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AN CHOMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL 2015



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Ar an Domhnach, 8 Feabhra ag
10.30 r.n. i bPáirc an Chrócaigh

Venue: Croke Park, Hogan
Mezzanine
Date: Sunday 8th February

- 9.30am:** Registration Opens
- Tea/Coffee & Scones
on arrival
- 10.30am:** Fáiltiú
- Addresses from Special
Guests
- Adoption of
Standing Orders
- Minutes of Comhdháil
2014
- Oráid an Uachtaráin,
Willie Roche
- Report of Bainisteoir
Náisiúnta
- Annual Accounts 2014
- Motions & Elections
- Aon Ghno Eile & Close of
Congress
- Congress lunch
on Sunday at
approximately 1.30pm

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PRO

Niamh Egan Iar Mhí Nominated by An Chorcaigh, An Laois.

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.

TUARASCÁIL AN BAINISTEOIR NÁISIÚNTA

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thabhairt chun fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo go Páirc an Chrócaigh inniu don Comhdhála Bliantúla CLG Liathróid Láimhe.

As we reflect on another busy but hugely positive 2014 we can do so with a great sense of pride and achievement following another excellent year on the courts in GAA Handball. Our athletes continue to excel both at home and abroad as they continue to reach new levels of fitness and skill. Having spent my first year as National Manager I am now more aware of the challenges we face as a minority sport in Ireland and while the year has been challenging I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Some of the highlights of the past year included:

- In all our Open titles were spread over 8 counties highlighting the spread of talent throughout the country that we now possess at the elite level in GAA Handball.
- Tyrone's Johnny Woods brilliant sweep of the Minor titles culminating in his recognition by the Ulster GAA writers in winning the Young Achiever Award ahead of Donegal footballers Ryan McHugh and Patrick McBrearty. For a Handballer to be recognised among such peers was a great achievement not only for Johnny but for GAA Handball itself. Cork's Catriona Casey is also nominated for the 2014 Evening Echo Ladies Sportstar Award recognising her fine achievements throughout the year.
- First titles in 40x20 singles for Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy and Antrim's Aisling Reilly
- A cracking 40x20 Doubles final that went to a tie break before Cavan's Paul Brady and Michael Finnegan defeated Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll to take their 10th title.
- One of the best 60x30 Senior Singles finals of all time as a fairytale win for Eoin Kennedy who came back from losing the first game emphatically to record his ninth Senior All Ireland win.
- The continued domination abroad of Irish players as Paul Brady, Robbie McCarthy, Killian Carroll and Catriona Casey all won titles on US soil. McCarthy and Casey took the player's Championship titles.
- New sponsors in One Wall and Hardball as EDTL Sports, MacSports, Freshways and The Moriarty Group all contributed generously to the running of these competitions. We are truly grateful for their support and hope to continue this arrangement in the year to come.
- The New Schools Registration System has proved an outstanding success with over 100 schools registering their interest in GAA Handball within the first two months of the system going live.
- The continued growth of the One Wall game and the number of facilities that are being built in counties around Ireland highlights the popularity of the game and how it is the perfect game to attract new members to our Sport.
- An increase in registration numbers



and 12 new clubs in 9 different counties is a very positive sign for our Sport and it is imperative that we work hard to keep increasing numbers and attracting new people to the game.

- High numbers of entries in this year's She's Ace competition including a very competitive field in the Open grade highlight the great work being done in Ladies Handball.
- A first ever collaboration with Irish TV saw two highlights packages produced for the 60x30 finals while the 40x20 finals were streamed live to record numbers as GAA Handball was broadcast to the masses.
- GAA Handball Facebook reached over 14,000 likes an indication of the work that is been done to promote our game and also the power of social media as a tool to promote our game.
- Great work been done by the Defence Forces and the Gardai in promoting the game throughout their respective associations.

As we take stock of the year gone by there has undoubtedly been many highs as outlined above but there have also been many challenges which are outlined throughout the report.



Tyrone's Johnny Woods celebrates after winning the Minor 60x30 Singles title

COMPETITIONS

There were a total of 275 competitions organised at National Level in 2014. This is a massive undertaking and could not be achieved without the help of volunteers from around the country and a special word of thanks must go to all the clubs who hosted games in 2014.

However the question needs to be asked is 275 competitions too much and are we in danger of over saturating our game with competitions at a National level? If we committed to running less competitions could we provide more quality and give more time to areas of the game that need urgent attention? At the moment 80-90% of our time is taken up with running competitions with competitions taking place in 12 months of the year. As a small office this affects the time that is dedicated to promoting the game, attracting sponsors, and building the GAA Handball brand. Having more time at National level to invest in other areas would allow the association to prosper on all levels. There is no reason that more club tournaments could not be ran in the periods where there would be no national fixtures to allow players to still play Handball if they wish.

Is it time to have an off-season in GAA Handball and give players a well earned break? In years gone by it was considered normal to play all codes of Handball and indeed some people were of a train of thought that not playing all codes made you weaker in some fashion. However with the level of commitment that our top players invest in the sport these days and with a calendar jam packed with competitions is it just simply too much to expect players to commit to such a gruelling regime in the search of

greatness? Is it time to say stop and review our competition structures to produce a more balanced and meaningful Clár?

The great debate rages on each year about the number of All Ireland medals that are handed out in GAA Handball. My own personal opinion is that we have far too many All Irelands and as a result we are not taken seriously as a sport in the media or general public. While I fully accept the pride that every player holds an All Ireland medal with, I feel that they are too achievable in Handball at the moment and it dilutes the achievements of some players who have invested an extraordinary amount of time to becoming the best at their chosen sport.

I would clarify that I am not saying we should scrap grades as I firmly believe that one of our greatest values as a sport is our ability to offer everyone an avenue to play the game both young and old male and female, however I do feel that calling every grade an All Ireland needs to be looked at. I would recommend rebranding the B Championships from All Irelands to National Championships or simply just championships and therefore the pinnacle for an athlete at any of our grades would be to make it

to the A final and win an All Ireland title. It would certainly lend more credibility to our grades and mean that the All Ireland title is reserved for the absolute best of the grade which would give it added importance. I am well aware that this will not be received well by many people but it is food for thought.

The Open Championships once again highlighted the incredible skill levels of our top athletes with all of the competitions providing excellent action. The players that compete at this level are our most skilful and highly committed to our game and their dedication must be commended. Cork handball is going from strength to strength and they top the table with five Open title wins in 2014.

The Open grades are the grades that sell our Sport and there has been a considerable amount invested in the promotion of the Open grades in the past year and will continue in the future.

In the National Office we welcomed Austin McKenna on board as Fixtures and Events Officer and Austin has settled into his role well as the year progressed. I thank Austin for his hard work in this area and also his assistance with the Competitions Review for this year.

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DISCIPLINE AND THE RULEBOOK

One of the disappointing aspects of this year and has been for some time is the lack of respect at times shown to our venue officials and referees throughout the country. It is in no way acceptable to direct verbal abuse at an official or a volunteer no matter what the decision that has just been made is. Too often players and supporters feel they have a right to criticise and condemn without retribution but this behaviour is driving our volunteers and referees away from the game.

Another factor is players not turning up for games and not informing their opponent or the venue official. Again this is not acceptable and we as an association need to do more to stamp this out. What players do not seem to realise is that pulling out of a fixture and failing to inform the relevant parties in time affects a number of people and it is not acceptable in an era where there are now so many different methods of communication available.

Our venue officials and referees are in short supply and our players and supporters need to show the respect to them that they deserve or we will face a situation of having no officials to run our games.

There is currently a lack of referees and more and more of our officials do not feel confident enough to referee the main open games due to the speed of the game and sometimes due to the abuse that is received from making a simple mistake. I feel we need to have a panel of referees available especially for Open games to maintain a level of consistency and also to ensure that

our top games are refereed by our top officials. We also need to educate more referees and give our officials greater support to ensure that they remain in the game.

There has been a lot of confusion in recent years surrounding structures and rules within the association and this is an area that needs addressing. At times people feel it is ok to bend the rules to suit their situation but while I agree that some cases need to be looked at with a degree of common sense I also would re-iterate that to be taken seriously as a sport we need to have clear structures and rules and we need to follow them. A full updated rulebook and Fó Rialacha is currently in production and will be available on the website alongside the reporting structures and the mandatory equipment lists for each code. This will be a great reference point for players, officials, referees and members and will ensure everyone is part of a consistent structure.

I wish to thank the CCCC for their contribution throughout the year, they have an extremely tough job on their hands and are constantly under pressure from provinces and counties in relation to rulings and while their decisions are not always met with universal approval I am confident that they make these rulings with Handball's best interests at heart. Often people tend to disagree with decisions as they are looking at it from their own point of view but I would urge people to consider that there are always two sides to every argument which sometimes we fail to see.

VENUES

Our Venues are the lifeblood of our association and each and every venue throughout the country plays their part in hosting Handball games at various levels throughout the year. It can often be a thankless job and very often players do not consider the lengths that venue officials and clubs have gone to in order to prepare the venue and to be there on the day for fixtures.

I want to thank all our venues throughout the country for your hospitality and for making your facilities available for fixtures. You are a credit to the association and I look forward to working with you again in 2015. As an association we need to devise an appropriate policy to ensure that our venues get the reward they deserve for hosting our games.

One of our objectives in the near future is to conduct a venue audit and to rank our venues in terms of facilities offered and quality of same. This will enable us to put our best games into our best courts to give our games the best chance they have to get coverage. It will also set a standard for our facilities to achieve and in turn will raise the quality of our facilities. Some of our venues are in desperate need of upgrade and work is underway to investigate potential schemes and ways to raise money to invest in our facilities.

One aspect of our championships I would question is the Home and Away venue policy used in our All Ireland championships. Too often the Home venue is taken too literally and players demand a game in their own home court. The home venue is meant to be a home provincial venue and I personally feel we should be looking at multi game venues instead of spreading players across the country resulting in sparse attendances at games and less exposure for the game. We need to create programmes of games that will attract spectators and capture the imagination which will in turn lead to greater interest in the game.



60 X 30

The 60x30 game is a fantastic spectacle to watch and we need to ensure that the All Ireland finals are standalone fixtures in order to generate bigger crowds and create more interest in the game. Having other finals on at the same time only dilutes the potential audience for what should be our Blue Riband event of the 60x30 season.



