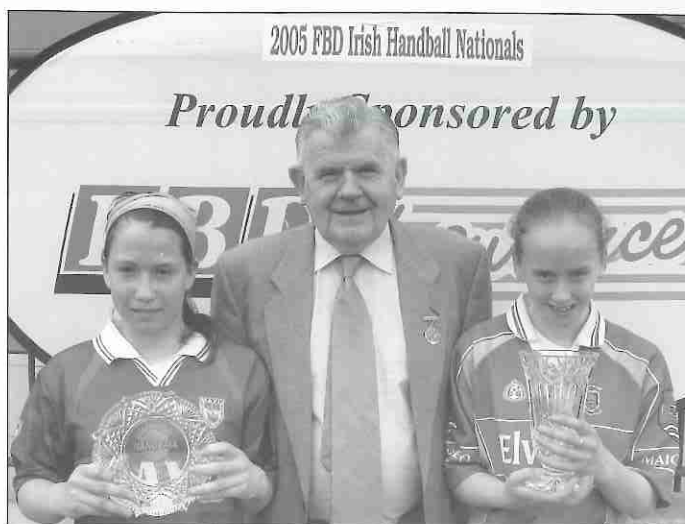




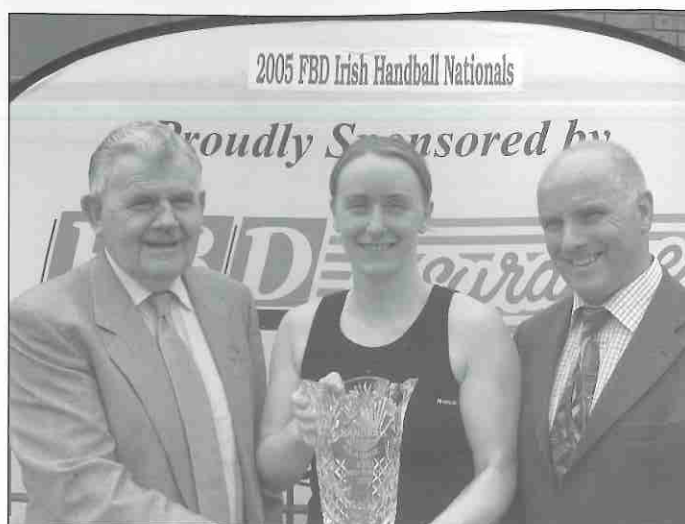
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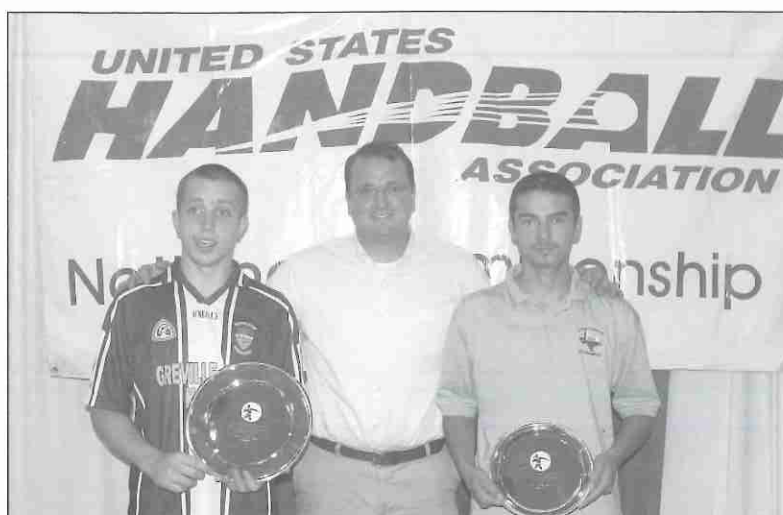
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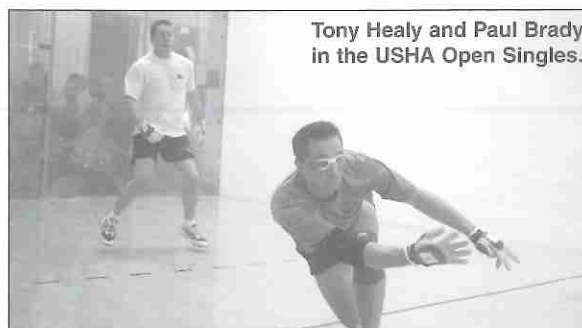
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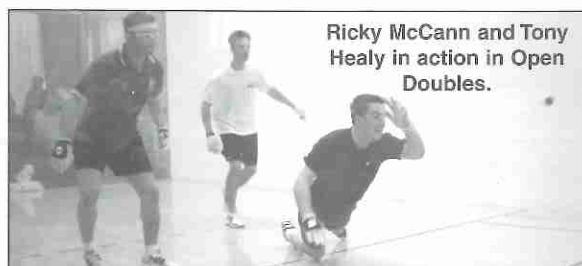
Paul Brady admires his FBD Open Singles trophy.



Robert McCarthy with Luis Moreno at the USHA Nationals.



Tony Healy and Paul Brady in the USHA Open Singles.



Ricky McCann and Tony Healy in action in Open Doubles.

Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2006

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AR AN DOMHNACH, 12 MÁRTA ag 10.00 r.n.

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CLÁR OIBRE

1. Fáiltiú
2. Addresses of Invited Guests
3. Adoption of Standing Orders
4. Minutes of Comhdháil 2005
5. Report of Riarthóir Náisiúnta
6. Annual Accounts 2005
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9. Elections
 - Cisteoir
 - Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle
11. Close of Congress

AINMNIÚCHÁIN 2006

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí (Tiobraid Árann, Muigheo)

Teachta ar Ard Chomhairle CLG: Peadar Mac Artúir (Muigheo, Aontroim, Sligeach)

STANDING ORDERS

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

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

RÉAMBHÁ

In looking back at the happenings of any year one must take account of the successes and failures across the many spheres of activity for which Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann is responsible. We must assess and review everything in order to improve and to give a better service to the organisation in general and to our players in particular. That is one of the main purposes of an Annual Report and of An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil. It is imperative that we evaluate and learn from our experiences and plan accordingly for the future.

As usual, 2005 was another very busy and active year with a full programme of championships and other events which required a huge amount of organisation and the cooperation of hundreds of voluntary personnel throughout the country. The work of the Council was greatly enhanced by the much higher profile of handball in the media arising from the appointment of a Handball Promotion Administrator. This was reflected in the very positive feedback from members and the general public.

Some of the main features of 2005 were:

- The achievement of Eoin Kennedy in winning four senior titles, two of these with Egin Jensen in doubles.
- The first time Irish victories of Paul Brady, in Open Singles, and of Tony Healy and Ricky McCann, in Open Doubles in the USHA Nationals.
- The continued success of our players in the USHA Junior Nationals.
- The improvement in juvenile activity in a number of counties.
- The record participation in Féile na nGael organised by Cork with the cooperation of Limerick venues.
- The increase in publicity for handball across a wide range of media.
- The introduction of the Mini-Handball Promotion for Primary Schools.
- The coaching and training programme for elite young players.

On the negative side it must be recorded that:

- There was a low level of participation in several 60 x 60 championships.
- Some hardball championships were not held due to a lack of entries.
- Too many units operate in isolation from others and do not have proper administration or regular meetings.
- It is very difficult to get entries, fees, results, registrations and general information with any degree of consistency.
- Refereeing standards continue to vary throughout the country.
- Many venues are not up to the standard required for national fixtures.

National Competitions

Ard Chomhairle was responsible for 184 competitions in 2005 while there were 18 events in the Munster Open and the St Paul's Golden Gloves as well as four Vocational Schools competitions in 40 x 20 as detailed in the accompanying table. I wish to thank

all those who cooperated in staging fixtures, our referees and venue officials and club officers without whose help it would not be possible to run such a comprehensive range of activities. This is in addition to the local, county and provincial events which task the venues to a great degree. It is very important that the workload is shared at venues so that personnel are not unduly overburdened and can sustain their enthusiasm for the games over a long period. It is very easy to let the few willing workers carry the load but this is not in the interest of any unit: when one or two get tired, move away from the area or take a break from handball the void can be difficult to fill. Every club should have a policy of involving as many people as possible in looking after its affairs so that it does not depend on the input of a small number to keep going.

The 112 titles in singles and doubles in 60 x 30, 40 x 20 and hardball were shared among 23 counties. Kilkenny took 10 All-Irelands but, surprisingly, none was in juvenile. Kerry's nine titles were all in ladies events while the nine each won by Tipperary and Roscommon were well spread across the grades. Dublin took seven All-Irelands, including a record four senior awards for the county. Cork, Clare and Wicklow had six wins and Mayo, Limerick, Carlow, Tyrone and Antrim all won five each. Meath and Galway had four successes apiece while Laois and Westmeath each had three. Kildare and Cavan won two All-Irelands while Donegal, Sligo, Waterford and Wexford took one each. The provincial tallies were Leinster 41, Munster 36, Connacht 22 and Ulster 13.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND RANKING TOURNAMENTS 2005

Competition	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED	Total
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile	
60 x 30	31	8	6	8	-	53
40 x 20	32	8	8	8	-	56
Hardball	3	-	-	-	-	3
Team	6	6	-	4	-	16
Gael Linn	-	-	-	-	1	1
Féile na nGael	-	4	-	2	-	6
Second Level	-	16	-	8	-	24
Third Level	18	-	6	-	-	24
Irish Nationals	6	4	2	4	-	16
One Wall	6	3	1	3	-	13
Opens	10	4	1	4	-	19
TOTAL	112	53	24	41	1	231

60 x 30 Championships

Historic wins for Dublin

By far the outstanding achievement of the year in 60 x 30 was the double success of Eoin Kennedy in winning the Senior Singles and Doubles double for the first time. He repeated his 2004 singles win over Barry Goff of Wexford 21-20, 21-6 and combined with former Meath star Egin Jensen to win the doubles title 21-11, 13-21, 21-13 against Dessie Keegan and Joe McCann of Mayo, Dublin's first title in this event since 1948. Egin Jensen completed a remarkable double by becoming the first player to win senior and masters titles in the same year when he was partnered by Frank Daly to win the Masters A Doubles softball

title in a 21-5, 21-14 victory over Roscommon's Anthony O'Donnell and Martin Bruen.

Carl Browne of Meath had a good win in the Intermediate Singles final 21-13, 21-11 against Rikki O'Gara of Roscommon. O'Gara and Damien Martin took top honours in the doubles final defeating Browne and Peter Reilly 21-18, 21-14. Meath also won in U21 doubles with Donnacha Maguire and Brian Carroll coming out 21-9, 12-21, 21-16 winners against Chris Doolin and Niall McGrath, Roscommon. Francis Carroll and John Boy Molloy retained their Silver Masters A Doubles final 21-6, 21-14 against Mayo's John Staunton and John Granahan. The Junior B Doubles medals went to Roscommon's Denis Creaton and Sean Jenniings who outpointed Barney Corcoran and Pdraig McGlinchey of Tyrone 21-15, 21-18.

Tipperary Successes

Ger Coonan from the Ballina Club in Tipperary had a good win in Under 21 Singles defeating Gerry Kane, Carlow, 21-15, 16-21, 21-11 in an excellent final. Martin McInerney from the Premier county took top honours in Junior Singles defeating William Love of Kilkenny 6-21, 21-15, 21-19. Pakie Mullins had a fine double in Emerald Masters A winning 21-7, 21-13 against Paddy Reilly of Kilkenny in singles and, with Sean Doyle, defeating Reilly and Seamus Reade 21-15, 21-5 in doubles.

Kilkenny took the Minor Doubles title when the Hogan brothers, Richie and Patrick, had an easy win over Waterford's David Hickey and David Walsh. David Hickey was also on the losing side in Minor Singles when Robert McCarthy of Westmeath retained his title in very convincing fashion. Timmy and Michael Clifford took gold for Kilkenny in Junior Doubles 21-7, 21-4 against Martin McInerney and John McQuaide of Tipperary. Following his long career in senior ranks, Eugene Downey made his mark in Masters Singles with a fine 21-13, 21-8 win over Roscommon's Anthony O'Donnell. Johnny Brennan from the Noreside county had a narrow 21-13, 21-20 win in Silver Masters Singles despite the very spirited comeback performance of Francis McCann of Sligo. Kilkenny's other victory was in Emerald Masters B Singles when Michael Dalton collected his first national title with a fine 21-14, 21-13 win over Galway's Sean Finnegan. Sligo's only All-Ireland win in 2005 was in Masters B Singles where Martin Golden survived an early onslaught from Wexford's Stephen Murphy to win on an unusual scoreline of 17-21, 21-0, 21-7.

Limerick's John Paul O'Connor won the Junior B Singles medal 21-15, 21-18 over Barney Corcoran, a second defeat for the Tyrone man in a softball final in 2005. John Ryan and Kieran Burke added a second title for Limerick in Silver Masters B Doubles in a 21-10, 21-12 win over Wexford's Brendan Barnwell and Aidan Sinnott. Mayo players continued the county's fine tradition in Masters grades: Martin Cronin had a nice double winning 21-20, 12-21, 21-14 against Seamus Hussey of Tyrone. The pair met again in doubles when they were partnered by Tom Derrig and John McCullagh respectively with Mayo victorious in a tight game 17-21, 21-11, 21-15. In Emerald Masters B Doubles the western county had a good 21-5, 21-20 win when Tom Hughes and Sean Ryder took gold with Dublin's Peter McTernan and Paddy Murray confined to silver.

Pat Morris showed his class with a double in Golden Masters winning 21-6, 21-14 against Michael McCarron of Monaghan in singles and partnered by Dave Stack taking gold at the expense of Gerry McGrath and Dick Doyle from the Garden County 21-15, 8-21, 21-14. Wicklow's sole title was in Silver Masters B Singles with Eamon Rice coming out on top in a close second game 21-7, 21-20 against Sean Daly of Cork. Cavan took the Silver Masters B Doubles medals when Joe Dillon and Sean Gargan were too good for Donal O'Connor and Jack Dillon of

Limerick 21-16, 21-7. The Diamond Masters A Singles medal went to Mossie Butler of Waterford who retained his title 21-12, 21-20 at the expense of Paddy Lee, Wicklow. Paddy Lee combined with Paddy Lennon to win the doubles gold medals with a very close 21-19, 21-20 win over Mayo's Matt Grier and Sean Heaney. Galway's lone gold came in Diamond B Singles with James Doherty denying Ger McWilliams of Wexford 13-21, 21-5, 21-9.

40 x 20 Championships

Paul Brady of Cavan again established himself as the leading 40 x 20 player in the country when he regained the Senior Singles crown 21-14, 21-19 in an excellent final against Tony Healy of Cork who had won the title for the fourth time in 2004. Eoin Kennedy and Egin Jensen won the first of their two doubles titles when they sprang one of the surprises of the year by wresting the Senior Doubles crown from Paul Brady and Michael Finnegan 21-17, 21-14. Vinny Farrelly and Eugene Kennedy were the top players in Golden Masters A Doubles when they took the title 18-21, 21-10, 21-19 against Mayo's Tom Derrig and Paraic McCormack. Dublin's third softball title went to Frank Daly who was too powerful for Pat Hopkins from Mayo 21-4, 21-14.

Doubles for Gregan and McCarthy

Michael Gregan established himself as an accomplished player taking both Intermediate titles against Connacht opponents. He outpointed Joe McCann from Mayo 21-12, 21-15 in singles and, with Johnny Willoughby, defeated Damien Martin and Rikki O'Gara in doubles 21-1, 21-4. Another player who had an excellent double was Robert McCarthy who retained his Minor Singles and Doubles titles. He had an easy win over Cathal Hannon in singles and, partnered by Ciarán Curley, defeated Cathal Hannon and Conor Cooney 21-10, 21-11 in doubles.

