Singles:** Francie Cunningham (Garda, Dublin) dft Seán Mac Corraídh (Sarsfields, Antrim) 21-17, 21-16.

**Masters 'A':** Mickey Walsh (St. Coman's, Roscommon) dft Dominic Sheridan (Cavan Gaels) 21-10, 21-7.

**Masters 'B':** P.J. Moran (St. Coman's, Roscommon) dft Michael McCarron (St. Mellan's, Monaghan) 21-7, 20-21, 11-5.

**Golden Masters 'A':** Pakie Ryan (Naomh Pádraig, Dublin) dft Dan Kirby (Tuamgraney, Clare) 21-10, 21-10.

**Golden Masters 'B':** Martin Buggy (St. Mary's Wexford) dft Mick Lally (Moycullen, Galway) 21-13, 21-11.

**Boys 19 and Under:** Declan Frawley (Clarecastle, Clare) dft Michael Finnegan (Kingscourt, Cavan) 7-6 ret.inj.

**Boys 17 and Under:** Tony Healy (Ballydesmond, Cork) dft Barry

Goff (Castlebridge, Wexford) 21-13, 21-12.

**Girls 17 and Under:** Fiona McKenna (Naomh Pól, Antrim) dft Anna Wynn (Naomh Mhuire, Kildare) 21-13, 21-6.

**Boys 15 and Under:** Timmy Clifford (O'Loughlin's, Kilkenny) dft Pauric Brady (Mullahoran, Cavan) 21-8, 21-9.

**Girls 15 and Under:** Julie Long (St. Brigid's, Dublin) dft Sibéal McKenna (Naomh Pól, Antrim) 21-15, 21-19.

## USHA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the second successive year the Irish handball team took four of the five championships in which they were entered in the USHA Junior Championships in Orlando from 27 to 29 December. Julie Long (Ath Cliath) and Fiona McKenna (Naomh Pól, Aontroim) won the Girls 15 and Under and 17/19 and Under titles respectively. Timmy Clifford, O'Loughlins, Cill Chainnigh, was the ninth Irish person to win the boys 15 and Under championship in the past fourteen years while Kenneth Kane (Garryhill, Ceatharlach) retained his 17 and Under title. In addition, Terry Gainfort, who was entered separately by the Castlebridge Club in Wexford, won the Boys 13 and Under event. Official Irish team players have now won 24 US Junior titles since Michael 'Duxie' Walsh won the 15 and Under title in 1981.

These performances augur very well for the future of Irish youth handball and our achievements have attracted lavish praise from our USA counterparts. However, if we are to progress from here, it is essential that our top youth players have an ongoing coaching and development programme. They also need more intensive competition to have any prospect of keeping up with the American players who graduate so successfully to senior status when they engage in the top professional tournaments.

On behalf of the players, their families and Clubs, I wish to thank and congratulate Jimmy King, National Coach, who prepared the team so thoroughly and Eddie Corbett, Team Manager, who looked after every detail and need of the 29 strong party for the entire duration of the trip. Our thanks, also, to the other adults who helped the Manager and congratulations to all the additional players who travelled at their own expense to take part in a very memorable USHA Juniors. An added bonus was that Timmy Clifford was voted Best New Player of the Championships.

Congratulations are also due to Ciarán Heneghan, St Coman's



*The Irish youth team which took part in the U.S.H.A. Junior Championships in Orlando:*

*Front: Kenneth Kane, Boys 17 and Under winner; Carol Maloney, Girls 17/19 and Under finalist; Julie Long, Girls 15 and Under winner.*

*Back: Eddie Corbett, Team Manager; Dominic Lynch, Boys 19 and Under semi-finalist; Fiona McKenna, Girls 17/19 and Under winner and Jimmy King, Team Coach.*

Club, Roscomáin, who won the USHA 'C' Singles title last June and to Gus Sweeney (Mayo) who was defeated in the 'B' Singles final. It is worth recording that a party of 18 people travelled to Houston, Texas, at their own expense for the U.S. Nationals.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The initiative by the Irish Handball Council to spread handball in Britain and Europe continued last year with gratifying results. The 'new' countries that attended the World Championships in 1994 – Holland, Wales, England, France and Finland – were highly impressed with the sport, organisation and entertainment. Each country has been active this year in promoting the game with the full backing of the Irish Handball Council.

In May the **Welsh Handball Association** hosted the First European One Wall Games attracting entries from the above countries as well as teams from New York, Belgium and London-Irish. The Belgians were the surprise of the tournament having victories over all the countries except the Americans and the Welsh pushing the Irish players into fourth place. The event got almost two hours coverage on B.B.C. Howard Jones and his team have introduced the game to local schools, Sports Centres and to the University of Cardiff. They will be holding tournaments this year in May and September.

In June President De Winne of the **Belgian Handball Association** visited Ireland and discussed with the Council the prospect of holding the second European Tournament in Belgium this year. They have got together with the French Handball Association, adopted the Irish handball rules and held the first Belgian/French Youth International under these rules on the 25th February. They have also contacted the Dutch to arrange reciprocal games.



*David Chapman and Peter McAuley in action in the Waterford Crystal Irish Open Singles final.*

In July Seán McEntee and International Officer Tom O'Connor were guests of the **Dutch Handball Association** for their National Finals in Franeker. The Dutch, whose own game is played outdoor in summer, were interested in setting up an indoor handball game and were deciding between Irish handball and Spanish pelota. The Irish visit and the demonstration of both one wall and four wall games will, we think, be crucial in this respect. This became apparent in February 1996 when three of their top players, an official of the D.H.A. and a T.V. producer made a five day tour of Ireland. Hosted by Croke Park, Bray and Kilkenny Clubs, all codes of our game were demonstrated and Dutch T.V. are returning in June to do a film on the game.

Individual players of **Rugby Fives** and **Eton Fives** from England played in the Dublin and Welsh games and their reports in the Fives newsletters have given rise to the prospect of handball

being adopted by players of this similar game. Like the Dutch, they see it as giving them an international outlet which their own game lacks as well as the lower cost, especially in setting up one wall. A school team from Malvern College in the west of England, toured Ireland in December playing games very successfully in Bray, Cavan, Dungarvan and Ballaghadereen. Their Association is meeting with the Welsh to look at the prospect of having handball played in the Commonwealth Games. The event, they think, would attract players from Australia, Canada, Nigeria, South Africa and many other countries where either fives or handball is played. At least fifty countries attending the games would see our game and report it in their own media.

In **Finland** the second National One Wall Games were completed in August. The first **Mexican One Wall Games** took place in Guadalupe in September. The **French** have joined the World Handball Council and the **Spanish** have expressed interest especially in establishing relations with Ireland.

The expansion of the game worldwide needs the support of all. There are handball courts in many European cities, built after the war for U.S. Forces, and handballers visiting should demonstrate the game in these centres (now used mainly for racquetball). But the one wall game may be the vehicle by which handball could take off in Europe. It can be demonstrated anywhere – "where there's a wall there's a way". Each Club should also consider how this simple (but highly skilful) form might help to bring newcomers and youth to the game. This was the way the original game was played and the way in which many of the older handballers came to learn the basic skills. Maybe it's time to reconsider one wall as the way forward both at home and abroad.



*Julie Long, Naomh Brid Club, Áth Cliath, who won the U.S.H.A. Girls 15 and Under title.*

## ADMINISTRATION

I feel it is opportune for all units from club to national level to review their administration structures with particular reference to the committee structures at the upper levels. There is a great need to establish better links between similar committees at county, provincial and national levels. There should be more direct links between those units with regard to work in areas such as coaching, juvenile development, fixtures and administration.

Consideration might also be given to establishing a three-year term for some central committees, for example, the Coaching Council and the Development Committee with their term of office to coincide with that of the Uachtarán. This would help facilitate the implementation of various plans and projects over a three-year period which does not necessarily happen over the present twelve month period following which committee elections take place. The three-year term has been very successful in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael where the vast majority of committees and work groups operate on that basis. A similar move would greatly benefit handball.