60x30 Launch
in Croke Park

Overall entries were slightly up on last year in the 60x30 Championships and the standard of play was excellent throughout the championship culminating in one of the greatest 60x30 finals in recent memory as Dublin's Eon Kennedy defeated Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy in a fairytale comeback. The one disappointing aspect of the championships was the poor attendances especially at the finals.

At the moment the 60x30 code would appear to be behind the 40x20 and One Wall in terms of popularity. We need to look at the reasons that the 60x30 code is not seen as an attractive a code as the 40x20 or One Wall grades currently and address these reasons and try to make the 60x30 more attractive.

Some of the potential reasons that need addressing are as follows:

FACILITIES – Our 60x30 alleys are traditionally older alleys and therefore not as modern as our 40x20 or One Wall courts. As a child been introduced to the game for the first time it can be a very daunting prospect to enter a 60ft x 30ft court as compared to the other codes. There is also a lack of facilities in

the country with many areas of the country having no 60x30 court.

COACHING – We need to come up with innovative ways of coaching 60x30. Kids will not play the game just because it is the traditional game anymore they need to feel comfortable in their surroundings and confident in their ability.

THE GAME ITSELF – Are there areas of the games that could be adapted to make the game easier for beginners? Is there rule changes required to allow juveniles time outs? Just because it traditionally never happened doesn't mean it shouldn't happen. All sports suffer a dip in popularity at some stage and brave decisions may need to be taken in order to re-invigorate the code.

USE THE RISE IN ONE WALL'S POPULARITY – Kid's appear to be more comfortable playing One Wall so why not mark out a One Wall court inside the 60x30 court and let the kids become comfortable in their surroundings before introducing them to a new game.

These are just a few suggestions and all suggestions are welcome

however I do feel we sometimes take a glass half full approach to these situations in Handball and it is easier to complain than contribute our ideas and fix the problem and turn it into a positive.

A lot of promotional work was carried out with the 60x30 championship this year and a considerable amount invested in media coverage of same. Articles appeared in all the major newspapers and a lot carried photographs. The results of all our finals featured on the Sunday Game and also on the RTE News Now station.

This year we collaborated with Irish TV to produce two half hour shows to showcase the 60x30 game. These are still available on our website for viewing. This promotion of the 60x30 code will continue but each and every one of us has a responsibility to contribute and I am sure we will see a rise in the popularity of the traditional game.

When you take into account that Clare and Tyrone with each having only one 60x30 court in the county can produce three All Ireland title winners then I think it is proof of what can be done with the right attitude and a positive mindset.

STRUCTURES IN GAA HANDBALL

One of the victims of our success as a "Sport for life" is in the administration of our Sport. With people playing on until their later years there is less of an uptake of administration roles within the association and as a result there are often committees who have the same people doing multiple jobs or indeed committees with many vacant positions.

I feel we must incentivise our committee roles and give some reward to the people who give up their free time to

administer the game to make the positions more attractive. Rewards do not always have to be of a monetary nature and one such way is to provide training in key areas for administrators who will develop their own skill set by taking up one of these roles. We need to think outside the box and widen the net when looking for volunteers and we might be surprised at what materialises from doing so. Many hands make light work as the saying goes and a fresh approach should always be welcome in a club or on a committee.

FINANCE

For the first time in a number of years our Annual Accounts show a positive end line figure and yet a considerable amount of investment was still made in the game. Our Income is considerably down on 2013 levels due to a number of factors and to address this I feel we need to look at ways that the Association can increase revenue channels and attract more income. Our expenditure has also been reduced significantly without reducing the investment in our games.

With the courts from the World Handball Championships having all been distributed to clubs and the income received from same we now no longer have this expense as a drain on our finances and we can look forward to a healthier balance sheet in future years. While the World Championships in 2012 was a tremendous success we cannot ignore the financial burden that was placed upon the association as a result and lessons must be learnt from this, we can never go back to the level of expenditure that took place unless we have the income there to meet it.

Some of the ways that would increase the income of the association are outlined below and would in turn lead to better investment in facilities and the promotion of the game by the association.

CLUB REGISTRATIONS

While Club Registrations were slightly up in 2014 I feel that we need to utilise this system to generate greater revenue that we can then re-invest in our grassroots and in the game in general. We currently sit as one of the lowest registration fees of all the NGB's in Ireland and while this may be an attraction to new members a modest rise in registration fees could mean much needed revenue to contribute to coaching and development projects, and the possible ability to offer grants to clubs to upgrade their facilities. When taking into account the membership fee it is important to look at what you get from your fee. By increasing the fee by a modest amount the return on your investment could be significant and lead to a better association for all.

SPONSORSHIP

We are currently in the process of developing a Sponsorship deck for GAA Handball in conjunction with the Sponsorship department of the GAA. While our current valued sponsors provide much needed revenue for the game there are a number of potential Sponsorship avenues yet to be explored and I intend

to address this over the next number of months with a view to increasing our Sponsorship revenue.

ONLINE SHOP

Plans are underway with the redevelopment of the current GAA Handball website to establish an Online Shop as part of the site where Handball members and Clubs as well as members of the public will be able to buy Handball equipment with the profit from the sales being re-invested in the game.

INCREASE IN GRANTS

We currently receive a number of grants from the GAA and from the Irish Sports Council whose contribution cannot be underestimated. To be able to confidently apply for an increase in grants we must be seen to be self financing and capable of investing any extra money that we receive in a way that best develops the game of Handball and increases participation levels. Over the next 12 months we will explore other possible grant avenues that may be a potential source of revenue for GAA Handball.

GATE RECEIPTS

At the moment this is an area where we miss out on potential revenue due to a number of factors. Too many games spread between too many venues means that crowds are sparse and therefore gate receipts are low. Going forward we need to maximise exposure of our big game programmes and give them the platform to attract big crowds to increase our Gate Receipts. In turn this money can then be partly re-invested into the hosting venues with any surplus used to bring other venues up to standard of hosting National games.

Also too many of our programmes are free entry and then venues are forced to give refreshments to all who attend at a cost to the club. We need to change this mindset and even if it is only a minimal cover charge on the door it all helps towards the running of the club.

These are just some of the ways we as an association can generate revenue in order to fund the development of our sport and it is imperative that as an association we all commit to whatever we need to do to generate income that will benefit us all in the long run.

I would like to extend my thanks to Tom Ryan, Joan Kelly and Sinead McLaughlin in the GAA Finance department for their help and assistance throughout the year and in preparing the accounts for today's Congress.



COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

One of the issues identified at the start of last year was that information from National level was not been filtered down through the association quickly enough and some updates were not reaching the relevant people in time. This arose from the fact that County Secretaries and committee members were using personal email addresses for correspondence and this caused a number of issues especially when County Secretaries would change but emails would still go to the old address.

Last year the rollout of the secretary.county.handball@gaa.ie emails took place with all correspondence from the National office now been sent through these email addresses.

Further rollouts of these email addresses will take place in the coming months for other positions to ensure uniformity in Communication channels within the association and a smoother distribution of information and also to ensure that there is an adequate level of security and privacy when sending information between different Handball units.

It is vital that we work together to ensure any information is received by all the appropriate units that it is targeted towards.

This year has seen a clampdown on calls and requests to the office that have not come through the proper channels. This process will continue to take place to ensure that the most effective communication can take place throughout the association. It also means that the office can function to the best of its ability.

RAISING THE PROFILE OF OUR GAME



Offalys David Hope & Noel Murphy secured an historic first 60x30 Intermediate Doubles title for Offaly

In recent years the profile of our game has risen considerably but we still have a lot of work to do in this area if we are to grow the game and attract new members. Our players deserve tremendous credit for the effort they put into the game and it is vital for them as athletes that they receive the profile they deserve too.

A number of initiatives are taking place at present and will take place in the future to raise the profile of our game and our players.

Promotions – A number of new posters were introduced throughout the year and an A2 wall planner with GAA Handball's key dates was distributed to all clubs earlier this year. We have also invested in a range of promotional products such as wristbands, water bottles, pens and drawstring bags in order to create some brand awareness for GAA Handball. A new suite of pop up banners and backdrops were also produced.

Social Media - One of our main strengths this year has been in our Social Media which has seen a

massive growth to over 14,000 likes. For an association of our size this is an excellent achievement and it is now one of our most important communication tools we have. Work is underway to increase our presence on Twitter and I would encourage every club in the country to set up a Twitter and Facebook account. They are free resources and a brilliant way of promoting your club/county to large numbers in an instant.

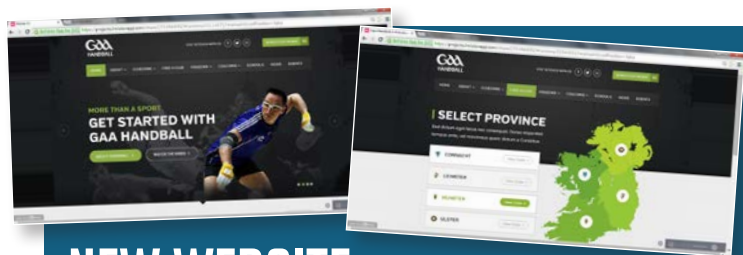
One cautionary point of note with regards to posting on social media I would ask our members to remember that when they are posting they are posting to a worldwide audience and often to people who do not know Handball and there have been occasions where there have been posts criticising Committees or indeed other players and this is most unsavoury and is not a matter for what should be a positive public forum like Facebook. Thankfully these are only a minority of incidents and in general our Facebook page is an excellent promotional tool.

Media Coverage - This year saw

Handball appear in the media on a more consistent basis thanks to an increased drive for media coverage that included meeting journalists from the National papers and also a more structured form of reporting on games and previews of upcoming games. The presence of Sportsfile and Inpho Photography for our 60x30 launch meant that we received much needed media coverage for the sport and this standard must be maintained to keep Handball in the media. In this respect I would like to say a massive thank you to Paul Fitzpatrick for his work in sending press releases to the media.

Another positive addition was the introduction of Rollout Handball a Handball website and magazine that was started by Paul Fitzpatrick and Mark McGowan and produced several interesting pieces and articles throughout the year. I congratulate both men and wish them every success in the future.

I would like to thank the Communications team in Croke Park especially Lisa Clancy, Lisa Hayden and Coleman Hanley for their assistance throughout the year.