Kilkenny had double success in Junior with Eddie Burke winning in singles, 21-17, 21-14 against John Kiersey of Cork and Timmy and Michael Clifford taking the first of their two doubles titles of the year in a 21-8, 14-21, 21-14 win over Finbarr Rafferty and Alan O'Dwyer of Cork. Billy Bourke continued on his winning ways retaining his Masters Singles and Doubles crowns: he was too good for Anthony O'Donnell of Roscommon in singles (21-6, 21-4) and he and Johnny Brennan outscored Anthony O'Donnell and Martin Bruen in doubles. Kilkenny's other 40 x 20 medal went to Frank Manogue and Sean Curran in Diamond Masters B Doubles who defeated Michael Jordan and Jim Tobin of Cork 2-21, 21-19, 21-16.

Donegal Breakthrough

Mark McGowan and Mark Marley won Donegal's first premier adult All-Ireland title when they won the Under 21 Doubles medals confining Roscommon's Chris Doolin and Niall McGrath to second place 21-16, 19-21, 21-7. Ger Coonan of Tipperary set the standard in Under 21 Singles, the first of his two All-Ireland victories in 2005 defeating Mark McGowan 21-15, 21-6. Jim Ryan from Silvermines had a great double in the Emerald Masters grade; he defeated Paddy Reilly of Kilkenny 21-10, 21-8 in singles and partnered by Billy McCarthy from Clonmel, won in doubles 21-11, 21-8 at the expense of Cavan's Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand. Michael Murphy of Cork won the Junior B Singles medal defeating Christy Donnelly of Dublin 21-7, 21-12. Pat Morris, Cork, won the first of his three All-Irelands with a fine 21-17, 15-21, 21-17 win over the multi-medalled Eugene Kennedy of Dublin in Golden Masters A Singles. Michael Jordan from the Fermoy club in Cork won his first All-Ireland medal in the Diamond Masters B final against Tommy Shannon of Antrim 20-21, 21-13, 21-12.

Wexford's only All-Ireland title of the year went to Myles Connors and Felix Doran who defeated Donnacha O'Dea and Michael Murphy of Cork in Junior B Doubles. Paddy Donovan of Laois won gold in Masters B Singles defeating John Joe Farragher of Galway 21-5, 21-8. Galway's Eamon Conneely won the Silver Masters A Singles medal 21-14, 17-21, 21-10 against Benny Doyle from the Model County. Antrim had three good masters wins: Donal and Gerry Armstrong took the Masters B Doubles medals on a 21-9, 21-17 scoreline in the final against John Joe Farragher and Brendan McNeela, Galway. Billy Silcock and Thomas Maguire had an 18-21, 21-8, 21-8 win over Kevin Geraghty and Martin Cronin from Mayo in Silver Masters A Doubles and Seamus Graham defeated Sean Heaney, also from Mayo, 21-16, 18-21, 21-12 in Emerald Masters A Singles. Sean Heaney and Michael O'Reilly reversed the decision in doubles when they outscored Seamus Graham and Dick Murphy 21-6, 15-21, 21-13. Pauric Geraghty and Ger Prendergast took gold in Golden Masters B Doubles with a 21-16, 21-11 win over Dublin's Eamon O'Brien and Jimmy Heffernan.

John O'Neill of Kildare defeated John Kelehan from Galway 21-7, 21-10 in Emerald Masters B Singles. Tony McInerney of Galway won gold in Golden Masters B Singles in the final against Gerry McGrath of Wicklow 21-13, 21-9. Clare had two victories in doubles: Pat Donnellan and Mike Kelly were too good for brothers Anthony and Dominic Caddell from Antrim (21-19, 21-3) in Silver Masters B while P J Counihan and Brendan Cullinane defeated John Barton and Paddy Murray 21-18, 21-1 in Emerald Masters B Doubles.

Handball Championships

The level of entries for the handball championships was again disappointing with only three of the eight events on offer securing enough entries to proceed. There were no minor championships for several years, and when this is so is there a future for handball? Can anything be done to arrest this decline in the traditional form of handball? Is it too late to do anything about it when so few players take it seriously? Are we running three championships at national level merely to preserve the game? How long can this continue? There seems to be very little interest in or practical support for handball. If even a few clubs or counties with a tradition of handball did some promotion of this code it would be a start; and without a start there will be no future.

Eoin Kennedy retained his Senior Singles All-Ireland with a tight 21-13, 21-20 win over challenger Dessie Keegan of Mayo. Paddy Donovan of Laois made his mark in Junior Singles winning 21-6, 15-21, 21-12 against Patrick Buckley of Cork who made amends when he and Colm Jordan accounted for Paul Flynn and Joe McCann from the Ballaghaderreen club in Mayo in Junior Doubles.

Women's Championships

Fourteen of the sixteen women's championships were played, the exceptions being the 60 x 30 senior singles and doubles, as has been the case for several years. However, this was a major improvement on 2004 when only nine championships were played. It must now be an urgent priority to ensure that the present female players remain in the game and continue to play handball. This can be achieved by organising more events for the girls at club and regional levels. The introduction of women's events in Third Level Colleges competitions has helped enormously to attract new players and to retain those who had already played as juveniles and at secondary school. The Cumann na mBunscol promotion and the Mini-Handball initiative are two terrific means of introducing the game to young girls in a non competitive way: competition will come later but the important thing is to make the game attractive for them.

Provincial Councils and the Development Task Team can play a vital role in reviewing the level of women's handball and should devise initiatives to grow the sport. Every club should afford girls the opportunity to try the game and they should also provide coaching and guidance in developing the skills of handball. It is imperative that every club has proper facilities to cater for girls: this includes separate female changing rooms with showers and other modern requirements. Any club which does not have these essential facilities is not doing its work and should address this as a matter of urgency so that they can cater for the female half of the population.

Kerry won six titles, Tyrone, Carlow and Roscommon accounted for two each and Antrim and Limerick took one each. Maria Daly of Kerry retained her 40 x 20 Senior Singles crown with a 21-12, 21-14 victory over Sibeal McKenna, Antrim in Moycullen. Ashley Prendiville had an excellent year winning all four minor All-Irelands. She was too good for Leona Archiblad of Westmeath in both singles finals, 21-14, 21-10 in 40 x 20 and 21-2, 21-3 in 60 x 30. Ashley was partnered by Karen Lawlor to victory in the two doubles All-Irelands in which their opponents in both finals were Claire Love and Anne Marie Hawe of Kilkenny on scorelines of 21-14, 21-2 in 40 x 20 and 21-2, 21-4 in 60 x 30. The remaining Kerry win was in Junior 60 x 30 Singles where Lisa Falvey defeated Loretta Murphy of Kilkenny 21-2, 21-5.

Fiona Shannon Returns

World Open Singles champion Fiona Shannon of Antrim made a welcome return to action after a lengthy break from the game and was partnered by her sister Sibeal McKenna to victory in Senior Doubles, 21-12, 21-14 in a good contest against Anna Wrynn and Fiona Healy of Kildare. Lisa McAleer took both Junior 40 x 20 titles, 21-4, 21-10 against Emer Coyle of Roscommon in singles and, with Nadine Kelly, 21-15, 21-18 against Emer Coyle and Nicola Kelly. Katie Costello of Roscommon had a fine year winning the Junior Singles in 60 x 30 21-16, 21-3 and the Junior B Singles 18-21, 21-15, 21-6 over Ciara Mullins from Carlow. The Carlow girl had some consolation when she and Miriam Ryan took the 40 x 20 Junior B Doubles medals at the expense of Cliona Collins and Karen Collins from the Ballina Club in Tipperary. They recorded a double later in 2005 with a fine 21-11, 21-20 win in the 60 x 30 Junior Doubles final against Hilary Rushe and Katie Costello of Roscommon. Limerick's Fidelma O'Reilly and Sarah Flavin won the Junior B Doubles final defeating Mayo's Stacy Roache and Olivia Kilbane 21-4, 21-14.

Club Championships

As in other years the Club Championships were not as well supported as they should be or as they deserve: in former times the honour of playing for one's handball club meant much more than it does today. Is this due to the lack of effort on the part of clubs to promote their identity and to make their mark in the community? Or could it be that players have enough competition in singles and doubles without taking on team events? Another factor is that many clubs do not enter the competitions when they consider they may not have a real chance of success. And what, then, do clubs mean by success? Every club should be proud enough of its players and members to make the effort to take part in the only provincial and national team events for adult club players: success can be measured in many ways other than by the number of trophies won in a season.

Ballaghaderreen won both Open 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 championships in style defeating Kells of Meath 90-77 in the former and outpointing Loughmacrory from Tyrone 90-66 in 40 x 20, Dessie Keegan, Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn and Joe

McCann appearing on both winning teams. Kilkenny clubs dominated in the Junior championships. A feature of the O'Loughlins victory in 60 x 30 was the fact that the team comprised of four Cliffords – Timmy, Michael, David and Paul – in their 92-46 win over Williamstown. Clogh took the Junior 40 x 20 title defeating Ballina 87-65 in the final. The Junior B 60 x 30 medals went to Castlebridge of Wexford whose young team were 102-92 winners over St Coman's of Roscommon. Ballydesmond took the 40 x 20 Junior B honours at the expense of Cavan Gaels, 89-82.

Juvenile Bogs Championships

The juvenile boys championships were spread among seven counties. It was heartening to see that the promotional and coaching work in Mayo, Clare and Carlow in particular bearing fruit after several years of endeavour. This is just reward for the clubs and mentors who put in the effort and they can take great credit for the success of their juveniles. This pattern is nothing new: there is hard evidence in many clubs and counties over the past two decades that where there is a definite structure and juvenile coaching plan that success will follow: the only place where success does not follow work is in a dictionary.

Mayo had the honour of winning two of the premier titles in 60 x 30 with Stephen Cooney scoring a 15-6, 15-10 victory over Adam Kenny of Carlow in singles and Ian McLoughlin and Shane McDermott winning in doubles 15-13, 5-15, 15-4 in a marvellous final against Eric Davitt and Gary Donohue from Wicklow. Fergal Collins from Tipperary tipped the scales 21-16, 21-4 against Brian Donaghy of Tyrone in Under 16 40 x 20 Singles and doubled 21-5, 21-9 against Martin O'Neill of Wicklow in Softball Singles. Limerick's Seamus O'Carroll and CJ Fitzpatrick took the honours in Under 16 Softball Doubles defeating Tyrone's Conor Duff and Conor Grugan 21-17, 21-6. The Tyrone pair had a good victory in 40 x 20 winning 21-8, 21-7 over Jason Healy and David Power in the Under 16 Doubles final. Tyrone's other juvenile success was in the Under 15 60 x 30 Singles event in which Paul Donnelly defeated Shane Hedigan, Cork, 1-21, 21-12, 11-7. Cathal Dillon from Limerick won the Under 17 40 x 20 Singles gold medal in a 21-14, 21-15 win over Pádraig Ó Mearáin from Antrim.

Clare players featured very strongly in both courts: their most impressive win was in Under 14 40 x 20 Doubles when Trevor Vaughan and James McMahon were too strong for Michael O'Brien and Patrick Funchion, Kilkenny on a 15-10, 15-11 scoreline. Diarmuid Nash made his mark in the Under 15 grade: he won the 40 x 20 singles title 19-21, 21-19, 11-9 against Mark O'Dwyer of Kilkenny in a very exciting final and he partnered Niall Malone to win in 60 x 30 doubles 21-11, 21-2 against Matthew O'Toole and Paul McElligott of Carlow. Niall Malone also won in Under 15 40 x 20 doubles 21-11, 21-7 against the same Carlow opposition. The Barrow County had three successes at Under 17 – Daniel Fenlon took the 60 x 30 singles title 21-17, 21-7 in a fine win over Cathal Hannon of Clare while David Donovan and Padraic Townsend took the honours in doubles in both codes, 21-17, 21-12 against John Walsh and Jim Defusco of Waterford in 60 x 30 and 21-11, 15-21, 11-8 in 40 x 20 in a good final against Thomas Parsons and Shane Heraty from Mayo.

Juveniles Girls Championships

Nine counties took All-Ireland honours in the 16 girls singles and doubles championships which is a very heartening change from when four or five counties dominated at this level every year. Roscommon were at the top of the list with five wins, Kerry had three and Wicklow two. Antrim, Mayo, Galway, Laois, Kildare and Tyrone recorded one title each.

Shauna Hilley from the Garden County was in a class of her own in Under 14 Singles: she accounted for Stephanie Coleman of Mayo 15-1, 15-8 in 60 x 30 and Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh from the Kingdom 15-10, 15-3 in 40 x 20. The Kerry girl won Under 15 gold in the Under 15 60 x 30 Singles final in an easy contest against Annette Reddy from Kilkenny. Kerry's other successes were in 40 x 20 with Ciara Ní Shé and Eibhís Ní Lúing winning the Under 15 40 x 20 Doubles 21-15, 21-20 over Claire Moore and Claire Comerford from Kilkenny and Fiona Ní Chatháin taking gold in Under 17 Singles defeating Aileen Quinn of Kildare 21-16, 21-20.

Roscommon won three of the Under 16 titles, the exception being 40 x 20 singles where Aisling Reilly from Antrim retained her title 21-19, 21-14 in a well contested final against Sharon Twomey from Kerry. Marianna Rushe won the Under 16 60 x 30 Singles gold in an easy win over Marie Therese O'Neill from Kilkenny and she was partnered to victory by Deirdre Donohue in Under 16 40 x 20 Doubles, 21-9, 21-6 against Marie Therese O'Neill and Rebecca Wall. Deirdre Donohue won a second gold with Leona Doolin in Under 16 60 x 30 Doubles against Fiona Holohan and Niamh Murphy from the Model County. Rachel McGrath of Roscommon won both Under 17 Doubles medals: she was partnered by Lisa Ryan to a 21-6, 21-2 win over Sarah McCarthy and Lisa Phelan of Kilkenny in 60 x 30 and by Ellen O'Keefe to a 21-3, 21-4 win in 40 x 20 against the same Kilkenny opposition.

Kildare's Róisín Gorey and Louise Walsh took the honours in Under 14 40 x 20 Doubles with a fine 15-5, 14-15, 15-5 win against Mary Duffy and Stephanie Coleman from Mayo. The remaining 40 x 20 title was won by Grainne McKernan of Tyrone who had a great 21-19, 17-21, 11-10 victory over Anna Keenan from Roscommon. Galway made the honours list when Tracey Fahy and Coleen Morgan won out in Under 14 60 x 30 Doubles against Michelle Boland and Caitriona Gaule 15-1, 15-10. Mayo's lone title went to Sarah Farrell and Lisa Cummins who outscored Claire Moore and Claire Comerford of Kilkenny 21-4, 21-3 in Under 15 Softball Doubles. Ciara Dowling from the St Brigid's Club in Laois defeated Mayo girl Theresa Maughan in the Under 17 60 x 30 Singles final 21-12, 21-10.

I think it is fair to comment that the standard of girls handball has evened out quit a lot over the past few years: the standard has improved and there are far fewer runaway wins in finals. The fact that more counties have got into the winners list is a very positive development and will encourage others to put a better effort into coaching and training. The elite training programme will also help to develop players' skills and fitness and we will see the fruits of this as the programme is introduced at provincial level.

Juvenile Team Championships

Although Kilkenny did not win any singles or doubles juvenile titles the Noreside county demonstrated its strength in depth in taking four of the six inter-county juvenile team All-Irelands. The county won all three 40 x 20 finals, the Under 12/13 against Cork and the Under 14/15 and Under 16/17 over Waterford. They also won the Under 12/13 60 x 30 medals. Carlow took top honours in Under 14/15 60 x 30 with a good win over Cork and Wicklow won the under 16/17 60 x 30 final against Roscommon.

