



Comhairle LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE na hÉireann

An Chomhsháil Bhliantúil
1997





Michael 'Duxie' Walsh and Sinéad Boyle, winners of the Comhairle na mBan Cumann na Naomh GOAL Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 1997

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ar AN DOMHNACH, 23 MÁRTA, ag 10.30 r.n.
in ARAS DAIMHÍN, PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH

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AINMNIÚCHÁIN 1997

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí (outgoing)
—Ceatharlach, Uíbh Fháili, Tiobraid Árann, Cill Chainnigh.

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle C.L.G.: Seosamh Mac an Mháistir (outgoing) – Ceatharlach, Uíbh Fháili.
Seán Mac an tSaoi – Aontroim, Tiobraid Árann, Cill Chainnigh.

STANDING ORDERS

In order that the proceedings of the Congress be carried out expeditiously, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

1. The proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes, but not more than 5 minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or an Amendment must not exceed 3 minutes. A maximum of two delegates from any one county shall speak on any one motion.
3. The proposer of a Resolution or Amendment may speak a second time for 3 minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman 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.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move “that the question be now put”, after which, when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. A speaker to the Riathóir’s report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed 3 minutes on any one topic.
7. Any motion seeking to amend a rule in Fo-Rialacha (CLLE) must have a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.
8. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.

Tuarascáil an Riarthóra Náisiúnta

RÉAMHRÁ

Ag féachaint siar ar 1996 is féidir a rá go raibh bliain mhaith torthúil ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Cuireadh sraith de chúrsaí oiliúna ar fáil, chuireamar postaer nua, Bliainiris agus rialacha an chluiche i gcló, bhí forbairt i dtíortha san Eoraip, bhí na Nationals thar barr - go háirithe ar an teilifís - agus chabhraigh na contaethe agus na himreoirí chun na comórtas go léir a eagrú de réir clár na bliana.

Cé go bhfuil alán obair le déanamh ag gach leibhéal den eagraíocht, tá dul chun cinn in alán clubanna agus contaethe ag leibhéal na nógánach.

Caithfidh ár structúr a neartú, cúrsaí riaracháin a chur ar siúl agus níos mó poiblíocht a fháil do liathróid láimhe. Tá sár chluiche againn agus tá dualgas mór ar gach ball agus ar gach aonad den eagraíocht tabhairt faoi gach rud idir ballraíocht, riarachán agus áiseanna a fheabhsú as seo amach. Ag an bpointe seo tá an iomarca oibre a dhéanamh ag daoine áirithe: ní maith an rud é seo agus caithfidh i bhfad níos mó daoine a mhealladh isteach i liathróid láimhe chun ár gluiche agus an eagraíocht i gcoitinne a fheabhsú.

Among the highlights of 1996 were:

- ★ The success of the second Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals
- ★ The standard of entries for the second Waterford Crystal-Gael Sport Awards
- ★ The promotion of one-wall handball
- ★ The finalisation of the Dublin Handball Trust Fund
- ★ The successful organisation of Féile na nGael in Port Láirge
- ★ The production of new literature including a poster, Playing Rules and a Handball Yearbook
- ★ The re-introduction of Coaching Courses for Club coaches and
- ★ The substantial increase in grant-aid from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Among areas which need critical attention are :

- ★ The low level of entries for the Club Championships and in some Masters grades for the Provincial and All-Ireland Championships
- ★ The cancellation of the 60 x 30 National League and the small number of entries for the 40 x 20 League
- ★ The need for administration courses for Club and county officers
- ★ The low level of attendances at many of our finals
- ★ The need for a major fundraising drive to raise finance for the implementation of handball development plans
- ★ The ownership of and title to Club property and the importance of Club membership and insurance.

As I mentioned in previous reports, the major increase in the number of national competitions over the past ten years means that Provincial Councils and Ard Chomhairle have had to devote much more time and resources to the organisation of fixtures. The effect of this is that personnel are over-committed in this area to the detriment of the general development of the game. County Committees and Provincial Councils must have a much

wider brief than concentrating almost exclusively on the organisation of fixtures. Some provinces have made excellent progress with regard to coaching and development but there is a great need for a much broader development of handball. This issue must be addressed by Ard Chomhairle and the Provincial Councils in particular if our game is to develop and progress. We need a number of people at each level of our organisation who will be responsible for areas such as juvenile development, coaching, promotion of handball at primary and secondary levels and the promotion of ladies handball.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

One hundred and sixty national competitions were held in 1996, over half of these for adult males including 36 All-Ireland championships for players from Over 40 to Over 60. The accompanying table shows that juvenile boys and girls (Under 14 to Under 17) are well catered for but there is a great need for more juvenile activity at Club and county levels to give the average/weaker players a regular programme of games.

	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED	
Competition	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile		Total
60 x 30	32	8	2	8	—	50
40 x 20	28	8	7	8	—	51
Hardball	6	—	—	—	—	6
Team	6	4	—	—	—	10
Gael Linn	—	—	—	—	1	1
Féile na nGael	—	5	—	1	—	6
40 x 20 Nat.Lge	1	—	—	—	—	1
Second Level	—	8	—	6	—	14
Third Level	3	—	2	—	—	5
Irish Nationals	8	3	2	3	—	16
TOTAL	84	36	13	26	1	160

The small number of participants in some grades at provincial and All-Ireland level begs the question of the value of those particular championships. Surely there should be a minimum number of entries for any competition to merit the status of an All-Ireland Championship. We cannot keep on adding more championships to our already crowded fixture schedule. We must take stock of our situation and make a very objective evaluation of the value and status of many of our All-Ireland championships. The answer to this problem may not be palatable for everybody but some hard decisions will have to be taken if we are to enhance the status of our competitions in general.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

A total of nineteen counties shared the sixty All-Ireland adult championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. Honours went to fourteen counties in 60 x 30 and to twelve counties in the 40 x 20 code.

Kilkenny and Wexford each took eight titles. Roscommon players were victorious in six overage championships while Tipperary, Clare and Cork each took four titles. Sligo won three championships in the Masters grades in Softball while Dublin achieved a similar feat in 40 x 20.

Mayo and Antrim also won three All-Ireland titles each.

Meath, Cavan and Galway each had two victories while Carlow, Wicklow, Waterford, Limerick and Armagh each won one national title.

KILKENNY SUCCESSES

Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny again set the headlines at Senior level winning a record twelfth successive Senior Softball Singles title with a 21-13, 21-11 victory over Walter O'Connor of Meath. He partnered Eugene Downey to victory over Tom Sheridan and Egin Jensen of Meath 21-5, 21-18 in Senior Softball Doubles and defeated Eddie Corbett 21-7, 21-15 in the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Singles final. Eamon Law, Kilkenny, had a fine victory over Pat Murphy, Limerick, who deputised for the injured Martin Kiely in the 60 x 30 Novice Singles final. Eddie Leahy had the distinction of winning the Emerald Masters Singles title in 40 x 20 defeating Nicholas Clancy of Galway 21-12, 12-21, 21-20 and the Diamond Masters 'A' Singles Softball title in which he defeated Michael Naughton of Roscommon 21-8, 21-14. He partnered Pat O'Keeffe to victory over Paddy Walsh and Mick Kelly of Sligo on a 21-10, 21-17 scoreline in Emerald Masters Doubles in 40 x 20 and the same pair defeated Frank Kenny and Michael Naughton, Roscommon, 21-14, 21-14 in Diamond Masters 'A' Softball Doubles.

INTERMEDIATE SOFTBALL VICTORIES FOR CAVAN

Michael Finnegan from the Kingscourt Club took two further All-Ireland titles defeating Tom O'Brien of Limerick 21-6, 21-15 in Intermediate Softball Singles and partnering Raymond Cunningham to victory over Tom O'Brien and Billy O'Brien 21-19, 21-18 in Doubles. The Senior 40 x 20 Doubles title was won by Meath's Tom Sheridan and Egin Jensen who defeated Paddy Crothers and John McGarry from Antrim in two straight games. Meath's other All-Ireland title came through Christy Lynagh and Oliver Gough who were victorious over Paddy Walsh and Mick Kelly of Sligo 16-21, 21-7, 21-12 in Emerald Masters 'A' Softball Doubles.

WEXFORD'S IMPRESSIVE TALLY

Wexford had a very impressive tally of eight titles with Raymond Breen taking gold on three occasions. He had a good victory over Martin Golden of Sligo in Junior Softball Singles while he also took the 40 x 20 title defeating the unlucky Jim O'Brien of Tipperary who had to retire injured in the second game. He also partnered Benny Doyle to victory over the O'Brien brothers of Limerick in the Junior 40 x 20 Doubles championship. Tommy Hynes and Ned Buggy lifted the Intermediate 40 x 20 Doubles title for the Model county with a 21-12, 21-8 victory over Tom McCormack and Kevin Geraghty from Mayo. The All-Ireland Minor Softball Doubles title went to Barry Goff and Mark Hillis from Wexford who were too good for Mayo's Paul Flynn and Pádraig Gaffney while Matt Larkin and Declan Harte had an easy victory over Martin Kiely and Paul Herr of Limerick in the Novice Softball Doubles final. Jimmy King won Diamond Masters 'B' Singles and Doubles medals defeating Jim Kennedy of Cork 21-4, 21-10 in Singles and then partnering Tom Byrne to defeat Tipperary's Michael Hogan and Patsy Tobin 21-10, 21-10 in Doubles.

GOOD WINS FOR CORK PLAYERS

Tony Healy set the headlines at Minor level in the 40 x 20 court when he defeated Kenneth Kane of Carlow 21-18, 7-21, 21-11 in Singles. He partnered his namesake Jerh to defeat Kenneth Kane and David Stapleton 21-12, 21-18 in the Doubles final. The Masters 'B' Softball Singles All-Ireland went to Paul

Hayes of Cork who defeated Vinny Farrelly of Dublin 21-19, 21-13. Pat O'Brien had another victory for Cork in Golden Masters 'B' Singles Softball after an epic struggle against John Molloy of Dublin which resulted in a 21-20, 20-21, 21-9 scoreline.

The Junior Softball Doubles title went to Tipperary's Pat Ryan and Kevin Croke with a 21-12, 21-10 victory over Christy Joyce and Ray Charles from Westmeath. Tipperary players took three Masters Doubles titles in the 60 x 30 court. Jeddi McKeogh and Vincent O'Shea teamed up to score an impressive 21-17, 21-14 victory over Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand of Cavan in Silver Masters 'A' Doubles. The Silver Masters 'B' Softball Doubles title went to John O'Dwyer and John Ryan Moore who had a good win over Martin Blanchfield and Sean Fitzgerald from Kilkenny. David Slattery and Pat Cleary chalked up Tipperary's fourth win defeating Brian Murphy and Arthur Gainfort of Wexford 21-6, 21-10 in the Emerald Masters 'B' Softball Doubles final.

MASTERS TITLES FOR ROSCOMMON, CLARE AND SLIGO

Roscommon, Clare and Sligo players won thirteen All-Ireland Masters titles between them. Mickey Walsh of Roscommon set the headlines winning four 'A' titles. He defeated John Rossiter of Carlow in Masters 'A' Softball Singles 21-10, 21-7 and Dominic Sheridan of Cavan in 40 x 20 21-8, 16-21, 21-11. He partnered Tony Hannon to victory in Masters 'A' Softball Doubles against John Rossiter and Sean Ryan, Carlow, 21-12, 21-20 and he teamed up with Stephen French to defeat Sean Ryan and John Rossiter 21-14, 21-12 in the 40 x 20 Doubles final. The Masters 'B' Singles Championship in 40 x 20 went to Martin Bruen of Roscommon following a 21-15, 14-21, 21-17 win over John Ward of Dublin. Michael Naughton from St. Coman's Club won Roscommon's sixth title when Joey Maher of Louth had to retire injured in the Diamond Masters 40 x 20 Singles final.