Handball units at all levels have a lot of ground to make up in being involved in the affairs of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as a whole: far too many units do not maintain proper links with our parent-body — and this is to the detriment of both handball and the Association. Where we exercise our right of representation fully and properly, the benefits are tangible in better relationships, a knowledge and appreciation by the G.A.A. of the work of handball units, an understanding of the difficulties and problems of our sport, opportunities to promote and publicise handball generally and a willingness on the part of the Association to assist and promote the game.

If we wish to gain the benefits of being part of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, we must be prepared to take our rightful place in the Association: only then can we hope and expect to have our sport as we would like it to be.

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

Féile na nGael was again very successfully hosted by Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Luimní. Competition was very keen in all six team events before the following winners emerged:

60 x 30 ROINN I	Mothel, Cill Chainnigh
60 x 30 ROINN II	Ballydesmond, Corcaigh
40 x 20 CAILÍNÍ	Naomh Mhuire, Cill Dara.
40 X 20 ROINN I	Clough, Cill Chainnigh
40 x 20 ROINN II	Ballaghaderreen, Muigheo
40 X 20 ROINN III	Naomh Pól, Aontroim

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, Mary Hennessy, Tony Hayes and J J Fahy and their hard-working committees for the marvellous work they did in ensuring that Féile na nGael 1995 in Limerick was a major success.

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.

## REVIEW OF FÉILE

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

One of the many benefits of participation in Féile is the long-lasting friendships that are built up between clubs and individuals

from different parts of the country which are often followed up by exchange visits over the years and further contact in competitions at juvenile and adult level. If every county appreciated fully the value of participating in Féile na nGael, I am confident that there would be a much increased entry in the competitions.

On another level, it appears that many counties do not take the selection of teams for Féile na nGael as seriously as they should. Several counties do not have any entries and others have no qualifying competitions at county level. This means that in many cases the same clubs enter the competition year after year whereas the whole purpose of Féile na nGael is to provide every club with the opportunity to qualify for entry to this major national festival. Therefore, I strongly urge every county, especially as part of its juvenile development plan, to organise a qualifying competition for Féile na nGael. In this way, clubs who take part will feel they have qualified for the event in a meaningful way and can better represent themselves and their counties.



*Girls Committee of St. Augustine's Club, Dungarvan*  
Front: Julie Moloney, Elizabeth Daly, Christine Noonan.  
Back: Siobhán Ní Christóir, Margaret Kelly.

It is very heartening that there has been a noticeable and noteworthy increase in interest in juvenile handball in Waterford, where Féile 1996 will be hosted. The lack of 60 x 30 courts in the county means that the softball games will be played at Tipperary venues. This will not be a major problem as the Waterford Handball Committee is preparing well for the events and the organisation of handball in Féile is in the very capable control of Br Finbar Spring and his committee. We wish them every success in hosting the handball events and know that they will have the co-operation of all participants in ensuring that Féile 1996 will be as successful as any previous Féile.

## COMHAIRLE NA mBAN

Comhairle na mBan had another successful year with the main emphasis on underage development and competition. The inclusion of a girls competition in Féile na nGael, the participation of girls in the Irish team in the U.S.H.A. Juniors, the introduction of a Ladies Open Singles event in the Third Level Colleges Championships and the amalgamation of Comhairle na mBan with the Irish Handball Council have all helped enhance the profile of ladies handball during the past year.

Congratulations to the Ladies Council on its silver jubilee which will be celebrated in a number of ways later in 1996. Let us hope that our Clubs and handball in general will promote and develop ladies handball much more actively and vigorously this year. The ladies have made great progress but the potential for



*Una Wynn, Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Skills winner in Féile na nGael and All-Ireland 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 champion pictured with Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan.*

development lies largely untapped. Most of the work falls on the shoulders of a small number of very dedicated coaches and officials. They need a lot more help to develop the sport: we must provide that support which will be for the further benefit of handball as a whole.

Our particular thanks are due to Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán of Comhairle na mBan on her initiatives in ladies handball and to Attracta Ní Fhiaich, Rúnaí, Áine Uí Neachtáin, Cisteoir and Aodán Ó Maolagáin, PRO, for their work in administering the business of Comhairle na mBan.



*Lydia Doolan, St. Coman's, Roscommon, 1995 All-Ireland U14 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Singles champion.*

the recipient of the Player of Year award in recognition of his record-making 10th successive Senior Softball singles title and his 25th Senior title in all.

Michael Finnegan from Kingscourt who won 5 Minor All-Irelands in 1994 and created a record of 15 All-Ireland Minor titles was nominated as Young Player of the Year. Juvenile Male Player of the Year awards went to Kenneth Kane from the Garryhill Club in Carlow for his domestic achievements and on winning the USHA 17 and Under title in 1994 and to Eoin Kennedy, St. Brigid's Club in Dublin for his Colleges and All-Ireland successes.



*Peadar Ó Duinneacha, Rúnaí Choiste Liathróid Láimhe Chorcaí, winner of the County Official of the Year Award.*

Vincent Wrynn, Chairman of the Naomh Mhuire Club, Leixlip, was the recipient of the Club Person of the Year award in recognition of his central role in leading his club in the areas of coaching, juvenile development and a general games programme throughout 1994. The County Official of the Year Award went to Peter Dennehy, Secretary of the Cork Handball Committee, for his exceptional service to the game throughout the year. Caimin Jones from Newmarket-on-Fergus Club who spearheaded the organisation of the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships in Clare was the recipient of the Special Achievement award for 1994.

## WATERFORD CRYSTAL GAEL-SPORT HANDBALL AWARDS

The inaugural Waterford Crystal Gael Sport Handball Awards for 1994 were presented to fourteen recipients at a presentation ceremony at Áras Dáimhín, Páirc an Chrócaigh on 29 Aibreán.

David Chapman from California, who won the 1994 Waterford Crystal World Handball Open Singles title, was selected as International Player of the Year. Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny who was defeated by Chapman in the World final was



*Young Players of the Year Kenneth Kane (second from left), and Eoin Kennedy (second from right), pictured with Seán Mac an tSaoi, Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Dr. Paddy Galvin and Michael Hogan.*



*Waterford Crystal Gael-Sport Ladies Player of the Year, Jackie Keating, from Cashel, pictured with the presentation party.*

### OFFICIALS AND LADIES PLAYERS

Jackie Keating from the Cashel Club, winner of the U.S.A. Ladies 19 and Under title in 1994, received the Ladies Player of the Year Award and the Juvenile Female of the Year presentation went to Fiona McKenna from the St. Paul's Club in Belfast, winner of World and U.S.A. titles in 1994.

### HALL OF FAME AND CLUB OF YEAR

John Ryan from Bridgetown, Co. Wexford, who won 18 All-Ireland Softball and Hardball titles in both Singles and Doubles between 1946 and 1958 was honoured for his immense contribution to the playing of handball when he received the Hall of Fame award. The accolade of Club of the Year went to the Naomh Pól Club in Belfast for its overall administration and playing achievements at county, provincial, national and international levels and for its general development of handball within the Club and its contribution to the social life of the local community.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

An additional Special Award went to Brid McCorry from the Naomh Pól Club in Belfast in recognition of her return to and achievements in handball following severe illness and despite being profoundly deaf. The achievements of the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip were rewarded by a special presentation in the Club of the Year category.

The Handball Awards are set to become one of the highlights of the handball calendar. They recognise and encourage many of the people who make such an important contribution to handball in Ireland, including the players who entertain so many people with their skill and athleticism throughout the year. They also mark other significant contributions to our sport and encourage excellence in the presentation and playing of handball.

We appreciate greatly the sponsorship of the Awards by Waterford Crystal and Gael-Sport. It is very fitting that the world's leading crystal producer joined with Ireland's foremost Gaelic games magazine in recognising and honouring notable achievements in handball.

The Awards are being offered again in 1996. It is in the interest of the game that every Club nominate people for the Awards: in fact, there is an obligation on all Clubs to support the Awards so that those who are honoured will truly represent all that is best in the game.

## CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEIL

1995 was a marvellous year for Cumann Lúthchleas Gael: the All-Ireland finals, the Club Championships and the completion of the New Stand were but some of the main highlights. We salute the Association on its achievements and on its pre-eminent place in Irish sporting life.

During the past few months the Handball Council has had several meetings with An Coiste Bainisti, C.L.G., and its officers with a view to examining the operations of the Council, adopting better budgeting policies, providing adequate funding for handball, bringing the Dublin Handball Trust Fund proposals to completion and establishing a better relationship between the Council and the Association.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to thank Seán Boothman, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, for his personal support for handball: he has attended many of our finals and has been available for several meetings and he has certainly brought handball into focus again on the Association's agenda.

I also wish to thank Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, Ard Stiúrthóir, for his guidance and assistance over the past year. He has been particularly helpful in progressing the Dublin Handball Trust Fund proposals in recent months.

We thank the Association for its financial support for handball and trust this support will be extended sufficiently to facilitate the implementation of our Council's plans for the game. Finally, our thanks and appreciation to all units of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael which facilitate in any way the workings of handball units throughout the country.



*Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán C.L.L.E. (left) and Seán Boothman, Uachtarán C.L.G., present the SSD winners medals to Michael 'Duxie' Walsh and Eugene Downey, Cill Chainnigh.*

### DUBLIN HANDBALL

At the time of writing, it appears that the long-running problems arising from the demolition of the old 60 x 30 court in the re-development of Hill 16 in 1988 are about to be settled with the establishment of a Trust Fund for the development of handball and of handball facilities in Dublin. A sum of £150,000 is being made available by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for this and



criteria for the use of the money are still to be agreed. Judicious use of the money over a considerable period of time will be a major boost to handball in the capital city where the game needs to be developed in clubs and schools. If handball is in a healthy state in Dublin, it would have a great impact on the sport throughout the country.

Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Átha Cliath began an intensive juvenile coaching and development programme over a year ago which is proving very successful. However, it must be expanded and Clubs must be formed in the first instance around existing facilities which are very much underused at present. This will require a lot of hard work but Dublin has the personnel with the ability and leadership needed to effect a major change in the fortunes of handball in the county.

The newly-formed Dublin Juvenile Committee is working well and I am confident that it will give a lead which many counties will follow in the future. The main point is that the dark cloud which cast a long shadow over handball in general for past eight years will soon be dissipated.



*Seán Mac an tSaoi (left), Uachtarán, C.L.L.E., and Seán Boothman (right), Uachtarán C.L.G., present the SSD finalists medals to Billy Bourke and Ollie Harold, Cill Chainnigh.*

## CEANNÁRAS LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE

I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Ceannáras Caretaker, Risteárd Mac Maoláin, for his diligence and hard work during 1995. We appreciate very much the fact that he has given so much of his own time to looking after Ceannáras in addition to his normal working hours. I would also like to say a special mile buíochas to Dick Kenneally for working in a temporary capacity in Ceannáras at a very busy time in August/September 1995.

### BAR MANAGER

Micheál Ó Treasaigh who was Bar Manager of Ceannáras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann from 18 Meitheamh 1979 retired from that post on 21 Iúil 1995. He gave marvellous commitment and service to the members and to handball people in general during that time. He was always very efficient and courteous in dealing with people and made many good friends over the years. He was also a good friend to our members and to handball. On behalf of everybody associated with handball I wish to extend our special thanks and appreciation to Micheál on a job well done. We wish him well in his retirement and hope that he has many long years of health and happiness with his wife and family who supported him so well over his years of service in Ceannáras.

I would also like to thank sincerely all of our casual staff who have helped to provide a good service for members.

I would like to extend a céad míle fáilte to Joe Warren who has been appointed as temporary Bar Manager and wish him well in this post.

### MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

It is a source of great concern that Ceannáras membership has declined seriously over the past seven years as shown in the following table:

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP
1988/89	249
1989/90	206
1990/91	170
1991/92	151
1992/93	178
1993/94	146
1994/95	146

This decline has serious implications for income from membership: fewer people are using our facilities which means a further loss in income from court fees.

The Ceannáras Club income for the year was down from £12,067 (1994) to £10,222 while expenditure decreased from £20,650 to £17,821 – mainly due to the closure of the gymnasium.

Bar sales for the year totalled £114,903 compared with £103,298 in the previous year.

However, the profit margin was down slightly and the surplus for the year decreased from £13,322 in 1994 to £10,136 in 1995.

The overall surplus for the year between Club and Lounge was £2,537. This is a very small amount when we take into account the capital expenditure on the Centre and the overall resources at our disposal. Centres such as ours should be able to generate a profit of at least £25,000 per annum. If Ceannáras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann is to be viable at all we must market the Centre and its facilities, we must increase membership and provide a lot more activities for members in a major effort to increase income to a level consistent with the potential of this major resource.



*Fiona McKenna, Naomh Pól Club, Aontroim, winner of the U.S.H.A. 17/19 and Under championship.*

## COSPÓIR

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann wishes to record its appreciation of the grant aid received from the Cospóir allocation of National Lottery Funds. Without this it would be impossible to maintain a full-time service to handball. Indeed, the annual grant of £51,000 in 1995 was critical to the operations of the Council.

We also acknowledge the provision of £2,000 towards the cost of the Irish team which took part in the U.S.H.A. Junior Championships in December. We also received a grant of £2,000 towards the purchase of office equipment and a further £2,000 towards the participation of our guest players in the Waterford



*Nickey O'Reilly, Cill Chainnigh, who received the Gael-Sport Player of the Finals Award from Martin O'Halloran, Advertising Executive of Gael-Sport.*

Crystal Irish Nationals. Grants of £1,000 each were allocated to Jackie Keating, Michael Walsh and Walter O'Connor.

I would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Paddy Heffernan, Chief Executive of Cospoir and his many staff who have helped us in processing our grant applications and with advice on many occasions during the past year. We also acknowledge the support of Mr. Bernard Allen, Minister of State at An Roinn Oideachais.

We are all very well aware of the levels of crime in society today and of the increase of violent crime and the consequent effect of this on local communities. The work of Government agencies in dealing with the prevention of crime would be much more effective and much less required if major funding were available for the promotion of sport in this country. If the tide is to be turned in the battle against crime very substantial resources must be put into the development of sport. Sports organisations need major financial assistance to implement their plans. There should be positive discrimination to help disadvantaged areas. In this context the game of handball would be an ideal medium to which people could be attracted to a very active sport giving them the opportunity for self development and the possibility of being involved in their local communities in a very meaningful and tangible way.

## BUÍOCHAS

On behalf of Ard Chomhairle, and on a personal note, I wish to thank and congratulate the hundreds of voluntary members of our organisation who devote so much of their time and energies to the promotion and organisation of handball. I would like to pay a special tribute to the coaches and officials who look after the vital area of juvenile handball. They perform a major service for



*Michael Lally (Gaillimh), Eugene Kennedy, Réiteoir, and Martin Buggy (Loch Garman), winner of the Waterford Crystal Golden Masters 'B' Singles title.*

the game and, quite often, their work goes unseen and unacclaimed. However, these people are the real custodians of the future of handball as they pass on their skills and dedication to the younger generation.

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

Special tribute is also due to Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui on carrying out his duties so well as Cisteoir of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. He has brought a very professional approach to his role which is of great benefit to Ard Chomhairle and to the organisation as a whole.

I thank all our players, coaches and referees without whom the game could not prosper. Their help and co-operation is always forthcoming and is very much appreciated.

Many thanks are due to the GAA central office staff for their advice and support in very many ways throughout the year. A special go raibh maith agaibh is due to Roibeárd Mac Ailín and Muireann Ní Mhainín who assist people as they come to Aras Dáimhin.

On behalf of all members, players and units, and on a personal note, I wish to express my thanks to Aingeal Ní Lochlainn for her dedication to her work for Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. She has been most helpful to everybody and deals very capably with whatever matters arise.



