



Comhairle LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE na hÉireann

An Chomhtháil Bhliantúil
2003





The late Mick Dunne presents John Kirby (An Clár) with his RTE Top Ace trophy in 1977.



John Doyle and John Ryan, Loch Garman, who won 23 Senior All-Ireland medals between them from 1952 to 1958.



Angela McLoughlin, Rúnaí of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann from 1994 to 2002

➤ An Br. Breandán C. Ó Murchú, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, from 1968 to 1971.

Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2003

Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe

na hÉireann

ar

AN DOMHNACH, 30 MÁRTA ag 10.00 r.n.

in

ÓSTÁN CHILL CHAINNIGH

CLÁR OIBRE

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AINMNIÚCHÁIN 2003

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí (Tiobraid Árann, Cill Chainnigh).

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle CLG:
Conchubhar Ó Mórdha (Tiobraid Árann, Cill Chainnigh)

STANDING ORDERS

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

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

TUARASCÁIL AN RIARTHÓRA NÁISIÚNTA

RÉAMBHRÁ

Ag féachaint siar ar 2002 is féidir a rá go raibh bliain mhaith torthúil ag Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. Tháinig imreoirí óga chun cinn, bhuaigh ár n-imreoirí sóisearacha craobhacha USHA, bhí na Nationals go maith agus chabhraigh contaethe agus na h-imreoirí chun na comórtasáí go léir a chríochnú de réir clár na bliana.

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

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

The year under review was another busy and successful one for Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. All provincial and national Championships were completed to schedule and a number of competitions which were interrupted in 2001, because of the Foot and Mouth restrictions, were finished early in the year.

Among the highlights of 2002 were:

- ★ The unprecedented feat of Dublin's Eoin Kennedy in winning the All-Ireland Senior 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 Singles titles as well as the Irish Open Singles.
- ★ The achievement of Paul Brady, An Cabhán, who was the first Irish player to win a United States ranking tournament.
- ★ The success of Dessie Keegan, DIT, who became the fourth Irishman to win the USHA Collegiates Open Singles title in as many years.
- ★ The continued increase in interest in handball in the Third Level Colleges section and the staging of their first 60 x 30 Championships in recent decades.
- ★ The completion of the Strategic Plan for Handball, its adoption by Special Congress and the implementation of the first structural phase of the plan.
- ★ The success of the Irish Nationals, the Ranking Tournaments and the One-Wall Nationals.

On the negative side, we must acknowledge that:

- ★ We need to greatly improve our administration at all levels.
- ★ It appears to be difficult to get young people involved in administration.
- ★ Some Clubs have made no effort to promote and develop juvenile handball in recent years.
- ★ The response to the Handball Development Fund is alarmingly disappointing.
- ★ There were no Hardball Doubles championships again in 2002.
- ★ Only a small number of Clubs and counties actively promote and organise Ladies handball.

It must also be noted that it was a very sad year for everybody concerned with handball with the loss of so many prominent

personalities who contributed hugely to the game – and we pay tribute to them later on this report.

National Competitions

Ard Chomhairle was responsible for 186 competitions in 2002 while the Ranking Tournaments at provincial level and the Naomh Pól Golden Gloves event accounted for a further 39 competitions as outlined in the accompanying table. This is a huge level of activity by any standards and the workload for all county, provincial and national administrators has increased dramatically over the past decade, especially since the amalgamation of ladies handball with Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann in 2000, as this added further to the responsibilities of the main body. A serious disadvantage of the growing number of provincial and national events is that the role of the Club has been diminished as competition is provided at other levels of the organisation. This has weakened the place of the Club in the local community and, in some cases, players have lost their Club identity as their main focus is elsewhere. This is an issue which must be addressed as an urgent priority.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND RANKING TOURNAMENTS

Competition	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED	
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile	Total
60 x 30	32	8	4	8	-	52
40 x 20	32	8	7	8	-	55
Hardball	3	-	-	-	-	3
Team	8	4	-	3	-	15
Gael Linn	-	-	-	-	1	1
Féile na nGael	-	4	-	2	-	6
Second Level	-	16	-	8	-	24
Third Level	9	-	3	-	-	12
Irish Nationals	6	3	2	1	-	12
One Wall	4	3	-	3	-	10
Opens	20	9	4	6	-	39
TOTAL	114	55	20	39	1	229

Adult Championships

The highlights of the adult 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Championships were undoubtedly the victories of Dublin's Eoin Kennedy in Senior Singles and Meath's Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor in Senior Doubles in both courts as well as Dessie Keegan's victories in Intermediate Singles and Doubles in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 with partners Vinnie Moran and Padraig Gaffney respectively.

A total of 18 counties shared the 64 adult titles, 12 of these taking honours in both courts with a further three in 40 x 20 and three also in 60 x 30. Mayo players won a total of nine titles, Wicklow took eight and Galway won seven All-Irelands while Wexford won six, all in the Masters grades. Sligo and Tipperary won five titles each and Dublin, Kilkenny, Clare and Cork each took three titles. Meath, Limerick, Kildare and Cavan won three titles apiece and Laois, Offaly, Roscommon and Antrim each had one All-Ireland victory. In summary, Leinster counties won 26 All-Irelands, Connacht took 22, and Munster won 13 while Ulster counties took just 3 titles.

Revenge for Eoin Kennedy

Dublin's Eoin Kennedy had sweet revenge over Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny, who won the 2001 title, when he defeated the all-time record holder 21-6, 21-12 in convincing style before a packed gallery at Croke Park. This earned the Dubliner the unique distinction of being the first player to win All-Ireland singles titles at Under 14, Under 16, Minor, Under 21 and Senior level in the big court. He was also the first Dubliner to win the 60 x 30 Senior title since Larry Rowe in 1951. He also became the first Dubliner to win the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Singles title since the Championship was inaugurated in 1975 when he defeated champion Tony Healy 21-20, 21-18 in an enthralling final at the excellent O'Loughlins venue in Kilkenny. Eoin's father Eugene added to the family collection when he and Vinny Farrelly won the Golden Masters A Doubles 40 x 20 title 21-20, 21-6, over Matt Coady and Michael Corbett of Mayo.

Excellent Wins for Meath Duo

The long-time partnership of Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor pulled off another magnificent double by winning the Senior Doubles titles in both courts. They avenged their Millennium softball defeat by Tommy Hynes and Colin Keeling of Wexford when they turned the tables on the south-eastern players on a 17-21, 21-20, 21-11 scoreline to take the title for the fourth time in five years. Having won the first game, the Wexford pair had the opportunity to win the match when serving with two hands at 19 all. However, the Meath pair called on all their craft and experience and held their nerve to win the second game 21-19 and cruised to victory in the third. The same pair had an excellent 21-18, 21-6 victory over brothers Dominick and Anthony Lynch of Kerry in the 40 x 20 final.

Keegan Attains Senior Status

Mayo's Dessie Keegan attained senior status in both courts with an excellent year in the Intermediate grade. He powered his way to a 21-3, 21-5 win over Niall Kerr of Tyrone in Softball Singles and had a tight 21-20, 21-18 win over Wexford's Gavin Buggy in 40 x 20. He was partnered by Padraig Gaffney in the Intermediate 40 x 20 Doubles final for their 21-3, 21-16 victory over Gavin Buggy and Paul Carthy of Wexford. Following Padraig Gaffney's unfortunate accident, Vincent Moran stepped in to partner Keegan in the big court and they duly defeated Jimmy McKeon and Paul Brady of Cavan, 21-20, 21-14 in the Intermediate Doubles final.

Gus Sweeney of Mayo had a fine double in Masters B Softball, defeating Pachelli English of Wexford, 21-14, 21-13 in singles and with partner Pádraig Geraghty defeating Kildare's John Carroll and Stephen Carroll 21-15, 5-21, 21-6 in doubles. Mayo's Martin Cronin accounted for Willie Dunphy of Wexford 21-11, 21-10 in Golden Masters B 40 x 20 Singles, while Seamus Clarke had a double in the Emerald Masters grade in 40 x 20. He defeated Donegal's Brendan Temple 21-4, 21-4 in singles and with Tim Hughes defeated Temple and Eamon McDonnell 21-9, 21-9 to take the doubles title.

Noel McHugh Retains Singles Titles

Galway's Noel McHugh retained his Minor Singles titles in both courts with fine wins over Wicklow's Richie Walshe in Softball on a 21-5, 21-4 scoreline and Johnny Willoughby, also of Wicklow, 21-2, 21-2 in 40 x 20. McHugh, partnered by Thomas Connaughton, defeated Johnny Willoughby and Richard Walshe in Minor 40 x 20 Doubles when Walshe had to retire injured in the third game. However, the Wicklow players turned the tables on the Galway men in the Minor Softball Doubles final with a

fine 21-15, 21-17 victory. Galway also had notable doubles in Emerald Masters Softball with Morgan Darcy defeating Phil Maguire of Cavan 21-2, 21-14 in singles and, with Peter Mulryan, accounting for Monaghan's Cathal Earley and Peter Cassidy 21-7, 21-14 in doubles. Nicholas Clancy added to Galway's tally of All-Ireland victories defeating Seán McEntee of Antrim 21-2, 21-12 in Diamond Masters A 40 x 20 Singles and he partnered Mick Lally in doubles to defeat Meath's Oliver Gough and Christy Lynagh 14-21, 21-5, 21-14.

Michael Gregan from the Coolboy Club in Wicklow had an excellent year winning all four Under 21 titles. Joseph McCann of Mayo being the unfortunate opponent in both singles finals 21, 18, 21-13 in Softball and 21-20, 21-18 in 40 x 20. Gregan was partnered by Sammy Willoughby to a 21-19, 21-12 victory over Barry McAndrew and Kenny Keane of Waterford in Under 21 40 x 20 Doubles and by Sammy Willoughby in 21-5, 21-5 60 x 30 victory over Waterford's Philip Butler and Kenny Keane. Wicklow's Pat O'Donnell and Ned Kealy won both Junior B Doubles titles when they defeated Patrick Buckley and Finbarr Rafferty of Cork in Softball 16-21, 21-18, 16-7 when Buckley had to retire injured and out-pointed Kerry Hennessey and Paul Hedderman of Limerick, 21-10, 21-0 in 40 x 20. For good measure, Pat O'Donnell accounted for Adrian Johnson of Tipperary 21-10, 21-20 in the Junior B Softball Singles final.

Junior Titles for Four Counties

Shane Dormer from the St. Brigid's Club in Laois took his county's first Junior Softball title when he defeated Kerry Hennessey of Limerick 9-21, 21-19, 21-16 in the Singles final. The Limerick man was partnered by Paul Hedderman to victory in Junior Doubles, defeating Ian Griffin and Christy Donnelley of Dublin, 21-16, 10-21, 21-14 in a well-contested final. Kerry Hennessey also won the Junior B 40 x 20 Singles title defeating Michael McClean of Donegal 21-3, 21-19. The Junior 40 x 20 Singles final was won by Declan Frawley of Clare who had an excellent victory over Paul Graham of Antrim on a 21-20, 21-13 scoreline. The Antrim player, partnered by Paddy Dunphy, defeated Jerry Guiney and John Kiersey of Cork, 21-13, 21-6 in the Junior 40 x 20 Doubles final.

Eleven Masters for Munster

In his first year in the Masters grade, John Herlihy of Cork defeated Michael Maher of Dublin 21-5, 21-14 in the 40 x 20 Singles final. Cork also had victories in Silver Masters B 40 x 20 Singles where Michael O'Dea defeated Seamus Collins of Antrim 21-19, 12-21, 21-10 and in Golden Masters A 40 x 20 Singles where Paul Hayes had a 21-7, 21-12 win over Dublin's Vinny Farrelly.

Tipperary had five victories in Masters grades. In Golden Masters A Softball Doubles Billy McCarthy and Packie Mullins had yet another All-Ireland win defeating Dublin's Eugene Kennedy and Vinny Farrelly 21-6, 21-14. Pat Maher from the St. Mary's Club in Clonmel won his first title after many years of endeavour when he defeated Seamus O'Brien of Kildare 12-21, 21-10, 21-14 in Diamond Masters B Softball Singles. Jim Ryan won the Emerald Masters A 40 x 20 Singles title defeating Hugh Duff of Tyrone 21-10, 21-2 while Eddie Sheerin had a fine double in the Diamond Masters B grade, defeating Seam Curran of Kilkenny 21-6, 21-6 in 40 x 20 Singles and partnered by David Slattery, defeated Sean Curran and Johnny O'Mara of Kilkenny 21-9, 21-2 in the Doubles final. The Kirby brothers, John and Dan, made a successful return to the championship scene, John winning the Emerald Masters A Softball Singles title with a fine win over Pat Masterson of Offaly and with Dan, defeating Greg

Sheridan and Patsy Hand of Cavan 21-9, 21-8 in the Emerald Masters A Doubles Softball final.

Good Year for Sligo Masters

It was another good year for Sligo Masters players who took five titles. Michael Porter won his first Masters A Softball Singles medal, defeating Pat Donagh of Cavan 21-18, 21-11 while he and Francis McCann defeated Billy Silcock and Jimmy Dobblyn of Antrim 21-10, 21-9 in the Masters A 40 x 20 Doubles final. Vincent McKeon from Sligo had a good 21-11, 21-11 win over Monaghan's Martin McEntee in the Silver Masters B Softball Singles final. Paddy Walsh had yet another double in the softball code, defeating Mick O'Brien of Dublin 21-20, 21-15 in the Diamond Masters A Singles final and, partnered by Mick Kelly, defeated Oliver Gough and Christy Lynagh of Meath 5-21, 21-18, 21-20 in Diamond Masters A Softball Doubles. The only other Connacht victory was in the Diamond Masters B Softball Doubles final where Donnie Dowd and Brian Kilcommings of Roscommon out-pointed Seamus O'Brien and Billy Gobbett of Kildare 21-12, 21-5. Cavan's Dominic Sheridan out-pointed Paddy Buckley of Cork 21-15, 21-1 in the Silver Masters A 40 x 20 Singles while other Cavan victors were Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand who accounted for Seán Heaney and Tom Derrig of Mayo 21-6, 21-10 in the Emerald Masters A 40 x 20 Doubles event.