The Kirby brothers, John and Dan, from Clare won two titles each. John defeated Eugene Kennedy, Dublin, 21-16, 21-18 in Silver Masters 'A' 40 x 20 Singles and partnered Michael Hogan to victory in Silver Masters 'A' Doubles against Eugene Kennedy and Jerry Scully 12-21, 21-10, 21-16. Dan Kirby and Jimmy Walsh had a double victory over Paddy Lennon and Dick Doyle from Wicklow in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20. Sligo players had cause for celebration when they won three All-Ireland Softball titles on the one programme. Paddy Walsh had an excellent 21-9, 21-13 win over his old rival Christy Lynagh in Emerald Masters 'A' Singles. Conal Cannon and Hugh McGarry took three games 21-11, 17-21, 21-8 to outwit Ollie Deegan and Anthony Campbell from Kildare in Masters 'B' 40 x 20 Doubles while Brian Meehan and Francie Cawley scored a 21-10, 21-9 win over Michael Delaney and Tommy O'Brien of Kilkenny in the Golden Masters 'B' Doubles event.

UNDER 21 VICTORIES FOR KILDARE AND ANTRIM

Trevor Winders of Kildare had a double victory at U21 Singles level in the 60 x 30 court defeating Pat Doody of Limerick 21-17, 21-2 in Singles and partnering Darragh Ward to a 13-21, 21-16, 21-5 win over Vincent Moran and Charles Myers of Mayo in Doubles. Kildare's other victory came in the Emerald Masters 'B' Singles Softball final where Frank Dooley was too good for Pat Gleeson of Tipperary. Sean Devine of Antrim took two U21 40 x 20 titles winning the Singles event against Oliver Cassidy from Mayo and he then partnered Séamus Ó Tuama to a 21-8, 21-9 win over Gerard Sherlock and Raymond Griffin of Kerry. Antrim's third victory in 40 x 20 came through Larry Rainey and

Jimmy Dobbyn who had a good win over Martin Bruen and P.J. Moran of Roscommon in the Masters 'B' Doubles final.

CARLOW V MAYO FINALS

Kenneth Kane of Carlow added another All-Ireland title to his already impressive list of victories with an easy win over Padraig Gaffney from Mayo in the Minor Softball Singles event. Mayo balanced the account in the Intermediate 40 x 20 Singles final when Gus Sweeney defeated David King from Carlow 21-14, 21-11. Sean Heaney had another victory in the 40 x 20 court when he took the Golden Masters 'A' Singles title defeating Seamus Graham of Antrim 21-11, 21-12 in the final. The Silver Masters 'A' Singles Softball title went to Tom Derrig of Mayo against Eugene Kennedy of Dublin who lost his third final of the year on a score of 21-16, 21-18.

OVERAGE WINS FOR GALWAY AND DUBLIN

Bert Kelehan had a good year for Galway winning the Silver Masters 'B' 40 x 20 Singles title defeating Pat Masterson, Offaly, 21-14, 21-19. He partnered Morgan Darcy to victory over Cathal Higgins and Pat Kiernan, Monaghan, 21-11, 21-15 in Doubles. John Molloy of Dublin also had an excellent season winning the Golden Masters 'B' 40 x 20 Singles final against Pat O'Brien, Cork, 21-7, 21-15 and partnering Pat Ryan to victory over John Burke and Oliver Burke of Galway in the Doubles final 21-4, 20-21, 21-16. Dublin's other overage title came in the persons of Colman Geary and Ray Doherty who defeated Harry Hyde and Mick McCarthy of Cork 21-10, 21-15 in Diamond Masters Doubles in 40 x 20.

The 40 x 20 Novice Singles medal went to Martin Kiely of Limerick following his 21-10, 21-15 win over Benny Corcoran of Tyrone. Armagh players Benny O'Neill and Aidan Devlin had a marvellous 15-21, 21-15, 21-20 victory over Pat Foy and Jason Judge from Mayo in the 40 x 20 Novice Doubles final. Richard Willoughby, Wicklow, won the Silver Masters 'B' Softball Singles title 21-20, 21-13 against Tony O'Mahoney, Waterford. The southern county reversed the tables in the Golden Masters 'A' Singles final in which Mossy Butler defeated Paddy Lennon, Wicklow, 21-11, 21-7.

HARDBALL

The All-Ireland Hardball Championships attracted a reasonable entry and for the first time in many years six counties shared the six titles. Peter McAuley of Louth won the Senior Singles title for the fifth time bringing his total of All-Ireland Senior medals to six. He defeated Walter O'Connor, Meath, 21-11, 11-21, 21-14 in the final. The Meath player had compensation in the Doubles event when he partnered David Gough to a 21-10, 21-20 win over fellow-countymen Tom Sheridan and Anthony McConnell. Mark Flynn, Tipperary, took the honours in Junior Singles with an excellent 21-12, 21-11 victory over Paddy Hope of Offaly. Martin Kiely from Limerick won his second All-Ireland medal of the year in Junior Doubles when he and Paul Herr defeated Ollie Deegan and Darragh Ward, Kildare, 21-11, 21-11. Kenneth Kane took the Minor Singles medal defeating Vincent Moran, Mayo, 21-4, 21-7. However, the western player had compensation when he and Campbell Brennan defeated Roscommon's Alan Taylor and Gerry Quirke 21-6, 21-11 in the Doubles final.

The lack of good quality hardballs had been a problem for a number of years but following a course given by Anthony and Mary Campbell of Ballymore Eustace a number of people are now making enough hardballs to supply all needs. If this ancient

code of the game is to survive and prosper Provincial Councils and County Committees will have to take the game more seriously. There is great room for the promotion of hardball and if county and provincial championships were held it would make the All-Ireland series much more meaningful. Hardball is part of our national and sporting heritage and we must do all in our power to preserve, promote and develop the game. Perhaps some hardball enthusiasts might take up the suggestion that a small publication be produced on the history of hardball so that the modern day players would understand the origins of the game and its significance in times past. Irish handball owes it to the game itself and to the exponents of hardball over the years to preserve it for future generations.

JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Juvenile championships were shared by nine counties with Kilkenny, Tyrone and Wicklow winning in both courts. Kilkenny players had an exceptionally successful season winning U14 Doubles, U15 Singles and U16 Singles in both courts. Donal Kelly had a fine double when he partnered Shem Kelly to defeat David Hickey and Noel Moroney, Tipperary, 15-5, 15-7 in U14 Softball Doubles and partnering Brian Minogue to a 15-12, 10-15, 15-13 win over Mark Murray and Oliver Conway from Galway in U14 40 x 20 Doubles. At U16 level Timmy Clifford took both U16 Singles titles. He defeated Michael Roche of Limerick 21-4, 21-19 in 60 x 30 and had a relatively easy victory over Michael McNamara, Tipperary, in 40 x 20. William Love from Kilkenny also captured two titles, both at the expense of Seamus Lawlor of Clare whom he defeated 21-15, 12-21, 11-8 in 60 x 30 and 21-6, 21-20 in 40 x 20.

Double Victory for Tyrone: Tyrone players Ciarán Meenagh and Eunan Kelly had a double success at U16 Doubles level. They defeated Brian Marrinan and Danny Duggan of Clare 21-4, 21-13 in the U16 Softball Doubles final and had a 21-14, 21-11 win over Roger Casey and Tim Breen from Cork in 40 x 20. The U14 Softball Singles title was won by Patrick Finnegan of Cavan who defeated Brendan Fleming of Cork in the final.

Wicklow had two fine successes at juvenile level. Michael Gegan defeated Brian Darcy of Tipperary in the U14 40 x 20 Singles final on a 15-14, 15-8 scoreline. Ian Mulhall and Sammy Willoughby from the Garden county scored a 21-14, 21-11 win over Shane Spillane and Thomas Mee of Tipperary in U14 Softball Doubles.

Four counties share U17 titles: Limerick, Wexford, Tipperary and Cork shared the four U17 titles. Patrick Donnelly of Limerick had an excellent 16-21, 21-18, 11-6 win over Joe Cummins of Meath in U17 Softball Singles while the 40 x 20 Singles title was won by Paul Coleman, Tipperary, who had a comfortable win over Terry Kiernan of Monaghan. The U17 Softball Doubles title went to Wexford through Peter McGrath and Malachy Whelan who defeated David Hynes and Glen Raftery, Roscommon, 21-19, 21-13. Cork took the U17 40 x 20 Doubles medals when Patrick Buckley and Niall Cotter were too good for Offaly's Kevin Cooke and Noel O'Brien, 7-21, 21-12, 11-5.

JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inter-county Juvenile Championships have certainly added an excellent new dimension to underage handball. They provide a marvellous opportunity for young players to represent their counties and the performance of every individual on the team counts. In fact, no team can depend on the success on any one or

two players in their games to ensure victory. This gives added importance to the role of weaker players in the team.

The U12/13 40 x 20 team championship was won by Mayo who defeated Kilkenny 75-43 in the final. However, five of the same Kilkenny team had compensation in 60 x 30 when they turned the tables on a Mayo team which included five of the six players who won the 40 x 20 title.

Wexford had a double victory at U14/15 level with relatively easy victories over Mayo in 60 x 30 and Roscommon in 40 x 20.

It is a great pity that all counties do not enter the juvenile team championships. One can understand the reluctance of weaker counties to enter on the basis that they might not progress past the first round. In this regard Provincial Councils might examine the possibility of seeded competitions at provincial level or, alternatively, introduce a section for weaker counties the winner of which would join the stronger counties in the final stages of the competition. This would provide an incentive for Clubs to develop their players with a view to representing their counties. One of the benefits of this would be that players from weaker counties would have a yardstick against which to measure their own progress. They would see stronger players in action and could aspire to reach their standards. Every juvenile competition should be seen as an opportunity to promote and develop the game and no matter how unsuccessful players might be they can always learn from their experience: guided by their coaches and mentors they can improve their own game and get far more enjoyment through playing to a higher standard.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Berni Hennessy from the Hospital Club in Limerick again took the adult 40 x 20 Senior Singles title at the expense of Una Mulgrew from Antrim. Two Antrim teams contested the Senior Softball Doubles final with Suzanne Smith and Liz Campbell being too good for Una Mulgrew and Sinéad O'Boyle. The Junior Singles Softball title went to Carol Moloney of Tipperary who had a good victory over Róisín Faulkner from Cavan in the final. Dublin took the Junior Doubles title with Adrienne Fleming and Susan Ennis defeating Neasa Naughton and Fiona Ni Chuinn from Roscommon. Mary Lindsay took the Over 30 Singles titles in both courts with good victories over Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, Dublin.

Berni Hennessy made it a double by winning the Senior Singles 60 x 30 title 21-9, 21-6 over Susan Carey, Dublin. The Dublin player gained some compensation when she and Liz Nichol defeated Brid Mac Corraigh and Liz Campbell, Antrim, in the Senior Doubles final. Susan Ennis, Dublin, added the Junior Softball Singles title to her 40 x 20 Doubles medal with a 21-9, 9-21, 21-4 win over Fionnuala Mee, Roscommon, who partnered Neasa Naughton to a 21-12, 21-14 win against Martina Farrell and Marie Gallagher, Mayo, in Junior Softball Doubles.

Apart from the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Championships, the Irish Nationals and a couple of tournaments there is very little competition for adult ladies. With the emphasis on integrating ladies handball fully with the overall structure, there is surely room for a number of tournaments which could be hosted by Clubs or counties. Apart from providing essential competition this would be an excellent way of promoting ladies handball. We have some excellent female players: in fact, the standard of ladies handball has been an eye-opener for many of their male counterparts. If ladies tournaments were held in various locations around the country it would be an excellent opportunity for younger players to see the game at its best. New players would be attracted to the game and the image and status of ladies handball would be greatly increased in general.

