

**Liathróid Laímhe C.L.G. na hÉireann**

# **An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2013**

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**C.E.O. Annual Report**



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**An Comhairle Spóirt**



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

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## **An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2013**

**Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2013  
i láthair ag**

**Críostóir Ó Corrain  
Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin**



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**Dé Domhnaigh 3 Márta,  
ag 12.00 i.n.**

**The Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan.**

## Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2013

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Ar an Domhnach , 3 Márta 2013

ag 12.00 i.n.

san The Hillgrove Hotel, Muineacháin

## Clár Oibre

### Dé Domhnach 3 Márta:

11.30am: Tea/Coffee

12.00pm: Fáiltiú

Addresses from Special Guests

Oráid an Uachtaráin, Walter O'Connor

Adoption of Standing Orders

Minutes of Comhdháil 2012

Report of Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

Annual Accounts 2012

Addresses by Nominees for Uachtarán Tófa

Motions & Elections

Aon Ghno Eile & Close of Congress

Congress lunch on Sunday 3rd March, 2.00pm

### Nominations for Congress 2013:

**Uachtarán Tófa: L Roiste, An Clár (Willie Roche, Clare)**

(President Elect) nominated by Cill Chainigh, Loch Garman, An Clár, An Corcaigh, Tiobraid Arann, Luimneach, Baile Atha Cliath

**E Maguidír, Tír Eoghain (Eugene Maguire, Tyrone)**

nominated by Tír Eoghain, Muineachain, Ard Mhacha

**Teachta ar Ard Comhairle CLG:**

(Delegate to GAA Central Council)

**T Ó hÁinan, Rós Comain (Tony Hannon, Roscommon)**

nominated by Ros Comain, Tiobraid Arann,

**J Molloy, Ath Cliath (John Molloy, Dublin)**

nominated by Chill Mhaintain

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## Tionólfar Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2013

### 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 CEO'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 (GAA Handball Ireland) 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.



***Above: The 2012 World Handball Championships provided a record breaking event for the sport in so many areas and none moreso that World Open 40x20 Singles Final night when almost 5,000 spectators packed the arena for the enthralling Mens and Ladies Open finals.***

## Tuarascáil an Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

**Reflecting on 2012 is certainly something that GAA Handball fans everywhere can do so with considerable pride as it was undoubtedly one of the most memorable in the sport's history.**

Once again the many integral and influential officials within GAA Handball Ireland come together to reflect upon another calendar year in the development of our sport. On that basis it is with a certain sense of pride I present the Annual Report for 2012 and while once again highlighting the many positives which continue to define the rapid rise of GAA Handball in Ireland, we can also bear in mind the continued challenges which face our association, our members, players and officials too.

Personally, with this been the last annual report I will present to our GAA Handball Congress, having this week stepped down in my position as CEO, I look back overall on my four year term in charge with a host of outstanding memories and certainly believe firmly that there is a very exciting future for our rapidly growing games.

Having overseen the rebranding of our association to become known as GAA Handball back in March 2009, something which I felt very strongly about and presented to the GAA at that time, it has since proven to be so instrumental in our development and profile.

From that rebranding to the overall restructuring of our events and tournaments, I do believe that GAA Handball is now in a very strong position to continue to determine our own fate going forward. The One Wall Nationals is probably the best example of this. Having previously been run for a 13 year period by the Connacht Council and Sligo Handball Board, in July 2009 we constructed five one wall courts in the

Breaffy House Sports Arena in Castlebar and the event has now become one of the most significant and exciting tournaments of any sport on the National calendar.

Indeed it was through the revamping of the One Wall Nationals as an event to be staged under one roof and bringing all our players together for an atmospheric, exciting sporting occasion, that lead to my research into a similar plan for the World championships in 2012. Having witnessed the tremendous 40x20 four-wall facilities for so many years in many US venues, and none moreso than at the Portland Worlds in 2009, I felt that the time had arrived for GAA Handball to break new ground in terms of our hosting of such a high profile international handball event.

Having met with key people and studied the construction of the wooden-based courts in Portland and then having done the same in the New York Athletic Club, there was a pattern emerging that the construction of wooden based 40x20 courts could be an ideal progression for the sport in Ireland too.

Indeed what this entire exercise has proven is that Irish Handball clubs should be looking at this method of construction going into the future. The costs of building a wooden based construction are less than 30% of our standard concrete 40x20 courts and yet are more conducive to play in our 'wet climate' and is less prone to wet courts during high condensation periods when the 40x20 is in full swing.

When I presented the concept of building the 12 40x20 wooden based courts with glass back-walls, one high class 3-glass-wall showcourt and 8 one wall courts to our Ard Comhairle in late 2011, there was evidently a great deal of trepidation that this could be



*Uachtarán CLG, Christy Cooney, congratulates Leitrim's Peter Heaney and presents him with his GAA President's Award for 2012 in Croke Park.*



*Aisling Reilly makes history as she wins her first ever World Senior Singles Championship title following a thrilling tie break victory over Fiona Shannon*



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achieved at all. I look back now however, and thank our Central Council members for having the strength of character and exhibiting the levels of progression required to allow us to proceed with the vision - which became such a resoundingly successful reality in October in the Citywest Arena.

It is this bravery and thinking which can ensure the future progression of GAA Handball in an era which will require such a frame of mind to ensure further progress in a tough economic climate for everyone.

In many ways it is appropriate to say that GAA Handball is on the crest of a wave at present and entering a very exciting era for our games. As the statistics show, there has been terrific progress in terms of growth, development and increased profile for our sport. Over 60 new clubs in the past few years is a hugely encouraging figure and with forthcoming plans to incorporate the massive number of brand new schools around the country who have now constructed one wall facilities (over 200 since the launch of the One Wall Schools Challenge Initiative just over 3 years ago) into our registered list, GAA Handball Ireland is enhancing its status all the time as a national sporting body. There has been a rise of almost 34% of new registered members and with participation rates very much on an upward curve nationwide, there is no question that exciting times but even greater challenges will follow for us as an Association.

The most difficult tasks which lie ahead, and which is the case for our country in general, is in terms of funding. We have shown considerable losses in the year gone by, in light of the construction of a 21 court handball arena been built at the World Handball Championships in The Citywest Arena in October, as well as putting 8 one wall courts and four 40x20 four-wall courts into that same arena in July for the Feile

na nGael/One Wall Nationals as a trial run for the Worlds. The costs associated with the World Championships were indeed very high and we are fortunate to have the backing and support of the GAA in our endeavors in this respect.

The financial costs were certainly high, but what the World Championships has achieved for the sport in general cannot be measured in terms of what we can now do going forward.

It is therefore vital that as an organisation, we continue to capitalise on the outstanding status and profile which the 2012 Worlds has provided us. We must build on this in our continued growth and development in schools and GAA clubs all over the country and indeed at international level.

There will be many ways we must also look at increasing our footprint and will require a more refined structure to increase our own funding within GAA Handball. Recently our Ard Comhairle released new Membership and Registration rates for the 2013 calendar year as part of this process. This is essential to safeguard future funding from outside bodies and will also be vital as we begin to align our registration fees to a more suitable level which is the case of any National Governing Body in sport.

The new fees, which are set at a maximum of €15 for adults and €5 for juveniles remain amongst the cheapest rates of any sports organisation in this country. If we are to take ourselves seriously as a sporting organisation and expect to be treated as such in the Irish sporting scene, then we must show that our members are willing to respond positively to this step, which is vital in safeguarding our future. When considering that for this very minimal fee - which works out at just €1.25 per adult per month and 40 cents per month for juveniles - members are covered



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to play in all our National tournaments and events and covered under a comprehensive players injury scheme in the process.

While this is a rule in our Fó Rialacha and this needs to be addressed at Congress, ultimately decisions in respect of management, business planning and financial planning of the Association should be tasked with our Central Council. It should be the case that all our officials and members feel comfortable going forward to entrust such thinking and planning with our Central Council, which has been elected by the members and is there to serve our members.

Meath's **Walter O'Connor** took up the hugely demanding and high profile role as Uachtarán in May 2011. A former senior All Ireland champion, he is certainly someone who excelled on the court of play and his confidence, ambition and passion for the game are characteristics which he has already brought to the table in his quest for excellence off the court too. Walter is a high ranking Business Director and despite his travels and major work commitments, has still managed to devote so much of his time to ensuring that the sport he has loved from a very young age will thrive in his term as Uachtarán.

I would personally like to thank him for his excellence in his role as Uachtarán of GAA Handball Ireland, in the manner which he portrays our Association in his impressive speeches at key events and his overall support for dynamic progression of this organisation at the highest level.

On that note, we will see a new Uachtarán Tófa elected at Congress today and whoever wins this latest vote of confidence from our members, I wish them considerable success in this role. While I will have moved on from my own role long before they

take up the gauntlet as Uachtarán, I have no doubt that the Association and the growth and development of our sport in Ireland and internationally, will make it a more demanding position than ever before and will be well placed to ensure continued success for our great sport.

Reflecting on the past four years, I must emphasise strongly the importance of the Association's **"Strategic Vision for the Future, 2011-2016"** document, which we launched in September 2011.

This came about following an 18 month extensive research and development programme which included considerable input from a very large network of officials, players and members as well as other key groups and bodies including the GAA, Irish Sports Council and other National Governing Bodies. I congratulate and thank all for their terrific contribution to a blueprint which I am very confident will pave the way for continued growth and sustain the excellent positive perception which GAA Handball now has within the wider sporting community. While the World Championships again dominated all endeavors in 2012, it will now be vital for our officials and key personnel to revert to our Strategic Vision document as the pathway for our continued development and planning into the future.

### GAA World Handball Championships 2012 in association with Fáilte Ireland

On the International front, 2012 was unquestionably a most significant and very eventful period for the sport. GAA Handball Ireland's announcement for a most ambitious and hugely challenging project to



*Armagh's Niamh Coleman created her own little piece of history, winning four gold world championship medals at the 2012 event in the Citywest.*



*Paul Brady celebrates his fourth successive World Senior Championship title success - an achievement which will be difficult to ever emulate in the sport again.*



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stage the **2012 World Championships** in a purpose-built arena at the Citywest campus had drawn widespread excitement but also a high degree of trepidation in almost all handballing quarters in light of the fact it was a plan which had never been tried before.

Ultimately, there is no doubt this was innovative in the extreme but months of research into ensuring the plan could be delivered meant that it became apparent early in 2012 that the courts and the arena would succeed in bringing the sport to a whole new level internationally. The fact that the handball courts and the new O'Neills handball brought the greatest level of criticism and conjecture pre World Championships, it was hugely satisfying to note that both the courts and the ball were given rave reviews post World Championships!

When all our players and officials look back to the night that 5,000 spectators packed into an incredible arena which was lit up with an elevated glass showcourt and produced the best World Mens Open Final in history, the magnitude of what was achieved can be best understood.

The 'mexican wave' added to the phenomenal tension, noise and excitement as Paul Brady and Luis Moreno unleashed an exhibition of speed, power, skill and panache on the glass court in front of us all, the like of which may be a long time coming again.

This was the highlight of an overall amazing world championships. Over 2,000 players (a record of more than double any previous entry level in the event), a figure of almost 3,500 championship matches, record breaking spectator levels away above anything ever witnessed in the sport, 27 countries in attendance (a record of more than double the previous number) and

10,000+ volunteer hours are just some statistics which provide a picture of what we achieved as an organisation in this event.

However, with the massive undertaking of an event that no Association in the world has ever come close to before in terms of attempting to facilitate, came with it a high level of issues which had to be addressed. There is no doubt we faced major problems throughout the event and were subject to a high level of criticism and indeed 'abuse' at times in the process. However, having put in shifts of around 18 hours per day for the duration of the event, our entire team deserve outstanding praise and credit for staying with it and seeing out what can now be only deemed a truly memorable event.

From looking back at the entire hosting of the 2012 World Championships and having effectively been involved in the running of almost every aspect of the championships, I believe it is appropriate to now pass on key points which simply must be adhered to in going forward for future World Championships.

On reflection this entire event would have been much more fluently organised and many of the issues which arose may not have been so many, had we delivered in a slightly different manner:-

- We should have hosted the World One Wall Handball Championships as a separate event back in July for 5-7 days (at the time we held our One Wall Nationals). This would have been a stand-alone event, we had the eight one wall courts built at that time anyhow, and we would have been catering for all the players from all countries in just one code.

- The above would then have meant that the World





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40x20 Four Wall Championships could have been organised fully in a 7 day period in October. This would have meant the construction of only 40x20 courts in October, the focus thus purely on 40x20 four wall action and hence eradicated the many issues of clashes and of players been unable to fulfill fixtures due to an overburdened schedule of games.

The above has come from observing the entry trends of players and significantly shows that the majority of One Wall players and 40x20 players from other countries were travelling to focus largely on their own code. In terms of organisation the overall plan would have been much easier to facilitate while the players themselves would have been able to focus solely on one code of handball to compete for their World Championship medal. In addition, the resources, planning and overall structures for hosting all the world championships would have been much easier to implement and would possibly have saved considerably in terms of costs.

Hindsight unfortunately is the only word now to utilize in respect of the 2012 World Championships but I urge those planning for the next major event in 2015 to consider these options as much more viable in terms of staging such a massive event.

I know already there are 100s of players from Ireland planning their trips to Calgary in 2015 and this planning needs to be considered. If not then it will become vital to reduce the large number of grades significantly as well as having qualifying numbers per grade.

What can have an impact though is the fact that there has been further excellent work which has taken

place over an 18 month period involving GAA Handball Ireland, the World Handball Council and C.I.J.B. as well as the many National Federation leaders around the world. The result has been the formation of a new unified International Handball Federation, to be known as the **WWBA (World Wall Ball Association)**, which now encompasses 33 countries and has launched a strategy to see massive growth and development worldwide for One Wall Handball and ultimately set about achieving the ultimate goal of securing Olympic status for the sport. Former Uachtarán of GAA Handball, Tony Hannon, has taken up the first presidency of the Federation, and there will be big plans now for one wall handball worldwide as a result.

The WWBA should become the body who in future sanction the hosting of the World One Wall Handball Championships while the World Handball Council focus on the World 40x20 Handball Championships. With this in mind we should be targeting the World 40x20 Championships in Calgary in August 2015 with the WWBA World One Wall Championships in either 2014 or 2016. This will also spread the burden and costs for the host organisations for the future.

