



# Comhairle LIATHRÓID LAIMHE na hÉireann

An Chomhtháil Ohlaintaíil  
2002







*Michael "Duxie" Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, pictured with Seán Mac Thaidhg, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, and Peadar Mac Artúir, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, following his 16th All-Ireland Softball Singles victory in 17 years at Páirc an Chrócaigh on 8 Meán Fómhair, 2001.*



*The Irish team which took part in the USHA Junior Championships in Phoenix in December 2001: (Back) Richard Willoughby, Team Manager, Robert McCarthy, Patrick Finnegan, Noel McHugh and (front) Nicola Kelly, Peadar Mac Artúir, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, Lydia Doolan and Anne Naughton, Assistant Manager.*



# Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2002

## Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

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AN DOMHNACH, 24 MÁRTA ag 10.30 r.n.

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### AINMNIÚCHÁIN 2002

**Uachtarán:** Antóin Ó hAodha

**Cisteoir:** Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí (Tiobraid Árann, Ceatharlach, Loch Garman, Muigheo).

**Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle CLG:**

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up once again to take the Golden Masters 'A' Doubles title with a three game 6-21, 21-19, 21-15 victory over Pakie Mullins and Sean Doyle from Tipperary. Kilkenny's other Softball title went to Pat Savage and Jim Neary in Golden Masters 'B' Doubles when they defeated Dave Mulhern and Eamon McDonnell of Donegal 21-17, 12-21, 21-11.

#### SENIOR DOUBLES TITLE FOR MEATH

Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor once again took the Senior Softball Doubles title in an excellent game overcoming the challenge of Michael 'Duxie' Walsh and Eugene Downey, Kilkenny 21-19, 21-11. The Meath pair put on a powerful display of handball and ran out comfortable winners in the second game. Kerry's Dominick Lynch achieved just reward for his tremendous efforts over the years when he defeated Dessie Keegan of Mayo in the Intermediate Singles final on a 21-20, 8-21, 21-14 scoreline. The Intermediate Doubles title went to Eamon O'Neill and Paul Herr of Limerick who overcame Paul Carthy and Malachy Whelan of Wexford 21-9, 21-18. Limerick's Kerry Hennessy had a fine double in Junior B defeating Felix Doran of Wexford 20-21, 21-18, 21-20 in a very keenly contested Singles final and partnered by Paul Hedderman overcame Eugene Kelly and John Murphy of the Model county 21-16, 21-6 in Doubles.

#### DOUBLE FOR PAT CLEARY

Pat Cleary of Wexford continued on his winning ways at Masters level taking the 'A' Singles title with a 21-9, 21-6 win over Tom O'Brien from Limerick. He was partnered by Johnny Goggins in the Doubles event where they outpointed Mike Kelly and Pat Coughlan of Clare 21-15, 21-10. In Minor Doubles Myles Cash and Cormac Smyth took another title for the south eastern county when they defeated Cork's Donnacha O'Dea and Shane O'Brien 21-8, 21-12. Wexford's fourth Softball title was won by Paddy Berry and Gerry Connors in Silver Masters 'B' Doubles when they overcame the challenge of Cork's Michael O'Dea and Chris Hurley 21-14, 21-11.

#### GALWAY'S FIRST MINOR TITLE

Noel McHugh from the Williamstown Club took the All-Ireland Minor Softball title to Galway for the first time since the Championships began in 1949 when he had a rather easy 21-7, 21-0 victory over Donnacha O'Dea from Cork who certainly did not produce anything like his best from on the All-Ireland stage. Cavan's Patrick Finnegan had some compensation for his defeat in the U21 Singles when he partnered Ryan McCormack in Doubles to victory over Brian Manogue and Andrew Hosey of Kilkenny 21-14, 21-7.

The Silver Masters 'A' Doubles title went to Paddy Hope and Billy Mullins of Offaly who defeated John McCullagh and Peter O'Brien of Tyrone 21-15, 21-18. Eugene Kennedy took another Golden Masters 'A' Singles title at the expense of Pakie Mullins, Tipperary 21-19, 21-16. Carlow contested three 'B' finals, Martin Clancy and Michael Doyle defeating Séamus McKavanagh and Seán Moore of Armagh 21-11, 21-12 in Masters 'B' Doubles. Martin Clancy was defeated by Pat Griffin, Tipperary, in the Singles event 21-14, 21-11. Billy King took a second title for the Barrowsiders defeating Michael Jordan of Cork 21-20, 21-9 in the Emerald Masters 'B' Singles final.

Dave Mulhern of Donegal made history when he took that county's first adult All-Ireland Softball title, defeating Pat Savage, Kilkenny 21-10, 21-5 in Golden Masters 'B' Singles. Martin Sandford won Waterford's only All-Ireland Softball title with a 21-3, 21-10 victory over John Granahan of Mayo in Silver Masters 'B' Singles.

#### EIGHT MASTERS TITLES FOR CONNACHT

Mickey Walsh from the St. Coman's Club in Roscommon put on a masterly display in the Silver Masters 'A' Singles final outscoring John McCullagh of Tyrone 21-4, 21-0 to take yet another All-Ireland title. Connacht counties took seven of the eight over fifty-five All-Ireland titles on offer, four of these going to Mayo, two to Sligo and one to Roscommon. In Emerald Masters 'A' Singles Mayo's Tom Derrig defeated Mossie Butler of Waterford 21-14, 14-21, 21-8. He was partnered by Sean Heaney to victory in Doubles over Hugh Duff and Mickey John Kelly from Tyrone on a 21-4, 21-5 result. Once again, Paddy Walsh took further honours for Sligo, defeating Waterford's Declan Mulcahy 14-21, 21-15, 21-13 in a keenly contested battle with his old rival in Diamond Masters 'A' Singles. Mick Kelly and Paddy Walsh took the Diamond Masters 'A' Doubles medals to Sligo, defeating Bro. Finbar Spring and Johnny Kiely of Waterford 21-19, 21-7. Sean Lavin of Mayo had an excellent double, winning the Diamond Masters 'B' Singles over Jim Kennedy of Cork 21-8, 21-0 and he teamed up with Brendan Campbell to defeat Harry Hyde and Jim Kennedy, Cork 21-5, 21-0 in Doubles. Frank Daly and Michael Nolan had a good victory for Roscommon in the Emerald Masters 'B' Doubles final at the expense of Cathal Earley and Peter Cassidy of Monaghan 21-6, 21-4.

### 40 x 20 Championships

As mentioned at the introduction, the 40 x 20 Championships were severely disrupted by the Foot and Mouth Disease restrictions. The decision of Árd Comhairle to suspend the championships, while not welcomed in every quarter, was certainly the correct one. Quite a substantial number of our players are based in rural areas and are closely associated with agriculture and related industries and it would have been irresponsible of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann to continue with the championships at a time when the livelihoods of so many people were at risk. When the decision to suspend the championships was taken quite a number of players had already played All-Ireland semi finals while some provincial championships had not yet been completed. This caused major disruption to the players' training schedule and it must have been very difficult for them to maintain an appropriate level of fitness over the following six months or so. They must certainly be complimented on their understanding and patience in what was, of course, a matter of grave national importance.

#### FOURTEEN TITLES FOR LEINSTER

Five Leinster counties won fourteen titles between them, Wexford leading the way with five followed by Dublin with four, Carlow and Offaly with two each and Laois taking one title. Cork accounted for all four of Munster's titles while Cavan, Donegal, Antrim and Armagh brought six titles to Ulster. Roscommon, Galway, Mayo and Sligo shared eight titles between them in the western province.

#### HEALY RETAINS TITLE FOR CORK

Tony Healy from the Ballydesmond Club, who has shown very consistent form over the past few years, won his third consecutive 40 x 20 Senior Singles title, this time overcoming the challenge of Kenneth Kane of Carlow 21-16, 21-9 before a packed gallery at the splendid O'Loughlin's complex in Kilkenny. He was partnered by Stephen Palmer in Senior Doubles but the delayed final against Meath's Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor did not take place because of an injury to the latter player in an unfortunate car accident.



## SIGNIFICANT WINS FOR ULSTER COUNTIES

Ulster counties achieved significant victories thus indicating the progress of several of the province's players in the 40 x 20 court. Ricky McCann showed excellent form in the Intermediate Singles final when he outpointed Dessie Keegan of Mayo, who lost his second Intermediate final of the year, 21-7, 15-21, 21-18. The Antrim man showed great skill and determination and held his nerve to gain a deserved victory. Charles Shanks from the Lurgan club won Armagh's first ever 40 x 20 Minor Singles title when he overcame Joseph McCann from the Ballaghaderreen Club in Mayo 21-19, 13-21, 21-18. Patrick Finnegan atoned for his defeat in the U 21 Softball Singles final when he turned the tables on Brian Manogue of Kilkenny by winning the corresponding 40 x 20 title 21-5, 21-10. Darren Donnelly took a second title for Armagh with a 21-18, 21-7 victory over Tom Connors from Wexford in Junior 'B' Singles. Dave Mulhern from Donegal created another piece of history by becoming the first player from the north western county to take the Golden Masters 'B' Singles medal when he defeated Wexford's Harry Lacey 21-7, 21-7. The other Ulster victory went to Séamus Graham of Antrim in the Emerald Masters 'A' Singles, who had a very successful season culminating in a victory over Nicholas Clancy of Galway 21-15, 15-21, 21-15.

## LEINSTER VICTORIES

John Ryan and David King combined well to take the Intermediate Doubles title to Carlow, defeating Ricky McCann and Eddie Mallon of Antrim 14-21, 21-12, 21-11. Shane Dormer, Laois, showed further improvement in winning the Junior Singles title with a 21-13, 21-16 win over Antrim's Paul Graham. Pat Cleary collected his third medal of the year when, partnered by Benny Doyle, Wexford defeated Tipperary's Pat Griffin and Tony O'Flaherty 21-18, 21-16 to take the Masters 'A' Doubles medals. Johnny Goggins and Jimmy Goggins combined to win the Masters 'B' Doubles title for Wexford over Clare opponents Mike Kelly and Tom Hough 21-5, 21-7. Dick Berry and Felix Doran from Wexford won the Junior B Doubles title 21-16, 21-16 against Darren Donnelly and Conor McMahon from Armagh. The model county took the Golden Masters 'B' Doubles medals through Frank Hillis and Harry Lacey, who had a fine victory over Cork's Tim Joe Healy and Tony Buckley 21-10, 21-4. A further Master's title came to Wexford when Pat Lacey and Matt Lacey defeated Eddie Sheerin and David Slattery from Tipperary 21-11, 21-17 in Emerald Masters 'B' Doubles. Billy Mullins had an excellent double in Silver Masters 'A' winning the Singles title over Paul Hayes of Cork 21-8, 21-15 and, with Paddy Hope, defeating Paul Hayes and Pat Morris 21-7, 21-7 in Doubles. Eugene Kennedy also had a double winning the Golden Masters 'A' Singles title over Cavan's Greg Sheridan 21-14, 15-21, 21-12. He and Vinnie Farrelly combined in doubles to defeat Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand, Cavan 14-21, 21-4, 21-8. John Ward and Seamus Ahern of Dublin took the Silver Masters 'B' Doubles title with a fine 16-21, 21-9, 21-19 win over Jerry Guiney and Michael O'Dea from Cork while a fourth title came to Dublin through Seán Moore and Mick O'Brien in Diamond Masters 'B' Doubles who had a walk-over from Tipperary in the final because of injury. Billy King from Carlow won his second Emerald Masters 'B' Singles medal in 2001 when he defeated Michael Jordan of Cork 9-21, 21-12, 21-18.

## MASTERS RECORD FOR MICKEY WALSH

The evergreen Mickey Walsh from the St. Coman's Club in Roscommon won a record eighth successive Masters 'A' Singles title when he defeated his old rival Billy Silcock of Antrim 21-

11, 21-6. Anthony O'Donnell and Michael Tormey took another title to the Shannonside county with a 17-21, 21-10, 21-18 victory over John McQuaide and Des Kelly from Tipperary in Junior Doubles. Joseph McCann made up for his Minor Singles disappointment when he and James Kilcullen defeated Eanna Torpey and Aidan Lynch of Clare 18-21, 21-6, 21-16 in an excellent Minor Doubles final. Paddy Walsh of Sligo had another victory at Diamond Masters 'A' Singles level defeating Sean McEntee, Antrim 15-21, 21-19, 21-10 while he and Mick Kelly won the doubles medals defeating Pat Cleary and Michael Hogan from Tipperary 21-5, 21-4. Sligo's third 40 x 20 title was won by Michael Porter in Masters 'B' Singles against Pat Donagh of Cavan on a 21-14, 21-10 scoreline. Galway's lone title in the 40 x 20 adult championships came to Jim Doherty who had a walk-over from an injured Tipperary opponent in the All-Ireland final.

## Hardball Championships

For the second year in a row only two All-Ireland Hardball Championships were played, this time in Senior and Junior Singles. The lack of entries for the remaining championships was very disappointing but one must recognise the fact that the 40 x 20 season has become protracted in recent years and that some players feel they need a break between the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 seasons. In addition, hardball is played over such a short period that it is probably difficult for a significant amount of players to take a serious interest in this ancient code of handball. Whatever the reasons for the fall off in interest, the value of the hardball championships must be assessed. In order to attract a serious level of entries they would need to be given a proper time-frame at the right time of the year. This was possible in earlier decades when there were far fewer championships and before the 40 x 20 code was introduced to Ireland. However, it has become increasingly difficult to give hardball the profile it

### OPEN HARBALL ENTRIES 1982 - 2001

YEAR	SHS	SHD	JHS	JHD	MHS	MHD	MASS	MASD	TTL
1982	8	8	9	9	4	4	-	-	42
1983	7	5	8	10	6	5	-	-	41
1984	7	6	6	6	4	4	-	-	33
1985	7	6	6	6	5	5	-	-	35
1986	16	10	11	12	9	4	-	-	62
1987	12	6	16	17	7	5	-	-	63
1988	13	8	14	12	4	3	-	-	54
1989	10	5	15	15	7	6	-	-	58
1990	13	7	12	10	6	6	-	-	54
1991	15	9	10	10	9	6	-	-	59
1992	17	9	23	16	10	5	-	-	80
1993	13	7	14	15	7	3	-	-	59
1994	7	5	9	6	8	6	-	-	41
1995	9	9	11	10	10	7	-	-	56
1996	7	4	17	11	9	5	-	-	53
1997	6	2	12	8	10	6	-	-	44
1998	9	6	19	7	4	1	-	-	46
1999	7	5	19	12	10	6	-	-	59
2000	7	5	22	14	6	3	-	-	57
2001	10	7	15	6	1	0	3	4	46

\*Masters Hardball Championships were introduced by Motion to Comhdháil 2001



once enjoyed and the attention it would need to restore it to its former glory. All is not lost and the accompanying table of entries over the past two decades shows that there is a reasonable amount of interest in the game.

