

Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hÉireann  
**An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2010**



## Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2010

**CLG Chomhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann**

**Ar an Domhnach, 28 Márta ag 10.45 r.n.**

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**The Anner Hotel, Dúrlas Éile, Tiobraid Árann**

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3. Adoption of Standing Orders
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### Ainmniúcháin

**Uachtarán Tofa:**

**Ualtar Ó Conchubhair** (Ard Mhacha, An Cabhan, An Mhí, Cill Chainnigh)  
**Antaine Ó hAnnáin** (Chill Mhantáin)  
**Liam De Roiste** (Corcaigh, Waterford, An Clár, Tiobradi Árann, Luimneach)  
**Caomhín MacCionnaith** (Atha Cliath)

**Cisteoir:**

**Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí** (Corcaigh, An Clár, Loch Garman, Tiobradi Árann, Luimneach, Chill Mhantáin, Cill Chainnigh)  
**Eamon Ó Briain** (Atha Cliath)

**Teachta ar**

**Ard Comhairle CLG:**

**Tomás Breathnach** (Corcaigh, Tiobradi Árann, Luimneach, Chill Mhantáin, Lar Mhí)  
**Robert Maguire** (Aontroim, An Mhí)  
**Liam Mahon** (Cill Chainnigh)



## **Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2010**

### **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 Bainisteoir'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.

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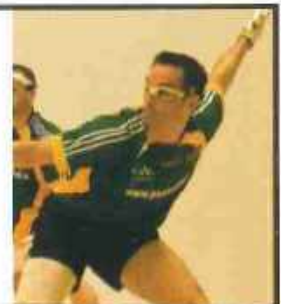


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***Ba mhaith le Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe  
na hÉireann buíochas a ghabháil leis***

**An Comhairle Spóirt**

***as ucht deontasáí a chur  
ar fáil d'ár gcluiche***





## Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Náisiúnta

For handballers throughout the country, 2009 was possibly one of the most successful on the court of play and saw considerable change in many ways within the Association.

The decision of Lorcán Ó Ruairc to retire after 20 years in his role as Riarthóir Náisiúnta, saw a change in personell within the office. Lorcán has indeed been a tremendous help to myself over the past twelve months and continues to keep a very close eye on Irish Handball. Along with his wife, Philomena, he attended the World Championships as a special guest of the travelling Irish party and would certainly be appear to be enjoying his retirement.

I took over in my position as Bainisteoir Náisiúnta in February 2009 and, while finding the task a challenging and demanding one, I believe that our organisation is making great strides in the pursuit of catapulting Handball to become one of the high profile games in our country. There remains a huge task ahead in achieving that ambition but, such is the passion and commitment among our invaluable officials, players and supporters in the heart of very club in Ireland, that I have no doubt that we will indeed accomplish any goals set for the future.

Looking back at 2009 there were a number of outstanding highlights and, while there remain areas of concern and issues which need to be addressed, GAA Handball is certainly driving forward in a very positive direction.



*The Official World Championship squad were presented to the handballing fraternity at the Softball finals night in Croke Park and then at half-time in front of 83,000 spectators at the All Ireland football final in Croke Park on Sunday.*

### Highlights in 2009:

- the rebranding of Handball as 'GAA Handball' which has provided a major boost in the profile of our game nationally and which will continue to prove so beneficial as we continue to work together as part of the biggest sporting organisation in this country.
- record breaking entries for the 2009 Envirogreen Irish Nationals and a terrific weekend tournament at Ulster venues, which proved such a resounding success.
- the 2008 National All Stars were presented at the Banquet in the Hillgrove Hotel in Monaghan and had just over 200 guests present at a tremendous evening for handball.



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- our own 'Lá Liathróid Láimhe' which saw our handball clubs celebrate our outstanding game as part of the GAA125 celebrations in 2009.
- the relaunch of the national handball website, as [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie), which is now receiving huge hits every day and growing in popularity by the month. Handball also moved onto Facebook and since it was launched in december now has over 750 fans on the site.
- the launch of the new GAA Handball Newsletter which will continue to provide a terrific source of information in a presentable manner for handballers and all people with an interest in our game from around the world. At the last count there are now 4,674 registered individuals receiving the newsletter.
- the record numbers which again took part in Féile na nGael in Offaly/Laois and the brilliant sight of all our young handballers in the Féile parade.
- the outstanding occasion of the All Ireland Juvenile 40x20 Championships in Kingscourt and the electric atmosphere of so many handballing people, young and old, coming together.
- the Ladbrokes One Wall Nationals in Breaffy House in Castebar, where over 360 players competed in a superb weekend of handball in a great location and as part of an outstanding social occasion
- the formation of 7 new handball clubs as part of a new National Development initiative which has continued to reap rewards moving into 2010
- the Softball Championship finals in Croke Park where we were treated to an epic doubles decider, won by Dublin, and which saw successful new initiatives including - presentations to the Jubilee Senior Champions (1984), the on-court shoot out and the launch of the 'President's Award' presented to Cork's Peter Denehy for 'services to handball'.
- Presentation of the official 'World Handball Championship Squad' to the crowd at half-time in the All Ireland Senior Football Final in front of 83,000 spectators at Croke Park in September.
- The largest ever official playing squad travelling to the World Handball Championships in Portland - a total of 18 official players were on the travelling party.
- The outstanding successes achieved in the World Championships in Portland. A record breaking total of 35 world championship titles and an amazing list of 37 World Handball champions, from 19 different counties in Ireland, taking gold back to this country in October.
- The unprecedented three-in-a-row World title wins of Paul Brady and Fiona Shannon
- The World Open doubles win of Fiona Shannon & Sibeal Gallagher and in particular the Mens doubles triumph achieved by Eoin Kennedy and Michael Finnegan, following Paul Brady's forced withdrawal from the doubles event due to injury



*Ireland's World Champions in 2009 were honoured at a sequence of events, including at the first ever December National All-Star Awards banquet, hosted in Croke Park*



## Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Náisiúnta

- Our 37 World Handball Champions being invited to attend Arás an Uachtaraí and meeting President Mary McAleese who congratulated handball on the outstanding successes.
- All 37 World Champions invited to a special Banquet hosted by the GAA in Croke Park where they were honoured for their outstanding achievements in 2009.
- The many awards picked up by our magnificent champions throughout the country
- the launch of the first ever stand-alone 'GAA Handball National All-Star Awards Banquet' in Croke Park on December 5th. Almost 400 guests attended the black-tie dinner and celebrated an incredible year for the sport. A total of 52 Provincial Award winners were initially presented before the National awards were handed out on a very special night for handball.
- Another highly successful trip to the USHA Junior Nationals in Chicago, winning 5 of the 6 junior singles titles our official team competed in, while a further 4 titles were also won by Irish players.
- the first ever 'GAA Showdown' handball event, hosted in Croke Park, and which featured many of the top stars in gaelic football, hurling, camogie, ladies football and rounders coming together with our top handballers on the court of play.
- an increase in sponsorship revenue for the association with that figure set to increase again in 2010 as part of an ongoing marketing and sponsorship plan. This is very encouraging considering the very serious economic problems.
- ongoing Coaching and Development programme which has seen a major increase in interest particularly within schools around the country. This included a pilot coaching programme in Limerick which is proving very successful, a One Wall Schools Development initiative in Ulster, a Handball Roadshow in Connacht and an overall increase in coaching tutors. There will be further exciting initiatives in this in the future.
- hugely impressive work being done in the promotion and development of Juvenile and ladies handball at many clubs around the country.
- the launch of the Ladies handball classic event in St Coman's in August 2009
- the ongoing success of the Handball residential summer camp and the major inclusion of handball in the Cúl Camps in 19 counties. Continued work on this can be of major benefit for our sport.
- Huge turnouts and successful tournaments at third level colleges level which has also seen eye-catching international successes by our Collegiate players.

### ***Disappointing areas which have been highlighted as needing further attention are:***

- the poor state of the Handball Centre at Croke Park, which was really highlighted at the GAA Showdown on 6th December, where many guests, players and spectators voiced their concerns at the use of the centre for future National games.
- following a relatively disappointing turnout at the National Open Forum in Croke Park, work has been ongoing to formulate a draft plan for moving forward with the 'Strategic Vision of the Future' for Handball and this will continue in the months ahead
- there is a very clear need, as part of the ongoing work on the national development plan, to provide a source of funding avenues for clubs looking to upgrade facilities. However this will be a very difficult task facing handball in the years ahead in tough recessionary times.
- there is a need for proper governance in many clubs, and indeed county boards, around the country.
- the poor promotion of 60x30 softball and hardball in many parts of the country
- TV and national press coverage remains a priority for the Council. Progress has been made but much great work lies ahead in this. Unfortunately, in today's highly competitive media market, and the ability of networks to monitor viewing figures, work needs to be done to dramatically increase spectators at our key national games. Until our spectator viewing rises at major games it will be difficult to entice the key TV partners
- players failing to turn up for games without prior notice through the correct channels and in particular notifying their opposition



## Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Náisiúnta

### National Competitions

Ard Comhairle were responsible for running a total of 233 competitions, having also taken over responsibility for the One Wall Nationals in 2009, while there were also 19 other events arranged in provincial tournaments elsewhere.

In the 40x20 Championships, Paul Brady (An Cabhán) retained his All Ireland Senior Singles title, defeating Eoin Kennedy (Áth Cliath) in the final in St. Coman's. There was a significant breakthrough for Connacht in the Senior doubles as Dessie Keegan and Joe McCann (Muigheo) claimed the honours there. Eoin Kennedy (Áth Cliath) continued his dominance in the softball code with victory in the Senior Singles and teamed up with Egin Jensen to win the doubles title too. Eoin Kennedy also claimed the Senior Hardball singles crown in a remarkable year on the Irish courts.

In the ladies codes, there was a singles and doubles title success again in the 40x20 court for Fiona Shannon (Aontroim), playing alongside her sister Sibeal in the doubles triumph. Bernie Henessy (Luimneach) made a remarkable comeback to win the Ladies Senior softball singles title.

A new proposal in the structure of the Open Senior Singles Championships was passed for trial in 2010 and 2011 for the 40x20 and 2010 for the 60x30.

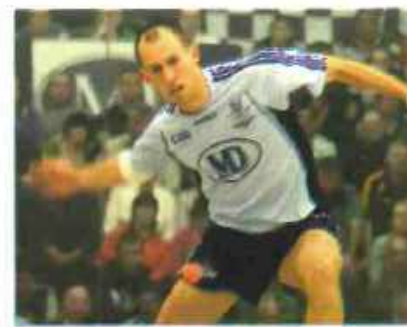
Competition	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED	Total
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile	
60x30	34	8	10	8	--	60
40x20	34	8	10	8	--	60
Hardball	7	--	--	--	--	7
Team	6	6	--	2	--	14
Gael Linn	--	--	--	--	1	1
Féile na nGael	--	6	--	3	--	9
Second level	--	12	--	8	--	20
Third level	19	--	11	--	--	30
Irish Nationals	9	3	2	3	--	17
One Wall	9	3	3	3	--	18
Opens	10	3	4	2	--	19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>254</b>



Padraig Quish (Limerick), U14S winner, and National Manager, Chris Curran



Joe McCann wins the 60x30 on-court shootout on Softball Finals night.



2009 was another record breaking year for Dublin's Eoin Kennedy



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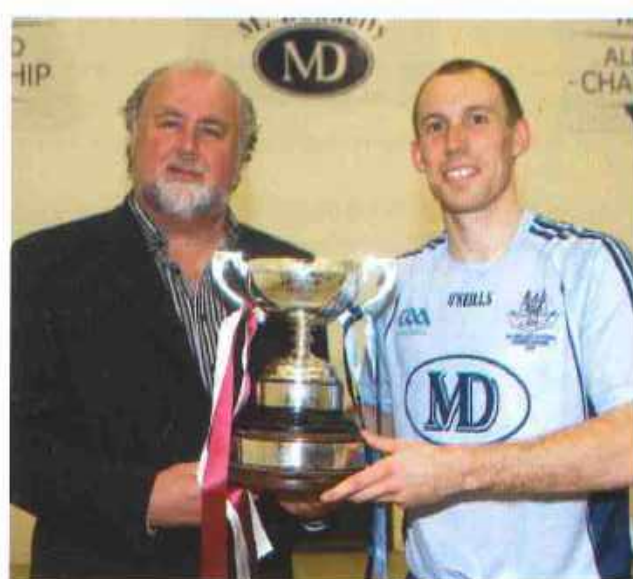
### 60x30 Softball Championships, sponsored by Martin Donnelly

There was a very exciting climax to the 60x30 championships with a classic Open Senior doubles decider in Croke Park, in which Dublin denied Meath in a two game thriller in front of a capacity crowd.

However, there would remain concerns in many grades at provincial level where there were relatively few entries and in some events, no entries at all. With no minor representatives at minor level from Ulster, the 60x30 code would need to be looked at in particular in the northern province while there wasn't a single game played in the Under 21 doubles in the Connacht v Ulster half of the draw. Overall, work needs to be done on the development of the 60x30 game although it should be stressed that the competitions were also affected by the World championships in 2009.



Minor champion, Stephen Cooney



Martin Donnelly presents Dublin's Eoin Kennedy with the Senior Softball Cup in September 2009

Overall in the 60x30 court at adult level there were 34 Mens titles up for grabs and the honours were shared between 12 counties. Kilkenny top the list with 8 60x30 Softball championship titles to their credit with Mayo and Dublin next best on 5 titles apiece. Limerick and Wexford finished the adult 60x30 series with 3 All Ireland titles each while there were 2 triumphs for Galway, Tipperary and Roscommon. Cork, Cavan, Carlow and Sligo finished the competitions with 1 All Ireland win. The spread provincially reads 10 wins for Connacht (4 counties), 6 wins for Munster (3 counties), 17 title wins for Leinster (4 counties) and 1 win for Ulster (1 county).

At minor level, Stephen Cooney emerged as a real force in the traditional court with a singles and doubles success, alongside Ian McLoughlin, and in winning the minor crown brought the title to Mayo for the first time since Dessie Keegan claimed the honours back in 1998.

Limerick's Seamus O'Carroll continues to make waves in all codes and his emphatic Under 21 singles and doubles triumph, with his partner CJ Fitzpatrick, were just two successes in a remarkable season which saw 7 All Ireland and 2 World titles secured by the Cappagh teenager.

Dublin's Eoin Kennedy capped a remarkable year on the court of play with his sixth consecutive Senior Singles title win in the Softball championship, and 7th in all. He went on to reclaim the doubles crown with his partner, Egin Jensen, defeating the reigning champions, Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll in the final.

In the Ladies 60x30 championships, 7 counties shared 10 All Ireland titles between them. Mayo top the list there with 4 All Ireland title wins and the other 6 counties with one championship win apiece are Wicklow, Clare, Kilkenny, Roscommon, Limerick and Kerry.



## Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Náisiúnta

Limerick's Bernie Hennessy made an amazing return to the top of the tree in Senior singles winning that title at the expense of Kerry's Ashley Prenderville, who was chasing a three-in-a-row in the blue ribband event. Ashley Prenderville did not finish the season empty handed however as she teamed up with her sister, Meabh, to win the Ladies Open Senior doubles crown with a final win over Roscommon's Deirdre Donohoe and Katie Costeloe.

Wicklow's Shauna Hilley was another young star who had an amazing season on the court and her dramatic Minor 60x30 singles win over Mayo's Amy Corrigan was one of the highlights. Amy Corrigan did team up with Leona Ryder to win the minor doubles title, which was one of 4 wins for the county in the ladies 60x30 championships.

The Juvenile 60x30 championships saw 6 counties share the 8 boys titles on offer and a similar scenario in the girls events with 5 counties winning the 8 titles. Wexford emerged the dominant county in the Boys Juvenile 60x30 championships with 3 titles, the highlight being Dean Corrigan's eyecatching Under 16 championship success against Galway's Martin Mulkerrins. The remainder were shared between Limerick, Roscommon, Galway, Clare and Waterford. In the girls championships, Kilkenny ended the year with 3 victories with Roscommon, Galway, Clare, Kerry and Limerick claiming one title win each.



## ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

60 x 30

### GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2009 (spread of titles)

County	Mens Adult	Ladies Adult	Boys Juvenile	Girls Juvenile	Total
Kilkenny	8	1	--	3	12
Mayo	5	4	--	--	9
Limerick	3	1	1	1	6
Wexford	3	--	3	--	6
Dublin	5	--	--	--	5
Roscommon	2	1	1	1	5
Galway	2	--	1	1	4
Clare	--	1	1	1	3
Kerry	--	1	--	1	2
Tipperary	2	--	--	--	2
Carlow	1	--	--	--	1
Cavan	1	--	--	--	1
Cork	1	--	--	--	1
Sligo	1	--	--	--	1
Wicklow	--	1	--	--	1
Waterford	--	--	1	--	1



Ladies Open Senior Singles champion, Bernie Hennessy (Limerick), following her defeat of Ashley Prenderville.



Wexford's Dean Corrigan receives his Under 16 title silverware following his win over Martin Mulkerrins.



## Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Náisiúnta



**Jubilee Champions (1984):** On a special Softball Finals night, the senior champions of 1984 were honoured: Martin Henigan (Mayo), Pius Winders (Kildare), Tommy O'Rourke (Kildare), John Quish (Limerick), Tom Quish (Limerick), Pat Cleary (Wexford) and John Fleming (Wexford).



Dublin duo, Eoin Kennedy and Egin Jensen reclaimed the GAA Handball All Ireland Senior Doubles championship crown when defeating holders, Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll in the title decider on the eve of the All Ireland Football Championship final at Croke Park.

### 60x30 Hardball Championships

Dublin's Eoin Kennedy had a fantastic season as he added the GAA Handball All Ireland Senior Singles crown to his impressive list of honours. His 21-16, 21-17 win over Mayo's Dessie Keegan saw him take the honours while Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll added another major doubles triumph with their final win over Mayo's Dessie Keegan and Joe McCann 18-21, 21-8, 21-4.

Mayo's Stephen Cooney had a remarkable year winning four of the six minor titles on offer in 2009, winning the Minor hardball singles crown but Kilkenny's Eoghan Hennessy and Keith Bourke captured the doubles honours in the grade.