While I will no longer be in a position to be making such decisions, I will be forwarding a comprehensive report on all these matters to the organisations in mind before I step down from my role in April 2013.

One point I feel strongly about also is the fact that Ireland had it's most successful ever World Handball Championships. A total of 72 players from 21 counties won World Championship medals in October and there is no doubt that this statistic can be celebrated. However, I feel it would be remiss of me not to point



*The full Team Ireland squad are presented to the 83,500 spectators at Croke Park on All Ireland football final day, which saw the 2012 World Championships officially launched*

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out that this can also have an adverse effect on how our sport is perceived outside of handball. I believe that it ultimately portrays how we have too many grades in the World Championships as no country should be seeing 72 world champions in a sport in one event!

I also believe this is a major issue which we need to address as an organisation in our own domestic national championships in Ireland. We are creating way too many All Ireland champions on an annual basis and while all are totally entitled to celebrate such successes, we are actually diminishing the status of our gold medals by having way too many and this has been an issue I have faced time and time again when discussing with the media and other organisations over the past number of years. Indeed now is the time, more than ever before, to streamline our grades and look at more competitive All Ireland championships in some grades. We have become too accustomed to adding competitions each year at Congress without actually taking away from the pile in the same process. This aspect must be treated as urgent by our CCC for Congress 2014.

### National Tournament growth

On the handball courts nationally there has been so much to revel in as both a supporter and player, despite what some critics in some quarters may say. For three years now we have had record breaking numbers at every single tournament - the Irish 40x20 Nationals, Junior Nationals and the biggest ever number to play in any National Handball tournament worldwide at the One Wall Nationals in July 2011 and that increased again in 2012. These figures have to be immensely satisfying for our organisation and they continue to grow year on year!

In addition the launch of a first ever Irish 60x30 Nationals proved very worthwhile in 2011 and will no doubt expand further in 2013 now we have made this a Singles event which it has been seen as more conducive to promoting entries in each grade.

The continued accelerated growth of **Ladies Handball** in Ireland is also making an indelible mark and our competitions continue to grow in stature and strength with every season. The launch of new Ladies initiatives as part of the **Women In Sport, The She's Ace Initiative in association with Tour America** will further aid this progress and as part of our Clar of events, has seen specific Ladies Days mapped out as part of this process.

The massive promotion derived from the '**GAA Handball Show**' on **TG4** as well as the many TV highlight pieces on RTE throughout the year have gone some way in our major strategy for 'raising the game'.

It should be noted that our sport was struggling significantly to make any inroads in TV coverage and after I presented a plan to TG4 in November 2009, a strategy was required whereby we had to commission the footage, produce and deliver the full GAA Handball Show series ourselves to turn this tide.

We have now produced and delivered an incredible 38 GAA Handball Show episodes on TG4 in the past 26 months and saw a total of 19 shows aired on TG4 in 2012 alone. The cost and time to produce all of this has been significant but what it has done is pave the way now for Handball to be seen as a very good addition to TV Sport and has been an enormous boost to the profile and how our sport is perceived in all quarters.

I must offer sincere thanks to Rónán Ó Coisdealbha, TG4 Head of Sport, for his support and input and I



Uachtarán CLG, Liam O'Neill officially launches the new She's Ace initiative in Croke Park, sponsored by Tour America



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have no doubt this relationship will continue to play a decisive impact on the increased profile of GAA Handball in Ireland in the future.

The continued increase in profile and magnitude of the **National GAA Handball All Star Awards** Banquet has been amazing in recent years. Over 450 guests enjoyed a brilliant occasion in November 2011, which our excellent officials and club people are presented alongside our star players in an all inclusive end of year GAA Handball celebration. However, with the World Championships coming in October 2012, the event was put back, and in January was cancelled from going ahead in it's standard format. This was unquestionably disappointing but necessary in light of the costs associated with the event and also with so many players and officials already well into their new seasons. The GAA will now honour our National Award winners at a special function in April 2013 and this is a major boost with the Association to look at the running of the event in November 2013.

The **Féile na nGael** was another resounding success also in 2012 and I pay considerable tribute to Cliona Daly and the Dublin Feile Committee for their tremendous efforts in what must rank as one of the highlights of the handball and overall sporting calendar in this country. I must also thank our National Féile na nGael committee representative, Sean O'Connor, for his efforts in ensuring the best for handball as a key component in this fantastic festival of gaelic games.

There has been a huge increase in the number of **Club Tournaments** to have emerged over the past few years and this must be welcomed. While it could be conjectured that this has increased the pressure to the National Events Clár, their contribution to the overall promotion and development of GAA Handball,

particularly at local level, is superb and I believe this is an area we should nurture and support even more in the years ahead. The decision not to include them on the actual Clár was logistically imperative however, but it leaves the door open for all our clubs to continue this promotion in their own area.

The **2nd and 3rd Level Colleges** handball events also appear to be growing in stature and numbers every year. I must congratulate the **ICHA** for maintaining their drive for development in this area. I believe we have offered considerable support to this arena but I also believe we must all now take this support to a higher and more structured level to be able to sustain the constant new additions to our sport in this sphere. While we provided a grant of €6,979 to the ICHA in 2012, this process and structure of funding must be addressed to benefit everyone. If GAA Handball are to continue this there must be a strategy built around the ICHA in 3rd Level promotion and development for this to be seen as constructive.

Overall there is a long list of people and groups who deserve unequivocal thanks for their support and efforts in ensuring our sport and Association continue to grow and flourish in Ireland and internationally :-

Firstly I offer sincere thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who put in such an incredible effort around the World Championships both before and during the event. To the thousand's of committed volunteers and officials at club and county level I must single out the greatest praise of all as you are the very rock upon which our organisation is built. Our Provincial units continue to strive for excellence and your endeavors remain vital to the future wellbeing of our games. On that note I feel I must mention the impressive contribution of Connell Cannon (Connacht), Liam Mahon (Leinster), Donal Hayes (Munster) and Austin



Cork's Catriona Casey celebrates her Ladies All Ireland Senior 60x30 Singles Championship triumph in 2012



Launching the 2012 O'Neills GAA Handball All Ireland 40x20 Championships at O'Neill's Sports

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McKenna (Ulster) as the four provincial Administrators who put in so much time and effort alongside the many other committed individuals in the provincial councils.

The many people who are now involved in the various National Strategic Committees who have already portrayed why their influence and expertise can be so beneficial in our plans for the Association in the years ahead. We must acknowledge how fortunate we are as an organisation to have so many committed and talented people who selflessly give their time and expertise to ensure the very best for GAA Handball.

In the GAA full-time team at Croke Park there have been so many who have provided support and expertise again over the past year. I thank everyone and in particular must mention Paula O'Brien and Joan Kelly in the Finance Department for their patience and proficiency in this vital area.

Ard Stiúrthoir, Paraic Duffy, has also provided outstanding advice and support for GAA Handball Ireland. Personally and on behalf of our Association, I thank him for his very significant contribution.

To CLG Coiste Bainistí, and our Ard Comhairle representative, Sean Walsh, I say 'Míle buíochas' for continued support. Sean was chairman of our Worlds Executive Committee and put in a huge effort with us in ensuring the event's success. The stamp of the GAA is unequivocally apparent in everything which we have achieved to date and we must continue to be grateful for and embrace this. On that note I must also thank Joe Shaughnessy, who was the GAA delegate before Sean Walsh, and who continues to be a great influence for our association from the very top.

Nickey Brennan and Christy Cooney, both served as

Uachtarán CLG in my term as CEO and I must thank them both as I prepare to step down from this role. Liam O'Neill is the current Uachtarán CLG and he too has already provided outstanding leadership of this great Association. His support in particular for GAA Handball has been invaluable and he has undoubtedly offered great support to our sport in all his actions as the foremost figure within the GAA. I am sure all GAA Handball members will join me in wishing him well in the years ahead.

In addition I thank the many International leaders, officers and personnel who have been to the forefront in all the brilliant progress which has been made in the past twelve months. I congratulate you all for your own efforts in your federations and I sincerely hope that you enjoyed our Irish hospitality at the World Championships in October.

The tremendous financial support provided by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is vital to all we have achieved and will continue to be so essential in the future. I thank our parent body for this massive ongoing contribution and unequivocally stress that this is just one area of many where our parent body have had such a decisive impact on our growth and development in recent times.

There has also been tremendous support offered by the Provincial GAA Councils and County Committees around the country. While some of our GAA Handball County and club units may not enjoy the same level of cohesion as others, I have to re-iterate that all our units should continue to engage and work to ensure a stronger bond at all levels of the Association with our many colleagues within the GAA. I can assure all units, in all our gaelic games codes, that we will all benefit from working together in this association.



Players enjoy the surroundings at the Citywest at the 2012 One Wall Nationals, launching the courts for Worlds 2012



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We must also thank the Irish Sports Council for their financial and technical support to the continued development of GAA Handball Ireland as a National Governing Body, and we offer similar sentiments to Sport NI for their support during 2012.

In our own full-time team at Croke Park, we have seen further progress with a restructure of the National Office. This was essential in light of major advancements in recent times and a massive increase in the workload now facing GAA Handball Ireland. I wish Brigid Doheny, John Kelly, Darragh Daly and Eavan Mulligan continued success in their roles as the full time team in Croke Park and hope they continue to strive for the levels we have now reached in our Association into the future.

Unfortunately I will be stepping down with the construction of a new National Handball Centre at Croke Park, despite the full approval of the Dublin City Council and An Bórd Pleanála as well as the continued amazing support from the GAA, still not underway. There have been countless attempts to resolve this situation, which if ultimately proceeding would have an unprecedented and phenomenal positive impact for GAA Handball in Dublin as well as all over Ireland. I have been assured that we are not far away from moving this plan forward and GAA Handball Ireland will hopefully soon stand with pride in one of the finest and most prestigious Handball arenas in the World sooner rather than later.

Since taking up my role as Chief Executive Officer I must reassure all our members, GAA colleagues and all associated bodies, that I have striven to ensure the very best for our sport in all my endeavors. The highly demanding challenges have proven to be tough but most rewarding when viewing the achievements to date. I have committed so much time and energy into a sport and association which I hold very dear and while my decision to step down from this role has clearly surprised many people, I must say that I have

been taken aback by the massive volume of emails, texts and calls thanking me for my input into the growth and development of GAA Handball.

I must also re-iterate that this will not be my last association with our sport as I have deeply missed the role and enjoyment which I had derived for over 30 years from within my own club and county and I will very much focus my voluntary time now back in this sphere.

I am very proud of GAA Handball Ireland and know that it can stand tall in any company. We offer a sport and social provision in communities all over this country that enhance and benefit greatly the people in those very communities. In a time of tough recession, of health and obesity issues, handball is a sport within the GAA that should be promoted and delivered by all the GAA clubs and communities everywhere for those very benefits which are so apparent.

We have come a great way forward and I must stress that these accomplishments have only been possible through the purposeful and structured application of the entire GAA Handball Ireland team of volunteers, full time team in Croke Park, the many GAA supporting units and the many bodies who continue to help from all around us. While I move on, this very network remains very much intact and can continue to deliver on an exciting future for handball.

Although I have used it before, I think it is more relevant now than ever before:-

***"As individuals we work to excel on the courts of play but it will be as a team that we will continue to excel off the courts"***

***Míle buíochas  
Críostóir Ó Corrain  
Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin***



Memorable first title win for Leitrim as Donal Wrynn collects in the 2012 Minor All Ireland 40x20 Championship



Paul Brady receives the Gael Linn Cup from President, Christy Cooney, for his All Ireland 40x20 senior singles win



## Tuarascáil an Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

### National Competitions

Ard Comhairle were responsible for running a total of 315 competitions, an increase of 40 competitions, from 275 organised in 2010. While this is an exciting development and very positive in relation to the record numbers now entering competitions, it is also very taxing in terms of the workload involved in these competitions and also in respect of what is now a very condensed Annual Calendar of Events.

As part of the Association's development programme of 60x30 handball, the Irish 60x30 Nationals (all doubles) was staged and drew just over 160 entries, while there was also a number of new events in the One Wall Nationals.

The decision to separate the Irish 40x20 Nationals into Adult and Junior stand-alone events in 2010 was again proven very worthwhile with new grades also introduced in both. Indeed this is already something which we have discussed as something which may now also need consideration in the One Wall Nationals also in the future. Over 360 entered the Junior Nationals, while the two events combined thus seen over 600 entries in total for our Irish 40x20 Nationals.

Another exciting and welcomed development is in the ever-increasing number of clubs and counties organising successful tournaments all around the country. Such events not only provide tremendous opportunities for our players but they also help to nurture the organisational skills of our many officials in Ireland.

### Brady awesome winning run continues

In the 40x20 Championships, Paul Brady (An Cabhán) retained his All Ireland Senior Singles title in St. Coman's, as he powered to a ninth successive title, conceding just 6 aces in total in the final against Irish 40x20 Nationals champion, Robbie McCarthy. Brady again teamed up with Michael Finnegan for a thrilling Senior doubles success, claiming their eighth title in all, defeating Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll (An Mhí) in the final in Cappagh in a thrilling 21-20 third game contest.

Robbie McCarthy (Iarmhí) made a massive breakthrough in the Senior 60x30 Softball Singles in 2011 and he maintained his dominance twelve months later winning the title again in 2012, when he scored an impressive final

### GAA Handball Official Competitions: Breakdown by event and codes

Competition	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED	Total
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile	
60x30 Championship	40	8	10	8	--	64
40x20 Championship	38	8	10	8	--	62
Hardball Championship	8	--	--	--	--	8
Team Events	6	6	--	1	--	13
Gael Linn	--	--	--	--	1	1
Féile na nGael	--	9	--	4	--	13
2nd level Colleges	--	12	--	8	--	20
Third level Colleges	19	--	11	--	--	30
Irish 60x30 Nationals	7	3	--	2	--	12
Irish Adult 40x20 Nats	14	--	3	--	--	17
Irish Junior 40x20 Nats	--	9		8	--	17
One Wall Nationals	12	5	4	5	--	26
Ladies WIS Initiatives	--	--	3	6	--	9
Opens	10	3	4	2	--	19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>315</b>

## Tuarascáil an Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

win over 8-times champion, Eoin Kennedy (Áth Cliath) in Abbeylara. Tom Sheridan then became the most decorated senior doubles gold medal winner ever when he teamed up with Brian Carroll to take the Open 60x30 doubles crown in highly impressive fashion back to Meath.

