



Comhairle LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE na hÉireann

An Chomhsháil Bhliantúil
2000



WATERFORD CRYSTAL HANDBALL AWARDS



The recipients of the Waterford Crystal awards pictured at the banquet in May:

Back (l to r): Ciarán Cosgrave, Waterford Crystal, Ken Conway (Clonmel) Official of the Year, Dessie Keegan (Ballaghaderreen) Male Young Player of the Year, Richard Willoughby (Coolboy) Coach of the Year, Paddy Lennon (Coolboy) Masters Player of the Year.

Centre (l to r): Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán CLLB, Peadar Mac Artúir, Uachtarán CLLE, Seosamh Mac Donncha, Uachtarán CLG, Tommy Griffin representing the Club of the Year, Ballymacelligott.

Front (l to r): Brother Séamus O'Callaghan (Clara) Special Achievement, Dick Lyng (Ballyanne) Hall of Fame, Lydia Doolan (St Coman's, Roscommon) Female Young Player of the Year and Fiona McKenna (St Paul's, Belfast) Female Player of the Year.



Tutors and participants at the National Coaching Course at St Augustine's College, Dungarvan in August.

Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2000 Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

ar AN SATHARN, 25 agus AN DOMHNACH, 26 MÁRTA
san Hibernian Hotel, Mala, Co. Chorcaí

CLÁR OIBRE

SATHARN 25 MÁRTA 5.00 p.m.

1. Fáiltiú
2. Adoption of Standing Orders
3. Minutes of Congress 1999
4. Report of Riarthóir Náisiúnta 1999
5. Annual Accounts 1999
6. Oráid an Uachtaráin
7. Addresses of invited guests
8. Elections
 - Cisteoir
 - Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle C.L.G.
9. Motions
10. Close of Congress

AINMNIÚCHÁIN 2000

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui, Outgoing (Tiobraid Árann, Cill Mhantáin, Cill Chainnigh, Uíbh Fháili, Ceatharlach, Loch Garman).

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle CLG:

Seán Mac an tSaoi, Outgoing (Tiobraid Árann, Cill Mhantáin, Ceatharlach).
Tomás Breathnach (Uíbh Fháili).
Máirín Ní Sé (Ciarraí).
Conchubhar Ó Mórdha (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.
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 Riarthóir'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 1999 is féidir a rá go raibh bliain mhaith torhúil ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Bliain stairiúil a bhí ann agus sinn ag comóradh seachtó cúig bliain ó bunaíodh an Chomhairle ar 27 Eanáir, 1924.

Thainig imreoirí óga chun cinn, bhuaigh ár n-imreoirí sóisearacha craobhacha USHA, bhí na Nationals ar fheabhas agus chabhraigh contaethe agus na h-imreoirí chun na comórtasai go léir a chríochnú beagnach de réir clár na bliana.

Tá dul chun cinn in alán clubanna agus contaethe ag leibhéal na nógánach, cé go bhfuil alán obair le déanamh ag gach leibhéal den eagraíocht chun an cluiche a fhorhail.

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 á 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.

1999 was another very busy year for Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann with activities ranging from Juvenile and Cumann na mBunscol promotions to the USHA Junior Championships in California in December. In addition, An Chomhairle celebrated the 75th anniversary of the foundation of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann with a number of commemorative events, special competitions and Club promotions. Among the highlights of the anniversary year were:

- * The special 75th Anniversary commemorative Mass and celebrations on 27 Eanáir
- * The European Youth One Wall Championships at Dungarvan
- * The success of the special Team of Ten competitions
- * The Waterford Crystal Nationals in which over 200 players took part
- * The Handball Awards Presentation Banquet at which the former Presidents were honoured
- * The successes of Irish players in USHA Championships and
- * The emergence of young players at Senior level in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30.

75th ANNIVERSARY

The 75th anniversary of the foundation of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann on 27 Eanáir 1924 was marked by a special meeting of Ard Chomhairle CLLE and a commemorative event on the anniversary date. This event included a Mass of thanksgiving and remembrance, historical readings, formal speeches and the unveiling of a plaque listing the names of all the Handball Presidents and was attended by CLG officers, surviving Presidents, relations of deceased Presidents and representatives of the Rugby Fives and Welsh Handball Associations.

The anniversary year was also marked by special competitions including juvenile and adult events in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. Former Presidents were honoured at the Waterford Crystal Handball Awards banquet in May and a special Handball Day was held on 17 October 1999.

The year was an opportunity for every unit to remember its past, to recognise its achievements and to honour those who

contributed to the development of the organisation in any way over the years.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND RANKING TOURNAMENTS

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann was responsible for 175 competitions in 1999, an increase of 96, or 121% over a ten year period since 1989 while the four Ranking Tournaments run at provincial level and the Naomh Pól Golden Gloves event accounted for another 28 competitions as indicated in the following table.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND RANKING TOURNAMENTS

Competition	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED	
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile	Total
60 x 30	32	8	5	8	-	53
40 x 20	32	8	6	8	-	54
Hardball	3	-	-	-	-	3
Team	2	6	-	2	-	10
Gael Linn	-	-	-	-	1	1
Féile na nGael	-	5	-	2	-	7
Second Level	-	8	-	12	-	20
Third Level	4	-	2	-	-	6
Irish Nationals	7	3	2	1	-	13
One-Wall	4	2	-	2	-	8
Provincial Opens	17	4	5	2	-	28
TOTAL	101	44	20	37	1	203

As can be seen, Juvenile players were well catered for and the special Team of Six and Team of Ten events were particularly popular and successful. This is a feature of handball, which together with Féile na nGael must be developed further if our Club strength is to be improved. Handball is an individual sport in which the players have less identity with their Clubs than their counterparts in hurling or football. The team competitions can help to foster Club and county loyalty and identity and should be a central part of our philosophy of handball as a GAA sport.

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.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The adult All-Ireland Championships threw up some marvellous contests and interesting results. Tony Healy hit the headlines early in the year with a very impressive 40 x 20 campaign which culminated in victory over Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny 21-10, 21-12 in Singles. He followed this by partnering John Herlihy to win the Doubles Championship over Paddy Crothers and John McGarry of Antrim 17-21, 21-18, 21-10, thus taking the Singles and Doubles titles to Cork for the very first time. Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny won his fourteenth Senior Softball Singles title when he regained the title from Walter O'Connor of Meath on a 21-8, 21-10 scoreline. The Meathman partnered Tom Sheridan to victory over Michael Walsh and Eugene Downey in a very exciting Doubles final which ended 21-19, 21-18.

Eoin Kennedy graduated to Senior ranks by winning the Intermediate 60 x 30 Singles title at the expense of Dominick Lynch of Kerry while David King and John Ryan from Carlow also qualified for Senior ranks when they defeated Tom and Billy O'Brien of Limerick 21-15, 21-4 in Intermediate Softball Doubles. Paul Brady starred again in 1999 winning the Intermediate 40 x 20 Singles title with Dominick Lynch again on the receiving end of a 21-14, 21-9 score sheet. However, the Kerryman, partnered by his brother Anthony, outpointed Seán Devine and Séamus Ó Tuama of Antrim 21-10, 21-17 in the Doubles final.

At Junior level Eamon O'Neill from Limerick won the Softball Singles title with an excellent 21-16, 21-20 win over Niall Kerr from Tyrone and partnered by Martin Kiely outscored Paddy Murphy and Philip Furlong of Wexford in Doubles. The Junior Singles 40 x 20 title went to Jimmy King of Carlow who defeated Pat Madden from Clare 21-14, 4-21, 21-20 in an enthralling contest. The Clareman won the Doubles title with Pat Coughlan with a 21-10, 21-13 win over Francie Cunningham and Alan Kenny from Dublin.

MINOR DOUBLES TITLES FOR WICKLOW AND MAYO

Michael Gegan had double success at Minor level winning the Singles 60 x 30 title with a good victory over Seamus Lawlor from Clare. He partnered Sammy Willoughby to victory over Dessie Keegan and Barry Hough of Mayo in Doubles to win 5-21, 21-11, 21-7. This compensated for the victory of the Mayo pair in the 40 x 20 court when they defeated the same Wicklow pairing 10-21, 21-18, 21-10. Dessie Keegan also won the Minor Singles 40 x 20 title with a 21-11, 21-13 win over Michael Gegan.

Brian Marrinan of Clare had a successful year winning the U21 60 x 30 Singles medal with a fine victory, 21-15, 21-12, over Ciarán Meenagh of Tyrone and partnering his brother, Brian, in U21 40 x 20 Doubles when they defeated Carl Browne and James Cummins of Meath 13-21, 21-11, 21-13. Ciarán Meenagh was partnered by Shane McCullagh in their 21-20, 21-19 victory over Paraic Gaffney and Declan Hough of Mayo in U21 60 x 30 Doubles while Patrick Buckley from Cork defeated Carl Browne, Meath, 21-10, 21-4 in U21 40 x 20 Singles.

Anthony Green from Wexford won the last 40 x 20 Novice Singles title defeating Seamus Cullinane from Clare 21-8, 12-21, 21-19 while the Doubles medals were won by Kildare's Paraic Maguire and Martin Moran who defeated John McQuaide and Des Kelly, Tipperary, 21-15, 13-21, 21-10. The first Junior 2 60 x 30 Singles title was won by Ricky McCann from Antrim who defeated Con Faulkner of Clare 21-6, 21-10 and the Junior 2 Doubles medals went to Westmeath's David Mulaniff and Liam Cassidy who had a comfortable 21-6, 21-11 win over Jimmy Mullins and Paul Mullins of Tipperary.

MASTERS RECORD FOR MICKEY WALSH

Roscommon's Mickey Walsh won a record seventh 40 x 20 Masters 'A' Singles title and his sixth Masters 'A' 60 x 30 Singles medal in seven years, thus becoming the first player to amass thirteen Masters Singles titles.

Roscommon won seven of the forty Masters titles, five of these in the 60 x 30 court, while Mayo, Galway and Tipperary won four Masters titles each. Kilkenny won three Diamond Masters 'A' titles, Kerry, Cork Waterford, Carlow, Wexford and Tyrone won two Masters titles each and Meath, Offaly, Wicklow, Dublin, Kildare and Cavan each claimed one title.

HARDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was most disappointing that due to the lack of entries the Senior Hardball Singles and Doubles and Minor Hardball Doubles Championships were not held in 1999. The requirement is that there must be a minimum of eight entries to organise any of the championships and as entries did not reach this level in the aforementioned grades the championships were not held.

The Junior Singles title went to Eamon O'Neill of Limerick who defeated Paul Flynn, Mayo, 21-16, 21-6 in the final. Kilkenny's Eamon Law and Eddie Bourke were victorious in Junior Doubles defeating John Corbett and Pat Ryan from Tipperary 21-14, 21-13, while the Minor Singles title went to Dessie Keegan who defeated Joseph McCann 21-6, 21-5 in an all Ballaghaderreen final.

The future of hardball will be discussed thoroughly at Congress and while I cannot anticipate the outcome of the debate one must be mindful of the fact that hardball served handball very well in past decades. However, there is far less enthusiasm for the game nowadays and having regard to the small number of players who are interested in taking part and the fact that no county or provincial competitions are organised, delegates will certainly face a difficult decision regarding the ancient code of hardball.

JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eleven counties shared the sixteen Juvenile boys championships with Kilkenny taking four, two of these in 40 x 20 and two in 60 x 30. Wicklow and Tyrone won two each with eight other counties taking one title each.

Tomás Lennon from Laois created history by taking that county's first premier title when he defeated Damian Martin of Roscommon 5-15, 15-10, 15-12 in the Under 14 40 x 20 Singles final. The Roscommon player had compensation later in the year defeating Thomas Hughes of Kilkenny 15-11, 15-5 in Under 14 60 x 30 Singles. Wicklow won both Under 14 Doubles titles with Jason Doyle and Richard Walsh defeating Roscommon's Riki O'Gara and Gerard Clogher 15-1, 15-8 in 60 x 30 and John O'Keeffe and Niall O'Neill of Clare 15-10, 15-10 in 40 x 20. Seán Maher from Kilkenny won the Under 15 60 x 30 Singles title defeating Denis Casey of Kerry 21-15, 21-16 and Seán O'Shea and C J Delaney were victorious in Under 16 Doubles against Galway's Noel McHugh and Thomas Connaughton on a 21-17, 21-17 scoreline in 60 x 30. Kilkenny also took the Under 15 40 x 20 Doubles title when Tomás Campion and T J Comerford defeated Aiden Lynch and Eanna Torpey of Clare and also the Under 17 Softball Doubles title with Eamon Hawe and Niall Doran victorious over Declan Bermingham and Stephen Finnegan of Roscommon.