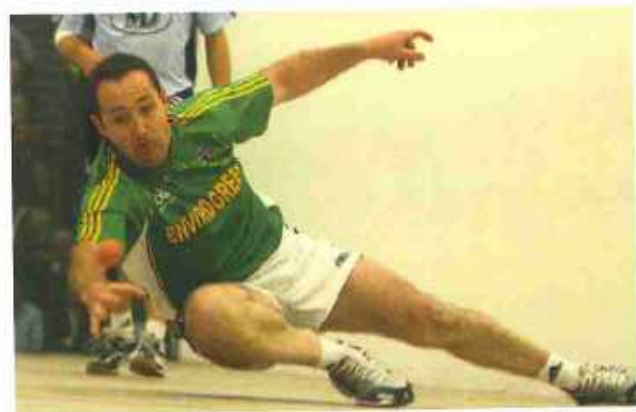
Overall the oldest code of our games needs urgent attention and while there is encouragement amongst our player representation, particularly coming through at minor level, Hardball does need a major injection of popularity around the clubs. A workgroup to look at this is a target sooner rather than later, and ways in which we can entice many other clubs around the country, who have the facilities, to embrace Hardball as one of our great games is of key importance.



**ALL-IRELAND  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**HANDBALL**



Chris Curran presents the Minor Hardball Singles Cup to Mayo's Stephen Cooney and runners-up medal to Wexford's Jason Murphy.



Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll missed out on softball success but didn't end the year empty handed, as they won the Senior Hardball Doubles crown in 2009



## Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Náisiúnta

### GAA Handball 40x20 Championships, sponsored by Dalkia

Kilkenny also topped the roll of honour in the 40x20 championships with 8 titles in mens adult grades and 10 championship wins overall in adult and juvenile grades. Significantly, as in the 60x30 court, Mayo claimed second spot in the table with 5 adult wins and 6 championship titles in total with Cork next best on 5 titles.

A total of 22 counties shared the 60 40x20 championship titles on offer in adult and juvenile grades, ladies and mens codes. Leinster were the dominant province with 22 All Ireland championship successes in the 40x20 with 15 titles going to Connacht, Munster winning 14 championship titles and Ulster claiming the remaining 9.

Cavan's Paul Brady once again maintained his incredible level of form in the international court in 2009 as he powered his way to a 5th successive Open Senior singles title (6th in total) with a 21-10, 21-4 win over Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) in Roscommon.

There was a major breakthrough for Mayo's Dessie Keegan and Joe McCann during the season as the duo produced a remarkable display to win an epic senior doubles decider on 21-19, 29-21, 21-19 scoreline against 5 time winners, Paul Brady and Michael Finnegan (Cavan) in Kilkenny.

At minor level, Tyrone's Caolan Daly brought the singles championship title to Tyrone for the first time in 16 years when he denied Meath's Gary McConnell in the final with Mayo's Stephen Cooney and Ian McLoughlin denying Kilkenny in the minor doubles final.



**ALL-IRELAND  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**40 x 20**

### GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2009 (spread of titles)

County	Mens Adult	Ladies Adult	Boys Juvenile	Girls Juvenile	Total
Kilkenny	8	--	1	1	10
Mayo	5	--	--	1	6
Cork	2	1	2	--	5
Clare	--	--	3	1	4
Dublin	4	--	--	--	4
Galway	2	--	1	1	4
Roscommon	2	1	--	1	4
Limerick	3	--	--	--	3
Wexford	2	--	--	1	3
Antrim	1	2	--	--	3
Kerry	--	1	--	1	2
Offaly	2	--	--	--	2
Armagh	--	--	--	1	1
Cavan	1	--	--	--	1
Donegal	--	1	--	--	1
Down	--	1	--	--	1
Laois	--	1	--	--	1
Leitrim	--	1	--	--	1
Meath	1	--	--	--	1
Monaghan	--	--	1	--	1
Tyrone	1	--	--	--	1
Wicklow	--	1	--	--	1



## Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2010

In the ladies arena the dominance of Antrim's Fiona Shannon continued as she recorded an unprecedented 9th singles success, at the expense of club colleague, Aisling Reilly. Shannon again teamed up with her sister Sibeal to win the Open senior doubles crown. Ulster enjoyed considerable success in the 40x20 court too as Down's Lorraine Havern captured the minor singles crown and Cork's Catriona Casey and Aisling O'Keefe secured minor doubles honours.

Record breaker, Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) continues to have an air of invincibility in the Masters grades and he stormed to the singles title in the 40x20 court.



Cavan's Paul Brady collected his sixth All Ireland 40x20 Open Senior singles championship title in 2009, his 21-10, 21-4 final win over Eoin Kennedy making it 5-in-a-row.



Mayo's Joe McCann teamed up with Dessie Keegan for a remarkable 40x20 Open Senior doubles triumph, defeating Cavan's Brady and Finnegan in the final 21-19, 9-21, 21-19

Clare topped the charts in the Juvenile 40x20 championships, winning 3 boys and 1 girls title, and a significant clean sweep in the Under 14 boys grades through Barry Nash (Under 14 singles) and Colin Crehan and Patrick Fitzgerald (Under 14 doubles).

Munster dominated the juvenile boys 40x20 championships with 5 of the 8 titles on offer and Leinster, Connacht and Ulster claiming one boys juvenile title each. Significantly, no county won 2 titles in the juvenile girls 40x20 championships with 3 wins going to Connacht, 2 each to Leinster and Munster and 1 to Ulster.



All Ireland senior champion, Paul Brady, passes on a few tips on Juvenile finals day at Kingscourt.



Uachtarán CLLE, Tony Hannon, presents medals at the 2009 GAA Handball All Ireland Juvenile 40x20 finals.



## Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2010

### GAA Handball Irish 40x20 Nationals, sponsored by Envirogreen

The 2009 Irish 40x20 Nationals had added significance in 2009 with many of the events deciding the placings on the Official Irish Handball team travelling to the World Handball Championships in Portland, Oregon.

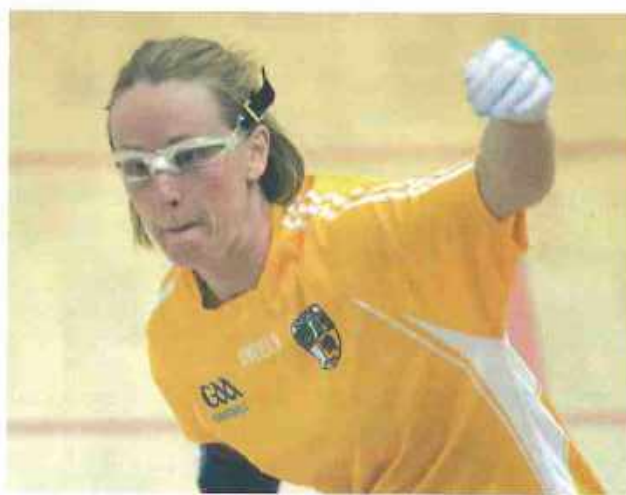
Once again Paul Brady and Fiona Shannon secured the premier Open titles, again denying Eoin Kennedy and Aisling Reilly respectively in the finals.

Below: At the Irish Nationals Launch in Ulster, players are pictured with Ulster GAA Council reps, Eugene Young, Tom Daly (President), Danny Murphy (Secretary), Tony Hannon (Uachtarán CLLE) and sponsor, Walter O'Connor.



The decision of Ard Comhairle to add extra players places on the Official Irish squad in 2009, saw added significance for the Masters and Golden Masters grades at the Nationals. Michael Ducksy Walsh had a tremendous tussle with old rival Tom Sheridan, before securing his place on the team and Mayo's Kevin Geraghty reversed championship form with Kilkenny's Johnny Brennan, to claim the Golden Masters place.

Overall it was a hugely successful Irish Nationals tournament in 2009 with a record 352 entries in the 18 events. During the year, Ard Comhairle also passed proposals to separate the Adult and Junior Nationals in 2010 with new grades now added to both events, with 16 grades in the Adult nationals to be staged in Ulster on May holiday weekend.



Fiona Shannon enjoyed a 100% winning record in 40x20 ladies handball in 2009, not dropping a single game in a season which saw 5 major title successes.



## Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2010

### Ireland dominate at 2009 World Handball Championships

Ireland enjoyed a record breaking year with unprecedented success at the 2009 World Handball Championships in Portland, Oregon. An official party of 18 players travelled to compete in the event under the management of Tony Hayes (Luimneach) and Anne Naughton (Ros Comáin).

*The official squad which travelled out to Portland on 30th September 2009 were:*

**Mens Open:** Paul Brady (Cavan), Michael Finnegan (Cavan), Eoin Kennedy (Dublin)

**Ladies Open:** Fiona Shannon (Antrim), Sibeal Gallagher (Antrim), Aisling Reilly (Antrim)

**Masters:** Michael Walsh (Kilkenny), **Golden Masters:** Kevin Geraghty (Mayo)

**Boys 19 & Under:** Diarmaid Nash (Clare);

**Boys 17 & Under:** Jamie Lynch (Clare); **Boys 15 & Under:** Padraig McKenna (Monaghan); **Girls 19 & Under:** Shauna Hilley (Wicklow); **Girls 17 & Under:** Catriona Casey (Cork); **Girls 15 & Under:** Lauren O'Riordain (Roscommon)

**Mens One-Wall Team:** Charly Shanks (Armagh) & Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath)

**Ladies One-Wall Team:** Marianna Rushe (Roscommon) & Bernie Hennessy (Limerick)

**Team Managers:** Tony Hayes (Limerick) and Anne Naughton (Roscommon)

**Officials:** Tony Hannon (President), Chris Curran (National Manager), Niamh Egan (Media Officer)



Official junior girls trio: Catriona Casey (Cork), Lauren O'Riordain (Wicklow) and Shauna Hilley (Wicklow) all returned from Portland with world championship titles.

As well as the successes itself, there was a record number of entrants from Ireland with over 300 competitors and almost 500 Irish handballers travelling for the event. A total of 37 players secured World championship glory but significantly Ireland claimed the 4 major prizes, Mens and Ladies Open singles and doubles, as well as completing a clean sweep in the under-age grades. Also on a very positive note is the fact that 19 counties now boast World Champions from 2009.

### Ireland's 37 World Handball Champions 2009

County	Name	Title
CAVAN	Paul Brady	Mens Open Singles
	Michael Finnegan	Mens Open Doubles
DUBLIN	Eoin Kennedy	Mens Open Doubles
	Egin Jensen	Masters Doubles
ANTRIM	Fiona Shannon	Ladies Open Singles/Doubles
	Sibeal Gallagher	Ladies Open Doubles
KILKENNY	Michael Ducksy Walsh	Masters Singles/Doubles
	Claran Neary	Mens C Doubles
TYRONE	Ruairi Kelly	Mens A Singles
	Shane O'Neill	Mens B Singles
	Darragh Daly	Mens A Doubles
TIPPERARY	Ger Coonan	Mens A Doubles
LIMERICK	Seamus O'Carroll	Boys 19&U Singles/Mens B Doubles
	CJ Fitzpatrick	Mens B Doubles
	Martina McMahon	Girls 15 & Under Doubles
CORK	Shane Hedigan	Mens C Singles
	Aisling O'Keefe	Girls 17 & Under Doubles
	Catriona Casey	Girls 17 & Under Doubles



World Ladies Open doubles champions, Sibeal Gallagher and Fiona Shannon (Antrim)



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<b>OFFALY</b>	Michael O'Brien	Mens C Doubles
<b>WEXFORD</b>	Gavin Buggy	Mens 35+ Singles
<b>GALWAY</b>	Ciana Ní Churraoin	Girls 13 & Under Singles
	Martin Conneely	Golden Masters B Singles
	Sinead Hanley	Ladies C Singles
	Martin Mulkerrins	Boys 17&U Singles & Doubles
<b>ROSCOMMON</b>	Deirdre Donohoe	Ladies A Singles
	Lauren O'Riordan	Girls 15 & Under Singles & Doubles
	Aifric Naughton	Ladies B Doubles
<b>WICKLOW</b>	Shauna Hilley	Girls 19&U Singles/Ladies B Singles
	Daniel Curry	Boys 11&U 40x20 & One-Wall Singles
<b>KILDARE</b>	Niall O'Connor	Boys 17 & Under Doubles
<b>MONAGHAN</b>	Padraig McKenna	Boys 15 & Under Singles
	Darren Doherty	Boys 13&U Singles - 40x20 & One Wall
<b>CLARE</b>	Barry Nash	Boys 15 & Under Doubles
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<b>ARMAGH</b>	James Doyle	Mens One Wall B Singles
<b>LEITRIM</b>	Donal Wrynn	Boys One Wall 15 & Under Singles



**Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny)** was again on target on the world stage, where he won the Masters Singles and Masters Doubles (with Egin Jensen) titles.

There was a great deal which could have been derived from the World championships in Portland and which will need to be looked at in more depth in preparation for the 2012 Worlds in Ireland. There is no doubt that the 2012 event could provide an overwhelming opportunity for Irish Handball to reach the pinnacle in terms of promotion in this country. Plans for the event are already underway with a proposal to set up an organising committee in the very near future to be looked at by Central Council in the weeks ahead.

In relation to where the 2012 World championships will be staged, a lot will be determined by how things unfold in relation to proposals to build a new National Handball Centre. The GAA have backed the Council's request for a new centre and have committed €9million towards building a National Centre in Croke Park. A great deal of work remains to be done in respect of this in the months ahead and it will be imperative that all our members and officials unite to ensure that this goes ahead. There will be much more discussion on this in the weeks ahead and further details will follow from CLLE and the GAA.

### Ireland claim five of six USHA Junior titles in December

CLLE decided to send an official team to the 2009 USHA Junior National championships in Chicago in December and appointed a management team of Ryan Daly (Tír Eoghain) and Frances Ní Churraoin (Gaillimh). Over 100 players competed in Irish junior trials and Corcaigh enjoyed tremendous success, winning four of the 6 places on offer. The official team which travelled was: Boys 19 & Under - Shane Hedigan (Corcaigh), Boys 17 & Under - Killian Carroll (Corcaigh), Boys 15 & Under - Denis O'Neill (Corcaigh), Girls 19 & Under - Shauna Hilley (Cill Mhaintain), Girls 17 & Under - Catriona Casey (Corcaigh), Girls 15 & Under - Ciana Ní Churraoin (Gaillimh).

Ireland secured the Boys 17 & Under and Boys 15 & Under singles titles while the girls enjoyed a clean sweep in their grades. At 17 & Under level Killian Carroll also teamed up with Tír Eoghain's Conor McElduff to win the doubles title while Tír Eoghain's Johnny Woods and Ryan Mullan also won the Boys 13 & Under doubles title.

Ireland will look again at the USHA Nationals in 2010 although further work will be done in gauging the viability of the trip with ongoing issues in the USA between the USHA and WPH. CLLE will host our Irish Junior Nationals in November 2010 and the winners of the key 6 grades will again be Ireland's representatives on the International trip. A decision will follow in relation to the trip from Central Council later in the year.



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### GAA Handball Club Championships

Ballaghadereen, are the real force in the club championship arena as the Mayo club once again produced a clean sweep of Open Senior Club championship wins in 2009. It took two epic tussles though to defeat Wicklow club, Coolboy, in both the 40x20 and 60x30 club deciders, winning the first 97-90 and the 60x30 crown 107-101. The team of Dessie Keegan, Joe McCann, Vinnie Moran, Stephen Cooney and Paul Flynn enjoyed a fifth successive win in the 40x20 court.

In the 40x20 court, Coolboy did win an All Ireland club championship title when they defeated Galway's Salthill in the Junior final while Cork club, Liscarroll, defeated St Coman's in the Junior B Club final.

In the 60x30 championships, there was a memorable win for Roscommon side, Ballymoe, in the Junior club series with Tipperary's Cashel, taking the Junior B Club championship honours.



Dessie Keegan lead his Ballaghadereen colleagues to another unstoppable campaign in the club championships.

### GAA Handball All Ireland Juvenile Team Championships

The Juvenile team events again proved hugely popular in 2009 and this area of handball is something that could be very much looked at in relation to our competitions, with the whole team ethos and the young players working together as a team having a very positive effect on the events as a whole.

In the 40x20 court, Clare, Cork and Wexford secured the three team titles on offer. Clare had a thrilling win in the under 12/13 event as they had one point to spare over Kilkenny in the semi-final and then just 5 points in hand of Tyrone in the final.

Tyrone also lost out in the final of the Under 14/15 competition, as they were denied 74-63 to Cork in the decider, the Munster side having also defeated Wexford in the semi-finals. Wexford did claim their National title in the Under 16/17 event, defeating Tipperary in the final by just 6 aces.

In the 60x30 court, Kilkenny had a terrific battle, making up for the disappointment of their 40x20 defeat, to get the better of Tipperary to claim the Under 12/13 title. Wexford exhibited once again their impressive credentials in the 60x30 court with two team title triumphs. The Leinster county defeated Clare in the Under 14/15 team event and followed up with a double in the Under 16/17 competition by defeating Tipperary in that final.

In the Girls Inter-Provincial Team of Ten competition, Connacht once again were crowned champions. The western province dominated the 40x20 event with a comprehensive semi-final win over Ulster and followed up with a commanding performance to take the title at the expense of Munster in the final at Leixlip.

Overall, the juvenile team competitions and the Club championships are an area of our game which has huge potential and which really need to be looked at in greater depth for the future. By bringing our young players, male and female, together in a social team atmosphere, we are further enhancing the tremendous social aspect of our games.



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### Third level Colleges handball

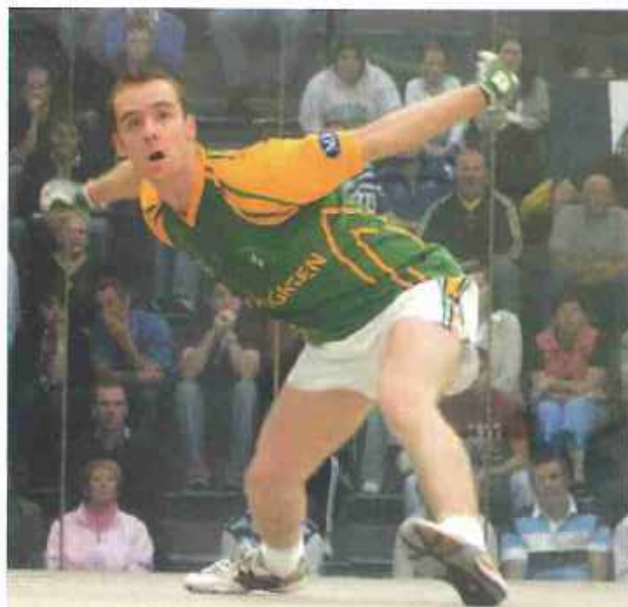
There is no question that this is a very progressive area of handball in this country and provides a terrific avenue for building the profile and benefits of our game to the younger generation. The ICHA carry out a great deal of work and the recent launch of the new website - [www.ichahandball.org](http://www.ichahandball.org) - will further boost their continued efforts to raise the game within Colleges and Universities around the country. I would congratulate the committee on their endeavours in this sphere and would certainly feel that greater synergy between Comhairle Ard Oideachas Liathróid Láimhe and Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann should be explored as we strive to further develop our game in the future.