With exactly the same team, St Coman's of Roscommon won both Girls Under 16 Club championships accounting for An Ghaeltacht of Ciarraí in a one-sided 40 x 20 final and for Ballaghaderreen of Mayo in 60 x 30. This was a remarkable achievement for the club and one must congratulate the officers and mentors who have given many years of faithful service to

promoting ladies handball. It is a great pity that so few clubs make the effort to take part in the club competitions, something which needs to be reviewed urgently.

Féile na nGael

Féile na nGael was organised by Coiste Chontae Chorcaí and hosted in Cork and Limerick venues. It was an outstanding success with the biggest ever number of teams taking part and handball having a very significant part in the parade in Cork city on the Friday night. Greta credit is due to Peter Dennehy who masterminded the huge task of coordinating and organising the fixtures, liaising with competing clubs and making arrangements with the venues. Our thanks too to the clubs – Ballydesmond, Boherbue, Liscarroll, Mallow, Cullen, Cappagh and Broadford – which hosted the games and looked after the visitors so well. This was really appreciated by the teams and their mentors who left for home with many happy memories after a very enjoyable weekend of handball activity in a major festival of GAA youth sport.

The competitions were run off on the Saturday with all teams at their venues in good time. The competitions were very good and there were some excellent contests and in many cases it went to the last game in the group to decide who qualified for the finals. Cappagh topped the Boys 60 x 30 competition to defeat Goresbridge in the final. The Boys 40 x 20 Division One title went to the Coolboy club in Wicklow who have a great Féile tradition, Carrickmore from Tyrone finishing in the runner up spot. Ballydesmond won the Boys 40 x 20 Division Two medals defeating Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty 42-30 in the final. An Ghaeltacht from Ciarraí took gold in the Boys 40 x 20 Division Three event in a good win over Liscarroll, Cork. The Girls 40 x 20 Division One trophy was won by Ballaghaderreen from Mayo who had a fine 42-29 win over Kildare club Maynooth. Ballydesmond won the Girls 40 x 20 Division Two competition defeating Williamstown from Galway in an exciting 42-38 final.

One of the most difficult tasks in organising Féile is to get the details of teams, firstly to find out what counties are entering clubs and, then, to get information on teams and photographs for the programme which is a fine souvenir of the occasion. This is very frustrating for the organisers who have to make a lot of unnecessary phone calls and spend quite some time following up to seek information which should be submitted as a matter of course. I appeal to all clubs to cooperate in this regard in future as it makes the organisation of the games and the whole event less difficult for the host county and is in the interest of the visiting teams as well.

Third Level Colleges

The Third Level Colleges had another very successful year, not only in terms of the numbers playing but also in the range of competitions, in introducing the new drop-down format and having separate weekends for singles and team events in 40 x 20. This was a very welcome initiative and credit must go to Padraig Gaffney and Donnacha Maguire for their excellent work in organising and promoting the competitions.

There has been a steady rise in the number of students taking part over the past few years and the increase in the ladies events is most welcome. Several college handball clubs make a special effort to attract new members each year through promotions and stands at open days and many new players have joined clubs as a result. This can only be good for the game and the hope is that these future graduates will bring their professional skills, knowledge and expertise to bear on their clubs in the future – as is already happening in many areas where young people with drive, initiative and enthusiasm are given the opportunity to take

up leadership roles and influence the development of the game and the organisation.

DIT were again a major force in the championships winning the 40 x 20 team event against Queen's, 105 to 86. Dessie Keegan from that college won the 40 x 20 Singles title to the disappointment of Charly Shanks of Queen's. Joe McCann from Sligo IT was too good for Patrick Finnegan representing UCD in 60 x 30 Singles. Maria Daly was out on her own in the Women's Open in both courts defeating Caitriona Casey in 60 x 30 and her sister Sharon in 40 x 20. DCU and UCC won the B and C 60 x 30 team championships respectively while UCD and DIT took the corresponding 40 x 20 team titles.

USHA Collegiate Championships

As is now the practice, a very sizeable number of players travelled to the USHA Collegiates where DIT claimed second place in the team race while UCD were third making this the first time two Irish colleges finished in the top three places. Charly Shanks from Queen's followed in the footsteps of Tony Healy, Paul Brady, Eoin Kennedy and Dessie Keegan (twice) to become the fifth Irish winner of the Open Singles title when he was too good for Joe McCann 21-6, 21-13 in an all-Irish final. Joe, with Damien Martin had a great Open Doubles victory 21-5, 21-12 in another Irish final against Cormac Smyth and Brian Carroll of DIT. Patrick Clerkin of UCD helped his team to third spot in the team title race when he won the A Singles. The Intermediate title went too Rob Farrelly of NCAD and Emer Coyle of DIT won the Women's A Singles title.

The dominance of Irish players in the Men's Open Singles over the past eight years is truly remarkable and, allied to the standings of our top players in the USHA rankings, augurs well for the future of the game in this country. The standard of ladies handball has also improved and the real test will be in this year's world championships. The increased level of activity in Third Level Colleges has a huge impact on the provincial and national 40 x 20 fixtures programmes. Some players do not give adequate notice to the fixtures personnel when they are travelling to the Collegiates and this causes severe disruption to the domestic championships; games have to be postponed, opponents contacted and new arrangements made for the games. The time has come for a review of this whole area and it must be addressed in advance of the 2007 40 x 20 season.

The development of handball in the Third Level Colleges has been staggering in recent years. Several college clubs have been very active in promoting the game and in attracting new players and members, both male and female. It is very noticeable that when players go on to Third Level more and more of them continue to play and to take part in the championships which now extend to three weekends in the year for 60 x 30 singles and team events, 40 x 20 singles and a 40 x 20 team championship. It is especially encouraging to note that more girls are playing in these events; this bodes well for the future and is a trend which must be continued if we are to capitalise on the potential for the development of handball at all levels in the future.

Second Level Colleges

The schools which reached the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals of the Colleges championships again reflect the work of the clubs which cater for juveniles in the school catchment areas. Richie Hogan from St Kieran's College, Kilkenny won the Intermediate 40 x 20 Singles and 60 x 30 Senior Singles titles. Seamus O'Carroll representing Salesian College, Pallaskenry had a good double winning the 40 x 20 Junior and 60 x 30 Intermediate Singles medals. It was good to see that Rice College, Westport

reached four finals winning the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles title when Ian McLoughlin and Shane McDermott defeated St Mary's, New Ross 21-5, 13-21, 11-10. Chris Doolin of Roscommon CBS took top honours in the 40 x 20 Senior Singles championship while Richard Nolan and Mark Nolan took gold in Senior 40 x 20 Doubles for Kilkenny CBS. The Senior 60 x 30 Doubles medals went to Kirk Greene and Stephen Shortt of St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Brian Donaghy of Dean Maguire School, Carrickmore was on the losing side against Seamus O'Carroll in Junior 60 x 30 Singles but was partnered by Darragh Daly to win the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles title. The Carrickmore school also won the 40 x 20 Junior Doubles final through the skill and class of Conor Grogan and Caolan Daly. David Walsh and David Power of St Augustine's College, Dungarvan won the 60 x 30 Intermediate Doubles medals and Niall Malone from Scariff Community School was best in the All-Ireland 60 x 30 Junior Singles event.

Our sincere thanks are due to the teachers and officers who organise the provincial schools championships. It can be a difficult task to coordinate fixtures, especially where players are also involved in team sports but I must acknowledge the fact that the provincial championships have been streamlined in the past year or so. This may be due to the fact that players from provinces which have not finished their competitions in time have to play their All-Ireland semi-finals in the province of their opponents.

Cumann na mBunscol

The Cumann na mBunscol handball promotion has been very successful at county, provincial and national levels. This is a very enjoyable experience of handball for the participants and is an ideal way of introducing the game to young children. With the introduction of the Mini-Handball Promotion, the opportunity now exists to develop this even further and to avail of the goodwill which the promotion has generated. It is a very simple game to introduce to young children and it can be played in many different forms and in many types of places – a 40 x 20 or a 60 x 30 court is not necessary to make a start.

The national Cumann na mBunscol day took place at Kingscourt where 14 counties were represented. World handball champions Paul Brady, Michael Finnegan and Fiona Shannon attended as well as Sibeal McKenna and they played exhibition games for the enthusiastic audience and later signed autographs and posed for photographs with the young players. Our thanks to these top players who gave of their time to meet the schoolchildren and promote the game.

On behalf of the Council I wish to thank and congratulate the County Cumann na mBunscol Coistí for their great work in promoting and organising handball as part of their programme. Special thanks are due to Malachy McGeeney who has been handball coordinator for several years: he did an excellent job and we wish him well in his retirement from this position. I urge every County Handball Committee to keep in contact with their Cumann na mBunscol counterparts and assist them and their schools in every way possible to promote and develop handball.

FBD Nationals

The FBD Irish Nationals attracted an entry of over 250 players, the largest ever since the first Nationals in 1995. By far the biggest increase was at juvenile level and this augurs well for the future of handball. The Nationals were superbly hosted by the Kingscourt Club in two phases: the juvenile competitions were played down to finals during Easter week and the adult events and the juvenile finals were held on the May bank holiday weekend. I wish to thank Kit Finnegan and Catherine Finnegan on the smooth running of the Nationals and to compliment the juvenile and other members of the club who helped out by

registering players on their arrival, refereeing games, catering, cleaning the courts and generally helping out to ensure the event was a success.

Kingscourt club offers an ideal setting for players and supporters to come together, mix and mingle in a unique handball atmosphere. People can move around in comfort and take in three different games in one location. It must be said that a lot of mentors observed that it was a difficult task to be away with juveniles for up to four days – depending on how far they progressed in the competition. For some it meant time off work and the responsibility of looking after young people for a number of days. It was also pointed out that the venue was too far away for those from certain parts of the country. However, the benefits of playing in Kingscourt must not be underestimated and it must be considered again as a suitable venue for at least the final stages of the Nationals.

I wish to thank our sponsors FBD for again supporting the Nationals and the All Stars and for their commitment to the game. Special thanks are due to Seamus McCormack former Sales and Marketing Manager with FBD with whose interest and support the sponsorship was initiated. We wish him a long and happy retirement from the company.

Paul Brady and Fiona Shannon regained their Open Singles titles and a number of new names appeared on the list of national winners for the first time. We also had the first US winner of a juvenile title when Shun Lee defeated Pdraig McGlinchey in the Boys 17 and Under final. The full list of the FBD Nationals winners is as follows:

- **Men's Open:** Paul Brady, Kingscourt, Cavan.
- **Women's Open:** Fiona Shannon, Naomh Pól, Antrim
- **Men's B:** Patrick Buckley, Mallow, Cork
- **Women's B:** Sarah Flavin, Cappagh, Limerick
- **Men's C:** Paul Moran, Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare
- **Masters B:** Paddy Donovan, St Brigid's, Laois
- **GMA:** Eugene Kennedy, St Brigid's, Dublin
- **GMB:** Peter Larkin, Emyvale, Monaghan
- **Boys 13:** Caolan Daly, Carrickmore, Tyrone
- **Boys 15:** Gary McConnell, Kells, Meath
- **Boys 17:** Shun Lee, USA
- **Boys 19:** Robert McCarthy, Mullingar, Westmeath
- **Girls 13:** Mary Duffy, Ballaghaderreen, Mayo
- **Girls 15:** Sharon Twomey, Ballymacelligott, Kerry
- **Girls 17:** Aisling Reilly – Naomh Pól, Antrim
- **Girls 19:** Lisa McAleer, Loughmacrory, Tyrone

One-Wall Nationals

Coiste Chontae Shligigh again hosted the One Wall Nationals in July and, as usual, did an excellent job. The event is eagerly looked forward to by numerous players who have attended the Nationals for several years. I wish to sincerely thank the Organising Committee, and Conell Cannon and John McLoughlin in particular who did Trojan work to organise the whole event.

David King took the Men's Open title and further enhanced his reputation as the top one waller in Ireland over the past decade, defeating James Doyle of Armagh 15-3, 15-4. Fidelma O'Reilly of Limerick took the Women's Open while Chris Doolin of Roscommon defeated Darren Flynn of Abbeylara 15-13, 15-13 in a fine B final. Niall Flynn had consolation for Longford in the Men's C final defeating Wexford's Cormac Smyth 15-13, 15-13.

The McCarthys from Mullingar had a great tournament, Robbie winning the Masters title and Robert topping the Under 18 event to retain his title. Peter Larkin from Monaghan and Nicholas Clancy (Galway) won the Golden Masters and Diamond

Masters finals respectively. Tyrone players Caolan Daly and Conor Grogan kept the county's name on the honours list in Under 14 and Under 16 grades while Connacht had two victories in the juvenile girls finals with Amy Corrigan of Ballaghaderreen and Marianna Rushe of St Coman's taking top honours in Under 14 and Under 16 respectively. Karen Lawlor from Kerry was the winner in girls Under 18 where she was too good for Lisa Falvey from Ballymacelligott.

Fixtures and Competitions

For many years we have heard numerous complaints that there are too many competitions in handball and that something must be done about this problem. As I see it, there are three main points at issue. Firstly, some people have wrongly identified the range of Masters competitions as the central problem which must be tackled as if this would solve all the ills of the fixtures programme. If all Masters championships were deleted from the fixtures programme, not alone would we lose a very valuable range of events which enhance players' health and lifestyle but the basic problems would remain. Certainly, these championships could be administered and organised at provincial level as national events without losing any of their status or positive benefits. The Masters events rarely cause fixtures problems and the players involved generally take part in only one level of competition: this is not so in some other grades, which leads to the second point, that of many players being involved in several concurrent competitions. It is very demanding on provincial and national fixtures personnel when they have to accommodate players in, for example, juvenile and colleges events or when colleges championships cut right across the senior and other adult championships thus detracting from the planning and smooth running of the premier events.

Thirdly, provincial and national competitions are taking the place of club and county championships to a very large degree: how many counties have their own championships? Do the provincial championships cater for too many players resulting in less activity at club and county level? I suggest that this is the case and that far too much time is taken up in running off the provincial championships to the detriment of the average player who does not qualify to play at that level. Provincial events would be far more meaningful if players had to earn the right to enter, and if there were only one entry from each county. This would lighten the burden of the provincial secretaries and fixtures personnel and it would enhance the profile of county competition. Smaller counties should be amalgamated to provide meaningful competition for their players: as things stand too many counties do not and cannot provide that opportunity for their players. Provincial Councils should and must take the necessary steps to rectify this and group enough clubs in their counties to organise proper competitions beyond county boundaries. This is an area crying out for a comprehensive survey to identify the range and amount of competition in counties and it should be dealt with by the Development Task Team.

The only downside of Third Level Colleges two 40 x 20 weekends together with the participation of so many Colleges players in the USHA Collegiates, taking two more weekends in the calendar, is that this amount of activity cuts directly across the 40 x 20 championships in which the majority of the colleges players also participate. It has become increasingly difficult to organise any sort of proper programme of games in the senior 40 x 20 championships when we have to facilitate those players who are also taking part in the Collegiates. We have far too many games on their own which does little to attract spectators, to do justice to the senior grade or to promote handball. The time has come when the senior championships have to get the respect they deserve and when players have to choose what events they

want to enter. The senior championships could be run off much more smoothly and efficiently over a shorter period if colleges events did not interfere with them. This topic must be debated and a solution found if the championships are not to fall into serious problems due to clashes of fixtures involving players in other events.

I wish to thank and compliment our players on their cooperation in running off our very wide range of events. With very few exceptions, they have been excellent in that regard and, while it is an important task, the job of organising fixtures is reasonably manageable as a result. In fairness to players, they rarely question decisions on where games are scheduled and most county officials are very understanding of the difficulties involved in making fixtures.

Refereeing

One of the most difficult tasks in the game is that of refereeing: it is also one of the most thankless of jobs. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those people who offer their services week after week to take charge of games without any reward except the satisfaction carrying out this vital role. It is, therefore, very discouraging and disappointing to hear referees criticised publicly and being harangued during some games. While this practice is not widespread, it must be stopped and referees must be encouraged rather than being discouraged by disparaging remarks from the gallery or from players on the court.