NEW WEBSITE

As part of efforts to increase awareness of the Handball brand I am delighted to announce that our newly redeveloped website www.gaahandball.ie will be launched today to our delegates. Our old website while informative and functional was identified as being out of date and not up to the same standard as other NGB's and so a change was needed in order to promote the game and attract new members. Our website will now be the hub of our association and will be a valuable tool not only in the marketing of our game but also as a complete resource for Handballers and non Handballers alike to gain information and to keep up to date with the association as it moves forward. Some of the key features of the new site will be:

- A dedicated fanzone with player profiles of all our top players in order to raise the profile of our elite players. A video wall and photo gallery will also be available for

fans to see the latest action in Handball.

- A comprehensive Club Locator with each club having their own profile page and a google map with directions to the club.
- Up to date fixtures and results with a new fixtures and results module coming in phase two that will allow automatic updates of fixtures and results to ensure that the GAA Handball website is the most up to date reference point for fixtures & results.
- Comprehensive information on how to get involved with GAA Handball and also a comprehensive section on the rules and structures of the game of Handball.
- I would like to thank the GAA for their backing with this project both financially and through their expertise and I hope you will enjoy the new look website once it goes live.

There are further exciting plans in phase two and three but for the moment we will have a website that will market our Sport as a vibrant sport with an elite level that is fun and exciting to watch. This would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the GAA. I would like to thank Lisa Clancy and Lisa Hayden of the GAA and Ronan Morris, Georgina Young, David Behan and Niamh Young and all the team in Webtogether for their tremendous work on this project so far.

PRO

This year saw the introduction of a new PRO in Niamh Egan who had previously worked with GAA Handball in a full time capacity. Despite this being a very busy year for Niamh on a personal level as she got married Niamh dedicated as much time as possible to the position of PRO and was a great source of knowledge and assistance throughout the year. At a recent meeting of the provincial PRO's a SWOT analysis was conducted and Niamh along with the four provincial PRO's are currently working on a Communications Plan for GAA Handball. The main aim of this plan will be to improve communication channels and to increase the profile of GAA Handball. A survey will be forwarded to clubs for completion and it is vital that each and every club engages with the survey and also takes on board any recommendations from the Communications plan once it is finalised.

HANDBALL ON TV

One question we must ask ourselves is in the current format is Handball suitable for Live TV? The answer at present is no as games are too unpredictable in length to allow for scheduling. We will have to look at tailoring some of our competitions to make them attractive for TV and to attract viewers. We are constantly looking for new ways to explore possible TV coverage for our Sport and will continue to do so over the next number of months. In the past 12 months we had the live streaming of our 40x20 Finals in Kingscourt and also we had two half hour shows on Irish TV for our 60x30 Finals. Both were excellent and well received and currently plans are underway for 2015 and how to expose our games to a bigger audience.

HANDBALL – THE HIDDEN GEM

I believe one of the main obstacles to the growth of Handball is the fact that we are too hidden. GAA, Soccer and Rugby pitches are all easily identifiable throughout the country and stand out as a beacon of advertisement for their respective Sports. Our alleys tend to blend into the countryside and often do not have adequate signage outside.

Our One Walls are a great way of displaying the GAA Handball brand

The Live Streaming of the All Ireland 40x20 Finals was a huge success



throughout the country and creating awareness about our game and I feel we need to make a major push to bring the One Wall game outdoor to public parks and recreational areas to maximise it's potential. Having the GAA Handball brand visible throughout the country would in no doubt raise the profile of the game.

I would encourage Handball clubs to invest in signage for their complexes in order to promote their club and the game itself. We have plans to introduce a deal with our preferred printer IDL to offer signage at a reduced cost to Handball Clubs.

CROKE PARK CENTRE

While it is a great honour to hold our Congress in Croke Park today the fact that we are here today for our National Congress and we are still no further on in the building of our National Handball Centre is a source of bitter disappointment to not only myself but I know for every delegate present here today. This saga has been ongoing now for a number of years and despite the best efforts of the GAA to invest this money in a state of the art Handball centre there has still been no progress to date. This is massively disappointing for the development of our sport as a vibrant new Handball centre would be a massive boost to GAA Handball across the whole country. We now have a situation where a full generation of our Juveniles have lost the chance to say they played in or that they won an underage All Ireland

in Croke Park because of this delay. Great Handball people have also gone to their place of rest having not had the pleasure to see their dreams become a reality and the insistence of a minority to constantly disrupt these plans is very sad. We must send a clear message to these people that they are not Handball people and they are holding back what could be the greatest development in Handball for a long time and that we as an association are not prepared to be held back anymore by the actions of a few. It is my great hope that in the near future we will be able to say that work is underway on a brand new state of the Art Handball centre that will make Handball the envy of many Sports and also increase our appeal throughout the country.

WORLDS 2015

As we look forward to 2015 we can look forward in anticipation of the 2015

World Handball Championships in Calgary, Canada. Once more a sizeable contingent

of Irish players will descend on the World Championships with the hope of collecting World Championship titles.

Of special interest will of course be the Open grades where Ireland have dominated in recent championships. Cavan's

Paul Brady will be going for his fifth World title which would be a phenomenal achievement considering that it will have been achieved over 12 years. However there is sure to be considerable challenge not only from America but from within Ireland too

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as the standard of the game has reached an incredible level. The Ladies Open will see Antrim's Aisling Reilly defend her title and the hot favourite to challenge the Antrim woman will be Cork's Catriona Casey and if this battle does materialise it will be the latest in a long line of recent encounters between the two. I look forward to seeing a large contingent from Ireland competing at the Worlds and know that you will do your clubs, counties and country proud.

SPONSORS

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of our main sponsors Martin Donnelly & O'Neills. Their support is greatly appreciated and welcomed and it enables us to grow our sport and provide better competitions for our players. Without this support we would face a far greater challenge. Also I would like to thank Luke Moriarty for his sponsorship of the Handball Championships and Ben EDTL, MacSports, Breaffy House and Freshways for their sponsorship of the One Wall Nationals in Breaffy House.

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

There was some excellent work carried out throughout the year on the Coaching and Development front however I feel we will struggle to really reach our potential in this area if we do not appoint Coaching Officers in each of the Provinces. Covering 32 counties is a massive undertaking for one person and I feel that in the near future recruiting Coaching Officers has

to be a priority for GAA Handball to reach our full potential. Credit must go to our National Development officer Darragh Daly who has embraced this role with great enthusiasm and professionalism since he took the position three years ago. Also a big thank you to our Coaching Committee chaired by Ryan Daly for their work and input throughout the year.

AWARDS

The 2013 & 2014 All Star Awards will take place later in the year at a function for the national award winners in Croke Park.

I congratulate Tyrone's Johnny Woods on winning the Ulster Writer's Award for Young Achiever and Cork's Catriona Casey on winning the 2014 Evening Echo Ladies Sportstar of the Month Award. To be recognised at such a level is a tremendous honour and a great endorsement of both player's talents.

I would like to congratulate Liscarroll's Tim Healy who was the recipient of the prestigious GAA Presidents Handball Award. Tim has given outstanding service to Handball running the Liscarroll juvenile tournament for over 20 years.

BUIÓCHAS

I want to say a huge thank you to Uachtarán CLG Liam O'Neill and Ard Stiurthoir Paraic Duffy for their unwavering support for GAA Handball. Both have been fully committed to supporting our efforts going forward which is tremendous news for our Association. I want to wish Liam O'Neill well as he departs his role as Uachtarán CLG and thank him for the

support he has given GAA Handball over his tenure. At every available opportunity Liam spoke positively about the potential for Handball and about the great experience of the 2012 World Championship Final. He also spoke on numerous occasions about his wish to have a One Wall in every GAA club in Ireland and this is something I think we need to push in the next number of years as it is definitely very achievable. I found Liam to be a most accommodating person and his wish to progress the game of Handball was always real and genuine. I wish him and his family the very best for the future.

I welcome Aogán O Fearghail as Uachtarán CLG and look forward to working with him over his tenure. Aogán began his life in the GAA in Handball and from my dealings with him so far I have no doubt he will work with us in a positive manner over the next three years.

Our own Uachtarán Willie Roche has embraced the job whole heartedly since he took up the position at last year's Congress and his enthusiasm and his passion for the role are clearly evident. He has travelled the length and breadth of the country to represent the association and has invested a lot of time into the role. He has been a great support to me and to the full time office and I thank him for that and look forward to working with him over the next number of years.

I extend thanks to the full time staff in Croke Park who have assisted us throughout the year and look forward to working closely with them in the coming year.

To the Irish Sports Council for their assistance throughout the year I say thank you and also to the Federation of Irish Sport for their assistance when required.

The last year has been another busy year in the National Office and I must commend the work carried out by Darragh Daly, Austin McKenna & Brigid Doherty in managing to get the work completed and to a high standard throughout the year. The level of dedication and hard work put in especially when asked to work numerous weekends throughout the year is often not seen but it is very much appreciated. Despite being a small team in numbers they are never found wanting and I am extremely proud of the contribution they have made to another successful year.

I send a huge thank you to our four Provincial Officers who have a huge workload each year but they continue to ensure Handball prospers in their



2014 was another fantastic year for Catriona Casey



One Wall Mens Open presentation



40x20 Championship Launch 2014. Kieran Kennedy of O'Neills with Aisling Reilly, Diarmuid Nash and Willie Roche



The introduction of Sportsfile for our major launches meant greater media attention for our games.

respective provinces. I also extend thanks to the provincial boards and to all our county committees and club committees who administer our sport.

Once again it was the fantastic work carried out by the volunteers that meant a huge programme of fixtures could be held in the past year. A lot of volunteer work goes unnoticed around the country yet clubs are always open, lights are on, showers are working and refreshments at the ready. This is all thanks to the volunteer. You are a credit to your club, county and province and your help and support is much appreciated.

Some of the main objectives for us as a sport in the next 12 months and indeed further on will be

- Ensure our competitions run fairly and smoothly and that when setting our fixtures we do so to attract bigger crowds to our games.
- Continue to increase media exposure for GAA Handball and increase the profile of our top players and our game.
- Continue to work on our Communications Plan and roll out to all clubs and counties
- Send our strongest Team Ireland to Canada with the hope of capturing coveted World Titles and increasing our International profile.
- Increase Revenue streams to enable us to reinvest in areas of

the game that need investment.