In the 40x20 Inter-varsities events, UUJ, with an all-Tyrone combination of Darragh Daly, Pádraig McGlinchey, Brian Donaghy and Conor Duff, claimed the A team title in Kingscourt in February 2009 while UCD captured the B Team title and DCU secured the C Team honours. Marianna Rushe and Hilary Rushe teamed up again for UCD to secure the ladies doubles crown.

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In the 60x30 court, the Intervarsities softball championships went ahead in Wexford venues following the World championships. This time around it was WIT who secured the team title, defeating ITT in the final, and Nicholas Anthony, from WIT, also ensured further success for the college when he defeated Shane Hedigan in the final of the Mens A Singles. Ashley Prenderville (UCC) made up for her disappointment in the 40x20, when she collected the Ladies A title with victory over Deirdre Donohoe (UL) in the final. The Rushe sisters, Marianna and Hilary, once again took the ladies doubles honours for UCD.

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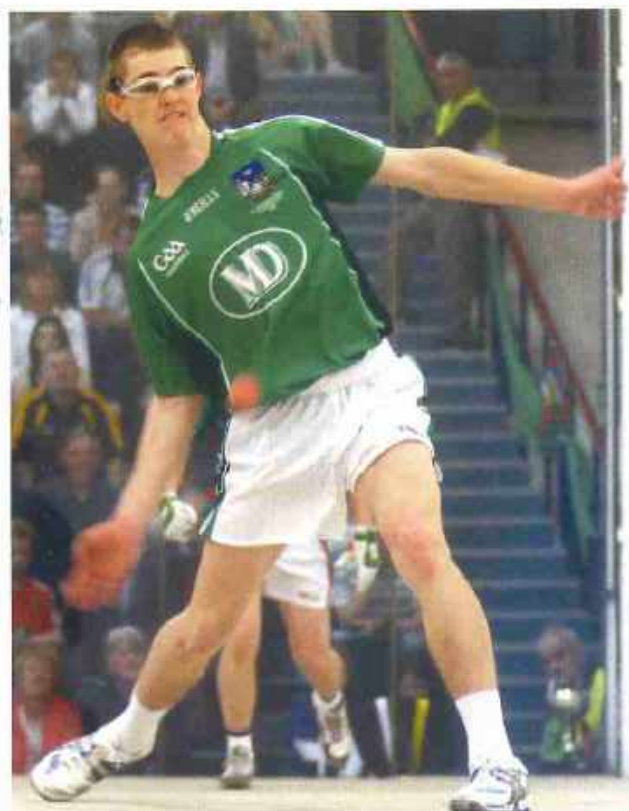
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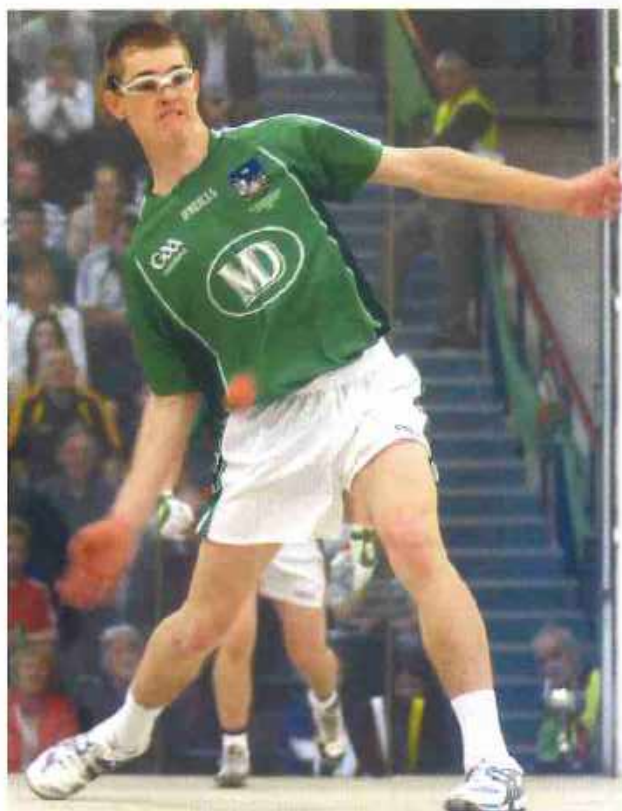
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In the One-Wall Nationals in 2009 there were 18 grades of competition and a record entry with a further 13 plate competitions organised for cup early round losers. With a team also travelling over from England, this event proved a huge success and one in which the future looks very bright indeed. The competition was initially set up by the Sligo Handball Board 14 years earlier and they deserve the utmost credit for organising this each year and attracting great numbers from around the country. Many were again involved as part of the 2009 organising committee and played key roles in ensuring the terrific success of the 2009 One Wall Nationals.

There was added significance also in 2009 with the winners of the Mens Open Singles and Ladies Open Singles joining the Official Irish squad for the World Handball Championships. Armagh's Charly Shanks and Roscommon's Marianna Rushe emerged convincing winners of both those competitions and as such captained the Irish Federation Cup team in the World One Wall Championships.

Winners	Cup Male	Female	Plate Male	Female	Total
Galway	3	3	--	1	7
Mayo	1	1	1	1	4
Armagh	2	--	1	--	3
Kilkenny	1	--	2	--	3
Monaghan	2	--	1	--	3
Cork	1	1	--	--	2
Down	--	--	2	--	2
England	1	--	1	--	2
Roscommon	--	1	--	1	2
Tyrone	--	--	1	1	2
Wicklow	1	--	--	--	1

As can be seen from the table a total of 18 Cup titles and 13 Plate wins were spread amongst 10 Counties and the English handball team. Galway topped the One Wall Nationals winners charts with 7 titles, of which 6 were very significantly in the Cup events, thus seeing them collect one third of the Cup titles on offer. Mayo were next best on the list with 4 wins and Armagh, who have been doing a great deal of work on the one wall code in recent times, being rewarded with 3 wins.

We should also congratulate the English players, Andy Pringle and Peter Cohen, who secured wins for the travelling party at the event.

The 2010 One-Wall Nationals is again scheduled for Breaffy House on the first weekend in July and preparations are already underway for what could prove to be a record breaking weekend tournament.

### Venue Officials and Refereeing

I believe it to be hugely important to acknowledge and offer sincere special thanks to the plethora of tremendous voluntary officials who devote so much time to their own club and counties and yet who are always willing to make themselves available for our national games. The amount of time and commitment which I have witnessed by venue officials and referees in 2009 epitomises the great ethos of the voluntary community spirit of the GAA which we are very much a part off.

I do find it concerning however that many players take this voluntary effort for granted much too often and openly criticise the venues, officials and referees who do so much to ensure that our national games can take place.

It should also be mentioned that Con Moore has now developed and rolled out the Referee's coaching



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### Strategic Plan for GAA Handball and Open Forum

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann organised a National Open Forum in May 2009, to discuss all aspects of the current Strategic Plan and look at ideas and ways of restructuring this plan and build our sport for the future. O'Kelly and Sutton Consultants, who have been responsible for the GAA's National Strategic Plan, have consulted with the council on this and Peter Hanan in particular has put in a great deal of time as part of the Strategic Review Committee on this.

A total of 68 people travelled to Croke park for the Open Forum and, while the attendance in some ways was disappointing, there was no doubting the enthusiasm and knowledge which was present to discuss all aspects of handball. The Strategic Review Committee are preparing now to present the new structure for the '**Strategic Vision for GAA Handball**' into the future and will then be organising a follow up day in Croke Park which will include specific work-shops in each category of the Strategy. Specific committees will be announced and all handballing members will be given the opportunity to provide input into each section and also to put forward their interest in playing a role in one of the National Strategic Committees. Ultimately, the new plan will be very much club, county, provincial, national and internationally focussed with key targets to be set in every one of those areas, ensuring that every handball member will play their part in the overall strategy of '**Raising the Game**'.

Further details on structure, schedules and planning on this will follow Congress 2010.

### National Development Plan and Officer

Niamh Egan, who previously was employed in the role as Promotions Officer for Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, will now be focussing more on the area of development. Niamh's new post in the Council will be as National Development and Media Officer, where she will be the national co-ordinator of the new development plan set to be launched in April 2010. Niamh will also be the servicing officer to the Coaching committee.

This will be worked on with a proposed National Coaching and Development Committee, whereby the Council will outline plans to work closely with Clubs, County Boards and Provincial Council's to look closely at areas of development for our game within schools, GAA clubs, dormant clubs and all areas of the community. A document proposing plans for this National Development Strategy will follow in conjunction with the launch of the National Strategic Vision for GAA Handball.

### Coaching and development

The national coaching task team continues to undertake a structured and progressive coaching plan at all levels of the association. The foundation and level 1 coaching courses have been ongoing and, in line with the new national coaching and development strategy being proposed, this will see further progression in the year ahead. Con Moore and Tony Healy, who is handball's representative on the National GAA Coaching Games committee, are almost complete in their production of a new GAA Handball Coaching DVD, which will prove invaluable to our many coaches throughout the country. It is envisaged this will be launched by April 2010. In line with this development will be the launch of a complete new coaching resource pack which will include posters, coaching cards, and many coaching resources which will be of great benefit to our hundreds of coaches everywhere. Again there has been



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Already the One-Wall Schools coaching and development plan has been launched in Ulster in conjunction with the Ulster GAA Council, where 22 post-primary schools have attended training days and all 64 of the Ulster GAA Council development officers will be trained up in the foundation coaching certificate. To date 8 of the schools have put in the one-wall courts identical to those set up in Breaflly House and this has seen major interest generated in these schools. Plans will continue to further develop this initiative around the country in conjunction with the provincial councils and county boards.



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### Promotion and Sponsorship planning

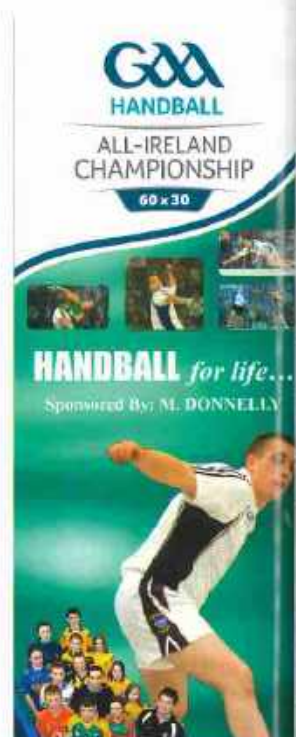
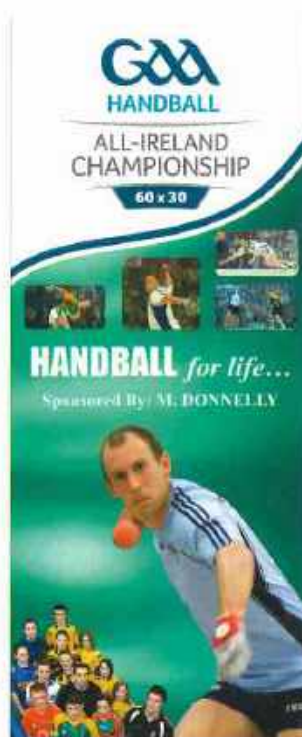
As part of the council's strategy for 'Raising the Game', an in-depth look at promotions, marketing and sponsorship has been undertaken. The rebranding of our sport as GAA Handball was the initial phase of this plan and since then considerable work has taken place to build a newer more dynamic and professional image in all our presentation.

A redrafting of all our literature is currently being undertaken and much of this will be presented in time for Congress 2010 with more to follow afterwards. All future posters, programmes, coaching informational literature, entry forms, information booklets, publications will follow this theme as we plan to make our games an attractive and enticing hunting ground for sponsors in 2010 and beyond.

These are extremely difficult times financially in all parts of the country and they will certainly be challenging times for handball and work will continue to ensure that GAA Handball are very

much in the minds of prospective sponsors as we plan forward. An increase in sponsorship revenue was achieved in 2009 but a more ambitious approach is underway in 2010 and full details of this will be finalised for presentation mid-year to Ard Comhairle. It should be noted that this will be a staged process as part of the build-up to the World Championships in 2012 and it will take time to reach the stage that handball will be to the forefront of securing major sponsorship revenue at the level more top-tier sports are acquiring.

Key areas which are a problem for GAA Handball at present and which have been featured and mentioned numerous times are - media exposure, TV and press coverage and sponsorship. Significantly





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all are connected and each has a knock-on effect on the other. The problem in enticing TV and national press coverage for our games is that, especially in today's immensely competitive market, coverage is based upon viewing figures, commercial attractiveness and popularity. For GAA Handball to secure its place in this sphere it must be seen to be commercially viable and in itself be attracting large attendances at our games. Until we attract large crowds and packed stands at national finals, etc... we are always going to be a less viable proposition for the top tier sponsors and TV and national press.

However, through the GAA Handball brandmark we have an opportunity to tap into resources not previously available. 2010 will see an upturn in targets and objectives but it will still take the possibility of confidently raising our own viewing figures to attract the major media networks and of course this will have a domino effect on the popularity of our games.

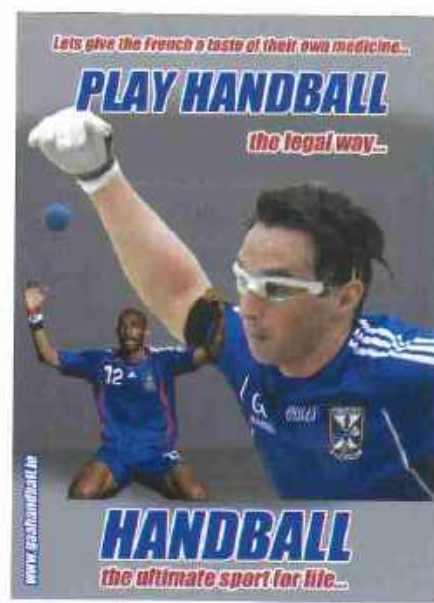
As can be seen from the Council's financial statements for the year 2009, a great deal was spent on the area of promotions. We will continue to work with the finance department of the GAA Central Council in relation to a promotional grant going back to 2009 although this has already now been secured for 2010. In a link with TV and Webstreaming company, CN Sports, GAA Handball will be coming more and more into the public eye.

CN Sports televised our GAA Showdown and All Star Awards and plans are underway to have this shown as part of an opening documentary style handball show, in a series of GAA Handball shows in 2010. With delays in CN Sports licensing agreements, we will now be launching our TV broadcasting with the 40x20 Open Senior Final on 10th April 2010 and following up with the doubles decider on 24th April. The Irish Nationals finals will be featured on the bank holiday may weekend as will the One-Wall Nationals, 60x30 two final nights, Irish Junior Nationals in November and our GAA Showdown and All Star Awards at the end of the year.

Niamh Egan will continue her role in ensuring GAA Handball are securing space in the national press but, as part of the promotional development and press coverage at provincial level, GAA Handball will be providing a €500 expenses grant for provincial PROs. A training day for the designated PROs in each province will take place in April 2010 as part of this promotional plan.

An A1 size GAA Handball promotional Wallplanner will be launched at Congress 2010 and, as part of our restructuring of promotional literature, will see the One Year Calendar comprising 1st May to 30th April the following year each time. Following Congress each year, the council will also issue an annual GAA Handball Official Guide which will include updated bye-laws, rules, committees, contact information in clubs and counties, clár 1st May to 30th April, and all useful information and links. This will follow Congress 2010 and will be distributed to all officials by end of April 2010.

The plan to launch the new GAA Handball pictorial Calendar for 2010 was put back due to costings in 2009 but this will form part of the new approved plan from Central Council this year. At present all paid registered members will receive the 'Top Ace' Magazine as part of their membership. It was agreed that this would remain in place until the new issue, due to be launched at Congress 2010, is distributed. Following this a new-look Top Ace Magazine will become a more regular publication that will form part of a subscription package with all funds going towards the 'development plan' for helping clubs throughout the country. Details of this will follow Congress 2010 but I believe they will be welcomed by all our members. In turn, all registered members from the end of this year will receive their Annual full colour pictorial GAA Handball calendar by December 2010.





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### Website - [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie)

GAA Handball saw the launch of our new national handball website in 2009 and so far has seen considerable development in this sphere with a lot more to come. This official site will be the official focal point for all our members with up to date news stories, official fixtures and results, photo galleries and video footage. It has taken 8 months to get to the current stage of planning on the website but 2010 will see major strides again on the site. This will become a more interactive utility for all players and officials. There will be a great deal of work carried out by August 2010 in relation to the video and audio section of the website and a new merchandise and online shop will be launched by 1st May 2010.

The major plan as part of this constant progression in the online world will see the recently added provincial sections expanded. The new PROs will be responsible for updating the provincial sections, which will move to the top of the website homepage and these will include up to date news, fixtures and results within each province. As part of this process also, our officials from county and provincial level will be set up into the new gaa gmail system for handball with the intranet system to follow by the year end - which will be of huge benefit for committees and officials at all levels.



The Coaching and Development section on the website will be expanded to highlight the major drive which will be ongoing from 2010 while the Download section will be providing all resources, entry forms, etc... in PDF format for anyone to utilise. The Find-a-club link, which was developed by David Smith, will also be developed further as GAA Handball work on making our entire network of clubs and contacts available to the public.

### GAA Handball Merchandise and Online Shop

As part of the Council's ongoing business development plan for increasing revenue to go towards the overall national development plan, a range of GAA Handball merchandise will be launched in 2010. This will also further enhance the profile of GAA Handball in Ireland.



The council will be offering GAA Handball products as follows - gloves, handballs, eyeguards, kits and a series of promotional GAA Handball jerseys (including the World 2012 jersey) in association with one of our main sponsors, O'Neills International. In addition, by mid-year, there will also be DVDs produced from our key events to include initially the GAA showdown, the All-Star Awards 2009 and championship finals. This range of DVDs will continue to be expanded over time.

A merchandise agreement has also been made with our official ball supplier, Macsports, that all our handballs will have the GAA Handball mark and purchase of all handballs will now be made from 1st April direct from Croke Park. There will be special reduced rates for clubs ordering any of



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our merchandise in small bulk while purchasing can be done online through the online shop, to be launched on 1st May 2010 at the Irish Nationals weekend, or by order form with payment - order forms will be distributed to all clubs in April 2010.

### GAA Handball Newsletter and digital add-ons

The promotional work carried out in 2009 included the launch of the GAA Handball Newsletter and this will now really come to the fore in 2010 with at least 1 edition issued per month detailing all the up-to-date news, announcements, reviews, previews and features. Ultimately it will be seen as a further major resource for publicising our games to the national and international arena. Through the registration process we have already built up a database of over 4,500 members who have requested to receive the newsletter, which will again be a terrific means of enticing sponsors to our brand image. As the digital online newsletter gathers pace over the year the plan will be to focus on the online digital magazine template with video, flash and audio footage included.