Brian Kennedy of Dublin enhanced the family reputation when he won the All-Ireland Under 16 Softball Singles title defeating Joseph McCann of Mayo in a three game thriller 16-21, 21-20, 11-3. The Mayo player had won the 40 x 20 Under 16 Singles

title earlier in the year when he defeated Charles Shanks of Armagh 21-5, 21-10.

Tyrone's All-Ireland Juvenile victories were both in Doubles. In 60 x 30 Barry Daly and Ronan McNally defeated Seamus Moriarty and Stephen McSwiney of Kerry 21-20, 19-21, 11-3 in an excellent final while Ryan Daly and Damian Maguire defeated Waterford's Barry McAndrew and Ricky Hanrahan 21-15, 21-16 in Under 17 Doubles. Waterford's Barry McAndrew had a very good 21-19, 21-15 win over Owen McKenna of Antrim in the 40 x 20 Under 17 Singles final. Philip Butler, also of Waterford, went down to Jimmy Goggins, Wexford, in Under 17 Softball Singles 21-2, 18-21, 11-1. The Under 16 40 x 20 Doubles title went to Noel McHugh and Thomas Connaughton of Galway who defeated Shane Grugan and Mark McCullagh, Tyrone, 21-12, 21-12, in another very exciting contest. Fintan Gamble took the Under 15 40 x 20 Singles title for Antrim with a 21-16, 21-5 win over David Brandley from Galway.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to all coaches and mentors who look after juvenile players. These dedicated officials are giving a tremendous service to handball and to the youth of our country. The great pity is that far too few Clubs put enough emphasis on juvenile development and promotion. Unless all Clubs put in a major effort and plan properly to attract juveniles to the game we cannot be assured of the future of our great sport. It is imperative that every county has a juvenile development plan. This is proving very successful in a small number of counties and in Clubs which promote juvenile handball, but we require an overall co-ordinated effort to ensure that juvenile handball will develop and prosper in the future.

JUVENILE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sixteen championships were held for juvenile girls from Under 14 to Under 17 level in Singles and Doubles in both codes. Kerry players made their mark in Singles with Maria Daly from Ballymacelligott defeating Patricia Doyle of Wicklow 15-12, 15-4 in Under 14 40 x 20 Singles and Catherine Reidy, having the better of Sharon King from Carlow 21-18, 21-4 in Under 15 40 x 20 Singles. Patricia Doyle took the Under 14 60 x 30 Singles title with an easy victory over Marian Coleman of Tipperary. As usual, Roscommon had a share of the spoils with Emer Coyle and Nicola Kelly winning both Under 14 Doubles titles defeating Wexford opponents Tania O'Toole and Katie Rafferty in 60 x 30 and Eilish O'Brien and Sinead Collogly from Kildare in 40 x 20. In Under 15 60 x 30 Doubles Rachel Casey and Aifric Naughton of Roscommon defeated Erin McGrane and Sinead Tevlin of Meath 21-17, 21-11, while Lydia Doolan chalked up another victory in Under 16 60 x 30 Singles against Joy Smith of Meath who had some compensation by winning the 40 x 20 title at the expense of Noelle McGuane of Clare 21-11, 21-11.

Meath had another victory in the 40 x 20 court with Sinead Tevlin and Erin McGuane winning the Under 15 Doubles title at the expense of Marian Coleman and Siobhan O'Doherty of Tipperary 21-10, 21-15. Galway had an excellent treble in Doubles where Claire Connaughton and Yvonne McHugh won the Under 16 40 x 20 title defeating Nora Stapleton and Laura Gillespie of Donegal 21-5, 21-16. Janet Connaughton and Michelle Kennedy brought double success to Galway at Under 17 level with victory over Aine Lennon and Marian Brennan of Laois in both courts. Una Byrne of Wexford defeated Karen Finnegan, Galway 21-17, 21-12 in Under 15 60 x 30 Singles. Limerick's only title was at Under 16 Doubles level in 60 x 30 where Aine Staunton and Noelle Casey had a good win over Katie Prior and Susan Keegan of Dublin. Tara Mulhall from

Kildare won the Under 17 40 x 20 Singles title defeating Tracy Buckley, Kerry, 21-14, 19-21, 11-6 in an excellent game. The Under 17 60 x 30 Singles medal was won by Helen Cooney from Mayo with a good victory over Elizabeth Martin of Dublin.

It is very heartening that the standard of play in juvenile girls handball is improving every year. Although some games are one sided nevertheless quite a number of the finals have been very competitive with opponents evenly matched. It is no coincidence that the vast majority of juvenile girls come from Clubs which promote both boys and girls handball. This should be very encouraging for all Clubs who are promoting juvenile handball and should be an extra incentive for every Club to attract boys and girls to the game.

JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Provincial and All-Ireland Team Championships in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30, including the Girls Club Competition, continue to be a resounding success. The championships have provided a marvellous opportunity for young players to represent their counties in a team competition without the additional pressure of Singles and Doubles competition.

Despite the success of these championships it is disappointing that not all counties participate in the provincial events. Obviously, a small number of counties do not have the capacity to do so but a number of others do not seem to place great emphasis on juvenile development or do not have an adequate juvenile structure within the county. The feasibility of introducing a 'B' competition for the weaker counties should be seriously examined as a way of developing juvenile handball and providing competitive outlets for those players.

It is very important to develop team handball both as a way of promoting the game and of providing competitive opportunities for younger players thus strengthening their loyalty to their Clubs and providing a more secure basis for the future of the game. It is essential to develop handball at this level if adult team competitions are to have any future. The performance of every member of the juvenile team is essential to the success of the team in these championships and it is important that weaker players be encouraged to continue with their game and to play at all times in the interest of their team.

Wexford had double success in 60 x 30 winning the U12/13 and U14/15 Team of Six Championships. The model county defeated a strong Kerry team, 75-62, at U12/13 level and had a somewhat easier victory over Waterford opposition at U14/15 level. Kerry gained a very significant victory in the U12/16 Team of Ten Championship defeating Kilkenny 111-92 in the final.

The St Coman's Girls team from Roscommon took the U16 Championship in 60 x 30 while Toonagh from Clare took the honours in 40 x 20 defeating St Brigid's of Dublin. The 40 x 20 Juvenile Team of Six title went to Kilkenny who defeated Kerry 68-57 in an excellent contest. Kilkenny were also victorious in the U12/16 Team of Ten 75th Anniversary Championship defeating Roscommon 120-94 in the final. The 40 x 20 U14/15 Team of Six title went to Cork with a fine 69-60 victory over Tyrone.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fiona McKenna from the St Paul's Club in Antrim dominated the Ladies 40 x 20 Championships defeating Berni Hennessy of Limerick 21-16, 17-21, 21-18 in Singles and partnering Brid Kerr-MacCorraigh to victory over Mary Lindsay and Una Mulgrew in Doubles. Anna Wrynn from Kildare took the Junior 40 x 20 Singles defeating Marie Finneran from Roscommon 21-8, 21-

16 while Bernadette McCarthy from Cork defeated Rachel Kelly, Clare, in the Novice Singles final. Lydia Doolan had another good double winning the 40 x 20 Minor titles. She defeated Fiona Healy of Kildare 21-12, 21-5 in Singles and, with partner Jackie Doyle, outpointed Fiona Healy and Una Wrynn of Kildare 21-17, 21-13 in Doubles.

The premier 60 x 30 title was won by Berni Hennessy who had a relatively easy victory over Fionnuala Mee from Roscommon. The latter player partnered her sister Bernie to victory over Mavis O'Toole and Susan Ennis of Dublin in Doubles on a 21-10, 21-17 scoreline. Another of the Mee sisters, Ethna, was defeated by Marie Finneran of Roscommon 21-14, 18-21, 21-4 in Junior Softball Singles. Lorraine Noone of Roscommon had a good victory over Carol Meere from Clare in 60 x 30 Minor Singles but the Clare girl partnered Marie Culliney to victory over Clare Shiels and Una Ryan from Tipperary in Minor Doubles.

The re-establishment of the Ladies 60 x 30 Championships is a very encouraging sign, but the low level of entries is a matter of concern. Perhaps the graduation of younger players from underage to adult level will improve the situation. The proposed introduction of Provincial championships should help to attract an increased number of ladies for the adult competitions. It is regrettable, however, that there were so few entries for the ladies competitions in Provincial 60 x 30 Opens. The state of ladies 40 x 20 handball is relatively good but the game needs to be promoted much more actively and vigorously at all levels of the organisation.

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

UCD, Trinity College and DIT co-hosted the very successful Third Level Colleges Championships in February. Great credit is due to the Organising Committee who undertook a major task in planning and hosting the event which, because of the fundraising capacity of the organisers, was self-financing.

The Colleges competitions always prove a major success but it is a pity that other than the championships and the UCD Blitz they are confined to just one weekend during the year. The possibility of re-organising the once popular regional competitions or leagues should be investigated by the Third Level Committee as these would provide very valuable playing opportunities for all players.

The 'A' Team Championship was won by the University of Ulster who relied on the experience of Seán Devine, Ricky McCann, Shane McCullagh and Carl Curran to defeat UCC. DCU won the 'B' Team Championship at the expense of UCD while Tony Healy, UCC, defeated Eoin Kennedy of DCU in the Men's 'A' Singles final. The 'B' Singles title went to Peter Reilly of Cavan College who defeated David Mulryan, GMIT. NUI Maynooth had double success in the Ladies Singles events with Anna Wrynn winning the 'A' final over Fionnuala Mee, UCD, while Sinéad Gannon defeated Carol Elstead of DIT in the 'B' Singles final.

COLÁISTÍ

Six schools shared the eight titles in the Boys All-Ireland Colleges Championships. Omagh CBS had a double success in Doubles with Ryan Daly and Mark McCullagh defeating Kenny Keane and Barry McAndrew of St Augustine's College, Dungarvan, 21-13, 12-21, 21-11 in an enthralling 60 x 30 Senior Doubles contest. Mark McCullagh partnered Ryan Kelly to victory in 40 x 20 Junior Doubles over Andrew Moran and Eamon Colleran from St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen, on a 16-21, 21-16, 21-8 scoreline. St Nathy's took the 40 x 20 Junior Singles and Senior Singles titles. Joseph McCann had the better of Brian

Kennedy, Coolmine C.S., at Junior level while Dessie Keegan had a good victory over Ryan Daly of Omagh CBS in the Senior grade.

The 40 x 20 Senior Doubles title went to William Love and Andrew Hosey from Castlecomer CBS who defeated twins Barry and Declan Hough, St Nathy's College, in two straight games. Terry Gainfort from St Peter's College, Wexford, made his mark in 60 x 30 Senior Singles defeating Andrew Moran of St Nathy's who had to withdraw after the first game because of injury. The Junior Softball Singles title went to Patrick Clerkin of St Patrick's College, Cavan, who had a 21-12, 21-7 victory over Michael Brennan, St Augustine's College, Dungarvan. FCJ Buncloody lifted the Junior 60 x 30 Doubles title with Richard Walsh and Johnny Willoughby defeating Barry Daly and Ronan McNally from Omagh CBS, 15-21, 21-18, 21-5.

For several years Colleges handball has been dominated by a relatively small number of schools and in particular by players who represent their counties in Provincial and All-Ireland championships. It is very disappointing that so few Colleges promote handball. Most of the schools which take part in the championships rely on the goodwill of Clubs and the availability of players who have already progressed up the ladder at Club and county level. All units must play a more active role in promoting and organising handball in the second level sector.

PROVINCIAL OPENS

Once again the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Opens met with varying degrees of success. Interest in the 60 x 30 tournaments has been somewhat disappointing and it is doubly disappointing that so few of our top players have the interest in taking part. The reasons for this must be established and steps taken to improve the situation in the coming year. The Ulster and Leinster 40 x 20 Opens attracted a large number of entries which generated further interest in the competitions and in a social weekend.

The Provincial Opens provide an opportunity for players to take part in intensive handball competition over a number of weekends throughout the year thus challenging them to increase and enhance their level of skill and fitness.

On behalf of the players who took part in the tournaments and their supporters who attended the various events, and on behalf of the Council I wish to thank and congratulate the tournament organisers on the excellent arrangements for all of the events in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 and on the successes achieved. The venues were very well prepared for the games, hospitality was excellent and the committees did a marvellous job in catering for everybody.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS

The Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals which were established in 1995 are now a main feature of the Irish handball scene. Over 200 players have entered for the competition each year. The 1999 Nationals featured 13 events, 5 of these for females and 8 for males.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann wishes to record its appreciation to Waterford Crystal for the excellent sponsorship of this major event and also to RTE, TG4 and TV3 for featuring the launch of the Nationals and some limited coverage of the games. Our thanks, also, go to the Clubs and venue officials who looked after games in the preliminary and play-off stages of the tournament.