Leitrim's Donal Wrynn also made history in 2012 when he took the All Ireland minor doubles crown to his county for the first time while Clare's Colin Crehan and Niall Bolton enjoyed a minor doubles win, 21-20 also in the third game, against Tyrone. Padraig Quish denied Wrynn the minor double as the Limerick player emerged as a certain future softball star with an emphatic 'big court' minor singles success.

Seamus O'Carroll, enjoying a high profile with the Limerick football team, claimed his first senior gold medal winning the Senior Hardball crown and teamed up with CJ Fitzpatrick to take the doubles honours also.

In the Ladies Open Championships, Fiona Shannon bounced back to claim the Ladies Open Singles crown with a tough final win over Maria Daly (Ciarraí) and Shannon teamed up with Sibeal Gallagher to then win the doubles crown also. In the 60x30 Ladies Open championships, Catriona Casey of Cork made history by taking that title to her county for the first time while Pauline Gallagher and Amy Corrigan (Maigh Eo) maintained their stranglehold in 60x30 doubles, winning All Ireland senior gold again.

Having taken the All Ireland Senior Final Programmes out of Croke Park for the first time since 1984 in 2010, I mentioned in my report the impact this has on our gate receipts income not to mention the problem with bringing large crowds to our major games. There is the significant positive of bringing our senior softball championship finals out to venues around the country with Abbeylara, Cappagh, St. Coman's, Williamstown, Thurles and Kingscourt hosting the senior finals in the past couple of years. There is the problem that we are now only able to cater for a maximum number of viewers in the region of 160-200 spectators for our major finals. Compare this to the prospect of 750+ spectators being able to view our senior finals, in all codes, in a new state-of-the-art arena in Croke Park, and it becomes very evident the magnitude of this going ahead both in terms of profile and income for further development of our game.

### M Donnelly GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2012

Traditional 60x30 hotspot, Kilkenny, once again topped the list of counties who have won Gold Medals in the 2012 All Ireland 60x30 Softball championships. Following a series of singles and doubles finals in the Worlds year, as well as the Juvenile championship finals, Kilkenny secured a very impressive haul of 15 All Ireland Championship titles in the big court, a full 7 titles ahead of their nearest rivals, Limerick.

#### M DONNELLY GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2012 (spread of titles)

County	Mens Adult	Ladies Adult	Boys Juvenile	Girls Juvenile	Team	Total
Kilkenny	9	3	3	--	--	15
Limerick	8	--	--	--	--	8
Tipperary	6	--	1	--	1	8
Mayo	5	2	--	--	--	7
Cork	--	3	--	--	2	5
Tyrone	--	--	3	1	--	4
Carlow	3	--	--	--	--	3
Dublin	3	--	--	--	--	3
Galway	--	--	--	3	--	3
Wexford	1	--	1	--	1	3
Kerry	1	--	--	1	--	2
Leitrim	2	--	--	--	--	2
Roscommon	1	--	--	1	--	2
Meath	1	--	--	--	1	2
Kildare	1	--	--	--	--	1
Westmeath	1	--	--	--	--	1
Cavan	1	--	--	--	--	1
Offaly	--	--	--	--	1	1

## Tuarascáil an Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

Significantly four of the top six in the Gold Medal honours list are from four different provinces with Kilkenny in top spot, Limerick and Tipperary in second with 8 titles, Mayo coming in third with 7 titles, just ahead of Cork on 5 and Tyrone in sixth with their 4 Juvenile titles after an eyecatching juvenile year for the Red Hand county.

Another redeeming statistic in the 60x30 softball championships this term is the fact that 18 different counties secured All Ireland gold medals in 2012.



*Robbie McCarthy retained the M Donnelly GAA Handball All Ireland Senior 60x30 Softball Championship crown in 2012*

### O'NEILLS GAA Handball 40x20 Championships 2012 (spread of titles)

County	Mens Adult	Ladies Adult	Boys Juvenile	Girls Juvenile	Team	Total
Kilkenny	8	3	--	1	--	12
Galway	4	--	--	2	1	7
Cork	2	2	--	1	1	6
Tipperary	3	--	--	--	3	6
Limerick	3	--	2	--	--	5
Tyrone	--	--	3	1	--	4
Clare	3	--	1	--	--	4
Cavan	3	--	--	--	--	3
Kildare	2	--	--	1	--	3
Antrim	1	2	--	--	--	3
Armagh	--	--	1	2	--	3
Wexford	2	--	--	--	--	2
Carlow	2	--	--	--	--	2
Meath	1	--	--	--	1	2
Mayo	1	1	--	--	--	2
Leitrim	1	--	--	--	--	1
Dublin	1	--	--	--	--	1
Louth	1	--	--	--	--	1
Roscommon	--	1	--	--	--	1
Westmeath	--	1	--	--	--	1
Down	--	--	1	--	--	1

Taking a look at the spread of All Ireland Championship titles in both the 60x30 (page 15) and 40x20 (below) the fact that 17 different counties in the 'big court' and 21 in the 40x20 International court have picked up gold medals makes good reading. The table listings show very clearly how GAA Handball is going well right accross the country and is not solely being dominated by the same few counties.

For the second year running, Kilkenny top the 60x30 list are also back at the top of the honours list in the All Ireland 40x20 championships, in a very impressive year for the cats. Tipperary's clean sweep of Juvenile team titles in the 40x20 court also stands out for mention.



## Tuarascáil an Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

### Nationals Tournaments

For the second year running, despite hosting the largest handball event in history in addition to our championships, GAA Handball organised major Nationals weekend Tournaments in 40x20, 60x30 and One Wall Handball. This is a very definitive portrayal of just how this type of event is growing in stature and when considering that record breaking entry numbers featured in all tells of the importance and profile of these competitions.

Again the fact that a record 23 different counties picked up Nationals titles is hugely encouraging but the figures in terms of entries stands out. The One Wall Nationals has gone from strength to strength as this particular code of handball has spiralled to a whole new level in Ireland and Internationally. A total of 623 players competed in the 2012 One Wall Nationals, making it the biggest Nationals event in any country in the World to date. Indeed the indications are already there that this will be surpassed again in 2013.

The Irish Junior 40x20 Nationals was replaced instead in 2012 with world junior team trials, due to the fact that the World Championships were taking place and now revert to an April date in 2013. The Irish Adult 40x20 Nationals there were 246 entries. In 2011 GAA Handball Ireland also launched a first ever 60x30 Nationals Event and this attracted an entry of 158 players across all codes, and saw the same number compete in 2012. This was seen as a good promotional event in the big court and, while the Worlds 2012 may have impacted last year, it will be up to the county committees to promote this event better now in a singles tournament style in 2013.

Overall, the statistics would indicate that the Tournament style event is very much the way forward for our sport. While championships mean competing weekend after weekend, this can be costly to sustain for both the organisation and the players themselves. A weekend tournament can improve this situation, while it would seem inevitable that a One Wall National Championship will be a must in 2014. In 2013 we have introduced Provincial One Wall Championship weekends and an All Ireland semi-final and finals weekend in 2014 is the next logical step

#### GAA Handball Irish Nationals (40x20, 60x30, 1Wall) 2012 (spread of titles)

County	40x20 Adult Nationals	40x20 Junior Nats/Trials	One Wall Nationals	60x30 Nationals	Total
Galway	1	2	2	1	6
Monaghan	3	--	2	--	5
Cork	1	1	2	1	5
Roscommon	--	1	2	2	5
Armagh	--	--	5	--	5
Tyrone	--	--	2	2	4
Antrim	4	--	--	--	4
Meath	2	1	1	--	4
Down	2	--	2	--	4
Kilkenny	1	--	--	3	4
Limerick	1	--	--	2	3
Mayo	1	--	2	--	3
Carlow	1	--	--	2	3
Wexford	--	--	--	3	3
Westmeath	1	--	1	--	2
Wicklow	--	--	2	--	2
Kildare	--	--	1	1	2
Offaly	1	--	--	--	1
Waterford	1	--	--	--	1
Clare	--	1	--	--	1
Louth	--	--	1	--	1
Cavan	--	--	1	--	1
Tipperary	--	--	--	1	1

## Tuarascáil an Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

### GAA World Handball Championships

I have already discussed the planning surrounding the 2012 World Handball Championships and the innovative approach whereby our Association, supported by the GAA, constructed a first ever purpose-built arena to host the 2012 event. The Citywest played host to this event and the staging effectively took almost 4 weeks to complete both pre and post world championships there.

In terms of the profile achieved, we gained immense kudos in the sporting world in Ireland and now have an exhibition of what we achieved in very high quality to demonstrate for future major international plans for handball going forward. High profile guests and dignitaries witnessed a fantastic opening ceremony which had 5,000 people present, while many also witnessed the World finals night on Tuesday 16th October which manifested into one of the greatest ever nights on the sport.

We again produced our signature series, The GAA Handball Show, with four episodes shown during the World Championships while we followed up with four GAA Handball Show episodes in December (repeated in January 2013), which have received major attention from other sporting and media organisations as a result. While the costs associated with the 2012 calendar year for GAA Handball Ireland, due to the World Handball Championships, the financial backing and support of the GAA, and the immeasurable positive portrayal that GAA Handball has derived from this event can have a hugely positive impact for years to come. With plans to secure Olympic status in the years ahead now a very real ambition as a result of what has been achieved by the design, creation, organisation and planning surrounding the 2012 World Handball Championships.

A total of twenty counties secured at least one gold medal from the record breaking 40x20 world handball championships in the Citywest Hotel. Tipperary, Cork, Kildare, Clare, Dublin, Limerick, Kilkenny and Galway are among the most prominent counties on the final roll of honour for the 40x20 championships, in which there were a total of 63 titles on offer at the Citywest Arena, including 35 singles titles.

Cavan and Antrim captured the two most prestigious gold medals at the championships as Paul Brady and Aisling Reilly won the mens and womens open singles titles, with Antrim also notching the womens open doubles prize through singles runner-up Fiona Shannon and her sister Sibeal Gallagher, and Cavan taking silver in the mens open doubles through Brady and Finnegan.

But overall it was Tipperary that topped the final roll of honour by winning three singles gold medals and three doubles titles, as well as sharing in another doubles success with Galway. Daniel Hayes led the way for Tipperary with a double gold medal haul in under-15 singles and doubles, while Colin Ryan won gold and silver at under-13 level.

Cork won five titles in the 40x20 championships and shared in a sixth success, with the wonderful Catriona Casey completing a double and the Carroll brothers, Killian and Tadhg, each adding a singles gold medal to the county's tally. The brothers also picked up 40x20 silvers in their respective doubles competitions. Kildare won four titles and shared in one more success, with Leah Doyle collecting two gold medals for under-11 singles and doubles, a feat repeated by Tyrone's Lorcan McBride in the boys under-11 competitions.



Above Left: CJ Fitzpatrick shoots during his All Ireland Intermediate softball championship triumph while Right: Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll celebrate another M Donnelly GAA Handball All Ireland senior softball championship success

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Clare also had a great championship in the 40x20 arena with two singles titles and two doubles titles secured, topped by Diarmaid Nash winning gold and silver in the under-23 competitions, and there were three titles apiece for Dublin and Limerick, with both counties also sharing in further doubles triumphs. Egin Jensen (silver masters) and Eugene Kennedy (diamond masters) were both double gold medal winners for Dublin in 40x20, while Martina McMahon picked up a gold and a silver for Limerick.

For the third world championships running, Ducksy Walsh again produced an outstanding achievement by taking the masters singles and doubles honours, and Dominic Lynch from Kerry achieved the very same accolade in the over-35 section. Galway's two brilliant young stars, Ciana Ni Churraoin and Martin Mulkerrins, both ended the 40x20 world championships with gold and silver, with more to come later in the one wall championships, while Armagh's achievements in the underage girls competitions were very impressive.

Niamh Coleman won two gold medals for Armagh in the under-15 singles and doubles, with her younger sister Dearbhla collecting two silvers at under-11 and another clubmate, Aoibhinn Henderson, taking the gold medal for under-13 singles. Of the 28 doubles titles distributed in the 40x20 championships, as many as ten were claimed by a combination of players from two different counties. Wexford picked up four gold medals in this way, while Kilkenny shared in three world doubles title wins. The visiting countries competed strongly in the open competitions and in the older grades, with USA, Australia and Canada featuring prominently throughout the masters competitions.

Former leading professional players such as Danny Armijo, Dave Steinberg, Vern Roberts, Merv Deckert and Danny Bell all made it through to various world finals but the biggest success for the visiting contingent in the 40x20 code was the mens open doubles success registered by Americans Andy Nett and singles silver medalist, Luis Moreno.

Overall the Irish players, on home soil, were strong across all grades, from under-11 through to Veteran Diamond Masters, but it certainly proved much tougher for Ireland against the visiting countries in the world one-wall championships at the Citywest.

**Ireland's WORLD 40X20 TITLES PER COUNTY:** Tipperary 6, Cork 5, Kildare 4, Clare 4, Armagh 3, Dublin 3, Limerick 3, Kilkenny 2, Kerry 2, Meath 2, Galway 2, Antrim 2, Tyrone, Cavan, Roscommon, Mayo, Wicklow

**PLUS GOLD MEDAL DOUBLES COMBINATIONS:** Kilkenny/Offaly, Tyrone/Monaghan, Wexford/Cork, Galway/Kildare, Kerry/Wexford, Kilkenny/Wexford, Dublin/Kilkenny, Mayo/Limerick, Tipperary/Galway, Dublin/Wexford

A total of 20 World Championship titles in One Wall followed on from an unheralded 43 successes in the four wall (40x20) court, exemplifying Ireland's unquestionable rise up the ranks of World handball to an unprecedented level. In total, there was also a record 21 counties who achieved World Championship successes, which is two more than the previous record set in 2009. This statistic again highlighting the growth of the game and standards in Ireland.