JUVENILE GIRLS

Roscommon players certainly dominated the juvenile girls championships winning ten of the twenty titles on offer. Lydia Doolan took both U14 Singles medals defeating Lena Riordan of Tipperary in 60 x 30 and Aisling Keely from Derry in 40 x 20. Roscommon's Jackie Doyle and Siobhan Ryan defeated Ann Mellett and Lisa Morris of Meath in U14 Doubles in the 40 x 20 court while at U15 level Jennifer Bracken and Delmesa Casey won the U15 Doubles against Emer McCarthy and Elizabeth Martin of Dublin. Lorraine Noone won the U15 Singles title in the 40 x 20 court against Jane Adams of Antrim but lost the U15 Softball Singles against Marguerite Byrne of Wexford. Claire Heneghan took the U16 Softball title for Roscommon defeating Una Wrynn of Kildare in the final and she partnered Clodagh O'Connor to defeat Una Wrynn and Fiona Healy of Kildare in U16 Doubles in the 40 x 20 court. Clodagh O'Connor also won an U16 Softball Doubles medal partnering Sinéad Gannon to victory over Sharon Molloy and Joycelyn Arkins of Meath. Mary Finneran and Eithne Mee from Roscommon took the Minor Doubles Softball title.

Clare Connaughton and Lauren McHugh of Galway defeated Michelle O'Hara and Vicky Martin of Dublin in U14 Softball Doubles. Dublin's only All-Ireland juvenile title came to Julie Long who defeated Sinéad Gannon, Roscommon, in U16 40 x 20 Singles. The winners of the U17 Doubles Softball medals were Emer Tansey and Catriona Collieran from Mayo. Laois took the U17 40 x 20 Singles title when Fiona Brennan defeated Elaine Moloney of Tipperary.

FOUR 40 X 20 TITLES FOR ANTRIM

Antrim players took one Singles and three Doubles titles. Fiona McKenna won 40 x 20 Minor Singles and Doubles medals defeating Gráinne Shanahan in Singles and partnering Debbie Lundy to victory over Donna Harding and Gráinne Shanahan of Tipperary in Doubles. Catriona O'Hehir and Sinéad Dawson defeated Yvonne Sheehy and Noelle McGuane of Clare in the U17 Doubles final while at U15 level Clare Broderick and Gráinne O'Reilly, Antrim, had a good victory over Alison White and Mary Harding from Tipperary. Anna Wrynn from the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip was victorious over Lenore Coyle of Roscommon in Minor Softball Singles.

There is a tremendous need to develop juvenile girls handball. The standard of play shown by many girls is excellent and is an example of what can be done through good coaching - and even limited competition. In the overall development of handball every county should examine its own situation in relation to the promotion of ladies handball, particularly at juvenile level. In addition, there must be juvenile competition to give players the opportunity of practising their skills in a meaningful situation. While the present juvenile girls championships are excellent, they need to be supported and underpinned by county and provincial championships. It is not realistic at present to have county championships in many counties but every province should have its own championships in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20. The eventual aim must be to have county championships in every county.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is no exaggeration to say that the level of interest in the Club Championships is disappointing in the extreme. The level of entries and the interest in these competitions is so poor that the value of the competitions must be very seriously questioned. They should be radically overhauled, or dropped, until there is sufficient demand for them.

Garda Club in Dublin took the Open 60 x 30 medals while the 40 x 20 Open title went to St. Paul's who defeated Kells 103-100. Mullingar had the distinction of winning both Junior titles, defeating Ballyporeen 103-61 in 60 x 30 and Bofield from Mayo 101-71 in 40 x 20. The O'Loughlin's Club in Kilkenny also won two titles taking Novice 60 x 30 at the expense of Liscarroll from Cork 100-93 and defeating Moycullen in 40 x 20, 105-48.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

The National Leagues were another disappointment with only ten entries from nine counties for the 40 x 20 competition and insufficient entries to merit the organisation of a 60 x 30 National League. Again, it is a great pity that there were so few entries for these competitions which should afford counties the opportunity to take part in national competition, as in the juvenile team championships. It appears that some counties are reluctant to enter when they feel they will not progress very far. This deprives players of the opportunity of representing their counties and of improving the standard of their play in national competition.

The 40 x 20 National League title went to Westmeath who had an excellent campaign in their section, winning their semi-final against Cork and defeating Carlow 98-67 in the final.

COLÁISTÍ

There is increasing interest in the Colleges Championships and I wish to thank the provincial organisers of these competitions for the excellent work and the improved administration and organisation of the provincial championships. They are well supported by a number of Colleges which promote handball. We also acknowledge the support of Clubs whose members represent schools in Colleges competitions and who do most of the work in looking after handball in some of our schools.

Carl Browne had a very successful season defeating Michael McNamara of Nenagh CBS in 40 x 20 Junior Singles and partnering Joe Cummins to victory over Gary McNulty and Kevin Meehan of Coláiste Mhuire in Ballymote in 60 x 30 Senior Doubles. Paul Coleman from St. Anne's, Killaloe, reached both Senior finals only to go down to Ciarán Meenagh from Omagh CBS in 60 x 30 and to Kenneth Kane of Presentation/De La Salle, Muine Bheag in 40 x 20. The 40 x 20 Senior Doubles title went to Shane McCullagh and Stephen Taggart of Omagh CBS who defeated Pádraig Gaffney and Denis Creighton, St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen, 11-21, 21-15, 21-17. William Love from Castlecomer C.S. defeated Shane Towey, St. Nathy's, in the Junior Softball Singles final. St. Patrick's College, Cavan, had a double Junior Doubles victory with Patrick Finnegan and Alan McCabe defeating Damian Byrne and Tom Morrissey, Castlecomer C.S. in 60 x 30 and Ryan McCormack and Terence Tinnelly scoring a 21-20, 21-20 victory over Dessie Keegan and Brian Tansey of St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen in the 40 x 20 code.

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

The increase in the level of interest in Third Level Colleges handball continues to gain momentum and almost 20 Colleges now take part in the championships. Nine Colleges took part in the Blitz organised by UCD in December and this is proving to be a very successful weekend as well. The Third Level Colleges sector is an area for much development and Provincial Councils might profitably look at the situation within their own provinces with regard to the participation of Third Level students in handball competition. Many of them are unable to travel home for games on a regular basis and the organisation in general must look at ways of facilitating these players for as many games as possible.

Already this takes the form of participation in county leagues in a small number of counties but there is room for great improvement in this area to enable as many colleges and players as possible to take part in county competition.

The Championships were hosted very successfully by U.C.C. which had the honour of winning the A Team Championship through Trevor Lynch, Martin Murphy, Tony Healy and Michael Rafferty in an excellent final against Queens University, Belfast, on a 120-110 scoreline. The Men's Open Singles title went to Ciarán Curran from Queens who defeated Michael Carrie, UCD, 31-15. The Ladies Singles final was won by Jackie Keating of Waterford RTC who had a comfortable victory over Róisín Faulkner, DIT. David Tormey from Galway RTC defeated Adrian Ryan, Carlow RTC in the Men's B Singles final while the B Team Championship was won by Trinity College. On behalf of all the Colleges and players who participated we wish to record our appreciation of the excellent work done by the UCD in hosting the Colleges Blitz and UCC in organising the Championships.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS

The Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals established in 1995 have very quickly become a main feature of the Irish Handball scene. Over 240 players entered for the competition each year so far and the 1996 event catered for 16 categories from Boys and Girls 15 and Under levels to the Men's and Ladies Open Singles.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann wishes to record its thanks to Waterford Crystal for the excellent sponsorship of this major event and also to RTE television for transmission of the highlights of the Open Singles matches over a four week period. Our thanks also go to all of the Clubs and venue officials who looked after games in the preliminary and play-off stages of the Nationals.

The 1997 Nationals will be an excellent opportunity for players intending to go to Winnipeg for the World Championships to try out their skills and fitness levels in a very competitive tournament format. It could also help players to decide on their training programme for the following four months or so as World Championship fever intensifies.

An added bonus for the underage events is that the winners of the Girls and Boys 15, 17 and 19 and Under competitions will qualify to represent Ireland in the World Championships. Because of this the qualifying age for the Nationals in these age groups will be August 9, 1997.

USHA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

As is now the practice, a team of six Irish players took part in the USHA Junior Championships at Modesto, California, from 27-29 December with mixed success. Anna Wrynn, Naomh Mhuire, Cill Dara, defeated Sibéal McKenna, Naomh Pól, Aontroim, in the Girls 17/19 and Under Championship 21-11, 13-21, 11-7. Lydia Doolan from St. Coman's in Roscommon defeated Lynn Alesi from Illinois, 21-8, 21-8 in the final of the Girls 15 and Under competition. Tony Healy from Ballydesmond reached the final of the Boys 19 and Under Championship going down to David Silveyra, California, 21-16, 21-17 in an excellent match. Timmy Clifford from O'Loughlin's went out at semi-final stage 21-16, 21-16 to Victor Gutierrez in the Boys 17 and Under Championship while Des Keegan was beaten by Silas Goldman from Missouri, 21-20, 21-17 in his 15 and Under semi-final. It is worth noting that twins Barry and Declan Hough from Ballaghaderreen progressed very well in the 15 and Under Championship. Declan was defeated at semi-final level by the

eventual winner while Barry was beaten 21-11, 21-19 by Des Keegan in a quarter-final.

On behalf of the players, their families and Clubs I wish to thank and congratulate national coaches Jimmy King and Seán McEntee for preparing the team so thoroughly for the Championships and John Gaffney, Team Manager, who looked after the team so well for the entire duration of their trip. We also wish to thank other adults with the party who helped the manager in various ways and congratulations to the additional players who travelled at their own expense to take part in the USHA Juniors.

I feel it is opportune now that Comhairle Liathrid Láimhe na hÉireann take note of the low level of participation of American girls in the ladies events. In addition, the one sided nature of the games over the past few years suggests that the Irish girls have very little worthwhile opposition in these championships. The amalgamation of the 17/19 and Under events is also a cause for concern. The question as to whether there should be two official Irish representatives in what effectively becomes one competition must also be addressed.

EUROPEAN HANDBALL

In last year's International Report we mentioned the visit of a **Dutch team** to try our handball and they proved very adept especially at One-Wall. As a follow up to this, Dutch T.V. sent over a crew to record all the different forms of the game and its place in Irish life and culture. They filmed matches in Ballymore Eustace, Roscommon and Kilkenny as well as the All-Ireland Softball finals. The programme is scheduled to go out nationwide in Holland in June.

The Finns play a form of handball called Fistball in squash courts but also play One Wall during their short summer. This year Sean Devine of Belfast won the National title and had an opportunity to give some very welcome coaching to the Finns. We look forward to seeing them in Ireland in June.

Spanish handball - Pelota - is associated usually with the Basque provinces but the Valencians on the east coast play a hardball game in three wall courts which is much closer to our form. This year a party of twenty Spaniards are due to visit Ireland and play hardball and One-Wall in various courts. This is a preliminary tour in order to be better prepared for the One-Wall tournament in Roscommon in June. But it is in **Belgium** and **Northern France** that One-Wall handball has really taken off. They have played a form of handball for almost 200 years but last year their Federations voted to adopt our One-Wall rules for their international tournaments. The Belgians in particular are very keen and have introduced the game to 150 schools in the Walloon region, ordering a thousand Irish handballs for this promotion. The second Youth International took place in Hasnon, France in February between teams of twenty from both countries. The tournament, known as "Pelote Irlandais" was attended by International Officer, Tom O'Connor. This gave him an opportunity to meet officials of both the French and Belgian Federations to discuss future co-operation and to visit various Clubs in the region. It was felt that the best way of proceeding was to encourage reciprocal visits between youth teams and a number of Clubs in Ireland have expressed interest in taking part in such a scheme. It is envisaged that players would act as hosts to the visiting handballers and they in turn would be accommodated when they go abroad.