Twelve Titles for Leinster Counties

Wexford players won six of the twelve Masters titles that came to the Leinster province. Tony Breen had an excellent year, winning the Silver Masters A Softball Singles title over Jerry Guiney of Cork 21-4, 21-8. He partnered Jimmy Goggins to victories in both codes, defeating Tipperary's Gerry Spillane and Connie Collins 21-7, 21-9 in Softball and Paddy Buckey and Chris Hurley of Cork 21-13, 21-16 in 40 x 20. Willie Dunphy of Wexford also won three titles, two in Softball and the other in 40 x 20. He defeated Cork's Dan O'Brien 21-14, 21-8 in Golden Masters B Softball Singles and partnered Dick Tobin to victory over Sligo's Pat Sullivan and Seamus Duffy 21-11, 21-16 in Softball Doubles. Billy Molloy was his partner in an 18-21, 21-19, 21-6 win over Galway's Noel Rigney and Oliver Burke in Golden Masters B 40 x 20 Doubles. Johnny Brennan and Philly Parsons had a tight victory over Sligo's Francis McCann and Michael Porter in the Masters A Softball Doubles final on a 21-15, 21-20 scoreline. Martin Lalor had two victories in the 40 x 20 court, 21-7, 21-8 over Jerh Walsh of Roscommon in Masters B Singles and he was partnered by Philly Parsons in their 21-10, 21-5 win over Mike Kelly and Pat Donnellan of Clare in the Doubles final. Pat Coffey and Ollie Deegan of Kildare had two fine victories in Silver Masters B Doubles. They defeated John Staunton and John Granahan of Mayo 21-17, 3-21, 21-19 in Softball and accounted for Jeddie McKeogh and Michael Gleeson of Tipperary 21-13, 21-16 in 40 x 20. Offaly's Paddy Hope won yet another All-Ireland title when he defeated Martin Cronin of Mayo 18-21, 21-11, 21-14 in the Golden Masters A Softball Singles final.

Juvenile Championships

The quality of play in the juvenile championships was excellent and maintained the standard set in previous years. There were some notable performances and our juvenile players continue to impress in international championships as well. Great credit is due to those Clubs which promote and develop juvenile handball, particularly in times when the responsibilities of Club officials and coaches in relation to juvenile players is being highlighted

very much in the media. This is as it should be, but it can also deter people from becoming involved in the promotion and organisation of juvenile handball. The recruitment of people to look after juveniles can be very difficult but it is a task that must be faced up to. Many Clubs do this very successfully, but there are numerous Clubs where there are no juveniles and where their future must be at risk.

Ger Coonan from the Ballina Club in Tipperary had excellent victories in both codes in Under 16 Singles. He accounted for David Kenny of Wexford 21-3, 21-9 in Softball and for Gary McCrory of Tyrone 21-12, 19-21, 11-6 in 40 x 20. Richard Hogan of Kilkenny also had a nice double at Under 14 Singles defeating Adrian Mannix of Cork 15-10, 15-11 in Softball and Mayo's Ciaran Burke 15-1, 15-9 in 40 x 20. Kilkenny's Patrick Hogan had a successful year winning the All-Ireland Under 15 40 x 20 Singles title with a 21-16, 21-11 win over Conor Cooney from Clare and partnering Gavin O'Keeffe to victory over Paudie Breen and Jerh Sheehan of Cork 21-5, 21-7 in Under 15 Softball Doubles.

Westmeath's Robert McCarthy and John O'Shaughnessy had an Under 16 Doubles double. They accounted for Pádraig McCarthy and Gary O'Connor of Kerry 21-14, 21-6 in Softball and Waterford's John Kindregan and Patrick Hurney 21-7, 21-15 in 40 x 20.

Jimmy Goggins and Paddy Berry of Wexford had an excellent double at Under 14 level, defeating Fergal Collins and Declan Kennedy of Tipperary 15-7, 15-4 in Softball and out-pointing Darren Cullinane and Colin Ryan of Clare 15-6, 15-11 in 40 x 20. Mikey Berry took the Under 15 60 x 30 title to Wexford when he defeated Shane Heraty of Mayo 21-3, 21-4. Wexford also won the Under 17 60 x 30 Singles title, Diarmuid Smyth defeating Michael Browne of Waterford 21-16, 21-19 in an exciting contest. Niall Maher and Pat Harnett from the Model County achieved success in the Under 15 40 x 20 doubles by out-pointing Paudie Breen and Jerh Sheehan of Cork 21-5, 21-5.

The Under 17 40 x 20 Singles title went to Gerry Kane of Carlow who got the better of Michael Browne of Waterford 21-15, 21-20 in an excellent contest. Cork's only juvenile title was won by John Horgan and James Moakley in Under 17 40 x 20 Doubles against James Smith and Liam Maher of Wexford 21-17, 21-6, while Waterford's one juvenile victory at national level was at Under 17 Softball Doubles where Patrick Hurney and John Kindregan accounted for Thomas Moore and John Veale of Wexford 21-20, 21-12.

Hardball Championships

The future of the ancient code of hardball remains in doubt. Only three of the six Championships on offer were played in 2002, all of them in singles. It is now seven years since all six Championships were contested as shown in the following table.

HARDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1996-2002

BLIAN	MHS	MHD	JHS	JHD	SHS	SHD
1996	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
1997	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	
1998			☑	☑	☑	☑
1999	☑		☑	☑		
2000			☑	☑		
2001			☑		☑	
2002	☑		☑		☑	
TOTAL	4	2	7	5	5	2

Hardball was discussed at length at Congress 2001 and a motion to introduce Masters grades was passed, but even these grades were not supported. Without active encouragement from Clubs and counties, players do not have the interest in the game to continue playing, as there are no hardball championships apart from the national competitions. Unless hardball is supported vigorously and enthusiastically at all levels, the future of the game cannot be guaranteed. We owe a great debt to this original code of handball and it would be a great pity and a serious loss if it were to die out in everything but name.

The accompanying table shows the level of entries for the hardball championships for a 21 year period, 1982-2002. Damian Martin of the St. Coman's Club in Roscommon took the Minor Singles title, defeating Robert McCarthy from Westmeath 21-3, 21-4 in a one-sided final. The Junior title went to Darragh Ward from the Ballymore Eustace stronghold of hardball in Kildare while Kenneth Kane of Carlow won another Senior Singles title defeating Pearse O'Keeffe of Kilkenny 15-21, 21-11, 21-1.

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
2002	8	3	15	5	9	1	5	2	48

Ladies Championships

There was a significant increase in the level of entries for the Ladies 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Championships. It was disappointing, however, that there were no provincial entries in some grades. However, there were championships in seven of the eight grades in 40 x 20 and in six of the eight grades in 60 x 30 whereas there was a total of only five out of a possible sixteen championships in 2001. It appears that the introduction of the Interprovincial Championships in Minor, Junior B and Junior grades three years ago is now bearing fruit and, hopefully, this trend of increasing entries at county and provincial level will continue to improve. We certainly need more local competition to attract more young players into the ladies game. Having regard to the number of ladies playing handball, there is an adequate level of competition at national and provincial levels, including championships and provincial tournaments. One of the major disadvantages that players face in taking part in these events is the time and travel involved. This can put some players off taking part, whereas more local/county/regional competition would cater for their needs in a much better way and would help maintain their interest in the game.

Seven counties shared the thirteen titles in 2002. Anna Wrynn and Fiona Healy from the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip had an excellent senior double defeating Sibéal McKenna and Gráinne Reilly of Antrim 21-12, 21-14 in 40 x 20 and Maria Daly and Sharon Daly of Kerry 21-9, 21-2 in 60 x 30. Anna Wrynn also took the Senior Softball Singles title defeating her clubmate Fiona Healy 21-17, 21-1. Sibéal McKenna from the St. Paul's Club in Antrim won the Senior 40 x 20 Singles title, previously held by her sister Fiona Shannon, when she defeated Anna Wrynn 13-21, 21-7, 21-10 in a well-contested final. Maria Daly from Ballymacelligott in Kerry showed the way in Minor Singles defeating Patricia Doyle of the Coolboy Club in Wicklow in both codes; 21-17, 21-7 in 60 x 30 and 21-10, 21-17 in 40 x 20. Patricia Doyle was partnered by Nadina Murphy in their 21-10, 20-21, 21-13 victory over Roscommon's Emer Coyle and Rachel Casey in Minor Softball Doubles. Tracy Floyd of Donegal won three titles, defeating Cliona Collins of Tipperary in Junior B Softball Singles 21-4, 21-2 and, with Gina McGowan, overcoming Wicklow's Margaret Hilley and Caroline Murphy in Junior B Softball Doubles and defeating Kerry's Sharon Daly 21-20, 21-6 in Junior 40 x 20 Singles. Donegal's Paula Canning and Rosin Canning teamed up to defeat Margaret Hilley and Mary Doyle of Wicklow 21-11, 20-21, 21-16 in 40 x 20 Junior B Doubles. The Junior B 40 x 20 Singles title went to Tracy Brennan of Laois who had an ease victory of Cliona Collins of Tipperary. Meath's only ladies title was won by Joy Smith and Sinéad Tevlin in Minor 40 x 20 Doubles when they defeated Emer Coyle and Rachel Casey, Roscommon, 21-14, 21-4.

Juvenile Girls Championships

Sixteen juvenile girls championships were shared by eight counties. Kerry won five titles, Mayo took three, Carlow and Roscommon claimed two, while Antrim, Limerick, Kildare and Kilkenny each had one victory. Aisling Reilly from the St. Paul's Club in Antrim, who went on to represent Ireland in the USHA Junior Nationals, won the Under 14 40 x 20 Singles title for the second year in succession defeating Ashley Prendiville of Kerry 15-3, 15-14 in the final. The Kerry girl had some compensation in the Softball code when she defeated Lydia Tracey of Carlow 15-4, 15-9 in the final. The Under 14 40 x 20 Doubles went to Caitríona Casey and Karen Lawlor of Kerry who had a good 15-7, 15-3 win over Claire Love and Sarah Butler of Kilkenny. Lisa Falvey of Kerry was the other girl to win two juvenile titles in 2002. She defeated Anne-Marie Hawe of Kilkenny 21-7, 21-10 in Under 15 60 x 30 Singles and combined with Gemma O'Connell to overcome Kilkenny's Ciara Martin and Sarah Lafford in the Under 15 40 x 20 Doubles event. Kerry's other juvenile victory was that of Sandy McSwiney who defeated Lisa McAleer of Tyrone 21-9-21-5 in Under 16 Softball Singles.

Five Titles for Connacht Girls

Marianna Rushe and Katie Costello represented Roscommon in Under 14 Softball Doubles where they had a good 15-12, 15-9 win over Claire Love and Mary-Therese O'Neill of Kilkenny. In Under 16 40 x 20 Singles, Nicola Kelly showed great class and composure in defeating Donegal's Gina McGowan 21-5, 21-15 in Under 16 40 x 20 Singles. Mayo had three victories in Softball. Alma Geraghty and Rachel Gibbons were too good for Karen Kelly and Kerri Grimes of Tyrone, winning on a 21-5, 21-10 scoreline in Under 15 Doubles. Noelle Ruddy had a good win over Mary Murphy of Kilkenny 15-21, 21-4, 11-7 in Under 17 Singles while in Under 17 Doubles, Stacey Roche and Sarah Corely from the western county easily accounted for Niamh Ryan and Grainne Ryan of Wicklow 21-1, 21-1.

Carlow achieved another All-Ireland success through Amanda Canavan and Edel Jordan who defeated Karen Collins and Anne Marie Ryan of Tipperary 13-21, 21-18, 11-6 in Under 16 Softball Doubles. Miriam Ryan and Ciara Mullins also won a title, defeating Galway's Amanda Finnegan and Lydia Burke 21-1, 21-3 in the Under 17 40 x 20 Doubles event. Kildare's Sinéad Gallogly and Eimear Fallon were too good for Kerry McNulty and Nicola Lambe of Galway in Under 16 40 x 20 Doubles 21-1, 21-6, while Mary Murphy of Kilkenny defeated Marion Coleman of Tipperary 21-7, 21-9 in Under 17 40 x 20 Singles. Sarah Flavin from Limerick won the Under 15 40 x 20 Singles title with a 21-9, 21-6 victory over Marie Herron of Donegal.

The standard of juvenile girls handball is certainly improving. The players are tremendously enthusiastic about playing the game and also enjoy the social dimension of handball. There are some very talented girls at juvenile level and as they progress through the ranks the hope is that they will continue their interest in and commitment to handball. All Clubs and counties should promote the ladies game, particularly at juvenile level, as it is only in this way that eventually there will be an adequate number of entries for provincial adult ladies championships.

Juvenile Team Events

The introduction of the juvenile team events some years ago has proven quite successful, although the level of entries is still not satisfactory. The competitions are an excellent opportunity for young players to represent their counties, and it is regrettable that some counties do not consider it worthwhile to take part. The girls Club Championships are poorly supported and there was no 40 x 20 event in 2002.

Tyrone dominated the Under 12/13 Team of Six Championships, winning titles in both courts and Kilkenny did likewise at Under 14/15 level. The Ulster county accounted for Kerry in both finals, 75-50 in 60 x 30 and 75-15 in 40 x 20. It is worth noting that the same team represented Tyrone in both courts. Kilkenny were too good for Clare at Under 14/15 level: 82-37 in 60 x 30 and 90-35 in 40 x 20. Ballymacelligott won the Girls Under 16 Team of Four Championship defeating Garryhill 67-51. Leinster and Munster shared the honours in the Girls Under 13/17 Interprovincial events. Munster achieved maximum points in 60 x 30 against 75 for Leinster, while the result in 40 x 20 was a narrow two-point victory for Leinster.

Club Championships

It is hardly an understatement to say that apart from the Junior B grade, the level of interest in the Club Championships is really disappointing. The question of the future of the Club Championships must be raised once again with so few entries at Junior and Open level. One wonders if they are of any particular benefit to the game. As for a number of other competitions, there should be a minimum number of entries in order to run a Championship. A large number of Clubs seem to have decided that if they have no chance of success, they will not take part at all. This deprives their members of representing their Club in what could be a much more meaningful competition if more Clubs were to take part.

St. Mary's, Clonmel won the Junior B Softball title defeating Clogh from Kilkenny 103-96. The Arklow Club won the Junior Softball Championship with a 135-108 win over St. Coman's Roscommon while Hospital (Limerick) defeated Coolboy 84-36 in the Open Softball final. Davitts of Antrim won the Junior B 40 x 20 title defeating Williamstown of Galway 98-74, but Williamstown won the Junior title accounting for Coolboy 91-

54. The Open Championship was won by Ballaghaderreen who defeated Gortnamona 102-96.

Wexford won both 40 x 20 Team of Eight Championships defeating Limerick 5-3 in Softball and Mayo in 40 x 20 by the same margin.

Third Level Colleges

The Third Level Colleges Championships continue to grow from strength to strength and increase in popularity year after year. The increase in the number of competitions, including team events, and the number of entries allowed in each event has attracted a huge level of interest in the championships. The new 60 x 30 championships at Connacht venues were very successful in October and are now guaranteed to be a central event in the Colleges calendar. The UCD 40 x 20 Blitz is still proving very popular with players from Colleges all over the country. All of these events are organised entirely by the students themselves, with the cooperation of Clubs which provide their facilities for the various competitions.

The 40 x 20 Team Championship was again won by DIT with Pdraig Gaffney, Dessie Keegan, Kevin Downes and Mark McGowan defeating Charles Shanks, Darren Donnelly, Ryan Daly and Darren McCrory of Queens 147-98. The B title went to NUIG whose team consisted of Steven Malone, Gary McTeiman, Bill Keenahan and Neil McDermott with Queens again the losers on this occasion, Barry McCullough, Niall McShane, Shane Daly and T Finlay being the team members. Eoin Kennedy of DCU retained his Men's A Senior title, overcoming the challenge of Dessie Keegan, DIT, 31-28, while Fiona Healy, DIT, also retained her A Singles title with a 35-18 win over Sharon Daly of UL. Declan Connaughton, Sligo IT, defeated Paul Reynolds, Letterkenny IT, 32-29 in the Men's B Singles event, while in Ladies B Singles Gráinne Hughes of UCD defeated Máiréad Hanly, Maynooth, 30-18. The Men's C Singles title was won by David O'Connor of Athlone IT, who defeated S McCrory of Queens 25-14 in the final.