Walter O'Connor from the Gormanston Club in Meath won yet another Senior Hardball Singles title when he defeated Dessie Keegan of Mayo 21-1, 21-6 in a one-sided final. Shane Dormer from Laois showed his versatility in adapting to the hardball code by winning the Junior Singles championship against Padraig Gaffney of Mayo 21-13, 21-6.

## Ladies Championships

The ladies championships were disappointing in the extreme in Softball where only the All-Ireland Minor Singles championship took place. This was won by Lydia Doolan from Roscommon who defeated Joy Smith from the Kells Club in Meath 21-7, 21-5 in the first ever ladies final played in conjunction with the Highball All-Ireland Softball finals at Croke Park on the eve of the football final. In 40 x 20 Fiona Shannon from Antrim won her third successive Seniors Singles title defeating clubmate Brigid Kerr 21-1, 21-5 in the final. The Junior 40 x 20 Singles title went to Tracy Buckley from Kerry who had a good win over Leonore Coyle of Roscommon 21-12, 21-15. Lydia Doolan took two 40 x 20 Minor titles defeating Tracy Floyd of Donegal 21-6, 21-6 in Singles and partnering Afric Naughton to victory over Tracy Floyd and Nora Stapleton in Doubles 21-4, 21-8.

The introduction of the interprovincial 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 ladies championships in Minor, Junior B and Junior grades two years ago should have proven an added attraction to players who wished to represent their counties. Every county must make a serious effort to promote ladies handball and, of course, this must begin at club level. Those clubs which have promoted the game in the past achieved significant success and those who now do so have hit the national headlines on several occasions. It is worth mentioning that the group of players who flourished in the 1980's and early 1990's have moved on and many of them have departed from the game. However, many of these can be attracted back into handball, particularly in view of the staging of the World Championships in Ireland in 2003. In addition, there are some excellent young players at juvenile and minor levels and they must be given the opportunity to progress through the ranks. The participation of ladies in the Provincial Open events has been quite poor. This matter must be given urgent attention and addressed as a serious priority at all levels of the organisation. One of the weaknesses of ladies handball is that so few clubs promote the game. It is most encouraging to see the enjoyment and satisfaction which the players get from their involvement in handball, this is very evident at the All-Ireland championships and Féile na nGael and, of course, the social element of handball must also be emphasised as a major attraction.

## Juvenile Boys Championships

A total of ten counties shared the sixteen juvenile boys titles in 2001. Four counties – Westmeath, Wexford, Roscommon and Kilkenny – won titles in both courts and it was noteworthy that for the second year in succession the eight 40 x 20 championships were won by eight different counties. Only three players achieved double success, Robert McCarthy of Westmeath at U14 singles, Brian Nugent, Wexford, at U15 and Roscommon's Damian Martin at U16 level. Robert McCarthy accounted for Tim Prendiville 15-1, 15-9 in the U14 60 x 30 final in which the Kerry player took a long time to settle while in 40 x 20 he was pushed all the way by Monaghan's Mark Downey 8-15, 15-13, 15-6. At

U16 level Roscommon's Damian Martin defeated Gary McCrory of Tyrone 21-9, 21-1 in 60 x 30 and accounted for Gerard Coonan of Tipperary 21-10, 21-14 in 40 x 20. The U14 Softball Doubles title went to Niall Maher and Paddy Hartnett of Wexford, who defeated Tyrone's Darragh Daly and Niall Loughran 15-7, 15-3. Wexford also won the U15 60 x 30 doubles medals when David Kenny and Brian Nugent defeated Waterford's John Kindregan and Patrick Hurney 21-3, 21-9. Another Wexford player to achieve success was Eoin Walsh at U17 Softball Singles with a good 21-18, 21-7 victory over Joseph O'Keeffe from Cork. Wexford's only victory in the 40 x 20 court was in the U15 Singles with Brian Nugent defeating Patrick Hurney from Waterford 21-17, 21-18.

## VICTORIES FOR KILKENNY

Thomas Hughes and Paul Byrne of Kilkenny powered their way to victory over the luckless John O'Keeffe and Niall O'Neill of Clare in the under 16 Doubles Softball final while Sean Maher took Kilkenny's only 40 x 20 title with an 8-21, 21-6, 11-2 win over Patrick Clerkin from Cavan in U17 Singles. The Breffni county achieved success in U17 Doubles in the 40 x 20 court when Seán Johnston and Paul Firzpatrick had a tight win over Niall Murray and Eoin Walsh of Wexford on a 21-14, 11-21, 11-9 scoreline. Gary McCrory and Patrick McCullagh brought another title to Ulster, this time in U16 40 x 20 Doubles with a very exciting 21-7, 9-21, 11-10 victory over Wicklow's Richard Walsh and Jason Doyle. Jerome Willoboughy and Christopher Doyle from the Coolboy Club took U14 40 x 20 Doubles honours to Wicklow when they defeated Joseph Kelly and Darragh Daly of Tyrone, 15-10, 15-7. The ever improving Garry O'Connor from the Ballymacelligott Club in Kerry carved out a terrific 17-21, 21-19, 11-10 win over Mark Mythen of Wexford in U15 Softball Singles. The U17 Softball Doubles medals were won by Waterford's Seamus Lavan and Michael Brennan who defeated Brian Whelan and Padraig Buggy from Laois 21-10, 12-21, 11-6. Munster's third juvenile title was won by Daniel O'Halloran and Paul Lynch of Clare who defeated Alan Kenny and Alan Griffith of Wexford 21-12, 21-12 in the U15 40 x 20 Doubles final.

It must be pointed out that there were several very one sided games in the 60 x 30 court, the average score in five games, including the two at U14 level, was 37 points to 9. The average score in all games was 40 to 17 while the total in 60 x 30 was 321 points to 138. The 40 x 20 games were much more keenly contested, the score averaging 40 to 28 in each game, the total for all games being 318 to 225.

## Juvenile Girls Championships

There was an increasing level of interest in the girls 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 championships with a good number of entries at provincial level. Some excellent girls are progressing through the age groups and if they continue their interest and commitment to handball, the future certainly looks much more promising for ladies handball. It is the responsibility of all clubs to promote the ladies game, particularly at juvenile level, and it is only in this way that there will eventually be a satisfactory level of entries for the adult championships.

It is worth mentioning that several of the girls All-Ireland finals were much more keenly contested than the boys championships, especially in 60 x 30. The total scores in the girls finals amounted to 312 to 161, an average of 39 points to 20, while in 40 x 20 the average was 39 points to 22. Maria Daly of Kerry achieved a fine double at U16 Singles level defeating Patricia Doyle of Wicklow 21-8, 21-9 in 60 x 30 and 21-16, 21-17 in 40 x 20. Carlow's



Lydia Treacy defeated Sarah Flavin of Limerick 15-13, 15-13 in U14 60 x 30 Singles and she accounted for Rebecca Kelly of Clare 21-15, 21-8 in U15 40 x 20 Singles. Karen Collins and Anne Marie Ryan of Tipperary had a fine win over Galway's Marian Kennedy and Orla O'Boyle 15-12, 15-8 in U14 60 x 30 Doubles while in U17 60 x 30 Singles Marian Coleman from the Ballina Club in Tipperary had the better of Helen Cooney from Mayo 21-1, 21-14. Mayo had compensation at U14 Doubles level in 40 x 20 when Alma Geraghty and Rachel Gibbons were too good for Nicola Moroney and Anne Marie Ryan of Tipperary on a 15-10, 15-11 scoreline. Mayo also won the U17 Softball Doubles final when Lorraine McHale and Noelle Ruddy defeated Nollaig Baker and Marie Fawl from Clare 21-9, 21-6. Aisling Reilly from the Naomh Pól club had an excellent 15-14, 15-8 victory over Anne Marie Hawe from Kilkenny in the U14 40 x 20 Singles final.

### GOOD WINS FOR LEINSTER COUNTIES

In addition to the aforementioned Carlow victories, that county took a further three titles at juvenile level. Ciara Mullins and Miriam Ryan won the U16 Softball Doubles medals when they defeated Rebecca Kelly and Teresa McGuane of Clare 21-1, 21-8. Edel Jordan and Amanda Canavan were victorious in the U15 40 x 20 Doubles where they were too good for Aisling Walsh and Emma Richardson of Limerick in a very exciting game which ended 21-20, 21-11. The U15 40 x 20 Singles title went to Nicola Kenny of Carlow who defeated Karen Kelly from Tyrone 21-11, 21-17. Kildare's Emer Fallon and Sinéad Gallogly were too good for Sandy McSwiney and Amanda Culloty of Kerry whom they defeated 21-17, 21-11 in the U16 40 x 20 Doubles All-Ireland while Angela Lyons, also from Kildare, was victorious in the U17 40 x 20 Singles event against Marian Coleman from Tipperary 21-17, 21-11.

### Juvenile Team Events

The juvenile team events for both boys and girls again attracted widespread interest and support. These are excellent competitions and have proven very successful to date. They offer a marvellous opportunity to young players to represent their counties but it is a pity that not all counties take part in these worthwhile championships. In many counties only a small number of clubs are represented on the county teams and there should be greater emphasis on the promotion of handball at juvenile level in all clubs.

The dominance of Leinster counties continued in boys U12/13 and U14/15 events. Wexford won the U12/13 60 x 30 championship. Kilkenny took the U12/13 team of six title and also won both U14/15 championships with five of the players featuring on both winning teams. In the girls events the Ballymagelligott team from Kerry were too good for Garryhill from Carlow in the U16 Club championship. Munster took the inaugural title in both girls U13/17 interprovincial team of ten championships in which seven of their players featured on both teams.

### Club Championships

Wexford clubs showed their strength in depth by winning four of the six Club championships, including all three 60 x 30 events and the Junior 40 x 20 Championship. St. Mary's Club from New Ross showed the true club spirit in defeating St. Mary's, Clonmel 102-65 in Junior B and Williamstown from Galway in the Junior grade 116 points to 95. St. Mary's from Wexford town defeated Brackey from Tyrone in the Open 60 x 30 final on a

scoreline of 87 points to 34. Antrim Clubs won two 40 x 20 championships, Pearse's defeating Arklow from Wicklow 103 to 92 in Junior B and Gortnamona overcoming Ballaghaderreen by 82 points to 59 in the Open event.

It is great pity that far more clubs do not take part in the Club Championships, particularly at Junior B and Junior levels. These are really worthwhile competitions and should be supported by the vast majority of clubs. Far too many units have adopted the attitude that if they have no chance of success they will not take part. The spirit of club handball should be to take part whatever the chances of winning either a provincial or an All-Ireland title. Players deserve the honour of representing their club in meaningful competition and counties and provinces should make every effort to ensure that the level of entries is increased.

### Third Level Colleges

The Third Level Colleges championships go from strength to strength each year and the number of players taking part in the B and C Singles events is very encouraging. Quite a number of players who only took up handball on going to Third Level College have played in the championships. Many of these will continue to play the game long after they have graduated and can surely have a great impact on the administration and organisation of their clubs in the future. They will also be in influential positions in professions and industry and we must spare no effort in encouraging them to continue their interest in handball.

The A team championship was won by the DIT team of Paul Brady, Pádraig Gaffney, Dessie Keegan and Andrew Moran with sub Frank Semple who defeated DCU's Eoin Kennedy, David McAndrew, Derek Henry and Terence Tinnelly 102 to 59. The B title went to the Athlone IT team of Billy Hiney, Noel Egan, Myles Connaughton and Philip O'Connor who defeated Lorcán Maughan, John Nolan, Pádraig Kilcoyne, Niall McDermott and sub Morris Martin from NUIG 124-109. Eoin Kennedy from DCU gained some measure of compensation for his College's defeat in the team event by winning the Men's 'A' Singles with a 30-22 victory over Paul Brady. DIT's Fiona Healy took the Ladies 'A' Singles title defeating Leonore Coyle from the same College 42-12. Clive Counihan from ITT defeated David Mulryan of GMIT 28-15 in the Men's 'B' final while the ladies 'B' event was won by Bernie O'Reilly of DIT who outpointed Carmel Doherty NUIG 42-8. The Men's 'C' championship was won by Seamus Quirke of ITT who had a very exciting 39-36 win over K. Lynch from UCC. James Brady from Cavan, representing the University of Wales in Bangor won the 'A' Plate consolation event while Noel Holohan of Carlow IT defeated M. Purcell from UL in the 'B' plate final.

The participation of Irish College teams and individual players in the U.S.H.A. Collegiates is now a standard event in the handball calendar where our students have made a huge impact on the U.S. scene. Tony Healy, Paul Brady, Eoin Kennedy and Dessie Keegan have won the last four U.S.H.A. Collegiate Open Singles titles. This is certainly a marvellous record for our top players and, for good measure, Olive Conway and Morris Martin, both from NUIG, won the 'A' Singles and Novice Singles championships respectively in February 2001.

### All-Ireland Colleges

Our thanks and appreciation go to the organisers of the Provincial Colleges Championships for boys and girls. Those who are involved do excellent work and it is a pity that their efforts are not supported by more colleges. However, there has been an



improvement in the level of entries over the past couple of years and, hopefully, this will continue. It is very important that schools are advised in good time of the entry deadlines and that fixtures are scheduled over a reasonable timespan and fulfilled according to plan. In some cases the championships are very rushed and are completed over one or two days which is very unfair to the players themselves, their schools and those who try to promote the game at school level.

## GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Patricia Doyle and Emer Coyle were the only two girls to win titles in both courts. Patricia represented Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew, to win the 60 x 30 Senior Singles title, defeating Noelle Casey of Villiers, Limerick 21-2, 21-18 and Lisa McAleer from the McGurk School, Carrickmore 15-3, 15-4 in Junior 40 x 20 Singles. Emer Coyle and Nicola Kelly from the Convent of Mercy in Roscommon defeated Mary Murphy and Ciara Mullins, St. Brigid's, Goresbridge 15-5, 15-3 in Junior 40 x 20 Doubles while Emer partnered Rachel Casey to victory over the same opposition in Senior 60 x 30 Doubles 21-5, 21-14. The Convent of Mercy, Roscommon also won the Senior Doubles 40 x 20 title when Lydia Doolan and Afric Naughton defeated Erin McGrane and Sinéad Tevlin, Eureka College, Kells 21-3, 21-6. Eureka College had some compensation when Joy Smith won the 40 x 20 Senior Singles title defeating Tracy Floyd of St. Columba's College, Stranorlar 21-13, 21-13. Presentation Convent, Tralee took two 60 x 30 titles. Maria Daly defeated Deirdre O'Brien of Presentation DLS, Muine Bheag 21-6, 21-7 in Junior Singles and Sandy McSwiney and Caitriona Casey defeated Miriam Ryan and Amanda Canavan of Presentation DLS, Muine Bheag 21-8, 21-9 in Junior Doubles.