Closer to home news from the neighbouring island is mixed. **The Welsh** have resumed their Championships in Nelson having made essential repairs to their court. They are sending a team to the World Championships in Winnipeg and also,

hopefully, to Roscommon for the European event. Unfortunately, the court in Kilburn has been closed. This is doubly unfortunate as a number of English Fives players had begun to play there and also were expressing a keen interest in the One-Wall game. The Eton Fives champions, Tony Hughes and Jamie Halstead, took part in a One-Wall tournament in Dysart, Roscommon in September and have also signed on for the Irish Nationals in April.

One point that has become apparent in the last few years as we attempt to spread our game further abroad is the absolute necessity of new countries seeing handball being played before they become interested. As an interim measure we have sent videos and rules to countries as far away as Poland, Mexico and Nigeria. It is up to any handballer who travels abroad to demonstrate the game to the locals - "where there's a wall there's a way". One person can do a lot: Phil Casey, who emigrated to New York in the last century, was the pioneer of the great expansion that has since taken place. The Irish soldiers in Napoleon's army little thought that the game they demonstrated in the Ardennes region would lead to international matches almost 200 years later.

The interest and involvement of other European countries in international handball has been co-ordinated by Tom O'Connor, Irish International Handball Officer. He has done marvellous work in establishing links between Ireland and the various handball-playing countries and has done excellent work in bringing these countries together to play a common form of handball.

EUROPEAN ONE-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The second European One-Wall Championships will take place in Roscommon on the weekend 31 May - 2 June. The event will include two international competitions, a Men's Singles event in which there will be two representatives from each country and a Men's Doubles Championship in which each country will have one team.

Eight other events will be as follows:

- Men's Open Singles
- Ladies Open Singles
- Masters 'A' Singles
- Masters 'B' Singles
- Boys 17 and Under Singles
- Girls 17 and Under Singles
- Boys 14 and Under Doubles
- Girls 14 and Under Doubles

Masters players of 'A' status in either 60 x 30 or 40 x 20 will be confined to the Masters 'A' Singles event. The Playing Rules will be as per the USHA Official One-Wall Rules. At the time of writing it is expected that six other countries will be represented in Championships. The promotion and development of One-Wall handball has been forging ahead over the past couple of years particularly in Connacht where provincial championships are now part of the annual fixtures programme and also in Leinster. The promotion of one-wall handball is an excellent way in which to introduce people to handball in general and should be an integral part of the policy of every Club. The game requires simple facilities either indoor or outdoor and the game can be introduced to and played by people of any age. Many people see one-wall as the means by which the 60 x 30 code can get a major boost over the coming years as the natural consequence of playing one-wall is to progress into the full court situation.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Waterford Crystal Ninth World Handball Championships will take place in Winnipeg, Canada, from 2-9 August 1997. It is expected that at least ten countries will take part, six of these being from Europe which in itself is a tribute to the work of Tom O'Connor in introducing and developing the game on the continent.

The Canadians plan to host the biggest ever Championships in which there will be 71 events in 40 x 20 and one-wall. Apart from the Championships many social and cultural events are planned with a special fee arranged for people travelling but not taking part in games so that they can attend matches and avail of hospitality, optional barbecues and other highlights of the Championships.

At the time of writing an Irish Handball Council tour package is being finalised the cost of which for airfare, insurance and accommodation will be between £800 and £900 approximately, depending on the choice of hotel.

The expectation is that approximately 200 Irish people will travel for the World Championships making it by far the biggest ever handball exodus from the country. Entry forms have been circulated to all counties and full details of events and the tour package are available from County Secretaries and from Páirc an Chrócaigh.

FÉILE NA NGAEL

The newly revitalised Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Phort Láirge very successfully hosted Féile na nGael in 1996. Competition was very keen in all six team events with the winners as follows:

60 x 30	Roinn I	Mothel, Cill Chainnigh
	Roinn II	Ballaghaderreen, Mayo
40 x 20	Cailíní	St. Coman's, Roscommon
	Roinn I	Coolboy, Wicklow
	Roinn II	Kells, Meath
	Roinn III	Naomh Mhuire, Kildare

Such is the level of interest in the Girls competition over the past couple of years that it has been decided to have two divisions in 1997 to cater for the different standards of teams. Overall, the competitions produced some excellent handball at the very well organised venues. Our thanks and congratulations are due to the host Clubs and their officials and referees who looked after the games. On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and the players, mentors and Clubs who took part we extend a special thanks to Br Finbar Spring of St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan and his excellent committee for their work in looking after the requirements of everybody who attended Féile and made it such a memorable occasion.

As in some previous reports I again wish to emphasise the importance of county qualifying competitions so that the best possible team will represent each county in Féile. Many counties do not have any entries and some have no qualifying competitions. Effectively, some Clubs enter year after year while others who might wish to take part do not have the opportunity of doing so. All Clubs should be made fully aware of what Féile na nGael is all about and be given the opportunity to go forward and represent their counties.

Féile will again be hosted by Waterford in 1997 with the support of the Conna Club in Cork and Ballyporeen and Clonmel in Tipperary. May I wish Coiste Phort Láirge and the organising committee every success with Féile '97.

COMHAIRLE NA MBAN

Comhairle na mBan celebrated its Silver Jubilee in fine style with a number of very successful competitions at provincial level. In addition, Cumann na Naomh hosted a Mixed Doubles Tournament in aid of GOAL which raised approximately £2,000 for the Third World Charity. Such was the appeal of the competition and the interest and enjoyment generated it appears that this will become an annual event.

The liaison and co-operation between Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and Comhairle na mBan progressed further during the year with a number of meetings to discuss the future structure of ladies handball. The current and evolving policy of both bodies is that ladies handball should be an integral part of every unit of the organisation. Provincial Councils and county committees are strongly urged to promote ladies handball more vigorously by giving responsibility to officials to promote, develop and manage ladies handball and to organise county and provincial championships. It is only when this happens that the needs of our female handballers will be adequately catered for. As mentioned elsewhere in this report, it is essential that there be meaningful competitions other than national events if the game is to progress and prosper.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to express our thanks to Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán of Comhairle na mBan on many recent initiatives in ladies handball and also to Sinéad Ní Bhaoill, Rúnaí, Susan Carey, Cisteoir and Aodán Ó Maolagáin for their work in administering the affairs of Comhairle na mBan. We also wish to record our appreciation of the marvellous work done by a number of very dedicated individuals who over the past 25 years have continuously promoted ladies handball and brought the game to a level where our top players can compete so successfully, especially at underage level, on the international stage.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL/GAEL-SPORT HANDBALL AWARDS

The Waterford Crystal-Gael Sport Handball Awards, inaugurated in 1994, are now one of the highlights of the handball calendar. The presentation function is a marvellous social occasion which brings together players, officials and their friends along with handball members and our sponsors. It is an occasion to pay tribute to our top players in various categories as well as officials and those who have achieved special distinction in handball.

The Awards for 1995 were presented at a banquet at Páirc an Chrócaigh in April 1996. Michael 'Duxie' Walsh who set further records for 1995 received the Player of the Year Award while David Chapman who won the Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals in 1995 was selected as International Player of the Year. Julie Long from St. Brigid's Club and Tony Healy from Ballydesmond won Young Player of the Years awards. Fiona McKenna, Naomh Pól, Antrim, was named Female Player of the Year.

Three officials were rewarded for outstanding service to the game. Mossy Hennessy from Cappagh was named as Official of the Year in recognition of his tremendous contribution to the development of the game, including ladies handball. The Handball Council International Officer Tom O'Connor was selected for the Special Achievement Award for his endeavours in promoting the game in Europe while Jimmy King who has been a National Coach for many years received Coach of the Year Award. The Hall of Fame Award went to Joey Maher from Louth who has graced the handball courts of Ireland, the USA

and Canada for almost half a century. St. Coman's Club from Roscommon town which has contributed many players of all ages to the game and has also developed ladies handball at youth and adult level was Club of the Year for 1995.

In addition to the above awards, there will be a Masters Player of the Year Award for 1996 for which players in any overage bracket may be nominated. 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 Scheme so that those who are honoured will truly represent all that is best in the game.

DUBLIN HANDBALL TRUST FUND

1996 saw the completion of the Dublin Handball Trust Fund agreement which will provide £150,000 for the development of handball in the capital as an alternative to the provision of a 60 x 30 court which was originally intended to replace the old 60 x 30 court demolished in the development of Hill 16 in 1988. The Fund will be used to assist handball or GAA Clubs to refurbish or develop handball facilities and grants will be provided for promotional projects at primary school and juvenile levels with particular emphasis on development in traditional handball areas and where there are existing handball facilities.

Five trustees will be appointed by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Átha Cliath and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to assess and decide on all applications for Trust Fund monies and to advise Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann of their decisions.

The establishment of the Fund will provide a marvellous opportunity for development of handball in Dublin. It is vital that handball Clubs draw up realistic proposals for consideration by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann seeking monies from the Trust Fund. This major cash injection into Dublin handball has the potential to totally revitalise the game and re-establish handball to its rightful place in the capital city of Ireland.

CEANNARAS

It has to be noted with serious concern that the membership of the Ceannaras Club has shown a consistent decline over the past five years with a resultant decrease in income to the Centre. The annual accounts show an operating loss on the whole Centre and this is something which cannot be sustained. However, it is heartening that a new Ceannaras Management Committee together with their Social Committee are taking steps to redress the situation and to upgrade some of the basic facilities of the Centre.

There is no doubt but that the Centre received a major setback with the demolition of the old 60 x 30 court in 1988 which was a focal point for the older generation of handball players in Dublin. However, with local coaching initiatives and an increased interest in members of the local community in using the Centre, the future looks brighter and already there is an upward trend in the membership applications in the current year.

Risteárd Mac Maoláin who had been Ceannaras Caretaker for 21 years retired at the end of January 1997. On behalf of all Ceannaras members and handball officials and players generally and of everybody who used the Centre during his time as caretaker I wish to express our thanks to Dick for his excellent service. He was always very efficient in dealing with people and was a good friend to our members and to handball. We wish him well in his retirement and hope that he has many long years of health and happiness. I also wish to thank Joe Warren, Bar Manager, and the casual staff who have helped to provide a good service for members.

RELATIONSHIP WITH C.L.G.

The development of a better relationship with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the major increase in funding by Ard Chomhairle CLG at national level in the recent past is very heartening for the handball organisation in general. This is also reflected at other levels of our Association. Handball units must work in much closer liaison and co-operation with our parent-body and confine the perceived feeling of the isolation of handball to the past. We must all work together for the betterment of all our games and for the objectives of our Association. No unit or section can do so if it does not play its full part in the work of the whole body. The decision of Comhdháil 1996 to confer voting rights on the handball delegate to An Coiste Contae was greatly welcomed: it is the responsibility of such delegates to establish and maintain better links with their Coisti Contae and to ensure that handball takes its place in the general business of every county.

BUÍOCHAS

Ba mhaith le Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann buíochas a ghabháil le hArd Chomhairle agus le Coiste Bainisti CLG as ucht a dtacaíocht do liathróid láimhe. Ár mbuíochas go speisialta do Seán Boothman, Uachtarán, atá ag éirí as a phost i mbliana. We thank him sincerely for his very active support for handball during his term as Uachtarán and we wish him a long and fruitful retirement and continued association with handball.

Gabhaimid buíochas le Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, Ard Stiúrthóir, a bhí ar fáil dúinn go minic le haghaidh cruinnithe agus chun comhairle a thabhairt dúinn i rith na bliana. Gabhaimid buíochas, freisin, le foireann na h-árd oifige as ucht a dtacaíocht.

The Council also thanks all GAA units and personnel who assist in promoting handball in any way at Club, county or provincial level. We appreciate, in particular, the financial support given to handball units where such is the case. However, there is much room for further support and initiatives in this area and we trust that this will be forthcoming through closer liaison between the units concerned.