On that note, overall Armagh were the most successful county at Worlds 2012 with a total of 10 World Championship titles secured, a very impressive feat indeed. Clare and Tyrone were next best on the honours list



Clare's Diarmaid Nash was an impressive winner of the World 23 & Under singles championship at the Citywest Arena



Antrim's Fiona Shannon lost out in her 4-in-a-row bid in the Ladies Open singles but won the doubles with Sibeal Gallagher



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with 7 world titles each and Munster counties Cork (6), Tipperary (6) and Limerick (5) coming next in front of 4 each for Galway and Kildare.

On reflection and looking through the statistics, Ireland did finish with the greatest medal haul albeit this was again largely due to the dominance at Junior level, where Ireland went close to a clean sweep of major titles. However, it is USA and Puerto Rico who claimed the major titles in the One Wall World Championships and were emphatic in the process. USA won the Mens Open Big Ball Singles, through Tywan Cooke, and claimed the Big Ball Nations Cup, defeating Ireland in the final, while they also stormed to impressive wins in the Small Ball One Wall Open Singles and Doubles in both the mens and womens grades, Tyree Bastidas the star of the show in those events. Puerto Rico stormed to the Mens Open Doubles Big Ball crown through Herman Mendez and Wally Amaro and Michelle Melendez also powered her way to the Ladies Open One Wall Singles crown.

On that basis Puerto Rico did exert a level of dominance in the Womens Open grades, winning the Open singles and also denying USA in the final of the Nations Team Championships, while USA did bounce back with a triumph in the Ladies Open doubles.

At Junior level, there were some amazing ties on show with USA's Michael Zhou denying Killian Carroll in the 19&U Singles final and Armagh's Conall McCavitt went into many notebooks with his excellent win over US Open champion, Robert Lee, in the 17 & Under final.

Overall, Armagh emerged as the most successful Irish county in the One Wall World Championships with 7 world titles secured while their neighbours, Tyrone, came in just behind with 6 world one wall titles won. One very significant statistic in that respect is that Clann Eireann Club, Lurgan, enjoyed phenomenal World One Wall titles in Girls 11, 13 and 15 & Under singles, the latter grade been won by Niamh Coleman who had the added distinction of winning 4 World Championship gold medals.

Overall, this was a real World Championships to remember for Ireland's gifted young players but will be reflected upon for many years to come for the sheer magnitude of the event. On the basis of all that has unfolded in recent times, there is now an ever-growing confidence that handball is set for an even greater explosion on the world sporting stage.

### World One Wall Championships title breakdown:

#### Title Breakdown - By Federation

**World Championship titles (Gold):** Ireland 20, USA 18, Puerto Rico 5, Australia 2, Belgium 1, Basque Country 1, Mexico 1

**World Championship runners up (Silver):** Ireland 23, USA 13, Puerto Rico 5, Australia 2, UK 1, Basque Country 1, Holland 1, Ecuador 1

#### Ireland title Breakdown - By County

**World Championship titles (Gold):** Armagh 7, Tyrone 6, Clare 3, Galway 2, Limerick 2, Wicklow 2, Antrim 1, Meath 1, Leitrim 1, Cork 1

**World Championship runners up (Silver):** Tyrone 5, Monaghan 4, Clare 3, Galway 3, Kildare 3, Armagh 2, Cork 2, Kilkenny 2, Leitrim 2, Cavan 1, Dublin 1, Limerick 1, Meath 1, Roscommon 1, Westmeath 1



*DThe 2012 ivision 1 Féile 40x20 Team winners were presented in the Citywest by CEO, Chris Curran*



*Clann Eireann's Division 1 40x20 Feile winners presented by Uachtaráin CLG, Liam O'Neill*

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#### Information

##### BAILLE DEN ARD CHOMHAIRLE

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Aistin Mac Cionnaithe  
Eoghan Mag Uidir  
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### Statement of Management Responsibilities

Management are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish 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.

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

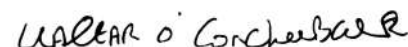
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that An Chomhairle will continue its activities.

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



##### Críostóir Ó Corrain

Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin  
14 Feabhra 2013



##### Úaltar Ó Conchubhair

Uachtarán  
14 Feabhra 2013

### Report of the Independent Auditors

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

We have audited the financial statements of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann for the year ended 31 October 2012 which comprise the Revenue Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements, on pages 6 to 11, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

This report is made solely to the members of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to them those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann and its members, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Management's Responsibilities, management are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and 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 and are properly prepared. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the

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Council. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the Council's 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 Management in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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

### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs at 31 October 2012 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.

### Emphasis of matter – Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, the validity of which depends on circumstances as outlined in note 1 to the financial statements. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

**O'Connor & Associates**  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Harcourt Centre,  
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14 February 2013

## Revenue Account

### for the year ended 31 October 2012

		31 October 2012 (12 Mths) €	31 October 2011 (10 Mths) €
<b>Income</b>	<b>Schedule</b>		
Registrations		55,349	57,877
Gate Receipts		11,799	6,444
Competition and Event Income		23,667	35,844
Irish Sports Council Grants		92,651	78,334
GAA Grants	1	170,500	272,000
Urban regeneration grant		18,000	-
Sponsorship and commercial income		34,117	33,713
Women in Sport		15,834	8,333
Profit on Sale of Merchandise	2	3,693	14,239
Other Income		3,749	6,310
		<b>429,359</b>	<b>513,094</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Women in Sport		32,734	15,028
Competition/Event Expenses		156,848	39,951
International competitions		31,161	20,681
Provincial and regeneration Grants		27,500	9,868
3rd Level Grants		6,979	4,908
Juvenile Expenses		31,868	14,987
Promotional Materials		148,507	136,865
Trophies and Medals		21,840	22,888
Meetings and Officials' Travel		44,275	44,671
Coaching, Leadership & Development		38,536	42,910
Subscriptions		8,000	-
Administration & General	3	339,533	206,803
Depreciation		2,589	2,116
		<b>890,370</b>	<b>561,676</b>
<b>Operating Deficit</b>		<b>(461,011)</b>	<b>(48,582)</b>
World Handball Championships	4	(865,538)	-
Balance at beginning of year		(23,197)	25,385
Balance at end of year		<b>(1,349,746)</b>	<b>(23,197)</b>



## Financial Statements 2012

### Balance Sheet

	Note	As at 31 October 2012 €	As at 31 October 2011 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>3</b>	3,699	4,584
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock		-	27,274
Stock- Handball Courts		299,107	-
Debtors and Prepayments	<b>4</b>	493,752	318,910
Cash & Bank Balances		1,352	1,115
		<u>794,211</u>	<u>347,299</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	<b>5</b>	917,510	109,821
Bank Overdraft	<b>7</b>	1,230,146	265,259
		<u>2,147,656</u>	<u>375,080</u>
Net Current Liabilities		<u>(1,353,445)</u>	<u>(27,781)</u>
Net Liabilities		<u>(1,349,746)</u>	<u>(23,197)</u>
Represented by Accumulated Deficit	<b>6</b>	<u>(1,349,746)</u>	<u>(23,197)</u>

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann incurred an operating deficit of €461,011 (2011: €48,582) for the year ended 31 October 2012 and incurred an additional loss of €865,538 (2011: €Nil) as a result of the hosting of the World Handball Championships. At the year end the accumulated deficit on reserves amounted to €1,349,746 (2011: Deficit €23,197). The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The validity of this assumption depends on an improvement in operational performance and the continued support of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Management consider that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis as the measures being taken to improve operating performance together with the on-going support of the Cumann Lúthchleas Gael will ensure the continued operational activity of the Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann for the foreseeable future.

#### 2. Statement of Accounting Policies

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

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

Office Equipment	-	20% Straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% Straight line

(c) Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on normal levels of cost and activity and comprises cost of purchase and, where appropriate, cost of conversion to current condition and location.

Net realisable value comprises the actual or estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all costs to be incurred in selling and distribution.

#### 3. Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment €	Computer Equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>			
At 31 October 2011	13,998	7,616	21,614
Additions for the year	-	1,704	1,704
At 31 October 2012	13,998	9,320	23,318
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 31 October 2011	13,998	3,032	17,030
Charge for year	-	2,589	2,589
At 31 October 2012	13,998	5,621	19,619
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 October 2011	-	4,584	4,584
At 31 October 2012	-	3,699	3,699

#### 4. Debtors and Prepayments

	2012 €	2011 €
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	295,677	167,000
Other Debtors	198,075	151,910
	<u>493,752</u>	<u>318,910</u>

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### 5. Creditors

	2012 €	2011 €
Creditors and Accruals	817,997	44,245
Taxation and social welfare	92,394	42,616
Player Injury Scheme	2,205	5,645
Other Creditors	4,914	17,315
	<u>917,510</u>	<u>109,821</u>

### 6. Accumulated Fund

	2012 €	2011 €
Balance at beginning of year	(23,197)	25,385
Deficit for year	(1,326,549)	(48,582)
	<u>(1,349,746)</u>	<u>(23,197)</u>

### 7. Security

Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann bank facilities are secured by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

### 8. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the directors on the 14th February 2013.

## Schedules to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 October 2012

	Year ended 31 October 2012 (12 Mths) €	Period ended 31 October 2011 (10 Mths) €
<b>1. GAA Grants</b>		
Cul Camp Dividend	-	5,000
Annual Grant	109,500	100,000
Administration Grant	36,000	36,000
Promotional Grant	25,000	25,000
Strategic Grant	-	106,000
	<u>170,500</u>	<u>272,000</u>

### 2. Profit on Sale of Merchandise

	€	€
Sale of Handballs	31,803	45,584
Opening Stock	27,274	22,824
Purchases	836	35,795
Closing Stock	-	(27,274)
	<u>28,110</u>	<u>31,345</u>
Cost of Sales		
<b>Profit on sale of merchandise</b>	<u>3,693</u>	<u>14,239</u>

### 3. Administration and General Expenses

	Year ended 31 October 2012 (12 Mths) €	Period ended 31 October 2011 (10 Mths) €
Staff Costs	283,190	162,252
Printing, Stationary and Advertising	17,351	24,887
Postage and Telephone	22,917	9,714
Audit and Professional Fees	10,232	8,700
Interest, Charges & Financial Costs	3,705	459
Miscellaneous	2,138	791
	<u>339,533</u>	<u>206,803</u>

### 4. World Handball Championships

Income	€
Competitor entry fees	161,988
Gate Receipts	69,450
Commercial income	4,860
Funding and grants	100,000
	<u>336,298</u>

Expenditure	€
Handball Courts Construction Costs	530,332
Branding, Marketing and Promotions	236,110
IT and Communications Officials, Volunteers and Team Ireland	52,027
Event day Expenses	200,738
Other costs	146,696
	<u>35,933</u>
	<u>1,201,836</u>

### World Handball Championships Deficit

	<u>(865,538)</u>
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### M Donnelly GAA Handball 60x30 All Ireland Final RESULTS:

**Minor Singles Final:** Limerick (Padraig Quish) dft Leitrim (Donal Wrynn) 21-3, 21-9  
**Minor Doubles Final:** Leitrim (Donal Wrynn/Shane Doonan) dft Cork (Michael Hedigan/Daniel Relihan) 21-14, 21-12  
**Under 21 Singles:** Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion) dft Galway (Seamus O'Conghaile) 21-1, 21-3  
**Under 21 Doubles:** Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion/Peter Funchion) dft Galway (Seamus O'Conghaile/Alan Kelly) 21-0, 21-7  
**Junior Singles:** Tipperary (David Hickey) dft Cavan (James Brady) 21-2, 21-7  
**Junior Doubles Final:** Tipperary (David Hickey/Michael Carroll) dft Cavan (James Brady/Patrick Clerkin) 20-21, 21-14, 21-14  
**Junior B Singles:** Limerick (Mike O Toole) dft Mayo (Peter Cassidy) 21-17, 21-7  
**Junior B Doubles:** Limerick (Sean Murphy/Anthony Donnelly) dft Roscommon (Paul Kelly/Philip O'Connor) 21-7, 21-8  
**Intermediate Singles:** Limerick (CJ Fitzpatrick) dft Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) 21-9, 21-8  
**Intermediate Doubles:** Galway (Ollie Conway & Martin Mulkerrins) dft Shane O'Neill/Conor Duff (Tyronne)  
**Mens Open Singles:** Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) 21-16, 21-12  
**Mens Open Doubles Final:** Meath (Tom Sheridan/Brian Carroll) dft Mayo (Dessie Keegan/Joe McCann) 21-12, 21-6  
**Over 35 A Singles:** Kerry (Dominic Lynch) v Mayo (Vinnie Moran) 21-4, 21-3  
**Over 35 A Doubles:** Tipperary (Paul Mullins/Adrian Johnson) dft Mayo (Vinnie Moran/Campbell Brennan) 21-20, 21-9  
**Over 35 B Singles:** Limerick (Ken Bourke) w/o Roscommon (Billy Kelly) inj  
**Over 35 B Doubles Final:** Limerick (Ken Bourke/Mike O Toole) w/o Roscommon (John Kennedy/Billy Kelly)  
**Masters A Singles:** Kilkenny (Michael Walsh) dft Tyrone (Niall Kerr) 21-4, 21-1  
**Masters A Doubles:** Wexford (Tommy Hynes/Paul Carthy) winners  
**Masters B Singles:** Mayo (Jason Judge) dft Kilkenny (Noel Holden) 13-21, 21-14, 21-15  
**Masters B Doubles:** Dublin (Adrian Benson/Christy Donnelly) dft Mayo (Jason Judge & Michael Ginley) 19-21, 21-8, 21-6  
**Silver Masters A Singles:** Carlow (John Ryan) dft Roscommon (Anthony O'Donnell) 21-6, 21-13  
**Silver Masters A Doubles:** Dublin (Egin Jensen/Frank Daly) dft Roscommon (Cormac O'Brien/Ronan Galvin) 21-6, 21-12  
**Silver Masters B Singles:** Limerick (John Frazer) dft Sligo (Martin Cooney) 21-11, 21-18  
**Silver Masters B Doubles:** Kilkenny (Chris Dunne/Paul Dowling) dft Cavan (Phil Reilly/Brendan Gargan)  
**Golden Masters A Singles:** Kildare (Mick Dowling) v Sligo (Francis McCann) 21-20, 21-14  
**Golden Masters A Doubles:** Kilkenny (Martin Lalor/Eugene Downey) dft Mayo (Martin Vahey/John Staunton) 21-13, 20-21, 21-5  
**Golden Masters B Singles:** Leitrim (Ed Lee) dft Kilkenny (Eamonn Purcell) 21-5, 21-3  
**Golden Masters B Doubles:** Kilkenny (Eamonn Purcell/Jimmy Purcell) dft Antrim (Thomas Maguire/Pat Maguire) 21-11, 21-13  
**Diamond Masters A Singles:** Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 21-14, 21-4  
**Diamond Masters A Doubles:** Carlow (John Rossiter/Andy Ryan) dft Mayo (Matt Coady/Seamus Clarke) 21-17, 21-7  
**Diamond Masters B Singles:** Mayo (Kevin Fahey) dft Louth (Sean Devlin) 21-7, 21-12  
**Diamond Masters B Doubles:** Mayo (Kevin Fahey/Gus Heraty) dft Limerick (John Joe Fahy/Pat Henerbry) 21-7, 11-0 (Limerick ret inj.)  
**Emerald Masters A Singles:** Tipperary (Billy Mullins) dft Mayo (Kevin Geraghty) 21-12, 21-7  
**Emerald Masters A Doubles:** Tipperary (Billy Mullins/Pakie Mullins) dft Mayo (Kevin Geraghty/Martin Cronin) 21-8, 21-14  
**Emerald Masters B Singles:** Roscommon (James Coughlan) dft Louth (John Kelly) 4-21, 21-17, 21-15  
**Emerald Masters B Doubles:** Mayo (Tony Kenny/Jimmy Sheridan) dft Tipperary (Gerry Foley/Eamon Spillane) 21-16, 21-14  
**Ruby Masters Singles:** Kilkenny (Paddy Reilly) w/o Mayo (John Kenny) - inj  
**Ruby Masters Doubles:** Cavan (Patsy Hand/Greg Sheridan) dft Kilkenny (Seamus Reade/Paddy Reilly) 21-10, 21-19  
**Over 70 Singles:** Dublin (Mick O'Brien) dft Sligo (Paddy Walsh) 21-13, 21-5