Noel McHugh of Sligo IT defeated Oliver Conway of NUIG in the Men's A Singles 60 x 30 event while Adrian Kelly of WIT had a 33-15 win over Mark McGowan, DIT, in Men's B Singles. John Nolan from NUIG defeated Ruaidhrí Coyne, UCD, 31-23 in the Men's C Singles event. Fiona Healy of DIT made it a double over Sharon Daly, UL, when she outscored her 31-13 in Ladies Singles. The Team of Four was won by a combination of Sligo IT and UL players who defeated NUIG 86-78 in the final.

With such a high level of interest in the Third Level Colleges events, the future of the game at that level is certainly assured. This is bound to have benefits for handball in general as players continue to play with their Clubs and counties, and, hopefully, many of them will be the administrators of the future. Our thanks and appreciation go to everybody concerned with the very successful organisation of the various Third Level events.

All-Ireland Colleges

The twelve All-Ireland Colleges titles were shared by eight schools while the eight girls titles were won by three schools, all of the winners coming from strongholds of juvenile handball and of particularly strong Clubs. There is great need for a rethink on the structure and composition of the Colleges Championships, as the same players tend to dominate both All-Ireland and Colleges competitions. Apart from a small number of schools, there is very little effort to promote handball at schools level. The promotion of the game is left up to a few dedicated individuals and the organisation of the Colleges Championships is somewhat

haphazard. Those schools that are really involved do excellent work, but it should be supported by a lot more Colleges.

Cumann na mBunscol

The Cumann na mBunscol handball promotion continues to grow at county and provincial level and the vast majority of counties now take part in this very successful promotion in which primary school children are introduced to the very basic skills of the game. County and regional events are held with the most skilful players advancing to a national day at Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. This also incorporates a visit to the GAA museum and the opportunity to experience a day at headquarters. The Cumann na mBunscol promotion has been very successful and on behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I want to thank the executive of Cumann na mBunscol and the various units throughout the country for promoting and organising handball in primary schools.

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

All Clubs have a responsibility to promote handball in their catchment areas, particularly at primary school level. It is incumbent on us to offer the use of our facilities to schools and to assist in any way possible by introducing the game and coaching the pupils who are, after all, potential members of the local Clubs. It is interesting and heartening to note that many of the players who have taken part in Cumann na mBunscol National Day at Croke Park have gone on to become champions at county, provincial and even at national level.

Féile na nGael

After a break of a year due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001, Féile na nGael was again hosted in Ulster in 2002. Although there was a smaller number of entries than usual, competition was very keen in all events. It was very heartening to see the standard of play, especially in the girls competitions, which have gone from strength to strength since two divisions were introduced in 1997. The following Clubs emerged victorious:

Boys 60 x 30 Division I – New Ross, Wexford, Skills winner – Fergal Collins, Ballina, Tipperary. **Boys 40 x 20 Division I** – Carrickmore, Tyrone, Skills winner – Niall Loughran, Carrickmore, Tyrone. **Boys 40 x 20 Division II** – Newport, Mayo, Skills winner – Ciarán Burke, Newport, Mayo. **Boys 40 x 20 Division III** – Downpatrick, Down, Skills winner – Gary Wynn, Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare. **Girls 40 x 20 Division I** – Williamstown, Galway, Skills winner – Karen Kelly, Loughmacrory, Tyrone. **Girls 40 x 20 Division II** – Cumann Naomh Mhíchíl, Lissan, Derry, Skills winner – Clare McGlone, Naomh Mhíchíl, Lissan, Derry.

The Féile weekend presents a terrific opportunity for any Club to avail of a very well organised weekend within the GAA calendar. This is a much sought after prize by hurling and camogie Clubs and by many handball Clubs as well. It is somewhat disappointing that a number of counties do not seem to value Féile as an opportunity for handball Clubs to enjoy the atmosphere of a major GAA festival. It is a great pity that very few counties hold qualifying competitions for such a major competition. As a result of this, a number of Clubs have always represented their counties in Féile. The weekend, which consists of competitions,

social and cultural events as well as the Féile parade is certainly the highlight of the year for many of our juveniles. Long lasting friendships can be established over the weekend, contacts can be made with many Clubs all over the country and many of these result in exchange visits and friendly and competitive rivalry in future years.

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann I wish to congratulate and thank all Clubs that took part in Féile 2002. We greatly appreciate the help and cooperation of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Uladh and the host counties and Clubs who did an excellent job in coordinating the Féile events. Féile 2003 will be held in Kildare/Meath/Westmeath and the Coiste Lár Tíre committee is already working extremely hard to ensure the success of this year's event. The indications are that a big number of Clubs will be taking part and that everybody will be guaranteed a marvellous festival of sport.

Ranking Tournaments

The provincial 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 open tournaments together with the St. Paul's Golden Gloves Tournament have now become permanent fixtures in the handball calendar. These events provide a marvellous opportunity for players to take part in very intense competition over a number of weekends during the year. The tournament organisers do excellent work in preparing for these extra-special weekend tournaments and their efforts deserve to be much better supported, particularly in the Men's and Women's Open competitions. It is most unacceptable that some players do not travel to the venues, thus disappointing their opponents and the spectators. This is most unacceptable and players who make a commitment to play must honour that commitment and not disappoint everybody concerned.

Eoin Kennedy made successful trips to Munster venues winning both the 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 Open titles in that province. Fiona Healy won the Munster 40 x 20 Ladies Open Singles while Berni Hennessy took the 60 x 30 title. In a diminished field in the Connacht 60 x 30 Open, Egin Jensen was victorious while Maria Daly took the honours in the Ladies Open event. Paul Brady came out on top in the Leinster 40 x 20 Open Singles while top honours in the Ladies Open Singles went to Fiona Shannon who made a welcome return to competitive handball when she won the Ladies Open event at the St. Paul's Golden Gloves Tournament. Ricky McCann from the Gortnamona Club came out on top in the Men's Open Singles event at St. Paul's.

Irish Nationals

Almost 200 players entered for the eighth successive year in the Irish National Open Championships. Despite the fact that we were without a sponsor for this event, it was, nevertheless, very successful. Our thanks and appreciation go to all the officials and venues throughout the country for their cooperation in completing a very hectic schedule of games over two weekends. The main events at Croke Park were very well supported even though the finals day was spoiled by the requirements placed on us for the first official anti-doping tests to be carried out in handball. Even without sponsorship, the tradition of presenting Waterford Crystal trophies to the winners and runners-up was maintained and was much appreciated by players and supporters alike.

I would like to thank the National Organising Committee, the venue officials and referees who helped out during the competition. We always rely very much on the cooperation of a relatively small number of people at each venue and we are extremely grateful to them for their commitment.

The winners of the 2002 Irish Nationals were: **Men's Open**, Eoin Kennedy, Dublin; **Ladies Open**, Sibéal McKenna, Antrim; **Men's B**, Gavin Buggy, Wexford; **Ladies B**, Patricia Doyle, Wicklow; **Men's C**, Kerry Hennessy, Limerick; **Masters B**, Martin Lalor, Kilkenny; **Golden Masters A**, Eugene Kennedy, Dublin; **Golden Masters B**, Paddy Walsh, Sligo; **Boys 19 & Under**, Michael Gregan, Wicklow; **Boys 17 & Under**, Damian Martin, Roscommon; **Boys 15 & Under**, Brian Carroll, Meath; **Girls 15 & Under** Eimear Fallon, Kildare.

One-Wall Nationals

The sixth annual One-Wall Nationals were again hosted by Sligo County Committee and despite the short lead in time, there was a huge number of entries, which shows the appeal of this very successful competition. Since the introduction of the One-Wall Nationals in Roscommon in 1997, the event has been very successful in putting handball back in public view in a number of areas. The Nationals show how easily handball can be established in new areas and in places where the game has gone into decline. The forthcoming World Championships will include one-wall events and those who have supported the one-wall Nationals over the years will have an opportunity to display their skills against players from other countries at the events in Kilkenny. This provides an extra incentive for players to develop their skills in the one-wall code and to take part in championships on the international stage.

On behalf of all the players who took part and also on behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, I wish to place on record our sincere thanks and appreciation of the efforts of the Sligo County Committee and of the host Clubs, venue officials and referees for their role in ensuring that the 2002 One-Wall Nationals were a major success. The one-wall game can be easily demonstrated and can be played on any suitable area including schoolyards, outdoor courts and indoor 60 x 30 courts. It is a marvellous way to introduce children to handball and it is very encouraging that some of our top players in various grades have taken part in the One-Wall Nationals.

The winners of the 2002 One-Wall Nationals were: **Men's Open**, David King, Carlow; **Men's B**, Robin Cooke, Derry; **Men's C**, Neil McDermott, Roscommon; **Masters**, Robbie McCarthy, Westmeath; **Golden Masters**, Marvin McCann, Armagh; **Boys Under 18**, Damian Martin, Roscommon; **Girls Under 18**, Maria Daly, Kerry; **Boys Under 16**, Gary McCrory, Tyrone; **Girls Under 16**, Nicola Kelly, Roscommon; **Boys Under 14**, Niall Loughran, Tyrone; **Girls Under 14**, Sinéad Sheridan, Longford.

Competition Structure

It is evident that the extent of competitions places a huge demand on administrators at county, provincial and national levels. As I have said in previous annual reports, there must be an overall review of the competition structure, including the ranking tournaments. Such a review was carried out and recommendations were presented to Congress in Mallow in 2000. This subject needs to be revisited as a matter of urgency as the system cannot maintain the present level of activity. I certainly appreciate the fact that players want to play the game, but the amount of competition makes it impossible to develop other aspects of handball that have been greatly neglected over the years. We need to get back to basics in terms of coaching, promotion, development and administration; otherwise the future of the game will suffer and it will be impossible to regain lost ground if these matters are not attended to.

Venues & Refereeing

The successful organisation and completion of such a major national fixtures programme is entirely dependent on the cooperation and goodwill of numerous Club and county officials, especially those who officiate at games. We are most grateful to everybody who cooperated in any way in implementing the programme during the past year. The hospitality afforded to players and visiting officials is generally very good. This facilitates social contact between players and personnel from various parts of the country, renewing acquaintances and building friendships as a result.

Our thanks are due in great measure to those who take on the onerous role of refereeing matches. They are central to the presentation of fixtures by the manner in which they officiate and control games. Their interaction and relationship with players has a major impact on the overall presentation of any programme. There have been some complaints during the past year that refereeing is not up to standard. It can be frustrating for both players and spectators if refereeing decisions are incorrect. Refereeing courses are essential so that referees and potential referees will be familiar with all of the rules of the game and will be in a position to adjudicate in a fair, decisive and efficient manner. Players feel more confident under the charge of a referee who is decisive and who implements decisions fairly. On the other hand, players must respect referee's decisions, concentrate on playing the game and refrain from any behaviour which detracts from the overall presentation of the game or which is unfair to the other side.

Coaching

While there is a great need for coaching, the demand for coaching courses during 2002 was very disappointing with only two courses held. We have three fully qualified coach tutors available at any time and Tony Healy will qualify as a coach tutor during 2003. There should be a much more active demand for courses, particularly at a time when it is essential that juvenile players are well supervised, well managed and well coached.

Our coach tutors keep in touch with developments and progress in the coaching world and can use their knowledge and expertise to great effect. As well as qualifying coaches to coach at Club level, one of the main aims of coaching courses is to identify personnel with potential to advance through the various coaching levels and to undertake the organisation and development of coaching at county and provincial levels. The area of juvenile handball is a vital one and it is essential that people are properly prepared to look after juveniles, not alone for coaching purposes, but to help them in their general development as members of their Clubs and communities. We all have a great duty to the young people themselves and to their parents and families to ensure that they are very well treated and looked after with the greatest of care and respect at all times while they are under the care of handball personnel. Coaching courses help greatly in this regard and it is incumbent on every Club to have properly qualified coaches to undertake this onerous responsibility.

European Connections

In our dealings with our sister handball Federations in Europe we are at a great disadvantage. Most of the foreign associations get substantial Government grants and support to host visiting teams. This was very much evidenced on our visit to the Basque Country in November. The handball section of the trip was most successful, leading to great interest by the Basque players in coming to take part in the World Championships in October. But

returning their hospitality would involve a financial outlay that we are not in a position to extend. We also hope that the French youth players will take part in the Championships thus returning the visit made last year by the Carrickmore Club who took part in a triangular tournament which also involved an Italian team. It will be our turn to host the Youth Tournament in 2004 when we expect Wales and England to take part – as well as France and Italy.

The Welsh continue to promote the game of handball and have instigated plans to introduce the game to the local schools. They have also arranged games with teams from a number of English schools.

Our Colleges and Vocational Schools winners continue to bring our handball to the notice of the English Fives players. Again, we made a clean sweep of the English Schools Championship in 2002 in Rossall, albeit playing a compromise game. We need more interaction between the players of these sister games so we can showcase the advantages of our handball. We should establish an International Sub-Committee to examine all aspects of our expanding outreach programme. One of the great advantages of our connections with Europe is the possibility of foreign travel at reasonable cost for all our Clubs. This has been done by Clubs from Dungarvan, Roscommon, Carrickmore, Abbeylara etc and the opportunity is there for any other Club to set up reciprocal arrangements with Clubs in Britain and in Europe.

World Championships

The eleventh World Handball Championships will be hosted by Ireland from 17 to 26 October 2003 when it is anticipated that over 1,200 players from 13 countries will take part in 76 events in four-wall and one-wall. Kilkenny, Carlow and Laois will stage the Junior, Masters and one-wall events with the remainder to be held in Dublin, Kildare, Cavan and Meath.

As in 1994, some of the highlights of the Championships will be Opening Ceremonies, Championships Banquet, Open Finals at Croke Park and social events.

This will be one of the biggest sporting attractions of the year. The Championships will provide a spectacular festival of sport with top-class handballers from abroad and the leading Irish players sure to provide keen competition for the titles. The hosting of the events will be a major challenge for Irish handball personnel. As in the past, people will rise to the challenge and prove equal to the task. The preparation of approximately forty courts will require a lot of hard work and the running of the Championships over a ten-day period will provide an opportunity for Irish handball to show that this country is capable of hosting such a major event.

The successes of our top Irish players in USHA events in recent times have added extra interest to the World Championships, particularly in the Open Singles events. Some of our players are capable of winning top honours and setting new standards for Irish handball on the international stage.

There is already keen interest from abroad in the Championships and judging from the number of enquiries about dates and venues and other arrangements, we can expect a large number of visitors to travel to Ireland in October for the showpiece of international handball.