The 2000 Nationals will be an excellent opportunity for players intending to take part in the World Championships to try out

their skills and fitness levels in an open tournament. This could help players to decide on their training programme for the following five months as World Championship fever intensifies.

An added bonus for the underage and open events is that the winners of the Girls and Boys 15, 17 and 19 and Under competitions as well as the Men's Open Singles winner will qualify to represent Ireland in the World Championships. Because of this the qualifying age for the Junior grades in the Nationals will be 16 October 2000.

The winners of the Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals in 1999 were:

Girls 15 & Under: Lydia Doolan, St Coman's Roscommon

Boys 15 & Under: Joseph McCann, Ballaghaderreen, Mayo

Boys 17 & Under: Michael Gregan, Coolboy, Wicklow

Boys 19 & Under: Dessie Keegan, Ballaghaderreen, Mayo

Men's 'C': Patrick Buckley, Mallow, Cork

Men's 'B': Paul Graham, Queens, Antrim

Masters 'B': Michael Rossiter, Ballyhogue, Wexford

Golden Masters 'B': Séamus McHugh, Curraghboy, Roscommon

Golden Masters 'A': Eugene Kennedy, St Brigid's, Dublin

Diamond Masters: Eddie Leahy, O'Loughlin's, Kilkenny

Ladies 'B': Leonore Coyle, Curraghboy, Roscommon

Ladies Open: Fiona McKenna, St Paul's, Antrim

Men's Open: John Bike, California, USA

ONE WALL NATIONALS

The annual Third One Wall Nationals were hosted by Sligo County Committee who ensured that the event was a major success in the handball calendar. Over 100 competitors took part in the eight events with contestants from Wales taking part in two finals and winning the Men's 'B' Singles.

The winners of the events were as follows:

Men's Open: David King, Carlow

Men's 'B': Justin Evans, Wales

Masters 'A': Mickey Walsh, Roscommon

Masters 'B': Peter Larkin, Dublin

Boys Under 17: Barry McAndrew, Waterford

Girls Under 17: Emer Tansey, Mayo

Boys Under 14: Noel McHugh, Galway

Girls Under 14: Maria Daly, Kerry

The introduction of the One Wall Nationals in Roscommon in 1997, which were continued in Meath in 1998, has been very successful in putting handball back in public view in those areas. The Nationals show how readily handball can be established in new areas and in places where the game has gone into decline. Last year's Nationals created major interest in Sligo and attracted a large number of juveniles to the game.

It is worth mentioning that the One Wall Championships are now part of the Waterford Crystal World Championships since 1997 and this should provide an extra incentive for players to develop their skills in the one wall code and to take part in championships on the international stage. Our thanks and appreciation go to the Sligo County Committee and to the host Clubs and venue officials and referees who took charge of the games.

There can certainly be a bright future for one wall handball. It is very easily demonstrated and can be played on suitable ready-made areas including school yards, outdoor courts and indoor 60 x 30 courts. It is certainly a way in which to introduce children to handball and it is particularly encouraging that some of our top players in various grades have taken part in the One Wall Nationals during the past three years.

Sligo will again host the games in 2000 and we look forward

to an even greater participation level with the game going from strength to strength in the future.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In July, history was made when a Welshman won that country's first ever Irish National title in Sligo and the Kells Handball Club took part in the Welsh tournament winning both the one and three wall competitions. During the year U.C.D. visited Warwick University to play their Fives game and, hopefully, this will result in many more reciprocal visits. Our international outreach has as its main function the drawing in of other countries and peoples to play our game. Nearer home, many of the Protestant schools played handball up to the 1960's. With the possibility of the Irish language and gaelic games being introduced to these schools in the north we might consider how handball might be reintroduced there. Andrew Stevens, an historian of traditional games, tells us that during his researches into open air courts he was approached by a number of local communities e.g. in Pontypass, about how they might go about renovating and reusing these alleys. This seems to be the situation in many parts of the country. Local community groups can become interested in restoring these courts and this is where the one wall game is ideal in reintroducing handball. That the process works is shown by the revival of the game in the open courts of Knockcrockery, Abbeylara and Ballisodare among others. There will be another chance for players and officials to see this aspect of one wall when Sligo again hosts the One Wall Championships in July. Travellers to Chicago in October might also play in the one wall competitions that have become part of the world handball scene.

A trend in the past few years among the Irish abroad has been to organise Gaelic Festivals involving, among other activities, football and hurling. There is an annual Australian Gaelic Week, an Irish Festival in Asia and regular events in Brussels and other continental venues. We have missed out on these as to be involved we need to be represented on the GAA International Committee. The Irish Handball Council has made representations to the GAA Central Council on this issue and hopefully we will receive a positive response.

On going to print we have just received an invitation to take part in the Pelota World Games in Valencia in October. They play a three wall hardball game but unfortunately it clashes with the World Championships in Chicago.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000

Chicago is the venue for the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships 2000 for which a record entry is expected. The USHA plans to host the biggest ever championships in which there will be over 70 events in 40 x 20 and one wall. In addition, there will be many social and cultural events. There will be a special fee for people travelling but not taking part in games so that they can attend matches and avail of hospitality, optional functions and other highlights of the Championships. Arrangements are being made by the local committee for transportation to the tournament on an hourly basis and to the shopping malls and discount malls. Packages will be available for tourists throughout the city including architectural walking tours, visits to famous buildings including the Sears Tower, John Hancock and Chicago Board of Trade as well as museums, art galleries and zoos. Additional programmes will be offered for tickets to plays, musicals, dinner, theatre and professional sporting events.

At the time of writing the entry form is not available but will be circulated by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann as soon as possible. In addition, a Handball Council tour package will

include air fare, taxes, insurance and accommodation at a cost of approximately £900 for a twin room and £650 per person for four people sharing. The expectation is that over 250 Irish people will travel for the World Championships making it by far the biggest handball exodus ever from the country. The Championships will provide an opportunity for Irish players to measure their ability against their counterparts from the other handball nations. If the successes of Irish players on the international stage over the past few years are anything to go by we can certainly look forward to a reasonable haul of World championships for Irish players in Chicago.

EUROPEAN ONE WALL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan, was the venue for a very successful European One Wall Youth Championship at Easter weekend. Seven teams took part in the event, Ireland, England, France, Wales, Holland and Belgium as well as hosts St Augustine's College. The success of the event was due in no small way to Br Spring and his Organising Committee consisting of the Youth Club members as well as former Club players now at Third Level. This was by far the biggest European Youth One Wall event and the teams and players involved as well as their officials provided a marvellous spectacle for spectators. The Irish team was well ahead at the end of the first day's play with England in second place followed closely by St Augustine's and that was the order in which teams finished at the end of the tournament.

The One Wall Tournament provided an opportunity for the English Associations, Eton and Rugby Fives, to come together to form a combined representative team. The interest and enthusiasm of the Welsh, French, Dutch and Belgian teams was very encouraging for the promotion and development of One Wall handball in their countries. The game has certainly progressed with interest very high and competition extremely keen in these areas. However, the game needs great encouragement to continue to expand and this can only be done by the co-operation and co-ordination provided in a European forum supporting the efforts of individual countries and Clubs to introduce one wall handball and, later, other forms of the game in the different countries.

All participants had great praise for the local organisation of such a major event and great credit is due to Br Spring and his very enthusiastic committee for the success of the weekend. Sincere thanks and appreciation are also due to Tom O'Connor who has done marvellous work in establishing and maintaining contacts and forging links with the various European handball organisations as well as with others much further afield.

The European Tournament had a number of positive spin-offs with a number of local schools, e.g. Lismore where plans are moving ahead to construct one wall courts. Many people see this as a low cost initiative that would show immediate results and this can be replicated in other areas.

The French Handball Organisation plans to host the European Youth Games as well as adult competitions in February 2001 to be followed later by the Welsh Handball Association.

USHA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of 5 Irish players, three boys and two girls took part in the USHA Junior Championships in San Francisco from 27 to 29 December and certainly maintained the high profile of our young players in international competition winning three events and contesting two other finals.

Michael Gegan from the Coolboy Club in Wicklow took top

honours in the Boys 17 & Under event in which he confined his opponents to single figures in all but one of his ten games of 21. The young Wicklow player displayed a very high level of skill in defeating Oscar Quezada of California 21-7, 21-16 in the final. Noel McHugh became the first player from his Club, Williamstown, to take an international title when he defeated Sean Lenning of Washington 21-9, 21-17 at 15 and Under. Maria Daly from the Ballymacelligott Club in Kerry took the honours in the Girls 15 & Under event defeating two opponents from Ontario before outscoring Courtney Piexoto, California, 21-9, 21-10 in the final. Dessie Keegan of Ballaghaderreen in Mayo lost out in his attempt to win another US Junior title going down to Bill Mehilos of Illinois 21-17, 21-10. However, he was disadvantaged by having had a tough semi-final with Ciarán Meenagh of Tyrone which went to a tie-break and having to contend with a serious bout of flu during his stay in San Francisco. Fiona Healy from the Naomh Mhuire Club in Kildare represented Ireland for the first time and had two excellent victories in the Girls 19 & Under Championship before losing out to Lynn Alesi of Illinois in a tie-break in the final.

On behalf of the players, their families and Clubs and of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to congratulate Jimmy King, national coach, on preparing the team so thoroughly for the championships and for managing the team during the entire trip. Our sincere thanks also go to Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Assistant Manager, who with Jimmy looked after the team so well for the trip in spite of the fact that they were both ill during the tour. We also wish to thank the other adults who travelled with the party and who helped out in various ways. Congratulations also to the additional players who travelled at their own expense to take part in the Juniors.

USHA NATIONALS

A small but increasing number of Irish players are now taking part in the USHA Nationals each summer. This is an ideal yardstick by which Irish players can measure their skills against their American counterparts and a means by which they can improve their skill, strength and stamina in a very competitive setting over a short period of time.

Eoin Kennedy from the St Brigid's Club in Dublin became the third Irish player to win the Open Singles title following Tony Ryan (1986) and Eddie Corbett in 1993. Cavan players featured prominently in the Boys 19 & Under event with Paul Brady defeating Bill Mehilos of Illinois 21-10, 21-4 in the final thus becoming the first Irish holder of that title. His namesake, James, had a good victory over Matt Steel of Oregon in the Consolation event. Fiona McKenna from the St Paul's Club in Belfast had an excellent outing in the Women's Pro Singles event and in the process became the first Irish lady to reach the final in which she was defeated by World champion Anna Christoff of Minnesota 21-7, 21-10.

Our hope is that many more Irish players will take part in the USHA Nationals in the years ahead. The experience of participating in the USHA Juniors has been very valuable for players who have stayed with the game and graduated through the ranks. However, we need to maintain this at adult level as this is where we must make our mark in the longer term. The victories of Tony Healy (1999) and Paul Brady (2000) in the USHA Collegiates certainly give a good pointer on the standard of our top young players. The Cork player in particular has gained enormously from taking part in the USHA Nationals (1999) in which he played some of the top ranked American players as well as observing what it takes for the best players in the world to attain that status.

VENUES AND REFEREEING

The successful organisation and completion of a major national fixtures programme depends almost entirely on the co-operation and goodwill of Club and county officials, particularly those who officiate at the games. We are very grateful to all who co-operated in any way in implementing the fixtures programme. The hospitality extended to players and visiting officials is generally first class. This makes them feel very welcome and helps to build up and maintain long-lasting friendships between handball personnel from many parts of the country.

Our thanks are due in particular to those who take on the onerous task of refereeing games. They have a central role in the presentation of fixtures programmes by the manner in which they officiate and control games and their interaction with players has a major impact on the overall presentation of any programme. Their manner of refereeing will also impact on the attitude of players during a game. Players feel more confident under the charge of a referee who is decisive and who implements decisions in a fair manner. On the other side, players must respect the referee's decisions, concentrate on playing the game and refrain from any behaviour which detracts from the overall presentation of the game or which is unfair to the other side.

ADMINISTRATION

The Irish Sports Council requirement that each sport develop a Strategic Plan provides Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann with the focus to examine its structures, activities and general administration and to plan for the future development of our sport. This should also provide us with the opportunity to assess the state of handball at all levels of the organisation.