### M DONNELLY GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Ladies Championship Finals Results:

**Ladies Open Senior Singles Final:** Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Mayo (Pauline Gallagher) 21-4, 21-4  
**Ladies Open Senior Doubles Final:** Mayo (Pauline Gallagher/Amy Corrigan) dft Cork (Catriona Casey/Aisling O Keefe) 21-11, 20-21, 21-14  
**Ladies Minor Singles Final:** Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Roscommon (Lauren O'Riordain) 21-17, 21-16  
**Ladies Minor Doubles Final:** Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon/Mary Phelan) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon/Niamh Blackburn)  
**Ladies Intermediate Singles Final:** Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) 21-5, 21-4  
**Ladies Junior Singles Final:** Kilkenny (Rachel Hogan) w/o Mayo (Stephanie Coleman)  
**Ladies Junior Doubles Final:** Kilkenny (Rachel Hogan/Claire Grace) dft Mayo (Stephanie

Coleman/Mary Duffy) 21-19, 21-2

**Ladies Junior B Singles Final:** Mayo (Jennifer Fahey) dft Kerry (Aine Casey) 21-13, 21-2

**Ladies Junior B Doubles Final:** Kilkenny (Denise Doyle/Megan Clifford) dft Leitrim (Ciara McLoughlin/Mary Shanley) 21-11, 21-18



### GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Hardball Championship Finals 2012

**SENIOR SINGLES:** Seamus O'Carroll (Limerick) dft Tom Sheridan (Meath) 21-18, 21-14  
**SENIOR DOUBLES:** Seamus O'Carroll/CJ Fitzpatrick (Limerick) dft Vinnie Moran/Campbell Brennan (Mayo) 21-8, 21-4  
**MASTERS SINGLES:** Tom Sheridan (Meath) dft Michael Dowling (Kildare) 21-8, 21-18  
**MASTERS DOUBLES:** Tom Sheridan/ Joe Cummins (Meath) dft Michael Dowling/Neil Morrison (Kildare) 21-19, 21-8  
**MINOR SINGLES:** Padraig Quish (Limerick) dft Padraig Foley (Wexford) 21-15, 21-14  
**MINOR DOUBLES:** Michael Hedigan, Daniel Relihan (Cork) dft Galen Riordain, Padraig Foley (Wexford) 21-11, 21-5  
**JUNIOR SINGLES:** Niall O Connor (Kildare) dft Jason Murphy (Wexford) 21-19, 21-9  
**JUNIOR DOUBLES:** Niall O'Connor, Paul Moran (Kildare) dft Keith Kavanagh, James Gregan (Wicklow) 21-1, 21-4



### GAA Handball All Ireland 40x20 Championships 2012

**Mens Open Singles:** Cavan (Paul Brady) dft Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) 21-5, 21-1  
**Mens Open Doubles:** Cavan (Paul Brady/Michael Finnegan) dft Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) 9-21, 21-11, 21-20  
**Minor Singles:** Leitrim (Donal Wrynn) dft Wexford (Galen Riordan) 9-21, 21-4, 21-8  
**Minor Doubles:** Clare (Colin Crehan/Niall Bolton) dft Tyrone (Pol Clarke/Gabhainn McCrystall) 21-12, 17-21, 21-20  
**Under 21 Singles:** Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion) dft Monaghan (Terry McElvaney) 21-13, 21-6  
**Under 21 Doubles:** Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion/Peter Funchion) dft Monaghan (Terry McElvaney/Chris McKenna) 21-16, 21-20  
**Junior Singles:** Clare (Cathal Hannon) dft Monaghan (Terry Kiernan) 21-12, 21-8  
**Junior Doubles:** Kildare (Paul Moran/Niall O'Connor) dft Monaghan (Terry Kiernan/James Gavaghan) 21-9, 21-5  
**Junior B Singles:** Tipperary (John Ferncombe) dft Antrim (Brendan Herron) 21-6, 21-16  
**Junior B Doubles:** Wexford (Darren O'Toole/Malachy Whelan) dft Monaghan (Christopher McKenna/Eamonn Todd) 21-5, 21-4  
**Intermediate Singles:** Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Tipperary (Ger Coonan) 5-21, 21-11, 21-13  
**Intermediate Doubles:** Cork (Brendan Fleming/Killian Carroll) dft Galway (Pat Conway/Ollie Conway) 21-12, 21-10  
**Over 35A Singles:** Wexford (Gavin Buggy) dft Antrim (Sean Devine) 7-21, 21-9, 21-7  
**Over 35A Doubles:** Antrim (Sean Devine/Seamus O'Tuama) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy/Tony Breen) 21-3, 21-10  
**Over 35B Singles:** Limerick (Paul Hedderman) dft Galway (Trevor Hannon) 21-12, 8-21, 21-15  
**Over 35B Doubles:** Limerick (Paul Hedderman/Ken Bourke) dft Sligo (Shane Bruen/Mark Murphy) 21-5, 21-11  
**Masters A Singles:** Kilkenny (Michael Walsh) dft Antrim (Paddy Crothers) 21-5, 21-14  
**Masters A Doubles:** Kilkenny (Michael Walsh/DJ Carey) dft Antrim (Paddy Crothers/John McGarry) 21-7, 21-10  
**Masters B Singles:** Cork (John Kiersey) dft Galway (Morgan Duggan) 21-10, 21-11  
**Masters B Doubles:** Meath (Joe Lynch/Christy McGovern) dft Mayo (Jason Judge/Patrick Foy) 21-11, 21-13  
**Silver Masters A Singles:** Kilkenny (Billy Bourke) dft Mayo (Joe Dowling) 21-9, 21-5  
**Silver Masters A Doubles:** Dublin (Egin Jensen/Frank Daly) dft Antrim (Eddie Mallon/Joe McAllister) 21-12, 21-5  
**Silver Masters B Singles:** Tipperary (Jim O'Brien) dft Down (Sean McNally) 21-17, 21-18  
**Silver Masters B Doubles:** Kilkenny (Chris Dunne/Paul Dowling) dft Galway (Denis Phelan/Brendan McNeela) 21-12, 21-14  
**Golden Masters A Singles:** Kildare (Michael Dowling) dft Sligo (Francis McCann) 21-12, 21-7  
**Golden Masters A Doubles:** Galway (Eamon Conneely/Martin Conneely) dft Cork (John Hedigan/John Herlihy) 21-13, 21-9  
**Golden Masters B Singles:** Clare (John Cawley) dft Galway (Denis Phelan) 21-10, 21-7  
**Golden Masters B Doubles:** Kilkenny (Eamonn Purcell/Jimmy Purcell) dft Galway (Willie Corcoran/Mike Shaughnessy) 21-14, 13-21, 21-14  
**Diamond Masters A Singles:** Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 21-15, 21-9  
**Diamond Masters A Doubles:** Carlow (Andy Ryan/John Rossiter) w/o Roscommon (Seamus McHugh/Noel Raftery) injured  
**Diamond Masters B Singles:** Galway (Gerry Ó Fátharta) dft Cork (Dave Stack) 16-21, 21-12, 21-4  
**Diamond Masters B Doubles:** Galway (Gerry Ó Fátharta/Meati Ó Fátharta) dft Limerick (Pat Henerbry/John Joe Fahy) 21-13, 21-12  
**Emerald Masters A Singles:** Limerick (Tom O'Brien) dft Mayo (Kevin Geraghty) 21-16, 17-21, 21-12  
**Emerald Masters A Doubles:** Kilkenny (Joe Hennessy/Johnny Brennan) dft Mayo (Kevin



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Geraghty/ Martin Cronin) 21-16, 21-10

**Emerald Masters B Singles:** Louth (John Kelly) dft Mayo (Joe Neary) 21-18, 21-9

**Emerald Masters B Doubles:** Mayo (Eugene Maloney & Michael Munnely) dft Cork (Ray Norris/Sean Daly) 21-11, 21-17

**Ruby Masters Singles:** Tipperary (Jim Ryan) dft Galway (Morgan Darcy) 21-11, 21-12

**Ruby Masters Doubles:** Cavan (Patsy Hand/Greg Sheridan) v Kilkenny (Paddy Reilly/Seamus Reade)

### GAA Handball Ladies All Ireland 40x20 Championships 2012

**Ladies Minor Singles:** Roscommon (Lauren O'Riordan) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon) 21-15, 21-5

**Ladies Minor Doubles:** Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon/Mary Phelan) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon/Louise O Riordan) 21-12, 21-14

**Ladies Junior B Singles:** Kilkenny (Rachel Hogan) dft Mayo (Jennifer Fahy) 9-21, 21-15, 21-14

**Ladies Junior B Doubles:** Kilkenny (Rachel Hogan/Marie Walshe) dft Roscommon (Aoife McDonagh/Marina Kilduff) 21-7, 21-4

**Ladies Junior Singles:** Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) dft Mayo (Clodagh McMenamin) 21-11, 21-12

**Ladies Junior Doubles:** Mayo (Clodagh McMenamin/Ciara McMenamin) dft Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy/Niamh Egan) 21-4, 21-14

**Ladies Intermediate Singles:** Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Mayo (Pauline Gallagher) 21-9, 21-3

**Ladies Intermediate Doubles:** Cork (Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keefe) dft Mayo (Pauline Gallagher/Amy Corrigan) 13-21, 21-11, 21-10

**Ladies Open Senior Singles:** Antrim (Fiona Shannon) dft Kerry (Maria Daly) 21-14, 21-17

**Ladies Senior Doubles Final:** Antrim (Fiona Shannon/Sibéal Gallagher) dft Kerry (Maria Daly/Ashley Prendiville) 21-17, 17-21, 21-16

### GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Club Championship Finals 2012

**Open:** Kells, Meath (C. Browne, C. McGovern, T. Sheridan, B. Carroll (+ sub, G. McConnell) dft Ballaghaderreen, Mayo (D. Keegan, J. McCann, V. Moran, S. Cooney (+ subs, P. Flynn, C. Brennan) 84-61.

**Junior:** Ballydesmond, Cork (D. O' Dea, J. O' Keeffe, B. Fleming, D. Quinn (+ sub, J. Guiney)) dft Coolboy, Wicklow (J. Willoughby, J. Gregan, K. Kavanagh, C. Doyle (+ sub, R. Willoughby)) 73-54.

**Junior B:** Crinkle, Birr, Offaly (K. Cooke, N. O' Brien, S. Ryan, J. Mullins (+ sub, D. Cooke) dft Kells, Kilkenny (A. Martin, D. Breen, B. Burke, D. Burke) 78-72.

### GAA Handball All Ireland 40x20 Club Championship Finals 2012

**Open:** Kells, Meath (T. Sheridan, B. Carroll, C. Browne, G. McConnell) dft St. Coman's, Roscommon (D. Martin, A. Cunningham, R. O' Gara, O. Naughton (+ sub, C. Doolin)) 67-22.

**Intermediate:** Williamstown, Galway (N. McHugh, P. Conway, O. Conway, A. Tierney (sub, D. Connaughton)) dft Brackey, Tyrone (S. O' Neill, B. Corcoran, R. Kelly, B. Devlin) 39-20. Williamstown, Galway (N. McHugh, P. Conway, O. Conway, A. Tierney (sub, D. Connaughton)) dft Liscarroll, Cork (D. Relihan, T. O' Neill, A. O' Neill, D. O' Neill) 43-41.

**Junior:** Ballydesmond, Cork (J. Casey, John O' Keeffe, D. O' Dea, Joseph O' Keeffe) dft Brackey, Tyrone (P. Clarke, G. McCrystall, C. McEluff, J. Woods) 36-26.