*Seán Mac an tSaoi, Uachtarán, presents the referee's memento to Paddy McDermott, Roscommon, at the All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles final.*

## UACHTARÁN

As Seán Mac an tSaoi comes to the end of his term as Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to place on record my thanks and appreciation for his support during a very busy three years. He led by example and very successfully introduced a number of initiatives in handball which have already proven most successful. Seán pioneered the Irish Nationals, which brings players together in a major Open National tournament, and the Handball Awards which give recognition to those who contribute most to our game. These, together with the successful staging of the Eighth World Handball Championships in 1994 were the public highlights of his presidency. However, even more

effective was the Uachtarán's personal, open and honest relationship with players and officials alike. He achieved much through direct contact with people – and they responded by their better input to and involvement in handball.

The Uachtarán travelled widely throughout the country and, also, to France, Wales and Holland in response to the needs of the game and in an effort to encourage and support people working for the good of handball.

On behalf of everybody with whom Seán came into contact, I wish to thank him for his dynamic enthusiasm and leadership wherever he went. We also extend thanks to Seán's wife Patricia and to their family who supported him fully in his role as Uachtarán: without this, the achievements of the past three years would not have been possible.

Finally, we wish Seán a long and happy retirement with his family secure in the knowledge that he will always be actively involved in the sport of handball which he has served so well.

## UACHTARÁN NUA

Cuirim fíor fáilte roimh ár Uachtarán nua, Conchúr Ó Mórdha

ó Chlub Na Lochlannaigh i gCill Chainnigh. Táim cinnte go ndéanfaidh sé sár-obair le linn a thréimhse agus go mbeidh an cluiche ag dul i bhfeabhas i gcónaí faoin a chinnireacht.

As a former Rúnaí Contae and having served as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean (C.L.L.E), Conchúr Ó Mórdha has served handball exceptionally well for over twenty years. He has also been a member of several central Coistí and is certain to bring the fruits of his experience to bear on his work as Uachtarán. We look forward to his presidency and hope that all he wishes to achieve will come to fruition.



*Conchúr Ó Mórdha, Uachtarán Tofa, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann*

## BEREAVEMENTS

Several former players and supporters passed to their eternal reward during 1995. Indeed, some families suffered their losses in extremely tragic circumstances. Matthew Cunningham, winner of a 1988 U12 Softball Singles title, an U16 Softball Doubles medal in 1992 and three Féile na nGael medals, was killed in a road accident on Sunday 10 September. To his Club, Kingscourt, and especially to his family and friends, we offer our sincere sympathy on their great loss. We also offer our sympathy to everybody who was bereaved during the year.

May the souls of the deceased rest in eternal peace.

*Lorcán Ó Ruairc*

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

Ba mhaith  
le  
Comhairle  
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# NA RÚIN

1. That a county's representation at Congress be based on the number of players registered by the county, with one delegate per 50 players, or part thereof exceeding a multiple of 50, but not less than 25, but should not be less than two senior delegates and one under-21 delegate. Amend Fo-Riail 26 accordingly.

*(Áth Cliath)*

2. That motions for Congress cannot be ruled out of order purely because appropriate rules have not been quoted. Amend Fo-Riail 31(b) accordingly.

*(Áth Cliath)*

3. That an alternate form of grading be established on the basis of A, B, C for competitions which are NOT age related ... with the top 20 players in the country in the 'A' grade, the next 30 in the 'B' grade, with all others in the 'C' grade. Ranking of players to be decided on a 'Points' system as specified by Central Council and based on players' performance in National, County and Club competitions as well as in designated tournaments. Amend Fo-Riail 47 (A), (B), (C), (F), (K) & (L) accordingly.

*(Áth Cliath)*

4. That a national handball competition be run using the following format:

- a. Each game to be for 31 aces
- b. Each player (or pair in the case of doubles) to take 5 legal serves with the opponent being enabled to score against the serve. The serve to alternate until one player (or team) scores 31.

*(Áth Cliath)*

5. That Fo-Riail 48(B) be amended as follows:  
That Under 21 championships are confined to players under 21 years of age on 1st January of the current year's championship.

*(Tiobraid Árann)*

6. That Fo-Riail 47(I) be amended as follows:

**Emerald Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles**

- (i) Emerald Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships. Open to players over 55 years of age.
- (ii) Emerald Masters 'B' Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles championships. Confined to players over 55 years of age who have never won either Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Masters 'A' or 'B', Silver Masters 'A' or 'B', Golden Masters 'A' or 'B' or Emerald Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

*(Tiobraid Árann)*

7. That Fo-Riail 47(J) be amended as follows:

**Diamond Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles**

- (i) Diamond Masters Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships. Open to players over 60 years of age.
- (ii) Diamond Masters 'B' Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles Championships. Confined to players over 60 years of age who have never won either Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Masters 'A' or 'B', Silver Masters 'A' or 'B', Golden Masters 'A' or 'B', Emerald Masters 'A' or 'B' or Diamond Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

*(Tiobraid Árann)*

8. That the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship be confined to players of Junior status only. Fo-Riail 50 (B) (a) (i) not to apply. Separate 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 gradings to apply.

*(Cill Mhantáin)*

9. That in order to facilitate Third Level Colleges compete in local county competitions the number of members required to form a Club be reduced from ten to six – Fo-Riail 8 to be amended.

*(Cill Mhantáin)*

10. That the following be added to Fo-Riail 49 (A): A Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland championship in Masters 'B', Silver Masters 'B' or Golden Masters 'B' in the 40 x 20 court.

A Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland championship in Masters 'B', Silver Masters 'B' or Golden Masters 'B' in the 60 x 30 court.

Fo-Rialacha 49 (a) (i) and (ii) to be changed accordingly.

*(Roscomáin/Muígheo)*

11. That Fo-Riail 49 (b) (i) be amended as follows:

A Novice shall not have played on a Junior, Senior or Open All-Ireland Inter-Club winning team in the 60 x 30 court. Amend Fo-Riail 50B (a) iii accordingly.

*(Tiobraid Árann)*

12. That Fo-Riail 49 (B) (ii) be amended as follows:

A Novice shall not have played on a Junior, Senior or Open All-Ireland Inter-Club winning team in the 40 x 20 court. Amend Fo-Riail 50B (a) iii accordingly.

*(Tiobraid Árann)*

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7 March 1996

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 1995.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£105,883. Expenditure came to IR£117,231 leaving an Operating Deficit for the period of IR£11,348 as compared to an Operating Deficit of IR£4,914 in the preceding year. As compared with the preceding year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
County Committee and Members	3,579	
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		20,000
Government Grants		38,500
Sponsorships and Subscriptions	7,990	
Draw Surplus	3,163	
Marathon Proceeds		31,615

## EXPENDITURE

Competition Expenses	7,085	
World Championship Expenses		51,082
Trophies	4,455	
Repairs to Ceannáras	2,070	
Meetings and Officials Travel	1,882	
Administration and General		2,733

## BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1995 including Outlay on Ceannáras IR£304,200 had a book value of IR£377,405. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£174,283 came to IR£184,923. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£192,482.