At national level account must be taken of the fact that during the past decade additional responsibilities have been taken on at central office including the following:

- 83 National Competitions
- Irish Nationals
- Handball Awards
- Press releases
- Match programmes for all grades
- Handball Yearbook
- Primary Schools promotion
- Ladies handball
- Player Insurance Scheme

In addition, meetings and liaison with outside agencies such as the Irish Sports Council and the National Coaching and Training Centre regarding a wide range of issues have added to the workload.

European and international contacts have also increased and the One Wall Nationals and Provincial Opens also require input from the office.

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

Consideration might also be given to establishing a three-year term for some central committees, for example, the Coaching Council and the Development Committee with their term of office to coincide with that of the Uachtarán. This would help facilitate the implementation of various plans and projects over a three-year period which does not necessarily happen over the present

twelve month period following which Committee elections take place. The three-year term has been very successful in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael where the vast majority of committees and work groups operate on that basis. A similar move would greatly benefit handball.

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

If we wish to gain the benefits of being part of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, we must be prepared to take our rightful place in the Association.

BUNSCOILEANNA

Twenty six counties took part in the eighth national programme for primary schools organised by Cumann na mBunscol and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. This promotion has been very successful and on behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to thank the executive of Cumann na mBunscol and various units throughout the country for promoting and organising handball in primary schools.

The enthusiasm and skill of the players who take part in the National Day at Croke Park is most heartening. Some of the difficulties involved in organising the promotion in earlier years have been overcome. However, some counties are reluctant to become involved. This should be examined thoroughly so that the national handball day is a truly national event for primary schools handball.

There is an onus and responsibility on all Clubs to promote handball in their catchment area, particularly at primary school level. It is important to offer the use of our facilities to schools and to assist in any way possible by introducing the game and coaching the pupils who are, after all, potential members of their local Clubs.

FÉILE NA NGAEL

Féile na nGael was hosted by Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Loch Garman in 1999 for the second time and over 50 teams took part in the now standard seven competitions, five for boys and two for girls. The winners in the various divisions were as follows:

Boys 40 x 20 Division I

Team: Coolboy, Wicklow

Skills: Jason Doyle, Coolboy, Wicklow

Boys 40 x 20 Division II

Team: St Colmcille's, Kells, Meath

Skills: Paul Moran, Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare

Boys 40 x 20 Division III

Team: Garryhill, Carlow

Skills: Gerry Kane, Garryhill, Carlow

Girls 40 x 20 Division I

Team: Ballymacelligott, Kerry

Skills: Maria Daly, Ballymacelligott, Kerry

Girls 40 x 20 Division II

Team: Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare

Skills: Eimear Fallon, Naomh Mhuire, Kildare

Boys 60 x 30 Division I

Team: Ballymacelligott, Kerry

Skills: Ger Coonan, Ballina, Tipperary

Boys 60 x 30 Division II

Team: Templeudigan, Wexford

Skills: Dermot Flynn, Templeudigan, Wexford

The progress of handball in Ballymacelligott can be gauged from the fact that the Club won the Girls 40 x 20 Division II competition in 1998 and progressed to claim victory in the top division in 1999. In addition, Maria Daly from the same Club won the Skills Competition in both years. Ballymacelligott also took the gold medals in the Boys 60 x 30 Division I in which Ger Coonan from Ballina in Tipperary won his second successive Skills title.

Féile na nGael provides a marvellous opportunity for any Club to attend a very well organised and extremely hospitable weekend within the handball calendar. However, some of our counties, regrettably, do not appear to appreciate the value of Féile as a means of promoting and developing juvenile handball both for boys and girls. It provides an ideal opportunity which should not be missed by any county. Therefore, it is incumbent on all counties and, indeed, on Provincial and Central Councils to ensure that every county makes an effort to have trials in both 40x20 and 60x30 so that every county will have full representation in what should be a truly national festival of gaelic sport.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and all the players, members and Clubs who took part in Féile in Loch Garman I wish to extend our special thanks and appreciation to Tony Breen and Séamus Mac Aoidhe and their hard working Féile Committee who carried out Trojan work in ensuring that Féile na nGael in 1999 in Wexford was the success it deserved to be.

Finally, our thanks and appreciation are due in great measure to the host Clubs and to the families who accommodated visiting teams in their own homes for the Féile weekend, thus providing an excellent family and social atmosphere in which to enjoy Féile. We look forward with a great sense of anticipation to the hosting for the first time of Féile by Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Uladh, secure in the knowledge that this will be another marvellous occasion for our young handballers.

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA mBAN

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan continued its work in promoting and organising all ladies championships throughout the past year with great enthusiasm and tremendous dedication. Ladies handball has not always received the recognition it deserved and over its almost thirty years in existence CLLB fought an uphill battle in many areas in developing ladies handball. There were, however, many bright spots where people took on the responsibility of developing the game and succeeded accordingly.

It has at times been difficult for ladies handball to make inroads in the organisation as a whole. With the amalgamation of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan the onus is now on all units from Club to national level to foster interest in ladies handball and to have a vibrant plan for the promotion of ladies handball at all

levels of the organisation. It will no longer suffice to pay mere lip service to ladies handball. We must take responsibility for it and promote the game vigorously throughout the country.

The formalisation of the structure to include ladies handball in the overall structure for handball is long overdue. This will now provide for the appointment of two representatives from each province on a central Coiste na mBan which will be responsible for the planning and organisation of ladies handball at national level. Each province must take on the responsibility of organising provincial ladies championships and, similarly, at county level there must be a serious effort to facilitate competition and development of the game in general.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to thank sincerely Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan for sixteen years during the period 1978 to 2000. She has certainly given sterling service to the game and indeed to the development of handball in general and the progress of the ladies game owes much to her commitment over that time. We also wish to thank Aodán Ó Maolagáin for his role as P.R.O. for CLLB for many years and for his tremendous assistance and support in administering the affairs of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan. Our thanks also go, in no small way, to Siobhán Nic Aonais, Rúnaí, and Susan Carey, Cisteoir, for their administrative work and support over the past year. We also record our appreciation of the marvellous work done by a small number of very dedicated individuals who, over the past thirty years, have continuously promoted ladies handball and brought the game to a level where our top players can compete successfully, especially at underage, on the international stage. We now must look forward with confidence to the future in the hope that ladies handball will go from strength to strength in the years ahead. This will not happen without good planning and we must all co-operate in ensuring that there is a positive attitude towards the promotion and organisation of ladies handball at all levels of the handball organisation.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL HANDBALL AWARDS

For the fifth year in succession there was a good level of entries for the Waterford Crystal National Handball Awards with some excellent presentations on behalf of a number of the nominees. However, the Awards Scheme needs to be promoted more at county level and there is a definite need to encourage more Clubs to forward nominations on behalf of players and officials.

The Cusack Club venue at Páirc an Chrócaigh provided a marvellous atmosphere for the Awards function which is now very definitely the social highlight of the handball calendar. It brings together players, officials and handball enthusiasts in a friendly atmosphere in which old friendships are renewed and new ones established. The Waterford Crystal Awards promotion provides tangible recognition for players, enthusiasts, Club members and past heroes for their efforts in handball and, in many cases, in promoting the sport.

Waterford Crystal have been generous sponsors of the Awards Scheme and the company's Sales and Marketing Director, John Foley, says that there can be few other sports which allow people of all ages to compete into the twilight of their lives. He continues that handball is more than just a past-time which, at its best, is a display of individual skills, dexterity, co-ordination, strategic thinking, fitness and stamina, all of which can be compared with the skills required to produce the Waterford product.

Winners of the 1998 Waterford Crystal Handball Awards were as follows:

Young Player of the Year (Female): Lydia Doolan (St Coman's, Roscommon)

Young Player of the Year (Male): Dessie Keegan (Ballaghadereen, Mayo)

Player of the Year (Female): Fiona McKenna (St Paul's, Antrim)

Player of the Year (Male): Walter O'Connor (Gormanston, Meath)

International Player of the Year: John Bike (U.S.A.)

Irish International Player of the Year: Paul Brady (Mullahoran, Cavan)

Hall of Fame: Dick Lyng (Wexford)

Coach of the Year: Richard Willoughby (Coolboy, Wicklow)

Special Achievement Award: Br Seamus O'Callaghan (Clara, Offaly)

Masters Player of the Year: Paddy Lennon (Coolboy, Wicklow)

Official of the Year: Ken Conway (St Mary's, Clonmel, Tipperary)

Club of the Year: Ballymacelligott (Kerry)

COACHING

Five coaching courses, including a national course at Dungarvan, were held during 1999 with a total of 67 participants. Considering the fact that two Coach Tutors are available at any time for courses and that Richard Willoughby and Tony Healy are in the process of completing their tutor course, it is very disappointing that the demand for courses is so low. There should be much more active demand for courses and particularly in a climate where it is essential that juvenile players especially are well managed, well coached and well supervised.

Apart from qualifying coaches to coach at Club level one of the main aims of the courses is to identify people with potential to advance through the various coaching levels and to undertake the organisation and development of coaching at provincial and county levels. If the level of skill and fitness of our players in general is to improve coaching has to be a priority for every unit of the organisation. The area of juvenile handball is a vital one 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 Clubs and communities 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 the care of handball personnel.

A further national coaching course will be held at Gormanston College in July 2000. This will be another opportunity for people to come together in a handball atmosphere and to benefit from the skill and knowledge of our very experienced tutors.

YEARBOOK

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann published its fourth Yearbook in 1999. The publication includes a review of the year's activities, plans and events for 2000, features on European and World Council matters, historical articles and reports from counties and provinces.

On behalf of Ard Chomhairle, I wish to thank all those who supported the Yearbook in any way, especially 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 financial as well as a promotional success.

Following the adoption of a Motion to Comhdháil 1998 registration fees were increased from £3 to £5 per person to cover the cost of providing a copy of the Yearbook for every registered

member. This has proven very successful and guarantees that members will receive the Yearbook instead of having to rely on the purchase of copies at county level.

On behalf of all our members I wish to thank and congratulate the Committee members, Tomás Ó Briain, Cathaoirleach, Mick Dunne, Martin Kiely, Owen McCann and Tom O'Connor for their very professional input to the Yearbook. It is particularly gratifying that we have three journalists among the committee members. Their expertise and professionalism shines through in what is now a well acclaimed and highly popular handball publication.

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, our parent body, has been very supportive of handball over recent years and 1999 was no exception when, in addition to the annual grant of £25,000, it provided a special grant of a further £25,000 to mark the 75th anniversary of the Handball Council. This support is also reflected at other levels of our organisation where handball units work in close liaison with our parent body. However, this is not always the case and handball units must seriously examine the reasons for this. It may very well be that handball is not represented at various levels of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael at which it is entitled to be represented, be this at Club or county level. All of our units must work in much closer co-operation and liaison with our parent body and confine the perceived feeling of isolation of handball to the past. It is up to all of us to improve the situation and work together for the betterment of our games and for the objectives of our Association. No unit can do so if it does not play its full part in the workings of the whole body. It is the responsibility of all units to establish and maintain better links with their Coiste Contae and to ensure that handball takes its place in the general business of every county.

BUIÓCHAS

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 Seosamh Mac Donncha, 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.

CEANNARAS

After a number of years in which Ceannaras Club and Club Lounge returns were somewhat disappointing, the out-turn for the year to 30 September 1999 was very positive showing an overall improvement of just over £25,000 in the financial situation relative to the previous twelve months.

Bar sales at £177,000 showed an increase of over £30,000 on the previous year while the gross profit was up by over £10,000.

The net operating profit was almost £12,000 compared with £9,400 the previous year. The Ceannaras Club showed an improvement of almost £4,000 over the same period. The investment of £50,000 in refurbishments of Ceannaras in 1997 is beginning to show dividends. The turn around of the Centre is greatly due to the dedication and commitment of voluntary committee members who have given a tremendous amount of their time and energy to the operation of the Centre. Tighter controls and hands-on management style are proving very effective while the increased use of the function room has attracted additional business to the Centre. This in turn has helped increase membership. The Social Committee has also helped to attract and maintain membership due to the social activities including music nights, table quizzes and other functions.

Our thanks are due to Committee Chairman, Vincent Farrelly, and to John Molloy, John Hoban and John Cummins (Committee members) for their work in promoting and developing the Centre. Our thanks, also, to the bar staff and to everybody who helps out in any way in the operation of Ceannaras.

At the time of writing plans are being finalised for further improvements to the Handball Centre, particularly in relation to player facilities. This will be in the interest of handball in general and it is important that we have a headquarters befitting the work and status of our organisation. It is also in the interest of handball at national level and in the capital city that the Centre operates at a profit and helps to fund handball at those levels.