## BOYS EVENTS

Damian Martin from Roscommon CBS had a very successful year in Colleges handball winning the 60 x 30 Senior Singles title over Cormac Smyth of St. Peter's, Wexford 21-10, 21-5. He defeated Gary McCrory from Omagh CBS in Junior 40 x 20 Senior Singles 21-17, 21-11. Joseph McCann representing St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen defeated Charles Shanks of St. Michael's, Lurgan 21-4, 21-14 in 40 x 20 Senior Singles. Ulster schools won both the 40 x 20 Doubles events. Paddy McCullagh and Martin Grugan, Omagh CBS, were victorious over Thomas Hughes and Paul Byrne of Castlecomer CS 10-21, 21-12, 21-16 in Junior Doubles while Fintan Gamble and Mick O'Hearn from St. Mary's CBGS in Belfast defeated Thomas Campion and Sean Maher from Castlecomer CS 21-10, 21-12 in Senior Doubles. Apart from Damian Martin's victory in 60 x 30 Senior Singles, Leinster schools took the other five titles on offer. Robert McCarthy from Mullingar Community College defeated Tim Prendiville of Tralee CBS in Junior Singles, 21-9, 21-14. St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny made a welcome return to the winners rostrum when Patrick Hogan and Richard Hogan defeated Shane Heraty and Ciaran Burke of Rice College, Westport 15-2, 15-6 in Junior Doubles. Gerry Kane, who has been making steady progress, represented the Presentation DLS, Muine Bheag in Intermediate Singles and had an excellent 12-21, 21-14, 21-10 victory over Garry O'Connor from Coláiste Phádraig, Castleisland. Castlecomer Community College won the Intermediate Doubles medals when Paul Byrne and Thomas Hughes defeated Michael Browne and John Kindregan, St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan 21-11, 21-16. St. Augustine's were also on the losing side in Senior Doubles when Seamus Lavan and John Wall were defeated by Johnny Willoughby and Richard Walsh of FCJ Bunclogh 21-20, 21-3 in Senior Doubles.

## Bunscoileanna

The Cumann na mBunscol promotion at county level is a very important vehicle for introducing the game to young children and clubs should make every effort to support the work of teachers in this regard. It is very important that clubs offer their facilities to schools and help the teachers by promoting the game and by coaching pupils and developing their talents. This promotion has not yet made the impact which it can have at juvenile level in clubs.

The vast majority of counties now take part in the promotion at county and provincial levels from which the most skilful players go forward to take part in the National Handball Day at Páirc an Chrócaigh. This is a truly marvellous experience for the children and the excitement and enthusiasm are palpable. We are most grateful to the National Executive of Cumann na mBunscol and its various units throughout the country for taking the interest in promoting handball and organising and running off the events at county and provincial levels as well as co-operating in the organisation of the national event. The teachers do tremendous work and their efforts deserve to succeed but this will only happen in the longer term to the degree to which clubs and counties support the teachers in their efforts.

## Féile na nGael

Because of the Foot and Mouth disease restrictions, arrangements for Féile na nGael at Ulster venues were cancelled. A decision was taken by Coiste Cho. Chorcaí CLG in conjunction with the National Féile Executive to host Féile at Cork venues. Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Chorcaí responded to the challenge of hosting the handball events at very short notice and, with the co-operation of Broadford in Limerick, staged a very successful weekend of juvenile handball. Great credit is due to the host clubs and the officers who co-ordinated the Féile activities. It was also gratifying that clubs from various parts of the country availed of the opportunity to take part in Féile 2001.

Competition was extremely keen in all six team events with the following clubs emerging victorious:

**Boys 60 x 30 Roinn 1:** Ballina, Tiobraid Árann. Skills Winner: Feargal Collins, Ballina, Tiobraid Árann.

**Cailíní 40 x 20 Roinn 1:** Ballymacelligott, Ciarraí. Skills Winner: Caitriona Casey, Ballymacelligott, Ciarraí.

**Cailíní 40 x 20 Roinn 2:** Cúl Gréine, Loch Garman. Skills Winner: Carol Lawlor, Trálf, Ciarraí.

**Boys 40 x 20 Roinn 1:** Carrickmore, Tír Eoghain. Skills Winner: Jerome Willoughby, Coolboy, Cill Mhantáin.

**Boys 40 x 20 Roinn 2:** Ballydesmond, Corcaigh. Skills Winner: Robert Keenan, Ballintubber, Roscomáin.

**Boys 40 x 20 Roinn 3:** St. Brigid's, Laois. Skills Winner: Pádraig Downes, Tinryland, Ceartharlach

## REVIEW OF FÉILE

The Féile na nGael weekend offers a marvellous opportunity for any club to avail of a highly organised and most hospitable weekend within the G.A.A. calendar. This is a much sought after prize by hurling and camogie clubs and also by many handball clubs. However, it is disappointing that some counties do not appear to appreciate the value of Féile as an opportunity for handball clubs to enjoy the atmosphere of a major G.A.A. Féile.

Young players can benefit from the participation at Féile through long-lasting friendships that are built up between clubs and also between individuals from many parts of the country. These are often followed up by exchange visits over the years and much contact in competition at juvenile and adult levels in



later years. If clubs and counties fully appreciated the merits of taking part in Féile there would certainly be many more entries for the competitions.

Considering the amount of time, effort and finance involved in preparing for Féile and taking part in the competitions the amount of handball actually played by each individual is relatively small. This matter should be addressed in order to provide more meaningful competition and to get better value from the weekend. This should certainly be possible when Féile returns to Ulster venues with the 40 x 20 competitions taking part in Belfast in 2002.

Our thanks and appreciation are due in no small measure to Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Chorcaí for organising and hosting Féile 2001. They did a terrific job considering the short time available in which to prepare for the event. We also greatly appreciate the hospitality of host clubs and families who accommodated the visiting clubs in their homes.

## Ranking Tournaments

The Provincial 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Open Tournaments together with the St. Paul's Golden Gloves Tournament provide excellent opportunities for players to take part in intense competition over a number of weekends throughout the year. The organising counties and clubs do tremendous work in preparing for these special weekend tournaments but their efforts should be much better supported, particularly by players in the men's and ladies open competitions. It is extremely disappointing that so many players withdrew from these events at very short notice or, in some cases, without any prior notice at all. This shows very scant regard for the organisers and for opponents and is very unfair to the supporters who travel to venues in the expectation of seeing top class games.

Eoin Kennedy dominated the 40 x 20 tournaments winning the Connacht and Munster Men's Open Singles while Lydia Doolan took top honours in the Connacht 40 x 20 and the St. Paul's Golden Gloves events. Ricky McCann from the Gortnamóna Club in Belfast won his first Golden Gloves Open Singles title. The Leinster 60 x 30 hosted by Wexford was very well supported. In Men's Open Michael 'Duxie' Walsh had the better of Eoin Kennedy in three games while Berni Hennessy of Limerick defeated Anna Wrynn of Kildare rather easily in the Ladies Open Singles. It must be said that the Munster and Connacht 40 x 20 Opens were rescheduled due to the conclusion of the 40 x 20 Championships in November. In addition, the Ulster 60 x 30 Open was not held. Sincere congratulations and thanks are due to the counties and clubs which organised and hosted the ranking tournaments. Numerous people gave up a great deal of their leisure time to ensure that these tournaments were a success and on behalf of the players who took part in the various events and of their supporters who attended the games, I wish to thank everybody concerned.

## Waterford Crystal Nationals

Over 200 players entered for the seventh successive year in the very successful Waterford Crystal Irish National Open Championships. There was tremendous co-operation from officials and venues throughout the country in completing a very hectic schedule of games over two weekends. The main events at Croke Park were well supported. The participation of Lisa Fraser-Gilmore and Merv Deckert of Canada and Priscilla Shumate from the USA greatly enhanced the Open events. Once again the splendid Waterford Crystal trophies were in keeping

with the status of the occasion.

I wish to place on record our appreciation of the work of the National Organising Committee and those who helped out at the various venues over the competition period. Once again we rely very much on the co-operation of a relatively small number of people at each venue. They carry out their tasks with exemplary dedication and contribute immensely to the involvement of both players and spectators in the Nationals.

The winners of the 2001 Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals were:

<b>Men's Open:</b>	Kenneth Kane, Carlow
<b>Women's Open:</b>	Lisa Fraser-Gilmore, Canada
<b>Mens 'B':</b>	Colin Keeling, Wexford
<b>Mens 'C':</b>	Ryan Daly, Tyrone
<b>Masters 'A':</b>	Robert McCarthy, Westmeath
<b>Masters 'B':</b>	Michael Porter, Sligo
<b>Golden Masters 'A':</b>	Eugene Kennedy, Dublin
<b>Golden Masters 'B':</b>	Paddy Murray, Dublin
<b>Diamond Masters:</b>	Martin Buggy, Wexford
<b>Boys 15 and Under:</b>	Damian Martin, Roscommon
<b>Girls 15 and Under:</b>	Patricia Doyle, Wicklow
<b>Boys 17 and Under:</b>	Joseph McCann, Mayo
<b>Girls 17 and Under:</b>	Lydia Doolan, Roscommon
<b>Boys 19 and Under:</b>	Michael Cregan, Wicklow

At this juncture we wish to record our grateful appreciation of the tremendous contribution which Waterford Crystal made to the Irish Nationals over a seven year period commencing in 1995. The company greatly enhanced the profile of handball at national level and also through its sponsorship of the Waterford Crystal World Championships in Ireland in 1994, in Winnipeg in 1997 and in Chicago in the Millennium year. Waterford has had a long and very supportive relationship with handball in general and it was with great regret that we received the news in December, 2001 that due to the economic downturn, particularly in the market for luxury items, the company was no longer in a position to continue its support for handball events. We hope that this situation will be relatively short-lived and that in the near future Waterford will once again be able to renew its association with handball. We wish to acknowledge the very keen interest which their successive Chief Executives together with their various managers and other staff took in the Handball Nationals and Awards.

## One-Wall Nationals

The fifth One-Wall Nationals Championships were again hosted by Sligo County Handball Committee with the co-operation of several Clubs in Sligo and Mayo. The 2001 event attracted over 180 entries which was well up on the previous year. The Championships are now an integral part of the handball calendar and are well established due to the hard work of the organising committees to whom we are extremely grateful and appreciative. They have successfully staged and managed the One-Wall Nationals with increasing expertise and commitment over the years. A major part of the work is carried out by Connell Cannon in drawing up fixtures and planning the weekend events and by Rúnaí Contae, John McLoughlin.

The One-Wall Nationals comprised a record twelve events. David King regained his Men's Open title which he had lost to Dessie Keegan in 2000. He defeated Vincent Moran of Mayo 9-15, 15-7, 11-4.

The full list of winners is as follows:

<b>Men's Open:</b>	David King, Carlow
<b>Men's 'B':</b>	Ryan Daly, Tyrone
<b>Men's 'C':</b>	Robin Cooke, Derry



<b>Masters 'A':</b>	Robert McCarthy, Westmeath
<b>Masters 'B':</b>	Frank Semple, Wicklow
<b>Golden Masters:</b>	Mervyn McCann, Armagh
<b>Under 17 Boys:</b>	Noel McHugh, Galway
<b>Under 17 Girls:</b>	Patricia Doyle, Wicklow
<b>Under 15 Boys:</b>	Brian Carroll, Meath
<b>Under 15 Girls:</b>	Nicola Lambe, Galway
<b>Under 13 Boys:</b>	Niall Loughran, Tyrone
<b>Under 13 Girls:</b>	Sinéad Sheridan, Longford

## INTERNATIONAL

The trend of the increased participation of Irish players in international competition continued in 2001 with particularly gratifying results for several players. The status of Irish handball has certainly improved at international level over the past couple of years and victories of several players in important events last year were very significant.

Dessie Keegan from the Ballaghaderreen Club in Mayo produced some outstanding handball to win the US Open Singles and Boys and Under 19 Singles titles at the U.S.H.A. Nationals in June. He defeated Ricky McCann of Antrim 21-19, 5-21, 11-5 in the Open event and Michael Gregan from Wicklow 21-11, 21-12 in the 19 and Under. Michael Gregan with partner Brendan Fleming of Cork defeated Eric Bennett and Matt Steele of Oregon 21-19, 21-18 in an excellent Men's 'B' Doubles final but Patrick Buckley of Cork went down to Juan Florez of California in the Men's 'B' Singles final. Noel McHugh, Galway and Robert McCarthy, Westmeath won the 17 and Under and 15 and Under Singles events respectively, while Jerry Guiney of Cork reached the Over 40 Singles final.

The Irish team which took part in the U.S.H.A. Junior Championships in Phoenix in December was very successful, winning four of the five events in which they took part. In addition, two Irish Doubles pairs won titles and three of the six finals were all-Irish affairs. The winners were as follows:

**Boys 15 and Under Singles:** Robert McCarthy, Ireland.

**Girls 15 and Under Singles:** Nicola Kelly, Ireland.

**Boys 15 and Under Doubles:** Jerome Willoughby, Wicklow & Ger Coonan, Tipperary.

**Boys 19 and Under Singles:** Patrick Finnegan, Ireland.

**Girls 19 and Under Singles:** Lydia Doolan, Ireland.

**Girls 19 and Under Doubles:** Patricia Doyle, Wicklow & Joy Smith, Meath

Ireland was officially represented in the Canadian Nationals for the first time. Eoin Kennedy created history by winning the Open Singles title at the expense of former Canadian and world champion, Merv Deckert 21-7, 21-7. Egin Jensen from Meath teamed up with the Canadian President Ian Ross to defeat Merv Deckert and Kevin Kopchuk of Canada 16-21, 21-14, 11-10 in a very keenly contested Open Doubles final.