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

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D. O'CONNOR & CO., Chartered Accountants

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

	Schedule	1995 IR£	1994 IR£
<b>INCOME</b>			
County Committee and Members		15,006	11,427
Gate Receipts		4,267	2,900
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	1	13,000	33,000
Government Grants net	2	57,000	95,500
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		12,012	4,022
Draw Surplus		3,163	—
Sundry Sales		403	934
Other Income		1,032	546
		<u>105,883</u>	<u>148,329</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Competition Expenses		12,755	5,670
International		6,541	6,337
World Championship Expenses		—	51,082
Juvenile		2,582	2,939
Promotional Materials		1,577	1,292
Trophies		12,169	7,714
Meetings and Officials' Travel		15,831	13,949
Administration Grants	3	2,600	2,600
Coaching, Leadership and Development		3,306	1,615
Repairs to Ceannáras		2,437	367
Finance Charges		117	148
Administration and General	4	54,772	57,505
Depreciation		2,544	2,025
		<u>117,231</u>	<u>153,243</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<u>(11,348)</u>	<u>(4,914)</u>
Marathon Proceeds		—	31,615
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>		<u>(11,348)</u>	<u>26,701</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER

	Note	1995 IR£	1994 IR£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
	2	305,846	308,390
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks		5,104	4,449
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		6,936	39,549
Cash and Bank Balances		40,969	36,007
		<u>53,559</u>	<u>80,555</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Court Construction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		3,591	3,591
Creditors		4,549	10,088
Bank Overdraft		174,283	186,936
		<u>184,923</u>	<u>203,115</u>
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(131,364)</u>	<u>(122,560)</u>
		<u>192,482</u>	<u>203,830</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Accumulated Fund	3	192,482	203,830

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1995

## 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£
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 1995	304,200	4,494	8,230	316,924
At 31 December 1995	304,200	4,494	8,230	316,924
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 1995	—	3,596	4,938	8,534
Charge for year	—	898	1,646	2,544
At 31 December 1995	—	4,494	6,584	11,078
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	<u>304,200</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,646</u>	<u>305,846</u>

## 3. ACCUMULATED FUND

	1995 IR£	1994 IR£
Balance at beginning of year	203,830	177,129
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(11,348)	26,701
Balance at date	<u>192,482</u>	<u>203,830</u>

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

	1995 IR£	1994 IR£
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## SCHEDULE 1:

### Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants

Annual	13,000	13,000
Special	—	20,000
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>

## SCHEDULE 2:

### Government Grants

Annual Grant	51,000	50,000
Irish Nationals	2,000	—
World Championships	—	42,500
International	2,000	6,000
Outstanding Sportspersons	3,000	5,000
Equipment Grants	2,000	—
Court Grants	—	35,700
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>139,200</u>
Less: Distributable	(3,000)	(43,700)
	<u>57,000</u>	<u>95,500</u>

## SCHEDULE 3:

### Administration Grants

Connaught 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	40,162	38,544
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	5,099	8,581
Postage and Telephone	6,639	7,911
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,750	1,700
All-Ireland Tickets	488	296
Miscellaneous	634	473
	<u>54,772</u>	<u>57,505</u>

## AUDITORS' REPORT

### To the Members of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet from the books and records of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and from information supplied and we confirm that they are correctly drawn up in accordance with such books, records and information.

1 Gardiner Row, Dublin 1  
7 March 1996

D O'CONNOR & CO.  
Chartered Accountants



# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS — for the year ended 30th September 1995.

	IR£	IR£	30/9/1994 IR£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Fees .....	3,381		4,650
Court Booking Fees .....	3,388		3,770
Other Fees .....	50		165
		6,819	8,585
Shop Sales .....	9,770		8,100
Less: Cost of Sales .....	6,367		4,618
		3,403	3,482
		10,222	12,067
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Wages .....	7,760		11,937
Telephone .....	933		(200)
Light and Heat .....	5,570		4,799
Repairs and Cleaning .....	2,104		1,292
Accountancy Fees .....	473		450
Sundries .....	470		2,050
Security .....	151		32
Insurance .....	103		103
Bank Charges .....	257		187
		17,821	20,650
Deficit for Year		(7,599)	(8,583)
Exceptional Item .....		51,037	8,583
Surplus after Exceptional Item .....		43,438	—
Opening Deficit .....		(43,739)	(43,739)
Closing Deficit .....		(301)	(43,739)

### BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1995

	IR£	IR£	30/9/1994 IR£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock on Hand .....	1,331		1,925
Debtors .....	21		21
Cash .....	84		60
Bank .....	1,165		1,946
	2,601		3,952
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accruals .....	2,902		5,294
Total Liabilities .....		(301)	(1,342)
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
Accumulated Deficit to date .....	(301)		(43,739)
Ceannáras Club Lounge .....	—		42,379
		(301)	(1,342)

### ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

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

GORMAN QUIGLEY & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants.

32 Greenmount Office Park, Harolds Cross Bridge, Dublin 6W.

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

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

### TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 1995

	IR£	IR£	30/9/1994 IR£
<b>SALES</b> .....	114,903		103,298
<b>COST OF SALES</b> .....	<u>68,529</u>		<u>59,589</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b> .....		46,374	43,709
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>			
Wages .....	25,421		17,850
Pension Premium .....	505		1,010
Light and Heat .....	3,713		3,199
Repairs, Cleaning and Barware .....	1,488		3,124
Security .....	516		339
Licence Renewal .....	1,632		2,007
Accountancy Fees .....	735		700
Insurance .....	84		84
Sundry Expenses .....	2,017		1,932
Stationery & Printing .....	<u>127</u>		<u>72</u>
		36,238	30,387
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b> .....		10,136	13,322
Deficit on Club Account .....		(7,599)	(2,131)
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b> .....		<u>2,537</u>	<u>11,191</u>
<b>EXCEPTIONAL ITEM</b> .....		(43,438)	<u>5,583</u>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT AFTER EXCEPTIONAL ITEM</b> ..		(40,901)	16,774
<b>OPENING SURPLUS</b> .....		<u>48,890</u>	<u>32,116</u>
<b>CLOSING SURPLUS</b> .....		<u><u>7,989</u></u>	<u><u>48,890</u></u>

### BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1995

	IR£	IR£	30/9/1994 IR£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Bank .....	17,415		6,096
Stock on Hand .....	19		374
Prepayments .....	291		1,296
Stock .....	<u>8,655</u>		<u>11,805</u>
	26,380		19,571
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors .....	<u>18,391</u>		<u>13,078</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....		<u><u>7,989</u></u>	<u><u>6,493</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Accumulated Surplus to date .....	7,989		48,890
Ceannáras Club .....	<u>—</u>		<u>(42,397)</u>
		<u><u>7,989</u></u>	<u><u>6,493</u></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.

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LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

# ALL-IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS 1995

## 60 x 30

S.S.	Micheál Breathnach	Michael Walsh	Cill Chainnigh
S.D.	Micheál Breathnach, Eoin Ó Dunai	Michael Walsh, Eugene Downey	Cill Chainnigh
I.S.	Brian Mac Giolla Ghuala	Brian Gilhooley	Loch Garman
I.D.	Nollaig Ó Murchú, Seosamh Ó Duibhir	Noel Murphy, Josie O'Dwyer	Tiobraid Árann
J.S.	Níoclás Ó Raghallaigh	Nickey O'Reilly	Cill Chainnigh
J.D.	Tomás Ó Briain, Liam Ó Briain	Tom O'Brien, Billy O'Brien	Luimneach
M.S.	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
M.D.	Cionnaith Ó Catháin, Oilibhéar Ó Riain	Kenneth Kane, Oliver Ryan	Ceatharlach
U21S	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
U21D	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamonn Mac Cuinneagáin	Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
N.S.	Seán Ó Corráin	John Curran	Cill Chainnigh
N.D.	Pádraig Ó Riain, Caoimhín Cróic	Pat Ryan, Kevin Croke	Tiobraid Árann
Mas A.S.	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
Mas A.D.	Liam Mac Cárthaigh, Liam Ó Maoláin	Billy McCarthy, Billy Mullins	Tiobraid Árann
Mas B.S.	Seosamh Mac an tSaoir	John Joe Wright	Port Láirge
Mas B.D.	Antóin Ó hAnnáin, Máirtín de Brún	Tony Hannon, Martin Bruen	Roscomáin
S.M.A.S.	Pádraig Ó Raghallaigh	Paddy O'Reilly	Cill Chainnigh
S.M.A.D.	Pádraig Ó Raghallaigh, Séamus Ó Maoildeirg	Paddy O'Reilly, Séamus Reade	Cill Chainnigh
S.M.B.S.	Séamus Ó Riain	Jim Ryan	Tiobraid Árann
S.M.B.D.	Séamus Ó Riain, Conchubhair Ó Coileáin	Jim Ryan, Con Collins	Tiobraid Árann
G.M.A.S.	Muiris de Buitléir	Mossy Butler	Port Láirge
G.M.A.D.	Séamus Ó Bogaidh, Máirtín Ó Bogaidh	Séamus Buggy, Martin Buggy	Loch Garman
G.M.B.S.	Níoclás Mac Lannchaidh	Nicholas Clancy	Gaillimh
G.M.B.D.	Pádraig Ó Fearáin, Deaglán Ó Coigligh	Paddy Farren, Declan Quigley	Áth Cliath
E.M.S.	Deaglán Ó Maolchathaigh	Declan Mulcahy	Port Láirge
E.M.D.	Deaglán Ó Maolchathaigh, An Br. Finbar Spring	Declan Mulcahy, Br. Finbar Spring	Port Láirge
D.M.S.	Pádraig Ó Caoimh	Pat O'Keeffe	Cill Chainnigh
D.M.D.	Micheál Ó Neachtáin, Proinnsias Ó Cionnaith	Michael Naughton, Frank Kenny	Roscomáin