It is incumbent on the Council to take the training of referees very seriously, to ensure they are fully conversant with all the rules and interpretations and that they apply those rules fairly at all times. Errors of judgement will occur from time to time and players must assist in this regard by indicating to the referee when there is a wrong call. We certainly need refereeing courses at all levels of the organisation so that proper standards apply across the country and in order to provide a refereeing progression through from club to national level.

A vital part of the referee's role is to complete the scorecard and to ensure it is returned to the body responsible for the fixture. Reports must be factual, objective and impartial. It is of paramount importance that players and officials do not coach the referee on what to include or omit from his or her report: this type of pressure is very unfair and action must be taken where a referee is pressurised on what to report.

In an age where offence can be taken from what a referee reports, it is extremely important that reporting is accurate so that a committee dealing with any case can be sure of its grounds in order to act. In addition, we must have all proper procedures in place when dealing with cases of indiscipline so that no fault can be found with the manner in which a case is handled. Otherwise the risks are far too serious: we must act fairly and in accordance with the rules of the association and treat players and officials with the respect they deserve. However, where hard decisions are required we must not shirk our responsibility: the proper penalty must be applied as the occasion demands.

I wish to thank and commend the hundreds of people who referee our games. Without their willing help, dedication and commitment the game would suffer and we would not be able to carry out such an extensive programme of games throughout the year. They deserve our support and the Council, with the Provincial Councils and County Committees must take on the responsibility of addressing the issues which are known to cause difficulties when referees are not properly trained and prepared for this essential task.

Coaching

Good coaching is of paramount importance to the game in developing correct skills and techniques and imparting to players all the basic components of good play, and later, of a good

strategy and game plan. We are fortunate in having five very well qualified Coach Tutors – Sean McEntee, Jimmy King, Richard Willoughby, Tony Healy and Ryan Daly – who are always available to conduct coaching courses in any county. The procedure for setting up a course is that the county contacts the office and the course is planned in conjunction with the Coaching Task Team. It is essential that the organising body makes the arrangements in the county and at the venue and that the Coiste Contae coordinates all courses in a county.

The Coaching Task Team has made great progress in a relatively short time in developing the Level One course syllabus, introducing the elite player coaching and training programme, conducting several Foundation Level courses, liaising with the NCTC and in progressing many other matters. The Level One course will be available later this year for those who have already taken the Foundation Level course and this will certainly help to improve skills and playing standards. The organisation owes a great debt of gratitude to the Coaching Task Team I wish to thank them for their excellent work and on their commitment to the work programme.

Venues And Courts

I want to acknowledge the tremendous cooperation of scores of venue officials who give very generously of their time and who spare no effort in accommodating national fixtures. We have a huge programme of games throughout the year, and this combined with club, county and provincial fixtures as well as games in the three education sectors, places a major workload and responsibility on the officials. They have given very loyal service to the organisation and I recognise this and thank them for their dedication.

A major and very urgent requirement is the need for a database of courts which are capable of hosting games at various levels, for example juvenile programmes with small attendances, masters games or top flight matches where there are large attendances where there may be a risk of condensation. We are guilty of putting games in venues which are not suitable for minor or major programmes. Far too often the consideration is how far players have to travel and to try to have a half way venue as far as possible which is not always the right approach. We must grade our courts and decide on a list of courts which are capable of doing justice, firstly, to the players and the game and then to the spectators. The known risk of a possible injury in any court is serious and players must not be put in a situation which may cause injury because of the condition of the venue.

While it is an ongoing problem to keep courts in proper order, if the will is there to do so it can be achieved. It will certainly cost money, substantial money, to bring quite a lot of courts and additional facilities up to the required standard for player safety and spectator comfort but this will be an investment in the sport and in the future of the game.

Many of the courts which were built from the middle of the last century onwards are in urgent need of upgrading and I am happy that some clubs are tackling the problem. A lot more need to examine the standard of flooring, heating, lighting, showers and other facilities and to take urgent action to improve them. One very important item for any club with an eye to the future is to have proper changing rooms and showers for females so that more girls and ladies will be attracted to handball and to retain those who are currently playing.

One cannot overstate the need to have full and proper fire and safety standards in every handball premises. Far too many of our facilities do not conform with current legislative requirements and this must be addressed by every club as an urgent priority. It is essential to have at least two exits from any court

and any that do not have are taking serious risks in relation to fire and safety standards. The Facilities Task Team together with every Provincial Council must carry out an audit of our clubs and encourage them to take action to put matters right. Every person entering a premises must be guaranteed the maximum protection and we all have a responsibility to ensure this is so.

Clubs should be aware of the Sports Capital Grant Scheme which offers funding for the refurbishment of clubs and the development of new courts. It is gratifying that in the past two years at least 20 clubs applied for grant aid. The development of hurling alleys is an opportunity for the introduction of handball in many areas where the game has never been played before. The Facilities Task Team has got the agreement of Banagher Concrete, manufacturers of the alleys, to extend the front wall measurement to 30 feet which is a very positive development. County Committees should be watchful and make themselves aware of the erection of hurling alleys in their counties and take steps to introduce the game to these clubs – one wall handball can be played very easily in a hurling alley as the side walls are shorter than in a full size court thus allowing the players to retrieve the ball in a less restricted environment.

Every county should keep in touch with the GAA County Committee and be aware of any discussion on plans to provide county training centres so that the possibility of including handball courts is on the agenda. This should be a feature of any county training facility as the courts could also be very beneficial for hurlers and footballers, especially in the winter months thus making them an integral part of GAA activity, as should be the case.

USHA Juniors And Nationals

Our young handballers once again excelled in the USHA Junior championships which were held in Phoenix in December. Robert McCarthy made history by becoming the first Irish player to win five successive junior singles titles in a 21-4, 21-13 win over Jonathan Iglesias from New York in the 19 and Under final. He and Darragh Daly from Tyrone took top honours in the 19 and Under Doubles. Gary McConnell benefited from his experience of 2004 and won out in 15 and Under against Luis Cordova of El Paso 19-21, 21-20, 11-1. Eimear Ní Fhallúin from the Naomh Mhuire Club in Leixlip, competing in her first Juniors won both 19 and Under singles and doubles. She defeated Ireland team player Lisa McAleer 21-6, 21-6 in singles and, partnered by Sharon Twomey of the Ireland team, won the doubles title 21-2, 21-10 against Lisa McAleer and Aisling Reilly. Aisling took first place in the 17 and Under round robin singles while Sharon was second and was awarded the 15 and Under title by default.

Irish players have taken part in the Juniors since Michael Ducksy Walsh won the 15 and Under title in 1981 and have dominated the Juniors for some years now winning more titles than the US players in events in which they took part. The standard of competition in the girls events as well as the small number of US entrants raises questions on the value of the participation of our female players in the Juniors. Is it worth all the effort and expense if some girls competitions are not held and if most of the competitors are Irish? This should be reviewed and a decision taken on the merits of taking part in these circumstances.

I wish to thank Ryan Daly on acting as a very capable and caring Manager who was extremely diligent in his preparations and in looking after the Irish team. This was his first time to take charge of an international team and his performance certainly belied the fact that he was inexperienced at this level. Thanks too to Deirdre Mansfield who was Assistant Manager and who

took good care of the Irish party. We are also indebted to Richard Willoughby, Tony Healy and Jimmy King for coaching the team and preparing them so well for the Juniors and to the clubs which facilitated the training programme.

Congratulations to all Irish players who took part in the USHA Nationals in 2005. They achieved the best ever results for Ireland, Paul Brady being the first ever Irish winner of the Open Singles in the 55 year history of the event when he defeated Danny Bell of Canada 21-12, 21-5. Tony Healy and Ricky McCann did likewise in the Open Doubles with a fine 21-17, 21-11 win over Marcos Chavez and Emmett Peixoto. Ollie Conway from Galway defeated James Brady of Cavan in the Men's B Singles final while Paul Fitzpatrick of Cavan won the C Singles title. Robert McCarthy kept up his marvellous record in US competition when he took the Boys 17 and Under crown while Maria Daly won the Girls 19 and Under Singles event.

World Championships 2006

Ever since the 2003 World Championships in Ireland there has been great interest in the event in Edmonton in August, 2006. It is expected that at least 300 Irish players will take part and that about 500 Irish will make the journey to Edmonton. The main focus will be on the current world champions in Men's Open Singles and Doubles and on the Women's Open Singles title holder, Fiona Shannon to see how they and the other top Irish players perform on Canadian soil. It will certainly be a test of our standards to maintain the top positions in world handball and, possibly, to improve on the performances of 2003. The Irish team of Men's and Women's Open Singles and Doubles and Boys and Girls 15, 17 and 19 and Under Singles will be selected on the basis of the 2006 FBD Irish Nationals and separate Open Doubles trials.

The Edmonton Organising Committee has been planning the Worlds since 2003 and have promised that this will be the biggest and best ever championships. The event will provide an opportunity for people to combine a holiday with handball and to renew friendships in the handball world. The Championships will be attended by Nicky Brennan, incoming President of the GAA who will be the first GAA President to attend World Championships outside Ireland.

Because of the large numbers travelling and the extent of such an operation, it was not possible for the Handball Council to organise a tour for the Championships. This was a disappointment to some people but it would have been a huge task for the office and would be outside our capabilities to do so. Clubs and individuals are to be commended on their interest in the Championships and in their commitment to travelling and on their initiative in fundraising to be part of a major event. We look forward to a very successful Worlds and know that it will be well worth the effort to get there.

Ireland-Basque Country International

The arrival of the Basque Country team and officials in Ireland in December recalled memories of the visit of their players to this country in 1932 and firmly established the connections between the two countries which were renewed in 2002 on the 70th anniversary of the original visit. The international competition consisted of a 60 x 30 event hosted in St Coman's, Roscommon in which Ireland came out on top and a one wall contest in Carrickmore, Tyrone in which the Basques secured victory.

It was a very enjoyable weekend and we are greatly indebted

to the host clubs and their officials and to Connacht and Ballaghaderreen players and officials for their welcome for and attention to the visitors. We also appreciate the civic receptions extended to the Basque party by the Ballaghaderreen Town Council and the Omagh District Council. Our sincere thanks to Oscar Recalde, International Officer of the Basque Pelota National Federation on his interest in the cooperation between the two countries without which the connection would never have been made, or continued, and to Txema Aldamiz-Extebarria, Basque President who is fully supportive of maintaining the connection. At the time of writing arrangements are being made for an exploratory visit to the Basque Country by our Uachtarán in late March, 2006 and to make plans for another Irish team to travel to that country.

Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe

2005 was a very difficult year in the history of Ceannaras Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann. It was a year fraught with problems with the closure of the Centre when the bar licence was not renewed by the court. This led to confrontation and, naturally, club officers and members were angry and upset at the loss of the bar facility. It also impacted severely on the use of Ceannaras for handball and many players went elsewhere to play and have not returned.

A very strong campaign was mounted to reverse the decision and have the bar licence renewed. Local and national politicians became involved and there were protracted and painstaking negotiations with Páirc an Chrócaigh Teoranta (PCT), the company which owns the property. After nine months an agreement was signed by the Club and PCT allowing the Club to reopen under strict conditions following which the court granted a new licence. The Club reopened in January and it was officially reopened by An Taoiseach Mr Bertie Ahern, TD, on 5 February. One of the main conditions of the agreement is that the Club must vacate the premises when a suitable alternative is provided in the area.

The Centre has stood the test of time but, set as it is in the environs of a modern and progressive stadium, it certainly looks out of place in 2006. If it were to be maintained into the future it would cost a very substantial amount of money to bring it up to the standard required by players and spectators in a forward looking Association in the modern Ireland: and that is one of the reasons why a new national handball headquarters is planned.

New National Headquarters

The announcement by Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán CLG, at the 2005 Congress in Bray that the Association would provide a new state-of-the-art headquarters for handball was a major boost for the organisation. This was very welcome news and since then a Planning Committee has been progressing plans for the new centre to the point where at the time of writing schematic plans have been presented to the Committee for review and input to bring them to conclusion by early summer, 2006. These will then be costed before being put to the GAA Management Committee for approval.

The plans include two 60 x 30 and five 40 x 20 courts, a large gallery from which the showcourts can be viewed, changing rooms, sauna, jacuzzi, first aid room, meeting rooms, media room, sales and reception area, storage space and other facilities. It will be a headquarters of which all handball and GAA personnel can be justly proud and it will serve the game well for future generations of players. In addition, the standards of the new headquarters will set the tone for other new developments throughout the country and the specifications will be very useful

for clubs when upgrading existing courts or planning new ones.

One of the targets set out in the Strategic Plan for Handball 2002-2007 was the development of a new handball centre. Given the financial constraints within which the Council has to operate, it seemed that this would not be possible for a long time. However, the Association has generously undertaken the project and will see it through to completion, hopefully by 2008. We can look forward to having a world class facility which will be available for all members throughout the country, a facility which will certainly enhance the game and bring it to a new level and to a much wider audience.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

It goes without saying that the role of club, county and provincial officers and administrators is essential to the proper and efficient administration and organisation of handball. The position of Rúnaí is key to the operation of any unit as activity generally revolves around the work of the secretary. The undoubted commitment and enthusiasm of our officers is admirable: they give so much of their free time to the organisation and development of handball to ensure that the game survives and prospers. In fact, the workload of some of our secretaries, especially at provincial level, is staggering and cannot be sustained by one person. It is amazing that they get through so much work, especially during the two main provincial championship seasons.

We must be aware and concerned that some units – even at county level – do not have regular meetings, and in some cases, no Annual General Meeting. This should be examined by Provincial Councils who must encourage those counties to administer their affairs in a proper manner.

The number of queries to the office regarding basic procedures and rules which should be contained in Club Constitutions begs the question as to how many clubs actually operate under proper constitutions. Where no proper procedures are in place there is an inherent danger that things may not be done in accordance with standard practice. Clubs and County Committees need to meet regularly to ensure that all handball affairs are run well and that the units are protected in every way from any possible threats.

The use of information technology makes communications very easy in the modern world. At present we communicate by email with 17 of our county secretaries as well as with a wide range of officers and committee members. Every county should aim to have a computer by January, 2007: this is necessary to keep up with news of fixtures and other information and to communicate as effectively as possible with the handball world. We all know that there are people who do not have the flair for or interest in computers but if they were to give it a try, the immediate benefits would be so apparent that they would never go back to their old ways. The least every secretary who does not operate a computer should do is to have a contact person who would agree to take mail on their behalf so that information can be relayed as quickly as possible to anyone who is to be informed of fixtures and other events.

I fully realise it is not possible to do all that we should be doing in handball and that mistakes are made in fixtures and administrative matters due to the workload some personnel have to carry out and the long and often late hours of work involved: this draws criticism, and rightly so but criticism must be positive. There is no point or purpose in complaining about something which goes wrong or is not done if it is not brought to the attention of the person who is responsible for the error or omission; that is destructive and does no favours to the organisation. A very

destructive type of criticism is that which puts a person down rather than being helpful. Misinformation, or lack of information on any subject does no justice to the person responsible or to handball; people should check the facts first so that they are in a position to criticise in a positive way.

Task Teams

I think it is fair to state that some of the Task Teams have not lived up to their promise or to the expectations which the organisation had of them when they were set up. While some key personnel experienced personal difficulties in fulfilling their duties, it is disappointing that many of the targets set for the teams have not been met. I fully appreciate that all members are voluntary and that so many people are involved in handball affairs at many levels and in several capacities but this does not excuse the infrequency or lack of meetings or the tardiness in meeting deadlines or achieving targets.

The lack of progress has stymied the penetration of the Strategic Plan to provincial and county levels and we need to address this immediately to restore confidence in the Plan and in the future of the organisation. The Strategic Plan needs to be reviewed urgently to revive some groups and to bring objectives and targets back into focus: without a revised Plan we cannot expect to be as good an organisation as we can be.