FINANCE, HANDBALL MARATHON

Handball finances have been in a serious position for a number of years with expenditure outstripping income by a significant amount every year. The Handball Council account was separated from CLG accounts during 1996 with the requirement that handball funds remain in credit. For far too long handball has been over-reliant on our parent body and An Roinn Oideachais for funding. If the game is to prosper the organisation will have to generate much more revenue for promotion and development. The Council is taking steps to ensure that this will happen and plans to raise funds through several means, the first being a handball marathon in May 1997.

Previous fundraising marathons in 1992 and 1994 raised £175,000 for handball and charitable causes. This year's marathon will be for the benefit of handball Clubs and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann on a fifty-fifty basis. There is a great incentive for Clubs to put in a major effort in the fundraising campaign thus ensuring that Club and Ard Chomhairle finances will be put on a sound financial footing for the future. We appeal to all Clubs to do their utmost to make the marathon a success in the overall interests of the game not alone financially but in terms of promoting and developing handball as an attractive life-long sport for people of all ages.

COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Coaching Council and Development Committee undertook major new initiatives in 1996. Five Foundation Level coaching courses attended by 100 people were held at regional level and further courses are planned for 1997. A number of USHA coaching publications have been provided for all those who attended the courses. The Coaching Council is at present working on new coaching literature to assist coaches in their work.

On behalf of all our coaching personnel and of players and members generally I wish to congratulate Seán Mac an tSaoi and Jimmy King on qualifying as coaching tutors having completed a two year course at the National Coaching and Training Centre. This course equips them to direct courses for all coaching requirements in Ireland for the foreseeable future.

One of the main aims of the current coaching courses is to identify people with the potential to advance through the various coaching levels and who will undertake the organisation and development of coaching at provincial and county levels. If the level of skill and fitness of our top players in general is to improve coaching must be a priority for every unit of the organisation. Every Club must ensure that it has qualified coaches, particularly those dealing with juveniles. This is a vital area and the importance of being properly prepared to look after juveniles not alone for coaching purposes but in terms of their general development as members of their Club and community cannot be over-emphasised. We all have a duty to the young people themselves and to their parents and families to ensure that they are treated with the greatest care and respect at all times while they are under our care.

The Development Committee produced excellent new literature. The new full colour poster which was created to give a greater vibrancy to the image of handball in order to compete with the glamourisation of other sports is available for distribution to Clubs and schools. The publication of a new edition of the handball Playing Rules book was very welcome. The book outlines the full playing rules of handball in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 and also includes our international rules as they apply in the Irish Nationals, rules for Féile na nGael, rules for ladies handball and one-wall handball as well as a chart which shows the equipment required at various levels in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. I wish to record the thanks of all members and especially of players to Criostóir Ó Míocháin and Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui on their work on these two projects.

HANDBALL YEARBOOK

Through the guidance of Conchubhar Ó Mórdha, Uachtarán, the Council published its first Yearbook. It includes a review of activities in 1996, plans and events for 1997, features on European and World Council matters, historical articles and reports from counties and provinces.

The Yearbook was very well received and will be published annually. Ard Chomhairle wishes to thank all those who supported the Yearbook in any way, especially counties which purchased significant quantities and Ard Chomhairle CLG and the four Provincial Councils together with a number of companies and friends of handball who supported the publication through advertisements thus helping to make the venture a success.

IRISH SPORTS COUNCIL

The implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Sports Strategy Group which will have major implications for the development of sport in Ireland will be the responsibility of the newly appointed Irish Sports Council. This will certainly help to raise the profile of sport in our country and increase awareness of the values of sport to the individual and to society in general. We compliment and congratulate the Sports Strategy Group on the very extensive meetings and general research undertaken during the preparation of the report and we wish the new Council every success in its plans for the development of sport.

Comhairle Liathroid Láimhe na hÉireann wishes to record its appreciation of the £52,000 annual grant-aid received from An Roinn Oideachais from the allocation of Lottery funds. Without this it would be impossible to properly carry out the service required for the full time operation of handball.

We also wish to acknowledge the provision of £2,000 towards the cost of the Irish team which took part in the USHA Junior Championships in December 1996. A grant of £1,500 was provided towards the cost of office equipment and a further £2,500 towards the participation of our Canadian and American participants in the Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals. In addition, £1,000 was granted to Peter McAuley and £500 each to Michael Walsh and Carol Moloney under the 1996 Outstanding Sportspersons Grant Scheme.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Paddy Heffernan, Chief Executive of the Irish Sports Council and his staff who have been very helpful to the Handball Council during the past year. We also acknowledge the support given by Mr. Bernard Allen, Minister for State at An Roinn Oideachais.

BUÍOCHAS

On behalf of Ard Chomhairle and on a personal note I wish to thank and compliment the hundreds of voluntary members of the handball organisation who give so much of their time and energy to the promotion and development of the game. I want to pay a special tribute to the coaches and officials who look after the vital area of juvenile handball. They perform a very important service for the game and very often their work goes unseen and unrewarded. These are the people who deserve our recognition as they pass on their skills and dedication to the younger generation thus ensuring a secure future for the game of handball.

Our thanks, too, to all county officers and especially the Rúnaíthe Contae. They and the Provincial Secretaries carry out major fixtures and general organisational programmes and I acknowledge their co-operation and help in forwarding information to the central office.

My thanks, too, to all members of central Coisti for their help, advice and assistance with the administration of handball at national level. They give a tremendous commitment to the game and I value their help and co-operation on many matters.

Special thanks are also due to Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui for the excellent manner in which he carries out his duties as Cisteoir of the Irish Handball Council. I thank all our players for their co-operation in fulfilling our very extensive fixtures programme and also acknowledge the role of coaches and referees without whom the game could not prosper.

Conchubhar Ó Mórdha has brought his own personal style of leadership and initiative to bear on the office of Uachtarán. He has strongly supported the work of the various committees and when many people doubted the wisdom of publishing a Handball Yearbook he showed how it could be successfully accomplished. On a personal note I wish to thank him for his support, advice and assistance almost on a daily basis which has been to the benefit of handball in general.

BEREAVEMENTS

A number of former players, members and supporters passed to their eternal reward during the past year. Most notable among these was Mick Griffin who won All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles and Doubles titles representing Cork in 1953. We offer our sincere sympathy to everybody who was bereaved during the year. May the souls of the deceased rest in peace.

Lorcán Ó Ruairc

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

NA RÚIN

1. That a fee of £50 be levied on each Club for registration regardless of the number of members a Club has. Fo-Riail 6 to be amended accordingly.

(Roscomáin)

2. That the adult registration fee of £3.00 per individual be replaced with a flat rate of £30.00 per Club per year to Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, the rate to be amended from time to time at Congress. Amend Fo-Riail 6 accordingly.

(Gaillimh)

3. That Fo-Riail 47(D) be amended to read:
The following championships shall be promoted each year when facilities offer.

D.i Minor, Hardball, Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles

D.ii Minor (B) Softball, 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. Confined to players who have never won either U14 Singles or Doubles, U16 Singles or Doubles All-Ireland titles or Provincial or All-Ireland Minor 'A' or Minor 'B' titles.

(Cill Chainnigh)

4. Addition to Rule 47
That Over 65 Singles and Doubles All-Ireland Championships be introduced in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20.

(Cill Chainnigh)

5. That Fo-Riail 47 O (i) be amended as follows:
Under 14, 15, 16 and 17 Grades:
The Under 15 is for non-winners of gold, silver or bronze medals at Under 14. The Under 17 grade is for non-winners of gold, silver or bronze medals at Under 14 or Under 16 and non-winners of gold medals at Under 15. Duplication is not permitted, i.e. a player may not play in both Singles and Doubles nor in more than one age group in the same year. A player defeated in an earlier round may not be used as a substitute in the same year.

(Tiobraid Árann)

6. That Fo-Rialacha 49E(i) and 49E(ii) be amended to read:
A Novice shall not have represented his county in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Championships in 60 x 30 and shall be over 16 years of age and under 40 years of age.

(Muigheo)

A Novice shall not have represented his county in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Championships in 40 x 20 and shall be over 16 years of age and under 40 years of age.

(Muigheo)

7. That the following be added to Fo-Riail 49(A):
A Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland Championship in Masters 'A' or 'B', Silver Masters 'A' or 'B', or Golden Masters 'A' or 'B' in the 40 x 20 court. A Novice shall not have won an All-Ireland Championship in Masters 'A' or 'B', Silver Masters 'A' or 'B', or Golden Masters 'A' or 'B' in the 60 x 30 court. Fo-Rialacha 49(a)(i) and (ii) to be changed accordingly.

(Roscomáin)

8. Amend Fo-Riail 50B(a)(ii) to include the Provincial Minor winner.

(Gaillimh)

9. Amend Fo-Riail 50B as follows:
A player who has represented his county in any code at Senior level may be regraded by Provincial Council, subject to ratification by Central Council, provided he has not won an All-Ireland in that grade except in the case of Junior All-Ireland winner pre 1994 where provision may be made for regrading to Intermediate.

(Cill Chainnigh)

10. That Fo Rialacha CLLE 47(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K), (L), (M), (N), (O), (P) 48(A), (B), (C), 49(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), 50(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and 53(a) be replaced by the following:

47. The following All-Ireland Championships shall be promoted each year where facilities offer.

(A) Senior Hardball, Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

(B) Intermediate Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

(C) Junior Hardball, Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

(D) Minor Hardball, Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

(E) Under 21 Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

(F) Novice Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

(G) Masters A & B Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. (Over 40)

(i) Masters (A) - Open to players over 40 years of age.

(ii) Masters (B) - Confined to players over 40 years of age who have not won Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.

(H) Silver Masters A & B Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. (Over 45).

(i) Silver Masters (A) - Open to players over 45 years of age.

(ii) Silver Masters (B) - Confined to players over 45 years of age who have not won Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Masters (A) or (B) or Silver Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.

(I) Golden Masters A & B Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. (Over 50)

(i) Golden Masters (A) - Open to players over 50 years of age.

(ii) Golden Masters (B) - Confined to players over 50 years of age who have not won Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Masters (A) or (B), Silver Masters (A) or (B) or Golden Masters (A) or (B) All-Ireland titles.

(J) Emerald Masters A & B Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. (Over 55).

(i) Emerald Masters (A) - Open to players over 55 years of age.

(ii) Emerald Masters (B) - Confined to players over 55 years of age who have not won 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.

(K) Diamond Masters A & B Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. (Over 60).

(i) Diamond Masters (A) - Open to players over 60 years of age.

(ii) Diamond Masters (B) - Confined to players over 60 years of age who have not won 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.

(L) Novice, Junior and Open Team of Four 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 All-Ireland Club Championships.

(M) Inter-County 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 National Leagues.

(N) All players are confined to one grade of Inter County Championship in 40 x 20, 60 x 30 Softball and Hardball in any one year.

(O) Juvenile Championships under the jurisdiction of the Ard Chomhairle shall be held each year in Softball and

40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. The All-Ireland 40 x 20 Championships to be completed by 30th. April each year and the 60 x 30 Championships by 15th. November each year.

All-Ireland Juvenile Championships in the following age groups will apply:

- (i) Under 14, 15, 16 and 17 Grades.

The Under 15 and 17 grades are for non-winners of gold, silver or bronze juvenile medals. Duplication is not permitted i.e. a player may not play in both Singles and Doubles, nor in more than one age group in the same year. A player defeated in an earlier round may not be used as a substitute in the same year.

- (ii) Under 12/13 Team of Six Championships in Softball and 40 x 20.

Teams to consist of three Under 12 and three Under 13 players who have not represented their county at Under 14 level or over.

- (iii) Under 14/15 Team of Six Championships in Softball and 40 x 20.