HANDBALL TRUST FUND

The finalisation of the CLLE Trust Fund of £150,000 for the development of handball in Dublin was eventually realised in 1999. This will provide 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 alley demolished for the development of Hill 16 in 1988.

The Fund will be used to assist Handball or GAA Clubs to refurbish or develop facilities and grants will be provided for promotional projects at Primary School and Juvenile levels with special emphasis on development in traditional handball areas and where there are existing handball facilities.

It is vital that handball Clubs draw up realistic proposals for consideration by the Steering Committee and the Trustees. It is somewhat disappointing given the long lead-in time to the finalisation of the agreement that no plans have been forthcoming so far. It is hoped that this matter will be rectified very soon as 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.

IRISH SPORTS COUNCIL

The ongoing work of the Irish Sports Council in relation to the code of ethics, the anti-doping programme, the international player/athlete carding scheme and several other matters impacts very much on the workings of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Because of new requirements and various directives which are linked with the annual funding to sports organisations it is now incumbent on all sports bodies which are in receipt of government grants to follow particular guidelines laid down by the Sports Council.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann wishes to thank the Sports Council for its significant funding for handball during the past year. The annual grant was £53,040. We also received a total of £9,350 for international training, competition, meetings and organisational development. In addition, grant aid was provided for Tony Healy (£1,000), Paul Brady (£1000) and Dessie Keegan

(£1,200) under the 1999 International Player/Athlete Carding Scheme.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and all our players and members I wish to acknowledge the advice and assistance of Sport Council Chief Executive John Treacy and his staff over the past year and to thank them for their interest in handball matters.

Participation in sport and in sports organisations helps individuals to become better people and enables them to develop skills which transfer into other aspects of their lives, thus building up their local communities and enhancing society in general. Sport keeps people involved in a healthy lifestyle and is a tremendous antidote to vandalism and crime in society. Increased funding for sport will certainly pay great dividends and the wisdom of such investment will be borne out in the lives of individuals and their communities. Increased funding of handball activities is essential if we are to fulfil our obligations in this regard.

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 handball. 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.

Our thanks too to all county officers and especially the Rúnaithe 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 advice, assistance 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. He applies his very professional knowledge and expertise to looking after the accounts. 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.

Peadar Mac Artúir, Uachtarán, has given exemplary service to handball since he took office a year ago. He has brought his leadership style and initiative to bear on many situations and he has always been available for events at all levels of the organisation. On a personal note I wish to thank him for his support, advice and assistance almost on a daily basis over the past year.

BEREAVEMENTS

We offer our sympathy to everybody who suffered bereavements during the year. A number of former players, members and supporters went to their eternal reward and the Council wishes to sympathise with their families and friends.

May the souls of the deceased rest in peace.

Lorcán Ó Ruairc

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

NA RÚIN

1. That all members and players be registered by 1st January of each year.
Amend Fo-Riail 6(A) accordingly. *(Loch Garman)*
2. That Under 12 and Under 13 All-Ireland Championships be re-introduced for boys and girls in singles and doubles. Fo-Riail 47 O(i) refers. *(Cill Mhantáin)*
3. That the words "...the G.A.A." be inserted before "Central Council" in Fo-Riail 31(G) *(Ard Chomhairle)*
4. Amend Fo-Riail 31(A), first sentence, to read: "Only Motions carried at Central Council, Provincial Convention, Coiste na mBan or County Convention and made on the Motion/Nomination paper..." *(Ard Chomhairle)*
5. That a Coiste na mBan be established consisting of two members elected by each Provincial Council. This Coiste shall elect its own Cathaoirleach who will represent that body on the Management Committee and Central Council. The Coiste shall also elect a second representative to Central Council. This Coiste to be reviewed at the end of a two year period. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
6. Delete "Ladies Council" and insert "Coiste na mBan" instead in Fo-Riail (33(A)). *(Ard Chomhairle)*
7. Delete "Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan" in Fo-Rialacha 37(A) and 37(B) and insert "Coiste na mBan" instead. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
8. Insert "Coiste na mBan" instead of "Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na mBan" in Fo-Riail 58. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
9. That Ladies Junior, Junior 2 and Minor Championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 be organised at provincial level to decide the provincial representatives for the All-Ireland series. Fo-Riail 47 refers. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
10. That the girls U17 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Championships be open to players who have not won an All-Ireland Championship title in any of the Juvenile grades. Fo-Riail 47 O(i) refers. *(C.L.L.B.)*
11. That an Inter-Provincial girls Team of Ten competition be introduced for U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17 age groups. Fo-Riail 47 O(i) refers. *(C.L.L.B.)*
12. That the Cathaoirleach of the Games Administration Committee represent that body on Central Council. Fo-Riail 33(A) refers and amend Fo-Riail 37(B) accordingly. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
13. That the first sentence of Fo-Riail 37(C) be amended to read "The Development Committee shall have one representative from each of the four provinces, Coiste na mBan and the Coaching Council". *(Ard Chomhairle)*
14. That the first sentence of Fo-Riail 37(D) be amended to read "The Coaching Council shall have one representative from each of the four provinces, Coiste na mBan and the Development Committee". *(Ard Chomhairle)*
15. That the 60 x 30 Senior Championships revert to a provincial format for a trial period of two years with the following format to apply:

Leinster winners to go through to the All-Ireland final.

Leinster losers, Connacht, Munster and Ulster winners to play two quarter-finals and a semi-final to decide who goes forward to the All-Ireland finals in Singles and Doubles.

Amend Fo-Rialacha 52 and 54 accordingly. *(Ard Chomhairle)*.
16. That an adult inter-county team competition be introduced in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30.
Fo-Riail 47 refers. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
17. That the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 National Leagues be discontinued. Amend Fo-Riail 34(C) accordingly and delete Fo-Riail 47(M). *(Ard Chomhairle)*
18. That the Junior and Open Club Championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 be discontinued. Amend Fo-Riail 47(L). Delete Fo-Rialacha 49(F) (ii) and (iii). *(Ard Chomhairle)*
19. That All-Ireland Silver Masters championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 be discontinued.
Fo-Riail 47 (H) refers. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
20. That the All-Ireland Emerald Masters championships in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 be discontinued. Fo-Riail 47(J) refers. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
21. That the Under 21 grade be discontinued in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. Amend Fo-Rialacha 47(E) and 48(B) accordingly. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
22. That the All-Ireland Hardball Championships be discontinued.

Amend Fo-Rialacha 47(A), 47(C), 47(D), 47(N), 49(A), 49E (iv) and 52. Delete the words "...and all grades of hardball Singles and Doubles" in Fo-Riail 51(A).

Delete Fo-Riail 52(A) (iv). Delete Fo-Riail 55. *(Ard Chomhairle)*
23. That the Challenger 3 ball be re-introduced for U13 and U14 players and that the Dark Blue be used for U15 and U16 boys and all girls competitions of 15 and over. Amend Playing Rules Part V (H) Fo-Riail 47 O(i) refers. *(C.L.L.B.)*

24. That the introduction of the two minute break (in 1999) for a one year trial period in 60 x 30 softball and handball be reviewed. Playing Rules - Rest Periods 2(a) refers.

(Ard Chomhairle)

RECOMMENDATIONS

25. That the Provincial Open Tournaments include Doubles competitions.

(C.L.L.B.)

26. That an Inter-Provincial Team of Three (Singles and Doubles) Tournament be introduced for adult ladies.

(C.L.L.B.)

27. That the age requirement for girls Colleges championships be Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18 on 1 September of the school year.

(C.L.L.B.)

28. That the GAA Player Injury Scheme not be compulsory but be on a voluntary basis only.

(Cill Mhantáin)

29. That the Community Games National Committee be requested to hold the handball competitions in 60 x 30.

(Tiobraid Árann)

30. That this Congress directs the Central Council to recognise handball development plans from individual counties as separate entities from provincial development plans for the purposes of funding.

(Ciarrai)

31. That All-Ireland medals be restored to the quality required by Rule.

(Baile Atha Cliath)

32. That complimentary All-Ireland hurling and football tickets be given to the winners of the Minor, Intermediate and Senior Singles and Doubles.

(Cill Mhantáin)

33. That complimentary admission tickets be given to All-Ireland finalists from Under 14 and upwards.

(Cill Mhantáin)



Tony Healy and John Herlihy, Cork, who won the 1999 All-Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Doubles title.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

14 March 2000

A Cháirde

We have examined the records of an Chomhairle for the year ended 31 December 1999.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£163,418. Expenditure came to IR£154,748 leaving an Operating Surplus of IR£8,670. In the preceding year there was a deficit of IR£3,320. As compared with that year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase IR£
County Committee and Members	5,892
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	25,000
Government Grants	3,178
Sponsorship and Subscriptions	2,785

EXPENDITURE	Increase IR£
International	11,992
Meetings and Officials' Travel	5,459
Coaching, Leadership and Development	4,235
Administration and General	2,523

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 1999 including outlay on Ceannáras IR£304,200 had a book value of IR£436,630. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£175,461 came to IR£240,629. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£196,001.

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 & ASSOCIATES, Chartered Accountants

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Management is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of an Chomhairle and of the surplus or deficit of an Chomhairle and in preparing those financial statements, management is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that an Chomhairle will continue in business.

Management is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of an Chomhairle. Management is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of an Chomhairle and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

14 March 2000.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the Members of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

We have audited the financial statements which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out.

Respective Responsibilities of Officers and Auditors

As described on this page Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and on the accounting policies selected by Management and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the officers in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements, read in conjunction with the Accounting Policies, give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs as at 31 December 1999 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Council. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

1 Christchurch Square,
Dublin 8
14 March 2000

O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1999

	Schedule	1999 IR£	1998 IR£
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		19,606	13,714
Gate Receipts		6,265	6,638
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		50,000	25,000
National League Grant		4,000	4,000
Government Grants Net	1	62,390	59,212
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		9,722	6,937
Advertising		400	1,000
Sundry Sales		3,785	4,058
Yearbook Surplus		6,223	5,431
Other Income		1,027	731
		<u>163,418</u>	<u>126,721</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		13,832	14,157
International		18,130	6,138
Provincial Open Tournament Grants		2,500	2,600
3rd Level Grants		354	400
Juvenile		2,126	2,147
Promotional Materials		5,555	3,695
Trophies		10,984	10,151
Meetings and Officials' Travel		24,939	19,480
Administration Grants	2	2,600	2,600
Coaching, Leadership and Development		6,174	1,939
Administration and General	3	67,443	64,920
Depreciation		111	1,814
		<u>154,748</u>	<u>130,041</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS		8,670	(3,320)
Balance at beginning of year		187,331	190,651
Balance at end of year		<u>196,001</u>	<u>187,331</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

14 March 2000.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1999

	Note	1999 IR£	1998 IR£
FIXED ASSETS			
	2	304,559	304,550
Loan — Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		1,613	2,111
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		22,111	18,367
Cash and Bank Balances		89,797	37,262
		<u>114,071</u>	<u>58,290</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Court Construction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		1,491	1,491
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Development Grant		50,000	—
Creditors		11,177	14,057
Bank Overdraft		175,461	175,461
		<u>240,629</u>	<u>193,509</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(126,558)	(135,219)
		<u>196,001</u>	<u>187,331</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund		<u>196,001</u>	<u>187,331</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

14 March 2000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1999

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) Council Assets 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 1999	304,200	4,494	14,290	322,984
Additions in Year	—	—	119	119
At 31 December 1999	<u>304,200</u>	<u>4,494</u>	<u>14,409</u>	<u>323,103</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 1999	—	4,494	13,939	18,433
Charge for year	—	—	111	111
At 31 December 1999	<u>—</u>	<u>4,494</u>	<u>14,050</u>	<u>18,544</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>304,200</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>304,559</u>

3. ACCUMULATED FUND

	1999 IR£	1998 IR£
Balance at beginning of year	187,331	190,651
Surplus for year	8,670	(3,320)
Balance at date	<u>196,001</u>	<u>187,331</u>

SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1999

	1999 IR£	1998 IR£
SCHEDULE 1:		
Government Grants		
Annual Grant	62,390	58,840
International	—	372
Outstanding Sportspersons	3,200	6,000
	<u>65,590</u>	<u>65,212</u>
Less: Distributable	(3,200)	(6,000)
	<u>62,390</u>	<u>59,212</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	52,112	51,327
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	5,697	4,783
Postage and Telephone	6,232	6,227
Accountancy Fees	2,482	2,030
World Affiliation Fees	—	225
All-Ireland Tickets	586	250
Miscellaneous	334	78
	<u>67,443</u>	<u>64,920</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

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT — for the year ended 30th September 1999.