- Work towards a goal of achieving Coaching Officers in each Province to support our National Coaching Officer and to enable our Sport to reach its full potential.
- Increase signage on our facilities and outdoor One Walls to advertise our facilities and attract more attention.

These are just a selection of our objectives and despite the challenges that are faced by our sport I am confident that if we all work together with a positive mindset and increase our income that we can make GAA Handball a vibrant attractive sport in Ireland. There is so much potential in this great sport of ours and we have so many positive aspects, it is this we need to concentrate on and build a bright future for Handballers everywhere. This will only be achieved if we are brave enough to make the right decisions, have a positive attitude and work together. I wish you all the very best for 2015 and look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Keep up the good work!
Is mise le fíor mheas,

Seán Ó Ceallaigh

Seán Ó Ceallaigh.
Bainisteoir Náisiúnta

TOM WALSH AN APPRECIATION



In the past few weeks we lost one of our dearest friends as our friend, colleague and former Uachtarán of CLLE Tom Walsh sadly passed away.

For a man who encompassed all that was great about the GAA and who held so many positions throughout the GAA it is a great honour that his first love was the game of Handball.

Tom made a massive contribution to GAA Handball in many different roles and was currently a member of Leinster Handball Management. He served as Uachtarán from 2005 until 2008 and made a major impact on the sport while his humbling personal touch ensured that he will always be remembered as the people's president.

Tom was a close personal friend and a great confidant about rules or any matter of the game. He was a great reference point about rules but also a friendly face if ever you just needed a chat and he would instantly make you feel better and more confident in yourself.

His friendly outgoing manner and his warm personality meant he could engage with both young and old and he made a positive impact anywhere he went. One of Tom's greatest qualities was that he didn't distinguish between codes of Handball and he was as happy to see four One Wall courts being constructed as he was to see a 60x30 or a 40x20 court constructed. He loved Handball and that to him encompassed all codes.

If we can learn one thing from Tom let it be that as an Association we will only grow if we continue to embrace all our codes and work together as one.

GAA Handball will be a poorer place without Tom but we can ensure that his legacy lives on forever.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

COMPETITIONS REVIEW

O'NEILLS 40X20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy claimed his first 40x20 Open Senior Singles title back in March when he overcame Clare's Diarmaid Nash in a tight encounter in Kingscourt. In the 40x20 Open Doubles Cavan's Paul Brady and Michael Finnegan claimed their fifth title in a row and tenth in total when they defeated Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll in a three game thriller.

In the Ladies Singles final Antrim's Aisling Reilly claimed her first title when she defeated Cork's Catriona Casey while in the doubles Catriona Casey and Aishling O'Keefe took the title back to Cork when they defeated their near neighbours Maria Daly and Ashley Prendiville of Kerry.

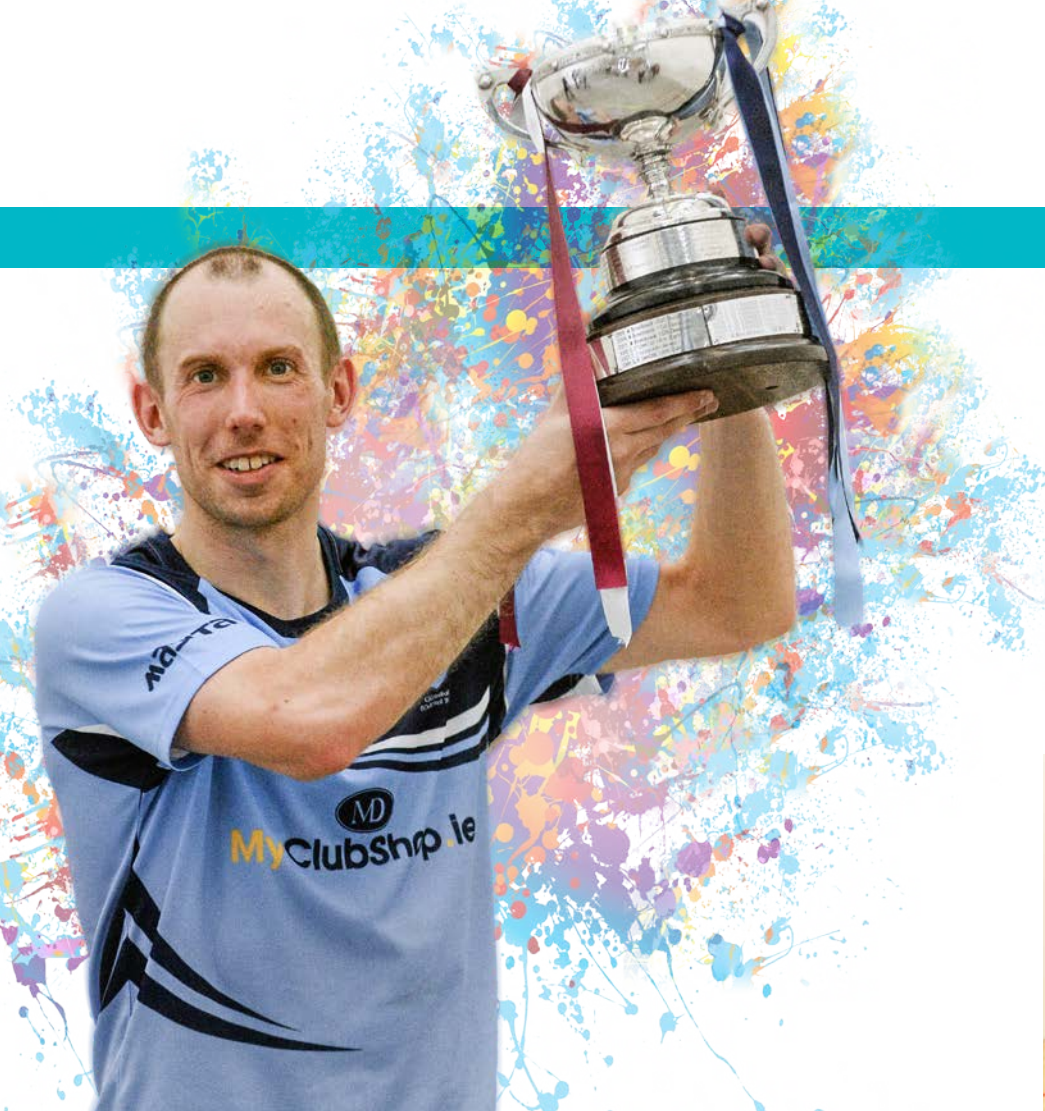
Tyrone's Johnny Woods had a great year on the court where he claimed all four Minor titles, it all started with the Minor Singles title back in March when he defeated Clare's Fergal Coughlan over two tight games. In the Doubles Johnny was partnered by Ryan Mullan and they overcame Clare's Fergal Coughlan and Jacob Loughnane in a tie breaker. In the Ladies Minor grade Tyrone where awarded both titles as they had no opposition in both finals which was very disappointing. Maeve McElduff was the Singles winner, Maeve and Aoife Kelly where the Doubles winners.

In team events Ballaghaderreen were awarded the Open title as the other two teams both pulled out which was very disappointing. In the Intermediate grade Breacach club from Tyrone defeated Liscarroll of Cork. While Cork side Mallow won the Junior title and Broadford from Limerick won the Junior B title.

Overall the most titles went to Kilkenny this year with eight titles, with twenty two counties claiming one or more titles in the 40x20 code.

MD DONNELLY 60X30 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dublin's Eoin Kennedy rolled back the years to claim his ninth Senior Singles Softball crown in 2014 when he defeated Westmeath's and current three time champion Robbie McCarthy



Eoin Kennedy with Sponsor Martin Donnelly, Uachtarán Willie Roche and members of Leinster GAA

in a three game thriller. In the first game Robbie steamrolled Eoin to take it 21-5, but the second game was a whole different storey with it being one of the best games of the year with Eoin taking it 21-17 to setup a mouth watering tie-break. In the tie break Eoin went into an early lead but Robbie was not going to give up his title without a fight but in the end Eoin closed out the game and the match to take it 21-12.

The Men's Senior Doubles final saw Meath pairing of Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll defeat Mayo's Dessie Keegan and Joe McCann in two straight games in Abbeylara, Co. Longford.

Cork's Catriona Casey defeated Limerick's Martina McMahon in straight games in the Ladies singles final. Casey

completed the double winning the Senior Doubles with her partner Aisling O'Keefe defeating Kerry's Maria Daly and Ashley Prendiville.

In the Minor Singles Tyrone's Johnny Woods had a tiebreak win over Tipperary's Daniel Hayes. Woods completed the double double with his partner Ryan Mullan when they defeated the same opposition namely Hayes and Jonathan Walsh.

Kells collected yet another club title when they defeated Ballaghaderreen in the Open club final while Castlebridge from Wexford collected the Intermediate title, Kells of Kilkenny were the Junior winners and Monavea of Laois took the Junior B title.

Overall entries were slightly up on



Players in the Minor 60x30 Final with referee Gavin Buggy before the game



Cork's Killian Carroll took the Open title at the 40x20 Nationals



last year and the standard of play was excellent as the big alley season gave us plenty of thrills. Wexford won the most titles with ten, with twenty counties collected one or more titles in the 60x30 code.

SHE'S ACE HANDBALL

The Sportsland in Castlebar, as well as Aughagower, Ballinrobe, Kiltimagh, Newport and Carnacon Handball alleys hosted the She's Ace handball weekend in January. Overall over 120 took part in the weekend's handball with some fantastic displays of Handball on show especially from the Under 11s. The One Wall competition held on the Sunday was a great success.

This year was the first year that the Ladies 40x20 competition carried ranking points and I am happy to say that we had our highest entry in a Ladies Open grade for a long time. This is in part due to a new ranking system affording points for each finishing position and it is changes like this that will improve our games and attract more entries.

Ladies Handball has not always received the credit it deserves and there has been a feeling that the girls do not always get the same treatment as the men do. However a lot of work is been done at present to promote the Ladies game and it requires our players to buy in and commit to entering the

competitions which I'm happy to report they have done with this year's She's Ace. If this continues then there is no reason why Ladies Handball won't flourish.