Yearbook

It is a great personal regret that due to the pressure and volume of work the Yearbook has not been published at the time of writing but it will be available soon after Congress. It is eagerly anticipated as it contains a record of the main happenings of the year and includes many features on a variety of aspects of handball.

It is a very time-consuming job to seek articles and photographs as well as advertising to make the Yearbook a viable proposition. Some counties did not submit their articles in time for the original deadline and a few did not provide any material at all for the publication. This leaves one with the dilemma of whether to publish an incomplete Yearbook or wait until there is enough material to go ahead with it.

Our thanks to the Editorial Committee for their work on the Yearbook. I wish to thank and compliment those who submitted articles and photographs and the advertisers who supported it. I appeal to all counties to cooperate in future by sending in their reports in good time by email or on disc and not to merely submit an annual report to the County AGM which will have to be edited and re-written to appeal to the reader.

Publicity

One of the major steps forward in Irish handball in the past two years was the appointment of Lisa Mitchell as Handball Promotion Administrator. Lisa had the professional background, technical knowledge and media network to generate more national media coverage than the sport ever had: features were carried on RTE TV, BBC TV, UTV, TV 3, SKY and TG4 as well as on all national radio stations and many local ones. This gave a good profile to the game and I believe handball never had such a high profile at any time over the past twenty years as in 2005. It was with regret that we learned that Lisa was leaving handball and it is essential that the work she initiated is continued by her successor who will be appointed by early April.

I wish to acknowledge the excellent work done by John McLoughlin in coordinating results and keeping people up to date through his website and passing on the results to Aidan Crowley for publication in the Irish Independent. Thanks to Aidan for this and for his match previews and reports. Peter Dennehy

is an almost full time correspondent for several radio stations and newspapers in the Munster region and The Irish Examiner in particular and we acknowledge his important role in media relations. Tony McGee contributes handsomely to The Irish News on handball affairs and is responsible for keeping handball to the forefront in the annual Ulster GAA Writers Awards. Ciaran and Chris Curran have written extensively in Daily Ireland and The Game and we are grateful to them for their enthusiasm in doing so. Michael McGee is the regular handball correspondent for The Hogan Stand magazine and writes extensively on a wide range of events and activities. He supplies photographs with the articles and is always busy at work whenever there is a major game or other happening.

Judging from the newspaper cuttings we get from a media agency it is very evident that most counties and clubs work hard to secure coverage and to keep people informed of their activities. This is essential to keep handball in the public consciousness. It is also quite clear that some counties get very little or no coverage and that problem must be addressed. It is intended that the Promotions Task Team will review the situation in all counties with a view to improving publicity.

FBD ALL STAR AWARDS

The FBD Handball Awards 2004 presentation function proved to be a very successful occasion at The Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross. This was only the second occasion since the Awards were launched in 1994 that the presentations took place outside Croke Park and it was very much welcomed by those who attended. It must be said, however, that the Awards deserve better support from handball units: it goes without saying that the winners should be accompanied at the event by their club officials and supporters: many of the winners are not accompanied by those one would expect to attend.

It is important that the Council recognises the coaches and officials as well as the players and those who have graced the courts of Ireland and other countries in the past. It is also important that all winners attend the ceremony and acknowledge the contribution of our sponsors to the sport.

Joe Cleary of Wicklow who won three Minor titles in 1958 and 1959 as well as a Senior Softball Doubles All-Ireland in 1969 with Paddy Lee, was the recipient of the Hall of Fame Award. It was fitting that the efforts and achievements of the Kells Club in Kilkenny in developing the game and their facilities over 21 years were recognised with the Club of the year Award. Jim Kennedy from Fermoy who played handball for over 50 years, winning his first All-Ireland in 1994, received the Special Achievement Award. Donal Hayes whose Club, Cappagh, won 40 county titles in 2004 was named Coach of the Year. Vincent Brennan of Ballaghaderreen who contributes to the sport as club and county secretary and by making hardballs took the Official of the Year Award.

The full list of winners is as follows:

- **Young Player of the Year - Female:** Aisling Reilly, Naomh Pól, Aontroim.
- **Young Player of the Year - Male:** Robert McCarthy, Mullingar, An Iarmhí.
- **Masters Player of the Year:** Billy Bourke, O'Loughlins, Cill Chainnigh.
- **Player of the Year - Female:** Maria Daly, Ballymacelligott, Ciarraí.
- **Player of the Year - Male:** Eoin Kennedy, St Brigid's, Baile Átha Cliath.

- **International Player of the Year:** Paul Brady, Kingscourt, An Cabhán.
- **Special Achievement:** Jim Kennedy, Fermoy, Corcaigh.
- **Coach of the Year:** Donal Hayes, Cappagh, Luimneach.
- **Hall of Fame:** Joe Cleary, Tinahely, Cill Mhantáin.
- **Official of the Year:** Vincent Brennan, Ballaghaderreen, Muigheo.
- **Club of the Year:** Kells, Cill Chainnigh.

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

The Handball Council has received major financial assistance from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael over the past few years. In 2005 the Association increased the annual grant to CLLE from €70,000 to €100,000 for a three year period ending in 2007. In addition, the GAA has advised on many handball matters at Management Committee level and will be reviewing the plans for the new national handball headquarters.

Ba mhaith le Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hÉireann fíor-bhuíochas a ghabháil le hArd Chomhairle agus le Coiste Bainistí CLG as ucht an tacaíocht sin atá riachtanach chun liathróid láimhe a chur chun cinn. Gabhaimid buíochas faoi leith do Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán CLG, a chabhraigh go mór linn i rith a thréimhse mar Uachtarán agus a bhí i láthair ag cluichí agus ar ócáidí eile. The Uachtarán was of great assistance to handball throughout his three year term and his support for the new national handball headquarters was most welcome.

Ár mbuíochas freisin don Ard Stiúrthóir, Liam Ó Maolmíchíl, as ucht an chabhair a thug sé dúinn i 2005. Bhí sé ar fail go minic chun comhairle a thabhairt ar réimse leathan de rudaí a bhaineann leis an cluiche. Gabhaimid buíochas, chomh maith, le foireann na hard oifige as ucht a dtacaíocht le linn na bliana seo chaite.

It is incumbent on all handball units cooperate with the Association for the overall good of the organisation and that GAA policies are implemented in full throughout handball. We depend very much on the GAA at all levels to ensure that handball functions smoothly and it is incumbent on all members and units to maintain a close working relationship with their counterparts and to develop proper communications at Club, county, provincial and national levels. In particular, all counties must make sure that their handball representatives on County GAA Committees attend and take part in the regular county meetings.

I wish to thank the GAA Provincial Councils for the very significant financial and other support they provide for handball and we commend the large number of counties which do likewise. Many County GAA Coistí facilitate fundraising ventures at county finals and by other means to enable handball units to promote, develop and administer the game. In return, we must play our part by assisting the GAA units in the organisation and stewarding of matches and in administration wherever possible and to help the workings of the Association. It can also be said that some county GAA Coistí could do more to assist handball...but we must ask if we are playing our proper part in the GAA scene in those counties.

Sports Councils

We are once again indebted to the Irish Sports Council for their support for handball over the past year: the Annual Grant of over €104,707 was vital to the administration and development of the organisation and key to providing the services needed to assist our units and personnel to work at all levels of handball.

Sports Council personnel were on hand to advise the office and officials on a range of issues during the year and to meet

with them as required. One major step forward was the approval of the facility for our top eleven seeded players, eight male and three female, to avail of medical, physiotherapy, dietary, fitness and other services in 2005 for which the Council provided a grant of €5,000.

The ISC also provided a Carding Scheme grant for the benefit of eleven junior players, Maria Daly, Brian Carroll, Noel McHugh, Ger Coonan, Sandy McSwiney, Robert McCarthy, Eimear Ní Fhallúin, Damian Martin, Lisa McAleer, Sinead Gallogly and Rikki O'Gara. These players were offered a coaching and training programme and six of them took part in competition in the USA, participation in international competition being one of the conditions of availing of the scheme.

Our thanks and appreciation to John Treacy, CEO, who attended the FBD All Stars presentation function, and his staff for their help and guidance throughout the year and to the NGB support staff in particular who assisted the office staff and officers on several occasions. We also acknowledge the financial and other support provided by the Sports Council of Northern Ireland to some units in the North.

DA MAIRBH

Many handball personnel were bereaved during the past year, some in sudden, unexpected and tragic circumstances, and we extend the sympathy of the organisation to them and their families.

The death occurred on Congress weekend of Cathal Higgins who was treasurer of the Ulster Handball Council for many years. He was very committed to the sport and was a loyal club, county and provincial officer. Cathal could always be relied upon to officiate at games in his native Tydavnet and he was our main contact when organising national fixtures at the venue.

Gerry Stewart, the Council's auditor, died suddenly in July. He was a person who loved the GAA and his expert advice to the Council on financial matters was always welcome. On behalf of the Council I wish to extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

When Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann approached the GAA on the possibility of being included in the Association's Player Injury Scheme Ciarán Ó Néill who was Bainisteoir Árachais agus Dlí at Páirc an Chrócaigh, was very supportive and helped greatly to extend the Scheme to handball. Unfortunately, Ciarán went to his eternal reward in November soon after he retired. His late father, Martin, won All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles titles with Luke Sherry in 1930 and 1931 and it was natural that Ciarán would take a keen interest in handball affairs.

May all our departed relatives and friends enjoy the fruits of their labours in eternal life and may those they have left behind be consoled by many happy memories of their lives.

Baíochas

Ba mhaith liom fíor-bhuíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chabhraigh le foireann na hoifige chun rudaí a chur i gcrích i rith na bliana. Bhí bliain ana ghnóthach againn agus bhí alán daoine páirteach in imeachtaí éagsúla. Provincial Administrators were particularly diligent and helpful in providing information and results to the office; their workload is not always appreciated and it is only fitting that their contribution should be acknowledged. County officers, too, carry a lot of responsibility and they are deserving of credit for running the affairs at county level.

Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui has been Cisteoir since 1992 and his expertise in financial matters is of immense benefit to the organisation. His advice and guidance to the Council has always

been very professional and he keeps the accounts under close scrutiny on a regular basis. He is meticulous in preparing financial statements throughout the year; he keeps Ard Chomhairle and An Coiste Bainistí briefed on the finances and, in conjunction with the Riarthóir, prepares the end of year documentation for audit. Our thanks and appreciation go to him for his dedication and commitment to the Handball Council.

During her term of employment Lisa Mitchell made a great contribution to the promotion of handball. She fitted in very well into the handball scene and her professional knowledge and expertise and her approach to her work and in dealing with the handball public were excellent. She brought a fresh approach to the organisation and to the presentation of literature and other material and we thank her for her contribution to the organisation.

My thanks and appreciation to Tomás Breathnach, Uachtarán, for his commitment and contribution to the organisation during his first year in office. He has travelled widely to attend many national fixtures and events as well as attending provincial and county functions. I believe the whole organisation is appreciative of his commitment to carrying out the duties of the office of Uachtarán and his personal approach to dealing with people and with various issues which arise. I also want to thank him for all his personal help and advice to me as Riarthóir over the past year; this has been a great support to the work of the office. I wish to acknowledge the work of the Task Teams, Ard Chomhairle and An Coiste Bainistí and to say a word of thanks to them for their unselfish contribution to the running of the organisation and without whose help it would be impossible for the sport to function.

Finally, I would like to wish all handball units and personnel a very successful year ahead in 2006 and to express the hope that Ireland will retain all its major titles at the World Handball Championships in Canada and, perhaps, add to that tally.

Lorcán Ó Ruairc

LORCÁN Ó RUAIRC,
Riarthóir Náisiúnta.



NA RÚIN

MOTIONS

1. That the Registration fee for adults be increased to €10.00 Amend Fo-Riail 6 2005 accordingly. (Ard Chomhairle)
2. That Fo-Riail 51 (A) 2005 be amended to include Senior 40 x 20 and Senior 60 x 30 Singles and Doubles entries. (Ard Chomhairle)
3. That a Central Disciplinary Committee be set up as follows:
 - (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson and two other members appointed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Management Committee, and one member from each of the four provinces appointed by the Management Committee, the latter four to have a three-year term of office.
 - (b) It shall be responsible for all disciplinary matters, including misconduct and breaches of match regulations arising from games under the jurisdiction of the Central Council.

Amend Rule 37 (B) Fo-Rialacha 2005 accordingly. (Ard Chomhairle)

4. That Ladies Intermediate championships be introduced in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 in singles and doubles. Amend Fo-Riail 53 2005 accordingly. (Ciarraí)
5. That Rule 47 be amended to include Ruby Masters A (Over 65) in softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. (Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Chonnachta).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That every club actively promote Juvenile and Ladies Handball within their club. (Ciarraí).
2. That a full review takes place as soon as possible of all handballs currently used in underage and ladies handball. (Roscomáin).

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

6 March 2006

A Cháirde

We have examined the records of an Chomhairle for the year ended 31 December 2005.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income of the year amounted to €259,511. Expenditure came to €280,823 leaving an Operating Deficit of €21,312. In the preceding year there was a surplus of €53,122. The As compared with that year the following were the principal variations in Income and Expenditure:

INCOME	Increase	Decrease
	€	€
Irish Sports Council Grants		28,291
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants		29,903
National League Grant		6,083

EXPENDITURE	Increase	Decrease
	€	€
Meetings and Officials' Travel	8,713	
Administration and General		11,466

INVESTMENT IN CEANNARUS

In addition the Association's investment of €386,254 in Ceannarus was written off.

BALANCE SHEET

The Assets of An Chomhairle at 31 December 2005 had a value of €235,283. Liabilities at the same date including Bank Overdraft of €222,790 came to €319,430. The liabilities exceeded the assets by €84,148.

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

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O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES,
Chartered Accountants

COMHAIRLE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE NA hÉIREANN STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

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 Chonbhuí.
Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

6 March 2006.

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 2005 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 on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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. However, as stated in Note 1 the evidence available in relation to the repayment of the bank overdraft was limited.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Qualified Opinion arising from limitation in audit scope

Except for any adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements, in our opinion the financial statements: give a true and fair view, in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland, of the state of the Council's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its loss for the year then ended.

In respect solely of the limitation of our work relating to the assessment of the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose 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.

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Harcourt Centre,
Harcourt Road, Dublin 2

O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2005

	Schedule	2005 €	2004 €
INCOME			
County Committee and Members		28,499	27,080
Gate Receipts		6,638	8,135
Irish Sports Council Grants	1	104,707	132,988
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants	2	100,000	129,903
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		10,667	16,750
Advertising		650	400
Sundry Sales		5,305	1,300
Ceannáras Club		–	6,000
Yearbook		(956)	(4,737)
Other Income		4,001	2,830
		<u>259,111</u>	<u>320,649</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Competition Expenses		20,493	17,776
International		15,691	6,300
World Championship Expenses		(7,000)	(3,141)
Provincial Open Tournament Grants		1,270	2,305
Third Level Grants		635	635
Juvenile		3,058	1,902
Promotional Materials		12,783	9,733
Trophies		17,278	15,814
Meetings and Officials' Travel		37,714	29,001
Provincial Grants		2,540	2,540
Coaching, Leadership and Development		7,786	5,032
Administration and General	3	166,121	177,587
Depreciation		2,454	2,043
		<u>280,823</u>	<u>267,527</u>
OPERATING (DEFICIT) SURPLUS		(21,312)	53,122
Write-off Investment in Ceannaras	4	(386,254)	–
		<u>(407,566)</u>	<u>53,122</u>
Balance at beginning of year		320,680	267,558
Balance at end of year		<u>(86,886)</u>	<u>320,680</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

6 March 2006.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2005

	Note	2005 €	2004 €
FIXED ASSETS			
Loan – Galway County Board	3	9,814	394,448
		<u>22,855</u>	<u>22,855</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		3,266	3,236
C.L.G. Development Scheme		127	127
Loans to Clubs		571	571
Debtors and Prepayments		23,997	37,575
Cash and Bank Balances		174,652	254,321
		<u>202,613</u>	<u>295,830</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		28,086	101,109
Bank Overdraft		222,790	222,790
		<u>319,430</u>	<u>392,453</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(116,817)	(96,623)
		<u>(84,148)</u>	<u>320,680</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund	4	(86,886)	320,680
Development Fund		2,738	–
		<u>(84,148)</u>	<u>320,680</u>

Cisteoir: Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí.