### GAA Handball All Ireland Juvenile 60x30 Championship Finals 2012:

**Boys U14 Singles:** Tyrone (Sean Kerr) dft Kilkenny (Roy Cullen) 15-1, 15-6

**Boys U14 Doubles:** Wexford (Thomas Hall/Daniel Kavanagh) dft Cavan (Stephen Smith/Thomas Donohue) 15-4, 15-5

**Boys U15 Singles:** Kilkenny (Padraig Cooney) dft Mayo (Niall Joyce) 12-15, 15-8, 15-5

**Boys U15 Doubles:** Kilkenny (Sean Carey / Dylan Caulfield) dft Tyrone (Jack Campbell & Aaron Owens) 15-11, 15-14

**Boys U16 Singles:** Kilkenny (John Walsh) dft Monaghan (Ramunas Ramauskas) 21-4, 21-11

**Boys U16 Doubles:** Tyrone (Johnny Wood /Ryan Mullian) dft Tipperary (Padraig O'Donoghue/Daniel Hayes) 6-21, 21-17, 11-9

**Boys U17 Singles:** Tipperary (Jason Cahill) dft Galway (Conor Noone)

**Boys U17 Doubles:** Tyrone (Pól Clarke/Gabhainn McCrystal) dft Limerick (Shane Murphy/Denis Donegan) 21-3, 21-15

**Girls U14 Singles:** Roscommon (Fiona Tully) dft Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) 15-12, 13-15, 15-8

**Girls U14 Doubles:** Galway (Heather Spellman/Elaine Mitchell) dft Kildare (Hanah Dagg/Saoirse Sunderland) 15-13, 15-8

**Girls U15 Singles:** Kerry (Michaela O'Donoghue) dft Sligo (Aoife Quinn) 15-5, 6-15, 15-6

**Girls U15 Doubles:** Galway (Anna Ni Odhrain Ni Mhurchú/Eimear Ni Bhíadhá) dft Wexford (Chloe Cash/Courtney Browne) 15-1, 15-14

**Girls U16 Singles:** Galway (Ciana Ni Churraoin) dft Laois (Niamh Dunne) 21-1, 21-3

**Girls U16 Doubles:** Tyrone (Aoife Kelly/Maeve McEluff) dft Kildare (Áine O'Keefe/Kate Dagg) 21-3, 21-6

**Girls U17 Singles:** Mayo (Shona Ruane) dft Brid Hogan (Cork) 0-21, 21-12, 11-6

### GAA Handball All-Ireland 40x20 Juvenile Championships 2012

**BU14 Singles:** Tyrone (Sean Kerr) dft Tipperary (Jason English) 15-13, 15-13

**BU14 Doubles:** Limerick (Nigel O Callaghan/Evan Murphy) dft Tyrone (Matthew McCartan/Shane McCrystall) 15-6, 8-15, 15-6

**BU15 Singles:** Armagh (Brian McAnenly) dft Wexford (Oisín Foley) 12-15, 15-14, 15-5

**BU15 Doubles:** Tyrone (Jack Campbell/Pauric Mullan) dft Kilkenny (Padraig Cooney/Niall Walsh) 15-14, 15-4

**BU16 Singles:** Clare (Colin Corbett) dft Monaghan (Eugene McGeough) 21-5, 21-16

**BU16 Doubles:** Tyrone (Johnny Woods/Ryan Mullan) dft Kilkenny (Emmet Landy/Brian Mahon) 21-10, 21-9

**BU17 Singles:** Limerick (Padraig Quish) dft Antrim (Jordan O'Neill) 21-8, 21-10

**BU17 Doubles:** Down (Pat Havern/Stephen Digney) dft Cork (Michael Dunne/Aidan Kerins) 21-7, 21-5

**GU14 Singles:** Armagh (Niamh Coleman) dft Kerry (Aileen Twomey) 11-15, 15-9, 15-8

**GU14 Doubles:** Armagh (Aoibhinn Henderson/Alana Doran) dft Clare (Clodagh Nash/Doireann Murphy) 15-4, 15-11

**GU15 Singles:** Cork (Katie Fleming) dft Sligo (Aoife Quinn) 15-10, 15-4

**GU15 Doubles:** Galway (Heather Spellman/Elaine Mitchell) dft Kerry (Aisling O'Brien/Michaela O'Donoghue) 15-3, 15-10

**GU16 Singles:** Galway (Ciana Ni Churraoin) dft Kilkenny (Kirsty Maher) 21-2, 21-3

**GU16 Doubles:** Tyrone (Maeve McEluff/Aoife Kelly) dft Clare (Natasha Coughlan/Michelle Nihill) 21-1, 21-1

**GU17 Singles:** Kildare (Kate Dagg) dft Tyrone (Zara Girvan) 21-0, 21-1

**GU17 Doubles:** Kilkenny (Mary Buggy/Ashling Maher) dft Mayo (Shona Ruane/Clare Shannon) 21-9, 12-21, 11-7



### GAA Handball Irish 40x20 Adult Nationals 2012:

**Mens Open Singles** Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Michael Gregan (Wicklow) 21-9, 21-9

**Ladies Open Singles** Aisling Reilly (Antrim) dft Fiona Shannon (Antrim) 21-14, 21-2

**Mens A Singles** Carl Browne (Meath) dft Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow) 21-19, 21-10

**Mens B Singles** Terry Kiernan (Monaghan) dft Ciaran Neary (Kilkenny) 21-14, 14-21, 11-6

**Mens C Singles** Peter O'Reilly (Meath) dft Brendan Burke (Kilkenny) 21-17, 21-3

**Mens Challenger Singles** Sean Murphy (Limerick) dft Anthony Donnelly (Limerick) 10-21, 21-16, 11-10

**Mens 23&U Singles** Stephen Cooney (Mayo) dft CJ Fitzpatrick (Limerick) 21-6, 17-21, 11-6

**Mens 23&U B Singles** Christopher McKenna (Monaghan) dft Dan Breen (Kilkenny) 21-8, 21-17

**Ladies 23&U Singles** Lorraine Havern (Down) dft Martina McMahon (Limerick) 21-15, 21-13

**Ladies B Singles** Laura Keaver (Abbeyside) dft Niamh Egan (Westmeath) 21-10, 21-20

**Ladies Challenger Singles** Christina Donoghue (Offaly) dft Collette Connaughton (Galway)

**Mens 35+ Singles** Sean Devine (Antrim) dft Paul Graham (Antrim) 21-12, 21-4

**Masters Singles** Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Tom Sheridan (Meath) 21-12, 21-11

**Masters B Singles** Morgan Duggan (Galway) dft Jason Judge (Mayo) 21-12, 21-19

**Silver Masters B Singles** Sean McNally (Down) dft Paul Dowling (Kilkenny) 21-8, 18-21, 11-4

**Golden Masters Singles** John Herlihy (Cork) dft Michael Dowling (Kildare) 21-4, 17-21, 11-6

**Golden Masters B Singles** Conor McDonnell (Monaghan) dft Denis Phelan (Galway) 21-12, 21-16

**Diamond Masters Singles** John Rossiter (Carlow) dft Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) 15-21, 21-4, 11-0

**Emerald Masters Singles** Anthony Caddell (Antrim) dft Gerry McGrath (Wicklow) 21-5, 21-17

**Ruby Masters Singles** Seamus Graham (Antrim) dft Morgan Darcy (Galway) 21-19, 21-11

### GAA Handball Irish Junior Nationals 40x20 2012

#### World Team Ireland Trials:

**Boys 15 & Under Irish Team Trials**

Robert Fox (Meath) dft Daniel Hayes (Tipperary) 16-21, 21-11, 11-2

**Boys 17 & Under Irish Team Trials**

Colin Crehan (Clare) dft Darren Doherty (Monaghan) 21-6, 21-13

**Boys 19 & Under Irish Team Trials**

Martin Mulkerriens (Galway) dft Niall O'Connor (Kildare) 21-19, 21-18

**Girls 15 & Under Irish Team Trials**

Fiona Tully (Roscommon) dft Aoife McConville (Armagh) 21-7, 21-16

**Girls 17 & Under Irish Team Trials**

Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) dft Lauren O'Riordain (Roscommon) 21-14, 21-10

**Girls 19 & Under Irish Team Trials**

Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Fionnuala McKenna (Armagh) 21-6, 21-3

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### GAA Handball One Wall Nationals 2012

**MENS OPEN:** Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Diarmuid Nash (Clare) 15-9, 12-15, 11-9  
**LADIES OPEN:** Lorraine Havern (Down) dft Fiona Shannon (Antrim) 15-2, 15-0  
**Girls 11 & Under Singles:** Dearbhla Coleman dft Leah Doyle 25-15  
**Girls 13 & Under Singles:** Fiona Tully dft Hannah Dagg 25-14  
**Girls 15 & Under Singles:** Niamh Coleman dft Aoife McConville 18-17  
**Girls 17 & Under Singles:** Winner - Ciana Ni Churraoin, Runner-up - Martina McMahon  
**Girls 19 & Under Singles:** Winner - Catriona Casey, Runner-up - Lauren O'Riordain  
**Boys 11 & Under Singles:** Eoghan McGinnity dft Cian O'Driscoll 23-12  
**Boys 13 & Under Singles:** Sean Kerr dft Diarmuid Mulkerrins 31-7  
**Boys 15 & Under Singles:** Jack Campbell dft Ronan Ó Beolain 24-13  
**Boys 17 & Under Singles:** Conall McCavitt dft Darren Doherty 31-6  
**Boys 19 & Under Singles:** Kilian Carroll dft Conor McElduff 23-16  
**Ladies Challenger Singles:** Avoureen Coleman dft Michelle Warren 31-7  
**Ladies B Singles:** Karen Lawlor dft Ellen O'Connor 31-7  
**Ladies 23 & Under:** Winner - Pauline Gallagher, Runner-up - Amy Corrigan  
**Mens 23 & Under:** Stephen Cooney dft Caolan Daly 24-21  
**Mens 23 & Under B:** Christopher McKenna dft James Smith 23-10  
**Mens B Singles:** Johnny Willoughby dft Dan Fenlon  
**Mens C Singles:** Cathal Sheridan dft Fintan Creamer 20-10  
**Mens Challenger:** David Coyle dft Eamon McCrory 20-13  
**Masters (40+):** Tom Sheridan dft David King 22-14  
**Silver Masters (45+):** Padraig Maguire dft Paul Cassidy 20-8  
**Golden Masters (50+):** Conor McMahon dft Conor McDonnell 18-17  
**Emerald Masters (55+):** Brian Havern dft Peter Larkin 26-16  
**Diamond Masters (60+):** Winner - Richard Willoughby, Runner-up - Eugene Kennedy  
**Ruby Masters (65+):** Morgan Darcy dft Colm Ó Cuailin 24-20



### GAA Handball Irish 60x30 Nationals 2012

**Boys 13 & Under Doubles Final:** Sean Kerr/Pauric Mullan (Tyrone) dft Shane Dunne/Ciaran Cooney (Kilkenny) 31-10  
**B13D PLATE Final:** Daniel Kavanagh/Patrick Boland (Wexford) dft Anthony Butler/Adam Walsh (Wexford) 21-16  
**Boys 15 & Under Doubles Final:** Daniel Hayes/Ryan Mullan (Tipperary/Tyrone) dft JJ English/Sean Carey (Kilkenny) 31-13  
**B15D PLATE Final:** Oisín Foley/Tomas Hall (Wexford) dft Evan Murphy/Denis Donegan (Meath/Limerick) 21-4  
**Boys 17 & Under Doubles Final:** Martin Mullins/Galen Riordain (Carlow/Wexford) dft Michael Hedigan/Daniel Relihan (Cork) 31-22  
**B17D PLATE Final:** Brian Mahon/John Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Jason Cahill/Mikey Maher (Tipperary) 21-18  
**Girls 13 & Under Doubles Final:** Hannah Dagg/Fiona Tully (Kildare/Roscommon) dft Sinead Meagher/Ella Donnellan (Tipperary) 31-14  
**G13D PLATE Final:** Aoife Holden/Dearbhla O'Keefe (Kilkenny) dft Leah Doyle/Niamh Masterson (Kildare) 21-16  
**Girls 19 & Under Doubles Final:** Lauren O'Riordain/Ciana Ni Churraoin (Roscommon/Galway) dft Ciara Mahon/Mary Phelan (Kilkenny) 31-25  
**G19D PLATE Final:** Maeve McElduff/Aoife Kelly (Tyrone) dft Denise Love/Aishling Maher (Kilkenny) 21-8  
**Mens Open Doubles Final:** Barry Goff/Colin Keeling (Wexford) dft Eoin Kennedy/Michael Finnegan (Dublin/Cavan) 31-28  
**MO PLATE Final:** Dessie Keegan/Joe McCann (Mayo) dft Dominick Lynch/Gavin Buggy (Kerry/Wexford) 31-29  
**Mens B Doubles Final:** Paudi Quish/Brendan Fleming (Cork) dft David Hope/Paul Lambert (Offaly) 31-25  
**Mens B PLATE Final:** David Hickey/Michael Carroll (Tipperary) dft John Keyes/Ken Bourke (Limerick) 21-15  
**Mens C Doubles Final:** Diarmuid Burke/Brendan Burke (Kilkenny) dft Sean Murphy/Anthony Donnelly (Limerick) 31-15  
**Mens C PLATE Final:** Michael Donovan/Mike O Toole (Laois/Limerick) dft Noel Moroney/Kevin Kennedy (Tipperary) 31-16  
**Ruby Masters Doubles Winners:** Seamus Reade/Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny)  
**Masters Doubles Winners:** Tommy Hynes/Paul Carthy (Wexford)  
**Masters B Doubles Winners:** Mike O Connor/Pat Murphy (Limerick)  
**Golden Masters Doubles Winners:** Andy Ryan/John Rossiter (Carlow)  
**Mens 23 & Under Doubles Winners:** Ciaran Neary/Patrick Funchion (Kilkenny)

### GAA Handball Juvenile Boys 60x30 Team Finals 2012

**U12/13 Team of 6 Final:** Tipperary (Gerome Cahill, Colin Ryan, James Prentice, John McGrath, Sean Hayes, Sean McAdams) dft Tyrone (Turlough Clarke, Ciaran Cuddy, Darragh

Canavan, Ronan Curran, Cormac Munroe, Lorcan McBride) 85-37

**U14/15 Team of 6 Final:** Cork (Eoghan Sheehan, Oisín Hickey, Kevin O Connell, Darragh Moynihan, Jamie Kennelly, Aidan O'Brien, Shane Flynn) dft Kilkenny (Shane Dunne, Jack Crehan, Marc Purcell, Dion Bourke, Niall Walsh, David Doyle, Maurice Walsh) 75-49

**U16/17 Team of 6 Final:** Wexford (Bryan Keogh, Liam Shannon, Jack Roche, Aaron Wright Power, Stephen Greene, Ryan Bates) dft Limerick (Ben Walsh, Eoin Hegarty, Glen Mc Namara, Michael Whelan, Gearoid Lehane) .