Teams to consist of three Under 14 and three Under 15 players who have not won a provincial championship in any age group.

- (P) County Championships

- (i) Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Minor, Novice and Juvenile in Hardball, Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles.

- (ii) Team Championships.

- (iii) Players can only compete in two grades of competition in 40 x 20, Softball and Hardball in any one year.

48. Age Qualification for Championships

- (A) A minor player must be under 19 years of age on January 1st. of the current year's championship.

- (B) The Under 21 Championships are confined to players in the 17 - 21 age bracket. Players must be 17 years of age or over and Under 21 years of age on January 1st of the year of the Championship.

- (C) Juveniles: In all Championships and competitions the players must be the specified age on January 1st of the year of the Championship or competition.

- (D) The age qualification for overage Championships shall be based on the qualifying age being reached in the year of the Championship.

49. Grading

- (A) There shall be separate grading for all Softball, Hardball and 40 x 20 Championships.

- (i) A player who has represented his/her county in any code at senior level may be regraded by his/her Provincial Council and subject to ratification by Central Council provided he/she has not won an All-Ireland Championship in that grade.

- (ii) Regrading in 60 x 30 or 40 x 20 codes is subject to sanction of the County Committee, Provincial Council and Central Council.

- (iii) A player winning an All-Ireland Singles or Doubles Championship may still play in the same grade, provided he/she has participated in that Championship prior to winning the All-Ireland title. i.e. Promoted immediately on winning the All-Ireland Singles Championship, unless still involved in the Doubles Championship.

- (C) The Novice Singles and Doubles All-Ireland Championship shall be confined to the following players:

- (i) A Novice shall not have won a Provincial and/or All-Ireland Singles or Doubles Championship in Minor, Under 21, Novice, Junior, Intermediate or Senior.

- (ii) A Novice shall not have played on a Junior, Senior or Open All-Ireland Club Championship winning team.

- (iii) A Novice shall not have won an Under 14 or Under 16 All-Ireland Singles or Doubles Championship.

- (iv) A Novice shall not have represented his/her county in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Singles or Doubles Championship (unless subsequently regraded).

- (v) A Novice shall be over 16 years of age.

- (vi) A Novice, having commenced a playing year in that grade, retains Novice status for the duration of the year, regardless of the number of Novice Championships, provincial or national, he may win in the course of that year.

- (D) The Junior Singles and Doubles All-Ireland Championships shall be confined to the following players:

- (i) Players who have won an Under 14 or Under 16 All-Ireland Championship in Singles or Doubles.

- (ii) Players who have won a Minor, Under 21 or Novice Provincial Championship in Singles or Doubles.

- (iii) Players who have won a Junior All-Ireland Club Championship.

- (iv) Players who have won a Novice Singles or Doubles All-Ireland Championship.

- (v) A Junior player in Singles or Doubles Championship shall not have won a Minor, Under 21, Junior, Intermediate or Senior All-Ireland Championship and shall not have represented his/her county in the Intermediate or Senior Championships.

- (E) The Intermediate Singles and Doubles All-Ireland Championships shall be confined to the following players:

- (i) Players who have won a Minor or Under 21 All-Ireland Singles or Doubles Championship.

- (ii) Players who have won a Junior Singles or Doubles Provincial Championship before June 1994.

- (iii) Players who win the new (post June 1994) Junior Singles or Doubles All-Ireland Championship.

- (F) A Senior is a player who has represented his/her county in the Senior All-Ireland Championships and/or won the following:

- (i) A Junior All-Ireland Hardball Championship or

- (ii) A Junior All-Ireland Softball or 40 x 20 Championship before June 1994 or

- (iii) An Intermediate All-Ireland Softball or 40 x 20 Championship after June 1994.

- (G) All-Ireland Club Championships.

- (i) A Novice player in the All-Ireland Club Championships must be eligible to play Novice in the Singles or Doubles Championship and must not have played on a Novice Club Championship winning team.

- (ii) A Junior player in the All-Ireland Club Championships must be eligible to play Junior in the Singles and Doubles Championships and must not have played on a Junior Club Championship winning team.

- (iii) The Open Club Championships are open to all grades of player.

(Cill Chainnigh)

11. That the back wall in 60 x 30 be standardised to a range of 9' to 12' in height. Amend Rule Part II A 1 (b) Playing Rules.

(Gaillimh)

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. That on card with a number of matches the start time be set for each match.

(Gaillimh)

13. That the practice of playing All-Ireland semi-finals and finals on the one weekend be discontinued.

(Tiobraid Árann)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

14 March 1997

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 1996.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£120,140. Expenditure came to IR£130,040 leaving an Operating Deficit of IR£9,900. In the preceding year there was a deficit of IR£11,348. As compared with that year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase IR£	Decrease IR£
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	12,000	
Sponsorships and Subscriptions		1,875
Draw Surplus		3,163
Year Book Surplus	3,749	

EXPENDITURE

International	5,356	
Repairs to Ceannáras		2,437
Meetings and Officials Travel	2,230	
Administration and General	2,780	

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1996 including outlay on Ceannáras IR£304,200 had a book value of IR£367,164. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£175,558 came to IR£184,582. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£182,582.

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 1996

	Schedule	1996 IR£	1995 IR£
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		14,289	15,006
Gate Receipts		5,562	4,267
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		25,000	13,000
National League Grant		4,000	4,000
Government Grants net	1	58,000	57,000
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		6,137	8,012
Advertising		400	—
Draw Surplus		—	3,163
Sundry Sales		1,896	403
Yearbook Surplus		3,749	—
Other Income		1,107	1,032
		<u>120,140</u>	<u>105,883</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		14,190	12,755
International		11,897	6,541
Juvenile		3,065	2,582
Promotional Materials		3,893	1,577
Trophies		11,681	12,169
Meetings and Officials' Travel		18,061	15,831
Administration Grants	2	2,600	2,600
Coaching, Leadership and Development		4,183	3,306
Repairs to Ceannáras		—	2,437
Finance Charges		147	117
Administration and General	3	57,552	54,772
Depreciation		2,771	2,544
		<u>130,040</u>	<u>117,231</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT		(9,900)	(11,348)
Marathon Proceeds		192,482	203,830
Balance at end of year		<u>182,582</u>	<u>192,482</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 IR£	1995 IR£
FIXED ASSETS			
	2	308,698	305,846
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		2,149	5,104
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		13,536	6,936
Cash and Bank Balances		24,231	40,969
		<u>40,466</u>	<u>53,559</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Court Construction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		3,591	3,591
Creditors		2,933	4,549
Bank Overdraft		175,558	174,283
		<u>184,582</u>	<u>184,923</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(144,116)	(131,364)
		<u>182,582</u>	<u>192,482</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund		<u>182,582</u>	<u>192,482</u>

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
14 March 1997

D. O'CONNOR & CO.
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1996**

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (A) The accounts are prepared under the historic cost convention.
- (B) Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets other than Outlay on Ceannáras in equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:
- Gymnasium Equipment—20% Straight line
Office Equipment —20% Straight line
- (C) Assets held under leasing arrangements that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the Council are capitalised. The capital element of the related rental obligations is included in creditors. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the Profit and Loss Account so as to produce a periodic rate of charge.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Outlay on Ceannáras IR£	Gymnasium Equipment IR£	Office Equipment IR£	Total IR£
COST				
At 1 January 1996	304,200	4,494	8,230	316,924
Additions	—	—	5,623	5,623
At 31 December 1996	<u>304,200</u>	<u>4,494</u>	<u>13,853</u>	<u>322,547</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 1996	—	4,494	6,584	11,078
Charge for year	—	—	2,771	2,771
At 31 December 1995	<u>—</u>	<u>4,494</u>	<u>9,355</u>	<u>13,849</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>304,200</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,498</u>	<u>308,698</u>

**SCHEDULES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1996**

	1996 IR£	1995 IR£
SCHEDULE 1:		
Government Grants		
Annual Grant	52,000	51,000
Irish Nationals	2,500	2,000
International	2,000	2,000
Outstanding Sportspersons	2,000	3,000
Equipment Grant	1,500	2,000
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Less: Distributable	(2,000)	(3,000)
	<u>58,000</u>	<u>57,000</u>

SCHEDULE 2:		
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 3:		
Administration and General Expenses		
Staff Costs	44,272	40,162
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	4,871	5,099
Postage and Telephone	5,805	6,639
Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,750	1,750
All-Ireland Tickets	534	488
Miscellaneous	320	634
	<u>57,552</u>	<u>54,772</u>

Ba mhaith le Comhairle Liathróid
Láimhe na hÉireann
buíochas a ghabháil leis

An Chomhairle Spóirt

as ucht deontasaí a chur ar fáil
d'ár gcluiche

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS — for the year ended 30th September 1996.

	IR£	IR£	1995 IR£
INCOME			
Membership Fees	2,420		3,381
Court Booking Fees	3,703		3,388
Other Fees	—		50
		6,123	6,819
Shop Sales	8,339		9,770
Opening Stock	1,331		1,946
Purchases	5,861		5,586
Closing Stock	(1,374)		(1,165)
		2,521	3,403
		8,644	10,222
GROSS PROFIT			
EXPENSES			
Premises	8,328		7,674
Administration	3,061		1,979
Financial	212		257
Selling	2,360		—
Staff Costs	8,119		7,911
		22,080	17,821
Net Loss		(13,436)	(7,599)
Subsidy by Club Lounge		10,992	—
Exceptional Item		—	51,037
Opening Deficit		(301)	(43,739)
Closing Deficit		(2,749)	(301)

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1996

	IR£	IR£	1995 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock on Hand	2,878		1,331
Debtors	7		21
Cash at bank and in hand	83		1,249
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due withing one year)	5,713		2,902
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(2,745)	(301)
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
Accumulated Deficit to date	(2,745)		(301)
		(2,745)	(301)

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with the instructions given to us, we have prepared and reviewed, without carrying out an audit, the accounts of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann—Ceannaras Club for the year ended 30th September 1996. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations. The statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.

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 relating to the income and expenditure of the Club for the year ended 30th September 1996 and to the assets and liabilities of the Club at 30th September 1996.

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 1996

	IR£	IR£	1995 IR£
SALES		106,230	114,903
COST OF SALES		62,200	68,529
GROSS PROFIT		44,030	46,374
EXPENSES			
Premises	4,931		5,201
Administration	4,539		4,595
Staff Costs	24,675		26,442
		34,145	36,238
Net Operating Profit		9,885	10,136
Club Subsidy		(10,992)	(7,599)
NET PROFIT / (LOSS)		(1,107)	2,537
Exceptional Item		—	(43,438)
Deficit after Club Subsidy		(1,107)	(40,901)
Balance at Beginning of Year		7,989	48,890
CLOSING SURPLUS		6,882	7,989

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1996

	IR£	IR£	1995 IR£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	6,651		8,655
Debtors	344		291
Cash at bank and in hand	16,590		17,434
	23,585		26,380
CREDITORS (Amount falling due within one year)	16,703		18,391
NET ASSETS		6,882	7,989
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
Accumulated Surplus to date	6,882		7,989
		6,882	7,989

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with the instructions given to us, we have prepared and reviewed, without carrying out an audit, the accounts of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann—Ceannaras Club Lounge for the year ended 30th September 1996. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations. The statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.

GORMAN QUIGLEY & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants.