### All Star Awards and Promotional events

As shown in the financial statements for 2009, CLLE actually hosted two All Star Awards banquets in 2009. Firstly the 2008 awards were passed out at the awards ceremony in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan, on Irish Nationals weekend back in April 2009. Then, as part of a new phase of development approved by Central Council, the new-look stand alone All Star Awards Banquet took place in Croke Park on Friday 4th December. There were 392 guests present at the black-tie event which proved to be a huge success.

The evening was hosted by RTE's Marty Morrissey and began with the introduction of the 37 World champions. Following this was the presentation of awards to the 4 provincial All Star Award winners and with those winners then forming the nominations list for the National awards categories. Special guest on the evening was Tyrone all-star, Peter Canavan, and he spoke highly of the sport and how he has since taken up the sport himself with great enthusiasm in his school, Holy Trinity College, Cookstown.



Limerick's Seamus O'Carroll receives his Young Male Player of the Year award for 2009 from special guest, Peter Canavan

There is no doubt that this will now be marked down as an eagerly awaited date every year on the national handball clár. CLLE have viewed this as an opportunity to not just honour our star players on the court but also to recognise the huge commitment of the many volunteers who continue to work so tirelessly in making our games so special.

### GAA Handball National All-Star Awards 2009

**Male Player:**
**International Player:**
**Youth Male Player:**
**Young Male Player:**
**Official of the Year:**
**Club Person of the Year:**
**Team of the Year:**
**Hall of Fame Winners:**
**Club of the Year:**

Paul Brady, Cavan

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Martin Mulkerrins, Galway

Seamus O'Carroll, Limerick

Austin McKenna, Monaghan

Andy Purcell, Tipperary

Fiona Shannon & Sibeal Gallagher, Antrim

John Smith (Tyrone); Tom Walsh (Wicklow), Mike Keady (Galway) and Tom Quish (Limerick)

Leixlip Handball Club (Kildare)

**Female Player:**
**Masters Player:**
**Youth Female Player:**
**Young Female Player:**
**Special Achievement:**
**Coach of the Year:**

Fiona Shannon, Antrim

Michael Ducksy Walsh, Kilkenny

Lauren O'Riordain, Roscommon

Shauna Hilley, Wicklow

Paddy Walsh, Sligo

Michael O'Keefe, Cork



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## AA Handball Showdown

the first time as part of a e during the GAAs 125 s the GAA Showdown staged at Croke Park. A n football, hurling, ladies e and rounders teamed s of handball in a county ment for men and for the ladies.

augural honours went to d Donnacha O'Connor 20 and Gavin Buggy and rson (Wexford) in the ies events it was Shauna D'Arcy (Leinster) in the dre Donohoe and Cora acht) in the 60x30. There exhibition President's hich Christy Cooney and teamed up to play a against Tony Hannon and . The event proved a and €2,000 raised from presented to the Make a n.

ly underway to advance a new-style format will - TV coverage in 2010. the event will be shown itial GAA Handball show



Ladies players who competed in the 2009 Ultimate GAA Handball Showdown at Croke Park as part of the GAA125 celebrations.



Presidents present 60x30 Male finalists in the 2009 Ultimate GAA Handball Showdown at Croke Park. Pictured L to R: Joan O'Flynn (Uachtarán Camogie), Tommy Walsh (Kilkenny hurler), Tony Hannon (Uachtarán GAA Handball), Gavin Buggy (Wexford), Christy Cooney (Uachtarán GAA), Anthony Masterson (Wexford footballer), Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) and Geraldine Giles (Iar-Uachtarán ladies football)





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### Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a special thanks to our parent body, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, and the many officers who have had such an impact on the sport of handball again in 2009. The year began with Uachtarán CLG, Níoclás Ó Braonáin, in office and from my very first meeting he was very clear in his admiration for handball and extremely helpful in any requests.

The current Uachtarán CLG, Críostoir Ó Cuana, began his term in office in April 2009 and there is no doubt that he has been a tremendous source of encouragement and vision in relation to handball. His intentions have been very much towards building the relationships of handball within the GAA family and his leadership is coming at an invaluable time for our sport. It will be very important for handballing players and officials everywhere to embrace this support and look forward with great belief and confidence to the exciting times that lie ahead for GAA Handball as a result.

I would also like to offer sincere thanks to Páraic Ó Dufaigh, Árd Stiúrthóir CLG, for his continued help and guidance in all matters in relation to handball. Despite the huge pressures and challenges he faces in one of the most demanding roles in this country, he is always available to offer support in any matter which requires attention. In all cases Críostoir and Páraic have been invaluable through their evident ambition to see handball be the very best it can be as a sport in Ireland.

There have been many other members of the CLG team in Croke Park which have provided invaluable assistance over the course of the year. In the finance department Cáit Ní Shlataire, Tom Ryan, Póilín Ní Bhriain and David Muckian have been a great source of help in the first year during the transition of the GAA Handball accounts to the finance department of the GAA. A great deal more work will now follow Congress 2010 to look at ways of improving the structures and budget control. There have been many other members of the Croke Park GAA team who have always been available to advise and provide any help requested and I thank them for their continued support to handball.

Throughout the GAA family members of An Coiste Bainistí and Ard Comhairle were always available for help and advice and would certainly have shown how open and supportive they would be to GAA Handball as we strive for greater things in the future.

Peter Hanan through his link work with the GAA and Handball has been a tremendous asset for our sport over the past 18 months. His work within the Strategic Review group can ensure that when the new plan is realised and adopted that it will be a living working plan that will benefit our sport greatly in rising forward. A great deal of what we as an organisation will require in moving forward will be to embrace our sport within the GAA family. Particularly at club and county level we must work hard to ensure that in all our transactions we find a way to be of the utmost benefit to each other in our efforts to remain the focal point of the community.

Finally I would like to offer a special word of thanks to Seosamh Ó Seachsanaigh, the GAA management representative on Ard Comhairle CLLE. Unfortunately Joe will be stepping down from this role following GAA Congress in April. He travelled as part of the official party to the world championships with his wife, Anne, and was a breath of fresh air in terms of his approach to everything about handball. I know that he has really taken to our sport within the GAA and there is no doubt he will be there in the future too looking at ways in which we can continue to rise to every challenge facing us.

Of course the financial contribution of the GAA to Handball must be stated. €155,944 was given in grant aid from the GAA in 2009 and there will be ongoing discussions to look at a promotional grant in light of developments for 2009. An increased grant has already been agreed upon for 2010.



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### Sports Council for Ireland

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann would like to also thank the Irish Sports Council (ISC) for their financial and other support throughout 2009. €143,746 was provided in grant aid from the ISC in 2009 and this was invaluable in a year in which we seen great strides in terms of promotion and development in handball. The special grant for player development of €14,000 and €5,000 in respect of the player carding grants was taken away with for 2009 and again is not included in the 2010 grant awarded. During tough financial times all around the country and due to the cutbacks in most sectors of the economy, GAA Handball have also seen a significant cut in our grant going forward to €110,600 for 2010. We will continue to work closely with the ISC to ensure we are utilising our grant aid in the best possible way to develop our sport. With so many of our players now amongst the very best in the world and with the 2012 world championships coming to Ireland and an ongoing plan internationally to see handball secure a place in the Olympic Games, then we will continue to seek the best advice and resources available to us as an NGB from the ISC. In that respect I would like to thank all the ISC personnell who have been available for advice and to Erika Murphy for her guidance in all matters.

### Buíochas

I would like to thank Uachtarán CLLE, Tony Hannon, for his selfless commitment and dedication to GAA Handball. Despite many setbacks and challenging times over the course of the year he remains firm in his most genuine pursuit of the very best which can be achieved by our sport. In my first year in the role, he has been a most invaluable source of advice and guidance. His efforts to ensure he reaches out to all levels of the association has been personified in his attendance at countless events and handball occasions throughout the year. This is a highly demanding role in that respect but our Uachtarán always adheres to every task with enthusiasm and passion for what he is doing.

To Cisteoir, Ken Conway, I also offer sincere thanks for his tremendous work and support throughout the year and to our four provincial administrators on Coiste Bainistí who continue to put in an incredible amount of time and energy into their highly demanding roles in running all administrative duties. I would also like to thank our Ard Comhairle members, our provincial councils, county committees and club officers who are all the real backbone of our whole organisation. The outstanding selfless drive and devotion to their task will always ensure the concrete future of handball and their resiliency and perseverance will be rewarded in the years ahead through constant growth and popularity of GAA Handball. To Lorcán Ó Ruairc I would offer special thanks again for his continued help and guidance in carrying out this role. I wish to also thank Niamh Egan for her enthusiastic and energetic approach to every assignment facing her and I look forward to her continued efforts in her new and pivotal role within the association. I also thank John Kelly and Brigid Doherty for their administrative assistance over the course of the year.

I would also think it very important to mention the exceptional contribution of our thousands of players who continue to train and play our games with the utmost passion and fervour, at all levels. I have no doubt that our players are amongst the finest sporting athletes in the world and as an organisation we will continue to strive to ensure they are recognised in such a manner in the years ahead.

As I conclude my first year in the post of Bainisteoir Náisiúnta, I would say that the challenge has possibly been a much greater one than what I envisaged. There will no doubt be continued obstacles to face in the future but I can give an assurance to all our players and officials that I will adhere to every task with the 'good of handball' as the primary goal at all times.

**Críostóir Ó Corrain**

**Bainisteoir Náisiúnta, CLG Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann**



## Na Rúin

### RULES

#### Part II Court and Equipment

##### D. PLAYING ATTIRE.

**1.** In all inter-county championship, league and other official matches, each player is required continuously to wear a **T-shirt and Togs** bearing the colours of the county as registered with the GAA, Sport Shoes and Socks. In doubles matches partners must be similarly attired, i.e. T-Shirts, Shorts and Socks should match. Failure to comply with this rule will involve a fine which must be paid before the county may continue to compete in official competitions or championships.

(Cill Chainnigh)

##### E BLOOD RULE.

A player who is bleeding or has blood on any part of his/her body, playing attire or playing equipment as a result of an injury sustained during play, shall, on the instruction of the referee, immediately leave the court to receive medical and/or other attention. He/she shall not be allowed to return to the court until the bleeding has stopped, all blood has been cleaned off, and where possible, the injured area has been covered, any bloodstained playing attire has been replaced and any bloodstained playing equipment has been fully cleaned. **A player is allowed a maximum of 15 minutes injury time and this includes blood injury.**

(Cill Chainnigh)

#### Part III Officials and Officiating

##### B 3. Appeal Calls.

During the rally, if a player feels his opponent did not return the ball legally (**Short Ball**, Double Bounce, Wrist Ball, or Carry), **he may appeal at end of rally**. He then accepts the consequences of the appeal.

(Cill Chainnigh)

##### C. MARKER.

A marker shall be appointed to keep a record of the points scored and assist the referee by keeping the record of the order of service. The referee shall inform the players of the score before each service. **A Referee may appoint linespersons to assist in appeal calls.**

(Cill Chainnigh)

#### Part IV - Serve

##### A 1 General.

**(a) Order:** The player or side winning the toss of a coin becomes the first server and starts the first game. **The player with the most aces serves first in the tie-breaker game.**

(Cill Chainnigh)

**(d) Manner:** A serve is commenced by bouncing the ball to the floor in the service zone. After the serve is commenced the ball must be struck by the server's hand or fist so that it hits the front wall and on the rebound hits the floor back of the short line, either with or without touching one of the side walls.

(Cill Chainnigh)

**3 (a) (ii) Screen Balls.** The ball passes so close to the server or the server's partner that the view of the returning side is obstructed. Any serve passing between the server's partner and the side wall is an automatic screen. **Two consecutive screen serves is a foul.**

(Cill Chainnigh)

##### E - Hinders

**1 (b) Hitting Opponent:** When a returned ball touches an opponent on the fly before it returns to the front wall. **If the ball would not have reached the front wall it's a point.**

(Cill Chainnigh)



## Na Rúin

### 9 2 B – Avoidable Hinders

(b) **Blocking:** A player moves into a position that effects a block or crowds his opponent about to return the ball, or in doubles, one partner moves in front of an opponent as his partner is returning the ball. **This applies when a player falls he must stay down if he would obstruct his opponent by getting up.**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

### 10 F. REST PERIODS

2 (b) During the game players in singles and each side in doubles may request a 'time out'. Each "time out" shall not exceed thirty seconds and not more than three "time outs" (**two in 11 ace game**) shall be granted each player in singles and each side in doubles in each game. This applies to 40 x 20 and **Golden Masters Player and Over in 60 x 30.**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

### 11 Playing Rules, Section F:

**That the following paragraph be added.**

(c) That three time-outs of 30 seconds be allowed in all 60x30 games in the following grades - Golden Masters, Emerald Masters, Diamond Masters and Ruby Masters.  
(Chill Mhantáir)

### 12 Playing Rules, Section E:

**That the following paragraph be added.**

(i) Where a ball strikes a player in 40x20 and 60x30 games and, which in the opinion of the Referee such ball, before it has struck a player, had no prospect of reaching the front wall, a point or hand out, as appropriate, be given.  
(Chill Mhantáir)

### 13 Rule F (Match)

**addendum to rule (a)**

(a) in 40x20 a match is won by the side first winning two games. **In the event of the match standing at game each following the opening two games then a tie-breaker of 11 aces will be played. First service in the tie-breaker will be taken by the player(s) with the highest aggregate score. In the event of aggregate scores being level, a new coin toss will decide who serves first in the tie-breaker.**  
(Tír Eoghain)

### 14 Rule V (D) - Ladies Handball: additional rule to Playing Equipment

(b) In Ladies handball championships, players will be permitted to wear sleeveless tee shirts/jerseys in official County Colours.  
(Lar Mhantáir)

### 15 Rule Book: Part V (E)

Regulations for Boys Colleges 40x20 and 60x30 Championships

2 (b) Scoring - Best of 3 games to 15 points (for Junior events)

3 (b) Scoring - Best of 3 games to 15 points (for Intermediate events)

**amended from 2 games of 21 aces and tie-break of 11 aces.**

4 (b) Scoring - Best of 3 games to 15 points (for Senior events)

**amended from 2 games of 21 aces and tie-break of 11 aces.**

Regulations for Girls Colleges 40x20 and 60x30 Championships

2 (b) Scoring - Best of 3 games to 15 points (for Junior events)

3 (b) Scoring - Best of 3 games to 15 points (for Senior events)

**amended from 2 games of 21 aces and tie-break of 11 aces.**  
(CLLE Ard Comhairle)

### 16 Rule Book: Part V (H)

**Playing Equipment**

60x30: Adult Female - Dunlop Softball (**change from Challenger 3**)  
(CLLE Ard Comhairle)



**Na Rúin****Juvenile Playing Rules (Section 1)**

The Irish Handball Council shall organize Singles and Doubles Championships in Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 in both 40x20 and 60x30.

*Under 17 deleted.*

(Cill Chainnigh)

(B) Singles and Doubles matches are for the best of three games of 15 points at Under 12, Under 13, Under 14 and **Under 15 levels**, and two games of 21 points and tie – break to 11 at Under 16.

*Under 15 changed to 3 by 15 ace games*

(Cill Chainnigh)

**Delete Rule F**

(Cill Chainnigh)

**Rule L** (a), (c), **Delete Under 17**  
**Delete** (b), (d)

(Cill Chainnigh)

**Fo-Rialacha****Fo-Rialacha Rule 47. G2,H2,I2,J2,K2,**

Confined to players over X years of age who have not won a **Minor, Under 21**, Junior B, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Masters 'A' or 'B' or Silver Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

*Minor, Under 21 added*

(Cill Chainnigh)

**Fo-Rialacha Rule 47. (O)**

All players are confined to one grade of singles or doubles in inter-county competition in 40 x 20, Softball and Hardball in any one year, except players competing in the Senior championship who can also compete in their own grade, and players in Masters grades who do not have a doubles partner in their grade in their own county who can play singles in their own grade and play doubles in another **masters** grade, for which they are eligible, with a player from their own county.

*masters added*

(Cill Chainnigh)

**Fo-Rialacha Rule 47. (P)**

Juvenile Championships under the jurisdiction of the Central Council shall be held each year in Softball and 40 x 20 Singles and Doubles. The All-Ireland 40 x 20 Championships to be completed by **30th April** each year and the 60 x 30 Championships by 15 November each year.

*May 31 changed 30th April*

(Cill Chainnigh)

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

(i) Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 Grades:

The Under 15 is for non-winners of gold, silver or bronze medals at Under 14 and non-winners of gold at Under 15. Duplication is not permitted i.e. a player may not play in both Singles and Doubles nor in more than one age group in the same year. A player defeated in an earlier round may not be used as a substitute in the same year.

*Under 17 Grade deleted*

(Cill Chainnigh)

**Fo-Rialacha Rule 48. UNDER-AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMPETITIONS**

(A) A minor player must be under 18 years of age on 1 January of the current year's championship.

**(A1) A minor B player must be under 18 years of age on 1 January of the current year's championship and must have not won a U14 Provincial title, U15, All Ireland Title and Under 16 Provincial Title.**

*New addition to rule*

(Cill Chainnigh)



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(B) The Under 21 Championships are confined to players in the 18-21 age bracket. Players must be 18 years of age or over and under 21 years of age on 1 January of the year of the championship.

**Confined to players who have not won a Under 14, Under 16, Minor, Under 21, Junior B, Junior Intermediate, Senior All Ireland Title.**

**New addition to rule**

(Cill Chainnigh)

7

**Fo-Rialacha Rule 49 (B).**

(vi) A Junior B shall be over 21 years of age.

**Over 16 changed over 21**

(Cill Chainnigh)

8

That a Senior B Singles and Doubles Championship be organised in 40x20 and 60x30. The grade to be confined to first round losers in the Senior and/or Open and Intermediate All Ireland Championship.

(Chill Mhantáin)

9

That an Over 35 Singles and Doubles 60x30 Championship be organised:

(i) Confined to players over 35 years of age and under 40 years of age.

(ii) Confined to players who have not won an All Ireland Senior 60x30 Championship.

(Chill Mhantáin)

10

That an Over 35 Singles and Doubles 40x20 Championship be organised.

(i) Confined to players over 35 years of age and under 40 years of age.

(ii) Confined to players who have not won an All Ireland Senior 40x20 Championship or Irish National Open title.