## HARDBALL

S.H.S.	Peadar Mac Amhalai	Peter McAuley	An Lú
S.H.D.	Eamon Ó Coirbín, Nollaig Ó Riain	Eddie Corbett, Noel Ryan	Tiobraid Árann
J.H.S.	Antóin Mac Cathmhaoil	Anthony Campbell	Cill Dara
J.H.D.	Antóin Mac Cathmhaoil, Trevor Mac an Gheimhridh	Anthony Campbell, Trevor Winders	Cill Dara
M.H.S.	Uinsíonn Ó Móráin	Vincent Moran	Muigheo
M.H.D.	Uinsíonn Ó Móráin, Cathmhaoil Ó Braonáin	Vincent Moran, Campbell Brennan	Muigheo

## 40 x 20

S.S.	Peadar Mac Amhalai	Peter McAuley	An Lú
S.D.	Micheál Breathnach, D S Ó Ciarda	Michael Walsh, D J Carey	Cill Chainnigh
I.S.	Ciarán Ó Corráin	Ciarán Curran	Tír Eoghain
I.D.	Seosamh Mac Alastaor, Stiofán Ó Madáin	Joseph McAllister, Stevie Madden	Aontroim
J.S.	Seosamh Ó Duibhir	Josie O'Dwyer	Tiobraid Árann
J.D.	Feargal Ó Cochlain, Darach Ó Ciarba	Fergal Coughlan, Darragh Kirby	An Clár
M.S.	Antóin Ó hEalaí	Tony Healy	Corcaigh
M.D.	Antóin Ó hEalaí, Gearóid Ó hEalaí	Tony Healy, Gerard Healy	Corcaigh
U21S	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
U21D	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Dwayne Leggett	Michael Finnegan, Dwayne Leggett	An Cabhán
N.S.	Seán Mac Corraidh	Seán McCorry	Aontroim
N.D.	Tomás Ó Briain, Liam Ó Briain	Tom O'Brien, Billy O'Brien	Luimneach
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.	Dominic Ó Siordáin	Dominic Sheridan	An Cabhán
Mas B.D.	Dominic Ó Siordáin, Muiris Ó Brádaigh	Dominic Sheridan, Maurice Brady	An Cabhán
S.M.A.S.	Seán Ó Ciarba	John Kirby	An Clár
S.M.A.D.	Seán Ó Ciarba, Micheál Ó hÓgáin	John Kirby, Michael Hogan	An Clár
S.M.B.S.	Seosamh Rosaitéar	Joe Rossiter	Cill Dara
S.M.B.D.	Seosamh Rosaitéar, Uinsíonn Ó Rinn	Joe Rossiter, Vincent Wrynn	Cill Dara
G.M.A.S.	Donal Ó Ciarba	Dan Kirby	An Clár
G.M.A.D.	Donal Ó Ciarba, Séamus Breathnach	Dan Kirby, Jimmy Walsh	An Clár
G.M.B.S.	Máirtín Ó Bogaidh	Martin Buggy	Loch Garman
G.M.B.D.	Máirtín Ó Bogaidh, Séamus Mac Conraoi	Martin Buggy, Jimmy King	Loch Garman
E.M.S.	Deaglán Ó Maolchathaigh	Declan Mulcahy	Port Láirge
E.M.D.	Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Eamon Ó Laochdha	Pat O'Keeffe, Eddie Leahy	Cill Chainnigh
D.M.S.	Seosamh Ó Meachair	Joey Maher	An Lú
D.M.D.	Micheál Mac Cárthaigh, Aonraí de hÍde	Mick McCarthy, Harry Hyde	Corcaigh.



## ÓGANÁIGH 60 x 30

Faoi 14S	Tadhg Ó Braoin	Tim Breen	Corcaigh
Faoi 14D	Pádraig Ó Fionnagáin, Ailéin Mac Cába	Patrick Finnegan, Alan McCabe	An Cabhán
Faoi 15S	Carl de Brún	Carl Browne	An Mhi
Faoi 15D	Riain Mac Cormaic, Toirealach Tinnealaigh	Ryan McCormack, Terence Tinnelly	An Cabhán
Faoi 16S	Eoin Ó Cinnéide	Eoin Kennedy	Áth Cliath
Faoi 16D	Donal Ó Gadhra, Marc Ó Duinn	Daniel Love, Mark Dunne	Cill Chainnigh
Faoi 17S	Colm Mac Shiúrtáin	Colm Jordan	Corcaigh
Faoi 17D	Micheál Ó Leannáin, Deasún Willoughby	Michael Lennon, Des Willoughby	Cill Mhantáin

## ÓGANÁIGH 40 x 20

Faoi 14S	Tadhg Ó Braoin	Tim Breen	Corcaigh
Faoi 14D	Pádraig Ó Fionnagáin, Ailéin Mac Cába	Patrick Finnegan, Alan McCabe	An Cabhán
Faoi 15S	Pádraig Mac Mathúna	Pádraig McMahon	Loch Garman
Faoi 15D	Derec Ó Tóibín, Daithí de Buitléir	Derek Tobin, David Butler	Tiobraid Árann
Faoi 16S	Eoin Ó Cinnéide	Eoin Kennedy	Áth Cliath
Faoi 16D	Pól Ó Brádaigh, Pádraig Ó Ciarnáin	Paul Brady, Páraic Kiernan	An Cabhán
Faoi 17S	Daithí Mac an Ghaill	David Stapleton	Ceatharlach
Faoi 17D	Tomás Ó Diolúin, Néill Ó Cróinín	Thomas Dillon, Niall Cronin	Corcaigh

## 60 x 30 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Faoi 12/13	<b>Tiobraid Árann</b> Daithí Ó hIcí, Pól Grás, Brian Ó Dorchaí, Seán Ó hIcí, Nollaig Ó Maolruanaigh, Caoimhín Ó Cinnéide, David Hickey, Paul Grace, Brian Darcy, Shane Hickey, Noel Moroney, Kevin Kennedy.
Faoi 14/15	<b>Loch Garman</b> Wayne Cinsealach, Daithí Mythen, Pádraig Mac Mathúna, Nollaig Ó hUallacháin, Derec Ó Maoileoin, Darren Breathnach, Wayne Kinsella, David Mythen, Pádraig MacMahon, Noel Holohan, Derek Malone, Darren Walsh.

## 40 x 20 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Faoi 12/13	<b>Tiobraid Árann</b> Nollaig Ó Maolruanaigh, Daimian Mac Aogáin, Brian Ó Dorchaí, Caoimhín Ó Cinnéide, Daithí Ó hIcí, Seán Ó hIcí, Noel Moroney, Damian Egan, Brian Darcy, Kevin Kennedy, David Hickey, Shane Hickey.
Faoi 14/15	<b>Cill Chainnigh</b> Liam Ó Gadhra, Tomás Ó Muireasa, Pól Mac Domhnaill, Daithí Beale, P S Ó hEachach, Daithí Mac Caisín, Seán Breathnach, William Love, Tom Morrissey, Paul McDonald, David Beale, P J Hawe, David Cashin, Shane Walsh.

## CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

Faoi 14S	Lidia Ní Dhulainn	Lydia Doolan	Roscomáin
Faoi 14D	Maire Hairdín, Alison Ní Faoite	Mary Harding, Alison White	An Clár
Faoi 15S	Una Ní Rinn	Una Wynn	Cill Dara
Faoi 15D	Pádraigin Hairdín, Michelle Ní Cholmáin	Patricia Harding, Michelle Coleman	An Clár
Faoi 16S	Clár Ní hÉineacháin	Claire Heneghan	Roscomáin
Faoi 16D	Síle Ní Longáin, Audrey Nic Cormaic	Julie Long, Audrey McCormack	Áth Cliath
Faoi 17S	Eithne Ní Mhiadhaigh	Ethna Mee	Roscomáin
Faoi 17D	Niamh Ní Choileáin, Lorraine Ní Choileáin	Niamh Collins, Lorraine Collins	Áth Cliath
Mionúir S	Áine Ní Rinn	Anna Wynn	Cill Dara
Mionúir D	Donna Hairdín, Carol Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh	Donna Harding, Carol Moloney	An Clár/Tiobraid Árann

## CAILÍNÍ 40 x 20

Faoi 14S	Lidia Ní Dhulainn	Lydia Doolan	Roscomáin
Faoi 14D	Una Ní Rinn, Fiona Ní hEalai	Una Wynn, Fiona Healy	Cill Dara
Faoi 15S	Róisín Gamal	Róisín Gamble	Aontroim
Faoi 15D	Sinéad Ní Fhionnáin, Clár Ní hÉineacháin	Sinéad Gannon, Claire Heneghan	Roscomáin
Faoi 16S	Sibéal Nic Cionaoith	Sibéal McKenna	Aontroim
Faoi 16D	Síle Ní Longáin, Audrey Nic Cormaic	Julie Long, Audrey McCormack	Áth Cliath
Faoi 17S	<i>No Competition</i>		
Faoi 17D	Lorraine Ní Choileáin, Niamh Ní Choileáin	Lorraine Collins, Niamh Collins	Áth Cliath
Mionúir S	Fiona Nic Cionaoith	Fiona McKenna	Aontroim
Mionúir D	Fiona Nic Cionaoith, Máirín de Barra	Fiona McKenna, Maureen Barry	Aontroim

## CORN GAEL LINN – MIXED PAIRS FAOI 13

CURRAGHBOY, ROSCOMÁIN  
Máire Ní Cheallaigh, Pilib Ó Conchubhair – Máire Kelly, Philip O'Connor

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

### 60 x 30 ROINN I: MOTHEL, CO. CHILL CHAINNIGH

Diarmuid Ó Ceallaigh, Séamus Ó Ceallaigh, Tomás Ó Muireasa, Tomás Ó Nualláin, Ruairi Ó Nualláin.  
Dermot Kelly, Shem Kelly, Tom Morrissey, Tom Nolan, Rory Nolan.

*Skills Test:* ~~Traolach Gainfort, Terry Gainfort, Droichead an Chaisleáin, Co. Loch Garman~~

*Robert Newman, Kupsanab, Co. Curren*

### 60 x 30 ROINN II: BAILE DEASÚIN, CO. CHORCAÍ

Donnacha Ó Conchubhair, Aodán Pléamann, Seán Ó Liatháin, Micheál Ó Buachalla  
Donnacha O'Connor, Aidan Fleming, John Lyons, Michael Buckley

*Skills Test:* Brian Ó Cinneide: Brian Kennedy, Naomh Brid, Co. Átha Cliath

### 40 x 20 CAILÍNÍ: NAOMH MUIRE, CO. CHILL DARA

Úna Ní Rinn, Fiona Ní hEalaí, Siorcha Nuaman, Caitriona Ní Raghallaigh  
Una Wrynn, Fiona Healy, Sara Newman, Catherine O'Reilly

*Skills Test:* Úna Ní Rinn: Una Wrynn, Naomh Mhuire, Co. Chill Dara

### 40 x 20 ROINN I: CLOGH, CO. CHILL CHAINNIGH

Liam Ó Gadhra, Daimín Ó Broin, Seán Ó Sé, Aindriú Ó hEosa, Seán Ó Meachair  
William Love, Damian Byrne, Seán O'Shea, Andrew Hosey, Seán Maher

*Skills Test:* ~~Seán Ó Sé, Seán O'Shea, Clogh, Co. Chill Chainnigh~~

*Desmond Byrne, Stephen Byrne*

### 40 x 20 ROINN II: BEALACH A'DOIRÍN, CO. MHUIGHEO

Deaglán Ó hEachach, Deasún Mac Aogáin, Barra Ó hEachach, Séan Ó Toghdha, Seosamh Mac Anna  
Declan Hough, Desmond Keegan, Barry Hough, Shane Toomey, Joseph McCann.

*Skills Test:* Barra Ó hEachach: Barry Hough, Bealach A'Doirín, Co. Mhuigheo.

### 40 x 20 ROINN III: NAOMH PÓL, CO. AONTROMA

Stiofán Ó hAoláin, Fiontán Gamal, Caoimhín Gamal, Ciarán Ó Gormáin  
Stephen Hyland, Fintan Gamble, Kevin Gamble, Kieran O'Gorman

*Skills Test:* Stiofán Ó hAoláin: Stephen Hyland, Naomh Pól, Co. Aontroma

## SRAITH NAISIÚNTA 40 x 20

### AN IAR MHÍ

Criostóir Seoigh, Seán Seoigh, Séamus Mac Giolla Phóil, Roibéard Mac Cárthaigh, Seosamh Mac Chnáimhin, Seán Mac Chnáimhin

Christy Joyce, John Joyce, Jim Guilfoyle, Robbie McCarthy, Joe Nevin, John Nevin.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 60 x 30 OPEN: O'LOUGHLIN'S, CILL CHAINNIGH

Liam de Búrca, Pilib Mac an Phearsúin, Seosamh Ó hÍcí, Níoclás Ó Raghallaigh, Pádraig Ó Raghallaigh  
Billy Bourke, Philip Parsons, Joe Hickey, Nickey O'Reilly, Paddy O'Reilly.

### 60 x 30 JUNIOR: CASTLEBRIDGE, LOCH GARMAN

Brian Mac Giolla Ghuala, Séamus Ó Conchubhair, Tomás Rosaitéar, Micheál Laimbeart  
Brian Gilhooley, Séamus O'Connor, Tom Rossiter, Michael Lambert

### 60 x 30 NOVICE: AN MUILEANN CEARR, AN IAR MHÍ

Criostóir Seoigh, Seán Seoigh, Criostóir Mac Chnáimhin, Seán Mac Chnáimhin  
Christy Joyce, John Joyce, Christy Nevin, John Nevin

### 40 x 20 OPEN: CEANNANAS, AN MHÍ

Micheál Mac Samhráin, Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Egin Jensen, Séamus Ó Raghallaigh  
Michael McGovern, Tom Sheridan, Egin Jensen, Jimmy Reilly

### 40 x 20 JUNIOR: BRACKLEY, TÍR EOGHAIN

Stiofán Ó Cléirigh, Conor Mac Giolla Chearr, Pól Ó Cléirigh, Néill Mac Giolla Chearr, Seán Ó Cléirigh  
Stephen Clarke, Conor Kerr, Paul Clarke, Niall Kerr, Seán Clarke

### 40 x 20 NOVICE: NAOMH PÁDRAIG, ÁTH CLIATH

Seán Mac an Bhaird, Seán Ó hÓbáin, Feargal Ó Riain, Séamus Ó hEathirín  
John Ward, John Hoban, Feargal Ó Riain, Séamus Ahern

## COLÁISTÍ 60 x 30

Sóisear S	Carl de Brún	Carl Browne	Kells C.S.
Sóisear D	Toirealach Tionnealaigh, Riain Mac Cormaic,	Terence Tinnelly, Ryan McCormack	St. Patrick's, Cavan
Sinsear S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Presentation de la Salle, Muine Bheag
Sinsear D	Barra Mac Eochaidh, Roibéard Ó Cléirigh	Barry Goff, Robert Cleary	St. Peter's, Wexford