In January, 2001 the six winners of the Colleges Senior 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 titles represented Ireland in the postponed 2000 English Schools Fives/Handball Championships in Blackpool. The team performed very well, two of them reaching the semi-finals in Singles with Patrick Finnegan and Joseph McCann teaming up to reach the Doubles final. The 2001 Championships were held in October and on this occasion the Colleges pairs were joined by their counterparts from the Vocational Schools Championships. This proved a very historic occasion as Noel McHugh from Galway won the Senior Singles championship, while he and Joseph McCann from St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen won the Senior Doubles title.

## Handball in Europe

As we prepare for next year's World Championships the involvement of our European connections is being highlighted. We have had varying success in introducing our game to the different countries and, hopefully, we can maintain their interest in our sport. Most of the countries we are trying to interest have their own code, either one-wall or three-wall but we have found that our one-wall offers a meeting point and an easy introduction to handball. Our One-Wall Nationals, now heading for their sixth year, must be maintained to provide a focus for those using it to introduce the game to new areas at home and abroad.

We must also be considerate of the other codes and when an opportunity arises to try our hand at their games – a case in point is the Irish Schools winners, from both the Secondary and Vocational sector, who competed in the **English Schools Five/Handball Championships** in October. At our fourth year of competing we won both the Singles and Doubles titles. Our players did us proud in their play and behaviour. An adult competition is also held in Blackpool each September and the Fives organisers would welcome players, especially hardballers. There was also a visit to Munster by Malvern College from the West of England who also compete against the Welsh each year. A number of Universities have expressed interest in our Third Level Championships and, hopefully, they can be accommodated next year.

The **Welsh Association** continue to make great progress – their main court at Nelson is to be refurbished and the local Council are providing funds for either covering the court or building a 40 x 20 court in the village. In 2001, as well as visiting Sligo for the Nationals, they hosted a party from Abbeylara and Kells for the Welsh Championships in both one-wall and three-wall.

As part of the agreement made with the **Federation Francaise Jeu de Paume** in July, France organised a one-wall tournament involving a French team, Carrickmore, Tyrone who represented Ireland and new entrants from Rome who represented the **Italian Pallone Federation**. They have started to play one-wall handball and this could lead to an important addition to our handball family.

The **Basque Federation** in Spain with branches all over the world have in the past few years become more interested in the racquet sports. A group of the traditional Mano of hand players have contacted us to hear about our game and will possibly lead to their first visit since 1929. The U.S.H.A. are in contact with some of their players in Latin America. The Basques play one, three and four wall, again using a hardball.

Hopefully, we can again make contact with the Belgians, Dutch and Finns, who played here in Ireland in the 90's but who have been out of contact of late. Groups who have travelled to Britain and Europe have found it a very rewarding experience and a great way of fostering club spirit. Any Club or county can initiate such contact – would certainly be a worthwhile experience.

## 2003 World Championships

The occasion of the 2003 World Championships will be a huge challenge for the Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and for the host counties and venues involved in organising the event. There has been a major increase in the numbers taking part in the World Championships on every occasion since 1988 and we anticipate that over 1,000 players will enter the Championships next year. This will place a huge strain on our personnel and resources but with good planning and co-operation from everybody involved the event should be a major success.

At the time of writing a decision has been taken to host the



One-Wall events and the Masters and Juvenile 40 x 20 championships in Clare and to have the remaining events in the Dublin region. Many of our facilities, including the handball headquarters at Ceannárás, will have to be upgraded for the Championships. There is already keen interest from abroad and judging from the number enquiries about dates and venues and other arrangements we can expect huge numbers of visitors to travel to Ireland in October 2003 for the showpiece of international handball.

## ADMINISTRATION

The introduction of the Strategic Plan for the future of handball in Ireland will certainly be very welcome. It will have many implications for the administration of handball at all levels of the organisation. Many of our present structures do not operate as they should and the strategic plan will certainly focus on how this area can be improved.

There is a great need for better links between groups of similar interest at county, provincial and national levels. There should be much more direct contact between those units if we are to work in areas of mutual interest such as the promotion and development of handball, the coaching of your players, the continuing development of young adult players, fixtures and general administration.

The success of any unit will depend on the quality of its own administration.

It is vital that there are regular meetings, good internal communications and good external relations with the G.A.A. units and the general public. There should be a regular and adequate games structure for all players, particularly for those who are not catered for in the mainstream competitions.

It is a source of concern that many clubs do not seem to be properly constituted and do not meet regularly. Some, in fact, do not have Annual General Meetings and this has a detrimental impact on the morale of players and officers who may be very vulnerable when difficulties arise. Provincial Councils and County Committees should take a leading role in ensuring that every club is properly constituted and administered in the interests of the game and to protect the personnel involved.

In the area of administration it must be noted that among the additional responsibilities at Central Office over the past decade are the following:

- Over 80 new National Competitions
- The Irish Nationals
- The Handball Awards
- Match programmes for over 100 finals
- The Irish Handball Yearbook
- The Cumann na mBunscol Promotion
- Ladies Handball
- The Player Injury Scheme
- The Irish Nationals Handball Awards

There has also been a major increase in the range and nature of contacts with outside agencies, such as, **The National Coaching Training Centre, Sports Campus Ireland and The Irish Sports Council.** The latter's various requirements in relation to **the international player/athlete carding scheme, the code of ethics, the anti-doping programme, the high performance strategy and the conditions attaching to the allocation of grants** have also added to the workload. In addition, events such as the Ranking Tournaments and the One-Wall Nationals also require input from the office.

## Venues and Referees

It can be readily understood from the range and nature of national competitions and the extent of the tournament structure throughout the country that a huge number of national fixtures must be catered for. These are generally very well hosted and managed by clubs throughout the country who offer their facilities for the use of Comhairle Liathróid na hÉireann and supply officials and referees to officiate at games.

On behalf of our players and supporters and of Coiste Gnímh and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all of those officials and referees who co-operate in carrying out our very extensive programme. Our referees carry out an essential task in ensuring that games are properly judged and that players are treated fairly at all times. In this context the sportsmanship of players has been excellent in the vast majority of cases. It must be said that our leading players give marvellous example by their conduct on the court and set a standard for our other players to follow. Even with the co-operation of players, refereeing is not always an easy task although it can be a very satisfying and rewarding one. As in so many other areas of handball, we rely far too much on a small number of referees at various venues. This matter will have to be addressed and I would urge Provincial Councils and County Committees to organise refereeing courses so that the needs of the game are met and that the responsibilities of refereeing are shared by a greater number of people.

## HANDBALL YEARBOOK

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann published its sixth Yearbook which featured a wide range of articles on national and international events as well as county and provincial reports, historical articles and profiles on prominent players and personalities. It is disappointing that a small number of counties did not see fit to contribute articles both as a record of their own achievements and progress throughout the year and for the benefit and information of the handball people in general. Árd Chomhairle invests considerable resources in the publication and it deserves much greater support from our members and various units. This year's publication went on sale to the general public through the Easons and Newsprint retail outlets and it was gratifying to see a prime handball publication available to the general public.

I wish to offer our sincere thanks to the editorial committee of Mick Dunne, Eoin McCann and Tom O'Connor under the very capable chairmanship and direction of Tommy O'Brien for their attention to detail in researching, writing and editing articles to ensure that the Yearbook was up to the standard of previous publications and did justice to the sport of handball.

I would also like to thank those who supported the Yearbook in numerous ways, particularly Árd Chomhairle Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the four Provincial G.A.A. Councils in addition to a number of companies and individuals who contributed to the advertising revenue which ensured that the Yearbook was self-financing.

## WATERFORD CRYSTAL AWARDS

The Waterford Crystal Handball Awards yet again provided Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann with an opportunity to recognise in a very tangible way the contribution of those who have given so much to the sport as players, administrators, coaches and officials. The main focus is naturally on the awards to the various players, both male and female, ranging from young



players to the masters grade. Paul Brady from Cavan received the accolade of International Player of the Year for his achievements in the 2000 World Championships when he turned in a marvellous performance before bowing out to defending champion John Bike in a tie-break at the semi-final stage. Tony Healy, Player of the Year, and his father Jerh made history when they were the first father and son combination to be recognised in the Awards. Tony retained his All-Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Singles title in 2000 and also won the Irish Nationals and the St. Paul's Golden Gloves titles in impressive style. He reached the semi-final of the World Men's Open Singles Championship going out to No. 1 David Chapman. Tony's father Jerh was named as Coach of the Year in recognition of his success in bringing Tony to such a level of achievement.

#### RECORD FOR FIONA SHANNON

Fiona Shannon from the Naomh Pól Club in Belfast won her seventh successive Player of the Year title. She has been remarkably consistent over the years and retained her All-Ireland Singles title. Lydia Doolan from the St. Coman's Club in Roscommon has won practically every competition in which she has taken part from her juvenile days and was voted the Young Player of the Year. Noel McHugh received the same award for boys in recognition of his achievements in winning the two All-Ireland U16 Singles titles as well as several tournaments. The Masters Player of the Year Award went to Pat Cleary from the Templeudigan Club in Wexford while Eamon Kelly from Chicago received a Special Achievement Award as a member of the World Championships Organising Committee and for his tremendous liaison and co-operation with the Irish handball group of over 200 people who travelled to Chicago for the Championships.

#### HALL OF FAME FOR PADDY DOWNEY

Paddy Downey from the Ballymacelligott Club in Kerry received the Hall of Fame Award. His achievements include 14 All-Ireland Senior medals in Softball and Hardball Singles and Doubles from the mid 1950's through to the 1960's. Tony Breen of Wexford was named Official of the Year while the honour of Club of the Year went to Williamstown Club in Galway which developed its new 60 x 30 court over the previous two years as well as developing handball at juvenile level.

### Publicity

Like most other minority sports, handball has suffered greatly in recent years from the reduced coverage of minor sports in the national media. Team sports and major events have taken over on the airwaves and in the print media and it is very difficult to achieve even a reasonable amount of coverage at national level.

I wish to place on record our thanks and appreciation of the work of Mick Dunne in contributing regular articles for the Irish Independent. He has a very keen interest in the game and this, added to his professional knowledge and expertise as a G.A.A. journalist, has served handball very well. I wish to thank Peter Dennehy and Tony McGee for their contributions to the Irish Examiner and the Irish News respectively. Mick Dunne contributes an article on handball for every edition of the Highball magazine and Michael McGee of Meath has got tremendous coverage for handball from county, provincial and national levels in the Hogan Stand magazine.

The coverage of handball events in provincial papers is very satisfactory and these papers generally print any information which is supplied to them by the Handball P.R.O. at county or provincial level. Handball fixtures have been featured on Aertel but it is not always possible to follow up with results in time for publication.

The Council officers have asked Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to seek a higher profile for handball as part of their contract negotiations with R.T.E. Even a little publicity on R.T.E. would go a long way in improving the profile of handball and it would also be of immense benefit in negotiating sponsorship.

## Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

As handball is a very small part of the overall Gaelic Athletic Association, we depend very much on our parent body in many ways, particularly in relation to facilities, grant aid and general support. The financial, administrative and moral support of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is vital in supporting the work of handball personnel at every level from organisation.

The Provincial G.A.A. Councils have given very significant support to their handball units over the past year and are very supportive of their work. This goodwill must be reciprocated by all handball units by greater co-operation at every level at club to national.

Some very positive examples of the co-operation which exists between County Handball Committees and County G.A.A. Committees are participation in stewarding at major hurling and football events, the production by one County Handball Committee of a programme for a home National Football League game and the facility in a number of counties for handball flag-days on the occasion of county hurling or football finals.

#### BUÍOCHAS

Gabhann Comhairle Liathróid na hÉireann buíochas le hÁrd Chomhairle and le Coiste Bainistí CLG as ucht a dtacaíocht do liathróid láimhe. Ár mbuíochas go speisialta don Uachtarán Seán Mac Thaidhg; tá suim mhór aige i gcúrsaí liathróid láimhe agus bhí sé i láthair go minic ag ócáidí speisialta i rith na bliana.

Gabhaimid buíochas mór, freisin, le Liam Ó Maolmhichíl, Árd Stiurthóir, as ucht a chabhair agus a chomhairle go minic i rith na bliana agus le foireann na h-árd oifige as ucht a dtacaíocht.

Séamus Ó Aldrí retires in 2002 as the Coiste Bainistí CLG representative on Árd Chomhairle of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and we thank him sincerely for his personal interest in and commitment to handball affairs over the past three years.

The Council also thanks all G.A.A. 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 and look forward to further co-operation and development in 2002.

## Player Injury Scheme

The extension of the G.A.A. Player Injury Scheme to cover handball for the second year was very successful. The scheme was very well supported and nearly all clubs paid their contributions at a very early stage in 2001.

Already the injury scheme has been of immense benefit to a small number of players and its merits have been widely accepted by all handball units. The scheme protects the interests of officials and referees as well as players who can all benefit under a wide range of headings including cover for disablement, loss of eye/s or limb/s death, medical and dental expenses and loss of wages.

It should be pointed out that the club contributions have been sufficient to meet the requirements of the scheme and that this matter is being reviewed on an ongoing basis with the G.A.A. Insurance Work Group and the Association's underwriters.



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# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

14 March 2002

A Cháirde

We have examined the records of an Chomhairle for the year ended 31 December 2001.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to IR£137,416. Expenditure came to IR£168,423 leaving an Operating Surplus of IR£31,007. In the preceding year there was a surplus of IR£6,416. As compared with that year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase	Decrease
	IR£	IR£
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		25,000
Government Grants		3,970
Sponsorship and Subscriptions	3,512	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	Increase	Decrease
	IR£	IR£
International .....		9,474
Meetings and Officials' Travel .....	2,967	
Administration and General .....	14,970	

### BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 2001 including outlay on Ceannáras IR£304,200 had a book value of IR£425,791. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft IR£175,461 came to IR£254,381. Assets exceeded Liabilities by IR£171,410.

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 STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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 Chonbhuí.  
Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

14 March 2002.

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Members of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

We have audited the financial statements of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann for the year ended 31 December 2001 which comprise the Revenue Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out below.

#### Respective Responsibilities of Officers and Auditors

Management's responsibility for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Management Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards promulgated by the Auditing Practices Board in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared. We also report to you whether in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Council. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purpose of our audit and whether the Council's balance sheet and revenue account are in agreement with the books of account.