(Chill Mhantáin)

11

**Fo-Rialacha 33 (A) be amended as follows:**

The Central Council shall consist of President; the Bainisteoir, without voting rights; the President Elect, if in office the immediate Past President for the year following his term in office as President; The Vice Presidents, being the Chairpersons of each Provincial Council; **the four Provincial Administrators**; the Treasurer; a player representative of each Provincial Council; representative from the Irish Collegiate Handball Association/Comhairle Ard Oideachais Liathróid Láimhe (ICHA/CAOLL); the Handball representative on the GAA Central Council; two representatives from the Strategic Monitoring Committee; the National Children's Officer and the GAA Liaison Officer, all with voting rights. The Player representative shall be under 30 at the time of election to Central Council.

**add to Central Council: the four Provincial Administrators**

(Chill Mhantáin)

12

Within 21 days of 2010 CLLE Annual Congress the President, President Elect and National Manager select a panel of 8 people, minimum of 4 must be members of clubs who have facilities and record of direct involvement in 60x30 softball, to form a 60x30 Softball Study Group with the President Elect chairing the group who's primary function will include:

(i) report on current state of 60x30 facilities and 60x30 Softball

(ii) prepare a set of recommendations to address the future of both 60x30 facilities and 60x30 softball handball and above report (i) and recommendations be distributed to all handball clubs by 1st September 2010.

(iii) CLLE call a Special Congress in late October/Early November 2010 for the purpose of adapting/rejecting recommendations/motions in relation to above.

The 3 above officers and their selected study group will be responsible for establishment of 'Terms of Reference' for the Study Group.

(An Cabhan)

13

That County Handball Committees be exempt from Rule 3.11 (b) in the GAA Official Rules Guide in relation to 'The County' and pertaining 'The maximum period of office for any specific officership shall be five years'.

(CLLE Ard Comhairle)

**(the final passing of this Rule is subject to approval by CLG An Coiste Bainisti)**



## Na Rúin

### Rule 49 (B) - That the following rule be added:

(viii) That Ladies Junior B All Ireland Singles and Doubles Championship in 40x20 and 60x30 be confined to players who have not won a Ladies All Ireland Junior B Singles or Doubles Championship or any All Ireland championship above this grade. Provincial Junior B Championship success does not rule a player from competing in the Ladies Junior B Championship in the years following said success.

(Lar Mhí)

14

That the venue for Congress each year be on a provincial rota basis. The exception to this rule being the year in which there is the election of a new President which would be held in the Presidents home county. In this instance that province will then lose it's next entitlement to host Congress and this will move on to the next province in the rota.

(Ard Mhacha)

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That clear grading guidelines be set down for the Irish Nationals and World Championships, as it effects Irish players.

(Chill Mhantáin)

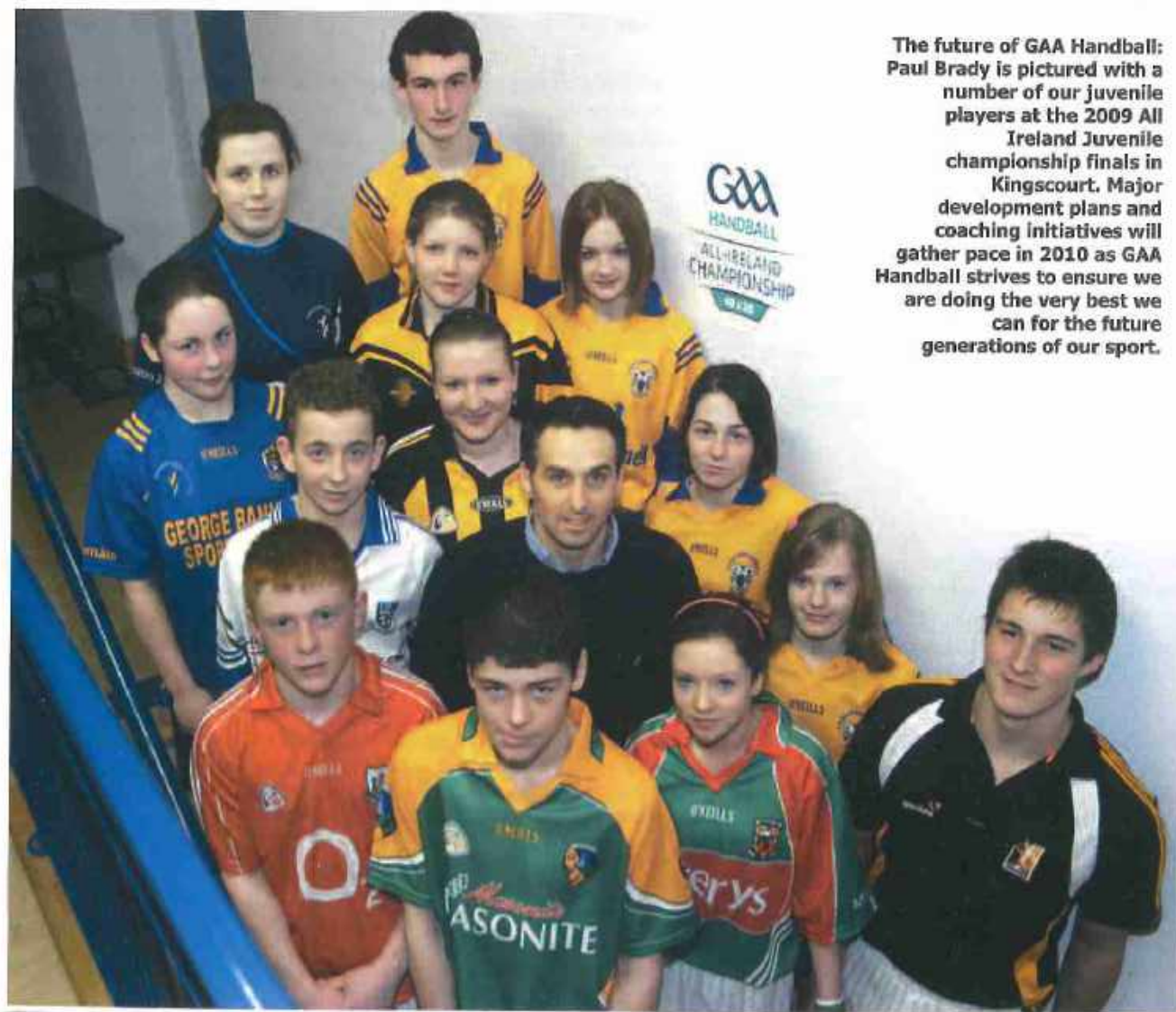
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CLLE define an Open Player, A Player, B Player, C Player for:

(i) Irish Nationals, (ii) World Championships, (iii) Open Tournaments

(Laois)

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The future of GAA Handball: Paul Brady is pictured with a number of our juvenile players at the 2009 All Ireland Juvenile championship finals in Kingscourt. Major development plans and coaching initiatives will gather pace in 2010 as GAA Handball strives to ensure we are doing the very best we can for the future generations of our sport.



## CLLE: Financial Statements 2009



O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATE  
Chartered Accountants

### Report of the Independent Auditors

#### To the Members of Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hEireann

We have audited the financial statements of Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hEireann for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Statement of Management Responsibilities, the Revenue Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements, on page 5 to 7, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

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

As described in the Statement of Management Responsibilities management are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. 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 purposes of our audit and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

#### Basis of Opinion

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



## CLLE: Financial Statements 2009



O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants

### Report of the Independent Auditors

#### To the Members of Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hÉireann

##### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs at 31 December 2009 and of its deficit for the year then ended.

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

O'Connor & Associates  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Harcourt Centre,  
Harcourt Road  
Dublin 2

15 March 2010



**CLLE: Financial Statements 2009**

**Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann**  
**Revenue Account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2009**

	Schedule	2009 €
<b>Income</b>		
Registrations		24,371
Gate Receipts		13,900
Competition and Event Income		24,044
Irish Sports Council Grants	1	143,746
Cumann Luthchleas Gael Grants		113,844
Cumann Luthchleas Gael Supplementary Grant		-
Cumann Luthchleas Gael International Grant		42,100
Sponsorship and Subscriptions		61,505
Advertising		-
Sale of Equipment	2	6,071
Yearbook		-
Other Income		3,843
		<u>433,424</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Competition and Event Expenses		64,808
International		64,664
Provincial Open Tournament Grants		2,840
3rd Level Grants		-
Juvenile Expenses		11,372
Promotional Materials		44,388
Trophies and Medals		27,964
Meetings and Officials' Travel		48,131
Provincial Grants		2,540
Coaching, Leadership and Development		7,097
Administration and General	3	196,001
Depreciation		2,453
		<u>472,258</u>
<b>Operating (Deficit) / Surplus</b>		<b>(38,834)</b>
Balance at beginning of year		<u>88,148</u>
Balance at end of year		<u><u>49,314</u></u>

Cisteoir, Cionnaith Ó Chonbhuí

Bainisteoir Náisiúnta, Críostóir Ó Corrain

15 March 2010



## CLLE: Financial Statements 2009

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann  
Balance Sheet  
for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 €	2008 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	3	-	2,453
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks		2,636	1,869
Debtors and Prepayments	4	207,909	107,368
Cash and Bank Balances		120	96,750
		<u>210,665</u>	<u>205,987</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		81,191	40,292
Bank Overdraft		80,160	80,000
		<u>161,351</u>	<u>120,292</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>49,314</u>	<u>85,695</u>
		<u>49,314</u>	<u>88,148</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Accumulated Fund	5	49,314	88,148
		<u>49,314</u>	<u>88,148</u>

Cisteoir, Cionnaith Ó Chonbhui

Bainisteoir Náisiúnta, Críostóir Ó Corrain

15 March 2010



## CLLE: Financial Statements 2009

Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2009

## 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

(a) The accounts are prepared under the historic cost convention.

(b) Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets other than Outlay on Ceannarus is equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Office Equipment      - 20% Straight line

## 2. Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>		
At 31 December 2008	13,998	13,998
At 31 December 2009	13,998	13,998
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 31 December 2008	11,545	11,545
Charge for year	2,453	2,453
At 31 December 2009	13,998	13,998
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 December 2009	-	-
At 31 December 2008	2,453	2,453

## 3. Debtors and Prepayments

	2009 €	2008 €
Grants Due from Cumann Luthchleas Gael	155,944	85,000
Other Debtors	51,965	22,368
	207,909	107,368

## 4. Accumulated Fund

	2009 €	2008 €
Balance at beginning of year	88,148	46,111
Surplus for year	(38,834)	42,038
Balance at end of year	49,314	88,149



## CLLE: Financial Statements 2009

### Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

	2009 €	2008 €
<b>Schedule 1</b>		
<b>Irish Sports Council Grants</b>		
Annual Grant	143,746	125,875
Carding Scheme	-	19,000
	<u>143,746</u>	<u>144,875</u>
Less : Distributable		
Carding Scheme	-	(19,000)
	<u>143,746</u>	<u>125,875</u>
<b>Schedule 2</b>		
<b>Sale of Equipment</b>		
Sales of Handballs	33,066	22,797
Opening Stock	1,869	1,780
Purchases	40,431	35,391
Stock used for competitions and promotions	(12,669)	(14,044)
Closing Stock	(2,636)	(1,869)
Cost of Sales	<u>26,995</u>	<u>21,258</u>
Profit on sale of equipment	<u>6,071</u>	<u>1,539</u>
<b>Schedule 3</b>		
<b>Administration and General Expenses</b>		
Staff Costs	150,584	138,292
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	21,605	23,584
Postage and Telephone	6,635	9,605
Audit and Accountancy Fees	7,571	5,832
Bank Interest & Charges	731	1,131
Legal Fees	-	3,576
Consultancy Fees	3,456	10,878
All - Ireland Tickets	280	3,640
Miscellaneous	2,479	1,455
Ceannarus Repairs	2,660	1,005
	<u>196,001</u>	<u>198,998</u>



**CLLE: Financial Statements 2009**

O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants

The President and Members of  
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann  
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

15 March 2010

A Cháirde

We have examined the records of an Comhairle for the year ended 31 December 2009.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Income of the year amounted to €433,424. Expenditure came to €472,258 leaving a deficit of €38,834. In the preceding year there was an operating surplus of €42,037. As compared with that year the following were the principal variations in income and expenditure:

INCOME	Increase / (Decrease) €
Registrations	(2,488)
Gate Receipts	(1,358)
Competition and Event Income	4,514
Irish Sports Council Grants	17,871
Cumann Luthchleas Gael Grants	(24,056)
Sponsorship and Subscriptions	44,005
Other Income	(4,420)
	<u>34,068</u>
 EXPENDITURE	 Increase / (Decrease) €
Competition Expenses	29,471
International	50,769
Provisional Open Tournament Grants	(536)
3rd Level Grants	(635)
Juvenile	(1,297)
Promotional Materials	23,395
Trophies	7,231
Meetings and Officials' Travel	6,221
Coaching, Leadership and Development	3,318
Administration and General	(2,997)
Depreciation	(1)
	<u>114,939</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

The assets of an Chomhairle at 31 December 2009 had a value of €210,665. Liabilities at the same date including bank overdraft of €80,160 came to €161,351. The assets exceeded liabilities by €49,314.

As in previous years Interest on Bank Borrowings has been avoided by arrangement with Central Council Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

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## Torthaí 2009...

### GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Softball Championships 2009 in association with M DONNELLY

<b>Minor Singles:</b>	MAYO (Stephen Cooney) dft LIMERICK (Padraig O'Carroll) 21-14, 21-0
<b>Minor Doubles:</b>	MAYO (Stephen Cooney/Ian McLoughlin) dft KILKENNY (Eoghan Hennessy/Keith Bourke) 21-17, 21-17
<b>Under 21 Singles:</b>	LIMERICK (Seamus O'Carroll) dft Tyrone (Brian Donaghy) 21-6, 21-5
<b>Under 21 Doubles:</b>	LIMERICK (Seamus O'Carroll/CJ Fitzpatrick) dft Tyrone (Brian Donaghy/Paul Donnelly)
<b>Junior B Singles:</b>	WEXFORD (Darren O'Toole) dft GALWAY (Trevor Hannon) 21-2, 21-14
<b>Junior B Doubles:</b>	WEXFORD (David Redmond/Darren O'Toole) dft GALWAY (Shane Conneely/Trevor Hannon) 21-15, 21-10
<b>Junior Singles:</b>	ROSCOMMON (Lorcan Maughan) dft KILKENNY (William Love) 21-14, 21-7
<b>Junior Doubles:</b>	KILKENNY (William Love/Daniel Love) dft ROSCOMMON (Chris Doolin/Neil McDermott) 21-15, 15-21, 21-10
<b>Intermediate Singles:</b>	KILKENNY (Brian Manogue) dft MAYO (Ollie Cassidy) 21-11, 21-14
<b>Intermediate Doubles:</b>	KILKENNY (Nicholas Anthony/Joe Walsh) dft GALWAY (Ollie Conway/Alan Tierney) 21-6, 21-7
<b>Open Senior Singles:</b>	DUBLIN (Eoin Kennedy) dft WESTMEATH (Robbie McCarthy) 21-9, 21-7
<b>Open Senior Doubles:</b>	DUBLIN (Eoin Kennedy/Egin Jensen) dft MEATH (Tom Sherridan/Brian Carroll) 21-20, 21-12
<b>Masters A Singles:</b>	KILKENNY (Michael Walsh) dft TIPPERARY (Paul McGrath) 21-5, 21-4
<b>Masters A Doubles:</b>	KILKENNY (Michael Walsh/Partner) dft TIPPERARY (Paul McGrath/Adrian Johnson) 21-9, 21-4
<b>Masters B Singles:</b>	ROSCOMMON (Ronan Galvin) dft KILKENNY (Canice Quigley) 13-21, 21-15, 21-16
<b>Masters B Doubles:</b>	WEXFORD (Phil Coleman/Mick Armstrong) dft MAYO (Joe Dowling/Martin Vahey) 21-14, 21-12
<b>Silver Masters A Singles:</b>	KILKENNY (Billy Bourke) dft ROSCOMMON (Anthony O'Donnell) 21-2, 21-14
<b>Silver Masters A Doubles:</b>	KILKENNY (Martin Lawlor/Eugene Downey) dft ROSCOMMON (Anthony O'Donnell/Martin Bruen) 21-8, 21-8
<b>Silver Masters B Singles:</b>	CORK (John Hedigan) dft MAYO (Martin Vahey) 21-19, 21-3
<b>Silver Masters B Doubles:</b>	TIPPERARY (Mark Flynn/Niall Fitzgerald) dft MAYO (Frank Macken/Aidan Bell) 21-13, 21-17
<b>Golden Masters A Singles:</b>	KILKENNY (Johnny Brennan) dft MAYO (Kevin Geraghty) 21-7, 21-8
<b>Golden Masters A Doubles:</b>	MAYO (Kevin Geraghty/Martin Cronin) dft TIPPERARY (Pat Ryan/Billy McCarthy) 21-16, 20-21, 21-18
<b>Golden Masters B Singles:</b>	DUBLIN (Frank Kerins) dft GALWAY (Jimmy Connaughton) 21-13, 21-14
<b>Golden Masters B Doubles:</b>	CAVAN (Mickieleen Brady/Benny Corr) dft CLARE (Pat Donellan/Stephen McInerney) 21-11, 21-17
<b>Diamond Masters A Singles:</b>	DUBLIN (Eugene Kennedy) dft MAYO (John Kenny) 21-2, 21-18
<b>Diamond Masters A Doubles:</b>	TIPPERARY (Packie Mullins/Jim Ryan) dft CAVAN (Patsy Hand & Greg Sherridan) 21-5, 21-6
<b>Diamond Masters B Singles:</b>	GALWAY (John Kelehan) dft CORK (Tim Joe Healy) 21-6, 21-4
<b>Diamond Masters B Doubles:</b>	GALWAY (John Kelehan/Sean Finnegan) dft CORK (Tim Joe Healy/Tim O'Rourke)
<b>Emerald Masters A Singles:</b>	LIMERICK (Tom O'Brien) dft MAYO (Martin Cronin) 21-13, 21-12
<b>Emerald Masters A Doubles:</b>	CARLOW (Andy & Sean Ryan) dft SLIGO (Seamus Duffy/Pat O'Sullivan) 21-2, 21-7
<b>Emerald Masters B Singles:</b>	MAYO (Pat Hopkins) w/o DUBLIN (Paddy Clerkln) sec. Inj.
<b>Emerald Masters B Doubles:</b>	MAYO (Pat Hopkins/Vincent Hennelly) dft TIPPERARY (Jim Quinn/Gary Howard) 21-7, 21-19
<b>Ruby Masters Singles:</b>	DUBLIN (Mick O'Brien) dft SLIGO (Paddy Walsh) 13-21, 21-18, 21-14
<b>Ruby Masters Doubles:</b>	SLIGO (Paddy Walsh/Pauric Maye) dft DUBLIN (Mick O'Brien/Pat Ryan) 21-10, 21-7