We currently boast the two top Ladies Handballers in the World and we are incredibly proud of that fact. Plans are in place for further promotion of the ladies game and I thank the She's Ace Committee of Paula Clarke, Frances Ni Churraoin, Pat Murphy and Paula Doyle for their help throughout the year.

HARDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dublin's Eoin Kennedy claimed his seventh Senior Singles Hardball crown when he defeated Kerry's Dominic Lynch in a hard fought final. In the Doubles Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll defeated Limerick's CJ Fitzpatrick and Pat Murphy. Meath won both Minor finals with Evan Sheridan defeating Evan Murphy of Limerick while in the Doubles Evan was partnered by Robert Fox and they defeated Kilkenny's Pádraig Cooney and John Walsh. The breakdown of Hardball titles were as follows Meath 3, Kilkenny 2, Cork, Dublin and Wicklow 1 a piece.

The Hardball review committee

in 2014 put in tremendous work to increase numbers playing our age old game and they did increase the numbers of entries by 10% in 2014. A new sponsor was obtained in Luke Moriarty of the Moriarty Group and we extend our thanks to Luke for his generous contribution to our ancient game. The Hardball finals were a great success and hopefully this will see a revival in interest of our ancient game.

JUVENILE COMPETITIONS

In the 40x20 Juvenile Championships finals which were held in Munster saw Clare claiming four titles, Tipperary three titles, Tyrone two titles with Armagh, Cork, Dublin, Limerick, Louth, Monaghan and Roscommon with one title a piece.

While the 60x30 Juvenile Championships finals were played in Kilkenny and Carlow venues. Clare, Tyrone and Wexford claimed three titles each with Cork, Kilkenny and Limerick won two titles and Tipperary taking home one.

The 24th Annual Gael Linn competition was held in Ballinrobe, Mayo. Once again Tyrone dominated with Loughmacrory's Mairead Fox and Dara Curran defeating Breacach Elizabeth McGarvey and Caolan McCartan in the final.

In the 40x20 Colleges finals Meave McElduff Loreto Grammer School, Omagh defeated Niamh Dunne Johnstown V.S. Kilkenny to capture the Senior Girls Singles title while Darren Doherty St. Macartan's Monaghan overcame Dylan Sheridan St. Ciaran's C.S. Kells in the Boys Senior final.

The 60x30 Colleges saw Fiona Tully Convent of Mercy, Roscommon defeat Niamh Dunne Johnstown V.S. Kilkenny to capture an exciting Senior Girls final while Keith Armstrong FCJ

Bunclody Wexford took the Boys Senior Singles title when he defeated Ryan Mullan Omagh CBS over three tight games.

The 40x20 Boys team finals saw Clare taking the Boys U14/15 and U16/17 titles while Wexford won the U12/13 championship. In the 60x30 Boys team event Tipperary had the slimmest of margins 73-72 victory over Kilkenny, while Wexford won the U14/15 and Waterford won the U16/17 final.

In the 40x20 Interprovincial Girls Team of Ten, Munster continue to dominate this event and in the final this year they defeated Leinster 88-73.

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Féile na nGael in 2014 was hosted by Ulster with 41 teams taking part down 22 on 2013. Carrickmore (Tyrone) won the Boys Div 1 title while Clan Eireann (Armagh) won the Girls Div 1 title. In the 60x30 Final, it was Lahorna (Tipperary) who saw off St Comans (Roscommon). Congratulations must go to Ulster on a very successful event and to all the winners in Féile na nGael.

Other very successful juvenile competitions included the Paddy Grogan Memorial Invitation and the Liscarroll Juvenile Open competitions.

The standard at the moment in Juvenile Handball is reaching new levels all the time and great credit must be given to the coaches who dedicate their time to develop the skills and transfer their love of the game to the Juveniles throughout the country. Large entries in our Juvenile events are very encouraging and the standard of play at our 40x20 and 60x30 Nationals in the Juvenile grades proved that the future of the game is in safe hands.

The annual Juvenile trip to the United States for the USHA Junior Nationals did not take place for the past number of years due to financial constraints but there are plans to meet with the USHA in Calgary in August to discuss the tournament and how all associations could benefit from it. We have to make sure the trip is a competitive one for our Juvenile players and aids their development as players. It is certainly a trip I would be in favour of and one I hope to see back on the Clár in the near future.

FÉILE NA NGAEL

The Féile na nGael tournament took on a new format this year with the tournament being hosted in the Province of Ulster instead of one county. The entry numbers were disappointing and it is a real worry that clubs and coaches are putting too much emphasis on winning the competition and not enough on the Féile experience and the joy of taking part in one of the greatest sports festivals in the country. Every boy and girl should have the opportunity to represent their club in Féile na nGael and I urge clubs to embrace the true spirit of the competition this year and send your teams to the Féile to make lifelong friends and experience the best weekend of Handball action irrespective of whether you think they can win or

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not. I would like to thank the Ulster committee for their commitment and dedication to running the Féile na nGael in 2014, the hospitality was top class and the games were well run and well organised. It was a brilliant weekend and one I am very much looking forward to in 2015 again.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The Adult 40x20 Nationals were held in Carlow/Kilkenny/Laois venues. Both Open grades were well contested with some compelling action over the weekend with Killian Carroll Cork reigning supreme when he defeated fellow Munster player Diarmaid Nash from Clare. In the Ladies Open Final Catriona Casey Cork again got the better of her biggest rival when she defeated Aisling Reilly for Cork to take both titles back to Leeside.

Kilkenny and Tipperary hosted the 60x30 Nationals in July. Entries were down on 2012 which was very disappointing. However the action did not disappoint and in the Men's Open Doubles, Dublin's pair of Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne were the eventual winners after a long days play when they defeated Meath's Tom Sheridan and Brian Carroll.

Having seen a reduction in entries in both our National Tournaments this year I think we need to start looking outside the box at innovative ideas to spice up the action whether it is modifying the games or introducing timed games in order to make the tournaments more exciting and appealing. The more we stay the same the more other sports adapt and change and we are in danger of being left behind. We need to embrace change and if it works great if



Meath's Brian Carroll and Tom Sheridan secured the 60x30 Doubles crown it was the pairs 5th title and Sheridan's 13th.

not then all is not lost as we can always go back to the drawing board and come up with new ideas. There can often be a fear of change but if you look back at other sports who took brave decisions they generally pay off.

The One Wall Nationals in Breaffy House continuous to grow and a bumper crowd enjoyed a fantastic weekend of action in the Castlebar venue. In the Men's Open the final was an all Tyrone affair with Conor McElduff defeating Darragh Daly, while Martina McMahon Limerick collected her first Open title when she defeated reigning champion Lorraine Havern from Down in a three game thriller. The One Wall Nationals have become the standout weekend of the GAA Handball calendar as the tournament continues to grow from strength to strength.

Clare was again the setting for the Junior Nationals and it proved to be an outstanding success with 300 young players descending on the banner county. Tyrone came away from Clare with five titles, Wexford two, Armagh, Clare, Galway, Kilkenny, Limerick, Monaghan, Roscommon and Sligo one a piece. Sincere thanks to Pat Hayes, the Clare Handball committee and all the venue officials and everyone who helped out over the weekend.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Club Tournaments continue to go from strength to strength each year and last year was no different with tournaments in various codes held across the country. I commend the great work being done by the many clubs hosting tournaments and look forward to seeing many more in years to come.

Clare's Diarmaid Nash captured the 2014 John Gaffney Memorial tournament when he defeated the 2013 champion Robbie McCarthy Westmeath in the final. Cork's Killian Carroll captured the other 40x20 ranking event

with Aisling Reilly winning the Ladies Open at the Golden Gloves in Belfast.

The Mount Talbot One Wall national ranking event continues to go from strength to strength with Stephen Cooney defeating Vinny Moran in the Men's Open Final and Marianna Rushe defeating Maeve McElduff in the Ladies Final. Other very successful One Wall Tournaments this year included Inis Mór, Williamstown and the Lough Showdown in their new state of the art One Wall complex.

There were a number of big alley tournaments that took place throughout the country with the most notable being the Hospital and Virginia tournaments. The Gardai and the Defences forces continue to promote our game by running a number of different events throughout the year, thanks must go to everyone involved.

THIRD LEVEL HANDBALL

Third Level Handball continues to grow in popularity throughout 2014 and great credit must go to the ICHA for their excellent promotion of the game at third level.

The 40x20 Singles Championships took place in Kingscourt with Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) defeating Caolan Daly (QUB) and Catriona Casey (UL) defeating Amy Corrigan (ITS) in the Open grades. The 60x30 Intervarsities were staged in Kilkenny venues were University Limerick dominated the weekend. UL won both team events and three out of the four Mens singles events. Paudi Quish (UL) defeated Shane Hedigan (ITT) and Ciara Mahon (TCD) defeated Aishling O'Keefe (DCU) in the Open grades.

St. Joseph's handball club in Wexford hosted the 40x20 Doubles. In the Men's Open UCD's Martin Mulkerrins and Gaelan Riordan defeated DCU's Darren Doherty and Terry McElvaney. While in the Ladies Open grade was won by UL's Lisa Loughnane and Ciana Ni Churraoin as they defeated DCU's Aishling O'Keefe and Clodagh McManamon.

It is my intention to create stronger links between the National Office and the ICHA who are doing an excellent job in promoting Handball at third level. There is a tremendous opportunity at third level to attract new players to the game and also to attract new administrators to the game and already meetings have taken place between



Voice of Ireland winner Brendan McCahey with All Ireland winner Johnny Woods



Meath's Gary McConnell Intermediate 60x30 Champion



U14 Girls Doubles at the 60x30 Juvenile Finals

the National Office and the ICHA. Over the next number of years I hope to see the continued growth of the ICHA and congratulate the committee on their sterling work once again this year.

INTERNATIONAL SCENE

2014 was another great year for all our players on the International stage with many Irish players travelling abroad and returning home with various titles.

35 Irish students travelled to the 62nd USHA Nationals Collegiates in North Carolina State with Martin Mulkerrins UCD defeating Daniel Cordova in the Mens Open Final while Catriona Casey

UL defeated Amy Corrigan in the Ladies Open Final. Both Martin and Catriona achieved 3 in a row USHA Collegiates titles in 2014 and Casey went on with her UL team mate Martina McMahon to win the Ladies Open Doubles event.