#### 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 management 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 2001 and of its deficit 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 2002

O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors



# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2001

	Schedule	2001 IR£	2000 IR£
<b>INCOME</b>			
County Committee and Members		16,892	16,006
Gate Receipts		3,848	5,844
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		25,000	50,000
National League Grant		5,000	5,000
Government Grants Net	1	62,390	66,360
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		9,882	6,370
Advertising		400	400
Sundry Sales		5,988	4,640
Yearbook Surplus		5,340	4,459
Other Income		2,676	3,201
		<u>137,416</u>	<u>162,280</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Competition Expenses		13,206	11,884
International		13,268	22,742
Provincial Open Tournament Grants		2,500	2,500
3rd Level Grants		1,000	461
Juvenile		3,321	3,812
Promotional Materials		5,861	4,593
Trophies		11,226	10,795
Meetings and Officials' Travel		24,942	21,975
Administration Grants	2	2,000	2,000
Coaching, Leadership and Development		2,325	1,298
Administration and General	3	88,332	73,362
Depreciation		442	442
		<u>168,423</u>	<u>155,864</u>
<b>OPERATING (DEFICIT) SURPLUS</b>		(31,007)	6,416
Balance at beginning of year		202,417	196,001
Balance at end of year		<u>171,410</u>	<u>202,417</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

14 March 2002.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2000

	Note	2001 IR£	2000 IR£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
	2	305,331	305,774
Loan – Galway County Board		18,000	18,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks		1,310	1,838
C.L.G. Development Scheme		100	100
Loans to Clubs		450	450
Debtors and Prepayments		17,287	17,113
Cash and Bank Balances		83,313	101,024
		<u>102,460</u>	<u>120,525</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Court Construction Grants		2,500	2,500
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		1,491	1,491
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Development Grant		50,000	50,000
Creditors		24,929	12,430
Bank Overdraft		175,461	175,461
		<u>254,381</u>	<u>241,882</u>
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		(151,921)	(121,357)
		<u>171,410</u>	<u>202,417</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Accumulated Fund		171,410	202,417

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

14 March 2002.



# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2001**

## **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

## **2. FIXED ASSETS**

	Outlay on Ceannáras IR£	Gymnasium Equipment IR£	Office Equipment IR£	Total IR£
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2001	304,200	4,494	16,065	324,759
At 31 December 2000	<u>304,200</u>	<u>4,494</u>	<u>16,065</u>	<u>324,759</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2001	–	4,494	14,492	18,986
Charge for year	–	–	442	442
At 31 December 2001	<u>–</u>	<u>4,494</u>	<u>14,934</u>	<u>19,428</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	<u>304,200</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,131</u>	<u>305,331</u>

## **3. ACCUMULATED FUND**

	<b>2001</b> IR£	<b>2000</b> IR£
Balance at beginning of year	202,413	196,001
Surplus for year	(31,003)	6,416
<b>Balance at date</b>	<u>171,410</u>	<u>202,417</u>

# **SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2001**

	<b>2001</b> IR£	<b>2000</b> IR£
<b>SCHEDULE 1:</b>		
<b>Government Grants</b>		
Annual Grant	53,040	53,040
World Championships International	– 7,850	7,850 5,470
Outstanding Sportspersons Equipment Grant	10,100 1,500	4,400 1,500
	<u>72,490</u>	<u>72,260</u>
Less: Distributable	(10,100)	(5,900)
	<u>62,390</u>	<u>66,360</u>

## **SCHEDULE 2:**

### **Administration Grants**

Connacht Council	500	500
Leinster Council	500	500
Munster Council	500	500
Ulster Council	500	500
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

## **SCHEDULE 3:**

### **Administration and General Expenses**

Staff Costs	65,935	57,119
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	10,259	6,146
Postage and Telephone	7,043	5,673
Audit and Accountancy Fees	3,205	2,822
All-Ireland Tickets	630	1,231
Miscellaneous	1,256	371
	<u>88,328</u>	<u>73,362</u>



## Finance

Every organisation needs a reasonable amount of finance to survive and prosper. Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann is no different nor, indeed, are any of its units. The lack of finance to properly administer and promote handball at national level has been a source of worry and concern for a long number of years. It is not possible to carry out all of the tasks which should be done with the level of funding currently available to the Council. This impacts on the morale and enthusiasm of Árd Chomhairle and various committee members. The implementation of the strategic plan for handball will require a substantial injection of finance at central level and steps must be taken to address this situation.

The introduction of the **handball development fund** whereby the promoting clubs and counties will receive half of the receipts they generate through the scheme for their own promotional and development purposes will benefit all units. Funds will be shared on a 50 – 50 basis with the Irish Handball Council. The development fund will help the promotion and development of handball in primary schools, the introduction of ladies handball in clubs and school, the organisation of development courses for teachers and club personnel, the coaching and training of adult coaches, the production of coaching literature and the provision of handball equipment for new initiatives by clubs and counties.

## Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe

It is good to report that the level of activity and interest in Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann has been maintained over the past year. The introduction of pool, darts and other social activities over the past couple of years as well as the music nights and table quizzes have helped to attract many more people to the centre.

The accounts for the year ended 30th September, 2001 show a satisfactory situation. The gross bar sales increased from £111,354 in 1997 to £245,557 in 2001. Gross profit for the year was £114,535. Expenses amounted to £102,397 giving a net profit of £9,662. As can be seen in the accounts, the expenses include administration costs of £21,493, staff costs of £50,255 and an outlay of £27,810 on the premises. In addition, a further £4,335 was spent by the Ceannaras Club on repairs and maintenance.

The ongoing repairs and refurbishment have cost approximately £100,000 over the past six years. At the time of writing plans are being finalised and costed for extensive refurbishments to the centre. This will include the provision of upgraded facilities including ladies and men's changing rooms, showers and toilets, including wheelchair toilets, and the provision of a holding kitchen for the function room. This matter is being addressed as a major priority by Coiste Banistí Ceannaras and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and discussions with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael on the matter are imminent.

On behalf of the members of the Ceannaras Club and of the Irish Handball Council I would like to thank and congratulate Sean Ó Maolmhuaidh and Uinsíonn Ó Faircheallaigh and the Ceannaras Management Committee on the improvements carried out in the Centre over the past few years. I also wish to compliment them on the time, effort and commitment as well as the expertise they contribute to ensuring that the Centre and all of its operations are managed and administered as fully as possible. Thanks are also due to the part-time bar staff on their commitment to providing a good service for the Club members and for handball personnel in general. Finally, I would like to pay a special tribute to Kathleen Brady on being so conscientious in carrying out her duties as caretaker in the Centre and also to welcome Philip Marsh as the senior bar person.

## Sports Councils

The requirements of the Irish Sports Council in relation to National Governing Bodies of Sport are being implemented by the Handball Council in several areas. Firstly, the Council has adopted the **Anti-Doping Code** and in this regard senior players will be liable to be tested during 2002. It is in the interest of players and of our sport in general that we co-operate with Sports Councils in the introduction of testing for our players. The banned substances are included on the official International Olympic Council list and, in line with the G.A.A. policy on drug testing, tests will be carried out on senior inter-county players only. The Handball Council will be able to call on the G.A.A. expert committees in relation to the disciplinary and appeals procedures which will apply to players charged with any offence. It should be noted that members of disciplinary and appeals committees will have a background in medical, pharmaceutical and legal fields. Jim Mackey, former Wexford secretary and administrator, has been appointed as the handball anti-doping officer with whom players will be able to liaise in relation to any aspects of the code or testing procedures.

The ongoing implementation of the **Code of Ethics for Children's Sport** will be progressing under the guidance of Tony Hannon, National Children's Officer for handball. The code in general is welcome but it has major implications for every sporting organisation in the country with guidelines and principles for dealing with children in sport. This will certainly put additional demands on many people at Club level but it is vital that the interests of children are protected and that Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann adopts a sensible and practical approach in implementing the code. On the one hand we do not want to put Club officers under too much pressure but on the other the code must be followed through in a manner consistent with good practice within the G.A.A. in general.

Nine young players were awarded grants and support services under the Irish Sports Council's **International players/athletes carding scheme**. This enabled them to avail of specified professional services, to intensify their coaching and training programmes and to fulfil the requirement that they take part in at least one international event each year.

I wish to place on record our appreciation of the excellent help and co-operation we have received from the Sports Council's staff during the past year. In addition, the Sports Council grant to the Handball Council is vital to the overall administration and development of our sport and of the organisation in general. This will become even more important in the future with the finalisation of the strategic plan for handball. We would also like to place on record our thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the Sports Council of Northern Ireland in relation to our units in the North.

## Strategic Development Plan

One of the requirements of the Irish Sports Council over the past two years has been that each National Governing Body of sport must produce a **Strategic Plan** for the development of its sport. The handball Strategic Planning Team will have completed its report for presentation to Annual Congress 2002 under the chairmanship of Iar-Uachtarán Conchubhar Ó Mórdha. The Team carried out extensive research, consulted with a wide range of stakeholders and liaised with the Irish Sports Council in preparing its report and recommendations. The document is the subject of open consultative meetings at provincial level where handball personnel have an opportunity to comment on the contents before the report is finalised. The Strategic Plan will have far reaching



implications for handball at all levels of the organisation and, given adequate resources, has the potential to reinvigorate the game over the next four to five years. This is the target of the Team and it is very heartening to note that so far the feedback has been very positive from club, county and provincial levels.

## Uachtarán

As Peadar Mac Artúir comes to the end of his term as Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, I would like to congratulate him on the commitment he gave to directing affairs at national level over a very busy three year period. He will always be remembered as the President who was very concerned about the welfare of players and who negotiated the extension of the G.A.A. Players Injury Scheme to handball. He was always very dedicated and committed to the office of President and travelled widely throughout the country in response to the needs of the game. This also applied at international level where he developed special relationships with the Welsh, English and French Associations.

On behalf of everybody with whom Peter came into contact during his presidency I wish to thank him for his tremendous enthusiasm and leadership. We also extend our thanks to his wife Anne and to their family who fully supported him in his role as Uachtarán; this support certainly facilitated the carrying out of his presidential duties in a manner which would not have been possible otherwise.

Finally, we wish the Uachtarán a long and happy retirement with his family and know that he will always be actively involved in the sport of handball which he has served so well from Club to national level.

## Uachtarán Nua

Cuirim fáilte faoi leith roimh Antóin Ó hAodha, ár Uachtarán nua ó Chlub Ceapach, Co. Luimíní. Táim cinnte go ndéanfaidh sé sár obair i rith a thréimhse mar Uachtarán agus go racfaidh an cluiche ar aghaidh go mór faoin a chinneacht.

Our incoming President has served handball exceptionally well from Club to national levels. He has fulfilled all roles at club level and has served as Cathoirleach of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na Múmhan as well as serving on national committees including An Coiste Bainistí, Árd Chomhairle, An Coiste Gnámh and, latterly, the Strategic Planning Team. He is ideally placed to bring the fruits of his experience to bear on his work as Uachtarán and we look forward to his term of office and hope that all he wishes to achieve will come to fruition.

## Na Mairbh

Many former players and supporters passed to their eternal reward during 2001. Indeed, some families suffered very tragic losses. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Bennett family from the Cormeen Club in Meath on the tragic loss of their son Paul. This young man won the 40 x 20 Division 2 skills tests at Féile na nGael in 1992 and also contested and U14 Singles All-Ireland final. He was an exceptionally gifted person in many ways and the attendances at his removal and funeral Mass were truly remarkable.

We also extend our sincere sympathies to any other members, friends and supporters of handball who were bereaved during the past year.

## Buíochas

On behalf of Árd Chomhairle, and on a personal note, I wish to congratulate the numerous voluntary members of our organisation who give so much of their time and energies to the promotion, development and organisation of handball. I want to pay special a tribute coaches and officials who look after the extremely important area of juvenile handball. This is not an easy task in the times in which we live and they perform a major service for the game. Quite often their work goes unseen and unacclaimed. These are the real custodians of the game of handball as they pass on their skill, dedication and love of the game to the younger generation.

Our thanks also to our county officers, especially to the Rúnaith Contae who are the vital link in the chain between national and club level. I also wish to thank the Provincial Secretaries on organising very extensive fixtures programmes and for their help and co-operation in sending on information to the office. I would also like to pay tribute to the members of our central Coistí for their help in the administration of national handball matters. They give a marvellous commitment to the game and I value the advice and assistance given by so many of them throughout the past year.

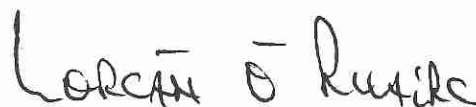
I would like make special mention of Cionnaidh Ó Chonbhúir who has completed ten years as Cisteoir of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. He has given a huge commitment to his duties during that time and brings a very professional approach to the task which is of great benefit to Árd Chomhairle and to the organisation in general.

As mentioned earlier, Peadar MacArtúir will have completed his term of office at Congress. It has been a very busy time for him and despite his commitments to games, meetings and other aspects of administration he has always been available to people seeking advice on a wide range of issues and matters of concern. I wish to thank him for his personal interest in the operation and administration of handball at central level and for his guidance and advice to me on so many occasions during his presidency.

I wish to pay tribute to all of our players, coaches and referees without whom the game of handball could not continue or prosper. Their tremendous help and co-operation is very inspiring and greatly appreciated. Our thanks are also due to the G.A.A. central office staff for their advice and support in many ways throughout the past year.

On behalf of all members, players, units and on a personal note, I wish to express my thanks to Aingeal Nic Lochlainn for her commitment and dedication to her work during the past year. At this very difficult time for her, we all wish her a speedy recovery to full health. My thanks are also due to Tomás Breathnach for his very valuable assistance on many occasions during 2001.

Finally, may I wish handball units and everybody involved in the game a very successful year in 2002.



LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta



# NA RÚIN

1. That the following be added to Fo-Riail 6 B Fo-Rialacha CLLE "... under the jurisdiction of the Irish Handball Council or any of its sub-units."  
(Luimneach)
2. That the following be added to Fo-Riail 13(c) after Section (ii) "Delegate to County GAA Committee."  
(Luimneach)
3. That the following be deleted from Fo-Riail 14 (A) "... And two representatives of the Ladies County Handball Committee (where such exists)"... and the sentence "If, however, there is only one Ladies Club it affiliates directly to the County Committee."  
(Luimneach)
4. That the following be added to Fo-Riail 8: That where no adult handball club exists, a juvenile club may be registered, such a club to elect a Cathaoirleach, Runai, Cisteoir and PRO and pay affiliation fee to Provincial Council and Ard Chomhairle and pay the Player Injury levy annually. Such a club cannot take part in adult competitions. It will not have voting rights at County Committee but may have observer delegate status.  
(Maigh Eo)
5. That CLLE pay expenses for travelling for Juvenile All-Ireland semi-finals and finals at the rate of 50 cent per mile and overnight subsistence if deemed necessary.  
(Tír Eoghain)
6. That the following be added to Playing Rules Part II, Court and equipment:  
BLOOD RULE  
A player who is bleeding or has blood on any part of his/

her body, playing attire or playing equipment as a result of an injury sustained during play, shall, on the instruction of the referee, immediately leave the court to receive medical and/or other attention. He/she shall not be allowed to return to the court until the bleeding has stopped, all blood has been cleaned off, and, where possible, the injured area has been covered, any bloodstained playing attire has been replaced and any bloodstained playing equipment has been fully cleaned.