The following is a list of 76 events which will be on offer for the World Championships:

Men's (28) Open Singles
 Open Doubles
 A Singles
 A Doubles

B Singles
B Doubles
C Singles
C Doubles
Masters (40+) Singles
Masters (40+) Doubles
Masters (40+) B Singles
Masters (40+) B Doubles
Vet Masters (45+) Singles
Vet Masters (45+) Doubles
Golden (50+) Singles
Golden (50+) Doubles
Golden (50+) B Singles
Golden (50+) B Doubles
Vet Golden (55+) Singles
Vet Golden (55+) Doubles
Super (60+) Singles
Super (60+) Doubles
Super (60+) B Singles
Super (60+) B Doubles
Vet Super (65+) Singles
Vet Super (65+) Doubles
Diamond (70+) Singles
Diamond (70+) Doubles

Women's (12) Open Singles
 Open Doubles
 A Singles
 A Doubles
 B Singles
 B Doubles
 C Singles
 C Doubles
 Masters (40+) Singles
 Masters (40+) Doubles
 Golden (50+) Singles
 Golden (50+) Doubles

Boys (8) 13 and Under Singles
 13 and Under Doubles
 15 and Under Singles
 15 and Under Doubles
 17 and Under Singles
 17 and Under Doubles
 19 and Under Singles
 19 and Under Doubles

Girls (8) 13 and under Singles
 13 and Under Doubles
 15 and Under Singles
 15 and Under Doubles
 17 and Under Singles
 17 and Under Doubles
 19 and Under Singles
 19 and Under Doubles

One Wall Events (20)
Men's Open Singles
Men's Open Doubles
Men's B/C Singles
Men's B/C Doubles
Men's Masters (40+) Singles
Men's Masters (40+) Doubles
Men's Golden (50+) Singles

Men's Golden (50+) Doubles
 Women's Open Singles
 Women's Open Doubles
 Women's B Singles
 Women's B Doubles
 Boys 13 and Under Singles
 Boys 15 and Under Singles
 Boys 17 and Under Singles
 Boys 19 and Under Singles
 Girls 13 and Under Singles
 Girls 15 and Under Singles
 Girls 17 and Under Singles
 Girls 19 and Under Singles

TOTAL - 76

Strategic Plan

The Handball Strategic Planning team completed its report which was adopted by a Special Congress in May 2002. The team carried out very extensive research, consulted with a wide range of stakeholders and liaised with the Irish Sports Council in preparing its report and recommendations. A draft report was presented to meetings at provincial level where handball personnel had an opportunity to comment on the contents before the report was finalised. The plan has tremendous implications for handball at all levels of the organisation and has the potential to reinvigorate the game over the next four or five years.

Phase I of the plan has already been implemented. The four provincial secretaries, together with the handball officers, make up An Coiste Bainistí while Ard Chomhairle is comprised of the officers, the Cathaoirleach Cúigí, a player representative from each of the provinces and the National Children's Officer. The Activities Committee now deals with disciplinary matters while the Riarthóir Náisiúnta is responsible for fixtures under the new structure.

Phase II of the implementation plan will see the appointment of Directors of (a) Promotion (b) Coaching (c) Competitions (d) Development and (e) Facilities. These appointees, together with their Task Teams will be supported by a Director of Change Support who will facilitate change and assist with the management of the process together with project management.

The Strategic Plan sets out a very comprehensive list of tasks and objectives to be achieved by each task team and much of this will depend on the resources available to finance and support the whole programme. We have already received some financial support from the Irish Sports Council towards the implementations of the plan, including the development of a coaching plan, the introduction of a communications plan, the training of Directors and development training as well as the implementation of the new structures. If the enthusiasm for the implementation of the report matches the welcome which it received before and after its publication, the plan has the potential to be very successful and to put the organisation and administration of handball, as well as playing standards, on a new plane.

Handball Yearbook

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann produced yet another Handball Yearbook which in the words of Tony McGee of the Irish News "is undoubtedly one of the best and most eagerly anticipated each year. It covers just about every aspect of handball including Championships at home and abroad and there were many detailed articles on personalities in the game. Among these was an insight into Paul Brady's historic Pro-Stop win in the United

States and Eoin Kennedy's great Irish treble in Singles. Tributes are paid to Mick Dunne, who contributed immensely to the Yearbook in previous years, and to other handball legends who died during the year."

Clubs and counties feature strongly throughout the Yearbook and there is a comprehensive results section that covers every event from schools to international level throughout the year.

I wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Editorial Committee of Eoin McCann, Tom O'Connor and Michael McGee, under the confident chairmanship and direction of Tommy O'Brien. Their attention to detail in researching, writing and editing articles to ensure that the Yearbook was up to the standard of previous compilations was edifying and inspiring.

I also want to thank those who supported the Yearbook in so many ways, particularly Ard Chomhairle, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, CLG Teoranta and the four provincial GAA Councils in addition to a number of companies and individuals who assisted by way of advertising which ensured that the Yearbook was again self-financing.

It was gratifying to note that apart from a few exceptions, counties and provinces contributed articles and photographs for the Yearbook. It is not easy to encapsulate the achievements of any county or province in a short article and I wish to thank everybody for their diligence in providing material for the Yearbook. This also extends to individuals who are not directly connected with handball units whose articles enhanced the quality of the publication. Finally, I would like to appeal to all provinces and counties to ensure that their reports are compiled by early September 2003 for next year's publication. This will be essential in view of the fact that, at that time of year, almost all of our resources and energies will be devoted to ensuring that the World Championships will be a major success.

Handball Awards

Despite the absence of a sponsor, due to the withdrawal of Waterford Crystal who had sponsored the awards since their inception in 1994, the National Handball Awards were once again very successful. Eleven categories are covered in the awards which includes a very wide spectrum ranging from the young players, male and female, right up to Masters level, Clubs, officials, coaches and the international dimension.

Tony Healy from the Ballydesmond Club in Cork won the Male Player of the Year award. He had a superb display of skills when beating Kenneth Kane of Carlow 21-16, 21-9 in the All-Ireland 40 x 20 Senior Singles final to win his third successive title. **Eoin Kennedy** of Dublin was named as the International Player of the Year in recognition of his achievements in winning the USHA Collegiate Singles title and the Canadian Open Singles. **Lydia Doolan** from St. Coman's Club in Roscommon followed her Young Player of the Year award in 2001 with the Player of the Year award, female in 2002. The Roscommon player took both Minor Singles titles and partnered Aifric Naughton to victory in Minor 40 x 20 Doubles.

Maria Daly made her mark as the Young Player of the Year, female, by completing a national titles treble winning the 60 x 30 Girls Colleges Junior Singles title and the Under 16 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 singles titles. **Noel McHugh** made history in 2001 when he became the first Galway player to win the Minor Softball Singles title since the Championship was inaugurated in 1949. He also took the 17 & Under USHA title in California and was named Young Player of the Year, male.

Paddy Walsh of the St. Mary's Club in Sligo was chosen as the Masters Player of the Year. He won the DMAS All-Ireland

40 x 20 Singles title and retained the corresponding 60 x 30 title. In addition he and Michael Kelly retained their All-Ireland Doubles titles in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30.

Hall of Fame for Seamus Buggy

Seamus Buggy of Wexford was installed in the Hall of Fame as a player who has a special place in Irish handball. He partnered Dick King to victory in the World Softball Championship final at Croke Park in 1970 and they went on to win All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles titles in 1970, 1977 and 1979. **Tommy O'Brien** of Kilkenny who has given a lifetime of service to handball was named as official of the year, just after completing his 31st year as Leinster Handball Secretary. A former President of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, he held that position from 1984 to 1987. **Richard Willoughby** from the Coolboy Club in Wicklow was credited with the Coach of the Year award in recognition of his great service to handball at Club, county and national levels, including his role as coach to the successful Irish team which took part in the USHA Junior Championships.

Two Munster Clubs received special recognition. **Glenbeigh** from Kerry received the Special Achievement Award for their excellent work in developing their Club and the **Ballina Club** from North Tipperary emerged on top in keen competition for the Club of the Year award based on their promotion of the game, the development of their facilities, their successes at provincial and national levels and their role in hosting games and contributing to refereeing and other aspects of handball.

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

The development of an improved relationship with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the increase in funding by Ard Chomhairle, CLG, at national level during the past year is very welcome for the handball organisation in general. This is also the case at other levels of the Association. At the beginning of 2003 An Coiste Bainistí, CLG, appointed a sub-committee to examine the position of handball and its relationship to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in the future. This sub-committee is examining the workings of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann and will reporting to An Coiste Bainistí, CLG, at an early date.

While the attendance of handball representatives on GAA bodies has improved in recent years, it is still a matter of concern that some units do not exercise their right and responsibility to attend Coiste Contae meetings and to ensure that handball has its place in the general business of meetings. Handball units must work in close cooperation with our parent body and confine the perceived feeling of the isolation of handball to the past. We must all work together for the betterment of our games and for the objectives of the association. The decision of the GAA Congress of 1996 to confer voting rights on the handball delegate to An Coiste Contae, CLG, was very welcome but, unfortunately, a number of counties have not lived up to their responsibilities in this area. This is to the detriment of handball and every effort must be made to ensure that our elected delegates fulfil their obligations.

Ba mhaith le Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann buíochas a ghabháil le hArd Chomhairle agus le Coiste Bainistí CLG as uch a dtacaíocht do liathróid láimhe. Ár mbuíochas go speisialta don Uachtarán, Seán Mac Thaidhg atá ag éirí as a phost í mbliana. We thank him sincerely for his very active support for handball and for his attendance at several events during his term as Uachtarán and we wish him a long and fruitful retirement and continued association with handball.

Gabhaimid buíochas mór, freisin, le Liam Ó Maolmíchíl, Árd Stiúrthóir, a bhí ar fáil dúinn go minic le haghaidh cruinnithe

agus chun comhairle a thabhairt dúinn i rith na bliana. Gabhaimid buíochas, chomh maith, le foireann na h-árd oifige as uch dtacaíocht.

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

Insurance

The importance of having adequate insurance cover for all eventualities has come increasingly into focus in recent years. At the same time, there has been some confusion or lack of knowledge in a number of counties in relation to what cover is available to handball units under existing GAA Schemes. The GAA Public Liability and Employers Liability Scheme and the Property Insurance Scheme are available to all handball Clubs. There are some variations in how GAA County Committees operate these Schemes and details are available from the GAA County Secretary.

Every handball Club must safeguard its interests and those of its members, officers and the general public and ensure that it is party to the GAA Public Liability and Property Insurance Schemes. There is some concern that a number of Clubs throughout the country are not properly constituted and that the whereabouts of their legal documentation in relation to property is not known. In addition, a number of Clubs, because of the nature of their establishment, have no documentation to prove the ownership of their property. It is only when difficulties arise that such issues are addressed and this should not be the case. One of the tasks for the Director of Facilities will be to carry out an audit of all handball facilities and in this regard a review of all relevant documentation must be taken to safeguard the interests of Clubs and their property.

Sports Councils

As in previous years, the Irish Sports Council has been very supportive of the work of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. During its deliberations on the Strategic Plan for Handball, Helen Raftery from the Sports Council was of great assistance to the committee in attending meetings and reviewing drafts of the final report. As mentioned elsewhere in this report, the Council has provided financial support for the implementation of a number of aspects of the plan for the current year. The Sports Council also funds handball activities at central level through a substantial annual grant without which it would not be possible for handball to operate and provide the services required by the organisation as a whole.

In line with GAA policy and also with the requirements of the Irish Sports Council, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann adopted the Anti-Doping Code in 2001, following which senior players were liable to be tested. Testing occurred during the Irish Nationals and the outcome was satisfactory for Kenneth Kane and Sibéal McKenna. As with other sporting organisations, there were some initial difficulties regarding the timing and procedures for the tests which proved to be a learning experience both for the tester and for handball personnel. It is clear that arrangements for future tests will be streamlined and that the delay which occurred in playing the Men's Open final will not be repeated.

Tony Hannon, National Children's Officer for handball, has attended several workshops regarding the Code of Ethics for Children's Sport and has drawn up a document covering the

subject and the procedures involved. This Code has major implications for every sporting organisation with guidelines and principles for dealing with children in sport and will put additional demands on many people at Club level. At the time of writing, the National Children's Officer is in discussion with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael regarding aspects of the Code and, when introduced in handball, it will be in line with good practice within the GAA in general.

Sixteen young handballers were awarded grants and support services under the Irish Sports Council's International Player/Athlete Carding Scheme for 2002. Several of them availed of professional services for physiotherapy, medical and other needs. They intensified their coaching and training programme and attended a number of workshops and seminars as well as practical sessions throughout the year. Any players who took part in international events received financial support to attend and take part, one of the requirements of the scheme being that they take part in at least one international even each year.

I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Irish Sports Council who assisted us in so many ways throughout 2002. They have been available for consultation and meetings on an ongoing basis and we greatly appreciate and value their support and expertise. We also wish to thank the Sports Council of Northern Ireland for the support that they offer in relation to our units in the North.

USHA Events

The goal of taking part in the USHA Junior Nationals has long been the ambition of many of our juvenile players. Our success rate since Michael 'Duxie' Walsh first won the 15 & Under title in 1981 has been nothing less than remarkable. We have pointed out many times that our successful juvenile players did not keep pace with their American counterparts in the 1980's and 1990's in their adult careers. This was due in great measure to the fact that American players have much more intense competition as well, of course, as much better facilities than we have in Ireland. Over the past two seasons, Paul Brady and Tony Healy have taken part in several USHA Pro-Stops and improved their standing very significantly, Paul reaching the No. 3 spot and Tony placed at 7 in the March 2003 rankings.

In December 2002, Paul Brady became the first ever Irish player to win a USHA Pro-Stop when he defeated Vince Munoz of California 21-9, 21-12 at Milwaukee. He subsequently lost to Dave Chapman in the final of the No. 4 Pro-Stop at Concord, California in March of this year to rise to the No. 3 spot.

While the successes of the Irish players in the USHA major events are very welcome, they also place additional demands on the players themselves. They have less time to take part in domestic competitions where their talents can be seen and appreciated by a wide Irish audience. Success is, of course, a double-edged sword, another of the drawbacks being the difficulty in arranging our domestic 40 x 20 championship fixtures. This is something that must be addressed by the Competitions Task Team and Director with a view to rationalising arrangements for the championships.

The Irish team which took part in the USHA Junior Nationals in December performed very well. Robert McCarthy defeated Carlos Lemus of Chicago 21-4, 21-6 to retain his 15 & Under Singles title. Aisling Reilly from the Naomh Pól Club in Belfast defeated Katie Sedgwick of Lake Forrest 21-5, 21-8 to win the girls 15 & Under event. Brian Carroll from the Kells Club was defeated 21-7, 21-14 by Alan Garner of San Antonio in the Boys 17 & Under final while Sean Lenning was too good for Noel McHugh defeating him on this occasion 21-12, 21-5 in the Boys

19 & Under final. Courtney Peixoto of Watsonville was too good for Patricia Doyle, defeating her 21-11, 19-21, 11-1 in the 19 & Under Round Robin final. However, the Irish girl had some compensation in the 19 & Under Doubles event when she partnered Aisling Reilly to victory over Peixoto and Tina Apalinario of California 21-12, 15-21, 11-4. Shauna Hilley and Keith Kavanaugh of Coolboy won the Girls 13 & Under and Boys 9 & Under events respectively.