### GAA HANDBALL Ladies All-Ireland 60x30 Championship Finals in association with M DONNELLY

<b>Ladies Minor Singles:</b>	WICKLOW (Shauna Hilley) dft MAYO (Amy Corrigan) 21-8, 18-21, 21-20
<b>Ladies Minor Doubles:</b>	MAYO (Amy Corrigan/Leona Ryder) dft CORK (Catriona Casey/Aisling O'Keefe) 21-7, 19-21, 21-15
<b>Ladies Junior B Singles:</b>	MAYO (Mary Duffy) w/o DUBLIN (Elizabeth Martin) scr. Inj.
<b>Ladies Junior B Doubles:</b>	MAYO (Mary Duffy/Stephanie Coleman) dft KERRY (Clara Ní She/Eilis ní Luing) 21-15, 18-21, 21-12
<b>Ladies Junior Singles:</b>	CLARE (Annmarie Fitzgerald) dft ROSCOMMON (Siobhan Tully) 21-2, 21-7
<b>Ladies Junior Doubles:</b>	KILKENNY (Claire Love/Maire T O'Neill) dft ROSCOMMON (Laura Mannion/Lynda Connolly) 21-16, 21-3
<b>Ladies Intermediate Singles:</b>	MAYO (Pauline Gallagher) dft KERRY (Catriona Casey) 9-21, 21-3, 21-4
<b>Ladies Intermediate Doubles:</b>	ROSCOMMON (Hilary Rushe/Deirdre Donohue) dft KERRY (Catriona Casey/Lisa Falvey) 21-16, 21-11
<b>Ladies Open Senior Singles:</b>	LIMERICK (Bernie Hennessy) dft KERRY (Ashley Prendiville) 21-5, 21-18
<b>Ladies Open Senior Doubles:</b>	KERRY (A Prendiville/Maebh Prendiville) dft ROSCOMMON (Katie Costelloe/Deirdre Donohoe) 21-17, 16-21, 21-15

### GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Hardball Championship Finals 2009

<b>Minor Singles:</b>	Mayo (Stephen Cooney) dft Wexford (Jason Murphy) 21-1, 21-20
<b>Minor Doubles:</b>	Kilkenny (Keith Bourke & Eoghan Hennessy) dft Mayo (Stephen Cooney/Ian McLoughlin) 21-15, 21-10
<b>Junior Singles:</b>	Limerick (Seamus O'Carroll) dft Limerick (C J Fitzpatrick) 21-9, 15-21, 21-3
<b>Junior Doubles:</b>	Limerick (C J Fitzpatrick & Seamus O'Carroll) dft Mayo (Paul Flynn & Ollie Cassidy) 21-9, 21-0
<b>Senior Singles:</b>	Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) dft Mayo (Dessie Keegan) 21-16, 21-17
<b>Senior Doubles:</b>	Meath (Tom Sherridan & Brian Carroll) dft Mayo (Dessie Keegan & Joe McCann) 18-21, 21-8, 21-4
<b>Masters Singles:</b>	Meath (Tom Sheridan) dft Laois (Paddy Donovan) 21-2, 21-0

### GAA HANDBALL All-Ireland 40x20 Championship Finals 2009 in association with DALKIA

<b>Minor Singles:</b>	Tyrone (Caolan Daly) dft Meath (Gary McConnell) 21-20 21-15
<b>Minor Doubles:</b>	Mayo (Stephen Cooney & Ian McLoughlin) dft Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion, Keith Bourke) 21-13, 21-6
<b>Under 21 Singles:</b>	Limerick (C J Fitzpatrick) dft Mayo (Ciaran Burke) 21-7, 21-3
<b>Under 21 Doubles:</b>	Limerick (C J Fitzpatrick/Seamus O'Carroll) dft Mayo (Ciaran Burke & Dara Reid) 21-6, 21-6
<b>Junior B Singles:</b>	Cork (Thomas O'Neill) dft Monaghan (Terry Kiernan) 21-19, 11-21, 21-7
<b>Junior B Doubles:</b>	Cork (Tadhg Carroll/Dion Cahill) dft Roscommon (Thomas McGrath & Niall Gordon) 21-14, 21-14
<b>Junior Singles:</b>	Roscommon (Chris Doolin) dft Offaly (David Hope) 21-10, 21-7
<b>Junior Doubles:</b>	Roscommon (Aengus Cunningham & Chris Doolin) dft Cork (Donnacha O'Dea/Michael Murphy) 21-18, 21-7



## Torthaí 2009...

**Intermediate Singles:**  
**Intermediate Doubles:**  
**Open Senior Singles:**  
**Open Senior Doubles:**  
**Masters A Singles:**  
**Masters A Doubles:**  
**Masters B Singles:**  
**Masters B Doubles:**  
**Silver Masters A Singles:**  
**Silver Masters A Doubles:**  
**Silver Masters B Singles:**  
**Silver Masters B Doubles:**  
**Golden Masters A Singles:**  
**Golden Masters A Doubles:**  
**Golden Masters B Singles:**  
**Golden Masters B Doubles:**  
**Diamond Masters A Singles:**  
**Diamond Masters A Doubles:**  
**Diamond Masters B Singles:**  
**Diamond Masters B Doubles:**  
**Emerald Masters A Singles:**  
**Emerald Masters A Doubles:**  
**Emerald Masters B Singles:**  
**Emerald Masters B Doubles:**  
**Ruby Masters Singles:**  
**Ruby Masters Doubles:**

**Antrim** (Owen McKenna) dft **Kilkenny** (Brian Manogue) 21-8, 21-8  
**Kilkenny** (Timmy & Michael Clifford) dft **Tyrone** (Shane O'Neill/Ruairi Kelly) 21-6, 21-9  
**Cavan** (Paul Brady) v **Dublin** (Eoin Kennedy) 21-10, 21-4  
**Mayo** (Dessie Keegan, Joe McCann) dft **Cavan** (Paul Brady, Michael Finnegan) 21-19, 9-21, 21-19  
**Kilkenny** (Michael Walsh) dft **Antrim** (Paddy Crothers) 21-19, 21-7  
**Meath** (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) dft **Antrim** (Paddy Crothers & John McGarry) 21-9, 21-10  
**Dublin** (Michael O'Donnell) dft **Antrim** (Ciaran O'Hare) 21-6, 20-21, 21-12  
**Dublin** (Fergal O Riain/Michael O'Donnell) dft **Antrim** (Ciaran O'Hare & Jim Devlin) 21-14, 19-21, 21-8  
**Kilkenny** (Billy Bourke) dft **Galway** (Eamonn Conneely)  
**Kilkenny** (Billy Bourke/Billy Walsh) dft **Galway** (Eamonn Conneely & Martin Conneely)  
**Wexford** (Pechelli English) dft **Galway** (Denis Phelan) 21-20, 21-18  
**Wexford** (Frank Maddock/Donal Doyle) dft **Antrim** (Stephen Brady & Joe Murphy) 21-16, 8 - 21, 21-18.  
**Kilkenny** (Johnny Brennan) dft **Mayo** (Kevin Geraghty) 21-19, 21-20  
**Kilkenny** (Johnny Brennan/Joe Hennessy) dft **Mayo** (Kevin Geraghty & Martin Cronin) 21-17, 21-20  
**Limerick** (Donal O'Connor) dft **Mayo** (Michael Heraty) O'Connor 21-11, 21-19  
**Mayo** (Michael Heraty & Liam Burke) dft **Limerick** (Donal O'Connor/Seamus Donovan) 9-21, 21-6, 21-6  
**Dublin** (Eugene Kennedy) winner **Antrim** (Seamus Graham) R/up  
**Kilkenny** (Seamus Reade/Paddy Reilly) dft **Roscommon** (Pat Clarke & Noel Raftery) 21-9, 21-16  
**Galway** (John Kelehan) dft **Kildare** (Des Lyons) 21-19, 21-7  
**Galway** (Padraic Ó Conghaile & Padraic Ó Fátharta) dft **Wexford** (Ger McWilliams/Partner) 21-17, 21-6  
**Offaly** (Billy Mullins) W/O **Cavan** (Dominic Sherridan) scr. inj.  
**Offaly** (Billy Mullins/Jim Gullfoyle) dft **Mayo** (Tim Hughes & Vincent Hennelly) 21-6, 21-7  
**Mayo** (Pat Hopkins) dft **Kilkenny** (Jimmy Neary) 21-9, 21-5  
**Kilkenny** (Jimmy Neary/Pat Savage) dft **Antrim** (Peter McDermott & Kieran Megahey) 21-18, 16-21, 21-12  
**Mayo** (Sean Heaney) dft **Cork** (Pat O'Brien) 21-7, 21-18  
**Dublin** (Ned Flynn/Pat Ryan) dft **Sligo** (Paddy Walsh & Padraig Maye) 21-17, 21-13

### GAA HANDBALL Ladies All-Ireland 40x20 Championship Finals in association with DALKIA

**Ladies Minor Singles:**  
**Ladies Minor Doubles:**  
**Ladies Junior B Singles:**  
**Ladies Junior B Doubles:**  
**Ladies Junior Singles:**  
**Ladies Junior Doubles:**  
**Ladies Intermediate Singles:**  
**Ladies Intermediate Doubles:**  
**Ladies Senior Singles:**  
**Ladies Senior Doubles:**

**Down** (Lorraine Havern) dft **Cork** (Catriona Casey) 21-10, 21-10  
**Cork** (Aisling O'Keefe/Catriona Casey) dft **Mayo** (Amy Corrigan & Leona Ryder) 10-21, 21-20, 21-20  
**Leitrim** (Mary Shanley) dft **Laois** (Aisling Behan)  
**Laois** (Clara Dowling/Aisling Behan) dft **Roscommon** (Linda Conolly, Siobhan Tully) 16-21, 21-8, 21-0  
**Donegal** (Avril McNamee) dft **Kilkenny** (Clara Mahon)  
**Kerry** (Lisa Falvey/Sharon Twomey) dft **Donegal** (Avril McNamee & Geena McGowan) 21-5, 21-3  
**Wicklow** (Patricia Doyle) dft **Tyrone** (Lisa McAleer)  
**Roscommon** (Hilary Rushe & Leona Doolin) dft **Kerry** (Karen Lawlor/Catriona Casey)  
**Antrim** (Fiona Shannon) dft **Antrim** (Aisling Reilly) 21-18, 21-11  
**Antrim** (Fiona Shannon, Sibeal Gallagher) dft **Roscommon** (Marianna Rushe, Leona Doolin) 21-11, 21-7

### GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Club Championships 2009

**SENIOR OPEN CLUB 60x30 Championships FINAL:** Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Vincent Moran, Joe McCann, Stephen Cooney, Paul Flynn) dft Coolboy, Wicklow (Michael Gregan, Michael Lennon, Johnny Willoughby, Pat Quail, Sammy Willoughby) 97 - 90  
**JUNIOR CLUB 60x30 Championships FINAL:** Ballymoe, Roscommon (Lorcan Maughan, John Kennedy, Neil McDermott, Billy Kelly, Stevie Joyce) dft Coolboy, Wicklow (Jerome Willoughby, James Gregan, Keith Kavanagh, Gary Donohoe, Richard Willoughby) 103 - 77  
**JUNIOR B CLUB 60x30 Championship FINAL:** Cashel, Tipperary (Denis White, Raymond Manton, John Ferncombe, Niall Fitzgerald, Gary Moloney) dft Collooney, Sligo (Michael McGee, John McLoughlin, Sean Coen, Peter Davey, Stanley Harte) 84-13

### GAA Handball All Ireland 40x20 Club Championships 2009

**Junior B Club 40x20 Championship Final:** Liscaroll, Cork (Shane Hedigan, Tom O'Neill, Eugene O'Sullivan, Arthur O'Neill, Sean Daly) dft St Coman's, Roscommon (Oisín Naughton, Nigel Neilan, Niall Gordon, Thomas McGrath, Brendan McDonagh) 105-64  
**Junior Club 40x20 Championship Final 2009:** Coolboy, Wicklow (James Gregan, Jerome Willoughby, Keith Kavanagh, Gary Donohoe, John Rogers) dft Salthill, Galway (Kevin Craddock, Bernie McDonagh, John Ward, Thomas Sweeney, Trevor Hannon) 100-90  
**Senior Open Club 40 x20 Championship Final 2009:** Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (Dessie Keegan, Joe McCann, Stephen Cooney, Vinnie Moran, Paul Flynn) dft Coolboy, Wicklow (Michael Gregan, Johnny Willoughby, Sammy Willoughby, Pat Quail, Michael Lennon) 107-101

### GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Juvenile Championship finals 2009

**Boys U14 Singles:**  
**Boys U14 Doubles:**  
**BOYS U15 Singles:**  
**Boys U15 Doubles:**  
**Boys U16 Singles:**  
**Boys U16 Doubles:**  
**BOYS U17 Singles:**  
**BOYS U17 Doubles:**

**LIMERICK** (Padraig Quish) dft **ROSCOMMON** (Enda Connelley) 15-4, 15-3  
**ROSCOMMON** (Colm Walshe/Garry Kelly) dft **CLARE** (Colin Crehan/Patrick Fitzgerald) 15-11, 15-13  
**GALWAY** (Michael Lalor) dft **WEXFORD** (Richard Martin) 21-15, 21-20  
**CLARE** (Barry Mc Mahon/Jamie Shanahan) dft **ROSCOMMON** (Liam Costello/Alex McDermott) 21-0, 21-3  
**WEXFORD** (Dean Corrigan) dft **GALWAY** (Martin Mulkerrins) 18-21, 21-7, 11-3  
**WATERFORD** (Colm Kindregan/Barry Mc McCullough) dft **MAYO** (Lee Fennell/Padraig Callaghan) 21-3, 21-1  
**WEXFORD** (Cory Murphy) dft **MAYO** (Pauric Ryder) 21-3, 21-4  
**WEXFORD** (Luke Connors / Andy Cash) dft **MAYO** (Declan Murphy/John Cunnane) 21-5, 21-4

**GIRLS U14 Singles:**  
**GIRLS U14 Doubles:**  
**GIRLS U15 Singles:**

**ROSCOMMON** (Lauren O'Riordan) dft **WEXFORD** (Emer Nolan) 15-0, 15-2  
**GALWAY** (Róisín Ni Chonghaile/Ciana Ni Churraoin) dft **CARLOW** (Katie Moran / Shannon Geoghegan) 15-1, 15-1  
**KILKENNY** (Rachel Hogan) dft **KERRY** (Cornelia Prendeville) 21-13, 21-16



## Torthaí 2009...

Girls U15 Doubles:  
GIRLS U16 Singles:  
GIRLS U16 Doubles:  
GIRLS U17 Singles:  
Girls U17 Doubles:

CLARE (Alana O'Brien/Shaua O'Brien) dft LEITRIM (Katie Byrne/Shaua Clancy) 21-6, 21-6  
KILKENNY (Maria Walsh) W/O KERRY (Alana Diggins) scr. Inj.  
KILKENNY (Mary Phelan / Clara Mahon) – Winners  
KERRY (Aine Casey) dft GALWAY (Sinead Ní Ailín) 21-18, 21-3  
LIMERICK (Louise Casey/Emer Mc Carthy) dft KILKENNY (Claire Grace / Hazel Cuddihy) 21-19, 21-17

## GAA Handball 40x20 JUVENILE Championship finals 2009

Boys Under 14 Singles:  
Boys Under 14 Doubles:  
Boys Under 15 Singles:  
Boys Under 15 Doubles:  
Boys Under 16 Singles:  
Boys Under 16 Doubles:  
Boys Under 17 Singles:  
Boys Under 17 Doubles:

Clare (Barry Nash) dft Monaghan (Darren Doherty) 15-14, 15-1  
Clare (Colin Crehan & Patrick Fitzgerald) dft Tyrone (Gabhainn McCrystall & Pol Clarke) 15-5, 21-1  
Cork (Patrick Herlihy) dft Leitrim (Donal Wrynn) 21-19, 21-7  
Clare (Evan Corbett & Niall Bolton) dft Cavan (Adrian Smith & Senan Gilchreest) 21-14, 21-4  
Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Wicklow (Keith Kavanagh) 15-21, 21-16, 11-6  
Monaghan (Terry McElvaney/Christopher McKenna) dft Kilkenny (Peter Funchion/Andrew O'Dwyer) 21-14, 21-18  
Cork (Arthur McDonagh) dft Roscommon (Darren Beatty) 21-10, 21-14  
Kilkenny (Graham Clifford & Pauric Maher) dft Mayo (Garoid Hughes & Dara Ryder) 21-14, 21-12

Girls Under 14 Singles:  
Girls Under 14 Doubles:  
Girls Under 15 Singles:  
Girls Under 15 Doubles:  
Girls Under 16 Singles:  
Girls Under 16 Doubles:  
Girls Under 17 Singles:  
Girls Under 17 Doubles:

Roscommon (Lauren O'Riordan) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon) 8-15, 15-10, 15-10  
Galway (Róisín Ní Chonghaille & Cianna Ní Churraolín) dft Waterford (Aoife Landers & Emer Fennell) 15-4, 15-0  
Mayo (Jennifer Fahey) dft Clare (Alana O'Brien) 21-16, 21-9  
Clare (Paula Loughnane & Shauna O'Brien) dft Carlow (Katie O'Neill & Amy Byrne) 21-4, 21-7  
Armagh (Fionnuala McKenna) dft Kilkenny (Rachel Hogan) 21-7, 21-15  
Kilkenny (Claire Grace & Mary Phelan) dft Cavan (Katie Corrigan & Orla McCabe) 21-0, 21-1  
Kerry (Aine Casey) dft Roscommon (Aoife McDonagh) 21-15, 21-10  
Wexford (Malread Elmes & Sandra Kelly) dft Roscommon (Rochelle Mullaney & Catherine Hanlon) 21-9, 21-1

GAA Handball Irish 40x20 Nationals 2009  
in association with ENVIROGREEN

Boys 13 & Under Singles:  
Boys 15 & Under Singles:  
Boys 17 & Under Singles:  
Boys 19 & Under Singles:  
Girls 13 & Under Singles:  
Girls 15 & Under Singles:  
Girls 17 & Under Singles:  
Girls 19 & Under Singles:  
Men's Open Singles:  
Men's A Singles:  
Men's B Singles:  
Men's C Singles:  
Ladies Open Singles:  
Ladies B Singles:  
Masters A Singles:  
Masters B Singles:  
Golden Masters A Singles:  
Golden Masters B Singles:

Darren Doherty (Monaghan) dft Barry Nash (Clare) 21-6, 13-21, 11-3  
Padraig McKenna (Monaghan) dft Claran Malone (Clare) 18-21, 21-17, 11-4  
Jamie Lynch (Clare) dft Killian Carroll (Cork) 21-18, 18-21, 11-7  
Diarmaid Nash (Clare) dft Stephen Cooney (Mayo) 14-21, 21-7, 11-3  
Cianna Ní Churraolín (Galway) dft Jennifer Fahey (Mayo) 21-14, 21-13  
Lauren O'Riordan (Roscommon) dft Mary Phelan (Kilkenny) 21-7, 21-6  
Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Lorraine Havern (Down) 16-21, 21-11, 11-7  
Shauna Hilley (Wicklow) dft Leona Doolin (Roscommon) 21-13, 21-1  
Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) 21-15, 21-11  
Ger Coonan (Tipperary) dft Darragh Daly (Tyrone) 21-10, 18-21, 11-3  
David Walsh (Waterford) dft Patrick O'Donnell (Wicklow) 21-18, 20-21, 11-7  
David Hope (Offaly) dft Barry Devlin (Tyrone) 21-17, 16-21, 11-4  
Fiona Shannon (Antrim) dft Aisling Reilly (Antrim) 21-5, 21-11  
Lisa McAleer (Tyrone) dft Catriona Casey (Kerry) 21-1, 21-15  
Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Tom Sheridan (Meath) 21-13, 21-18  
Canice Quigley (Kilkenny) dft Ollie Flasey (Kilkenny) 21-20, 21-5  
Kevin Geraghty (Mayo) dft Johnny Brennan (Kilkenny) 21-10, 21-9  
Eammon Rice (Wicklow) dft Dermot Doolin (Roscommon) 12-21, 21-20, 11-3

GAA Handball Irish One Wall Nationals  
in association with LADBROKES

Under 12 Girls CUP:  
Under 12 Boys CUP:  
Under 14 Girls CUP:  
Under 14 Boys CUP:  
Under 16 Girls CUP:  
Under 16 Boys CUP:  
Under 18 Girls CUP:  
Under 18 Boys CUP:  
Men's B CUP:  
Men's C CUP:  
Men's Challenger CUP:  
Ladies Challenger CUP:  
Golden Masters CUP:  
Diamond Masters CUP:  
Emerald Masters CUP:  
Masters CUP:  
Ladies Open CUP:  
Men's Open CUP:  
Under 12 Girls PLATE:  
Under 12 Boys PLATE:  
Under 14 Boys PLATE:  
Under 14 Girls PLATE:

Eimear Ní Bhiadha (Galway) dft Hannah Dag (Kildare) 15-10, 15-5  
Daniel Curry (Wicklow) dft Niall Allison (Tyrone) 2-15, 15-12, 11-6  
Cianna Ní Churraolín (Galway) dft Lauren O'Riordan (Roscommon) 15-4, 6-15, 11-10  
Darren Doherty (Monaghan) dft Patrick McCrory (Tyrone) 15-10, 15-9  
Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Sinead Ní Ailín (Galway) 15-1, 15-7  
Martin Mulkerrins (Galway) dft Keith Kavanagh (Wicklow) 15-8, 15-3  
Amy Corrigan (Mayo) dft Clodagh McManamon (Mayo) 15-8, 15-9  
Stephen Cooney (Mayo) dft Ian McLoughlin (Mayo) 15-11, 15-11  
Nicholas Anthony (Kilkenny) dft Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow) 15-2, 15-2  
Michael Carroll dft Shane Heraty 4-15, 15-11, 11-7  
Andy Pringle (England) dft Fintan Creamer (Cork) 15-8, 15-1  
Bairbre Uí Ailín (Galway) dft Anita Ganguly (England) 15-8, 2-15, 11-8  
Peter Larkin (Monaghan) dft Brian Havern (Down) 15-12, 15-2  
Morgan D'Arcy (Galway) dft Seamus O'Fatharta (Galway) 15-9, 15-3  
Tony McInerney (Galway) dft Gerry Ó Fatharta (Galway) 15-7, 14-15, 11-6  
Conor McMahon (Armagh) dft Frank Semple (Dublin) 15-3, 15-3  
Marianna Rushe (Roscommon) dft Ashley Prenderville (Kerry) 15-5, 15-4  
Charly Shanks (Armagh) dft Dessie Keegan (Mayo) 15-2, 15-0  
Sorcha Ní Bhraonáin (Galway) dft Clodagh Nash (Clare) 20-14  
Sean Kerr (Tyrone) dft Claran Cooney (Kilkenny) 30-13  
Patrick Havern (Down) dft Ryan Mullen (Tyrone) 21-10  
Maeve McEluff (Tyrone) dft Anna Ní Bhraonáin (Galway) 36-5



## Torthaí 2009...

**Under 16 Boys PLATE:**  
**Under 18 Boys PLATE:**  
**Under 18 Girls PLATE:**  
**Men's Challenger PLATE:**  
**Men's C PLATE:**  
**Men's B PLATE:**  
**Masters PLATE:**  
**Ladies Open PLATE:**  
**Men's Open PLATE:**

Terry McElvaney (Monaghan) df Claran Buckley 26-12  
 Eoghan Hennessy (Kilkenny) df Gary Donoghue (Wicklow) 26-8  
 Leona Ryder (Mayo) df Stephanie Coleman (Mayo) 21-5  
 Colm Shanks (Armagh) df David Curry (Wicklow) 23-4  
 Claran Neary (Kilkenny) df Colin Melody 24-12  
 Claran Burke (Mayo) df Barry Hough 33-10  
 Sean McNally (Down) df Pat Quaille (Wicklow) 29-21  
 Deirdre Donohoe (Roscommon) df Hilary Rushe (Roscommon) 22-16  
 Peter Cohen (England) df Daragh Daly (Tyrone) 16-15

### GAA Handball Boys 60x30 Team Championship Finals:

**Under 12/Under 13 Team of 6 60x30 Championships FINAL:** TIPPERARY (Josh Moroney, John Ryan, Mikey Maher, James Cummins, Daniel Grath, Johnathan Walsh) df KILKENNY (John Walsh, Sean Carey, Sean Morrissey, Emmett Landy, Brian Mahon, Padraig Cooney, Connor O'Dwyer) 6-48  
**Under 14/Under 15 Team of 6 60x30 Championships FINAL:** WEXFORD (Galen Riordan, Graham Parker, Padraig Foley, Richard Martin, Phillip Watters, Dale Flynn) df CLARE (P Fitzgerald, B Mc Mahon, C Creehan, P Gleeson, J Shanahan, P Kelly) 62-53  
**Under 16/Under 17 Team of 6 60x30 Championships FINAL:** WEXFORD (Cory Murphy, James Barry, Luke Connors, Andy Cash, Walter Lawlor, James Watters) df TIPPERARY (Martin Kennedy, Michael O Connor, Blane Lenihan, Niall Fitzgerald, Eoin Fitzgerald, Alan Ryan) 45-33

### GAA Handball Boys 40x20 Team Championship Finals:

**Under 12/Under 13 Team of 6 60x30 Championships Semi-Finals:** CLARE (Fergal Coughlan, Brian Fahy, Emmett Gleeson, John O'Brien, Colin Corbett, Padraig McNamara, Cian Crimmins, Jamie Keane) df KILKENNY (Sean Carey, Brian Mahon, Pauric Cooney, Emmett Landy, Niall Walsh, Conor Duggan) 59-58; TYRONE (Pauric Mullan, Sean Kerr, Niall Allison, Ryan Mullan, Johnny Woods, Conor Keenan) df GALWAY (John Lalor, Daragh Mulkerrian, Cian O'Fatharta, Adrian Spellman, Anraoi White, Ronan O'Beolan, Ross Walsh, Ryan Fox) 90-40  
**Under 12/Under 13 Team of 6 60x30 Championships FINAL:** CLARE df TYRONE 67-62  
**Under 14/Under 15 Team of 6 60x30 Championships Semi-Finals:** CORK (Michael Hedigan, Ryan Harkin, Michael Dunne, Darren Whelan, Padraig Buckley, Daniel Reihan) df WEXFORD (Galen Riordan, Graham Parker, Richard Martin, Padraig Foley, Craig Wright, Philip Waters) 83-66; TYRONE (Eoin Mullan, Gerard Keenan, Pearse Grimes, Sean McCann, Brian McGurk, Mattie McSorley) df GALWAY (Eanna Kelehan, Kevin O'Donovan, Conor Noone, Conor Kyne, Patrick Fahy, Thomas Donovan, Donal McFlanchada) 84-41  
**Under 14/Under 15 Team of 6 60x30 Championships FINAL:** CORK df TYRONE 74-63  
**Under 16/Under 17 Team of 6 60x30 Championships FINAL:** Wexford (Cory Murphy, Dean Corrigan, Luke Connors, Colm Kinsella) df Tipperary (Shane Lenihan, Blain Lenihan, Michael O Connor, Niall Fitzgerald, Alan Ryan, Owen Fitzgerald) 54-48

### Girls Interprovincial 40x20 Team of Ten Championship 2009

**Semi-Final 1:** Connaught: Cianna Ni Churraoin, Caoimhe Shanagher, Shannon Keady, Mary Fahy, Lauren O'Riordan, Sinead Niallin, Jennifer Fahy, Roisin Ni Conghaile, Amy Corrigan, Leona Ryder, Aoife McDonagh, Fiona Tully df Ulster: Aoife McMcConville, Kaitlin Fieville, Meabh McElduff, Aoife Kelly, Niamh Farrell, Emma Gargan, Fionulla McKenna, Clodagh Donaghy, Niamh McMahon, Maria Fitzsimmons 139-60  
**Semi-Final 2:** Munster (Anna Prendeville, Aileen Twomey, Michelle Nihill, Martina McMahon, Natasha Coughlan, Alana O'Brien, Shauna O'Brien, Paula Loughnane, Aisling O'Keefe, Catriona Casey, Aine Casey, Lisa Loughnane) df Leinster (Amy O'Keefe, Kirsty Maher, Rebecca Timmons, Catherine Foley, Marie Walshe, Claire Grace, Malaine Byrne, Clara Mahon, Mary Phelan, Aine McGrane) 126-85  
**FINAL (at Lixlip, Kildare):** Connaught df Munster 127-78

### Intervarsities 60x30 Softball Championships 2009

in Wexford:  
**Mens A Winner:** Nicholas Anthony WIT (21-8, (18-21), 21-7)  
**Mens B Winner:** Noel Holohan WIT (15-2, 15-11)  
**Mens C Winner:** Chris Nolan UCD (15-10, 15-10)  
**Mens A Plate Winner:** Kevin Kraddock NUIG (15mins, 14-6)  
**Mens B Plate Winner:** James Smith DCU (15mins, 21-15)  
**Mens C Plate Winner:** Brian O'Sullivan DCU (15-5, 15-9)  
**Ladies A Winner:** Ashley Prendiville UCC (15-4, 15-0)  
**Ladies B Winner:** Meadhb Prendiville UCC (15-6, 15-9)  
**Ladies A Plate Winner:** Shauna Hilley ITT (15mins, 27-5)  
**Ladies B Plate Winner:** Sinead Carroll DCU (15mins, 27-2)  
**A Team Winner:** WIT - Patrick Funchion, Nicholas Anthony, Patrick Nolan, Ger McGrath (RR - WIT 180, ITT 97, DIT 54)  
**A Team Runner-up:** ITT - Danny Riordan, Aoife Dillane, Shauna Hilley, Shane Hedigan  
**B Team Winner:** DCU - Claran O'Sullivan, James Smith, Stephen Travers, Connor O'Gorman (73-72)  
**B Team Runner-up:** UCD - Michael Busher, Kevin Mulligan, Sam Tempe, Chris Nolan  
**C Team Winner:** DCU - Brian O'Sullivan, Colm Grace, Paddy Rowsome, Thomas Sinnott (90-22)  
**C Team Runner-up:** DIT - Eoin McCafferty, Conor Grealis, Aidan Melia, Jj Phelan  
**Ladies A Doubles Winner:** UCD - Hilary Rushe, Marianna Rushe (RR UCD-59, UCC-23, UL-9)  
**Ladies A Doubles R-up:** UCC - Ashley Prendiville, Meadhb Prendiville  
**Ladies B Doubles Winner:** ITT - Sarah Cunningham, Aoife Dillane (21-0, 21-0)  
**Ladies B Doubles R-up:** DIT - Aoife Whelan, Nita Whelan

### Intervarsities 40x20 Team Championships 2009

**A Team Championship Final:** UUJ v NUIG: 104 - 104. UUJ win title in tie-break 21-9.



**Torthaí 2009...****B Team Championship Final:****C Team Championship Final:****Womens A Doubles Final:****Womens B Doubles Final:**

Ciaran Burke (NUIG) v Padraig McGlinchy (UUJ) 19-21, 6-21

Kevin Kraddock &amp; Diarmuid Nash (NUIG) v Brian Donaghy &amp; Conor Duff (UUJ) 21-15, 21-7

Darragh Daly (UUJ) v Niall Malone (NUIG) 21-16, 21-19

Tiebreak: Padraig McGlinchy &amp; Darragh Daly (UUJ) v Niall Malone &amp; Diarmuid Nash (NUIG) 21-9

UCD dft TCD 110 - 82: Marianna Rushe (UCD) v Eamonn Foley (TCD) 16-21, 21-19; Hilary Rushe &amp; Kevin

Mulligan (UCD) v Niall Mullally &amp; Cormac McMahon (TCD) 14-21, 17-21; Declan Smith (UCD) won 21-0, 21-0

DCU dft UCC 73-107: John Kearney v Colm Grace (DCU) 21-13, 3-21; Colin Keane &amp; Cathal Reynolds v

Tomas Sinnott &amp; Paddy Rowsome (DCU) 16-21, 8-21; Aaron Geoghegan v Brian O'Sullivan (DCU) 18-21, 11-16

UCD (Marianna Rushe &amp; Hilary Rushe) dft UL (Deirdre Donohoe &amp; Karen Lawlor) 21-17, 21-16

NUIG (Siobhan Tully &amp; Nicola Kelly) dft UCD (Laura Mannion &amp; Avril Watson) 15-0, 15-4

**Intervarsities 40x20 Singles Championships 2009****Men's Open Final:****Men's A Final:****Men's B Final:****Men's C Final:****Men's Contender Final:****Men's Challenger Final:****Men's Beginner Final:****Ladies Open Final:****Ladies A Final:****Ladies B Final:****Ladies C Final:****Ladies Challenger Final:**

Brian Carroll (DIT) dft Darragh Daly (UUJ) 21-11, 21-6

James Brady (DCU) dft Patrick Clerkin (UCD) 15-14, 15-13

Shane Heraty (DIT) dft Tommy McGrath (DIT) 15-7, 15-0

Seamus Casserly (DIT) dft Daniel Riordan (ITT) 14-15, 15-10, 11-7

John Peppard (UL) dft Mark O'Donovan (UL) Score to follow

Niall Brady (CI) dft Gavin McMahon 11-15, 15-7, 11-8

James Greavy (UCD) dft Donal McDiamuda (DCU) 15-0, 15-9

Marianna Rushe (UCD) dft Ashley Prendiville (UCC) 7-21, 21-7, 11-6

Deirdre Donohoe (UL) dft Karen Lawlor (UL) 15-8, 15-7

Lisa Falvey (UL) dft Sarah Loughnane (NUIG) 15-1, 15-0

Edel Finigan (UL) dft Sinead Byrne (DIT) 15-14, 15-14

Orla Gaffney (DCU) dft Mary Glennon (UL) 15-7, 15-4

**GAA Handball All-Ireland Colleges (Second Level) 60 x 30 finals****BOYS:****Senior Singles Final:****Senior Doubles Final:****Intermediate Singles Final:****Intermediate Doubles Final:****Junior Singles Final:****Junior Doubles Final:****GIRLS:****Senior Singles Final:****Senior Doubles Final:****Junior Singles Final:****Junior Doubles Final:**

Padraig O'Carroll (Salesian Secondary College, Pallaskenry, Limerick) dft Eoin Hennessy (Castletomer CS Kilkenny) 21-14, 21-8

Niall Burke, Gearoid Hughes (Rice College, Westport) dft St. Augustines College, Dungarvan, Waterford (Darragh O Connell/Ross Dunford) 21-9, 21-4

Niall O'Connor, Conley College (Dublin) dft Conor McElduff (Dean Maguirc, Carrickmore) 21-19, 21-8

Roscommon CBS (Cian Connolly, Mark Nally) dft St. Josephs College, Tulla, Clare (Christopher Philpott/Jamie Lynch) 21-12, 21-18

Baptist Community School, Hospital, Limerick (Padraig Quish) dft Pres DLS Bagenalstown (Martin Mullins) 21-1, 21-10

St. Josephs College Tulla Clare (Niall Bolton/Collin Corbett) dft Padraig Foley, Galen Riordan (St. Peter's Wexford) 8-21, 21-20 11-9

Aoife McCarthy (Mullingar C.C.) dft Clogagh Donaghy (Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore) 21-9, 21-8

Boherbue Comprehensive School, Cork (Aishling O'Keefe/Caitriona Casey) dft Lisa McKenna, Susan Clinton (Dominican College, Dublin) 21-1, 21-0

Lauren O'Riordan (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Aoife Kelly (Dean Maguirc, Carrickmore) 21-0, 21-0

Roisin NiChonghaille, Clanna Ni Churraoin (Colaiste na Coribe, Galway) dft St Flannans College, Ennis, Clare (Shaunagh O'Brien/Alana O'Brien) 21-4, 21-10

**GAA Handball All-Ireland Colleges (Second Level) 40x20 finals****Boys Junior Singles**

SF 1: Padraig McKenna (St Macartan's, Monaghan) dft Michael Lalor (St Mary's, Galway)

SF 2: Keith Kavanagh (Col. Bhríde, Carnew) dft Jamie Lynch (St Joseph's Sec, Tulla)

Final: Padraig McKenna dft Keith Kavangah 21-15, 21-13

**Boys Junior Doubles**

SF 1: Patrick McCrory/Gabhainn McCrystal (Dean Maguirc, Carrickmore) dft Ruadhan O'Bearra/Ronan MacDonnacha (C Mhuirean Spideál, Galway)

SF 2: Ciaran Malone/Patrick Fitzgerald (Scariff Comm College) dft Dylan Walsh/Cillian Treacy (St Kieran's College, Kilkenny)

Final: Ciaran Malone &amp; Patrick Fitzgerald dft Patrick McCrory &amp; Gabhainn McCrystal 21-7, 21-15

**Boys Intermediate Singles**

SF1: Caolan Daly (Dean Maguirc, Carrickmore) dft Martin Mulkerrins (St Marys College, Galway)

SF2: Eoin Hennessy (Castletomer CS) W/O Padraig O'Carroll (Salesian College, Pallaskenry)

Final: Caolan Daly dft Eoin Hennessy 21-5, 21-5

**Boys Intermediate Doubles**

SF 1: Christopher McKenna/Terry McElvaney (St Macartan's, Monaghan) dft Seamus O'Conghaile/Macdara O'Beara (Coll. Chroí Naomh Mhuire, Galway)

SF 2: Colm Kindregan/Barry McCullough (St Augustines, Dungarvan) dft John Power/Andrew O'Dwyer (St Kieran's, Kilkenny)

Final: Christopher McKenna &amp; Terry McElvaney dft Colm Kindregan &amp; Barry McCullagh 21-11, 21-20

**Boys Senior Singles**

SF1: Stephen Cooney (St Nathy's Ballaghaderreen) dft Paul Donnelly (Omagh CBS) 21-10, 21-4

SF 2: Shane Hedigan (Nagle Rice, Doneraile) dft Michael Donovan (Portlaoise CBS) 21-6, 21-10

Final: Shane Hedigan dft Stephen Cooney 21-20, 6-21, 21-15

**Boys Senior Doubles**

SF 1: Ian McLoughlin/Niall Burke (Rice College, Westport) dft Eoin McKenna/Niall Clerkin (St Macartan's, Monaghan)

SF 2: Tadgh and Killian Carroll (Patrician Academy, Mallow) dft Patrick and Peter Funchion (Colaiste Eamonn Ris, Callan)

Final: Tadgh &amp; Killian Carroll dft Ian McLoughlin &amp; Niall Burke 21-7, 21-19



## Torthaí 2009...

### Girls Junior Singles

SF 1: Lauren O'Riordan (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Fionnuala McKenna (St Catherine's, Armagh)  
SF 2: Aoife McCarthy (Mullingar CC) dft Martina McMahon (Col na Trocaire, Rathkeale)  
Final: Lauren O'Riordan dft Aoife McCarthy 21-19, 21-17

### Girls Junior Doubles

SF1: Cianna Ní Churraoin, Róisín Ní Conghaile (Col na Coirbe, Gaillimh) dft Emma McCullough/Oonagh Rafferty (Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore) scr. Inj.