### GAA Handball Juvenile Boys 40x20 Team Finals 2012

**U12/13 Team of 6 Final:** Tipperary (Gerry Cahill, Colin Ryan, James Prentice, John McGrath, Sean McAdams, Sean Hayes) dft Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity, Jakub Szkup, Justas Dambinskas, Caoilean Myles, Ryan Mohan, Aaron Mohan) 80-47

**U14/15 Team of 6 Final:** Tipperary (Aidan O Flaherty, Adrian English, Con Bonner, Liam Bradshaw, Aran Hogan, Mike Maher) dft Monaghan (Conor Leonard, Gary Mc Kenna, James Mc Kenna, Gary Treanor, Mark Mc Donnell, Gavin Coyle) 75-23

**U16/17 Team of 4 Final:** Tipperary (Ronan Burke, Eoin Maher, Ciaran Casey, Dillon Madden) dft Wexford (Bryan Keogh, James Kelly, Liam Shannon, Nicky Lawlor) 50-42

### Gael Linn Competition

Michael Breathnach Galliamh (Cian O Conghaile, Majella Nic Dhonncha) dft Williamstown Galliamh (Nathan Feeney, Heather Spellman) 44-32

### ICHA All Ireland Interschools 40x20 Championship

**Open Final:** Seamus O'Carroll (LIT) dft Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) 11-21, 21-18, 11-6  
**A Singles Final:** Peter Hughes (DCU) dft Cathal Hannon (UL) 8-21, 21-10, 11-9  
**B Singles Final:** Marcus Sheridan (UCD) dft John Farrell (Carlow IT) 21-11, 21-5  
**C Singles Final:** Colum Kearney (UCC) dft Ciaran O Sullivan (DCU) 21-10, 21-3  
**Contender Final:** Colin Sheridan (ITT) dft Eddie Nolan (Carlow IT) 21-9, 21-7  
**Beginner Winner:** John Murphy (ITT) dft Ben Barry (TCD) 21-16, 21-19  
**Womens Open:** Catriona Casey (UL) dft Lorraine Havern (UUJ) 21-9, 21-11  
**Womens A:** Amy Corrigan (IT Sligo) dft Leona Doolin (NUIG) 21-5, 21-10  
**Womens B:** Ciara McManamon (NUIG) dft Avril McNamee (LYIT) 21-8, 21-5  
**Womens C:** Aileen Quinn (DCU) dft Anna Madine (QUB) 20-21, 21-15, 11-6  
**Womens Contender:** Siobhan Brennan (DCU) dft Laura McEnaney (DCU)

### ICHA 60x30 Championships

**Open Final:** Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) dft Terry McElvaney (DCU) 21-0, 21-7  
**A Singles Final:** John Fitzgerald (UL) dft Darryl Dolan (TCD) 21-11, 21-15  
**B Singles Final:** Fergal Lawlor (UCC) dft Neil McEnaney (DIT) 21-11, 21-18  
**C Singles Final:** Pat Mulhern (UCD) dft Tynan Ruane (UCD) 21-1, 21-10  
**Contender Final:** Emmet O'Neill (DIT) dft Ciaran McCarthy (DIT) 21-6, 21-4  
**Beginner Winner:** Aidan Crimp (UL)  
**A Teams Final:** WIT dft DCU  
**C Team Final:** UCC dft TCD

### USHA Collegiates 2011

**Mens Open:** Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) dft Daniel Cordova, 21-8, (12-21), 11-10.  
**Womens Open:** Catriona Casey (UL) dft Maria Dugas (Lake Forest).

### GAA Handball All Ireland Colleges 40x20 Championship Finals 2012

**Boys Senior Singles:** K. Carroll (Patrician Academy, Mallow) dft G. McCrystal (Dean Maguire College, Carrickmore) 15-2, 15-8.  
**Boys Senior Doubles:** P. Herlihy & C. Buckley (Patrician Academy, Mallow) dft M. Lalor & A. Kelly (St. Mary's College, Galway) 15-9, 15-12.  
**Boys Intermediate Singles:** C. Crehan (Ardscoil Ris, Limerick) dft D. Doherty (St. McCartan's College, Monaghan) 15-14, 15-11.  
**Boys Intermediate Doubles:** C. Corbett & N. Bolton (St. Joseph's College, Tulla) dft C. Noone & E. Kellegan (St. Mary's College, Galway) 15-7, 15-5.  
**Boys Junior Singles:** E. Sheridan (St. Ciaran's CS, Kells) dft R. Mullan (Omagh CBS) 15-5, 15-13.  
**Boys Junior Doubles:** A. Kerins & S. Foley (Boherbue CS) dft R. O' Beolain & C. Conghaile (Colaiste Colm Chille, Indreabhán) 15-6, 15-8.  
**Girls Senior Singles:** L. O' Riordan (Convent Of Mercy, Roscommon) dft M. McMahon (Colaiste Na Trocaire, Rathkeale) 15-4, 15-8.  
**Girls Senior Doubles:** A. O' Keefe & K. Fleming (Boherbue CS) dft E. Gargan & N. Farrell (St. Louis College, Carrickmacross) 15-2, 15-6.  
**Girls Junior Singles:** C. Ni Churraoin (Colaiste Na Coirbe, Galway) dft R. Cahill (Borrisokane CC) 15-3, 15-0.

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**Girls Junior Doubles:** N. Coleman & A. Doran (St. Mary's College, Lurgan) dft H. Dagg & A. O' Keffe (Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip) 15-12, 15-7.

### Feile na nGael 2012

**Boys 40x20 Division 1** – Brackey dft Ballyporeen 21-6, 21-1  
Brackey: Sean Kerr, Tiarnan McCrystall, Turlough Clarke, Matthew McCartan.  
**Boys 40x20 Division 2:** - Kilkishen dft Mallow 21-15, 20-21  
Kilkishen: Tiernan Agnew, Gary Cooney, Ben McLoughlin, Killian Nugent, Sean Murphy.  
**Boys 40x20 Division 3:** - St Patricks dft Ballydesmond 16-21, 21-16, 11-4  
St Patricks: Caolan Smith, Stephen Smith, Shane McVeety, Thomas Edward Donohue.  
**Boys 40x20 Division 4:** - Tuamgraney dft Clarecastle 21-1, 13-21  
Tuamgraney: Oran Treacy, Ian Murray, Cian Minogue, Sean Pearl, Ciaran Hickey.  
**Boys 40x20 Division 5:** - Mallow 3 dft Crinkle 1 15-21, 21-9  
Mallow 3: Cian O Driscoll, Eoin Buckley, Conor Walsh, Michael O'Malley, Niall Delaney.  
**Boys 40x20 Division 6:** - Brian Boru dft St Brigids 21-4, 21-9  
Brian Boru: Ciaran Flanagan, Eoin Flanagan, Michael Varley, Killian Prendergast, Killian Ambrose.  
**Girls 40x20 Division 1:** Clann Eireann dft Micheal Breathnach 21-7, 21-19  
Clann Eireann: Aoiheann Henderson, Megan McCann, Niamh Coleman, Alana Doran, Méabh McMahon.  
**Girls 40x20 Division 2:** Tuamgraney dft Kilkishen 21-18, 21-5  
Tuamgraney: Clodagh Nash, Fiona Hayes, Amy Barrett, Ciara Doyle.  
**Girls 40x20 Division 3:** Kilfane dft Lahorna 21-6, 21-15  
Kilfane: Aoihe Holden, Ailish O Shea, Aoihe Walsh, Dearbhail O'Keefe, Caoimhe Kenny.  
**Boys 60x30 Division 1:** Broadford dft Clogh 16-21, 21-8  
Broadford: Evan Murphy, Nigel Callaghan, Risteard Duggan, Timmy Brosnan, Declan Leahy.  
**Boys 60x30 Division 2:** Castlebridge dft Mothel 21-16, 21-8  
Castlebridge: Thomas Hall, Adam Hanrahan, Paddy Berry, Michael Lawlor, Finn Callan-Lyons.

### Feile 2012 Skills Winners:

**Boys 40x20** **Gold:** Sean Kerr, Breacach, Tyrone  
**Silver:** Diarmuid Mulkerins, Moycullen, Galway  
**Bronze:** Tiernan Agnew, Kilkishen, Clare

**Girls 40x20** **Gold:** Fiona Tully, St Coman's, Roscommon  
**Silver:** Hannah Dagg, Leixlip, Kildare  
**Bronze:** Anna Ní Ódhran-Ní Mhurchú, Mícheál Breathnach, Galway

**Boys 60x30** **Gold:** Shane Dunne, Clogh, Kilkenny  
**Silver:** Evan Murphy, Broadford, Limerick  
**Bronze:** Thomas Hall, Castlebridge, Wexford

### Feile Hero 2012 Awards:

Winner	Club	County
Doireann Murphy	Clarecastle	Clare
Stephen Frain	Clooney-Quinn	Clare
Lorcan McBride	Carrickmore	Tyrone
Josh McCloskey	Clara	Offaly
Daniel Kavanagh	St Joseph's	Wexford
Darragh Canavan	Carrickmore	Tyrone
Sophie Smith	Annaghdown	Galway
Elise McCrory	Breacach	Tyrone
Eoin Doherty	Cullohill	Laois
Eimear Ní Bhíadhá	Mícheál Breathnach	Galway
Cathal Barry	Clogh	Kilkenny
Cillian Lafford	Kells	Kilkenny

### Feile na nGael 2012 Parade Awards

Best Banner Home	Brian Boru
Best Presented Team Home	Brian Boru
Best Banner Away	Mícheál Breathnach, Galway
Best Presented Team Away	Crinkle, Offaly



### World One Wall Big Ball Championships 2012:

**Big Ball Mens Open Singles:** Tywan Cook (USA) dft Yuber Pee Wee Castro (USA)  
**Big Ball Mens Open Doubles:** Herman Mendez/Wally Amaro (Puerto Rico) dft Willie Polanco/Cesar Sala (USA)  
**Big Ball Womens Open Singles:** Michelle Melendez (Puerto Rico) dft Jessica Lopez (Puerto Rico)  
**Big Ball Womens Open Doubles:** Bernice Torres/Karen McConney (USA) dft Jessica Lopez/Jessica Santiago (Puerto Rico)  
**Big Ball Mens 23&U Singles:** Danny Torres (Mexico) dft Luke Thomson (UK)  
**Big Ball Womens 23&U Singles:** Danielle Daskalakia (USA) dft Sandy Ng (USA)  
**Big Ball Mens B Singles:** Iker Gordan (Basque Country) dft Bryant Mellow Simmons (USA)  
**Big Ball Mens B Doubles:** Danny Torres/Tony Ferrugia (USA) dft Juan Martinez/Jose Martinez (Puerto Rico)  
**Big Ball Womens B Singles:** Martina McMahon (Limerick) dft Amaia Araisteigi Mendize (Basque Country)  
**Big Ball Womens B Doubles:** Veronica Figueroa/Yolanda Monroe (USA) dft Alethia Mendez/Bernice Torres (USA)  
**Big Ball Mens C Singles:** Sheathiel Rodriguez (Puerto Rico) dft Donis Alberto (USA)  
**Big Ball Mens C Doubles:** Robbie Willoughby/Des Willoughby (Wicklow) dft Shane Briody/Ciaran Neary (Cavan/Kilkenny)  
**Big Ball Womens C Singles:** Jenny Florabell Lee (USA) dft Lisa Loughnane (Clare)  
**Big Ball Mens Masters (40+) Singles:** Juan Martinez (Puerto Rico) dft Eddie Gary Vivas Guizarro (Ecuador)  
**Big Ball Mens 40+ Doubles:** Tony Roberts/George Figueroa (USA) dft Niall Kerr/Tom Sheridan (Tyrone/Meath)  
**Big Ball Womens 30+ Singles:** Berni Hennessy (Limerick) dft Michelle Melendez (Puerto Rico)  
**Big Ball Womens 30+ Doubles:** Loreen Belfor/Lian Chin (USA) dft Bernadette Mee/Fionnuala Mee (Leitrim)  
**Big Ball Mens 45+ Singles:** George Figueroa (USA) dft Brian Deitrich (USA)  
**Big Ball Mens 50+ Singles:** Paul Williams (USA) dft Pedro Rivera (Puerto Rico)  
**Big Ball Mens 50+ Doubles:** Dominic Caddell/Thomas Maguire (Antrim) dft Conor McDonnell/Conor McMahon (Monaghan/Armagh)  
**Big Ball Mens 55+ Singles:** John Molloy (Meath) dft Joe Santilli (Australia)  
**Big Ball Mens 55+ Doubles:** Damian Walker/Bob Winter (Australia) dft George DeGonzague (USA)/David Gouge (Australia)  
**Big Ball Mens 60+ Singles:** Pedro Rivera (Puerto Rico) dft Eugene Kennedy (Dublin)  
**Big Ball Mens 60+ Doubles:** Richard Willoughby/Pat Doyle (Wicklow) dft Denis Uffer/Bob Winter (USA/Australia)  
**Big Ball Mens 70+ Singles:** Vic Di Luzio (Australia) dft Nicky John Clancy (Galway)  
**Big Ball Boys 11 & U Singles:** Lorcan McBride (Tyrone) dft Eoghan McGinnity (Monaghan)  
**Big Ball Boys 13 & U Singles:** William Cassart (Belgium) dft Jarlath Scollan (Leitrim)  
**Big Ball Boys 15 & U Singles:** Fergal Coughlan (Clare) dft Jack Campbell (Tyrone)  
**Big Ball Boys 17 & U Singles:** Conall McCavitt (Armagh) dft Robert Lee (USA)  
**Big Ball Boys 19 & U Singles:** Michael Zhou (USA) dft Killian Carroll (Cork)  
**Big Ball Boys 11 & U Doubles:** Dara Curran/Antoin Fox (Tyrone) dft Lorcan McBride/Eoghan McGinnity (Tyr/Mon)  
**Big Ball Boys 13 & U Doubles:** Alan Wrynn/Jarlath Scollan (Leitrim) dft Cormac Munroe/Darragh Canavan (Tyrone)  
**Big Ball Boys 15 & U Doubles:** Niall Allison/Fergal Coughlan (Tyr/Clare) dft Ben Walsh/Evan Murphy (Limerick)  
**Big Ball Boys 17 & U Doubles:** Conall McCavitt/Johnny Woods (Armagh/Tyrone) dft Colin