In the 2002 USHA Nationals, Ricky McCann from the Gortnamona Club in Antrim continued to improve his performances, out-pointing Chris Tico, California, 21-20, 21-17 in the Men's Singles final. Darren Donnelly from Armagh had an excellent victory in the B Singles final while Adrian Kelly of Clare and Joseph McCann from Mayo had an excellent 21-12, 21-18 win in the B Doubles event over G. Tulasyan and M. Ruelas. Damian Martin earned his right to become eligible for the International Carding Scheme when he defeated B. Bidegan of California 21-14, 21-8 in the 17 & Under Championship while Michael Gregan had a good win over Charles Shanks of Armagh, 21-10, 21-19 in the 19 & Under final. Maria Daly had a fine double defeating her sister Sharon 21-9, 21-3 in the Girls 19 & Under Championship and partnering her to victory in the Women's B Doubles event.

The participation of an ever increasing number of Irish players in USHA events is very encouraging as this will certainly improve the standard of play and set new targets for many of our top juveniles and older players. It certainly shows their commitment to handball considering the time involved and the financial outlay required to travel to and take part in any USHA Championship. As mentioned earlier, this does have an impact on the domestic championships in Ireland, but like so many other sports, we will have to come to terms with and facilitate the participation of our players in international events; otherwise the benefits to Irish handball will be minimised or even lost and our game would be all the poorer for this.

Na Mairbh

The past year was a particularly sad one for handball in general. Apart from the deaths of several well-known and highly respected people who served the game in many ways, a number of families suffered particularly tragic deaths.

The death of **Br. Breandán Ó Murchú**, Uachtarán of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann from 1968-1971, occurred on 28 December. He will always be remembered for his role in the staging of the World Championships in Ireland in 1970 and for his part in the development of Ceannaráis Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. He represented Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann on the GAA Ard Chomhairle for several years and was also Council Treasurer. He promoted juvenile handball in the various schools in which he taught including Drogheda CBS, Mullingar CBS and O'Connell's Schools CBS. One of a family of ten, Br. Murphy, who was 77, was born in Newbridge. Apart from handball, he had a very keen and active interest in music, school bands and choirs.

The passing of two of Wexford's great handballing legends, **John Ryan** on May 13th, and **John Doyle** on August 27th made 2002 a particularly sad year for many people inside and outside the sport of handball. The respect in which these greats of the game were still held – 44 years after they had won the last of their seven All-Ireland Senior Doubles titles together – was clearly evident at both funerals, when a widely representative congregation from many parts of Ireland came to pay their own personal tributes. Between them, this tremendous partnership won 23 Senior All-Ireland medals and many will say that John Ryan, who won all four Senior titles in 1957 and whose career was

curtailed by a very serious occupational injury, was the greatest player of all.

In his book *Handball*, Ray Doherty wrote: "All-rounder and sportsman supreme, John Ryan dominated the Irish handball scene between 1946 and 1958. Possessing all the attributes of a great player – accuracy, timing, strength and equal skill with both hands – he captivated audiences all over the country with one great display after another." John Doyle was one of the best exponents of doubles play at a time when many other outstanding partnerships were gracing the sport and he was a very able partner in the seven All-Ireland Senior Doubles victories.

The sad news of **Mick Dunne's** untimely death on Sunday 11 August came as a great shock to his large circle of friends, to his colleagues and to the GAA public for whom he had written and to whom he had broadcast for half a century on the Gaelic games he loved so dearly. Mick Dunne was a great friend of handball and enjoyed playing the game until a few short years ago. He was a very familiar and friendly face at games throughout the country and travelled to the World Championships on several occasions where he became well known to players and officials from the other handballing countries. He contributed handsomely to the sport in a voluntary capacity and used his very considerable talents and expertise as MC for the annual Waterford Crystal Awards ceremony and also for the HIGHBALL All-Ireland finals every year. He researched and penned numerous articles for the Irish Handball Yearbook and wrote the copy for the All-Ireland and Irish Nationals programmes.

Mick was the author of a regular feature on handball in HIGHBALL and did a column in *The Irish Independent* following his retirement from RTE. Mick was a man whose personal standards, underpinned as they were by his Christian values, greatly impressed all those who were fortunate enough to have met and known him. He loved handball and its players – and they respected him in generous measure. The attendance of so many players and officials – past and present – at his removal and funeral Mass was an inspiring testimony to the high esteem in which he was held, not only as a GAA journalist and broadcaster, but as a true friend and a highly respected person.

Angela McLoughlin who worked as Rúnaí of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann from 1994 to 2002 went to her eternal rest on Thursday 16 January, 2003 at the age of 63 following a long and difficult illness which she faced with great courage, fortitude and faith. She never complained about her condition and always looked on the positive side of life and did everything she could to live as full a life as possible. Despite her illness, she fulfilled her dream of taking a lengthy holiday in Australia and enjoyed the experience of going 'Down Under'. Angela was an avid reader and a table-quiz enthusiast and she was involved in many community groups and projects in her native Balbriggan during her lifetime. Angela was a loyal and dedicated person who was enthusiastic, efficient and diligent in serving handball and she was always cheerful, courteous and friendly in dealing with people who called to the handball office or who contacted her in various ways. We will all miss her greatly and appreciate her contribution to handball from 1994 to 2002.

To the families of our departed friends and colleagues, we offer our sincere sympathy and trust that they will find some consolation from the fact that their loved ones made such a great contribution to handball.

Buíochas

On behalf of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann 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 a special tribute to 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 Rúnaíthe 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 year.

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 GAA central office staff for their advice and support in many ways throughout the past year.

I would like to pay tribute to Cionnaith Ó Chonbhúir for his invaluable service as Cisteoir of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. He has always given generously of his time and professional expertise in dealing with the accounts and our financial affairs in general.

Peadar Mac Artúir comes to the end of his five year term as Uachtarán-Tofa/Uachtarán/Iar-Uachtarán and we thank him for his tremendous commitment to the organisation during that time. Despite his commitments to games, meetings and other aspects of administration he was always available to people who sought 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 initiative in negotiating the very successful extension of the GAA Player Injury Scheme to handball.

Antóin Ó hAodha has completed his first year as Uachtarán and has had a very busy and demanding schedule of meetings and general commitments during that time. He has successfully implemented the first phase of the Strategic Plan and has been negotiating with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael on a wide range of issues that are critical to the second phase of the Plan and to the future of the organisation. I thank him for his most valuable advice and support on a regular basis and for his availability to me and so many people throughout the country during his first year in office.

On behalf of all members, players, officials and units, I wish to acknowledge the excellent work of Emer O'Brien who assisted in the office from March to November 2002 and of Kate O'Brien who has been with us since November last. We greatly appreciate and value their input into what was an extremely busy and difficult year. My thanks are also due to Tomás Breathnach for his very valuable assistance on many occasions during 2002.

Finally, may I wish handball units and everybody involved in the game a very successful year in 2003.



LÓRCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Riarthóir Náisiúnta

RÚN

1. Amend Fo-Riail 47 (o)(iv) to read
“... U 16/17 Team of Four. Teams to consist of at least two
U16 players. Players must not have won a provincial title.”
(Cill Chainnigh)



The end of an era ...



Michael "Duxie" Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, receives the runner-up medal following his 18th successive Senior Softball Singles final from Antóin Ó hAodha, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, at Ceannaras on 7th September 2002.

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

12 March 2003

A Cháirde

We have examined the records of an Chomhairle for the year ended 31 December 2002.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to €209,120. Expenditure came to €193,756 leaving an Operating Surplus of €15,354. In the preceding year there was a deficit of €39,371. As compared with that year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase €	Decrease €
County Committees and Members	3,146	
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	38,092	
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		11,302

EXPENDITURE	Increase €	Decrease €
Competition expenses		5,606
International		7,813
Meetings and Officials' Travel		2,104
Juvenile		2,760

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 2002 including outlay on Ceannáras €386,254 had a book value of €575,255. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft €222,790 came to €342,246. Assets exceeded Liabilities by €233,009.

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 2002

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 appropriate to presume that An Chomhairle will continue its activities.

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 Chonbhúí.
Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

12 March 2003.

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 2002 which comprise the Revenue Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out below.

This report is made solely to the members of the Council. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to An Chomhairle members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purposes. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Council and its members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Management and Auditors

Management's responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Management Responsibilities. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

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 2002 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.

Harcourt Centre,
Harcourt Road, Dublin 2
12 March 2003

O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2002

	Schedule	2002 €	2001 €
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		24,594	21,448
Gate Receipts		6,529	4,885
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		69,835	31,743
National League Grant		6,350	6,349
Government Grants Net	1	81,597	79,219
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		1,246	12,548
Advertising		1,350	508
Sundry Sales		8,551	7,603
Yearbook Surplus		4,792	6,781
Other Income		4,276	3,397
		<u>209,120</u>	<u>174,481</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		11,162	16,768
International		9,033	16,846
Provincial Open Tournament Grants		2,540	3,174
Third Level Grants		—	1,270
Juvenile		1,457	4,217
Promotional Materials		6,478	7,442
Trophies		16,233	14,254
Meetings and Officials' Travel		29,566	31,670
Provincial Grants		2,540	2,540
Coaching, Leadership and Development		1,178	2,952
Administration and General	2	113,008	112,158
Depreciation		561	561
		<u>193,756</u>	<u>213,852</u>
OPERATING (DEFICIT) SURPLUS		15,364	(39,371)
Balance at beginning of year		217,645	257,016
Balance at end of year		<u>233,009</u>	<u>217,645</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhúí.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

12 March 2003.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2002

	Note	2002 €	2001 €
FIXED ASSETS			
	2	387,128	387,690
Loan – Galway County Board		22,855	22,855
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		3,548	1,663
C.L.G. Development Scheme		127	127
Loans to Clubs		571	571
Debtors and Prepayments		26,240	21,950
Cash and Bank Balances		134,606	105,786
		<u>165,272</u>	<u>130,097</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Court Construction Grants		3,174	3,174
Grants to Underprivileged Areas		1,893	1,893
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Development Grant		63,487	63,487
Creditors		50,902	31,653
Bank Overdraft		222,790	222,790
		<u>342,246</u>	<u>322,997</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(176,974)	(192,900)
		<u>233,009</u>	<u>217,645</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund		<u>233,009</u>	<u>217,645</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhúí.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

12 March 2003.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2002**

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 €	Gymnasium Equipment €	Office Equipment €	Total €
COST				
At 1 January 2002	386,254	5,706	20,398	412,358
At 31 December 2002	<u>386,254</u>	<u>5,706</u>	<u>20,398</u>	<u>412,358</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2002	–	5,706	18,963	24,669
Charge for year	–	–	561	561
At 31 December 2002	–	<u>5,706</u>	<u>19,524</u>	<u>25,230</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>386,254</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>387,128</u>

3. ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance at beginning of year	217,645	257,012
Surplus for year	15,364	(39,367)
Balance at date	<u>233,009</u>	<u>217,645</u>

**SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2002**

	2002 €	2001 €
SCHEDULE 1:		
Government Grants		
Annual Grant	67,347	67,347
Carding Scheme	25,600	–
International	7,900	9,967
Strategic Planning Process & Reviews	2,400	–
Other	<u>3,950</u>	<u>1,905</u>
	107,832	92,043
Less: Distributable		
Carding Scheme	(25,600)	–
	<u>(635)</u>	<u>(12,824)</u>
	<u>81,597</u>	<u>79,219</u>

SCHEDULE 2:

Administration and General Expenses

Staff Costs	86,230	83,720
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	12,461	13,026
Postage and Telephone	8,748	8,942
Audit and Accountancy Fees	4,206	4,070
All-Ireland Tickets	636	800
Miscellaneous	<u>727</u>	<u>1,600</u>
	<u>113,008</u>	<u>112,158</u>

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

An Chomhairle Spóirt

as ucht deontasaí a chur ar fáil
d'ár gcluiche

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT — for the year ended 30th September 2002.

	2002	2001
€	€	€
INCOME		
Membership Fees	3,098	5,713
Court Booking Fees	4,864	3,468
	<u>7,962</u>	<u>9,181</u>
Shop Sales	5,248	4,094
Cost of Sales	<u>4,233</u>	<u>3,936</u>
Profit on Sales	1,015	158
GROSS PROFIT	<u>8,977</u>	<u>9,339</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	2,934	2,169
Premises	5,822	9,408
Financial	<u>98</u>	<u>104</u>
	<u>8,854</u>	<u>11,681</u>
Net Operating Profit/(Loss)	123	(2,342)
Club Lounge Subsidy	<u>(519)</u>	<u>3,144</u>
Net (Loss)/Profit	(396)	802
Opening Deficit	<u>(1,699)</u>	<u>(2,501)</u>
Closing Deficit	<u>(2,095)</u>	<u>(1,699)</u>

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 2002

	2002	2001
€	€	€
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	350	413
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank loans and overdrafts	528	159
Accruals	<u>1,917</u>	<u>1,953</u>
	<u>2,445</u>	<u>2,112</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>(2,095)</u>	<u>(1,699)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>(2,095)</u>	<u>(1,699)</u>
<i>Represented by:</i>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	<u>(2,095)</u>	<u>(1,699)</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 2002.

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 2002.