	1999	1998
	IR£	IR£
INCOME		
Membership Fees	4,260	3,024
Court Booking Fees	<u>2,878</u>	<u>1,728</u>
	7,138	4,752
Shop Sales	3,987	4,160
Cost of Sales	<u>3,208</u>	<u>3,759</u>
	779	401
GROSS PROFIT	<u>7,917</u>	<u>5,153</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	681	733
Staff Costs	4,580	6,268
Premises	4,292	3,531
Financial	<u>98</u>	<u>149</u>
	9,651	10,681
Net Operating Loss	<u>(1,734)</u>	<u>(5,528)</u>
Club Lounge Subsidy	604	5,879
Net Loss	<u>(1,130)</u>	<u>351</u>
Opening Deficit	<u>(1,233)</u>	<u>(1,584)</u>
Closing Deficit	<u>(2,363)</u>	<u>(1,233)</u>

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1999

	1999	1998
	IR£	IR£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	71	384
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors	608	848
Bank loans and overdrafts	—	88
Accruals	<u>1,826</u>	<u>681</u>
	<u>2,434</u>	<u>1,617</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>(2,363)</u>	<u>(1,233)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>(2,363)</u>	<u>(1,233)</u>
<i>Represented by:</i>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	<u>(2,363)</u>	<u>(1,233)</u>

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 1999.

Our review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations supplied. The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.

GORMAN QUIGLEY PENROSE, Chartered Accountants.

31-32 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 1999 and to the assets and liabilities of the Club at 30th September 1999.

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 1999

	1999	1998
	IR£	IR£
SALES	177,748	147,171
COST OF SALES	102,209	82,438
GROSS PROFIT	<u>75,539</u>	<u>64,733</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	10,233	8,162
Staff Costs	34,136	43,959
Selling	391	707
Premises	15,312	14,961
Financial	<u>3,597</u>	<u>6,350</u>
	63,669	74,139
NET OPERATING PROFIT	11,870	(9,406)
Club Subsidy	(604)	(5,879)
NET PROFIT	11,266	(15,285)
OPENING DEFICIT	(54,934)	(39,639)
CLOSING DEFICIT	<u>(43,668)</u>	<u>(54,934)</u>

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 1999

	1999	1998
	IR£	IR£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	6,715	7,322
Debtors	2,132	3,784
	<u>8,847</u>	<u>11,106</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors	16,326	12,478
Bank loans and overdrafts	9,640	12,032
Other creditors	—	592
Accruals	<u>13,313</u>	<u>19,645</u>
	32,279	44,747
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	(30,432)	(33,641)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	(30,432)	(33,641)
Long-term liabilities	(13,236)	(21,293)
DEFICIENCY OF ASSETS	<u>(43,668)</u>	<u>(54,934)</u>
Represented by:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	<u>(43,668)</u>	<u>(54,934)</u>

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LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

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S.S.	Michael Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Walter O'Connor (Meath) 21-8, 21-10
S.D.	Walter O'Connor, Tom Sheridan (Meath) dft Michael Walsh, Eugene Downey (Kilkenny) 21-19, 21-18
I.S.	Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Dominick Lynch (Kerry) 21-9, 21-2
I.D.	David King, John Ryan (Carlow) dft Tom O'Brien, Billy O'Brien (Limerick) 21-15, 21-4
J.S.	Eamon O'Neill (Limerick) dft Niall Kerr (Tyrone) 21-16, 21-20
J.D.	Eamon O'Neill, Martin Kiely (Limerick) dft Paddy Murphy, Philip Furlong (Wexford) 21-3, 21-18
M.S.	Michael Gregan (Wicklow) dft Séamus Lawlor (Clare) 21-14, 21-5
M.D.	Michael Gregan, Sammy Willoughby (Wicklow) dft Dessie Keegan, Barry Hough (Mayo) 5-21, 21-11, 21-7
U21S	Brian Marrinan (Clare) dft Ciarán Meenagh (Tyrone) 21-15, 21-12
U21D	Ciarán Meenagh, Shane McCullagh (Tyrone) dft Paraic Gaffney, Declan Hough (Mayo) 21-20, 21-19
J2S	Ricky McCann (Antrim) dft Con Faulkner (Clare) 21-6, 21-10
J2D	David Mullaniff, Liam Cassidy (Westmeath) dft Jimmy Mullins, Paul Mullins (Tipperary) 21-6, 21-11
MAS	Mickey Walsh (Roscommon) dft Tony Breen (Wexford) 2-0
MAD	John Boy Molloy, Francis Carroll (Meath) dft Joe Roche, Francis O'Toole (Limerick) 21-12, 21-14
MBS	Jerry Guiney (Cork) dft John O'Rourke (Wexford) 2-0
MBD	Seamus Morrissey, Gerry Spillane (Tipperary) dft Martin Clancy, Michael Doyle (Carlow) 21-12, 21-19
SMAS	John Rossiter (Carlow) dft Martin Cronin (Mayo) 7-21, 21-10, 21-4
SMAD	John Rossiter, Seán Ryan (Carlow) dft Páraic McCormack, Tom Derrig (Mayo) 21-12, 5-21, 21-7
SMBS	Seamus Hussey (Tyrone) dft Martin Sandford (Waterford) 21-19, 21-15
SMBD	Joe Nolan, Noel Rigney (Galway) dft John McCullogh, Peter O'Brien (Tyrone) 21-12, 21-8
GMAS	Paddy Hope (Offaly) dft Vincent O'Shea (Tipperary) 21-17, 21-8
GMAD	Seán Doyle, Pakie Mullins (Tipperary) dft Paddy Reilly, Seamus Reade (Kilkenny) 21-12, 21-18
GMBS	Bert Kelehan (Galway) dft Johnny Murtagh (Meath) 21-11, 21-8
GMBD	Michael O'Malley, Bert Kelehan (Galway) dft Denis McBride, Justin Meighan (Dublin) 21-10, 21-5
EMAS	Mossie Butler (Waterford) dft Hugh Duff (Tyrone) 13-21, 21-14, 21-9
EMAD	Paddy Lennon, Michael Dwyer (Wicklow) dft Mossie Butler, John Kiely (Waterford) 21-6 21-9
EMBS	Mick Fitzpatrick (Tipperary) dft John Nolan (Wexford) 21-8, 21-20
EMBD	John Nolan, Tom Finn (Wexford) dft Pádraig Maye, Brendan Carey (Sligo) 21-16, 21-8
DMAS	Michael Naughton (Roscommon) dft Frank Dooley (Kildare) 21-11, 13-21, 21-7
DMAD	Eddie Leahy, Pat O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) dft Michael Naughton, Tommie Hynes (Roscommon) 3-21, 21-18, 21-4
DMBS	Brian Murphy (Wexford) dft Brian Kilcommins

(Roscommon) 17-21, 21-9, 21-18

DMBD Sylvie O'Dowd, Seán Moore (Dublin) dft Brendan Campbell, Seán Lavin (Mayo) 12-21, 21-20, 21-11

HARDBALL

SHS	No Championship
SHD	No Championship
JHS	Eamon O'Neill (Limerick) dft Paul Flynn (Mayo) 21-16, 21-6
JHD	Eamon Law, Eddie Bourke (Kilkenny) dft John Corbett, Pat Ryan (Tipperary) 21-14, 21-13
MHS	Dessie Keegan (Mayo) dft Joseph McCann (Mayo) 21-6, 21-5
MHD	No Championship

40 x 20

S.S.	Tony Healy (Cork) dft Michael Walsh (Kilkenny) 21-10, 21-12
S.D.	Tony Healy, John Herlihy (Cork) dft Paddy Crothers, John McGarry (Antrim) 17-21, 21-18, 21-10
I.S.	Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Dominick Lynch (Kerry) 21-14, 21-9
I.D.	Dominick Lynch, Anthony Lynch (Kerry) dft Seán Devine, Seamus O Tuama (Antrim) 21-10, 21-17
J.S.	Jimmy King (Carlow) dft Pat Madden (Clare) 21-14, 4-21, 21-20
J.D.	Pat Madden, Pat Coughlan (Clare) dft Francie Cunningham, Alan Kenny (Dublin) 21-10, 21-13
M.S.	Dessie Keegan (Mayo) dft Michael Gregan (Wicklow) 21-11, 21-13
M.D.	Dessie Keegan, Barry Hough (Mayo) dft Michael Gregan, Sammy Willoughby (Wicklow) 10-21, 21-18, 21-10
U21S	Patrick Buckley (Cork) dft Carl Browne (Meath) 21-10, 21-4
U21D	Brian Marrinan, Adrian Marrinan (Clare) dft Carl Browne, James Cummins (Meath) 13-21, 21-12, 21-13
N.S.	Anthony Greene (Wexford) dft Seamus Cullinane (Clare) 21-8, 12-21, 21-19
N.D.	Paraic Maguire, Martin Moran (Kildare) dft Des Kelly, John McQuaide (Tipperary) 21-15, 13-21, 21-10
MAS	Mickey Walsh (Roscommon) dft Tony Breen (Wexford) 21-15, 21-10
MAD	Mickey Walsh, Martin Bruen (Roscommon) dft Tony Breen, Benny Doyle (Wexford) 21-2, 21-10
MBS	Noel Raymond (Kerry) dft John Ward (Dublin) 21-18, 10-21, 21-15
MBD	Tom Lynch, Noel Raymond (Kerry) dft John O'Rourke, Michael Rossiter (Wexford) 21-11, 21-13
SMAS	Paul Hayes (Cork) dft Michael McCarron (Monaghan) 21-9, 21-11
SMAD	Paraic McCormack, Tom Derrig (Mayo) dft Billy Mullins, Paddy Hope (Offaly) 14-21, 21-4, 21-14
SMBS	John McCullagh (Tyrone) dft P J Moran (Roscommon) 16-21, 21-8, 21-14
SMBD	Billy McCarthy, Martin Maher (Tipperary) dft John McCullagh, Peter O'Brien (Tyrone) 17-21, 21-16, 21-15
GMAS	Pat Clarke (Roscommon) dft Greg Sheridan (Cavan) 21-11, 13-21, 21-18
GMAD	Greg Sheridan, Patsy Hand (Cavan) dft Vincent O'Shea, Jim Ryan (Tipperary) 21-12, 21-18

- GMBS Michael O'Malley (Galway) dft Cathal Higgins (Monaghan) 21-11, 21-14
- GMBD Frank Harney, Seamus McHugh (Roscommon) dft Des Lyons, John O'Neill (Kildare) 21-13, 20-21, 21-3
- EMAS Seán Heaney (Mayo) dft John Browne (Kildare) 11-21, 21-12, 21-12
- EMAD Val Conroy, Seán Heaney (Mayo) W.O. Seamus Buggy, Martin Buggy (Wexford) Scr. (Illness)
- EMBS Declan Quigley (Kildare) dft Jim Doherty (Galway) 21-8, 21-19
- EMBD Michael Nolan, Francie Daly (Roscommon) dft Bernie Mahon, Frank Minogue (Kilkenny) 21-9, 17-21, 21-15
- DMAS Eddie Leahy (Kilkenny) dft Mick Lally (Galway) 21-20, 21-14
- DMAD Eddie Leahy, Pat O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) dft Mick Lally, Dominic Murray (Galway) 21-14, 21-11
- DMBS Br Finbar Spring (Waterford) dft Alex Fitzpatrick (Antrim) 21-10, 21-5
- DMBD Michael Coyne, Jim Malone (Mayo) dft John O'Meara, Seán Curran (Kilkenny) 21-5, 21-13

LADIES 60 x 30

- S.S. Berni Hennessy (Limerick) dft Fionnuala Mee (Roscommon) 21-6, 21-0
- S.D. Fionnuala Mee, Bernie Mee (Roscommon) dft Mavis O'Toole, Susan Ennis (Dublin) 21-10, 21-17
- J.S. Marie Finnernan (Roscommon) dft Ethna Mee (Roscommon) 21-14, 18-21, 21-4
- M.S. Lorraine Noone (Roscommon) dft Carol Meere (Clare) 21-0, 21-6
- M.D. Carol Meere, Marie Culliney (Clare) dft Clare Shiels, Una Ryan (Tipperary) 21-5, 21-5

LADIES 40 x 20

- S.S. Fiona McKenna (Antrim) dft Berni Hennessy (Limerick) 21-6, 17-21, 21-18
- S.D. Fiona McKenna, Brid Kerr-Mac Corraigh (Antrim) dft Mary Lindsay, Una Mulgrew (Antrim) 21-6, 21-1
- J.S. Anna Wrynn (Kildare) dft Marie Finnernan (Roscommon) 21-8, 21-16
- N.S. Bernadette McCarthy (Cork) dft Rachel Kelly (Clare) 21-5, 21-6
- M.S. Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) dft Fiona Healy (Kildare) 21-12, 21-5
- M.D. Lydia Doolan, Jackie Doyle (Roscommon) dft Fiona Healy, Una Wrynn (Kildare) 21-17, 21-13