The Irish continued to dominate in America with Paul Brady claiming five titles namely New York, Denver and Tucson Pro Stops plus the US Open in California and the US Nationals in Minneapolis for an incredible 9th US Nationals title. Catriona Casey was not to be outdone as she dominated the Ladies scene across the water with four titles including the New York Pro Stop and the Salt Lake City Players Championships. She also won the US Open and the US Nationals, in three of these finals she defeated her Irish colleague and greatest rival Aisling Reilly. Other Irish Players to win Open Singles events in 2014 were Robbie McCarthy who won the Salt Lake City Players Championships and Killian Carroll who won the Canadian Nationals and the Boston Open.

We need to develop stronger links with our sister associations throughout the World to develop Handball not just as a National brand but also as an international brand. It is one of the great feathers in our cap that we provide the only truly international dimension of the GAA family and this is something we must continue to grow.

ANTI DOPING INFORMATION

Anti Doping Information for all GAA Handball members is available on www.gaahandball.ie. Also anti doping wallet cards are available at Congress or from the GAA Handball Office, Croke Park, Dublin 3. Phone 01-8192385. For any members who wish to learn more or who have any questions in relation to anti-doping further information can be found on <http://www.irishsportscouncil.ie/Anti-Doping/>

SYMPATHY

THE CHAMP RIP: In December 2014 we lost one of the legends of Irish Handball as Thomas 'Roundy' McEllistrim, aka "The Champ" from the Ballymacelligott Handball Club passed away. Roundy was a specialist in the 60x30 alley, winning numerous big court competitions in softball and hardball and his family kindly donated the site for the Ballymacelligott Handball alley. May he rest in peace.

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

End of Year Review 2014

A total of 41 official GAA Handball Coaching Courses were delivered in 2014, with 12 of these being Certified Foundation/Level One courses. The remaining 29 coaching courses were run as Teacher In-Services & GAA Club Coach Courses. Considering the low numbers of official GAA Handball Tutors, these numbers are a big positive as we promote our game across the country. Course numbers are up significantly on the previous year with 700+ coaches benefitting from courses in 2014.

New course content for all coaching courses has been developed with the official Foundation & Level One course structure being totally revamped in conjunction with Coaching Ireland and their set criteria. Preliminary work has begun on the potential development of a new Level 2 Coaching Course which would provide our coaches with the platform to develop an elite band of National Level Coaches.

Two specialised 60x30 coaching clinics were held mid-summer to much praise from all attendees. Eoin Kennedy and Michael Finnegan delivered the clinics and the content covered was of the highest quality, providing a unique insight to the thought process, techniques and tips of the games elite players. I would like to thank both men for their time and effort and hope to see an extended roll out of the clinics again in 2015.

I would like to thank GAA Handball Tutors Ryan Daly, Richard Willoughby and John O'Donohue who assisted me in leading the majority of the coaching courses this year. Cork's Tadgh Carroll, who has undertaken his Tutor training with Coaching Ireland will complete his Tutor training in early 2015 and will be an excellent addition to GAA Handballs team of Tutors.

The One-Wall for Schools Initiative continues to grow bringing Handball to all areas of the country. The simplicity and financial feasibility of the initiative is a major factor in the continued growth year on year. Handball walls are popping up all the time, as our game is being



used as both a PE subject and as a recreational game during lunchtimes. As more walls get erected, the GAA Handball logo is increasingly getting into the public eye, which helps hugely in spreading brand awareness of GAA Handball.

A new Schools Membership Scheme was also introduced in 2014 to assist the development of Handball in Schools. In the first two months alone, 100+ schools had signed up to avail of the offer with over 3500 Handballs being distributed to schools. The scheme will now become an annual scheme for schools.

Due to the ever increasing number of schools getting involved in the Schools Initiative over the past few years competitive structures are being established to progress the initiative to its next stage of development. This is crucial to maintain the interest levels in schools and provide a competitive outlet to entice pupils to continue playing the sport outside of school. A Provincial Schools

Team Championship has been developed with Ulster GAA, which sees a Team of 4 players compete in two doubles teams, but in a blitz day with multiple matches. This has been massively influential in the growth of One-Wall in Ulster Schools, and I

would like to thank Ulster GAA and RDO Shane McCann for their support.

Plans are being made to establish a similar event in Leinster, Connaught and Munster. The long-term aim is to build the size of the events year on year eventually progressing to an annual All-Ireland One-Wall Schools Team Championship. Numerous counties are already running schools blitz days, with blitzes held in Roscommon, Limerick and Dublin to name a few, and we hope to build on this going forward.

December 2014 saw the remaining material from the 2012 World Handball Championships being distributed to clubs around the country. In total, material for 80 One-Wall courts, and 11 full glass back walls have now been reused, with several more clubs having bought flooring and lighting. The majority of the One-Wall court material was donated to schools and GAA clubs all over the country, while 11 Handball Clubs purchased the glass back walls.

There are a number of new developments on the horizon. Moycullen HC in Galway are mid build with a new 40x20 and 60x30 complex while Colaiste Feirste in Belfast are also mid build with two new 40x20 courts. Annamoe in Wicklow and Multyfarnham HC in Westmeath have recently established new clubs having completed the refurbishment of an unused space to turn it into a new 40x20.

A large bank of quality online coaching resources has been made available on www.gaahandball.ie with a new 60x30 coaching resource the latest to be developed.

I would like to thank the following people who have been a great support to me and to the development of Handball in the past year, Hayley Harrison and Fiona Larkin from Coaching Ireland, Jimmy O'Dwyer (GAA Cul Camp Coordinator), Pat Culhane, Jimmy Darcy and Peter Horgan (GAA Games Development), and the various Provincial and County Games Managers who have supported Handball's development in 2014.

Darragh Daly
National Development Officer

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CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP:

Wear the jersey with pride; In full concentration on the court; Limerick's Martina McMahon defeated Down's Lorraine Havern to collect her first One Wall Open title; everything is set; practice makes perfect.



2014

TITLE BREAKDOWN



GAA Handball Official Competitions: Breakdown by Event and Code

COMPETITION	MALE ADULT	JUVENILE	FEMALE ADULT	JUVENILE	MIXED JUVENILE	TOTAL
60x30 Championship	40	8	10	8		66
40x20 Championship	40	8	10	8		66
Hardball Championships	8					8
Team Events	6	6		1		13
Gael Linn					1	1
Féile na nGael		7		2		9
2nd Level College		12		8		20
Third Level College	16		9			25
Irish 60x30 Nationals	4	3	1	1		9
Irish Adult 40x20 Nationals	13		2			15
Irish Junior 40x20 Nationals		8		7		15
One Wall Nationals	9	8	4	7		28
TOTALS:	136	60	36	42	1	275

Open Championships 2014 (spread of titles)

COUNTY	40X20 OPEN	60X30 OPEN	ONE WALL OPEN	HARDBALL OPEN	NATIONALS OPEN	CLUB OPEN	TOTALS
Cork	1	2			2		5
Dublin		1		1	1		3
Meath		1		1		1	3
Antrim	1						1
Cavan	1						1
Westmeath	1						1
Limerick			1				1
Tyrone			1				1
Mayo						1	1

O'Neills GAA Handball 40x20 Championships 2014 (spread of titles)

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Kilkenny	6	2				8
Antrim	6	1				7
Tyrone	2	2	2		1	7
Cork	3	1	1		1	6
Clare			1	3	2	6
Tipperary	2		2	1		5
Dublin	3			1		4
Limerick		2		1	1	4
Mayo	2				1	3
Westmeath	1	2				3
Carlow	2					2
Galway	2					2
Kerry	2					2
Kildare	2					2
Meath	2					2
Monaghan	1		1			2
Armagh	1			1		2
Wexford	1				1	2
Cavan	1					1
Sligo	1					1
Louth			1			1
Roscommon				1		1
TOTALS:	40	10	8	8	7	73

M Donnelly GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2014 (spread of titles)

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Wexford	4	1	2	1	2	10
Cork	4	2	2			8
Tyrone	2	2	1	2		7
Kilkenny	1	2	1	1	1	6
Meath	4				1	5
Sligo	4					4
Dublin	3	1				4
Tipperary	2		1		1	4
Carlow	3					3
Kildare	3					3
Mayo	3					3
Limerick	1			2		3
Laois		2			1	3
Clare			1	2		3
Louth	2					2
Kerry	1					1
Leitrim	1					1
Offaly	1					1
Westmeath	1					1
Waterford					1	1
TOTALS:	40	10	8	8	7	73



LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE
C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2014

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 Financial Reporting Council 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.

Seán Ó Ceallaigh
Bainisteoir Náisiúnta CLG Liathróid Láimhe

22 Nollaig 2014

Liam de Róiste
Uachtarán



LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN INFORMATION

BAILLE DEN ARD CHOMHAIRLE

- Liam de Róiste – Uachtarán
- Seán Ó Ceallaigh – Bainisteoir Náisiúnta CLG Liathróid Láimhe
- Ualtar Ó Conchubhair – Iar Uachtarán
- Cionnaith Ó Conbhuí
- Dónal Ó hAodha
- Eoghan Mag Uidhir
- Seán Ó Cléirigh
- Peadar Ó hÉanna
- Seán Mag Lochlainn
- Seamus Ó Maoildeirg
- Padraig Ó Riain
- Roibeard an tSeaca
- Seosaimh Ó Seachnasaigh

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Drumcondra, Dublin 9

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the members of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann

We have audited the financial statements of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann for the year ended 31 October 2014, on pages 25 to 28, which comprise the Revenue Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Statement of Managements' Responsibilities, Management is responsible for preparation of the financial statements giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report is made solely to the members of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann members 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 as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the

accounting policies are appropriate to the Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the management committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER – GOING CONCERN

In forming our opinion, which is not qualified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1 to the financial statements concerning Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann's ability to continue as a going concern. Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann reported an operating surplus of €27,145 and a net surplus of €45,574 during the year ended 31 October 2014 and, at that date, current liabilities exceeded its total assets by €1,563,441. These conditions, along with the other matters explained in note 1 to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast doubt about Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann was unable to continue as a going concern.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland of the state of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann's affairs as at 31 October 2014 and of its results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared.