Riarthóir Náisiúnta: Lorcán Ó Ruairc.

6 March 2006.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2005**

1. GOING CONCERN

The repayment of the bank overdraft is dependent on the support of Cummann Lúthchleas Gael. An Chomhairle's officers are currently engaged in discussion with Cummann Lúthchleas Gael regarding this support. At the time of signing the accounts these discussions have not been concluded.

2. 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
Office Furniture	– 10% Straight line

3. FIXED ASSETS

	Outlay on Ceannáras €	Gymnasium Equipment €	Office Equipment €	Total €
COST				
At 1 January 2005	386,254	5,706	30,322	422,282
Additions in Year	–	–	4,074	4,074
Disposals		(5,706)	(20,399)	(26,105)
Write-off	(386,254)			(386,254)
At 31 December 2005	<u>386,254</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,997</u>	<u>13,997</u>

DEPRECIATION

At 1 January 2005	–	5,706	22,128	27,838
Charge for year	–	–	2,454	2,454
Disposals		(5,706)	(20,399)	(26,105)
At 31 December 2005	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,183</u>	<u>4,183</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>386,254</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>9,814</u>	<u>9,814</u>

4. ACCUMULATED FUND

	2005 €	2004 €
Balance at beginning of year	320,680	267,558
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(407,566)	53,122
Balance at date	<u>86,886</u>	<u>320,680</u>

**SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2005**

	2005 €	2004 €
SCHEDULE 1:		
Irish Sports Council Grants		
Annual Grant	104,707	102,988
World Championships	–	30,000
Carding Scheme	19,000	14,000
Women In Sport Programme	<u>5,000</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>128,707</u>	<u>146,988</u>
Less: Distributable		
Carding Scheme	(19,000)	(14,000)
Women In Sport Programme	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>104,707</u>	<u>132,988</u>

SCHEDULE 2:

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants

Ard Chomhairle Annual	100,000	129,903
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>129,903</u>

SCHEDULE 3:

Administration and General Expenses

Staff Costs	124,977	119,739
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	23,458	12,314
Postage and Telephone	10,541	8,753
Audit and Accountancy Fees	4,500	4,598
Bank Interest & Charges	429	–
Legal Fees	–	29,903
World Affiliation Fees	227	254
All-Ireland Tickets	1,199	1,207
Miscellaneous	790	819
Ceannaras Repairs	<u>2,698</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>166,121</u>	<u>177,587</u>

SCHEDULE 4:

As shown in Note 3 to the financial statements the investment in Ceannaras was written down to €Nil realisable value at the year end.

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

TORTHAÍ 2005

60 x 30

SS	Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Barry Goff (Wexford) 21-20, 21-6
SD	Eoin Kennedy, Egin Jensen (Dublin) dft Dessie Keegan, Joe McCann (Mayo) 21-11, 13-21, 21-13
IS	Meath (Carl Browne) dft Roscommon (Rikki O'Gara) 21-13, 21-11
ID	Roscommon (Damien Martin, Rikki O'Gara) dft Meath (Carl Browne, Peter Reilly) 21-18, 21-14
JS	Tipperary (Martin McNerney) dft Kilkenny (William Love) 6-21, 21-15, 21-19
JD	Kilkenny (Timmy Clifford, Michael Clifford) dft Tipperary (Martin McNerney, John McQuaide) 21-7, 21-4
JBS	Limerick (John Paul O'Connor) dft Tyrone (Barney Corcoran) 21-15, 21-18
JBD	Roscommon (Denis Creaton, Seán Jennings) dft Tyrone (Barney Corcoran, Pádraig McGlinchey) 21-15, 21-18
U21S	Tipperary (Ger Coonan) dft Carlow (Gerry Kane) 21-15, 16-21, 21-11
U21D	Meath (Donnacha Maguire, Brian Carroll) dft Roscommon (Niall McGrath, Chris Doolin) 21-9, 12-21, 21-16
MS	Westmeath (Robert McCarthy) dft Waterford (David Hickey) 21-7, 21-0
MD	Kilkenny (Richie Hogan, Patrick Hogan) dft Waterford (David Hickey, David Walsh) 21-6, 21-4
MAS	Kilkenny (Eugene Downey) dft Roscommon (Anthony O'Donnell) 21-13, 21-8
MAD	Dublin (Frank Daly, Egin Jensen) dft Roscommon (Anthony O'Donnell, Martin Bruen) 21-5, 21-14
MBS	Sligo (Martin Golden) dft Wexford (Stephen Murphy) 17-21, 21-0, 21-7
MBD	Limerick (John Ryan, Kieran Burke) dft Wexford (Brendan Barnwell, Aidan Sinnott) 21-10, 21-12
SMAS	Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan) dft Sligo (Francis McCann) 21-13, 21-20
SMAD	Meath (John Boy Molloy, Francis Carroll) dft Mayo (John Staunton, John Granahan) 21-6, 21-14
SMBS	Wicklow (Eamon Rice) dft Cork (Seán Daly) 21-7, 21-20
SMBD	Cavan (Joe Dillon, Seán Gargan) dft Limerick (Donal O'Connor, Jack Dillon) 21-16, 21-7
GMAS	Mayo (Martin Cronin) dft Tyrone (Seamus Hussey) 21-20, 12-21, 21-14
GMAD	Mayo (Tom Derrig, Martin Cronin) dft Tyrone (Seamus Hussey, John McCullagh) 17-21, 21-11, 21-15
GMBS	Cork (Pat Morris) dft Monaghan (Michael McCarron) 21-6, 21-14
GMBD	Cork (Pat Morris, Dave Stack) dft Wicklow (Gerry McGrath, Dick Doyle) 21-15, 8-21, 21-14
EMAS	Tipperary (Pakie Mullins) dft Kilkenny (Paddy Reilly) 21-7, 21-13
EMAD	Tipperary (Pakie Mullins, Seán Doyle) dft Kilkenny (Paddy Reilly, Seamus Reade) 21-15, 21-5
EMBS	Kilkenny (Michael Dalton) dft Galway (Seán Finnegan) 21-14, 21-13
EMBD	Mayo (Tim Hughes, Seán Ryder) dft Dublin (Peter McTernan, Paddy Murray) 21-5, 21-20

DMAS	Waterford (Mossie Butler) dft Wicklow (Paddy Lee) 21-12, 21-20
DMAD	Wicklow (Paddy Lee, Paddy Lennon) dft Mayo (Matt Grier, Seán Heaney) 21-20, 21-19
DMBS	Galway (James Doherty) dft Wexford (Ger McWilliams) 13-21, 21-5, 21-9
DMBD	No Championship

HARDBALL

SHS	Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 21-13, 21-20
SHD	No Championship
JHS	Paddy Donovan (Laois) dft Patrick Buckley (Cork) 21-6, 15-21, 21-12
JHD	Patrick Buckley, Colm Jordan (Cork) dft Paul Flynn, Joe McCann (Mayo) 7-21, 21-10, 21-17
MHS	No Championship
MHD	No Championship

40 x 20

SS	Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Tony Healy (Cork) 21-14, 21-19
SD	Eoin Kennedy, Egin Jensen (Dublin) dft Paul Brady, Michael Finnegan (Cavan) 21-17, 21-14
IS	Wicklow (Michael Gregan) dft Mayo (Joe McCann) 21-12, 21-15
ID	Wicklow (Michael Gregan, Johnny Willoughby) dft Roscommon (Damien Martin, Rikki O'Gara) 21-1, 21-4
JS	Kilkenny (Eddie Burke) dft Cork (John Kiersey) 21-17, 21-14
JD	Kilkenny (Timmy Clifford, Michael Clifford) dft Cork (Finbarr Rafferty, Alan O'Dwyer) 21-8, 14-21, 21-20
JBS	Cork (Michael Murphy) dft Dublin (Christy Donnelly) 21-7, 21-12
JBD	Wexford (Myles Connors, Felix Doran) dft Cork (Donnacha O'Dea, Michael Murphy) 14-21, 21-6, 21-7
U21S	Tipperary (Ger Coonan) dft Donegal (Mark McGowan) 21-15, 21-6
U21D	Donegal (Mark McGowan, Mark Marley) dft Roscommon (Chris Doolin, Niall McGrath) 21-16, 19-21, 21-7
MS	Westmeath (Robert McCarthy) dft Clare (Cathal Hannon) 21-3, 21-1
MD	Westmeath (Robert McCarthy, Ciarán Curley) dft Clare (Cathal Hannon, Conor Cooney) 21-10, 21-11
MAS	Kilkenny (Billy Bourke) dft Roscommon (Anthony O'Donnell) 21-6, 21-4
MAD	Kilkenny (Billy Bourke, Johnny Brennan) dft Roscommon (Martin Bruen, Anthony O'Donnell) 21-16, 21-8
MBS	Laois (Paddy Donovan) dft Galway (John Joe Farragher) 21-5, 21-8
MBD	Antrim (Donal Armstrong, Gerry Armstrong) dft Galway (John Joe Farragher, Brendan McNeela) 21-9, 21-17
SMAS	Galway (Eamon Conneely) dft Wexford (Benny Doyle) 21-14, 17-21, 21-10
SMAD	Antrim (Billy Silcock, Thomas Maguire) dft Mayo (Kevin Geraghty, Martin Cronin) 18-21, 21-8, 21-8

TORTHAÍ 2005 (continued)

SMBS	Dublin (Frank Daly) dft Mayo (Pat Hopkins) 21-4, 21-14
SMBD	Clare (Pat Donnellan, Mike Kelly) dft Antrim (Anthony Caddell, Dominic Caddell) 21-19, 21-3
GMAS	Cork (Pat Morris) dft Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) 21-17, 15-21, 21-17
GMAD	Dublin (Vinnny Farrelly, Eugene Kennedy) dft Mayo (Tom Derrig, Paraic McCormack) 18-21, 21-10, 21-19
GMBS	Galway (Tony McInerney) dft Wicklow (Gerry McGrath) 21-13, 21-9
GMBD	Mayo (Pauric Geraghty, Ger Prendergast) dft Dublin (Eamon O'Brien, Jimmy Heffernan) 21-16, 21-11
EMAS	Tipperary (Jim Ryan) dft Kilkenny (Paddy Reilly) 21-10, 21-8
EMAD	Tipperary (Jim Ryan, Billy McCarthy) dft Cavan (Patsy Hand, Greg Sheridan) 21-11, 21-8
EMBS	Kildare (John O'Neill) dft Galway (John Kelehan) 21-7, 21-10
EMBD	Clare (P J Counihan, Brendan Cullinane) dft Dublin (John Barton, Paddy Murray) 21-18, 21-1
DMAS	Antrim (Seamus Graham) dft Mayo (Seán Heaney) 21-16, 18-21, 21-12
DMAD	Mayo (Seán Heaney, Michael O'Reilly) dft Antrim (Seamus Graham, Dick Murphy) 21-6, 15-21, 21-13
DMBS	Cork (Michael Jordan) dft Antrim (Tommy Shannon) 20-21, 21-13, 21-12
DMBD	Kilkenny (Frank Manogue, Seán Curran) dft Cork (Michael Jordan, Jim Tobin) 2-21, 21-19, 21-16

Ladies 60 x 30

MS	Kerry (Ashley Prendiville) dft Westmeath (Leona Archibald) 21-2, 21-3
MD	Kerry (Ashley Prendiville, Karen Lawlor) dft Kilkenny (Claire Love, Anne-Marie Hawe) 21-2, 21-4
JBS	Kerry (Lisa Falvey) dft Kilkenny (Loretta Murphy) 21-2, 21-5
JBD	Limerick (Fidelma O'Reilly, Sarah Flavin) dft Mayo (Stacy Roache, Olivia Kilbane) 21-4, 21-14
JS	Roscommon (Katie Costello) dft Carlow (Ciara Mullins) 21-16, 21-3
JD	Carlow (Miriam Ryan, Ciara Mullins) dft Roscommon (Hilary Rushe, Katie Costello) 21-11, 21-20
SS	No Championship
SD	No Championship

Ladies 40 x 20

MS	Kerry (Ashley Prendiville) dft Westmeath (Leona Archibald) 21-14, 21-10
MD	Kerry (Karen Lawlor, Ashley Prendiville) dft Kilkenny (Claire Love, Anne Marie Hawe) 21-14, 21-2
JBS	Roscommon (Katie Costelloe) dft Carlow (Ciara Mullins) 18-21, 21-15, 21-6
JBD	Carlow (Ciara Mullins, Miriam Ryan) dft Tipperary (Karen Collins, Cliona Collins) 21-16, 21-3
JS	Tyrone (Lisa McAleer) dft Roscommon (Emer Coyle) 21-4, 21-10
JD	Tyrone (Lisa McAleer, Nadine Kelly) dft Roscommon (Emer Coyle, Nicola Kelly) 21-15, 21-18
SS	Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) 21-14, 21-16

SD	Fiona Shannon, Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) dft Anna Wrynn, Fiona Healy (Kildare) 21-12, 21-14
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60 x 30 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open:	Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn, Joe McCann) dft Kells, Meath (Tom Sheridan, Carl Browne, Brian Carroll, Walter O'Connor) 90-77
Junior:	O'Loughlins, Kilkenny (Timmy Clifford, Michael Clifford, David Clifford, Paul Clifford) dft Williamstown, Galway (Pat Conway, Ollie Conway Alan Tierney, Paul McHugh, Timmy O'Shea) 92-46
Junior B:	Castlebridge, Wexford (Eoin Walsh, Diarmuid Smyth, David Kenny, Thomas Moore) dft St Coman's, Roscommon (David Hynes, Glen Raftery, Clive Egan, Niall McGrath, Chris Doolin) 105-92

40 x 20 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open:	Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn, Joe McCann, Campbell Brennan) dft Loughmacrory (Tyrone) Ciarán Curran, Ciarán Meenagh, Chris Curran, Stephen Conway) 90-66
Junior:	Clogh, Kilkenny (Daniel Love, Michael Maher, Pat Maher, William Love) dft Ballina, Tipperary (Ger Coonan, Martin McInerney, John McQuaide, Paul Coleman, John Lee) 87-65
Junior B:	Ballydesmond, Cork (Michael Murphy, Donnacha O'Dea, Joseph O'Keefe, Denis Quinn) dft Cavan Gaels, Cavan (Paul Fitzpatrick, Eddie Halligan, Patrick Cahill, Patrick Clerkin) 89-82

BUACHAILLÍ 60 x 30

U14S	Mayo (Stephen Cooney) dft Carlow (Adam Kenny) 15-6, 15-10
U14D	Mayo (Ian McLoughlin, Shane McDermott) dft Wicklow (Eric Davitt, Gary Donohue) 15-13, 5-15, 15-14
U15S	Tyrone (Paul Donnelly) dft Cork (Shane Hedigan) 1-21, 21-12, 11-7
U15D	Clare (Diarmuid Nash, Niall Malone) dft Carlow (Matthew O'Toole, Paul McElligott) 21-11, 21-2
U16S	Tipperary (Fergal Collins) dft Wicklow (Martin O'Neill) 21-5, 21-9
U16D	Limerick (Seamus O'Carroll, CJ Fitzpatrick) dft Tyrone (Conor Duff, Conor Grugan) 21-17, 21-6
U17S	Carlow (Daniel Fenlon) dft Clare (Cathal Hannon) 21-17, 21-7
U17D	Carlow (David Donovan, Padraic Townsend) dft Waterford (John Walsh, Jim Defusco) 21-17, 21-12

CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

U14S	Wicklow (Shauna Hilley) dft Mayo (Stephanie Coleman) 15-1, 15-8
U14D	Galway (Tracey Fahy, Coleen Morgan) dft Wexford (Michelle Boland, Caitriona Gaule) 15-1, 15-10
U15S	Kerry (Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh) dft Kilkenny (Annette Reddy) 21-2, 21-3
U15D	Mayo (Sarah Farrell, Lisa Cummins) dft Kilkenny (Claire Comerford, Claire Moore) 21-4, 21-3
U16S	Roscommon (Marianna Rushe) dft Kilkenny (Marie Therese O'Neill) 21-2, 21-0

TORTHAÍ 2005 (continued)

- U16D Roscommon (Deirdre Donohue, Leona Doolin) dft Wexford (Fiona Holohan, Niamh Murphy) 21-4, 21-0
 U17S Laois (Ciara Dowling) dft Mayo (Theresa Maughan) 21-12, 21-10
 U17D Roscommon (Rachel McGrath, Lisa Ryan) dft Kilkenny (Sarah McCarthy, Lisa Phelan) 21-6, 21-2

BUACHAILLÍ 40 x 20

- BU14S Meath (Garry McConnell) dft Mayo (Stephen Cooney) 15-0, 15-7
 BU14D Clare (Trevor Vaughan, James McMahon) dft Kilkenny (Michael O'Brien, Patrick Funchion) 21-10, 21-11
 BU15S Clare (Diarmuid Nash) dft Kilkenny (Mark O'Dwyer) 19-21, 21-19, 11-9
 BU15D Clare (Alan Leamy, Niall Malone) dft Carlow (Matthew O'Toole, Paul McElligott) 21-11, 21-7
 BU16S Tipperary (Fergal Collins) dft Tyrone (Brian Donaghy) 21-16, 21-4
 BU16D Tyrone (Conor Duff, Conor Grogan) dft Waterford (Jason Healy, David Power) 21-8, 21-7
 BU17S Limerick (Cathal Dillon) dft Antrim (Pádraig Ó Mearáin) 21-14, 21-15
 BU17D Carlow (Padraic Townsend, David Donovan) dft Mayo (Thomas Parsons, Shane Heraty) 21-11, 15-21, 11-8

CAILÍNÍ 40 x 20

- GU14S Wicklow (Shauna Hilley) dft Kerry (Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh) 15-10, 15-3
 GU14D Kildare (Roisin Gorey, Louise Walsh) dft Mayo (Mary Duffy, Stephanie Coleman) 15-5, 14-15, 15-5
 GU15S Tyrone (Gráinne McKernan) dft Roscommon (Anna Keenan) 21-19, 17-21, 11-10
 GU15D Kerry (Ciara Ní Shé, Eibhlís Ní Lúing) dft Kilkenny (Claire Moore, Claire Comerford) 21-15, 21-20
 GU16S Antrim (Aisling Reilly) dft Kerry (Sharon Twomey) 21-19, 21-14
 GU16D Roscommon (Marianna Rushe, Deirdre Donohue) dft Kilkenny (Marie Therese O'Neill, Rebecca Wall) 21-9, 21-6
 GU17S Kerry (Fiona Ní Chatháin) dft Kildare (Aileen Quinn) 21-16, 21-20
 GU17D Roscommon (Ellen O'Keeffe, Rachel McGrath) dft Kilkenny (Lisa Phelan, Sarah McCarthy) 21-3, 21-4

60 x 30 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- U 12/13: **Kilkenny** (Peter Funchion, Cian Ryan, Seán Foley, Brian Campion, Luke Greene, Pauric Maher, Eoghan Hennessy, Dylan Walsh) dft **Cork** (Conor Hannan, Killian Carroll, Jamie O'Connor, Arthur O'Neill, Colm Kearney, Seán Cronin, Pat Herlihy, Billy Sheehan) 75-19
 U 14/15: **Kilkenny** (Dean Wilson, David Delahunty, Dylan Clifford, Michael O'Brien, Patrick Funchion, Daniel Breen) dft **Waterford** (Tom Hanrahan, Cathal Reynolds, Aaron Joyce, Patrick O'Connell, Conor Moloney, Richard Moloney) 58-42
 U 16/17: **Kilkenny** (Eoin Ryan, Ben Lavelle, Paul Murphy, Eddie English, Seán Holohan) dft **Waterford** (Eoin McCullagh, Stephen Slater, Alan Shields, Arthur McDonagh, Anthony Butler) 56-28

Girls U16: St Coman's, Roscommon (Deirdre Donohue,

Leona Doolin, Hilary Rushe, Marianna Rushe, Ellen O'Keeffe, Linda Connolly) dft **Ballaghaderreen, Mayo** (Amy Corrigan, Stephanie Coleman, Maria Corrigan, Clionadh Coleman) 126-39

Girls U 13/17 Interprovincial: Connacht (Amy Corrigan, Lauren O'Riordan, Stephanie Coleman, Tracy Fahy, Leona Doolin, Hilary Rushe, Deirdre Donohue, Pauline Gallagher, Marianna Rushe, Katie Costello, Maria Corrigan, Sarah Farrell) dft **Munster** (Caitríona Casey, Cork, Aisling O'Keeffe, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh, Aine Casey, Sinead Long, Fiona Griffin, Sharon Twomey, Ciara Ní Shé, Ashley Prendiville, Karen Lawlor, Hazel Prendiville, Caitríona Casey, Kerry) 178- 84

40 x 20 JUVENILE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

U 12/13: **Kilkenny** (Luke Greene, Cian Ryan, Eoghan Hennessy, Peter Funchion, Padraic Maher, Andrew O'Dwyer, Brian Campion, Conor Martin) dft **Cork** (Killian Carroll, Conor Hannan, Pat Herlihy, Arthur O'Neill, Denis O'Neill, Colm Kearney, Seán Cronin, Donal Horgan, Seán Keane) 81-47

U 14/15: **Carlow** (Adam Kenny, Deni Joe Regan, Shane Fenlon, Niall Hogan, Kevin Barrett, Brian Deane) dft **Cork** (Shane Hedigan, Tadhg O'Keeffe, Tadhg Carroll, Ian Finnegan, Eoin Douglas, Jos Noonan, DJ O'Connor) 67-49

U 16/17: **Wicklow** (Martin O'Neill, Craig Walsh, John Rogers, Brendan Barnes, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Kearney) dft **Roscommon** (Seán Óg Higgins, Kevin O'Gara, Seamus McKeown, Niall Gordon, Noel Deane, John Higgins) 54-24

Girls U 16: St Coman's, Roscommon (Leona Doolin, Hilary Rushe, Deirdre Donohue, Marianna Rushe, Ellen O'Keeffe, Linda Connolly) dft **An Ghaeltacht, Ciarraí** (Fiona Ní Chatháin, Eilís Ní Lúing, Ciara Ní Shé, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh, Siobhán Ní Chonchúir, Neasa Ní Lúing) 126-15

Girls U13/17 Interprovincial: Connacht (Clodagh McMenamin, Eimear Corrigan, Stephanie Coleman, Mary Duffy, Leona Doolin, Hilary Rushe, Marianna Rushe, Ellen O'Keeffe, Katie Costelloe, Deirdre Donohue, Anna Keenan, Ciara McMenamin) dft **Leinster** (Orla Ryan, Nicole Moore, Mairead Comerford, Alisa Walsh, Claire Moore, Claire Comerford, Marie Therese O'Neill, Ciara Dowling, Claire Love, Julie Walsh, Aileen Quinn, Louise Walsh) 141-67

FÉILE na nGAEL

Boys 60 x 30 Division 1: Cappagh, Limerick (Stephen Foley, Pádraig O' Carroll, Tom McMahon, David Mooney, Patrick Wall) dft Goresbridge, Kilkenny (Christopher Nolan, Damien Barcoe, Aaron Deviter, Michael O'Brien, Brian English) 42-18

Skills: Winner: Conor Donnelly, Loughmacrory, Tyrone

Runner-Up: Pádraig O'Carroll, Cappagh, Limerick

Boys 40 x 20 Division 1: Coolboy, Wicklow (Eric Davitt, Gary Donohue, Keith Kavanagh, Anthony Rohio, Craig Walsh) dft Carrickmore, Tyrone (Caolan Daly, Ruari Loughran, Michael Donaghy, Jonathon Munroe, Brian Maguire) 42-16.

Skills: Winner: Caolan Daly, Carrickmore, Tyrone
Runner-Up: Gary Donohue, Coolboy, Wicklow

Boys 40 x 20 Division 2: Ballydesmond, Cork (John O'Keeffe, Denis O'Rourke, John Casey, Colm Kearney, Seán Cronin) dft Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, Waterford (John Power, Pierce Galvin, Colm Kindregan, Patrick Fennell, Cathal Reynolds) 42-30.

Skills: Winner: Niall O'Connor, Leixlip, Kildare
Runner-Up: John Power, Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, Waterford

Boys 40 x 20 Division 3: An Ghaeltacht, Ciarraí (Colm Ó Luing, Cian MacEoin, Caoimhin Ó Sé, Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh, Eibhlís Ní Lúing) dft Liscarroll, Cork (Arthur O'Neill, Denis O'Neill, Ciaran Collins, Patrick Jewitt, Paddy O'Donoghue) 42-14

Skills: Winner: Arthur O'Neill, Liscarroll, Cork
Runner-Up: Colm Ó Luing, An Ghaeltacht, Ciarraí

Girls 40 x 20 Division 1: Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (Stephanie Coleman, Mary Duffy, Amy Corrigan, Kathleen Regan, Shereda Davey) dft Maynooth, Kildare (Roisin Gorey, Katie Burke, Louise Walsh, Ellen Stack, Amy Morrissey) 42-29

Skills: Winner: Shauna Hilley, Coolboy, Wicklow
Runner-Up: Roisin Gorey, Maynooth, Kildare

Girls 40 x 20 Division 2: Ballydesmond, Cork (Catriona Casey, Aisling O'Keeffe, Shauna Kelly, Siobhan Clifford, Rachel Murphy) dft Williamstown, Galway (Tracey Fahy, Cailin Morgan, Hazel Deane, Eilis Gannon, Fionnuala Kelly) 42-38

Skills: Winner (Tie): Catriona Casey, Ballydesmond, Cork and Martina McMahon, Cappagh, Limerick
Runner-Up: Tracey Fahy, Williamstown, Galway

COMÓRTAS GAEL LINN

O'Loughlins, Cill Chainnigh (Clár Ní Mhaolchallan, Lúcas Ó hUaine) dft **Naomh Mhuire, Cill Dara** (Órla Ní Riain, Néill Ó Conchúir) 74-36

Sólás: Loughmacrory, Tír Eoghain (Clóda Nic Dhonnchaidh, Conchúir Ó Donnaille) dft **Fenagh, Liatroim** (Ciara Nic Lochlainn, Séaghan Ó Duibhir) 63-42

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

BUACHAILLÍ 60 x 30

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| JS | Niall Malone (Scariff Community College) dft Paul Keegan (St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen) 21-12, 21-12 |
| JD | Ian McLoughlin, Shane McDermott (Rice College, Westport) dft Mark Maher, Peter Hughes (St Mary's, Enniscorthy) 21-5, 13-21, 11-10 |
| IS | Seamus O'Carroll (Salesian College, Pallaskenry) dft Brian Donaghy (Dean Maguire College, Carrickmore) 21-6, 21-10 |
| ID | David Walsh, David Power (St Augustine's College, Dungarvan) dft Ciarán Burke, Dara Reid (Rice College, Westport) 21-10, 21-14 |
| SS | Richie Hogan (St Kieran's College, Kilkenny) dft Chris Gavigan (St Patrick's College, Swinford) 21-7, 21-2 |

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| SD | Kirk Greene, Stephen Shortt (St Kieran's College, Kilkenny) dft Steven Ryder, Shane Heraty (Rice College, Westport) 21-11, 15-21, 21-16 |
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BUACHAILLÍ 40 x 20

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| JS | Seamus O'Carroll (Salesian College, Pallaskenry) dft Thomas Fleming (St Joseph's, Charlestown) 21-2, 21-0 |
| JD | Conor Grugan, Caolan Daly (Dean McGurk College, Carrickmore) dft Stephen Cooney, Grant Deeny (St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen) 21-5, 18-21, 11-1 |
| IS | Richie Hogan (St Kieran's College, Kilkenny) dft Pádraig McGlinchey (CBS Omagh) 21-13, 16-21, 11-10 |
| ID | Brian Donaghy, Daragh Daly (Dean McGurk College, Carrickmore) dft Ciarán Burke, Dara Reid (Rice College, Westport) 19-21, 21-9, 11-0 |
| SS | Chris Doolin (Roscommon CBS) dft Matthew Gibbons (St MacCartan's College, Monaghan) 21-18, 21-12 |
| SD | Richard Nolan, Mark Nolan (Kilkenny CBS) dft Eamonn Todd, Colin Donnelly (St MacCartan's College, Monaghan) 21-20, 12-12, 21-16 |

CAILÍNÍ 60 x 30

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| JS | Shauna Hilley (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Tracy Fahy (Glenamaddy CS) 21-4, 21-6 |
| JD | Leona Doolin, Hilary Rushe (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) W/O Amanda Kelly, Sandra Kelly (St Mary's, New Ross) Scr Inj |
| SS | Pauline Gallagher (Swinford College) dft Niamh Murphy (St Mary's, New Ross) 21-13, 21-10 |
| SD | Marianna Rushe, Katie Costello (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Lisa Falvey, Ashley Prendiville (Presentation College, Tralee) 20-21, 21-9, 21-11 |

CAILÍNÍ 40 x 20

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| JS | Ashley Prendiville (Presentation, Tralee) dft Shauna Hilley (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) 21-16, 21-10 |
| JD | Hilary Rushe, Katie Costelloe (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Kaleena Kelly, Nicole Loughran (Dean McGurk College, Carrickmore) 21-1, 21-1 |
| SS | Lisa McAleer (Technical College, Omagh) dft Marian Kennedy (St Joseph's, Glenamaddy) 21-3, 21-1 |
| SD | Deirdre Donohue, Leona Doolin (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Caitriona Casey, Lisa Falvey (Presentation Tralee) 21-13, 21-4 |

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS 40 x 20

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| JS | CJ Fitzpatrick (Hazelwood CS, Limerick) dft David Fenlon (Bagenalstown CS, Carlow) 14-15, 15-9, 15-12 |
| JD | Mark O'Dwyer, Niall Smith) Ballyhale VS dft CJ Fitzpatrick, Pádraig O'Shea (Hazelwood CS, Limerick) 15-8, 15-4 |
| SS | Jerome Wiulloughby (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Conor McHugh (Athlone CS) 21-3, 21-3 |
| SD | Jerome Willoughby, Patrick Kearney (Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew) dft Conor McHugh, Adrian McHugh (Athlone CS) 21-14, 21-17 |

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES 60 x 30

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| Men's A: | Joe McCann (SIT) dft Patrick Finnegan (UCD) 21-5, 21-8 |
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Men's B: Shane Hennelly (UCD) dft Niall Gordon (DIT) 15-8, 15-9

Men's C: Shane Kelly (UCC) dft Charly Nolan (UL) 15-10, 15-12

Men's Plate: Ger Coonan (UL) dft Patrick Clerkin (UCD) 15-8, 15-11

Ladies A: Maria Daly (UCC) dft Catriona Casey (NUIG) 15-7, 15-8

Ladies B: Eimear Ní Fhallúin (UCD) dft Niamh Egan (QUB) 15-4, 15-8

A Team: **SIT** (Joe McCann, Chris Doolin, Niall McGrath, Barry Brennan) dft **UCD** (Patrick Finnegan, Shane Hennelly, Patrick Clerkin, John Horgan) 115-62