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LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

ALL-IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPIONS 1996

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.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin	Michael Finnegan	An Cabhán
I.D.	Micheál Ó Fionnagáin, Réamonn Mac Cuinneagáin	Michael Finnegan, Raymond Cunningham	An Cabhán
J.S.	Réamonn Ó Braoin	Raymond Breen	Loch Garman
J.D.	Pádraig Ó Riain, Caoimhín Cróc	Pat Ryan, Kevin Croke	Tiobraid Árann
M.S.	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
M.D.	Barra MacEochaidh, Marc Hillis	Barry Goff, Mark Hillis	Loch Garman
U21S	Trevor Mac an Gheimhridh	Trevor Winders	Cill Dara
U21D	Trevor Mac an Gheimhridh, Dara Mac an Bhaire	Trevor Winders, Darragh Ward	Cill Dara
N.S.	Eamonn de Lá	Eamonn Law	Cill Chainnigh
N.D.	Maitiú Ó Lorcáin, Deaglán Ó hAirt	Matt Larkin, Declan Harte	Loch Garman
M.A.S.	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
M.A.D.	Micheál Breathnach, Antóin Ó hAnnáin	Mickey Walsh, Tony Hannon	Roscomáin
M.B.S.	Pól Ó hAodha	Paul Hayes	Corcaigh
M.B.D.	An tAth Conal Ó Cannain, Aodh MacFhearaigh	Fr Conal Cannon, Hugh McGarry	Sligeach
SMAS	Tomás Ó Deirg	Tom Derrig	Muigheo
SMAD	Geróid Mac Eochaidh, Uinsionn Ó Sé	Jeddi McKeogh, Vincent O'Shea	Tiobraid Árann
SMBS	Risteard Bhilbhí	Richard Willoughby	Cill Mhantáin
SMBD	Seán Ó Duibhir, Seán R Ó Mórdha	John O'Dwyer, John Ryan Moore	Tiobraid Árann
GMAS	Muiris de Buitléir	Mossy Butler	Port Láirge
GMAD	Dónal Ó Ciarba, Séamus Breathnach	Dan Kirby, Jimmy Walsh	An Clár
GMB	Pádraig Ó Briain	Pat O'Brien	Corcaigh
GMBD	Briain Ó Míocháin, Proinsias Mac Amhalai	Brian Meehan, Francie Cawley	Sligeach
EMAS	Pádraig Breathnach	Paddy Walsh	Sligeach
EMAD	Criostóir Laighneach, Olibhéar Ó hEochach	Christy Lynagh, Oliver Hough	An Mhi
EMBS	Proinsias Ó Dualaigh	Frank Dooley	Cill Dara
EMBD	Dáithí Ó Slatara, Pádraig Ó Cléirigh	David Slattery, Pat Cleary	Tiobraid Árann
DMAS	Eamonn Ó Laocha	Eddie Leahy	Cill Chainnigh
DMAD	Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Eamonn Ó Laocha	Pat O'Keeffe, Eddie Leahy	Cill Chainnigh
DMBS	Séamus Mac Conraoi	Jimmy King	Loch Garman
DMBD	Séamus Mac Conraoi, Tomás Ó Broin	Jimmy King, Tom Byrne	Loch Garman

HARDBALL

SHS	Peadar Mac Amhalai	Peter McAuley	An Lú
SHD	Ualtar Ó Conhúir, Dáithí Mac Eochaidh	Walter O'Connor, David Gough	An Mhi
JHS	Marc Ó Floinn	Mark Flynn	Tiobraid Árann
JHD	Máirtín Ó Cadhla, Pól Ó hAichir	Martin Kiely, Paul Herr	Luimneach
MHS	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Ceatharlach
MHD	Cathmhaoil Ó Braonáin, Uinsionn Ó Móráin	Campbell Brennan, Vincent Moran	Muigheo

40 x 20

SS	Micheál Breathnach	Michael Walsh	Cill Chainnigh
SD	Tomás Ó Sioradáin, Ian Jensen	Tom Sheridan, Egin Jensen	An Mhi
IS	Aibhistín Mac Suibhne	Gus Sweeney	Muigheo
ID	Tomás Ó hEidhin, Eamonn Bogaigh	Tommy Hynes, Ned Buggy	Loch Garman
JS	Réamonn Ó Braoin	Raymond Breen	Loch Garman
JD	Réamonn Ó Braoin, Bearnard Ó Duill	Raymond Breen, Benny Doyle	Loch Garman
MS	Antóin Ó hÉalaithe	Tony Healy	Corcaigh
MD	Antóin Ó hÉalaithe, Gearóid Ó hÉalaithe	Tony Healy, Jerh Healy	Corcaigh
U21S	Seán Ó Daimhín	Seán Devine	Aontroim
U21D	Seán Ó Daimhín, Séamus Ó Tuama	Seán Devine, Séamus Ó Tuama	Aontroim
NS	Máirtín Ó Cadhla	Martin Kiely	Luimneach
ND	Bearnard Ó Néill, Aodán Ó Doibhlín	Benny O'Neill, Aidan Devlin	Ard Mhaca
MAS	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	Roscomáin
MAD	Micheál Breathnach, Stiofáin Frinse	Mickey Walsh, Stephen French	Roscomáin
MBS	Máirtín Ó Braoin	Martin Bruen	Roscomáin
MBD	Labhrás Ó Ráine, Séamus Ua Duibne	Larry Rainey, Jimmy Dobbyn	Aontroim
SMAS	Seán Ó Ciarba	John Kirby	An Clár
SMAD	Seán Ó Ciarba, Micheál Ó hOgáin	John Kirby, Michael Hogan	An Clár
SMBS	Beirheart Mac Ceallacháin	Bert Keleghan	Gaillimh
SMBD	Murcha Ó Dorchaí, Beirheart Mac Ceallacháin	Morgan Darcy, Bert Keleghan	Gaillimh
GMAS	Seán Ó hEanna	Seán Heaney	Muigheo
GMAD	Dónal Ó Ciarba, Séamus Breathnach	Dan Kirby, Jimmy Walsh	An Clár
GMB	Seán Ó Maolmhuaidh	John Molloy	Áth Cliath
GMBD	Seán Ó Maolmhuaidh, Pádraig Ó Riain	John Molloy, Pat Ryan	Áth Cliath
EMS	Eamon Ó Laocha	Eddie Leahy	Cill Chainnigh
EMD	Eamon Ó Laocha, Pádraig Ó Caoimh	Eddie Leahy, Pat O'Keeffe	Cill Chainnigh
DMS	Micheál Ó Neachtain	Michael Naughton	Roscomáin
DMD	Colmán Ó Gadhra, Réamonn Ó Dochartaigh	Colman Geary, Ray Doherty	Áth Cliath

ÓGANÁIGH 60 x 30

U14S	Pádraig Ó Fionnagáin	Patrick Finnegan	An Cabhán
U14D	Séamus Ó Ceallaigh, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh	Shem Kelly, Donal Kelly	Cill Chainnigh
U15S	Liam Ó Gadhra	William Love	Cill Chainnigh
U15D	Ian Ó Maolchatail, Somhairle Bhilbhí	Ian Mulhall, Sammy Willoughby	Cill Mhantáin
U16S	Tadh Ó Clumháin	Timmy Clifford	Cill Chainnigh
U16D	Ciarán Muineach, Eunan Ó Ceallaigh	Ciaran Meenagh, Eunan Kelly	Tír Eoghain
U17S	Pádraig Ó Donnaile	Patrick Donnelly	Luimneach
U17D	Peadar Mac Craith, Maolseachláinn Ó Faoláin	Peter McGrath, Malachy Whelan	Loch Garman

ÓGANÁIGH 40 x 20

U14S	Micheál Ó Greacháin	Michael Gregan	Cill Mhantáin
U14D	Briain Ó Muineog, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh	Brian Minogue, Donal Kelly	Cill Chainnigh
U15S	Liam Ó Gadhra	William Love	Cill Chainnigh
U15D	Barra Ó hEochaidh, Deaglan Ó hEochaidh	Barry Hough, Declan Hough	Muigheo
U16S	Tadh Ó Clumháin	Timmy Clifford	Cill Chainnigh
U16D	Ciarán Muineach, Eunan Ó Ceallaigh	Ciaran Meenagh, Eunan Kelly	Tír Eoghain
U17S	Pól Ó Colmáin	Paul Coleman	Tiobraid Árann
U17D	Pádraig Ó Buachalla, Niall Mac Oitir	Patrick Buckley, Niall Cotter	Corcaigh

60 x 30 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

U12/13	Cill Chainnigh: Seán Ó Sé, Tomás Ó hAodha, Séamus Ó hEachach, Brendan de Barra, Tomás Caimpion, C S Ó Dubhshláine Sean O'Shea, Tom Hughes, Seamus Hawe, Brendan Barry, Tom Campion, C. J. Delaney	
U14/15	Loch Garman: Wayne Cinsealach, Dorei Breathnach, Toirealach Gainfort, Máirtín Ó hEidhin, Pádraig Mc Roibeard, Nollaig Ó Cuanacháin, Barra Mac Réamainn Wayne Kinsella, Derek Walsh, Terry Gainfort, Matthew Hynes, Padraig Roberts, Noel Counihan, Barry Redmond	

40 x 20 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

U12/13	Muigheo: Seosamh Mac Canna, Aindriú Ó Móráin, Stiofán S. Ó Dearbháin, Séamus Mac Giolla Chaillí, Connaith Ó Máille, Eamonn Ó Callaráin Joseph McGann, Andrew Moran, Stevie Joe Durvan, James Kilcullen, Kenneth O'Malley, Eamonn Colleran	
U14/15	Loch Garman: Pádraig de hOchtáin, Maitiú Ó hEidhin, Toirleach Gainfort, Breandán Ó Tuathal, Pádraig Mac Roibeard, Nollaig Ó hUallacháin Paddy Haughton, Matthew Hynes, Terry Gainfort, Brendan O'Toole, Pádraig Roberts, Noel Holohan	

CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

Faoi 14S	Lidia Ní Dhulainn	Lydia Doolan	Roscomáin
Faoi 14D	Clár Ní Chonnachtáin, Lára Níe Aodha	Clare Connaughton, Laura McHugh	Gaillimh
Faoi 15S	Mairéad Ní Bhroin	Marguerite Byrne	Loch Garman
Faoi 15D	Sinéad Ní Bhreacáin, Demelza Ní Chathasaigh	Jennifer Bracken, Demelza Casey	Roscomáin
Faoi 16S	Clár Ní hÉineacháin	Claire Heneghan	Roscomáin
Faoi 16D	Sinéad Ní Fhionnáin, Clóda Ní Chonchúir	Sinéad Gannon, Clodagh O'Connor	Roscomáin
Faoi 17S	Mairtine Ní Arrachtáin	Martina Harrington	Roscomáin
Faoi 17D	Eimear Ní Challarain, Caitriona Ní Thansai	Emer Colleran, Catriona Tansey	Muigheo
Mionúir S	Aine Ní Rinn	Anna Wynn	Cill Dara
Mionúir D	Máire Ní Fhinnthírn, Eithne Ní Mhiadhaigh	Marie Finneran, Eithne Mee	Roscomáin

CAILÍNÍ 40 x 20

Faoi 14S	Lidia Ní Dhulainn	Lydia Doolan	Roscomáin
Faoi 14D	Jackie Ní Dhúil, Siobhán Ní Riain	Jackie Doyle, Siobhán Ryan	Roscomáin
Faoi 15S	Lorraine Ní Nuáin	Lorraine Noone	Roscomáin
Faoi 15D	Clár Ní Bhruadair, Grainne Ní Raghallaigh	Clare Broderick, Grainne O'Reilly	Aontroim
Faoi 16S	Sile Ní Longáin	Julie Long	Ath Cliath
Faoi 16D	Clár Ní hÉineacháin, Clóda Ní Chonchúir	Claire Heneghan, Clodagh O'Connor	Roscomáin
Faoi 17S	Fiona Ní Bhreanáin	Fiona Brennan	Laois
Faoi 17D	Caitrion Ní hÍr, Sinéad Ní Dhaibhí	Caitriona O'Hare, Sinéad Dawson	Aontroim
Mionúir S	Fiona Níe Cionaoith	Fiona McKenna	Aontroim
Mionúir D	Fiona Níe Cionaoith, Gobnait Níe Giolla Fhiondaín	Fiona McKenna, Debbie Lundy	Aontroim