Mazars

*Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors
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22 Nollaig 2014

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014

		2014	2013
Income	Schedule	€	€
Registrations		74,582	69,308
Gate Receipts		8,083	10,316
Competition and Event Income		22,268	22,219
Irish Sports Council Grants		86,679	89,748
GAA Grants	1	161,000	170,500
Urban regeneration grant		-	12,000
Sponsorship and commercial income		29,321	40,487
Women in Sport		16,025	15,292
Profit on Sale of Merchandise	2	-	4,377
Other Income		1,675	4,572
		399,633	438,819
Expenditure			
Women in Sport		18,183	19,198
Competition and Event Expenses		46,979	43,971
International competitions		-	9,329
Provincial and urban regeneration grant Grants		5,155	29,335
3rd Level Grants		1,504	4,293
Juvenile Expenses		2,518	2,690
Promotional Materials		18,295	37,012
Trophies and Medals		22,981	16,078
Meetings and Officials' Travel		36,638	33,352
Coaching, Leadership and Development		43,452	36,572
Subscriptions		-	4,939
Administration and General	3	175,354	245,133
Depreciation		1,429	2,815
		372,488	484,717
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		27,145	(45,898)
World Handball Championships Deficit	4	(81,571)	(35,371)
Provision for Grants to Clubs		-	(178,000)
Grant from Central Council - World Deficit		100,000	-
Balance at beginning of year		(1,609,015)	(1,349,746)
Balance at end of year		(1,563,441)	(1,609,015)

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2014

	Note	2014 €	2013 €
Fixed Assets	3	413	1,842
Current Assets			
Stock- Handball Courts		6,219	51,219
Debtors and Prepayments	4	242,837	240,876
Cash & Bank Balances		1,658	1,658
		250,714	293,753
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	5	1,175,418	168,906
Bank Overdraft	6	639,150	1,735,704
		1,814,568	1,904,610
Net Current Liabilities		(1,563,854)	(1,610,857)
Net Liabilities		(1,563,441)	(1,609,015)
Represented by			
Accumulated Deficit	7	(1,563,441)	(1,609,015)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann reported an operating surplus of €27,145 (2013: deficit €45,898) for the year ended 31 October 2014 and a net surplus of €45,574 (2013: deficit €259,269). At the year end the accumulated deficit on reserves amounted to €1,563,441 (2013: €1,609,015). 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.

Management consider that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis as the measures taken to improve operating performance together with the on-going support of the Cumann Lúthcleas 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 €
Cost			
At 31 October 2013	13,998	10,278	24,276
Additions for the year	-	-	-
At 31 October 2014	13,998	10,278	24,276
Depreciation			
At 31 October 2013	13,998	8,436	22,434
Charge for year	-	1,429	1,429
At 31 October 2014	13,998	9,865	23,863
Net Book Value			
At 31 October 2013	-	1,842	1,842
At 31 October 2014	-	413	413

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014 (CONTINUED)

4. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2014 €	2013 €
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	161,000	161,000
Other Debtors	81,837	79,876
	<u>242,837</u>	<u>240,876</u>

5. CREDITORS

	2014 €	2013 €
Creditors and Accruals	142,537	66,094
Taxation and social welfare	112,465	99,486
Deferred income	917,039	-
Other Creditors	3,378	3,326
	<u>1,175,418</u>	<u>168,906</u>

6. SECURITY

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

7. ACCUMULATED DEFICIT

	2014 €	2013 €
Balance at beginning of year	(1,609,015)	(1,349,746)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	45,574	(259,269)
Balance at end of year	<u>(1,563,441)</u>	<u>(1,609,015)</u>

8. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Comparative amounts have been restated where necessary on the same basis as the current year.

9. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved on the 22 Nollaig 2014.

SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014

SCHEDULE 1			SCHEDULE 4		
GAA Grants			World Handball Championships		
	2014 €	2013 €	Income	2014 €	2013 €
Annual Grant	100,000	109,500	Competitor entry fees	-	-
Administration Grant	36,000	36,000	Gate Receipts	-	-
Promotional Grant	25,000	25,000	Commercial income	67,750	3,405
	<u>161,000</u>	<u>170,500</u>		<u>67,750</u>	<u>3,405</u>
SCHEDULE 2			Expenditure		
Profit on Sale of Merchandise			Handball Courts Construction & Storage Costs		
	2014 €	2013 €		149,321	27,256
Sale of Handballs	-	4,652	Branding, Marketing and Promotions	-	6,238
Opening Stock	-	-	IT and Communications	-	-
Purchases	-	275	Officials, Volunteers and Team Ireland	-	539
Closing Stock	-	-	Event day Expenses	-	4,743
Cost of Sales	-	275	Other costs	-	-
Profit on sale of merchandise	<u>-</u>	<u>4,377</u>		<u>149,321</u>	<u>38,776</u>
SCHEDULE 3			World Handball Championships Deficit		
Administration & General Expenses				<u>(81,571)</u>	<u>(35,371)</u>
	2014 €	2013 €			
Staff Costs	140,882	192,167			
Printing, Stationary, Advertising & Office Supplies	10,107	17,055			
Postage and Telephone	9,031	8,283			
Audit and Professional Fees	10,995	13,978			
Interest, Charges & Financial Costs	940	244			
Miscellaneous	18,982	13,406			
	<u>175,354</u>	<u>245,133</u>			



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP-LEFT:

One of the most striking images of the year as Clare's Diarmaid Nash takes advice from his father and coach Jim during the 40x20 final; lonely ball on a court; Aisling Reilly keeps her eye on the ball; preparing for battle; Irish TV covered the 60x30 finals in Abbeylara and produced two 30 minute shows.



NA RÚIN MOTIONS



1. THAT FO RIAL 45 H (II) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

Masters 'B' - Confined to players over 40 years of age who have not won Minor, Under 21, Junior B, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, **over 35 A or B**, or any Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

2. THAT FO RIAL 45 I (II) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

Silver Masters 'B' - Confined to players over 45 years of age who have not won Minor, Under 21, Junior B, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, **over 35 A or B**, or any Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

3. THAT FO RIAL 45 J (II) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

Golden Masters 'B' confined to players over 50 years of age who have not won Minor, Under 21, Junior B, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, **over 35 A or B**, or any Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

4. THAT FO RIAL 45 K (II) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

Emerald Masters 'B' confined to players over 55 years of age who have not won Minor, Under 21, Junior B, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, **over 35 A or B**, or any Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

5. THAT FO RIAL 45 L (II) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

Diamond Masters 'B' confined to players over 60 years of age who have not won Minor, Under 21, Junior B, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, **over 35 A or B**, or any Masters 'A' or 'B' All-Ireland titles.

6. THAT FO RIAL 45 P BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

All players are confined to one grade of singles or doubles in inter-county competition in 40 x 20, Softball and Hardball in any one year, except players competing in the Senior championship who can also compete in their own grade **with the exception of any masters grade**, and players in

Masters grades who do not have a doubles partner in their grade in their own county who can play singles in their own grade and play doubles in another grade, for which they are eligible, with a player from their own county.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

7. ENACT AS A NEW BYE LAW THE FOLLOWING

Female players can take part in organised challenge games/Tournaments with both Female and Male partners/opponents. Challenge games/Tournaments must be organised to comply with ByeLaws 43 & 44 – Permit for Tournaments.

LUIMNEACH

8. THAT LIATHRÓID LAIMHE C.L.G. NA HEIREANN ADOPT THE FOLLOWING FO RIAL TO THE LIATHRÓID LAIMHE NA HEIREANN FÓ RIALACHA.

That Handball as a virtually non contact sport, is suitable for both male and female to play or train together either as a team in doubles or as an opponent in singles in the appropriate grade.

CORCAIGH

9. THAT U13 GIRLS IN 40X20 PLAY WITH THE CHALLENGER 2 BALL INSTEAD OF THE DARK BLUE BALL.

CARLOW

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT GAA HANDBALL IRELAND CONSIDER LIVE ACTION TRACKER VIA TWITTER ON BIG MATCH DAYS AND FOR THE UPCOMING WORLDS 2015 IN CALGARY

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

TORNTAI 2014



All the results from the handball year

M DONNELLY GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Senior Singles: Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) dft Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) 5-21, 21-17, 21-12

Senior Doubles: Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) dft Mayo (Joe McCann/Dessie Keegan) 21-14, 21-12

Minor Singles: Tyrone (Johnny Woods) dft Tipperary (Daniel Hayes) 4-21, 21-4, 21-19

Minor Doubles: Tyrone (Johnny Woods/Ryan Mullan) dft Tipperary (Daniel Hayes/Jonathan Walsh) 21-11, 21-16

Intermediate Singles: Meath (Gary McConnell) dft Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) 12-21, 21-6, 21-7

Intermediate Doubles: Offaly (David Hope/Noel Murphy) dft Waterford (David Walsh/Philip Butler) 21-8, 21-13

Under 21 Singles: Limerick (Padraig Quish) dft Kildare (Niall O'Connor) 21-4, 21-3

Under 21 Doubles: Cork (Daniel Relihan/Michael Hedigan) dft Kildare (Niall O'Connor/Robert Maguire) 21-3, 17-21, 21-19

Junior Singles: Leitrim (Martin Raftery) dft Wexford (Paul Lambert) 16-21, 21-17, 21-19

Junior Doubles: Wexford (Darren O'Toole/Malachy Whelan) dft Tipperary (John Ferncombe/Kevin Dempsey) 21-9, 12-21, 21-16

Junior B Singles: Wexford (Miley Connors) dft Limerick (Christopher Enright) 21-4, 21-3

Junior B Doubles: Cork (Tadhg Carroll/Ryan Harkin) dft Wexford (Miles Connors/Michael Goggins) 21-12, 19-21, 21-10

Over 35A Singles: Kerry (Dominic Lynch) dft

Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-16, 21-6

Over 35A Doubles: Mayo (Vinnie Moran/Paul Flynn) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy/Barry McWilliams) 21-14, 14-21, 21-17

Over 35B Singles: Cork (Dale Cusack) dft Meath (Conor O'Connor) 21-8, 21-11

Over 35B Doubles: Cork (Dale Cusack/Ken O'Neill) dft Meath (Joe Cummins/Michael Sheridan) 21-16, 21-13

Masters A Singles: Kilkenny (Michael Ducksy Walsh) dft Limerick (Paul Hedderman) 21-3, 21-5

Masters A Doubles: Wexford (Tommy Hynes/Paul Carty) dft Tipperary (John Corbett/Eddie Corbett) 21-15, 21-2