B Team: **DCU** (Eugene O'Reilly, David Riordan, Eamon Gavin, Daniel Leahy) dft **DIT** (Peter Bonner, Barry Phair, Tom McGrath, Dermot Reynolds) 92-53

C Team: **UCC** (Aidan Daveron, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Shane Kelly, Shane Kiely) dft **NUIG/DIT** (Caitriona Casey, Robert White, Martin McIntyre, Patrick Foley) 89-64

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES 40 x 20

Men's Open: Dessie Keegan (DIT) dft Charly Shanks (QUB) 21-14, 21-18

Men's A: Ollie Conway (NUIG) dft Adrian Kelly (DIT) 15-6, 15-5

Men's B: Paul Fitzpatrick (DIT) dft John Horgan (UCD) 15-5, 6-15, 11-0

Men's C: Patrick Clerkin (UCD) dft Donal O'Connor (AIT) 15-2, 8-15, 11-0

Men's Challenger: Daniel Riordan (DCU) dft John Veale (UL) 15-12, 15-14

Men's Contender: Shane Kelly (UCC) dft Stephen Marken (DCU) 15-14, 15-13

Men's Beginner: Daniel Leahy (DCU) dft Ken Clarke (DIT) 15-6, 15-7

Women's Open: Maria Daly (UCC) dft Sharon Daly (UL) 15-11, 15-1

Women's A: Aifric Naughton (DIT) dft Miriam Ryan (UCC) 15-13, 13-15, 11-6

Women's B-C: Gráinne Cuniffe (TCD) dft Sinéad Wyer (TCD) 15-14, 15-12

Women's C: Claire Hogan (DIT) dft Alice Hanley (DIT) 15-1, 15-9

Men's A Team: **DIT** dft **UCD**

Men's B Team: **DCU** (Eugene O'Reilly, Damian Wynne, Stephen Marken, Daniel Riordan, Eamon Gavin) dft **DIT**

Men's C Team: **UCC** dft **DIT**

Women's A/B Doubles: Niamh Egan, Emer Coyle (DIT) dft Sarah Corley, Aifric Naughton (SIT/DIT)

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES 40 x 20 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (2005/06)

A Team: **DIT** (Mark McGowan, Paul Fitzpatrick, Paul Moran, Brian Carroll, Cormac Smyth) dft **QUB** (Séamus Ó Tuama, Charly Shanks, Aidan Devine, Kevin Holmes, John Burns) 105-86

B Team: **UCD** (Eimear Ní Fhallúin, Ken Gannon, John Egan, John O'Hara) dft **DIT** (Emer Coyle, Niall Gordon, Tommy McGrath, Pádraig Cahill, Dara O'Gara) 101-64

C Team: **DIT** (Joe Gallagher, Barry Phair, Jim McGrath, Peter

Bonner, Billy Corcoran) dft **UL** (Charlie Nolan, John Kearns, Conor Riordain, Eamon McNicholas) 84-33

Women's Doubles: Eimear Ní Fhallúin, Alice Hanley (UCD/DIT) dft Emer Coyle, Niamh Egan (DIT/QUB) 21-1, 21-5

USHA COLLEGIATES

Men's Open Singles: Charly Shanks (QUB) dft Joe McCann (SIT) 21-6, 21-13

Men's A Singles: Patrick Clerkin (UCD) dft Kareem Wilkerson (NYCC) 21-19, 21-17

Men's Open Doubles: Joe McCann, Damien Martin (SIT) dft Brian Carroll, Cormac Smyth (DIT) 21-5, 21-12

Men's C Singles: Runner-Up Eugene O'Reilly (DCU)

Men's Intermediate Singles: Winner Rob Farrelly (NCAD)

Women's A Singles: Emer Coyle (DIT) dft Michelle Cochrane (TAMU) 21-4, 21-14

DIT finished second in the Team rankings. UCD were third and Joe McCann was awarded a Collegiate Sportsmanship Award.

FBD IRISH NATIONALS

Men's Open: Paul Brady (Kingscourt, Cavan) dft Eoin Kennedy (St Brigid's, Dublin) 21-4, 21-14

Women's Open: Fiona Shannon (St Paul's, Antrim) dft Sibéal McKenna (St Paul's, Antrim) 21-14, 21-3

Men's B: Patrick Buckley (Mallow, Cork) dft Niall Kerr (Brackey, Tyrone) 21-19, 21-9

Women's B: Sarah Flavin (Cappagh, Limerick) dft Fidelma O'Reilly (Cappagh, Limerick) 21-9, 21-12

Men's C: Paul Moran (Naomh Mhuire, Leixlip, Kildare) dft Darragh Daly (Carrickmore, Tyrone) 21-4, 21-2

Masters B: Paddy Donovan (St Brigid's, Laois) dft Donal Armstrong (Rossa, Antrim) 21-7, 21-18

GMA: Eugene Kennedy (St Brigid's, Dublin) dft John Molloy (Na Fianna, Dublin) 21-4, 21-8

GMB: Peter Larkin (Emyvale, Monaghan) dft Gerry McGrath (Donard, Wicklow) 21-20, 21-8

B13: Caolan Daly (Carrickmore, Tyrone) dft David Delahunty (Kells, Kilkenny) 21-9, 21-7

B15: Garry McConnell (Kells, Meath) dft Fergal Collins (Ballina, Tipperary) 8-21, 21-20, 11-6

B17: Shun Lee (Illinois, USA) dft Pádraig McGlinchey (Carrickmore, Tyrone) 21-12, 20-21, 11-2

B19: Robert McCarthy (Mullingar, Westmeath) WO Ger Coonan (Ballina, Tipperary) Scr Inj

G13: Mary Duffy (Ballaghaderreen, Mayo) dft Amy Corrigan (Ballaghaderreen, Mayo) 21-18, 21-15

G15: Sharon Twomey (Ballymacelligott, Kerry) dft Louise Walsh (Maynooth, Kildare) 21-6, 21-13

G17: Aisling Reilly (St Paul's, Antrim) dft Ashley Prendiville (Ballymacelligott, Kerry) 18-21, 21-19, 11-3

G19: Lisa McAleer (Loughmacrory, Tyrone) dft Sarah Corley (Belcarra, Mayo) 21-4, 2-3

ONE WALL NATIONALS

G14S: Amy Corrigan (Mayo) dft Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath) 15-6, 15-14

B14S: Caolan Daly (Tyrone) dft Ian McLoughlin (Mayo) 15-12, 15-10

G16S: Marianna Rushe (Roscommon) dft Leona Doolin (Roscommon) 15-4, 14-15, 11-6

- B16S:** Conor Grogan (Tyrone) dft Paddy Reavey (Armagh) 15-0, 15-5
- G18S:** Karen Lawlor (Kerry) dft Lisa Falvey (Kerry) 15-9, 15-6
- B18S:** Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Pádraig McGlinchey (Tyrone) 15-9, 15-6
- Masters:** Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Francis McCann (Sligo) 15-10, 15-2
- Golden Masters:** Peter Larkin (Monaghan) dft Tony McInerney (Galway) 15-6, 15-4
- Diamond Masters:** Nicholas Clancy (Galway) dft Peter Mulryan (Galway) 15-8, 15-14
- Men's C:** Niall Flynn (Longford) dft Cormac Smyth (Wexford) 15-13, 15-13
- Men's B:** Chris Doolin (Roscommon) dft Darren Flynn (Longford) 15-13, 15-13
- Ladies Open:** Fidelma O'Reilly (Limerick) dft Maighrhead Ní Riabhaigh-Ó Dúill (Armagh) 15-4, 15-7
- Men's Open:** David King (Carlow) dft James Doyle (Armagh) 15-3, 15-4

MUNSTER 40 x 20 OPEN

- Men's Open:** Tony Healy (Cork) dft Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) 19-21, 21-13, 11-8
- Men's B:** Ger Coonan (Tipperary) dft Declan Frawley (Clare) 21-4, 21-11
- Men's C:** Paddy Donovan (Laois) dft Donnacha O'Dea (Cork) 21-7, 21-19
- Masters A/B Doubles:** Pat Morris, John Hedigan (Cork) dft Billy Bourke, Fintan Doyle (Kilkenny/Wexford) 21-20, 18-21, 11-7
- Boys U15:** Seamus O'Carroll (Limerick) dft C.J. Fitzpatrick (Limerick) 21-9, 21-5
- Boys U17:** Nicholas Anthony (Kilkenny) dft Cathal Hannon (Clare) 13-21, 21-19, 11-5
- Girls U15:** Sharon Twomey (Kerry) dft Hilary Rushe (Roscommon) 21-6, 21-5
- Girls U17:** Ashley Prendiville (Kerry) dft Lisa Falvey (Kerry) 21-14, 21-6

ST PAUL'S GOLDEN GLOVES

- Men's Open:** Tony Healy (Cork) dft Paul Brady (Cavan) 21-11, 21-13
- Women's Open:** Fiona Shannon (Antrim) dft Sibéal McKenna (Antrim) 21-13, 21-2
- Men's A:** Owen McKenna (Antrim) dft Conor O'Brien (Offaly)
- Men's B:** Colm Jordan (Cork) dft Pat O'Donnell (Wicklow) 21-11, 21-6
- Men's C:** Donnacha O'Dea (Cork) dft Jim Cunningham (Down) 21-13, 21-6
- Masters:** Kevin Geraghty (Mayo) dft Billy Silcock (Antrim) 19-21, 21-19, 11-2
- Golden Masters:** Seán Conneely (USA) dft Tony Breen (Wexford) 21-9, 21-2
- Boys 19 & U:** Darragh Daly (Tyrone) dft Rikki O'Gara (Roscommon) 21-9, 10-21, 11-2
- Boys 15 & U:** Conor Grogan (Tyrone) dft Thomas Turley (Armagh) 15-4, 15-8
- Girls 17 & U:** Aisling Reilly (Antrim) dft Deirdre Donohue (Roscommon) 21-4, 21-3
- Girls 15 & U:** Shauna Hilley (Wicklow) dft Louise Walsh (Kildare) 15-8, 15-9

USHA NATIONALS

- Men's Open Singles:** Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Danny Bell (Canada) 21-12, 21-5
- Men's Open Doubles:** Tony Healy, Ricky McCann (Cork/Antrim) dft Marcos Chavez, Emmett Peixoto (CA) 21-17, 21-11
- B Singles:** Ollie Conway (Galway) dft James Brady (Cavan) 21-15, 21-8
- B Doubles:** Bryer Bidegain, Evan Brown (CA/OR) dft Paul Fitzpatrick, Allan Sanchez (Cavan/NY) 21-12, 21-16
- C Singles:** Paul Fitzpatrick (Cavan) dft Luiz Cordova (Arizona) 21-14, 21-4
- Boys 19 & Under:** Victor LoPierre (NY) dft Ger Coonan (Tipperary) 21-20, 21-20
- Boys 17 & Under:** Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Luis Moreno (Arizona) 21-12, 21-16
- Consolation Winner:** David Walsh (Waterford)
- Girls 19 & Under Round Robin** Maria Daly (Kerry) dft Katie Sedgwick (Arizona) 21-7, 21-4 and Desarae Cevallos (TX) 21-2, 21-0

USHA JUNIORS

- B19U:** Robert McCarthy (Ireland) dft Jonathan Iglesias (NY) 21-4, 21-13
- B19D:** Robert McCarthy, Darragh Daly (Ireland/Tyrone) dft Bryer Bidegain, Braulio Ruiz (CA) 21-20, 21-15
- B15U:** Gary McConnell (Ireland) dft Luis Cordova (El Paso) 19-21, 21-20, 11-1
- B13D:** Brant Bidegain, Keith Kavanagh (CA/Wicklow) dft Daniel Cordova, John Audet (Tx/Can) 21-19, 21-16
- G19S:** Eimear Ní Fhallúin (Kildare) dft Lisa McAleer (Ireland) 21-6, 21-6
- G19D:** Eimear Ní Fhallúin, Sharon Twomey (Kildare/Ireland) dft Lisa McAleer, Aisling Reilly (Ireland) 21-2, 21-10
- G17U:** Round Robin 1st place Aisling Reilly (Ireland), 2nd place Sharon Twomey (Ireland)
- G15U:** Sharon Twomey (Ireland) winner by default.

IRELAND V BASQUE COUNTRY INTERNATIONAL 60 x 30

- U22 S:** Ger Coonan dft Koxme Elurbe 21-10, 21-10
- U22 D:** Damien Martin, Rikki O'Gara dft Mikel Extbarria, Eric Fernand 21-4, 21-5
- SS:** Eoin Kennedy dft Mikel Gonzalez 21-2, 21-2
- SD:** Dessie Keegan, Vinny Moran dft Iker Exterraria, Ointaz Gonzalez 21-3, 21-19

Ireland won 168-55

One Wall

- U22S:** Pádraig McGlinchey dft Mikel Exterraria 15-21, 21-13
- U22D:** Gary McCrory, Darragh Daly dft Koxme Elurbe, Eric Fernandez 21-18, 21-8
- SS:** Iker Exterraria dft James Doyle 16-21, 21-2
- SD:** Maixi Castillo, Mikel Gonzalez dft Ryan Daly, Charly Shanks 21-15, 21-17

The Basque Country won 139-133

Ireland won the overall international 301-194

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Ardoyme, Co. Antrim, Boys Féile na nGael 40 x 20 Division 2 Handball Team: L to r (back) Paddy Duffy, Martin McGeough, Lee Toner; (front) Eamon Connor, Aaron Burns.



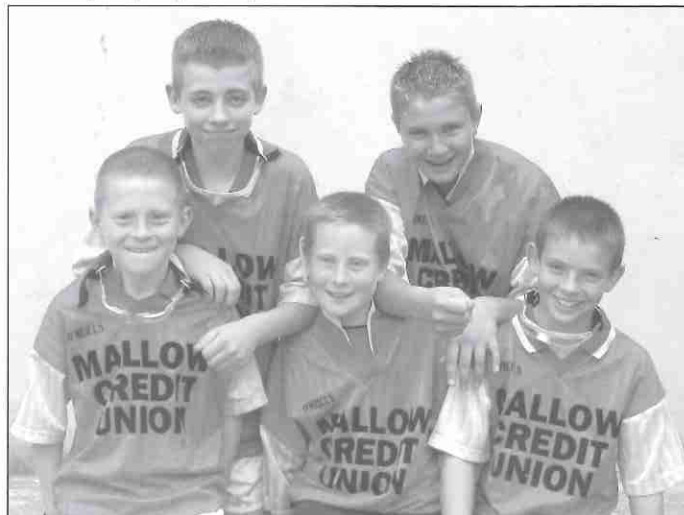
Lispóil Handball Club, Co. Kerry, Boys Féile na nGael Division 1 team at Ballydesmond Handball Club: L to r (back) Gene O'Connor, Dara Ó Súilleabháin, Niall Ó Conchúir; (front) Caoimhín Ó Muircheartaigh, Caoimhín Ó Sé.



Coolboy Handball Club, Co. Wicklow, Féile na nGael Boys Division 1 40 x 20 team at Ballydesmond Handball Club, Co. Cork: L to r: Gary Donoghue, Keith Kavanagh, Anthony Rohio, Eric Davitt.



Lissan Handballers, Co. Derry, pictured with Uachtarán Tom Walsh and Tony Hayes (referee).



Mallow, Co. Cork, Boys Féile na nGael Division 2 team pictured in their home court: L to r (back) Eoin Douglas, Ian Finnegan; (front) Patrick Herlihy, Ciarán Buckley, Cillian Connolly.



Ballaghaderreen, Co. Mayo, Girls Féile na nGael 40 x 20 team, winners of the Division 1 title at Boherbue Handball Club: Amy Corrigan (with hairband) and anti-clockwise from her, Mary Duffy, Shereda Davey, Stephanie Coleman, Kathleen Regan.