(Ard Chomhairle)

7. That the following be added to the Playing Rules, Part IIIB, Officials and Officiating:  
The referee shall instruct a player with a blood injury to leave the court for medical and/or other attention and ensure that any bloodstained playing attire is replaced and that any bloodstained playing equipment is fully cleaned before play resumes.  
(Ard Chomhairle)
8. That the CLLE run an under 16/17 Team of Six championship in Softball and 40 x 20. Teams to consist of three Under 16 players and three Under 17 players who have not won a provincial championship in any age group, Fo-Riail 47 (O)- refers. Add to this rule as subsection (iv).  
(Cill Chainnigh)
9. That the Senior Singles 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 championship be run on an open basis and be open to Senior and Intermediate players and to winners of All-Ireland Minor titles, such Intermediate and Minor players to be eligible to play in the Intermediate and Minor grades respectively in the same year. Amend Fo-Rialacha 47 (N) and 52(D) accordingly.  
(Ard Chomhairle)

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 2001.

	2001	2000
IR£	IR£	IR£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Fees .....	4,499	3,908
Court Booking Fees .....	2,731	3,231
	<u>7,230</u>	<u>7,139</u>
Shop Sales .....	3,224	2,751
Cost of Sales .....	<u>3,100</u>	<u>2,758</u>
	124	(7)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<u>7,354</u>	<u>7,132</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration .....	1,706	1,581
Staff Costs .....	—	300
Premises .....	7,410	3,730
Financial .....	<u>82</u>	<u>164</u>
	9,198	5,712
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	<u>(1,844)</u>	<u>1,420</u>
Club Lounge Subsidy .....	<u>2,476</u>	<u>(1,027)</u>
<b>Net Profit</b> .....	<u>632</u>	<u>393</u>
Opening Deficit .....	<u>(1,970)</u>	<u>(2,363)</u>
Closing Deficit .....	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>(1,970)</u>

### BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 2001

	2001	2000
IR£	IR£	IR£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors .....	325	14,266
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank loans and overdrafts	125	966
Accruals	<u>1,538</u>	<u>15,270</u>
	<u>1,663</u>	<u>16,236</u>
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>(1,970)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>(1,970)</u>
<i>Represented by:</i>		
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b> .....	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>(1,970)</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 2001.

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 2002 and to the assets and liabilities of the Club at 30th September 2001.

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.  
VINCENT FARRELLY, Cathaoirleach 18-12-01



# Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

## CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 2001

	2001	2000
	IR£	IR£
<b>SALES</b> .....	245,557	219,505
<b>COST OF SALES</b> .....	131,022	123,580
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b> .....	114,535	95,925
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration .....	21,493	19,398
Staff Costs .....	50,255	32,427
Premises .....	27,810	14,615
Financial .....	2,839	2,862
	102,397	69,302
<b>NET OPERATING PROFIT</b> .....	12,138	26,623
Club Subsidy .....	(2,476)	1,026
<b>NET PROFIT</b> .....	9,662	27,649
<b>OPENING DEFICIT</b> .....	(16,019)	(43,668)
<b>CLOSING DEFICIT</b> .....	(6,357)	(16,019)

### BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 2001

	2001	2000
	IR£	IR£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stocks .....	5,542	9,040
Debtors .....	520	6,473
Cash at bank and in hand .....	22,064	17,569
	28,126	33,082
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade creditors .....	18,211	23,129
Bank loans and overdrafts .....	6,714	8,058
Other creditors .....	8,358	9,000
Accruals .....	1,200	2,200
	34,483	42,387
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....	(6,357)	(9,305)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....	(6,357)	(9,305)
Long-term liabilities .....	—	(6,714)
<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....	(6,357)	(16,019)
Represented by:		
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b> .....	(6,357)	(16,019)

### ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with the instructions given to us, we have prepared and reviewed, without carrying out an audit, the accounts of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann – Ceannaras Club Lounge for the year ended 30th September 2001.

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 2001 and to the assets and liabilities of the Club at 30th September 2001.

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta.

VINCENT FARRELLY, Cathaoirleach

18-12-01



# TORTHAI 2001

## 60 x 30

S.S.	Kilkenny (Michael 'Duxie' Walsh) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) 2-21, 21-19, 21-14.
S.D.	Meath (Tom Sheridan, Walter O'Connor) dft Kilkenny (Michael Walsh, Eugene Downey) 21-19, 21-11
I.S.	Kerry (Dominic Lynch) dft Mayo (Dessie Keegan) 21-20, 8-21, 21-14
I.D.	Limerick (Eamon O'Neill, Paul Herr) dft Wexford (Paul Carty, Malachy Whelan) 21-9, 21-18
J.S.	Kilkenny (Eddie Burke) dft Kerry (Brendan O'Brien) 21-16, 21-11
J.D.	Kilkenny (Martin Lalor, Eddie Burke) dft Kerry (Noel Raymond, Brendan O'Brien) 21-9, 21-14
M.S.	Galway (Noel McHugh) dft Cork (Donnacha O'Dea) 21-7, 21-0
M.D.	Wexford (Myles Cash, Cormac Smyth) dft Cork (Donnacha O'Dea, Shane O'Brien) 21-8, 21-12
U21S	Kilkenny (Brian Manogue) dft Cavan (Patrick Finnegan) 21-9, 21-7
U21D	Cavan (Patrick Finnegan, Ryan McCormack) dft Kilkenny (Brian Manogue, Andrew Hosey) 21-14, 21-7
JBS	Limerick (Kerry Hennessy) dft Wexford (Felix Doran) 20-21, 21-18, 21-20
JBD	Limerick (Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman) dft Wexford (Eugene Kelly, John Murphy) 21-16, 21-6
MAS	Wexford (Pat Cleary) dft Limerick (Tom O'Brien) 21-9, 21-6
MAD	Wexford (Pat Cleary, Johnny Goggins) dft Clare (Mike Kelly, Pat Coughlan) 21-15, 21-10
MBS	Tipperary (Pat Griffin) dft Carlow (Martin Clancy) 21-14, 21-11
MBD	Carlow (Martin Clancy, Michael Doyle) dft Armagh (Seamus McKavanagh, Seán Moore) 21-11, 21-12
SMAS	Roscommon (Mickey Walsh) dft Tyrone (John McCullagh) 21-4, 21-0
SMAD	Offaly (Paddy Hope, Billy Mullins) dft Tyrone (John McCullagh, Peter O'Brien) 21-15, 21-18
SMBS	Waterford (Martin Sandford) dft Mayo (John Granahan) 21-3, 21-10
SMBD	Wexford (Paddy Berry, Gerry Connors) dft Cork (Michael O'Dea, Chris Hurley) 21-14, 21-11
GMAS	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) dft Tipperary (Pakie Mullins) 21-19, 21-16
GMAD	Kilkenny (Seamus Reade, Paddy Reilly) dft Tipperary (Pakie Mullins, Seán Doyle) 6-21, 21-19, 21-15
GMBS	Donegal (Dave Mulhern) dft Kilkenny (Pat Savage) 21-10, 21-5
GMBD	Kilkenny (Pat Savage, Jim Neary) dft Donegal (Dave Mulhern, Eamon McDonnell) 21-17, 12-21, 21-11
EMAS	Mayo (Tom Derrig) dft Waterford (Mossy Butler) 21-14, 14-21, 21-8
EMAD	Mayo (Tom Derrig, Seán Heaney) dft Tyrone (Hugh Duff, Mickey John Kelly) 21-4, 21-5
EMBS	Carlow (Billy King) dft Cork (Michael Jordan) 21-20, 21-9
EMBD	Roscommon (Frank Daly, Michael Nolan) dft Monaghan (Cathal Earley, Peter Cassidy) 21-6, 21-4
DMAS	Sligo (Paddy Walsh) dft Waterford (Declan Mulcahy) 14-21, 21-15, 21-13
DMAD	Sligo (Paddy Walsh, Mick Kelly) dft Waterford (Br Finbar Spring, Johnny Kiely) 21-19, 21-7

DMBS	Mayo (Seán Lavan) dft Cork (Jim Kennedy) 21-8, 21-0
DMBD	Mayo (Seán Lavan, Brendan Campbell) dft Cork (Harry Hyde, Jim Kennedy) 21-5, 21-0

## HARDBALL

SHS	Walter O'Connor (Meath) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 21-1, 21-6
SHD	No championship
JHS	Shane Dormer (Laois) dft Pádraig Gaffney (Mayo) 21-13, 21-6
JHD	No championship
MHS	No championship
MHD	No championship

## 40 x 20

S.S.	Cork (Tony Healy) dft Carlow (Kenneth Kane) 21-16, 21-9
S.D.	Cork (Tony Healy, Stephen Palmer) W.O. Meath (Tom Sheridan, Walter O'Connor) Scr. Inj.
I.S.	Antrim (Ricky McCann) dft Mayo (Dessie Keegan) 21-7, 15-21, 21-18
I.D.	Carlow (John Ryan, David King) dft Antrim (Ricky McCann, Eddie Mallon) 14-21, 21-12, 21-11
J.S.	Laois (Shane Dormer) dft Antrim (Paul Graham) 21-13, 21-16
J.D.	Roscommon (Anthony O'Donnell, Michael Tormey) dft Tipperary (John McQuaide, Des Kelly) 17-21, 21-10, 21-18
M.S.	Armagh (Charles Shanks) dft Mayo (Joseph McCann) 21-19, 13-21, 21-18
M.D.	Mayo (Joseph McCann, James Kilcullen) dft Clare (Eanna Torpey, Aidan Lynch) 18-21, 21-6, 21-16
U21S	Cavan (Patrick Finnegan) dft Kilkenny (Brian Manogue) 21-5, 21-10
U21D	Cork (Brendan Fleming, Niall Fleming) dft Wexford (Terry Gainfort, Jimmy Goggins Jnr) 21-12, 9-21, 21-15
JBS	Armagh (Darren Donnelly) dft Wexford (Tom Connors) 21-18, 21-7
JBD	Wexford (Dick Berry, Felix Doran) dft Armagh (Darren Donnelly, Conor McMahon) 21-16, 21-16
MAS	Roscommon (Mickey Walsh) dft Antrim (Billy Silcock) 21-11, 21-6
MAD	Wexford (Pat Cleary, Benny Doyle) dft Tipperary (Pat Griffin, Tony O'Flaherty) 21-18, 21-16
MBS	Sligo (Michael Porter) dft Cavan (Pat Donagh) 21-14, 21-10
MBD	Wexford (Johnny Goggins, Jimmy Goggins) dft Clare (Mike Kelly, Tom Haugh) 21-5, 21-7
SMAS	Offaly (Billy Mullins) dft Cork (Paul Hayes) 21-8, 21-15
SMAD	Offaly (Billy Mullins, Paddy Hope) dft Cork (Paul Hayes, Pat Morris) 21-7, 21-7
SMBS	Cork (Jerry Guiney) dft Dublin (John Ward) 21-9, 21-6
SMBD	Dublin (John Ward, Seamus Ahern) dft Cork (Jerry Guiney, Michael O'Dea) 16-21, 21-9, 21-19
GMAS	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) dft Cavan (Greg Sheridan) 21-14, 15-21, 21-12
GMAD	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy, Vinny Farrelly) dft Cavan (Greg Sheridan, Patsy Hand) 14-21, 21-4, 21-8
GMBS	Donegal (Dave Mulhern) dft Wexford (Harry Lacey) 21-7, 21-7



# TORTHAÍ 2001 (continued)

GMBD	Wexford (Frank Hillis, Harry Lacey) dft Cork (Tim Joe Healy, Tony Buckley) 21-10, 21-4
EMAS	Antrim (Seamus Graham) dft Galway (Nicholas Clancy) 21-15, 15-21, 21-15
EMAD	Mayo (Tom Derrig, Seán Heaney) dft Antrim (Seamus Graham, Richard Murphy) 21-8, 21-19
EMBS	Carlow (Billy King) dft Cork (Michael Jordan) 9-21, 21-12, 21-18
EMBD	Wexford (Pat Lacey, Matt Lacey) dft Tipperary (Eddie Sheerin, David Slattery) 21-11, 21-17
DMAS	Sligo (Paddy Walsh) dft Antrim (Seán McEntee) 15-21, 21-19, 21-10
DMAD	Sligo (Paddy Walsh, Mick Kelly) dft Tipperary (Pat Cleary, Michael Hogan) 21-5, 21-4
DMBS	Galway (Jim Doherty) W.O. Tipperary (Jack King) Scr. Inj.
DMBD	Dublin (Seán Moore, Mick O'Brien) W.O. Tipperary (Jack King, Partner) Scr. Inj.