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Cisteoir

VINCENT FARRELLY, Cathaoirleach

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

CEANNÁRAS CLUB LOUNGE

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th September 2002

	2002	2001
	€	€
SALES	314,728	311,793
COST OF SALES	157,501	166,363
GROSS PROFIT	157,227	145,430
EXPENSES		
Administration	37,949	27,290
Staff Costs	73,604	63,811
Premises	22,984	35,312
Financial	3,466	3,605
	138,003	130,018
NET OPERATING PROFIT	19,224	15,412
Club Subsidy	519	(3,144)
NET PROFIT	19,743	12,268
OPENING DEFICIT	(8,072)	(20,340)
CLOSING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	11,671	(8,072)

BALANCE SHEET — as at 30th September 2002

	2002	2001
	€	€
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	10,729	7,037
Debtors	1,883	660
Cash at bank and in hand	25,410	28,016
	38,022	35,713
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors	17,611	23,123
Bank loans and overdrafts	—	8,525
Other creditors	7,140	10,613
Accruals	1,600	1,524
	26,351	43,785
NET CURRENT ASSETS	11,671	(8,072)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	11,671	(8,072)
<i>Represented by:</i>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	11,671	(8,072)

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LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC, Cisteoir

VINCENT FARRELLY, Cathaoirleach

TORTHAÍ 2002

60 x 30

SS: Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Michael 'Duxie' Walsh (Kilkenny) 21-6, 21-12
SD: Walter O'Connor, Tom Sheridan (Meath) dft Tommy Hynes, Colin Keeling (Wexford) 17-21, 21-20, 21-11
IS: Mayo (Dessie Keegan) dft Tyrone (Niall Kerr) 21-3, 21-5
ID: Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Vincent Moran) dft Cavan (Jimmy McKeon, Paul Brady) 21-20, 21-14
JS: Laois (Shane Dormer) dft Limerick (Kerry Hennessy) 9-21, 21-19, 21-16
JD: Limerick (Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman) dft Dublin (Jan Griffin, Christy Donnelly) 21-16, 10-21, 21-14
MS: Galway (Noel McHugh) dft Wicklow (Richie Walshe) 21-5, 21-4
MD: Wicklow (Richie Walshe, Johnny Willoughby) dft Galway (Noel McHugh, Thomas Connaughton) 21-15, 21-17
U21S: Wicklow (Michael Gregan) dft Mayo (Joseph McCann) 21-18, 21-13
U21D: Wicklow (Michael Gregan, Sammy Willoughby) dft Waterford (Philip Butler, Kenny Keane) 21-5, 21-5
JBS: Wicklow (Pat O'Donnell) dft Tipperary (Adrian Johnson) 21-10, 21-20
JBD: Wicklow (Pat O'Donnell, Ned Kealy) dft Cork (Patrick Buckley, Finbarr Rafferty) 16-21, 21-18, 16-7 (P. Buckley retired injured)
MAS: Sligo (Michael Porter) dft Cavan (Pat Donagh) 21-18, 21-11
MAD: Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan, Philly Parsons) dft Sligo (Francis McCann, Michael Porter) 21-15, 21-20
MBS: Mayo (Gus Sweeney) dft Wexford (Pachelli English) 21-14, 21-13
MBD: Mayo (Pádraig Geraghty, Gus Sweeney) dft Kildare (John Carroll, Stephen Carroll) 21-15, 5-21, 21-6
SMAS: Wexford (Tony Breen) dft Cork (Jerry Guiney) 21-4, 21-8
SMAD: Wexford (Tony Breen, Jimmy Goggins) dft Tipperary (Gerry Spillane, Connie Collins) 21-7, 21-9
SMBS: Sligo (Vincent McKeon) dft Monaghan (Martin McEntee) 21-11, 21-11
SMBD: Kildare (Pat Coffey, Ollie Deegan) dft Mayo (John Staunton, John Granahan) 21-17, 3-21, 21-19
GMAS: Offaly (Paddy Hope) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 18-21, 21-11, 21-14
GMAD: Tipperary (Billy McCarthy, Packie Mullins) dft Dublin (Eugene Kennedy, Vinny Farrelly) 21-6, 21-14
GMBS: Wexford (Willie Dunphy) dft Cork (Dan O'Brien) 21-14, 21-8
GMBD: Wexford (Willie Dunphy, Dick Tobin) dft Sligo (Pat Sullivan, Seamus Duffy) 21-11, 21-16
EMAS: Clare (John Kirby) dft Offaly (Pat Masterson) 21-5, 21-0
EMAD: Clare (John Kirby, Dan Kirby) dft Cavan (Greg Sheridan, Patsy Hand) 21-9, 21-8
EMBS: Galway (Morgan Darcy) dft Cavan (Phil Maguire) 21-2, 21-14
EMBD: Galway (Morgan Darcy, Peter Mulryan) dft Monaghan (Cathal Earley, Peter Cassidy) 21-7, 21-14
DMAS: Sligo (Paddy Walsh) dft Dublin (Mick O'Brien) 21-20, 21-15

DMAD: Sligo (Paddy Walsh, Mick Kelly) dft Meath (Oliver Gough, Christy Lynagh) 5-21, 21-18, 21-20
DMBS: Tipperary (Pat Maher) dft Kildare (Seamus O'Brien) 12-21, 21-10, 21-14
DMBD: Roscommon (Donny Dowd, Brian Kilcommins) dft Kildare (Seamus O'Brien, Billy Gobbett) 21-12, 21-5

HARDBALL

SHS: Kenneth Kane (Carlow) dft Pearse O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) 15-21, 21-11, 21-1
SHD: No championship
JHS: Dara Ward (Kildare) dft Seamus Maughan (Mayo) 21-1, 21-7
JHD: No championship
MHS: Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) 21-3, 21-4
MHD: No championship

40 x 20

SS: Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) dft Cork (Tony Healy) 21-20, 21-18
SD: Meath (Walter O'Connor, Tom Sheridan) dft Kerry (Dominic Lynch, Anthony Lynch) 21-18, 21-6
IS: Mayo (Dessie Keegan) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-20, 21-18
ID: Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Pádraig Gaffney) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy, Paul Carthy) 21-3, 21-16
JS: Clare (Declan Frawley) dft Antrim (Paul Graham) 21-20, 21-13
JD: Antrim (Paul Graham, Paddy Duffy) dft Cork (Jerry Guiney, John Kiersey) 21-13, 21-6
MS: Galway (Noel McHugh) dft Wicklow (Johnny Willoughby) 21-2, 21-2
MD: Galway (Noel McHugh, Thomas Connaughton) dft Wicklow (Johnny Willoughby, Richard Walshe) 21-20, 9-21, 5-2. (R Walshe, retired injured)
U21S: Wicklow (Michael Gregan) dft Mayo (Joseph McCann) 21-20, 21-18
U21D: Wicklow (Michael Gregan, Sammy Willoughby) dft Waterford (Barry McAndrew, Kenny Keane) 21-19, 21-12
JBS: Limerick (Kerry Hennessy) dft Donegal (Michael McClean) 21-3, 21-19
JBD: Wicklow (Pat O'Donnell, Ned Kealy) dft Limerick (Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman) 21-10, 21-0
MAS: Cork (John Herlihy) dft Dublin (Michael Maher) 21-5, 21-14
MAD: Sligo (Francis McCann, Michael Porter) dft Antrim (Billy Silcock, Jimmy Dobbey) 21-10, 21-9
MBS: Kilkenny (Martin Lalor) dft Roscommon (Ger Walsh) 21-7, 21-8
MBD: Kilkenny (Martin Lalor, Philly Parsons) dft Clare (Mike Kelly, Pat Donnellan) 21-10, 21-5
SMAS: Cavan (Dominic Sheridan) dft Cork (Paddy Buckley) 21-15, 21-1
SMAD: Wexford (Tony Breen, Jimmy Goggins) dft Cork (Paddy Buckley, Chris Hurley) 21-13, 21-16
SMBS: Cork (Michael O'Dea) dft Antrim (Seamus Collins) 21-19, 12-21, 21-10
SMBD: Kildare (Pat Coffey, Ollie Deegan) dft Tipperary (Jeddie McKeogh, Michael Gleeson) 21-13, 21-16

TORTHAÍ 2002 (continued)

GMAS: Cork (Paul Hayes) dft Dublin (Vinny Farrelly) 21-7, 21-12

GMAD: Dublin (Eugene Kennedy, Vinny Farrelly) dft Mayo (Matt Coady, Michael Corbett) 21-20, 21-6

GMBS: Mayo (Martin Cronin) dft Wexford (Willie Dunphy) 21-11, 21-10

GMBD: Wexford (Willie Dunphy, Billy Molloy) dft Galway (Noel Rigney, Oliver Burke) 18-21, 21-19, 21-6

EMAS: Tipperary (Jim Ryan) dft Tyrone (Hugh Duff) 21-10, 21-2

EMAD: Cavan (Greg Sheridan, Patsy Hand) dft Mayo (Seán Heaney, Tom Derrig) 21-6, 21-10

EMBS: Mayo (Seamus Clarke) dft Donegal (Brendan Temple) 21-4, 21-4

EMBD: Mayo (Tim Hughes, Seamus Clarke) dft Donegal (Brendan Temple, Eamon McDonnell) 21-9, 21-9

DMAS: Galway (Nicholas Clancy) dft Antrim (Seán McEntee) 21-2, 21-12

DMAD: Galway (Mick Lally, Nicholas Clancy) dft Meath (Oliver Gough, Christy Lynagh) 14-21, 21-5, 21-14

DMBS: Tipperary (Eddie Sheerin) dft Kilkenny (Seán Curran) 21-6, 21-6

DMBD: Tipperary (Eddie Sheerin, David Slattery) dft Kilkenny (Seán Curran, Johnny O'Mara) 21-9, 21-2.

LADIES 60 x 30

SS: Anna Wrynn (Kildare) dft Fiona Healy (Kildare) 21-17, 21-1

SD: Anna Wrynn, Fiona Healy (Kildare) dft Maria Daly, Sharon Daly (Kerry) 21-9, 21-2

JS: No championship

JD: No championship

JBS: Donegal (Tracey Floyd) dft Tipperary (Cliona Collins) 21-4, 21-2

JBD: Donegal (Tracey Floyd, Gina McGowan) dft Wicklow (Margaret Hilley, Caroline Murphy) 21-0, 21-1

MS: Kerry (Maria Daly) dft Wicklow (Patricia Doyle) 21-17, 21-7

MD: Wicklow (Patricia Doyle, Nadina Murphy) dft Roscommon (Emer Coyle, Rachel Casey) 21-10, 20-21, 21-13

LADIES 40 x 20

SS: Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) dft Anna Wrynn (Kildare) 13-21, 21-7, 21-10

SD: Anna Wrynn, Fiona Healy (Kildare) dft Sibéal McKenna, Gráinne Reilly (Antrim) 21-12, 21-14

JS: Donegal (Tracey Floyd) dft Kerry (Sharon Daly) 21-20, 21-6

JD: No championship

JBS: Laois (Tracey Brennan) dft Tipperary (Cliona Collins) 21-1, 21-0

JBD: Paula Canning, Roisin Canning (Donegal) dft Margaret Hilley, Mary Doyle (Wicklow) 21-11, 20-21, 21-16

MS: Kerry (Maria Daly) dft Wicklow (Patricia Doyle) 21-10, 21-17

MD: Meath (Joy Smith, Sinéad Tevlin) dft Roscommon (Emer Coyle, Rachel Casey) 21-14, 21-4.

60 x 30 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior B: St. Mary's, Clonmel, (Adrian Johnson, Anthony Moynihan, Billy Dempsey, Paul Maher, Dessie Gunne) dft Clogh, Kilkenny (Michael Maher, Colm Love, Andrew Lawlor, William Love, Billy Love) 103-96

Junior: Arklow, Wicklow (Pat O'Donnell, Ned Kealy, Drew Keogh, Eamonn Rice, John Quinn) dft St. Coman's, Roscommon (Aengus Cunningham, Glenn Walsh, Robert Hill, Dara Rogers) 135-108.

Open: Hospital, Limerick (Paul Herr, Eamonn O'Neill, Kerry Hennessy, Paul Hedderman) dft Coolboy, Wicklow (Pat Quaile, Richard Willoughby, Paddy Lennon, Michael Gegan, Sammy Willoughby) 84-36

40 x 20 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior B: Davitts, Antrim (Kevin McParland, Stevie Bailey, Anthony McGrattan, Chris Brady) dft Williamstown, Galway (Pat Conway, Timmy O'Shea, Paddy Connaughton, Jim Connaughton) 98-74

Junior: Williamstown, Galway (Alan Tierney, Oliver Conway, Paul McHugh, Declan Connaughton) dft Coolboy, Wicklow (Pat Quaile, Johnny Willoughby, Jerome Willoughby, Richard Walshe) 91-54

Open: Ballagaderreen, Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn, Campbell Brennan, Joseph McCann) dft Gort namona, Antrim (Ricky McCann, Paddy Crothers, John McGarry, Eddie Mallon) 102-96

60 X 30 TEAM OF EIGHT

Wexford (Dick Berry, Tom Connors, Jimmy Goggins, Tony Breen, Terry Gainfort, Jimmy Goggins Jr., Tommy Hynes, Colin Keeling) dft Limerick (Paul Herr, Kerry Hennessy, Tom O'Brien, Donal O'Connor, John Ryan, Ciaran Burke, Paul Hedderman, Pat Shanahan) 5-3.

40 X 20 TEAM OF EIGHT

Wexford (James Freeman, Felix Doran, Tony Breen, Jimmy Goggins Snr, Jimmy Goggins Jr, Miles Cash, Billy Bourke, Barry Goff) dft Mayo (Pat Hopkins, Brendan Judge, Kevin Gerraghty, Martin Cronin, Paul Flynn, Joseph McCann, Campbell Brennan, Vincent Moran) 5-3.

BUACHAILLÍ 60 x 30

U14S: Kilkenny (Richard Hogan) dft Cork (Adrian Mannix) 15-10, 15-11

U14D: Wexford (Paddy Berry, Jimmy Goggins) dft Tipperary (Fergal Collins, Declan Kennedy) 15-7, 15-4

U15S: Wexford (Mikey Berry) dft Mayo (Shane Heraty) 21-3, 21-4

U15D: Kilkenny (Patrick Hogan, Gavin O'Keeffe) dft Cork (Paudie Breen, Jerh Sheehan) 21-5, 21-7

U16S: Tipperary (Ger Coonan) dft Wexford (David Kenny) 21-3, 21-9

U16D: Westmeath (Robert McCarthy, John O'Shaughnessy) dft Kerry (Pádraig McCarthy, Gary O'Connor) 21-14, 21-6

U17S: Wexford (Diarmuid Smyth) dft Waterford (Michael Browne) 21-16, 21-19

U17D: Waterford (Patrick Hurney, John Kindregan) dft Wexford (Thomas Moore, John Veale) 21-20, 21-12

CAILINÍ 60 x 30

U14S: Kerry (Ashley Prendiville) dft Carlow (Lydia Treacy) 15-4, 15-9

U14D: Roscommon (Marianna Rushe, Katie Costelloe) dft Kilkenny (Claire Love, Marie Therese O'Neill) 15-12, 15-9.

TORTHAÍ 2002 (continued)

- U15S: Kerry (Lisa Falvey) dft Kilkenny (Anne Marie Hawe) 21-7, 21-10
 U15D: Mayo (Alma Geraghty, Rachel Gibbons) dft Tyrone (Karen Kelly, Kerri Grimes) 21-5, 21-10
 U16S: Kerry (Sandy McSwiney) dft Tyrone (Lisa McAleer) 21-9, 21-5
 U16D: Carlow (Amanda Canavan, Edel Jordan) dft Tipperary (Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan) 13-21, 21-18, 11-6
 U17S: Mayo (Noelle Ruddy) dft Kilkenny (Mary Murphy) 15-21, 21-4, 11-7
 U17D: Mayo (Stacey Roche, Sarah Corley) dft Wicklow (Niamh Ryan, Gráinne Ryan) 21-1, 21-1.