ADULT LADIES 60 x 30

SS	Bearnairdín Níe Aonasa	Bernie Hennessy	Luimneach
SD	Siobhán Ní Chiardha, Éilís Níe Nicholl	Susan Carey, Liz Nichol	Ath Cliath
JS	Siobhán Níe Aonais	Susan Ennis	Ath Cliath
JD	Neasa Ní Neachtáin, Fionnuala Ní Mhiadhaigh	Nessa Naughton, Fionnuala Mee	Roscomáin
30+	Máire Níe Lionsaí	Mary Lindsay	Aontroim

ADULT LADIES 40 x 20

SS	Bearnairdin Nic Aonasa	Bernie Hennessy	Luimneach
SD	Siobhán Nic Gabhann, Éilís Ní Chathmhaoil	Suzanne Smith, Liz Campbell	Aontroim
JS	Caral Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh	Carol Moloney	Tiobraid Árann
JD	Adrienne Ní Phléimeann, Siobhán Nic Aonais	Adrienne Fleming, Susan Ennis	Áth Cliath
30+	Máire Ní Lionsaí	Mary Lindsay	Aontroim

CORN GAEL LINN – MIXED PAIRS FAOI 13

CURRAGHBOY, ROSCOMÁIN

Máire Ní Cheallaigh, Dónal Ó Conchúir – Máire Kelly, Donal O'Connor

FÉILE NA nGAEL

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

Tomás Ó Nualáin, Seán Breathnach, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh, Séamus Ó Ceallaigh, Adam Mac Caisín
Tom Nolan, Shane Walsh, Donal Kelly, Shem Kelly, Adam Cashin

Skills Test: Pádraig Ó Fionnagáin, Patrick Finnegan, Kingscourt, Cabhán

60 x 30 ROINN II: BALLAGHADEREEN, MUIGHEO

Barra Ó Riagáin, Oilibhéar Ó Tuathaigh, Aindris Ó Móráin, Seosamh Mac Canna, Pádraig Ó Flannabhra
Barry Regan, Oliver Twomey, Andrew Moran, Joseph McCann, Patrick Flannery

Skills Test: Brian Ó Cinnéide: Brian Kennedy, St. Bridgid's, Co. Átha Cliath

40 x 20 CAILÍNÍ: ST. COMAN'S, ROSCOMÁIN

Lidia Ní Dhúlainn, Sinéad Ní Bhreacháin, Jackie Ní Dhúill, Aifric Ní Neachtain, Lára Ní Shearcaigh
Lydia Doolan, Jennifer Bracken, Jackie Doyle, Aifric Naughton, Laura Sharkey

Skills Test: Lidia Ní Dhúlainn, Lydia Doolan, St. Coman's, Roscomáin

40 x 20 ROINN I: COOLBOY, CILL MHANTÁIN

Micheál Ó Gréacháin, Roibeárd Bhilbhi, Ian Ó Maolchathail, Antoine Ó Sioradáin, Seán Bhilbhi
Michael Gegan, Robert Willoughby, Ian Mulhall, Anthony Sheridan, Johnny Willoughby

Skills Test: Traolach Gainford, Terry Gainford, Castlebridge, Loch Garman

40 x 20 ROINN II: KELLS, AN MHI

Deaglán Ó Raghallaigh, Criostóir Mac Gabhann, Liam Mac Aidián, Riobárd Ó Flannagáin, Peadar Ó Flannagáin
Declan Reilly, Christopher Smith, William Atkins, Robert Flanagan, Peter Flanagan

Skills Test: Stiofán Ó hAoláin, Steve Hyland, St. Paul's, Aontroim

40 x 20 ROINN III: NAOMH MHUIRE, CILL DARA

Seán Ó Fallúin, Ronán Ó Flaitheartaigh, Pól Ó Móráin, Seán Ó Cárthaigh, Graham Ó Broin
Seán Fallon, Ronan Flaherty, Paul Moran, Shane Carthy, Graham Byrne

Skills Test: Seán Ó Fallúin, Seán Fallon, Naomh Mhuire, Cill Dara

SRAITH NAÍSIÚNTA 40 x 20

AN IAR MHI

Roibeárd Mac Cárthaigh, Séamus Mac Giolla Phóil, Criostóir Seoighe, Seán Seoighe, Réamonn Mac Cathail, Criostóir Mac Chnáimhín

Roberty McCarthy, Jim Guilfoyle, Christy Joyce, John Joyce, Ray Charles, Christy Nevin.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

60 x 30 OPEN: GARDA, Áth Cliath

Proinsias Mac Cuinneagáin, Alan Ó Cionnaith, Eoin Ó Dunáil, Pádraig de hÁil, Seosamh Ó Murnáin
Francis Cunningham, Alan Kenny, Eugene Downey, Pat Hall, Joe Warren

60 x 30 JUNIOR: MULLINGAR, Iarmhi

Criostóir Seoighe, Criostóir Mac Chnáimhín, S. S. Seoighe, Réamann Mac Cathail, Coireall Mac Cárthaigh
Christy Joyce, Christy Nevin, J. J. Joyce, Ray Charles, Cyril McCarthy

60 x 30 NOVICE: O'LOUGHLIN'S, Cill Chainnigh

Seosamh Ó Dálaigh, Conchubhar Ó Mórdha, Eamonn Ó Laocha, Pól Mac Gabhann
Joe Daly, Con Moore, Eddie Leahy, Paul Smith

40 x 20 OPEN: NAOMH PÓL, Aontroim

Stiofán Ó Madáin, Seán Ó Daimhín, Séamus Ó Tuama, Seosamh Mac Alastair, Liam Ó Labhraí
Stevie Madden, Seán Devine, Séamus Ó Tuama, Josie McAllister, Bill Lavery

40 x 20 JUNIOR: AN MUILLEANN CEARR, Iarmhi

Réamonn Mac Cathail, Seán Mac Chnáimhín, Criostóir Mac Chnáimhín, Seán Seosamh Seoighe, Criostóir Seoighe
Ray Charles, John Nevin, Christy Nevin, John Joe Joyce, Christy Joyce

40 x 20 NOVICE: O'LOUGHLIN'S, Cill Chainnigh

Tadhg Ó Clúmháin, Micheál Ó Nualláin, Seosamh Ó Dálaigh, Nioclás Ó Raghallaigh, Conchubhar Ó Mórdha
Timmy Clifford, Michael Nolan, Joe Daly, Nickey O'Reilly, Con Moore

COLÁISTÍ 60 x 30 – BUACHAILLÍ

Sóisear S	Liam Ó Gadhra	William Love	Castlecomer C.S.
Sóisear D	Pádraig Ó Fionnagáin, Ailéin Mac Cába	Patrick Finnegan, Alan McCabe	St. Patrick's, Cavan
Sinsear S	Ciarán Ó Muineach	Ciarán Meenagh	Omagh C.B.S.
Sinsear D	Carl de Brún, Seosamh Ó Coimin	Carl Browne, Joe Cummins	Kells C.S.

COLÁISTÍ 40 x 20 – BUACHAILLÍ

Sóisear S	Carl de Brún	Carl Browne	Kells C.S.
Sóisear D	Riain Mac Cormaic, Toirleach Tionnalaigh	Ryan McCormack, Terence Tinnelly	St. Patrick's, Cavan
Sinsear S	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Presentation/De La Salle, Muine Bheag
Sinsear D	Seán Mac Cú Uladh, Stiofán Mac an tSagairt	Shane MacCullagh, Steven Taggart	Omagh C.B.S.

COLÁISTÍ 60 x 30 – CAILÍNÍ

Faoi 13 S	Máire Ní Cheallaigh	Marie Kelly	Summerhill College
Faoi 13 D	Siobhán Ní Riain, Karen Ní Mhainnín	Siobhán Ryan, Karen Mannion	Convent of Mercy, Roscomáin
Faoi 15 S	Lorraine Ní Nuáin	Lorraine Noone	Convent of Mercy, Roscomáin
Faoi 15 D	Una Ní Rinn, Fiona Ní hÉilí	Una Wrynn, Fiona Healy	Coláist Chiaráin, Leixlip
Faoi 18 S	Síle Ní Longáin	Julie Long	Riversdale Community College, Áth Cliath
Faoi 18 D	Aine Ní Rinn, Orla Ní Rinn	Anna Wrynn, Orla Wrynn	Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip

COMHAIRLE ARD OIDEACHAIS

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

Trevor Ó Loinsigh, Máirtín Ó Murchú, Antóin Ó hÉilí, Micheál Ó Raifeartaigh
Trevor Lynch, Martin Murphy, Tony Healy, Michael Rafferty

'B' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: T.C.D.

Joel Mac Gabhann, Eoin Ó Cathluain, Demetri Chrysestomou, Pádraig Ó Máirtín, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh
Joel Smith, Owen Calhoun, Demetri Chrysestomou, Pat Martin, Danny Kelly

LADIES' SINGLES: Jackie Ní Chéitinn, Jackie Keating, Waterford R.T.C.

MEN'S SINGLES: Ciarán Ó Corráin, Ciarán Curran, Q.U.B.

MEN'S 'B' SINGLES: Daithí Ó Tormaigh, David Tormey, Galway R.T.C.

COMÓRTASAI IDIRNÁISIÚNTA

WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS

Men's Open Singles	Micheál Breathnach	Michael 'Duxie' Walsh	Talbot's Inch, Cill Chainnigh
Ladies Open Singles:	Bearnairdín Nic Aonghusa	Bernie Hennessy	Hospital, Luimneach
Men's 'B' Singles:	Seán Ó Daimhín	Seán Devine	St. Paul's, Aontroim
Ladies 'B' Singles:	Fionnuala Ní Mhiadaigh	Fionnuala Mee	St. Brigid's, Roscomáin
Men's 'C' Singles:	Pól Ó Gréacháin	Paul Graham	Q.U.B., Aontroim
Mas. 'A' Singles:	Micheál Breathnach	Mickey Walsh	St. Coman's, Roscomáin
Mas. 'B' Singles:	Seán 'Boy' Ó Maolmhuidh	John Boy Molloy	Kells, An Mhi
G.M.'A' Singles:	Seán Ó Ciarba	John Kirby	Shannon, An Clár
G.M. 'B' Singles:	Seán Ó Maolmhuidh	John Molloy	St. Malachy's, Áth Cliath
Diamond Masters Singles:	Eamonn Ó Laocha	Eddie Leahy	O'Loughlin's, Cill Chainnigh
Girls 15 and Under:	Lidia Ní Dhúlainn	Lydia Doolan	St. Coman's, Roscomáin
Boys 15 and Under:	Carl de Brún	Carl Brown	Kells, An Mhi
Girls 17 and Under:	Sibéal Nic Cionaoith	Sibéal McKenna	St. Paul's, Aontroim
Boys 17 and Under:	Cionnaith Ó Catháin	Kenneth Kane	Garryhill, Ceatharlach
Girls 19 and Under:	Fiona Nic Cionaoith	* Fiona McKenna	St. Paul's, Aontroim
Boys 19 and Under:	Antóin Ó h-Éalai	Tony Healy	Ballydesmond, Corcaigh

USHA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls 15 and Under:	Lidia Ní Dhúlainn	Lydia Doolan	St. Coman's, Roscomáin
Girls 19 and Under:	Aine Ní Rinn,	Anna Wrynn	Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Cill Dara



Joe Edge, Director of Sales and Marketing, O'Neills Irish International Sportsgoods Ltd., presents playing attire to the Irish team for the USHA Junior Championships in December 1996. From left, Seán Mac an tSaoi, Coach; Jimmy King, Coach; Sibeal McKenna; Dessie Keegan; John Gaffney, Team Manager; Anna Wynn; Joe Edge; Tony Healy; Lydia Doolan and Timmy Clifford.



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