## LADIES 60 x 30

S.S.	No championship
S.D.	No championship
J.S.	No championship
J.D.	No championship
JBS	No championship
JBD	No championship
M.S.	Roscommon (Lydia Doolan) dft Meath (Joy Smith) 21-7, 21-5
M.D.	No championship

## LADIES 40 x 20

S.S.	Fiona Shannon (Antrim) dft Brigid Kerr (Antrim) 21-1, 21-5
S.D.	No championship
J.S.	Kerry (Tracey Buckley) dft Roscommon (Leonore Coyle) 21-12, 21-15
J.D.	No championship
JBS	No championship
JBD	No championship
M.S.	Roscommon (Lydia Doolan) dft Donegal (Tracey Floyd) 21-6, 21-6
M.D.	Roscommon (Lydia Doolan, Aifric Naughton) dft Donegal (Tracey Floyd, Nora Stapleton) 21-4, 21-8

## 60 x 30 CLUB

**Junior B:** St Mary's, New Ross, Wexford (Joe Goggins, Jimmy Goggins, Andy Connors, Damian Buckley, Felix Doran Jnr) dft St Mary's, Clonmel, Tipperary (Adrian Johnson, Anthony Moynihan, Des Gunn, Billy Dempsey, Paul Maher) 102-65

**Junior:** St Mary's, New Ross, Wexford (Felix Doran, Gerry Connors, Paddy Berry, Dick Berry, Gerry Doran) dft Williamstown, Galway (Noel McHugh, Declan Connaughton, Paul McHugh, Alan Tierney, Gerry Broderick) 116-95

**Open:** St Mary's, Wexford (Tommy Hynes, Colin Keeling, Paul Carty, Gavin Buggy) dft Brackey, Tyrone (Conor Kerr, Niall Kerr, Stephen Clarke, Justin McClean) 87-34

## 40 x 20 CLUB

**Junior B:** Pearses, Antrim (Owen McKenna, Matt Bradley, Marty Campbell, Jim Smith) dft Arklow, Wicklow (Pat

O'Donnell, Drew Keogh, John Quinn, Ned Kealy, Eamon Rice) 103-92

**Junior:** St Mary's, New Ross, Wexford (Jimmy Goggins, Jimmy Goggins Jnr, Felix Doran, Dick Berry) dft Ballydesmond, Cork (Jerry Guiney, Donnacha O'Dea, Brendan Fleming, Niall Fleming) 103-70

**Open:** Gortnamona, Antrim (Ricky McCann, Eddie Mallon, John McGarry, Paddy Crothers) dft Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Pádraig Gaffney, Paul Flynn, Vincent Moran) 82-59

**60x30 Team of Eight:** Wexford (Dick Berry, Tom Connors, Johnny Goggins, Tony Breen, Terry Gainfort, Johnny Goggins Jnr, Paul Carty, Tommy Hynes) dft Limerick (Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman, Tom O'Brien, Francis O'Toole, Michael Roche, James Doyle, Eamon O'Neill, Paul Herr) 160-109

**40x20 Team of Eight:** Wexford (Dick Berry, Felix Doran, Pat Cleary, Tony Breen, Jimmy Goggins, Terry Gainfort, Tommy Hynes, Billy Bourke) dft Cork (Jerry Guiney, John Kiersey, Paul Hayes, Pat O'Brien, Michael Lehihan, Donnacha O'Dea, Patrick Buckley, Gerard Healy) 4-3 (124 - 92)

## BUACHAILLÍ 60 x 30

U14S	Westmeath (Robert McCarthy) dft Kerry (Tim Prendiville) 15-1, 15-9
U14D	Wexford (Niall Maher, Paddy Hartnett) dft Tyrone (Darragh Daly, Niall Loughran) 15-7, 15-3
U15S	Kerry (Garry O'Connor) dft Wexford (Mark Mythen) 17-21, 21-19, 11-10
U15D	Wexford (David Kenny, Brian Nugent) dft Waterford (John Kindregan, Patrick Hurney) 21-3, 21-9
U16S	Roscommon (Damian Martin) dft Tyrone (Gary McCrory) 21-9, 21-1
U16D	Kilkenny (Thomas Hughes, Paul Byrne) dft Clare (John O'Keeffe, Niall O'Neill) 21-0, 21-2
U17S	Wexford (Eoin Walsh) dft Cork (Joseph O'Keeffe) 21-18, 21-7
U17D	Waterford (Seamus Lavan, Michael Brennan) dft Laois (Brian Whelan, Pauric Buggy) 21-10, 12-21, 11-6

## CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

U14S	Carlow (Lydia Treacy) dft Limerick (Sarah Flavin) 15-13, 15-13
U14D	Tipperary (Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan) dft Galway (Marian Kennedy, Orla O'Boyle) 15-12, 15-8
U15S	Carlow (Nicola Kenny) dft Tyrone (Karen Kelly) 21-11, 21-17
U15D	Galway (Nicola Lambe, Kerry McNulty) dft Limerick (Aisling Walsh, Emma Richardson) 21-16, 21-15
U16S	Kerry (Maria Daly) dft Wicklow (Patricia Doyle) 21-8, 21-9
U16D	Carlow (Ciara Mullins, Miriam Ryan) dft Clare (Rebecca Kelly, Teresa McGuane) 21-1, 21-8
U17S	Tipperary (Marian Coleman) dft Mayo (Helen Cooney) 21-1, 21-14
U17D	Mayo (Lorraine McHale, Noelle Ruddy) dft Clare (Nollaig Baker, Marie Fawl) 21-9, 21-6



## BUACHAILLÍ 40 x 20

- U14S Westmeath (Robert McCarthy) dft Monaghan (Mark Downey) 8-15, 15-13, 15-6
- U14D Wicklow (Jerome Willoughby, Christopher Doyle) dft Tyrone (Joseph Kelly, Darragh Daly) 15-10, 15-7
- U15S Wexford (Brian Nugent) dft Waterford (Patrick Hurney) 21-17, 21-18
- U15D Clare (Daniel O'Halloran, Paul Lynch) dft Wexford (Alan Kenny, Alan Griffith) 21-12, 21-12
- U16S Roscommon (Damian Martin) dft Tipperary (Gerard Coonan) 21-10, 21-14
- U16D Tyrone (Gary McCrory, Patrick McCullagh) dft Wicklow (Richard Walshe, Jason Doyle) 21-7, 9-21, 11-10
- U17S Kilkenny (Seán Maher) dft Cavan (Patrick Clerkin) 8-21, 21-6, 11-2
- U17D Cavan (Seán Johnson, Paul Fitzpatrick) dft Wexford (Niall Murray, Eoin Walsh) 21-14, 11-21, 11-9

## CAILÍNÍ 40 x 20

- U14S Antrim (Aisling Reilly) dft Kilkenny (Anne Marie Hawe) 15-14, 15-8
- U14D Mayo (Alma Geraghty, Rachel Gibbons) dft Tipperary (Nicola Moroney, Anne Marie Ryan) 15-10, 15-11
- U15S Carlow (Lydia Tracey) dft Clare (Rebecca Kelly) 21-15, 21-8
- U15D Carlow (Edel Jordan, Amanda Canavan) dft Limerick (Aisling Walsh, Emma Richardson) 21-20, 21-11
- U16S Kerry (Maria Daly) dft Wicklow (Patricia Doyle) 21-16, 21-7
- U16D Kildare (Emer Fallon, Sinéad Gallogly) dft Kerry (Sandy McSwiney, Amanda Culloty) 21-17, 21-11
- U17S Kildare (Angela Lyons) dft Tipperary (Marian Coleman) 21-17, 21-11
- U17D Laois (Tracy Brennan, Aisling Behan) dft Tyrone (Orla Toner, Cathy McAleer) 21-6, 21-6

## GAEL LINN MIXED DOUBLES

Ballymacelligott, Ciarraí (Sharon Twomey, Colin McSwiney) dft Garryhill, Ceatharlach (Lydia Treacy, Micheál Mullins) 38-37

## SOLÁS FINAL

Naomh Pól, Aontroim (Aisling Reilly, Seán McCorraidh) dft Báile Liaim, Gaillimh (Jennifer Fahy, Stephen Ryan) 21-4

## 60 x 30 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

### UNDER 12/13

**Wexford** (Paddy Berry, Darren Sweetman, James Goggins, Michael Murphy, Martin Doran, Jimmy G Goggins) dft **Tyrone** (Paul Donnelly, Conor Ward, Pádraig McGlinsky, Kieran Daly, Brian Donohue, Conor Duff) 74-43

### UNDER 14/15

**Kilkenny** (Diarmuid Brennan, Gavin O'Keeffe, Brendan Burke, Patrick Hogan, Ricky Nolan, Mark Nolan) dft **Clare** (Daniel O'Halloran, Paul Lynch, John Cooney, Trevor McInerney, Conor Cooney, John Murphy) 77-41

## U16 - CAILÍNÍ

**Ballymacelligott, Kerry** (Maria Daly, Sandy McSwiney, Ashley Prendiville, Lisa Falvey, Maeve Prendiville, Caitríona Casey) dft **Garryhill, Carlow** (Ciara Mullins, Miriam Ryan, Amanda Canavan, Lydia Treacy, Edel Jordan, Nicola Kenny) 100-50

## CAILÍNÍ U13/17 INTERPROVINCIAL TEAM OF TEN

**Munster** (Lisa Falvey, Caitríona Casey, Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan, Rebecca Kelly, Sandy McSwiney, Maria Daly, Teresa McGuane, Marian Coleman, Noelle Casey) dft **Connacht** (Emma Flatley, Ruth Kelly, Rachel Gibbons, Alma Geraghty, Orla O'Boyle, Marian Kennedy, Mary Kelly, Amanda Finnegan, Nicola Lambe, Karen Finnegan) 142-45

## CAILÍNÍ U16 TEAM OF FOUR

No Championship

## CAILÍNÍ U13/17 INTERPROVINCIAL TEAM OF TEN

**Munster** (Karen Lawlor, Sharon Twomey, Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan, Sandy McSwiney, Rebecca Kelly, Maria Daly, Aisling Walsh, Noelle Casey, Marian Coleman, Tracey Coonan, Ashley Prendiville) dft **Leinster** (Shauna Hilley, Lydia Treacy, Claire Love, Anne Marie Hawe, Miriam Ryan, Deirdre O'Brien, Ciara Mullins, Patricia Doyle, Aisling Behan, Tracey Brennan, Amanda Canavan, Mary Theresa O'Neill) 188-146

## 40 x 20 JUVENILE TEAM

U12/13 **Kilkenny** (Richard Hogan, Stephen Conway, Niall Mulally, Eamon Foley, Nicholas Anthony, Ciarán Neary, Mark Bergin, Patrick Nolan) dft **Tyrone** (Paul Donnelly, Brian Donohy, Conor Duff, Conor Ward, Niall Loughran, Pádraig McGlinsky) 84-76

U14/15 **Kilkenny** (Patrick Hogan, Ricky Nolan, Eoin Cody, Brendan Burke, Mark Nolan, Diarmuid Brennan, John Murphy) dft **Clare** (John Cooney, Conor Cooney, James Hook, Trevor McInerney, John Peppard, Kieran Walsh) 73-59

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

### Boys 40 x 20 Division 1

**Carrickmore, Tyrone** (Darragh Daly, Niall Loughran, Fergal Rafferty, Kevin Slane, Michael Donnelly) dft **St Mary's, New Ross, Wexford** (Paddy Berry, Martin Doran, Jimmy Goggins, Paddy Goggins, Jimmy G Goggins) 42-2  
*Skills Winner:* Jerome Willoughby (Coolboy, Wicklow).  
*Runner-up:* Paddy Berry (New Ross, Wexford)

### Boys 40 x 20 Division 2

**Ballydesmond, Cork** (Paudie Breen, Ger Sheehan, Niall O'Connor, Kevin O'Dea, Matt Angland) dft **St Mellan's, Monaghan** (Colin Donnelly, Eamon Todd, Neill McRory, Brendan Keenan, John Traynor) 26-22  
*Skills Winner:* Robert Keenan (Ballintubber, Roscommon).  
*Runner-up:* Eamon Todd (St Mellan's, Monaghan)



# TORTHAÍ 2001 (continued)

## Boys 40 x 20 Division 3

**St Brigid's, Laois** (Andrew Dowling, Stephen Geoghegan, Aidan Buggy, Eamon Brennan, William Fitzpatrick) dft **Kilworth, Cork** (Adrian Mannix, Seán Beecher, Paudie Lynch, Kenneth Condon, Colm O'Sullivan) 33-29

*Skills Winner:* Pauric Downes (Tinryland, Carlow)

*Runner-up:* Aidrian Mannix (Kilworth, Cork)

## Girls 40 x 20 Division 1

**Ballymacelligott, Kerry** (Sharon Twomey, Caitríona Casey, Ronnie Kerins, Lisa Falvey) dft **Ballina, Tipperary** (Karen Collins, Ciara McCarthy, Nicola Moroney, Eva McKeogh, Anne Marie Ryan) 40-34

*Skills Winner:* Caitríona Casey (Ballymacelligott, Kerry)

*Runner-up:* Karen Collins (Ballina, Tipperary)

## Girls 40 x 20 Division 2

**Coolgreaney, Wexford** (Sarah Merrigan, Ciara Burke, Sarah Hackett, Michelle Stamp, Mairéad Whitmore) dft

**Tralee, Kerry** (Gemma O'Connell, Carol Lawlor, Carol Lenihan, Deirdre McMahon) 42-34

*Skills Winner:* Carol Lawlor (Tralee, Kerry)

*Runner-up:* Sarah Merrigan (Coolgreaney, Wexford)

## Buachaillí 60x30 Division 1

**Ballina, Tipperary** (Declan Kennedy, Fergal Gleeson, Fergal Collins, Brian Kelly, Brian O'Connor) dft **Ballymacelligott, Kerry** (Denis Buckley, Liam Thompson, Liam Counihan, Shane Dowling, Brendan Crowe) 39-35

*Skills Winner:* Fergal Collins (Ballina, Tipperary)

*Runner-up:* Liam Thompson (Ballymacelligott, Kerry)

## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

### BUACHAILLÍ 60x30

J.S. Robert McCarthy (Mullingar CC) dft Tim Prendiville (Tralee CBS) 21-9, 21-14

J.D. Patrick Hogan, Richard Hogan (St Kieran's College, Kilkenny) dft Shane Heraty, Ciarán Burke (Rice College, Westport) 15-2, 15-6

I.S. Gerry Kane (Presentation DLS, Muine Bheag) dft Garry O'Connor (Coláiste Phádraig, Castleisland) 12-21, 21-14, 21-10

I.D. Paul Byrne, Thomas Hughes (Castlecomer CS) dft Michael Browne, John Kindregan (St Augustine's College, Dungarvan) 21-11, 21-16

S.S. Damian Martin (Roscommon CBS) dft Cormac Smyth (St Peter's, Wexford) 21-10, 21-15

S.D. Johnny Willoughby, Richard Walshe (FCJ Buncloody) dft Seamus Lavan, John Wall (St Augustine's College, Dungarvan) 21-20, 21-3

### CAILÍNÍ 60x30

J.S. Maria Daly (Presentation Convent, Tralee) dft Deirdre O'Brien (Presentation DLS, Muine Bheag) 21-2, 21-7

J.D. Sandy McSwiney, Caitríona Casey (Presentation Convent, Tralee) dft Miriam Ryan, Amanda Canavan (Presentation DLS, Mhuine Bheag) 21-8, 21-9

S.S. Patricia Doyle (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Noelle Casey (Villiers, Limerick) 21-2, 21-18

S.D. Emer Coyle, Rachel Casey (Mercy Convent, Roscommon) dft Ciara Mullins, Mary Murphy (St. Brigid's, Goresbridge) 21-5, 21-14