### Girls Senior Singles

SF 2: Demi Donovan/Ciara Mahon (Loreto Sec, Kilkenny) dft Shauna O'Brien/Aianna O'Brien (St. Flannans, Enniscorthy)  
Final: Cianna Ní Churraoin & Róisín Ní Conghaile dft Demi Donovan & Ciara Mahon 12-21, 21-7, 11-7

### Girls Senior Doubles

SF 1: Lorraine Havern (St Mary's HS, Newry) dft Leona Doolin (Con of Mercy, Roscommon)  
SF 2: Shauna Hilley (Col Bhríde, Carnew) dft Alanna Ní Dhuigín (Gaelcholaiste, Chiarraí)  
Final: Lorraine Havern dft Shauna Hilley 18-21, 21-10, 21-17

SF 1: Mary Duffy/Stephanie Coleman (St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen) dft Sarah Henderson/Kirsty Eggar (St. Michaels)

SF 2: Aisling O'Keefe/Catrina Casey (Boherbue Com School, Cork) dft Eleanor Buggy/Jane Fallon (Loreto Col, Stephen's Green)

Final: Aisling O'Keefe & Catrina Casey dft Mary Duffy & Stephanie Coleman 21-8, 21-12

## Feile na nGael 2009

### 40x20 Boys Division 1:

Kilkishen (Clare) dft Brackey (Tyrone) 21-7, 13-21, 11-6

### 40x20 Boys Division 2:

Ballyhogue (Wexford) dft St. Coman's (Roscommon) 21-16, 6-21, 11-2

### 40x20 Boys Division 3:

Windgap (Kilkenny) dft Monavea (Laois) 14-21, 21-9, 11-10

### 40x20 Boys Division 4:

Winners - Na Fianna (Dublin), Joint Runners-Up - Bridgetown (Wexford) & Brian Borus (Dublin)

### 40x20 Boys Division 5:

Goresbridge (Kilkenny) dft St Canice's (Kilkenny) 21-17, 13-21, 11-3

### 40x20 Girls Division 1:

Indreabhán (Gaillimh) dft Moycullen (Gaillimh) 21-3, 2-21, 11-2

### 40x20 Girls Division 2:

Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty (Waterford) dft Leixlip (Kildare) 21-5, 9-21, 11-1

### 40x20 Girls Division 3:

Goresbridge (Kilkenny) dft Drumkeeran (Leitrim) 21-0, 21-10

### 60x30 Boys Division 1:

Castlebridge (Wexford) dft Mullinavat (Kilkenny) 19-21, 21-8, 11-6

### 60x30 Boys Division 2:

Cashel (Tipperary) dft Mothel (Kilkenny) 21-9, 21-7

## Feile na nGael Skill Awards 2009:

**Boys Division 1 40x20: Winner:** John Lalor, Maigh Cuilinn, Galway; **Runner-up:** Patrick McCrory, Carrickmore, Tyrone  
**Boys Division 2 40x20: Winner:** Galen Riordan, Ballyhogue, Wexford; **Runner-up:** Joseph McGoe, Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, Waterford  
**Boys Division 3 40x20: Winner:** David Mulhall, Monavea, Laois; **Runner-up:** N/A  
**Boys Division 4 40x20: Winner:** Alan Funchion, Kells, Kilkenny; **Runner-up:** Niall McKenna, Na Finna, Dublin  
**Boys Division 5 40x20: Winner:** Mark Purcell, Clogh, Kilkenny; **Runner-up:** Conor Smith, Crinkle, Offaly  
**Girls Division 1 40x20: Winner:** Róisín Ní Chonghaile, Maigh Cuilinn, Galway; **Runner-up:** Cianna Ní Churraoin, Indreabhán, Galway  
**Girls Division 2 40x20: Winner:** Aoife Landers, Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, Waterford; **Runner-up:** Áine O'Keefe, Leixlip, Kildare  
**Girls Division 3 40x20: Winner:** Cáit Broderick, Kells, Kilkenny; **Runner-up:** Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh, Na Finna, Dublin  
**Boys Division 1 60x30: Winner:** Pádraig Foley, Castlebridge, Wexford; **Runner-up:** Ronan Burke, Ballina, Tipperary  
**Boys Division 2 60x30: Winner:** Jason Shore, Mothel, Kilkenny; **Runner-up:** Ian Hoare, Crinkle, Offaly

## Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships (Finals):

At: Multnomah Athletic Club & Sunset Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon, USA (Irish Results Only):

### 40x20 (4-Wall) World Handball Championships

#### Men's Open Singles:

Paul Brady (IRL/Cavan) bt Alan Garner (USA/Texas) 21-14, 18-21, 11-7.

#### Men's Open Doubles:

Eoin Kennedy (IRL/Dublin) & Michael Finnegan (IRL/Cavan) bt Brian Carroll (IRL/Meath) & Robbie McCarthy Jr. (IRL/Westmeath) 21-18, 21-6.

#### Women's Open Singles:

Fiona Shannon (IRL/Antrim) bt Aisling Reilly (IRL/Antrim) 21-19, 21-15.

#### Women's Open Doubles:

Fiona Shannon & Sibeal Gallagher (IRL/Antrim) bt Aisling Reilly (IRL/Antrim) & Maria Daly (IRL/Kerry) 19-21, 21-19, 11-4.

#### Men's Masters Singles (40+):

Michael Walsh (IRL/Kilkenny) bt Jay Balkenbush (USA/Washington State) 21-6, 21-2.

#### Men's Masters Doubles (40+):

Michael Walsh (IRL/Kilkenny) & Egin Jensen (IRL/Dublin) bt Ryan Grossenbacher (USA/Oregon) & Dan Armijo (USA/New Mexico) 21-8, 21-7

#### Men's A Singles:

Ruairi Kelly (IRL/Tyrone) bt Ger Coonan (IRL/Tipperary) 21-14, 21-15.

#### Men's A Doubles:

Darragh Daly (IRL/Tyrone) & Ger Coonan (IRL/Tipperary) bt Aaron Garner (USA/Texas) & Mike Steele (USA/Oregon) 12-21, 21-18, 11-6

#### Men's B Singles:

Shane O'Neill (IRL/Tyrone) bt David Hope (IRL/Offaly) 21-19, 21-6.

#### Men's B Doubles:

Seamus O'Carroll & CJ Fitzpatrick (IRL/Limerick) bt Finbar Rafferty & Alan O'Dwyer (IRL/Cork) 21-11, 21-5

#### Men's C Singles:

Shane Hedigan (IRL/Cork) bt Paul Hedderman (IRL/Limerick) 21-18, 21-17.

#### Men's C Doubles:

Claran Neary (IRL/Kilkenny) & Michael O'Brien (IRL/Offaly) bt JP O'Connor & Paul Hedderman (IRL/Limerick) 21-20, 21-3

#### Men's Senior Singles (35+):

Gavin Buggy (IRL/Wexford) bt Robert Herrera (USA/Oregon) 21-2, 21-3.

#### Men's Golden Masters B (50+):

Martin Conneely (IRL/Galway) bt Scott Richter (USA/Wisconsin) 21-12, 21-12.

#### Mens Singles Platinum (80+):

Michael Walker (USA/Washington) bt Jim Kennedy (IRL/Cork) 21-5, 21-6

#### Women's A Singles:

Deirdre Donohoe (IRL/Roscommon) bt Pauline Gallagher (IRL/Mayo) 14-21, 21-15, 11-3.

#### Women's B Singles:

Shauna Hilley (IRL/Wicklow) bt Lisa McAleer (IRL/Tyrone) 21-11, 10-21, 11-1.

#### Women's B Doubles:

Alfrie Naughton & Sarah Flavin (IRL/Roscommon) bt Miranda Scheffer & Bianca Van Der Veen (Netherlands) 21-8, 21-14.

#### Women's C Singles:

Sinead Hanley (IRL/Galway) bt Kira Toxopeus (Canada/Alberta) 21-0, 21-8.



## Torthaí 2009...

### Youth Grades 40x20 World Championships:

**Boys 19 & Under Singles:**  
**Boys 17 & Under Singles:**  
**Boys 17 & Under Doubles:**

**Boys 15 & Under Singles:**  
**Boys 15 & Under Doubles:**  
**Boys 13 & Under Singles:**  
**Boys 11 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 19 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 19 & Under Doubles:**  
**Girls 17 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 15 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 15 & Under Doubles:**  
**Girls 13 & Under Singles:**

Seamus O' Carroll (IRL/Limerick) bt Luis Cordova Jnr. (Mexico/Chihuahua) 21-9, 21-12.  
Martin Mulkerrins (IRL/Galway) bt Killian Carroll (IRL/Cork) 21-19, 21-16.  
Martin Mulkerrins (IRL/Galway) & Niall O' Connor (IRL/Kildare) bt Keith Kavanagh (IRL/Wicklow) & John Audet (Canada/Ontario) 21-10, 15-21, 11-2.  
Padraig McKenna (IRL/Monaghan) bt Barry Nash (IRL/Clare) 21-18, 21-19.  
Barry Nash & Claran Malone (IRL/Clare) bt Michael Lalor & Donal Wynn (IRL/Galway) 21-3, 21-12.  
Darren Doherty (IRL/Monaghan) bt Tyler Stoffel (USA/Minnesota) 21-4, 21-9.  
Daniel Curry (IRL/Wicklow) bt Coleman McGrath (USA/California) 21-7, 21-1.  
Shauna Hilley (IRL/Wicklow) bt Leona Doolin (IRL/Roscommon) 12-21, 21-14, 11-8.  
Aisling O' Keffe & Catriona Casey (IRL/Cork) bt Hillary Rushe & Leona Doolin (Roscommon) 21-16, 21-6.  
Lorraine Havern (IRL/Down) bt Amy Corrigan (IRL/Mayo) 21-6, 21-18.  
Lauren O' Riordan (IRL/Roscommon) bt Martina McMahon (IRL/Limerick) 21-17, 18-21, 11-1.  
Lauren O'Riordan (IRL/Roscommon) & Martina McMahon (IRL/Limerick) winners  
Ciana Ni Churraoin (IRL/Galway) bt Bridin Bidegain (USA/California) 21-7, 21-3.

### One-Wall World Handball Championships

**One-Wall Mens B Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Boys 11 & U Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Boys 13 & U Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Boys 15 & U Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Girls 13 & U Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Girls 19 & U Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Mens B Singles:**  
**Big-Ball Womens B Singles:**

James Doyle (IRL/Armagh) bt Ramiro Rodriguez (Oregon/USA) 21-7, 21-1  
Daniel Curry (IRL/Wicklow) bt Sean Kerr (IRL/Tyrone) 21-4, 7-21, 11-3  
Darren Doherty (IRL/Monaghan) bt Wayne Kinsella (IRL/Wicklow) 21-4, 21-12  
Donal Wynn (IRL/Leitrim) bt Michael Lalor (IRL/Galway) 21-2, 21-4  
Ciana Ni Churraoin (IRL/Galway) bt Jennifer Fahy (IRL/Mayo)  
Raquel Garcia (USA/New York) bt Aoife McCarthy (IRL/Westmeath) 21-9, 8-21, 11-3  
Peter Tran (USA/Washington) bt Nicholas Anthony (IRL/Kilkenny) 21-2, 21-5  
Marlie Beckers (Netherlands) bt Patricia Doyle (IRL/Wicklow) 21-1, 21-10

### USHA Junior Nationals, December 2009

#### Results (Irish players):

**Girls 19 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 17 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 15 & Under Singles:**  
**Girls 19 & Under Doubles Final:**  
**Boys 19 & Under:**  
**Boys 17 & Under:**  
**Boys 15 & Under:**  
**Boys 13 & Under:**  
**Boys 19 & Under Doubles:**  
**Boys 17 & Under Doubles:**  
**Boys 15 & Under Doubles:**  
**Boys 13 & Under Doubles:**

**Shauna Hilley** (Wicklow) defeated Amy Li (Manhattan, New York) and Cara Arsenault Daytona Beach, Florida) 21-2, 21-1.  
**Catriona Casey** (Cork) defeated Veronica Warda (Des Plaines, IL, USA) and Sandy Ng (Brooklyn, New York) 21-4, 21-6.  
**Ciana Ni Churraoin** (Galway) defeated Madeline Gauch (Ballwin, MO) and Brittyn Bidegain (El Cajon, California) 21-3, 21-3. Maeve McElduff (Tyrone) defeated Eliza Little and lost to Brittyn Bidegain 21-7, 21-19.  
**Shauna Hilley (Wicklow) & Catriona Casey (Cork)** dft Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) & Maeve McElduff (Tyrone) 21-6, 21-2.  
Shane Hedigan lost to Marco Lemus in the semi-finals 21-17, 11-21, 8-21. Peter Hughes (Wexford) lost to Tyree Bastidas in semi-final 21-10, 21-4. Jason Murphy (Wexford) defeated Casey Janus (Chicago, IL) 12-21, 21-9, 11-5 and lost to Tyree Bastidas 21-3, 21-9. Outright winner: Tyree Bastidas.  
**Killian Carroll** defeated Ian Wincentsen (Elmhurst, IL, USA), CJ Laffey (Park Ridge, USA) and then defeated John Audet (Niagara Falls, Ontario) 21-18, 21-7 in semi-final. Killian Carroll now meets Eric Matiassek in the final.  
**Conor McElduff** (Tyrone) defeated Alex Fissette (Elmhurst, IL, USA) and lost to John Audet 21-19, 21-10.  
**Denis O'Neill** (Cork) defeated Ian Menarek (Elmhurst, IL, USA), Boris Lilge (Greendale, USA) and Steve Matiassek (Park Ridge, IL, USA) in semi-final 21-11, 21-6. Pól Clarke (Tyrone) defeated Trevor Haman (North Mankato, USA), Nicholas Kiem (Baldwin, MO, USA) and Matthew Chu (Little Neck, New York) in semi-final 21-20, 15-21, 11-10. Matthew McSorley (Tyrone) defeated Max Roberts (Evanston, IL, USA) and lost to Steve Matiassek 21-11, 21-6.  
Johnny Woods (Tyrone) lost in final to Tyler Stoffel (North Mankato, MN) 21-17, 21-18.  
Shane Hedigan and Denis O'Neill lost in final following wins over Issac Acosta/Derrick Contreras (Lake Forest) and Van Brunt/Derek Alcantar (Austin, Texas) 21-8, 21-6. They lost in the final to Tyree Bastidas and Marc Lemus on a 21-18, 10-21, 5-11. Peter Hughes and Jason Murphy (Wexford) lost to Tyree Bastidas and Marc Lemus 21-16, 21-13 in the semi-final.  
**Killian Carroll** (Cork) and **Conor McElduff** (Tyrone) dft Eric Matiassek and John Audet in final by 21-6, 21-3, following wins over David Doucette/Kyle Kloss (Sherwood Park, AB) and Brant Bidegain/Van Brunt (California/Austin) 21-3, 21-8.  
**Pól Clarke** and **Matthew McSorley** (Tyrone) lost in semi-final to Patrick Sutherland/Matthew Chu 21-10, 21-18.  
Johnny Woods and Ryan Mullan (Tyrone) dft Coleman McGrath and another Tyrone player, Pauric Mullan, in the Boys 13 & Under doubles final. Semi-Final, dft Noel Gonzales/Denis Schmitt (Des Plaines) 21-6, 21-6.

### GAA 125 Handball Showdown Tournament

#### Saturday 5th December, Croke Park:

**Mens Softball 60X30 Final:**  
**Mens 40X20 Final:**  
**Ladies 60x30 Final:**  
**Ladies 40X20 Final:**  
**President's Showdown:**

WEXFORD (Gavin Buggy & Anthony Masterson, football) dft KILKENNY (Michael 'Ducksy' Walsh & Tommy Walsh, hurling) 19-18.  
CORK (Tony Healy & Donnacha O' Connor, gaelic football) dft MAYO (Joe McCann & Andy Moran, gaelic football) 17-16  
CONNACHT (Deirdre Donohoe, Roscommon, and Cora Staunton, Mayo ladies football) dft ULSTER (Aisling Reilly, Antrim, and Katie McAuley, Derry Camogie) 17-14  
LEINSTER (Shauna Hilley, Wicklow & Mags D'Arcy, camogie) dft MUNSTER (Maria Daly, Kerry & Mairead Morrissey, Tipperary camogie) 15-13.  
Christy Cooney (Uachtarán, CLG) & Geraldine Giles (Iar-Uachtarán, Ladies Football) dft Tony Hannon (Uachtarán, GAA Handball) & Joan O'Flynn (Uachtarán, Camogie) 8-7





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