60 x 30 TEAM OF TEN

Wexford (Malachy Whelan, John Roche, Eugene Kelly, Mick Armstrong, Tom Armstrong, Seán Nolan, John O'Rourke, Damian Donovan, Tony Breen, Frank Hillis) dft **Limerick** (Joe Roche, Tom O'Brien, John Frazer, Francis O'Toole, Michael Roche, Anthony Burke, Pat Murphy, Eddie Shanahan, John Ryan, Jack Dillon) 197-146

40 x 20 TEAM OF TEN

Wexford (Anthony Greene, Jim Freeman, John O'Rourke, Michael Rossiter, Johnny Goggins, Jimmy Goggins, Tony Breen, Jim Doyle, Michael Armstrong, Tom Armstrong, Pachelli English, Seamus Buggy) dft **Roscommon** (Robert Hill, Aengus Cunningham, P J

Moran, Gerald Walsh, Paddy McDermott, Seamus McHugh, Mickey Walsh, Martin Bruen, Paul Dean, Shane Noonan, Seán Jennings) 164-129

JUVENILE BOYS 60 x 30

- U14S Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft Thomas Hughes (Kilkenny) 15-11, 15-5
- U14D Jason Doyle, Richard Walsh (Wicklow) dft Ricky O'Gara, Gerard Clogher (Roscommon) 15-1, 15-8
- U15S Seán Maher (Kilkenny) dft Denis Casey (Kerry) 21-15, 21-16
- U15D Barry Daly, Ronan McNally (Tyrone) dft Seamus Moriarty, Stephen McSwiney (Kerry) 21-20, 19-21, 11-3
- U16S Brian Kennedy (Dublin) dft Joseph McCann (Mayo) 16-21, 21-20, 11-3
- U16D Seán O'Shea, C J Delaney (Kilkenny) dft Noel McHugh, Thomas Connaughton (Galway) 21-17, 21-17
- U17S Jimmy Goggins (Wexford) dft Philip Butler (Waterford) 21-2, 18-21, 11-1
- U17D Ryan Daly, Damian Maguire (Tyrone) dft Barry McAndrew, Ricky Hanrahan (Waterford) 21-15, 21-16

CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

- U14S Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Marian Coleman (Tipperary) 15-0, 15-0
- U14D Emer Coyle, Nicola Kelly (Roscommon) dft Tanya O'Toole, Katie Rafferty (Wexford) 15-5, 15-6
- U15S Una Byrne (Wexford) dft Karen Finnegan (Galway) 21-17, 21-12
- U15D Rachel Casey, Aifric Naughton (Roscommon) dft Erin McGrane, Sinéad Tevlin (Meath) 21-17, 21-11
- U16S Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) dft Joy Smith (Meath) 21-7, 21-2
- U16D Aine Stanton, Noelle Casey (Limerick) dft Katie Prior, Susan Keegan (Dublin) 21-9, 21-5
- U17S Helen Cooney (Mayo) dft Elizabeth Martin (Dublin) 21-8, 21-0
- U17D Janet Connaughton, Michelle Kennedy (Galway) dft Aine Lennon, Marian Brennan (Laois) 21-8, 21-4

JUVENILE BOYS 40 x 20

- U14S Tomás Lennon (Laois) dft Damian Martin (Roscommon) 5-15, 15-10, 15-12
- U14D Jason Doyle, Richard Walsh (Wicklow) dft John O'Keeffe, Niall O'Neill (Clare) 15-10, 15-10
- U15S Fintan Gamble (Antrim) dft David Brandley (Galway) 21-16, 21-5
- U15D Tomás Campion, T J Comerford (Kilkenny) dft Aidan Lynch, Eanna Torpey (Clare) 21-5, 21-15
- U16S Joseph McCann (Mayo) dft Charles Shanks (Armagh) 21-5, 21-10
- U16D Noel McHugh, Thomas Connaughton (Galway) dft Shane Grugan, Mark McCullagh (Tyrone) 21-20, 21-12
- U17S Barry McAndrew (Waterford) dft Owen McKenna (Antrim) 21-19, 21-15
- U17D Eamon Hawe, Niall Doran (Kilkenny) dft Declan Bermingham, Stephen Finnegan (Roscommon) 21-12, 21-10

CAILÍNÍ 40 x 20

- U14S Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) 15-12, 15-4

- U14D Nicola Kelly, Emer Coyle (Roscommon) dft Eilish O'Brien, Sinéad Gollogly (Kildare) 15-1, 15-8
- U15S Catherine Reidy (Kerry) dft Sharon Kane (Carlow) 21-18, 21-4
- U15D Sinéad Tevlin, Erin McGrane (Meath) dft Marion Coleman, Siobhán O'Doherty (Tipperary) 21-10, 21-15
- U16S Joy Smith (Meath) dft Noelle McGuane (Clare) 21-11, 21-11
- U16D Claire Connaughton, Yvonne McHugh (Galway) dft Nora Stapleton, Laura Gillespie (Donegal) 21-5, 21-16
- U17S Tara Mulhall (Kildare) dft Tracy Buckley (Kerry) 21-14, 19-21, 11-6
- U17D Michelle Kennedy, Janet Connaughton (Galway) dft Aine Lennon, Marianne Brennan (Laois) 21-15, 21-7

GAEL LINN MIXED DOUBLES

Sandra McSwiney, Shane Twomey (Ballymacelligott, Kerry) dft Karen Collins, Ger Coonan (Ballina, Tipperary) 68-33

SÓLÁS FINAL

Emer Skehan, Maurice Nolan (O'Loughlin's, Kilkenny) dft Emer Fallon, Shane Buckley (Naomh Mhuire, Kildare) 42-12

60 x 30 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

U12/13 TEAM OF SIX

Wexford (Brian Nugent, Niall Maher, Mark Mythen, John Kinsella, Alan Griffith, Mikey Berry, Craig Hall) dft **Kerry** (Pádraig McCarthy, Gary O'Connor, Shane Twomey, Tim Prenderville, Liam Thompson, Denis Buckley, Colin McSwiney) 75-62

U14/15 TEAM OF SIX

Wexford (Thomas Moore, Richard Flynn, Owen Walsh, Diarmuid Smith, Niall Cullen, Patrick Murphy) dft **Waterford** (Seamus Lavan, Michael Brennan, Brian Morrissey, Michael Brown Jack Power, Simon Hanrahan, Anthony Burke) 90-33

U12/16 TEAM OF TEN

Kerry (Tim Prenderville, Liam Thompson, Sandy McSwiney, Shane Twomey, Gary O'Connor, Pádraig McCarthy, Denis Casey, Stephen McSwiney, Aidan O'Donohoe, Maurice Crowe) dft **Kilkenny** (Anne Marie Hawe, Patrick Hogan, Diarmuid Brennan, Brian Mulhall, Thomas Hughes, Paul Byrne, Seán Maher, T J Comerford, C J Delaney, Seán O'Shea) 111-92

U16 - CAILÍNÍ

St Coman's, Roscommon (Nicola Kelly, Lydia Doolan, Jennifer Bracken, Rachel Casey) dft **Ballina, Tipperary** (Karen Collins, Tracy Coonan, Cliona Collins, Marion Coleman)

40 x 20 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

U12/13 TEAM OF SIX

Kilkenny (Eoin Coady, Maurice Nolan, Anne Marie Hawe, Brendan Burke, Patrick Hogan, Diarmuid

Brennan, Brian Mulhall) dft **Kerry** (Shane Twomey, Tomás Dunne, Gene Griffin, Pádraig Kerins, Colin McSwiney, Liam Thompson, Denis Buckley) 68-57

U14/15 TEAM OF SIX

Cork (Joseph O'Keeffe, D J O'Connor, Michael Murphy, John Horgan, Michael Murphy, James Moakley) dft **Tyrone** (Martin Grugan, Gary McRory, Barry Daly, Ronan McNally, Patrick McCullagh, Christopher Rutledge) 69-60

U12/16 TEAM OF TEN

Kilkenny (Anne Marie Hawe, Patrick Hogan, Thomas Hughes, Brian Mulhall, Seán O'Shea, Seán Maher, Diarmuid Brennan, Philip Lonergan, C J Delaney, Séamie Hawe) dft **Roscommon** (Barry Nolan, Alan Bogdt, Chris Doolan, Nicola Kelly, Damian Martin, Eimear Coyle, Alan McDermott, Niall McGrath, Lydia Doolan, Declan Bermingham) 120-94

U12/16 - CAILÍNÍ

Toonagh, Clare (Teresa McGuane, Ailish Hanson, Rebecca Kelly, Noelle McGuane) dft **St Brigid's, Dublin** (Liz Martin, Suzanne Keegan, Katie Prior, Louise Nolan, Rosaleen Larkin)

FÉILE NA nGAEL

Boys 40 x 20 Division I

Coolboy, Wicklow (Jason Doyle, Jerome Willoughby, Richard Walsh, Christopher Doyle, Killian Gegan) dft **Kilworth, Cork** (John Horgan, James Moakley, Michael Allen, Adrian Mannix, Colin Baker) 42-14

Skills: Jason Doyle, Coolboy, Wicklow

Runner-up: Gary McRory, Carrickmore, Tyrone

Boys 40 x 20 Division II

St Columcille's, Kells, Meath (Brian Carroll, Sinead Tevlin, Alan Tormay, Martin Tevlin, Michael McGrane) dft **Touraneena, Waterford** (Jack Power, Seamus Power, Tristen Hickey, Willie Power, Aidan Hickey) 25-23

Skills: Paul Moran, St Mary's, Leixlip, Kildare

Runner-up: Brian Mulhall, Mothel, Kilkenny

Boys 40 x 20 Division III

Garryhill, Carlow (Gerry Kane, Patrick Mullins, John Miley, Patrick Kavanagh, David Miley) dft **Castlebridge, Wexford** (Diarmuid Smyth, Kevin Murphy, Pat Murphy, Mark Devereux, Brian Murphy) 42-25

Skills: Gerry Kane, Garryhill, Carlow

Runner-up: Diarmuid Smyth, Castlebridge, Wexford

Girls 40 x 20 Division I

Ballymacelligott, Kerry (Sandra McSwiney, Grainne De Lacey, Maria Daly, Armanda Culloty, Karen Culloty) dft **Coolboy, Wicklow** (Patricia Doyle, Ciara O'Connor, Nadine Murphy, Caroline Dunne, Claire Gahan) 28-23

Skills: Maria Daly, Ballymacelligott, Kerry

Runner-up: Patricia Doyle, Coolboy, Wicklow

Girls 40 x 20 Division II

Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare (Ailish O'Brien, Eimear Fallon, Sinéad Gollogly, Sarah Donovan, Ashley Roche) dft **Garryhill, Carlow** (Miriam Ryan, Ciara Mullins, Deirdre O'Brien, Lydia Tracey, Edel Jordan) 29-22

Skills: Eimear Fallon, Naomh Mhuire, Kildare

Runner-up: Ciara Mullins, Garryhill, Carlow

Boys 60 x 30 Division I

Ballymacelligott, Kerry (Gene Griffin, Shane Twomey, Gary O'Connor, Pádraig McCarthy, Tomás Dunne) dft **Clogh, Kilkenny** (Tomas Hughes, Paul Byrne, Steve Mahon, Graham Lawlor, Kevin Phillips) 42-12

Skills: Ger Coonan, Ballina, Tipperary

Runner-up: Gary O'Connor, Ballymacelligott, Kerry

Boys 60 x 30 Division II

Templeudigan, Wexford (Dermot Flynn, Alan Boland, Martin O'Leary, Colin Flynn, James Flynn) dft **Hospital, Limerick** (Alan Ryan, Roger O'Connor, Seán Cleary, James Ryan, Liam O'Toole) 42-13

Skills: Dermot Flynn, Templeudigan, Wexford

Runner-up: Liam O'Toole, Hospital, Limerick

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

60 x 30

- J.S. Patrick Clerkin (St Patrick's College, Cavan) dft Michael Brennan (St Augustine's College, Dungarvan) 21-12, 21-7
- J.D. Richard Walsh, Johnny Willoughby (FCJ Buncloody) dft Barry Daly, Ronan McNally (Omagh CBS) 15-21, 21-18, 21-5
- S.S. Terry Gainfort (St Peter's College, Wexford) dft Andrew Moran (St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen) 21-10, Injury default
- S.D. Ryan Daly, Mark McCullagh (Omagh CBS) dft Kenny Keane, Barry McAndrew (St Augustine's College, Dungarvan) 21-13, 12-21, 21-11

CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

- U13 S Doon Secondary School, Limerick (Danielle O'Connell) dft St Patrick's, Lacken Cross, Mayo (Stacy Roache) 15-1, 15-3
- U13D Convent of Mercy, Roscommon (Elaine Healy, Deirdre Healy) W.O. Tipperary Scr.
- U15S Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew, Wicklow (Patricia Doyle) dft St Anne's, Killaloe (Marian Coleman) 15-12, 15-4
- U15D St Anne's, Killaloe (Tracy Coonan, Aoife Hickey) dft Convent of Mercy, Roscommon (Rachel Casey, Aifric Naughton) 15-13, 15-3
- U18S Convent of Mercy, Roscommon (Lydia Doolan) dft Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis (Noelle McGuane) 15-0, 15-3
- U18D Convent of Mercy, Roscommon (Emer Coyle, Nicola Kelly) dft Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis (Marie Culliney, Carol Meere) 15-5, 15-1

40 x 20

- J.S. Joseph McCann (St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen) dft Brian Kennedy (Coolmine C.S.) 20-21, 21-6, 21-5
- J.D. Mark McCullagh, Ryan Kelly (Omagh C.B.S.) dft

Andrew Moran, Eamon Collieran (St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen) 16-21, 21-16, 21-8

S.S. Dessie Keegan (St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen) dft Ryan Daly (Omagh CBS) 21-5, 21-11

S.D. William Love, Andrew Hosey (Castlecomer C.S.) dft Barry Hough, Declan Hough (St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen) 21-11, 21-13

CAILÍNÍ 40 X 20

- U13S Kerry McNulty (Presentation, Tuam) dft Emer Richardson (Villiers, Limerick) 15-5, 15-0
- U13D Nicola Kelly, Emer Coyle (Mercy Convent, Roscommon) dft Marian Ryan, Maria O'Brien (Muine Bheag) 15-5, 15-1
- U15S Patricia Doyle (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Noelle Casey (Villiers, Limerick) 14-15, 15-1, 15-1
- U15D Maria Daly, Catherine Reidy (Kerry) dft Frances Bell, Edel McIlvor (Derry) 15-0, 15-0
- U18S Lydia Doolan (Mercy Convent, Roscommon) dft Noelle McGuane (Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis) 21-4, 21-11
- U18D Carol Meere, Marie Culliney (Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis) dft Lorraine Noone, Jennifer Bracken (Mercy Convent, Roscommon) 21-15, 21-10

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

A TEAM

University of Ulster (Seán Devine, Richard McCann, Shane McCullagh, Karl Curran) dft **UCC** (Tony Healy, John Herlihy, Ricky Keane, Barry Kelliher, Thomas McMahon)

B TEAM

DCU (David McAndrew, Derek Henry, Terence Tinnelly, Kevin Corrigan) dft **UCD** (Pat Devereux, Enda Hawe, Pat Lacey, Paul Foley, Gary McNulty)

Men's 'A' Singles

Tony Healy (UCC) dft Eoin Kennedy (DCU)

Ladies 'A' Singles

Anna Wrynn (NUI Maynooth) dft Fionnuala Mee (UCD)

Men's 'B' Singles

Peter Reilly (Cavan College) dft David Mulryan (GMIT)

Ladies 'B' Singles

Sinéad Gannon (NUI Maynooth) dft Carol Elstead (DIT)

WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS

Girls 15 & Under

Lydia Doolan (St Coman's, Roscommon) dft Maria Daly (Ballymacelligott, Kerry) 21, 21-7

Boys 15 & Under

Joseph McCann (Ballaghaderreen, Mayo) dft Brian Kennedy (St Brigid's, Dublin) 21-12, 20-21, 11-2

Boys 17 & Under

Michael Gregan (Coolboy, Wicklow) dft Brendan Fleming (Ballydesmond, Cork) 21-11, 21-6

TORTHAÍ 1999 (continued)

Boys 19 & Under

Desmond Keegan (Ballaghaderreen, Mayo) dft Seamus Lawlor (Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clare) 21-9, 21-9

Men's C

Patrick Buckley (Mallow, Cork) dft Tom Savage (Downpatrick, Down) 10-21, 21-6, 11-2

Men's B

Paul Graham (Queen's, Antrim) dft David King (Borris, Carlow) 21-15, 21-14

Masters 'B'

Michael Rossister (Ballyhogue, Wexford) dft Seamus Hussey (Cappagh, Tyrone) 21-16, 21-8

Golden Masters 'B'

Seamus McHugh (Curraghboy, Roscommon) dft Seán Moore (Clann Eireann, Armagh) 21-19, 21-15

Golden Masters 'A'

Eugene Kennedy (St Brigid's, Dublin) dft Morgan Darcy (Moycullen, Galway) 21-10, 21-7

Diamond Masters

Eddie Leahy (O'Loughlin's, Kilkenny) dft Mick Lally (Moycullen, Galway) 11-21, 21-12, 11-2

Ladies 'B'

Leonore Coyle (Curraghboy, Roscommon) dft Marie Finneran (Curraghboy, Roscommon) 21-11, 13-21, 11-10

Ladies Open

Fiona McKenna (St Paul's, Antrim) dft Suzanne Symth (Rossa, Antrim) 21-9, 21-6

Men's Open

John Bike (California, USA) dft Kenneth Kane (Garryhill, Carlow) 21-17, 21-9

ONE-WALL NATIONALS

Men's Open

David King (Carlow) dft Paul Flynn (Mayo) 15-5, 15-8

Plate: John Ward (Dublin) dft Paraic McCann (Sligo)

Men's B

Justin Evans (Wales) dft John Corbett (Tipperary) 8-15, 15-11, 15-6

Plate: Brian Tansey (Mayo) dft James Towey (Mayo) 17-16

Masters 'A' Singles

Mickey Walsh (Roscommon) dft Francis Carroll (Meath) 15-8, 15-12

Plate: Michael Porter (Sligo) dft Hugh McGarry (Sligo)

Masters 'B' Singles

Peter Larkin (Dublin) dft Kerry Wilde (Wales) 15-12, 15-8

Plate: Tony McInerney (Galway) dft Pauric Maye (Sligo)

Boys U17

Barry McAndrew (Waterford) dft Patrick Clerkin

(Cavan) 15-5, 15-8

Plate: Robert Willoughby (Wicklow) dft Richard Wynne (Sligo)

Girls U17

Emer Tansey (Mayo) dft Susan Keegan (Dublin)

Boys U14

Noel McHugh (Galway) dft Gary McRory (Tyrone) 15-1, 15-11

Plate: Brendan Brogan (Sligo) dft Garry Melly (Sligo)

Girls U14

Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Patricia Doyle (Wicklow)

ULSTER 40 x 20 OPEN

Boys U17

Michael Gregan (Wicklow) dft Noel McHugh (Galway)

Girls U17

Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Janet Connaughton (Galway) 12-21, 21-17, 11-7

Men's 'A'

Niall Kerr (Tyrone) dft Patrick Buckley (Cork) 21-14, 8-21, 11-9

Silver Masters

Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Dominic Sheridan (Cavan) 21-9, 21-14

Ladies Open

Fiona McKenna (Antrim) dft Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) 21-6, 21-14

Men's Open

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Tony Healy (Cork) 21-16, 21-18

LEINSTER 40 x 20 OPEN

Boys 17 & Under

Michael Gregan (Wicklow) dft Patrick Finnegan (Cavan) 21-8, 21-12

Girls 17 & Under

Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Jennifer Bracken (Roscommon) 21-18, 21-17

EMD

Eddie Leahy, Jim O'Neill (Kilkenny) dft Paddy Lennon, Michael Dwyer (Wicklow) 21-10, 21-12

Masters Doubles

Seamus Reade, Michael Reade (Kilkenny) dft Jerry Guiney, Michael O'Dea (Cork) 21-19, 21-18

Junior 2 Doubles

Miley Connors, Dick Berry (Wexford) dft Tom Connors, Andy Murphy (Wexford) 21-18, 12-21, 11-6

Ladies Open

Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) dft Brid Kerr-Mac Corraidh (Antrim) 21-15, 21-7

Men's Open

Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Walter O'Connor (Meath) 18-21, 21-12, 11-0

ST. PAUL'S GOLDEN GLOVES

Boys 17 & Under

Owen McKenna (Antrim) dft Charles Shanks (Armagh) 21-18, 12-21, 11-5

Masters

Billy Silcock (Antrim) dft Paul Hayes (Cork) 21-16, 21-8

Men's 'C'

Jerry Guiney (Cork) dft Ian Griffin (Dublin) 14-21, 21-14, 11-6

Men's 'B'

Ciarán Meenagh (Tyrone) dft Patrick Buckley (Cork) 21-16, 21-18

Ladies Open

Fiona McKenna (Antrim) dft Suzanne Smyth (Antrim) 21-5, 21-10

Men's Open

Tony Healy (Cork) dft Walter O'Connor (Meath) 21-18, 21-7

CONNACHT 60 x 30 OPEN

Men's Open

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 21-6, 21-6

Ladies Open

Berni Hennessy (Limerick) dft Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) 21-10, 21-6

Junior 2 Doubles

Jerry Guiney, Michael O'Dea (Cork) dft Ronan Galvin, Paddy McDermott (Roscommon) 21-18, 18-21, 11-5

Masters Doubles

Billy McCarthy, Pat Ryan (Tipperary) dft J Staunton, Tom Derrig (Mayo)

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Boys U17 Singles

Noel McHugh (Galway) dft Philip Butler (Waterford) 21-16, 21-14

Junior 2 Doubles

Jimmy Mullins, Paul Mullins (Tipperary) dft Desmond Kelly, Desmond Lenihan (Tipperary) 21-7, 21-3

Masters 'B' Doubles

Michael Doyle, Martin Clancy (Carlow) dft Con Moore, Pat Gardiner (Kilkenny) 21-16, 21-15

Ladies Singles

Berni Hennessy (Limerick) dft Carol Moloney (Tipperary) 2-0

Men's Open

Michael Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Dominick Lynch (Kerry) 21-5, 21-6

EUROPEAN ONE-WALL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners: Ireland

Dessie Keegan, Michael Gregan, Andrew Hosey, Brian Manogue, Damian, Martin, Robert McCarthy, Gary McRory, Jer Coonan, Lydia Doolan, Alan McDermott, Noel McHugh, Michael John Meaney.

Runners-Up: England

James Toop, Giles Corner, Paul Mann, Tom Dunbar, Alick Varma, Adrian Lee, Ian Mogford, Tom McCall, Milan Kovacevich, Christos Hajipapas, John Nodding, Dash Mason.

USHA JUNIORS

Boys 15 & Under

Noel McHugh (Ireland) dft Seán Lenning (Washington) 21-9, 21-17

Girls 15 & Under

Maria Daly (Ireland) dft Courtney Peixoto (California) 21-9, 21-20

Boys 17 & Under

Michael Gregan (Ireland) dft Oscar Quezada (California) 21-7, 21-16

Girls 17/19 & Under

Fiona Healy (Ireland) lost to Lynn Alesi 21-18, 17-21, 2-11

Boys 19 & Under

Dessie Keegan (Ireland) lost to Bill Mehilos (Illinois) 17-21, 10-21

USHA NATIONALS

Women's Pro Singles

Anna Cristoff (Minnesota, USA) dft Fiona McKenna (Antrim) 21-7, 21-10

Men's Open Singles

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Eddie Chappa (California, USA) 21-8, 21-12

Boys 19 & Under

Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Bill Mehilos (Illinois, USA) 21-10, 21-4

19 & Under Consolation

James Brady (Cavan) dft Matt Steel (Oregon, USA)



*The Irish team which took part in the USHA Junior Championships in December 1999:
Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Assistant Manager, Maria Daly, Fiona Healy, Michael Gregan, Noel McHugh, Dessie Keegan,
Peadar Mac Artáir, Uachtarán CLLE and Jimmy King, Manager.*



A section of the capacity crowd enjoying the All-Ireland softball finals at Páirc an Chrócaigh.



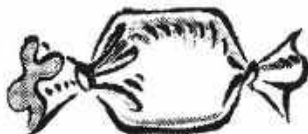
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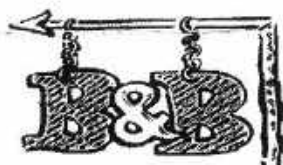
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