BUACHAILLÍ 40 x 20

- U14S: Kilkenny (Richard Hogan) dft Mayo (Ciarán Burke) 15-1, 15-9.
 U14D: Wexford (Jimmy Goggins, Paddy Berry) dft Clare (Darren Cullinane, Colin Ryan) 15-6, 15-11
 U15S: Kilkenny (Patrick Hogan) dft Clare (Conor Cooney) 21-16, 21-11
 U15D: Wexford (Niall Maher, Pat Harnett) dft Cork (Paudie Breen, Jerh Sheehan) 21-5, 21-5
 U16S: Tipperary (Ger Coonan) dft Tyrone (Gary McCrory) 21-12, 19-21, 11-6
 U16D: Westmeath (Robert McCarthy, John O'Shaughnessy) dft Waterford (John Kindregan, Patrick Hurney) 21-7, 21-15
 U17S: Carlow (Gerry Kane) dft Waterford (Michael Browne) 21-15, 21-20
 U17D: Cork (John Horgan, James Moakley) dft Wexford (James Smith, Liam Maher) 21-17, 21-6

CAILINÍ 40 x 20

- U14S: Antrim (Aisling Reilly) dft Kerry (Ashley Prendiville) 15-3, 15-14
 U14D: Kerry (Caitriona Casey, Karen Lawlor) dft Kilkenny (Claire Love, Sara Butler) 15-7, 15-3
 U15S: Limerick (Sarah Flavin) dft Donegal (Marie Herron) 21-9, 21-6
 U15D: Kerry (Lisa Falvey, Gemma O'Connell) dft Kilkenny (Ciara Martin, Sarah Lafford) 21-1, 21-1
 U16S: Roscommon (Nicola Kelly) dft Donegal (Gina McGowan) 21-5, 21-15
 U16D: Kildare (Sinéad Gallogly, Eimear Fallon) dft Galway (Kerry McNulty, Nicola Lambe) 21-1, 21-6
 U17S: Kilkenny (Mary Murphy) dft Tipperary (Marion Coleman) 21-7, 21-9
 U17D: Carlow (Miriam Ryan, Ciara Mullins) dft Galway (Amanda Finnegan, Lydia Burke) 21-1, 21-3

CUMASC GAEL LINN

- An Corn: Loch Mhic Ruairí,** Tír Eoghain (Caren Ní Cheallaigh, Brian Mac Donnchaídh) dft **An Cúl Bhuí,** Cill Mhantáin (Shauna Ní hIcheallaigh, Máirtín Ó Néill) 75-35
Sólás: Cill Ealla, Muigheo (Eithne Ní Éil, Lea Ó Coimín) dft **Naomh Cóimáin,** Roscomáin (Marianna Ní Luachra, Caoimhín Ó Gadhra) 80-70

60 x 30 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- U12/13 Team of Six: Tyrone** (Brian Donaghy, Paul Donnelly, Conor Mellduff, Conor Grugan, Caolan Daly, Seán O'Kane) dft **Kerry** (Cian Counihan, Colm Ó Muir-

cheartaigh, Brendan Crowe, William Prendiville, Aaron O'Hallaran, Wayne Teahan) 75-50.

- U14/15 Team of Six: Kilkenny** (Brendan Burke, Stephen Power, Nicholas Anthony, Daniel Reid, Patrick Nolan, Darren O'Dwyer, Stephen Conway, Paul Murphy) dft **Clare** (Trevor McInerney, James Hook, Conor Cooney, John Murphy, Cathal Hannon, Anthony Fahy) 82-37.

- Cailíní U16 Team of Four: Ballymacelligott** (Sandy McSwiney, Ashley Prendiville, Sharon Twomey, Lisa Falvey, Caitriona Casey, Brenda Carmody) dft **Garryhill** (Miriam Ryan, Edel Jordan, Lydia Treacy, Amanda Canavan, Nicola Kenny, Deirdre O'Brien) 67-51

- Cailíní U13/17 Interprovincial: Munster** (Siobhán Twomey, Brenda Carmody, Karen Lawlor, Ashley Prendiville, Sarah Flavin, Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan, Sandy McSwiney, Maria Daly, Marian Coleman) dft **Leinster** (Shauna Hilley, Emma Walsh, Marie Therese O'Neill, Mairéad Whitmore, Sarah Merrigan, Claire Love, Anne Marie Hawe, Miriam Ryan, Patricia Doyle, Ciara Mullins) 210-75

40 x 20 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- U12/13 Team of Six: Tyrone** (Paul Donnelly, Caolan Daly, Brian Donaghy, Conor Duff, Seán O'Kane, Conor Grogan, Augustine McAleer) dft **Kerry** (Leon Seidler, Joseph Sheehan, Cian Counihan, Damian Healy, Brendan Crowe, Colm Ó Muircheartaigh, Rory O'Connor) 75-15

- U14/15 Team of Six: Kilkenny** (Brendan Burke, Eoin Cody, Kirk Greene, Patrick Nolan, Nicholas Anthony, Stephen Conway, Gavin O'Keefe, Stephen Shortt) dft **Clare** (Trevor McInerney, James Hook, Cathal Hannon, Fergal Lawlor, John Murphy, Eoin O'Brien, John McGrath, Jonathan Lyons) 90-35

CAILINÍ U13/17 INTERPROVINCIAL

Leinster (Shauna Hilley, Aileen Quinn, Marie Therese O'Neill, Claire Love, Anne Marie Hawe, Lydia Treacy, Emer Fallon, Miriam Ryan, Patricia Doyle, Ciara Mullins) dft **Munster** (Sharon Twomey, Brenda Carmody, Ashley Prendiville, Caitriona Casey, Sarah Flavin, Anne Marie Ryan, Sandy McSwiney, Lisa Falvey, Maria Daly, Karen Collins, Karen Lawlor, Ciara McCarthy) 86-84

FÉILE NA nGAEL

- Boys 40 x 20 Division I: Carrickmore,** Tyrone (Niall Loughran, Pádraig McGlinchey, Conor Grogan, Caolan Daly, Darragh Moloney) dft **O'Loughlins,** Kilkenny (Kirk Greene, Paul Delaney, Mark Bergin, Steven Shortt) 42-31

Skills Winner: Niall Loughran, Carrickmore, Tyrone
Runner-Up: Brian Donaghy, Loughmacrory, Tyrone

- Boys 40 x 20 Division II: Newport,** Mayo (Dara Reid, Stephen Ryder, Ciarán Burke, Michael Moran) dft **Tydavnet,** Monaghan (Emmet Caulfield, Noel Sherry, Patrick McMahon, Mark McDevitt) 42-30

Skills Winner: Ciarán Burke, Newport, Mayo
Runner-Up: James Phelan, Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, Waterford

- Boys 40 x 20 Division III: Downpatrick,** Down (Mark Rice, Darryl Casement, John Connolly, Brendan Lennon) dft

TORTHAÍ 2002 (continued)

Saval, Down (Niall Digney, Seán Digney, Jarlath McCarthy, Derek McCarthy) 42-23

Skills Winner: Gary Wrynn, Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare

Runner-Up: John Connolly, Downpatrick, Down

Girls 40 x 20 Division I: Williamstown, Galway (Ruth Kelly, Heather Joyce, Niamh Connaughton, Jennifer Fahy) dft **Loughmacrory**, Tyrone (Kaleen Kelly, Gráinne McKernan, Karen Kelly, Kerri Grimes) 42-35.

Skills Winner: Karen Kelly, Loughmacrory, Tyrone

Runner-Up: Elaine McGloine

Girls 40 x 20 Division II: Cumann Naomh Mhíchíl A, Lissan, Derry (Clare McGlone, Laura McCann, Caoimhe NicNia, Nadine McAllister, Ann-Marie McDonald) dft **Cumann Naomh Mhíchíl B**, Lissan, Derry (Louise McKee, Helen McGlone, Katrina Martin, Caroline McElhone, Niamh McIvor, Sheena Bradley) 42-35

Skills Winner: Clare McGlone, Naomh Mhíchíl, Lissan, Derry

Runner-Up: Fiona Stapleton, Burt, Donegal

Boys 60 x 30 Division I: New Ross, Wexford (Jimmy Goggins, Paddy Berry, Martin Doran, James Goggins, Paddy Goggins) dft **Ballina**, Tipperary (Declan Kennedy, Michael O'Meara, Fergal Collins, Brian Kelly, Brian O'Connor)

Skills Winner: Fergal Collins, Ballina, Tipperary

Runner-Up: Jimmy Goggins, New Ross, Wexford

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

BUACHAILLÍ 60 x 30

JS: Richie Hogan (St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny) dft Pádraig McGlinchey (Dean McGurk School, Carrickmore) 18-21, 21-7, 11-1

JD: Conor Daly, Darragh Daly (Dean McGurk School, Carrickmore) dft Kirk Greene, Stephen Shortt (St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny) 21-15, 15-21, 11-0

IS: Robert McCarthy (Mullingar Community College) dft Chris Doolin (Roscommon CBS) 21-7, 21-2

ID: Michael Browne, John Kindregan (St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan) dft Ronan O'Malley, Shane Keaveney (Rice College, Westport) 21-5, 21-3

SS: Damian Martin (Roscommon CBS) dft Cormac Smyth (St. Peter's College, Wexford) 21-15, 21-8

SD: Diarmuid Smyth, Thomas Moore (St. Peter's College, Wexford) w.o. David McDermott, Mark Mulryan (Roscommon CBS)

CAILINÍ 60 x 30

JS: Lisa McAleer (Dean McGurk School, Carrickmore) dft Ashley Prendiville (Presentation College, Tralee) 21-11, 21-5

JD: Marianna Rushe, Katie Costello (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Anne Marie Ryan, Ciara McCarthy (St. Anne's Killaloe) 21-13, 21-15

SS: Maria Daly (Presentation College, Castleisland) dft Rachel Casey (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) 21-15, 21-0

SD: Emer Coyle, Nicola Kelly (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Amanda Canavan, Deirdre O'Brien (Presentation De La Salle, Muine Bheag) 21-2, 21-4

BUACHAILLÍ 40 x 20

JS: Robert McCarthy (Mullingar Community College) dft Tim Prendiville (Tralee CBS) 21-7, 21-10

JD: Patrick Hogan, Richard Hogan (St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny) dft Conor Cooney, Trevor McInerney (St. Anne's, Killaloe) 21-14, 14-21, 11-2

IS: Ger Coonan (St. Anne's, Killaloe) dft Brian Carroll (Kells CS) 20-21, 21-19, 11-0

ID: Michael Browne, John Kindregan (St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan) dft David Kenny, Diarmuid Smyth (St. Peter's College, Wexford) 21-12, 21-17

SS: Damien Martin (Roscommon CBS) dft Kevin Holmes (Scoil Mhuire, Belfast) 21-2, 21-4

SD: Johnny Willoughby, Richard Walshe (FCJ Buncloody) dft Aidan Lynch, Eanna Torpey (St. Joseph's, Tulla) 21-14, 11-21, 21-5.

CAILINÍ 40 x 20

JS: Maria Daly (Presentation College, Castleisland) dft Emer Fallon (Coláiste Chillian, Clondalkin) 15-8, 15-6

JD: Emer Coyle, Nicola Kelly (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Lisa McAleer, Una Toner (Dean McGurk School, Carrickmore) 9-15, 15-5, 11-5.

SS: Lydia Doolan (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Edel McIvor (Holy Trinity College, Cookstown) 21-2, 21-3

SD: Rachel Casey, Aifric Naughton (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Ciara Mullins, Mary Murphy (St. Brigid's, Goresbridge) 21-9, 18-21, 11-8

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS 40 x 20

JS: Gary McCrory (Dean Maguire College, Carrickmore) dft Pat McCarthy (Castleisland Community College) 2-0

JD: Christopher Doyle, Jerome Willoughby (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Paudie Breen, DJ O'Connor (Comprehensive School, Boherbue) 2-0

SS: Noel McHugh (Vocational School, Glenamaddy) dft Tomás Lennón (Vocational School, Carlow) 21-3, 21-4

SD: Noel McHugh, Thomas Connaughton (Vocational School, Glenamaddy) dft Killian Grogan, Patricia Doyle (Coláiste Bhríde Carnew) 21-4, 21-5

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES 60 x 30

Men's A Singles: Noel McHugh, Sligo I.T. dft Oliver Conway, N.U.I.G. 30-6

Men's B Singles: Adrian Kelly, W.I.T. dft Mark McGowan, D.I.T. 33-15

Men's C Singles: John Nolan, N.U.I.G. dft Ruaidhrí Coyne, U.C.D. 31-23

Team of Four: Sligo I.T. and U.L. (Noel McHugh, Declan Connaughton, Brendan Falvey, Sharon Daly) dft N.U.I.G. (Oliver Conway, Pat Conway, John Nolan, Neil McDermott) 86-78

Ladies Singles: Fiona Healy D.I.T. dft Sharon Daly U.L. 31-13

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES 40 x 20

Men's 'A' Singles: Eoin Kennedy (D.C.U.) dft Dessie Keegan (D.I.T.) 31-18

Ladies 'A' Singles: Fiona Healy (D.I.T.) dft Sharon Daly (U.L.) 35-18

Men's 'B' Singles: Declan Connaughton (Sligo I.T.) dft Paul Reynolds (Letterkenny I.T.) 32-29

Ladies 'B' Singles: Gráinne Hughes (D.C.U.) dft Máiréad Hanly Hanley (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth) 30-18

TORTHAÍ 2002 (continued)

- Men's 'C' Singles** David O'Connor (Athlone IT) dft S. McRory (Queens) 25-14.
- 'A' Team** D.I.T. (Pádraig Gaffney, Dessie Keegan, Kevin Downes, Mark McGowan) dft **Queens** (Charles Shanks, Darren Donnelly, Ryan Daly, Darren McRory) 147-98
- 'B' Team** N.U.I.G. (Stephen Malone, Gary McTiernan, Bill Kinahan, Neil McDermott) dft **Queens** (Barry McCullagh, Niall McShane, Shane Daly, T. Finlay) 122-87

USHA COLLEGIATES 40 x 20

- Men's Open Singles:** Dessie Keegan (D.I.T.) dft Brad Alesi (Texas A. & M.) 21-6, 21-7
- Men's A Singles:** Jesse Harris (Mendocino Junior College) dft Michael McClean (Letterkenny I.T.) 11-21, 21-17, 11-4
- Men's C Singles:** Sandesh Sadalge (Stony Brook Union, New York) dft Paul Reynolds (D.I.T.) 15-21, 21-7, 11-8

IRISH NATIONALS

- Men's Open:** Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Kenneth Kane (Carlow) 21-17, 21-7
- Ladies Open:** Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) dft Fiona Healy (Kildare) 21-15, 21-13
- Men's B:** Gavin Buggy (Wexford) dft Oliver Cassidy (Mayo) 21-2, 21-15
- Ladies B:** Patricia Doyle (Wicklow) dft Maria Daly (Kerry) 21-15, 3-21, 11-9
- Men's C:** Kerry Hennessy (Limerick) dft Robin Cooke (Derry) 15-21, 21-19, 11-4
- Mas B:** Martin Lalor (Kilkenny) dft Gerard Walsh (Roscommon) 21-14, 21-10
- GMA:** Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Paul Hayes (Cork) 21-17, 21-14
- GMB:** Paddy Walsh (Sligo) dft John O'Neill (Kildare) 10-21, 21-16, 11-6
- Boys 19&U:** Michael Gegan (Wicklow) dft Charles Shanks (Armagh) 21-17, 21-1
- Boys 17&U:** Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft Johnny Willoughby (Wicklow) 21-17, 21-11
- Boys 15&U:** Brian Carroll (Meath) dft Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) 21-18, 21-15
- Girls 15&U:** Emer Fallon (Kildare) dft Lisa McAleer (Tyrone) 21-8, 21-13