## COLÁISTÍ 40 x 20

Sóisear S	Eoin Ó Cinnéide	Eoin Kennedy	Coolmine C.S.
Sóisear D	Ailéin Ó Dúlaing, Micheál Ó Faolchaidh	Alan Dowling, Michael Falsey	Kilkenny C.B.S.
Sinsear S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Presentation de la Salle, Muine Bheag
Sinsear D	Uinsíonn Ó Móráin, Cathmhaoil Ó Braonáin	Vincent Moran, Campbell Brennan	St. Nathy's, Ballagherreen

## COMHAIRLE ARD OIDEACHAIS

### **'A' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST**

Ciarán Ó Corráin, Máirtín Ó Tomhnair, Criostóir Ó Corráin, Seán Ó Dáimhín, Seán Mag Corráin  
Ciarán Curran, Martin Toner, Chris Curran, Seán Devine, Seán McGurn

### **'B' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: U.C.G.**

Liam Ó Riada, Tomás Ó Raghallaigh, Pádraig Mac Fhinneachta, Seán Ó Nualláin, Cionnaith de Bhál, Ailéin Ó hAoláin  
Liam Reidy, Thomas Reilly, Patrick Ginty, John Nolan, Kenneth Wall, Alan Hyland.

LADIES SINGLES:	Yvonne Gacquin	Yvonne Gacquin	U.C.G.
OPEN SINGLES:	Ciarán Ó Corráin	Ciarán Curran	Q.U.B.
'B' SINGLES:	Liam Ó Riada	Liam Reidy	U.C.G.

## COMÓRTASÁI IDIRNÁISIÚNTA

### **WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS**

Girls 15 and Under:	Sí Ní Longáin,	Julie Long	Naomh Bríd, Áth Cliath
Boys 15 and Under:	Tadhg Ó Clumháin	Timmy Clifford	O'Loughlin's, Cill Chainnigh
Girls 17 and Under:	Fiona Nic Cionaoith	Fiona McKenna	Naomh Pól, Aontroim
Boys 17 and Under:	Antóin Ó hEalaí	Tony Healy	Baile Deasuín, Corcaigh
Boys 19 and Under:	Deaglán Ó Freaghaile	Declan Frawley	Clarecastle, An Clár
Men's Open Singles	Daithí Chapman	David Chapman	California, U.S.A.
Ladies Open Singles:	Bearnairdín Nic Aonghusa	Bernie Hennessy	Hospital, Luimneach
Men's 'B' Singles:	Máirtín Ó Leathlobhair	Martin Lalor	Talbot's Inch, Cill Chainnigh
Men's 'C' Singles:	Proinnsias Mac Cuinneagáin	Francie Cunningham	Garda, Áth Cliath
Ladies 'B' Singles:	Róisín Ní Fhachtna	Róisín Faulkner	Kingscourt, An Cabhán
Mas. 'A' Singles:	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Naomh Cómain, Roscomáin
Mas. 'B' Singles:	Pádraig Ó Riain	Pakie Ryan	Naomh Bríd, Áth Cliath
G.M.B.S.:	Máirtín Ó Bogaidh	Martin Buggy	Naomh Mhuire, Loch Garman

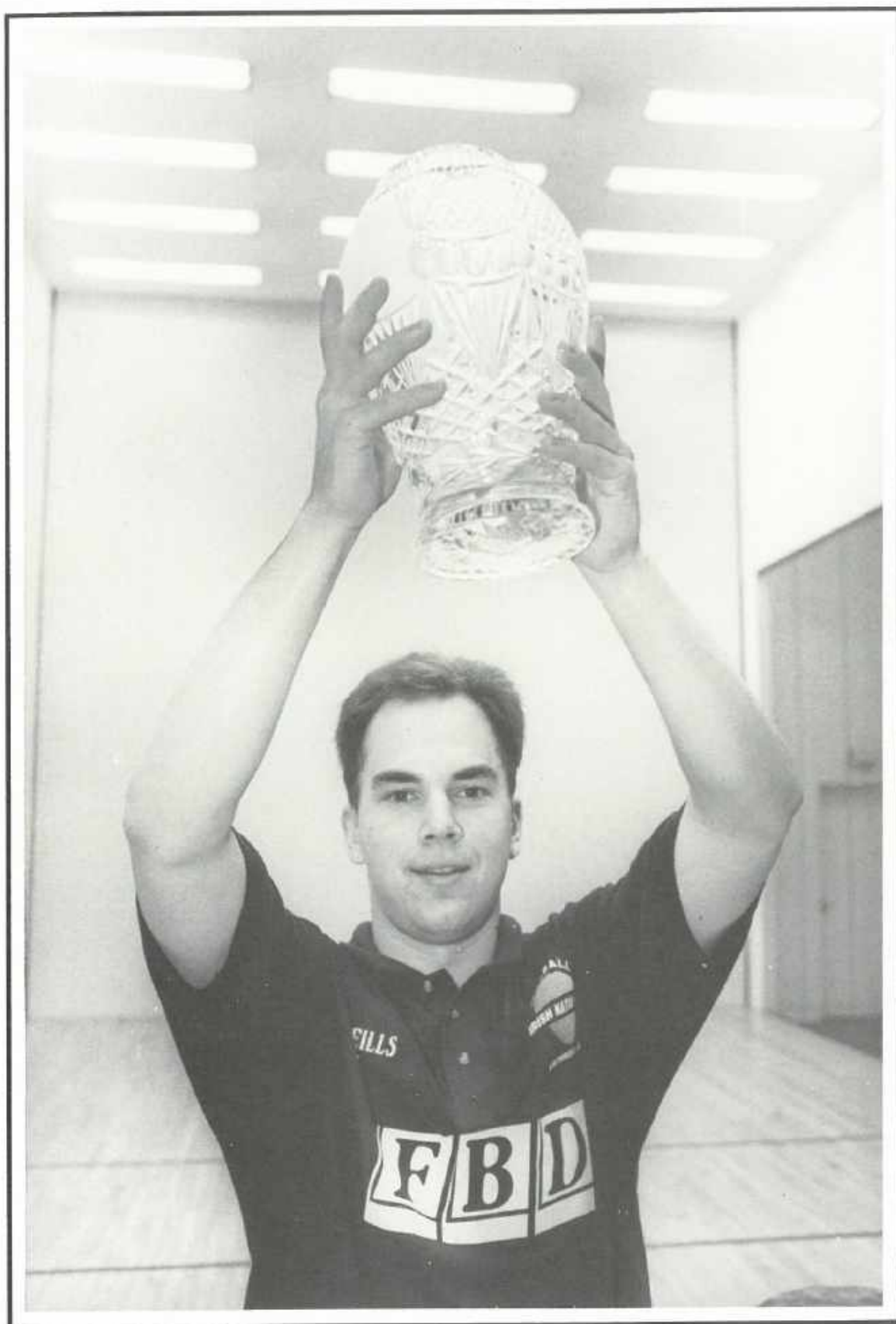
### **U.S.H.A. NATIONALS**

'C' Singles:	Ciarán Ó hEineacháin	Ciarán Heneghan	Naomh Cómain, Roscomáin
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### **USHA JUNIORS**

Boys 13 and Under:	Traolach Gainfort	Terry Gainfort	Castlebridge, Loch Garman
Girls 15 and Under:	Síle Ní Longáin,	Julie Long	Naomh Bríd, Áth Cliath
Boys 15 and Under:	Tadhg Ó Clumháin	Timmy Clifford	O'Loughlin's, Cill Chainnigh
Boys 17 and Under:	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Garryhill, Ceatharlach
Girls 17/19 and Under:	Fiona Nic Cionaoith	Fiona McKenna	Naomh Pól, Aontroim





*David Chapman from California, winner of the Waterford Crystal Irish Open Singles title.*

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