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Crehan/Darren Doherty (Clare/Monaghan)

**Big Ball Boys 19 & U Doubles:** Michael Zhou/Robert Lee (USA) dft Niall O'Connor/Martin Mulkerrins (Kildare/Galway)

**Big Ball Girls 11 & U Singles:** Dearbhla Coleman (Armagh) dft Mollie Dagg (Kildare)

**Big Ball Girls 13 & U Singles:** Aoibhinn Henderson (Armagh) dft Ella Donnellan (Clare)

**Big Ball Girls 15 & U Singles:** Niamh Coleman (Armagh) dft Fiona Tully (Roscommon)

**Big Ball Girls 17 & U Singles:** Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) dft Maeve McElduff (Tyrone)

**Big Ball Girls 19 & U Singles:** Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny)

**Big Ball Girls 11 & U Doubles:** Dearbhla Coleman/Ciara Mullan (Armagh/Tyrone) dft Leah Doyle/Mollie Dagg (Kildare)

**Big Ball Girls 13 & U Doubles:** Ella Donnellan/Doireann Murphy (Clare) dft Eimear Ni Bhiadha/Heather Spelman (Galway)

**Big Ball Girls 15 & U Doubles:** Niamh Coleman/Aoife McConville (Armagh) dft Alanah Doran/Aoibheann Henderson (Armagh)

**Big Ball Girls 19 & U Doubles:** Ciana Ni Churraoin/Maeve McElduff (Galway/Tyrone) dft Catriona Casey/Aoife McCarthy (Cork/Westmeath)

### World One Wall Small Ball Championships 2012 Finals:

**Small Ball Mens Open:** Tyree Bastidas (USA) dft Yuber Pee Wee Castro (USA)

**Small Ball Mens Masters:** Anthony Roberts (USA) dft John Stoffel (USA)

**Small Ball Diamond Masters:** Tim Murray (USA) dft Joe Cox (USA)

**Small Ball Womens Open:** Tracy Davis (USA) dft Sandy Ng (USA)

**Small Ball Mens 60+ Doubles:** Tim Murray/Brian Lambrechts (USA) dft Denis Uffer/Kraft (USA)

### WORLD 40X20 Four Wall CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Mens Open Singles:** Winner: Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Luis Moreno (USA) 21-19, 21-10

**Mens Open Doubles:** Winners: Luis Moreno & Andy Nett (USA)

Runners-up: Paul Brady & Michael Finnegan (Cavan)

**Womens Open Singles:** Winner: Aisling Reilly (Antrim); Runner-up: Fiona Shannon (Antrim)

**Womens Open Doubles:** Winners: Fiona Shannon & Sibeal Gallagher (Antrim)

Runners-up: Maria Daly & Ashley Prendeville (Kerry)

**Over-30 Womens Singles:** Winner: Anna Spence (Kildare); Runner-up: Jessica Gawley (Canada)

**Over-30 Womens Doubles:** Winners: Stefanie Weaver & Donna Mosely (USA)

Runners-up: Una Mulgrew & Brid Kerr (Antrim)

**Over-35 Mens Singles:** Winner: Dominic Lynch (Kerry); Runner-up: Ciaran Curran (Tyrone)

**Over-35 Mens Doubles:** Winners: Dominic Lynch (Kerry) & Gavin Buggy (Wexford)

Runners-up: Seamus O Tuama & Sean Devine (Antrim)

**Masters (40+) Womens Singles:** Winner: Bernie Hennessy (Limerick); Runner-up: Lavonah Madden (USA)

**Masters A Singles:** Winner: Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny); Runner-up: Chris Watkins (USA)

**Masters A Doubles:** Winners: Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) & Tommy Hynes (Wexford)

Runners-up: Tom Sheridan (Meath) & Niall Kerr (Tyrone)

**Masters B Singles:** Winner: Adrian Benson (Dublin); Runner-up: Morgan Duggan (Galway)

**Masters B Doubles:** Winners: Christy McGovern & Joe Lynch (Meath)

Runners-up: Martin McInerney & John Lee (Tipperary)

**Silver Masters (45+) A Singles:** Winner: Egin Jensen (Dublin); Runner-up: John Libby (USA)

**Silver Masters A Doubles:** Winners: Egin Jensen (Dublin) & Billy Bourke (Kilkenny)

Runners-up: John Ryan (Carlow) & Paddy Donovan (Laois)

**Silver Masters B Singles:** Winner: Pádraig Maguire (Kildare); Runner-up: Sean McNally (Down)

**Silver Masters B Doubles:** Winners: Ned Kealy & Eamon Rice (Wicklow)

Runners-up: Paul Dowling & Eamon Purcell (Kilkenny)

**Golden Masters (50+) A Singles:** Winner: Danny Armijo (USA); Runner-up: John Herlihy (Cork)

**Golden Masters A Doubles:** Winners: Vern Roberts & Chris Roberts (USA)

Runners-up: Danny Bell & John Cammett (Canada)

**Golden Masters B Singles:** Winner: Pat Ryan (Tipperary); Runner-up: John Cawley (Clare)

**Golden Masters B Doubles:** Winners: Tony O'Flaherty & Pat Griffin (Tipperary)

Runners-up: Paul Ruane & Cyril Kaar (Kildare)

**Emerald Masters (55+) A Singles:** Winner: Dave Steinberg (USA); Runner-up: Michael Linnick (USA)

**Emerald Masters A Doubles:** Winner: Kevin Geraghty (Mayo) & Tom O'Brien (Limerick)

Runners-up: Craig Trull (USA) & Merv Deckert (Canada)

**Emerald Masters B Singles:** Winner: Jerry Guiney (Cork); Runner-up: Joe Santilli (Australia)

**Diamond Masters (60+) A Singles:** Winner: Eugene Kennedy (Dublin); Runner-up: John Rossiter (Carlow)

**Diamond Masters A Doubles:** Winners: Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) & Ned Buggy (Wexford)

Runners-up: John Rossiter & Andy Ryan (Carlow)

**Diamond Masters B Singles:** Winner: Chris Kilday (USA); Runner-up: Neville Farrelly (Dublin)

**Ruby Masters (65+) Singles:** Winner: Dan Scilley (USA); Runner-up: Jim Ryan (Tipperary)

**Ruby Masters Doubles:** Winners: Jim Ryan (Tipperary) & Morgan Darcy (Galway)

Runners-up: Patsy Hand & Greg Sheridan (Cavan)

**Veteran Masters (70+) Singles:** Winner: Vic Di Luzio (Australia); Runner-up: Edward Grossenbacher (USA)

**Veteran Masters Doubles:** Winners: Vic Di Luzio (Australia) & Bill Flowers (USA)

Runners-up: Edward Grossenbacher & Steven Lee (USA)

**Veteran Diamond Masters (75+) Singles:** Winner: Kevan Del Grande (USA); Runner-up: Curtis Creed (USA)

**Mens A Singles:** Winner: Carl Browne (Meath); Runner-up: Rikki O'Gara (Roscommon)

**Mens A Doubles:** Winners: Rikki O'Gara & Damian Martin (Roscommon)

Runners-up: Carl Browne (Meath) & Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow)

**Womens A Singles:** Winner: Pauline Gallagher (Mayo); Runner-up: Patricia Doyle (Wicklow)

**Womens A Doubles:** Winners: Catriona Casey & Aisling O'Keefe (Cork)

Runners-up: Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) & Lauren O'Riordan (Roscommon)

**Mens B Singles:** Winner: Tadhg Carroll (Cork); Runner-up: Barry Devlin (Tyrone)

**Mens B Doubles:** Winners: Ciaran Neary (Kilkenny) & Michael O'Brien (Offaly)

Runners-up: Tadhg Carroll & Dale Cusack (Cork)

**Womens B Singles:** Winner: Martina McMahon (Limerick); Runner-up: Clodagh McManamon (Mayo)

**Womens B Doubles:** Winners: Roisin Ni Chonghaile & Sinead Ni hAinli (Galway)

Runners-up: Lisa Falvey & Sharon Twomey (Kerry)

**Mens C Singles:** Winner: William Love (Kilkenny); Runner-up: Brendan Burke (Kilkenny)

**Mens C Doubles:** Winners: John Ferncombe & Denis White (Tipperary)

Runners-up: Darren O'Toole & Malachy Whelan (Wexford)

**Womens C Singles:** Winner: Aine Casey (Kerry); Runner-up: Laura Keaver (Waterford)

**Under-11 Boys Singles:** Winner: Lorcan McBride (Tyrone); Runner-up: Jakub Szkup (Monaghan)

**Under-11 Boys Doubles:** Winners: Lorcan McBride (Tyrone) & Eoin McGinnity (Monaghan)

Runners-up: Antoin Fox & Dara Curran (Tyrone)

**Under-11 Girls Singles:** Winner: Leah Doyle (Kildare); Runner-up: Dearbhla Coleman (Armagh)

**Under-11 Girls Doubles:** Winners: Leah Doyle & Mollie Dagg (Kildare)

Runners-up: Dearbhla Coleman (Armagh) & Ciara Mullan (Tyrone)

**Under-13 Boys Singles:** Winner: Colin Ryan (Tipperary); Runner-up: Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford)

**Under-13 Boys Doubles:** Winners: Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) & Tadhg O'Neill (Cork)

Runners-up: Colin Ryan & Jerome Cahill (Tipperary)

**Under-13 Girls Singles:** Winner: Aoibhinn Henderson (Armagh); Runner-up: Sinead Meagher (Tipperary)

**Under-13 Girls Doubles:** Winners: Ella Donnellan & Doireann Murphy (Clare)

Runners-up: Heather Spellman & Eimear Ni Bhiadha (Galway)

**Under-15 Boys Singles:** Winner: Daniel Hayes (Tipperary); Runner-up: Fergal Coughlan (Clare)

**Under-15 Boys Doubles:** Winners: Daniel Hayes & Jason English (Tipperary)

Runners-up: Daniel Curry (Wicklow) & Robert Fox (Meath)

**Under-15 Girls Singles:** Winner: Niamh Coleman (Armagh); Runner-up: Aoife Kelly (Tyrone)

**Under-15 Girls Doubles:** Winners: Niamh Coleman & Aoife McConville (Armagh)

Runners-up: Aoife Kelly & Elise McCrory (Tyrone)

**Under-17 Boys Singles:** Winner: Colin Crehan (Clare); Runner-up: Ryan Harkin (Cork)

**Under-17 Boys Doubles:** Winners: Colin Corbett & Niall Bolton (Clare)

Runners-up: Darren Doherty (Monaghan) & Patrick McCrory (Tyrone)

**Under-17 Girls Singles:** Winner: Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway); Runner-up: Martina McMahon (Limerick)

**Under-19 Mens Singles:** Winner: Killian Carroll (Cork); Runner-up: Martin Mulkerrins (Galway)

**Under-19 Mens Doubles:** Winners: Martin Mulkerrins (Galway) & Niall O'Connor (Kildare)

Runners-up: Killian Carroll (Cork) & Patrick Herlihy (Cork)

**Under-23 Mens Singles:** Winner: Diarmaid Nash (Clare); Runner-up: Caolan Daly (Tyrone)

**Under-23 Mens Doubles:** Winners: Seamus O'Carroll & CJ Fitzpatrick (Limerick)

Runners-up: Diarmaid Nash & Niall Malone (Clare)

**Under-23 Womens Singles:** Winner: Catriona Casey (Cork); Runner-up: Lorraine Havern (Down)



## Na Rúin: Motions

1. Amendment to Rule 25:  
25. (B) To elect by secret ballot a President, **Treasurer** and representative to G.A.A. Central Council.  
*(Following the absence of a Nomination form for the position of Treasurer nominations be taken from the floor and voted on.)*  
**(Chontae Chill Mhantain)**
  2. **That Fo-Rial 31, Fo-Rialacha 2012 be amended to read:-**  
(a) The Ard Comhairle shall consist of President; the CEO, without voting rights; the President Elect, if in office; the immediate past President for the year following his term as President; the Treasurer; the Vice Presidents, being the Presidents of each Provincial Handball Council; the Handball representative on the GAA Central Council; the GAA Liaison Officer; the four Provincial Handball Administrators. All with voting rights.  
**(Chontae Chill Mhantain)**
  3. That the GAA Handball Advisory Committee, as set up in 2011, be disbanded. Remove Fó Rialacha rules 35 A, B, C, D, E.  
**(Chontae Chill Mhantain)**
  4. GAA Handball Ireland appoint a National Promotions Officer  
**(Chontae Chill Mhantain)**
  5. **Amendment to Fó Rialacha, Rule 6:**  
General Rules of the G.A.A. apply except in the case of Registration where the registration fee for adults **and juveniles** plus the registration fee for Third Level students **shall be set at a level to be determined by Central Council. Proposed registration fees and registration forms for the following year must be issued to all Runaithí, Coiste Chontae, by 1st November each year. Fees agreed following Congress 2013 cannot increase by greater than 50% in any 3 year period without the approval of Congress.**  
**(Ard Comhairle)**
  6. **Amendment to Fó Rialacha, Rule 6:**  
General Rules of the G.A.A. apply except in the case of Registration where the registration fee for adults shall be **€12.00**. The Juvenile registration fee is set at €2 per member. The registration fee for Third Level students shall be set at a level to be determined by Central Council.  
**(Baile Atha Cliath)**
- Recommendations:**
- That GAA Handball Ireland does not proceed with the All Ireland Club Championships on the trialled timed basis, which was trialled in 2012, and revert to original rule as per Fo Rialacha and Rule Book  
**(Chontae Chill Mhantain)**
- That GAA Handball seek to incorporate one wall handball into Feile nGael – Football.  
**(Baile Atha Cliath)**
- That the allocation of All Ireland Football and Hurling final tickets are increased from three to six tickets per county, including replays.  
**(Baile Atha Cliath)**
- That the adult registration fee is increased from €10 to €12 per member. That an inaugural juvenile registration fee is set at €2 per member.  
**(Baile Atha Cliath)**



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