ONE-WALL NATIONALS

- Boys U14:** Niall Loughran (Tyrone) dft Pádraig McGlinchey (Tyrone) 15-11, 14-15, 11-5
- Boys U16:** Gary McCrory (Tyrone) dft Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) 15-4, 15-5
- Boys U18:** Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft Donnacha Maguire (Meath) 15-1, 13-15, 11-3
- Girls U14:** Sinéad Sheridan (Longford) dft Karen Lawlor (Kerry) 15-6, 15-7
- Girls U16:** Nicola Kelly (Roscommon) dft Kerry McNulty (Galway) 15-9, 15-7
- Girls U18:** Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Joy Smith (Meath) 21-9, 21-14
- Golden Mas:** Marvin McCann (Armagh) dft Seán Finnegan (Galway) 15-4, 15-9
- Masters:** Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Peter Larkin (Dublin) 15-11, 15-5

- Men's C:** Neil McDermott (Roscommon) dft Rory Killian (Sligo) 11-15, 15-12, 11-3
- Men's B:** Robin Cooke (Derry) dft Declan Connaughton (Galway) 15-14, 15-4
- Men's Open:** David King (Carlow) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 15-8, 15-11

CONNACHT 60 x 30 OPEN

- Men's Open:** Egin Jensen (Meath) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 21-20, 21-10
- Ladies Open:** *Round Robin*
Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Anna Wrynn (Kildare) 21-8, 21-5
Anna Wrynn (Kildare) dft Tracy Buckley (Kerry) 10-21, 21-10, 11-5
Maria Daly dft Tracy Buckley 21-2, 21-9
Winner: Maria Daly, Runner-up: Anna Wrynn
Brian Doherty, Conor O'Brien (Offaly) dft Conor Kerr, Tony McElduff (Tyrone) 21-4, 14-21, 11-4
Neil McDermott, Martin Conway (Roscommon) dft Michael McMorro, Kevin Meehan (Sligo) 21-19, 21-20
- JD:**
- JBD:**
- GMBS:** Martin Cronin (Mayo) dft Dave Mulhern (Donegal) 21-3, 21-11
- MAD:** Francis McCann, Michael Porter (Sligo) dft Robbie McCarthy, Richard Willoughby (Westmeath/Wicklow) 17-21, 21-12, 11-2
- Boys U15:** Pearse McKiernan (Tyrone) dft Michael Donnelly (Tyrone) 21-8, 21-14
- Girls U15:** Karen Collins (Tipperary) dft Lisa Falvey (Kerry) 21-7, 21-15
- Boys U17:** Ger Coonan (Tipperary) dft Gerry Kane (Carlow) 21-9, 21-17

MUNSTER 60 x 30 OPEN

- Boys U15:** Edward McDonagh (Galway) dft Willie McDonagh (Galway) 21-6, 21-5
- Girls U15:** Karen Collins (Tipperary) dft Karen Lawlor (Kerry) 21-9, 21-15
- Boys U17:** Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Diarmuid Smyth (Wexford) 21-14, 16-21, 11-2
- Girls U17:** No competition
- Men's Open:** Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Tommy Hynes (Wexford) 21-12, 10-21, 21-8
- Ladies Open:** Berni Hennessy (Limerick) dft Anna Wrynn (Kildare) 21-7, 21-7
- Junior A/B Doubles:** Bernie McDonagh, Edward McDonagh (Galway) dft Pat Buckley, Paul Hedderman (Cork/Limerick) 21-15, 21-19
- Masters A/B Doubles:** Tom O'Brien, Donal O'Connor (Limerick) dft John Frazer, Billy O'Connor (Limerick) 21-10, 21-14

LEINSTER 40 x 20 OPEN

- JD Computers Men's Open:** Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Ricky McCann (Antrim) 16-21, 21-11, 11-4
- Kilkenny Supporters Club Ladies Open:** Fiona Shannon (Antrim) dft Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) 21-16, 21-6.
- Kells Sports Centre Girls 15 and Under:** Ashley Prendiville (Kerry) dft Anne Marie Hawe (Kilkenny) 21-10, 21-10
- Kilkenny G.A.A. Board Boys 15 and Under:** Patrick Hogan

TORTHAÍ 2002 (continued)

(Kilkenny) dft Richard Hogan (Kilkenny) 21-14, 15-21, 11-10

FBD Insurance Girls 17 and Under: Nicola Kelly (Roscommon) dft Emer Coyle (Roscommon) 17-21, 21-13, 11-4

Duxie Walsh Kitchens Boys 17 and Under: Brian Carroll (Meath) dft Ger Coonan (Tipperary) 21-17, 21-15

T.C. Tyres Men's B/C Doubles: Ian Griffin, Christy Donnelly (Dublin) dft Stephen Clarke, Barney Corcoran (Tyrone) 21-5, 21-5

Smithwicks Masters Doubles: Martin Lalor, Philly Parsons (Kilkenny) dft Jerry Guiney, Chris Hurley (Cork) 21-13, 21-15

ST. PAUL'S BUSHMILLS GOLDEN GLOVES

Men's Open: Ricky McCann (Antrim) dft Eoin Kennedy (St. Dublin) 21-14, 20-21, 11-2

Women's Open: Fiona Shannon (Antrim) dft Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) 21-8, 21-6

Men's B: Ian Griffin (Dublin) dft Oliver Cassidy (Mayo) 21-18, 21-13

Men's C: Paul Conway (Galway) dft Daniel Armstrong (Antrim) 21-19, 21-19

Masters: Billy Silcock (Antrim) dft Paul Hayes (Cork) 21-13, 21-2

Boys 17 & Under: Ger Coonan (Tipperary) dft Gary McCrory (Tyrone) 21-13, 7-1 (G. McCrory retired injured)

USHA NATIONALS

Men's Singles: Ricky McCann (Antrim) dft Chris Tico (California) 21-20, 21-17

B Singles: Darren Donnelly (Armagh) dft M Ruelas (California) 21-6, 9-21, 11-5

B Doubles: Adrian Kelly, Joseph McCann (Clare/Mayo) dft G Tulasyan, M Ruelas (Oregon/California) 21-12, 21-18

Boys 17 & U: Damian Martin (Roscommon) dft B Bidegan (California) 21-14, 21-8

Boys 19 & U: Michael Gregan (Wicklow) dft Charles Shanks (Armagh) 21-10, 21-19

Girls 19 & U: Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Sharon Daly (Kerry) 21-9, 21-3

Women's B Doubles: Maria Daly, Sharon Daly (Kerry) dft Roxanna Hall, Stefanie Vanderpool (Oregon, USA) 21-9, 21-10.

CANADIAN NATIONALS

C Singles: Michael McGee (Meath) dft Brad Young 21-2, 21-2

C Doubles: Michael McGee, Mike Miller (Meath/Vancouver) dft Ted Lawson, Tomer Laverty (Canada) 10-21, 21-6, 11-6

USHA NATIONALS

Boys 9 & U: Keith Kavanagh (Wicklow) dft Jason Buss (Hickory Hills, USA) 21-0, 21-1

Boys 15 & U: Robert McCarthy (Ireland) dft Carlos Lemos (Chicago, USA) 21-4, 21-6.

Boys 17 & U: Allan Garner (San Antonio, USA) dft Brian Carroll (Ireland) 21-7, 21-14

Boys 19 & U: Seán Lenning (Seattle, USA) dft Noel McHugh (Ireland) 21-12, 21-5

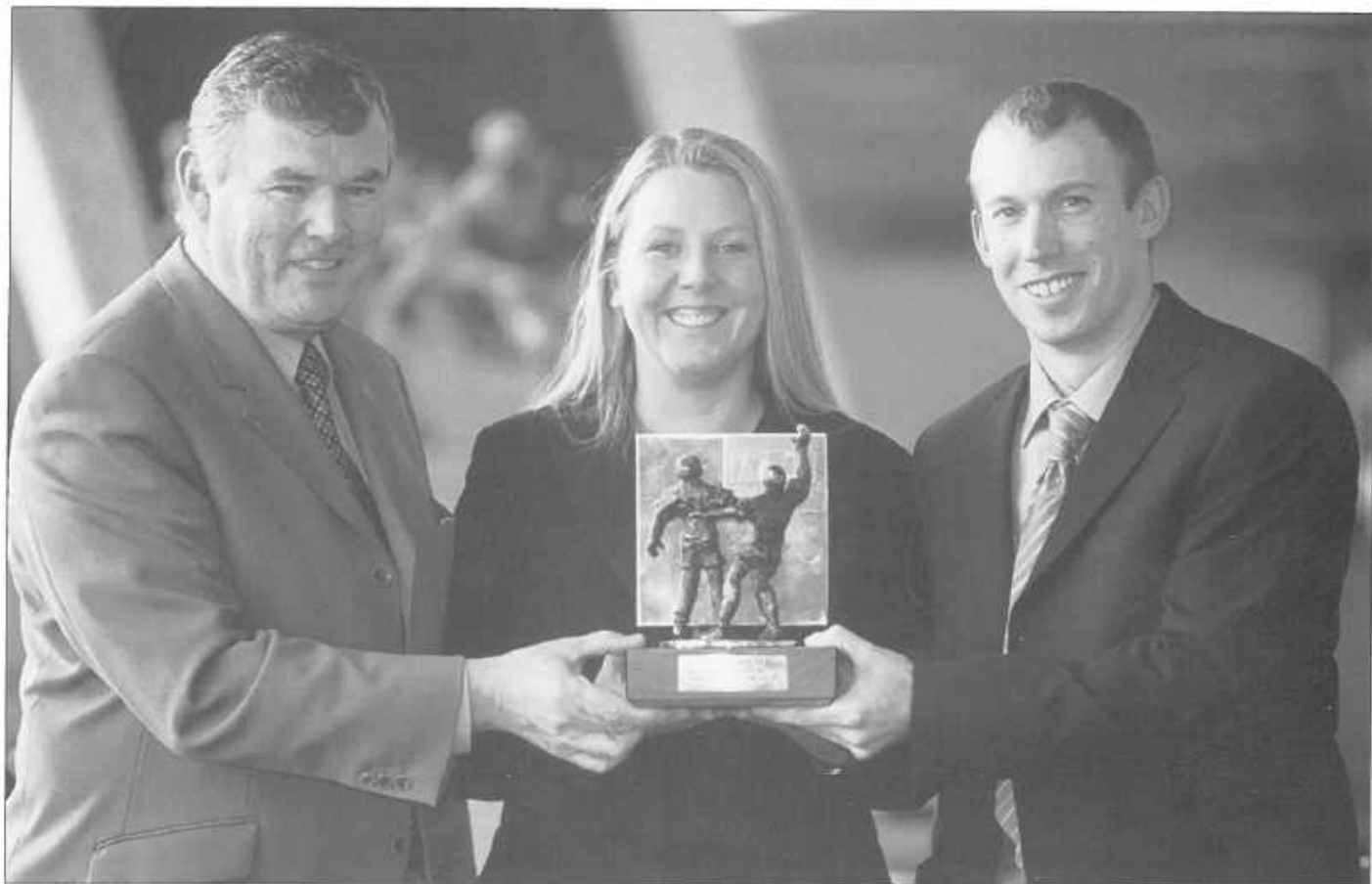
Girls 13 & U: Shauna Hilley (Wicklow) dft Stephanie Makos (Park Ridge, USA) 21-2, 21-2

Girls 15 & U: Aisling Reilly (Ireland) dft Katie Sedgwick (Lake Forest, USA) 21-5, 21-8)

Girls 19 & Under Round Robin Final: Courtney Peixoto (Watsonville, USA) dft Patricia Doyle (Ireland) 21-11, 19-21, 11-1

Boys 15 & Under Doubles: Robert McCarthy/Jerome Wilmoughby (Ireland/Wicklow) dft Will Hutchinson/Ian Sutherland (New England/Kansas, USA) 21-2, 21-12

Girls 19 & Under Round Robin Final: Patricia Doyle/Aisling Reilly (Ireland) dft Courtney Peixoto/Tina Apolinario (California, USA) 21-12, 15-21, 11-4

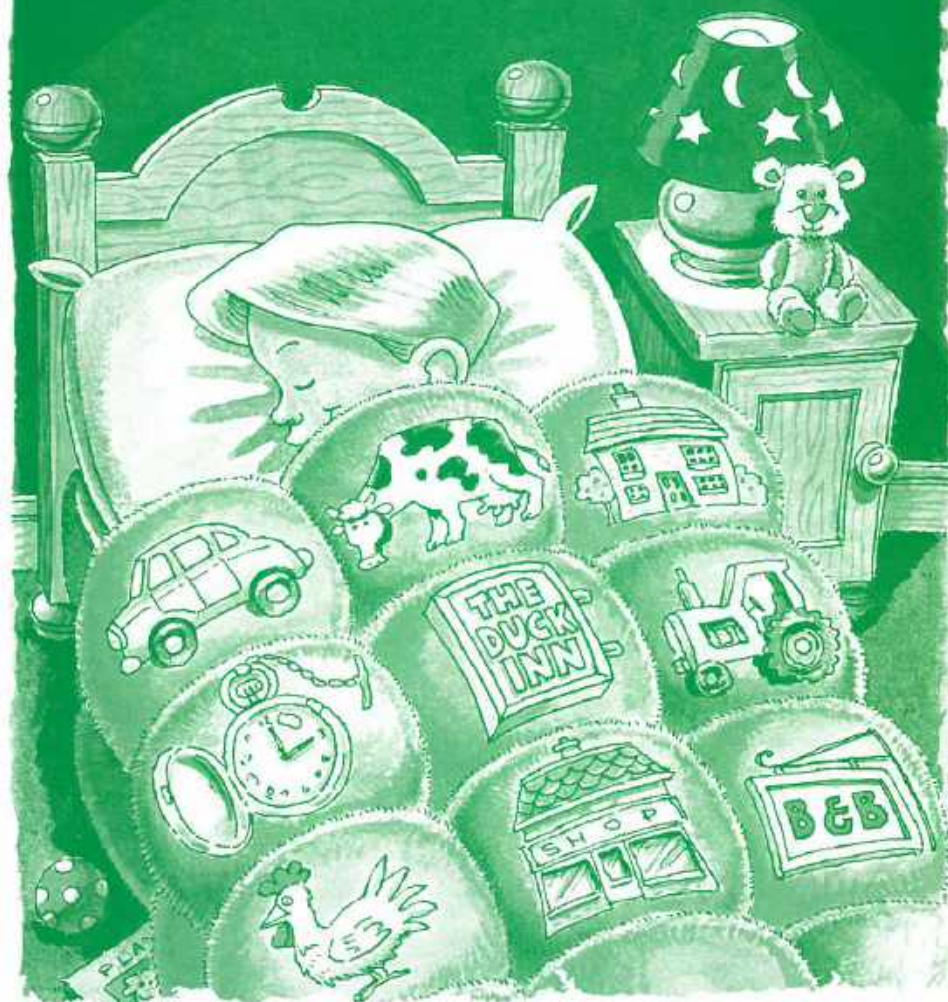


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