### BUACHAILLÍ 40x20

J.S. Damian Martin (Roscommon CBS) dft Gary McCrory (Omagh CBS) 21-17, 21-11

J.D. Paddy McCullagh, Martin Grugan (Omagh CBS) dft Thomas Hughes, Paul Byrne (Castlecomer CS) 10-21, 21-12, 21-16

S.S. Joseph McCann (St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen) dft Charles Shanks (St Michael's, Lurgan) 21-4, 21-14

S.D. Fintan Gamble, Mick O'Hearn (St Mary's CBGS) dft Thomas Campion, Seán Maher (Castlecomer C.S.) 21-10, 21-12

### CAILÍNÍ 40x20

JS Patricia Doyle (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Lisa McAleer (Dean McGurk School, Carrickmore) 15-3, 15-4

JD Emer Coyle, Nicola Kelly (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Mary Murphy, Ciara Mullins (St Brigid's, Goresbridge) 15-5, 15-3

SS Joy Smith (Eureka College, Kells) dft Tracey Floyd (St Columba's College, Stranorlar) 21-13, 21-13

SD Lydia Doolan, Aifric Naughton (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Erin McGuane, Sinéad Tevlin (Eureka College, Kells) 21-3, 21-6

## THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES

**A Team** **D.I.T.** (Paul Brady, Padraig Gaffney, Dessie Keegan, Andrew Moran, Frank Semple) dft **D.C.U.** (Eoin Kennedy, David McAndrew, Derek Henry, Terence Tinnelly) 102-58

**B Team** **Athlone I.T.** (Billy Hiney, Noel Egan, Myles Connaughton, Philip O'Connor) dft **N.U.I.G.** (Lorcan Maughan, John Nolan, Padraig Kilcoyne, Neil McDermott, Morris Martin) 124-109

**Men's A** Eoin Kennedy (D.C.U.) dft Paul Brady (D.I.T.) 30-22

**Ladies A** Fiona Healy (D.I.T.) dft Leonore Coyle (D.I.T.) 42-12

**Men's B** Clive Counihan (ITT) dft David Mulryan (GMIT) 28-15

**Ladies B** Bernie O'Reilly (D.I.T.) dft Carmel Doherty (N.U.I.G.) 42-8

**Men's C** Seamus Quirke (ITT) dft K Lynch (U.C.C.) 39-36

**A Plate** James Brady (University of Wales, Bangor) - Winner

**B Plate** Noel Holohan (Carlow I.T.) dft M Purcell (U.L.) 40-12

## USHA COLLEGIATES

**Men's Open S:** Eoin Kennedy (DCU) dft Brad Alesi (TAMU) 21-7, 21-4

**Men's A S:** Oliver Conway (NUIG) dft Jeremy Doege (TAMU) 21-5, 21-8

**NS** Morris Martin (NUIG) dft Stephen Malone (NUIG) 21-18, 21-15

## ENGLISH SENIORS FIVES/HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Senior Singles:** Noel McHugh (Glenamaddy VS) - winner.

**Senior Doubles:** Noel McHugh (Glenamaddy VS), Joseph McCann (St. Mary's, Ballaghaderreen) - winners.



## WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRISH NATIONALS

### Men's Open

Kenneth Kane (Carlow) dft Paul Brady (Cavan) 19-21, 21-13, 11-7

### Women's Open

Lisa Fraser-Gilmore (Canada) dft Priscilla Shumate (USA) 21-16, 20-21, 11-8

### Men's B

Colin Keeling (Wexford) dft David King (Carlow) 21-16, 21-17

### Men's C

Ryan Daly (Tyrone) dft Mark McCartan (Tyrone) 21-18, 21-4

### Masters A

Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Mickey Walsh (Roscommon) 21-14, 21-9

### Masters B

Michael Porter (Sligo) dft Philly Parsons (Kilkenny) 21-19, 21-12

### Golden Masters A

Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Morgan Darcy (Galway) 21-5, 21-17

### Golden Masters B

Paddy Murray (Dublin) dft John Barton (Dublin) 11-21, 21-13, 11-4

### Diamond Masters

Martin Buggy (Wexford) dft Paddy Walsh (Sligo) 21-14, 21-9

### Boys 15 & Under

Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft Richard Walshe (Wicklow) 21-17, 21-16

### Girls 15 & Under

Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Maria Daly (Kerry) 8-21, 21-15, 11-3

### Boys 17 & Under

Joseph McCann (Mayo) dft Noel McHugh (Galway) 21-5, 5-4 Inj.Forfeit

### Girls 17 & Under

Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) dft Joy Smith (Meath) 21-17, 21-4

### Boys 19 & Under

Michael Gregan (Wicklow) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 21-15, 21-19

## ONE WALL NATIONALS

### Men's Open

David King (Carlow) dft Vincent Moran (Mayo) 9-15, 15-7, 11-4

### Men's B

Ryan Daly (Tyrone) dft Darren Donnelly (Armagh) 15-8, 10-15, 11-6

### Men's C

Robin Cooke (Derry) dft Michael McGee (Meath) 15-1, 15-4

### Mas A

Robert McCathy (Westmeath) dft Kerry Wilde (Wales) 15-11, 15-2

### Mas B

Frank Semple (Wicklow) dft Paddy Collins (Tipperary) 15-12, 15-8

### GMAS

Mervyn McCann (Armagh) dft Nicky Clancy (Galway) 15-4, 15-6

### U17 Boys

Noel McHugh (Galway) dft Niall Flynn (Longford) 15-2, 15-8

### U17 Girls

Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Joy Smith (Meath) 15-13, 15-13

### U15 Boys

Brian Carroll (Meath) dft Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) 15-10, 15-14

### U15 Girls

Nicola Lambe (Galway) dft Deirdre Healy (Roscommon) 15-8, 15-10

### U13 Boys

Niall Loughran (Tyrone) dft Sam Kass (USA) 15-0, 15-3

### U13 Girls

Sineád Sheridan (Longford) dft Ruth Kelly (Galway) 5-15, 15-8, 11-7

## LEINSTER 60x30 OPEN

### Duxie Walsh Kitchens Men's Open Singles

Michael 'Duxie' Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) 9-21, 21-12, 11-0

### Duxie Walsh Kitchens Ladies Open Singles

Berni Hennessy (Limerick) dft Anna Wrynn (Kildare) 21-4, 21-2

### FES Ltd (John Goff) Boys Under 17 Singles

Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Brian Whelan (Laois) 18-21, 21-10, 11-9

### FES Ltd. (John Goff) Girls Under 17 Singles

Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) 21-3, 21-10

### Shanrow Enterprises (Jim Doyle) Masters A-B Doubles

Robert McCarthy, Willie Dunphy (Westmeath/Wexford) dft Jimmy Goggins, Benny Doyle (Wexford) 15-21, 21-9, 11-10

### Goggins Bros. Painters Junior B Doubles

Felix Doran, Miles Connors (Wexford) dft Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman (Limerick) 15-21, 21-20, 11-2

## CONNACHT 40x20 OPEN

### Men's Open Singles

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Patrick Finnegan (Cavan) 21-3, 21-13

### Ladies Open Singles

Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) dft Anna Wrynn (Kildare) 21-5, 21-7

### Junior Doubles

Stephen Clarke, Barney Corcoran (Tyrone) dft Michael Tormey, David Tormey (Roscommon) 21-12, 21-10

### Junior B Doubles

Aengus Cunningham, Denis Creighton (Roscommon) dft John Kennedy, Michael Carroll (Tipperary) 17-21, 21-20, 11-9



## TORTHAÍ 2001 (continued)

### Masters A/B Doubles

Francis McCann, Michael Porter (Sligo) dft Robbie McCarthy, Paddy McDermott (Westmeath/Roscommon) 21-17, 21-14

### Boys Under 17 Singles

Noel McHugh (Galway) dft Gary McCrory (Tyrone) 21-3, 21-7

### Girls Under 17 Singles

Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Joy Smith (Meath) 21-9, 21-18

## MUNSTER 40x20 OPEN

### Men's Open Singles

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Kenneth Kane (Carlow) 21-19, 21-18

### Ladies Open Singles

Fiona Healy (Kildare) dft Anna Wrynn (Kildare) 21-18, 21-5

### Men's A Singles

Eddie Bourke (Kilkenny) dft Bernie McDonagh (Galway) 21-17, 21-19

### Junior B Doubles

Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman (Limerick) dft Michael O'Dea, Donnacha O'Dea (Cork) 21-12, 21-14

### Masters A/B Doubles

Martin Lalor, Philly Parsons (Kilkenny) dft Pat Morris, John Hedigan (Cork) 21-9, 21-12

### Emerald Masters A/B Doubles

Jimmy Walsh (Sligo), P.J. Counihan (Clare) dft Pat Masterson (Offaly), Mervyn McCann (Armagh) 21-11, 21-8

### Boys Under 15 Singles

Gerard Coonan (Tipperary) dft Gary McCrory Tyrone 21-18, 21-11

### Girls Under 15 Singles

Sandy McSwiney (Kerry) dft Nicola Kelly (Roscommon) 21-14, 21-16

### Boys Under 17 Singles

Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft Johnny Willoughby (Wicklow) 20-21, 21-9, 11-5

### Girls Under 17 Singles

Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Rachel Casey (Roscommon) 21-3, 21-2

## ST PAUL'S BUSHMILLS GOLDEN GLOVES

### Men's Open Singles

Ricky McCann (Antrim) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 21-20, 21-10

### Ladies Open Singles

Lydia Doolan (Roscommon) dft Sibeal McKenna (Antrim) 21-6, 21-1

### Men's B Singles

Noel McHugh (Galway) dft Darren Donnelly (Armagh) 21-10, 21-9

### Men's C Singles

Oliver Conway (Tipperary) dft Michael McClean (Donegal) 21-5, 21-18

### Duxie Walsh Kitchens 17 and Under Singles

Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Damian Martin (Roscommon) 21-14, 21-18

### Masters Singles

Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Paul Hayes (Cork) 21-12, 21-19

### Men's Open Doubles

Patrick Buckley, Gerry O'Neill (Cork/Antrim) dft Ian Griffin, Paddy Marsden (Dublin/Antrim)

## USHA NATIONALS

### Men's Open Singles

Dessie Keegan (Mayo) dft Ricky McCann (Antrim) 21-19, 5-21, 11-5

### Men's B Singles

Juan Florez (California) dft Patrick Buckley (Cork) 21-6, 21-11

### Men's B Doubles

Brendan Fleming (Cork), Michael Gregan (Wicklow) dft Eric Bennett, Matt Steele (Oregon) 21-19, 21-18

### 19 & Under Singles

Dessie Keegan (Mayo) dft Michael Gregan (Wicklow) 21-11, 21-12

### 17 & Under Singles

Noel McHugh (Galway) dft Chris Aguirre (California) 21-4, 21-4

### 13 & Under Singles

Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Ian Sutherland (Kansas) 21-6, 21-6

### Over 40 Singles

Rick French (California) dft Jerry Guiney (Cork) 21-13, 8-21, 11-5

## USHA JUNIOR NATIONALS

### Boys 15 and Under Singles

Robert McCarthy (Ireland) dft Ger Coonan (Tipperary) 21-9, 21-11

### Girls 15 and Under Singles

Nicola Kelly (Ireland) dft Katie Sedgwick (Lake Forest, Illinois) 21-17, 21-10

### Boys 15 and Under Doubles

Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow), Ger Coonan (Tipperary) dft Patrick Hurney, John Kindregan (Waterford) 21-8, 21-9

### Boys 17 and Under Singles

Noel McHugh (Ireland) lost to Sean Lenning (Seattle) 6-21, 8-21

### Boys 19 and Under Singles

Patrick Finnegan (Ireland) dft Charles Shanks (Armagh) 21-14, 21-9

### Girls 19 and Under Singles

Lydia Doolan (Ireland) dft Lynn Alesi (Des Plaines, Illinois) 21-3, 21-3

### Girls 19 and Under Doubles

Patricia Doyle (Wicklow), Joy Smith (Meath) dft Courtney Peixoto, Sarah Zazoya (California) 21-6, 15-21, 11-2

## CANADIAN NATIONALS

### OPEN SINGLES

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Merv Deckert (Canada) 21-7, 21-7

### OPEN DOUBLES

Egin Jensen, Ian Ross (Ireland/Canada) dft Merv Deckert, Kevin Kopchuk (Canada) 16-21, 21-14, 11-10



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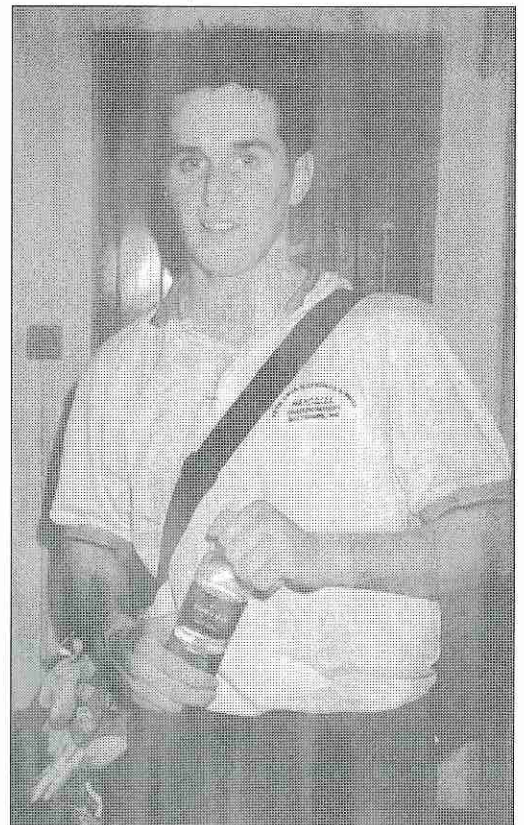
Paul Herr and Eamonn O'Neill, Luimneach, display the Gael Sport shield following their victory in the All-Ireland Intermediate Softball Doubles final at Páirc an Chrócaigh on 8 Meán Fómhair, 2001.



Antóin Ó hAodha, Uachtarán Tofa, presents the All-Ireland Ladies Minor Softball Singles winner's medal to Lydia Doolan, Roscommon, at Páirc an Chrócaigh on 22 Meán Fómhair, 2001.



Dominic Lynch, Ciarraí, with Peadar Mac Artúir, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Ciarraí, after the All-Ireland Intermediate Softball Singles final at Páirc an Chrócaigh on 22 Meán Fómhair, 2001.



Paul Brady, An Cabhán, who became the first Irish player to enter the top twelve in the USHA rankings during 2001.