Masters B Singles: Sligo (Shane Bruen) dft Wexford (John Roche) 21-17, 21-9

Masters B Doubles: Sligo (Martin Cooney/Shane Bruen) dft Wexford (John Roche/Damien Kelly) 21-18, 21-10

Silver Masters A Singles: Carlow (John Ryan) dft Tipperary (Adrian Johnson) 21-14, 12-21, 21-11

Silver Masters A Doubles: Meath (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) dft Roscommon (Ronan Galvin/Cormac O'Brien) 21-3, 21-6

Silver Masters B Singles: Sligo (Martin Cooney) dft Wexford (Robert Doyle) 21-10, 21-19

Silver Masters B Doubles: Wexford (Ricky Barron/Robert Doyle) dft Mayo (Kevin Cox/George Miller) 21-15, 21-19

Golden Masters A Singles: Kildare (Mickey Dowling) dft Sligo (Francis McCann) 21-15, 21-17

Golden Masters A Doubles: Westmeath (Robert McCarthy/Liam Cassidy) dft

Tipperary (Kevin Mullins/Jimmy Mullins) 21-4, 21-12

Golden Masters B Singles: Mayo (George Miller) dft Wexford (Stephen Murphy) 21-20, 21-17

Golden Masters B Doubles: Kildare (Paul Ruane/Niall Leavy) dft Limerick (Tim O'Shea/Donal Hayes) 21-9, 21-17

Diamond Masters A Singles: Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 21-12, 21-12

Diamond Masters A Doubles: Carlow (John Rossiter/Sean Ryan) dft Tipperary (Paddy Collins/Jeddy McKeogh) 21-8, 21-6

Diamond Masters B Singles: Tipperary (Gerry Foley) dft Wexford (Miley Byrne) 21-2, 21-16

Diamond Masters B Doubles: Mayo (Joe Neary/Padraig Gillard) dft Tipperary (Gerry Foley/Eamonn Spillane) 21-8, 21-8

Emerald Masters A Singles: Tipperary (Billy Mullins) dft Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan) 21-11, 21-12

Emerald Masters A Doubles: Meath (Jimmy Reilly/Anthony McConnell) dft Roscommon (Dermot Doolin/Ger Walsh) 21-11, 21-19

Emerald Masters B Singles: Louth (John Kelly) dft Galway (Willie Corcoran) 21-11, 21-8

Emerald Masters B Doubles: Louth (John Kelly/Charlie Kelly) dft Galway (Pierce Lawlor/Willie Corcoran) 21-18, 21-3

Ruby Masters Singles: Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) dft Tipperary (Pakie Mullins) 21-6, 21-1

Ruby Masters Doubles: Kildare (Anthony Campbell/Dermot Howard) dft Mayo (Matt Coady/Seamus Clarke) 9-21, 21-15, 21-9



“The Open Championships once again highlighted the incredible skill levels of our top athletes”

Over 70 Singles: Sligo (Paddy Walsh) dft Dublin (Mick O'Brien) 16-21, 21-15, 21-2
Over 70 Doubles: Dublin (Pat Ryan/Mick O'Brien) dft Mayo (Matt Grier/Sean Heaney) 21-2, 21-14

M DONNELLY GAA HANDBALL 60X30 LADIES ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Ladies Senior Singles: Catriona Casey (Cork) defeated Martina McMahon (Limerick) 21-11, 21-10
Ladies Senior Doubles: Cork (Ashling O'Keefe/Catriona Casey) dft Kerry (Maria Daly/Ashley Prendiville) 21-10, 21-18
Ladies Minor Singles: Tyrone (Maeve McElduff) W/O Kildare (Hannah Dagg) inj
Ladies Minor Doubles: Tyrone (Maeve McElduff/Aoife Kelly) dft Kildare (Hannah Dagg/Kate Dagg) 17-21, 21-15, 21-3
Ladies Intermediate Singles: Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon) dft Mayo (Jennifer Fahy) 21-6, 21-15
Ladies Intermediate Doubles: Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon/Mary Phelan) dft Roscommon (Siobhan Tully/Laura Mannion) 21-12, 21-6
Ladies Junior Singles: Dublin (Sabrina Hughes) dft Limerick (Cathy Foley) 21-14, 21-12
Ladies Junior Doubles: Wexford (Tanya O'Toole/Una Byrne) dft Limerick (Cathy Foley/Clodagh Neville) 7-21, 21-15, 21-9
Ladies Junior B Singles: Laois (Niamh Dunne) dft Galway (Janet Connaughton) 21-5, 21-17
Ladies Junior B Doubles: Laois (Ciara

Dowling/Niamh Dunne) dft Galway (Janet Connaughton/Karen Finnegan) 21-13, 21-16

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 60X30 HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Senior Singles: Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) dft Kerry (Dominic Lynch) 21-9, 21-14
Senior Doubles: Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) dft Limerick (CJ Fitzpatrick/Pat Murphy) 21-19, 21-11
Minor Singles: Meath (Evan Sheridan) dft Limerick (Evan Murphy) 21-11, 21-10
Minor Doubles: Meath (Evan Sheridan/Robert Fox) dft Kilkenny (Padraig Cooney/John Walsh) 21-6, 21-16
Intermediate Singles: Cork (Colm Jordan) dft Wexford (Jason Murphy) 21-14, 21-13
Intermediate Doubles: Kilkenny (Edward Bourke/Ducksy Walsh) dft Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary/William Love) 21-5, 21-11
Junior Singles: Wicklow (Keith Kavanagh) dft Meath (Peter Reilly) 21-14, 21-4
Junior Doubles: Kilkenny (Peter Funchion/Patrick Funchion) dft Kilkenny (Diarmuid Burke/Brendan Burke) 21-20, 21-20

O'NEILLS GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Senior Singles: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Clare (Diarmaid Nash) 21-16, 21-5
Senior Doubles: Cavan (Paul Brady/Michael

Finnegan) dft Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) 18-21, 21-11, 21-19.

Minor Singles: Tyrone (Johnny Woods) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan) 21-13, 21-19

Minor Doubles: Tyrone (Johnny Woods/Ryan Mullan) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan/Jacob Loughnane) 17-21, 21-10, 21-17.

Intermediate Singles: Kilkenny (Peter Funchion) dft Cork (Shane Hedigan) 21-14, 21-15

Intermediate Doubles: Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion/Peter Funchion) dft Galway (Ollie Conway/Pat Conway) 21-10, 21-13

Under 21 Singles: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Tyrone (Conor McElduff)

Under 21 Doubles: Cork (Michael Hedigan/Daniel Relihan) dft Tyrone (Conor McElduff/Gabhainn McCrystall) 20-21, 21-18, 21-12

Junior Singles: Cork (Tadhg Carroll) dft Wicklow (Jerome Willoughby) 21-13, 21-13

Junior Doubles: Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary/Brendan Burke) dft Cork (Tadhg Carroll/Dale Cusack) 14-21, 21-18, 21-13

Junior B Singles: Cork (Ryan Harkin) dft Cavan (Cormac McMahon) 21-20, 21-8

Junior B Doubles: Kerry (Colm O Luing/Jack O Shea) dft Meath (Peter Flanagan/Eugene O'Reilly) 21-16, 21-2

Over 35 A Singles: Antrim (Ricky McCann) dft Mayo (Vinne Moran) 21-14, 21-19

Over 35 A Doubles: Kerry (Dominic Lynch/JJ Quirke) dft Antrim (Ricky McCann/Paul Graham) 16-21, 21-3, 21-8

Over 35 B Singles: Meath (Conor O'Connor) dft Galway (Trevor Hannon)

Over 35 B Doubles: Kilkenny (Stephen Barcoe/John Morrissey*) dft Limerick (JP O

Connor/Mike O Toole) 21-18, 21-17
Masters A Singles: Kilkenny (Michael Walsh) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan Snr) 21-2, 21-3

Masters A Doubles: Kilkenny (Michael Walsh/D J Carey) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan/John Cawley) 21-2, 21-14

Masters B Singles: Tipperary (John Corbett) dft Tyrone (Chris Curran) 21-13, 21-13

Masters B Doubles: Tipperary (Martin McInerney/John Lee) dft Tyrone (Rory Grogan/Seamus McCrory) 21-11, 21-16

Silver Masters A Singles: Antrim (Paddy Crothers) dft Mayo (Joe Dowling) 21-12, 21-6

Silver Masters A Doubles: Meath (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) dft Tipperary (Pat O Flaherty/John McQuaid) 21-9, 21-7

Silver Masters B Singles: Sligo (Martin Cooney) v Antrim (Kevin McParland) 21-13, 14-21 & 21-7

Silver Masters B Doubles: Antrim (Kevin McParland/Stephen Brady) dft Mayo (George Miller/Kevin Cox) 21-8, 21-6

Golden Masters A Singles: Kildare (Michael Dowling) dft Cork (John Herlihy) 18-21, 21-18 & 21-9

Golden Masters A Doubles: Kildare (Mick Dowling/Pauric Maguire) dft Tipperary (Pat Griffin/Tony Flaherty) 21-17, 21-19

Golden Masters B Singles: Antrim (Stephen Brady) dft Galway (Denis Phelan) 21-1, 21-10

Golden Masters B Doubles: Monaghan (Conor McDonnell/Paul Cassidy) dft Mayo (Frank Macken/Mike O'Malley) 21-12, 13-21, 21-15

Diamond Masters A Singles: Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Cork (Pat Morris) 21-1, 21-6

Diamond Masters A Doubles: Carlow (John Rossiter/Andy Ryan) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin/Pdraig Gillard) 21-15, 21-2

Diamond Masters B Singles: Mayo (Joe Neary) dft Antrim (John McManus) 21-16, 21-19

Diamond Masters B Doubles: Mayo (Gus Heraty/Joe Neary) dft Antrim (Charlie Monaghan/John McManus) 21-3, 21-8

Emerald Masters A Singles: Wexford (Benny Doyle) dft Limerick (Tom O'Brien) 21-4, 21-12

Emerald Masters A Doubles: Antrim (Anthony Caddell/Thomas Maguire) dft Roscommon (Ger Walsh/Dermot Doolin) 21-17, 21-7

Emerald Masters B Singles: Armagh (Michael Quinn) dft Tipperary (Pat Ryan) 21-11, 21-12

Emerald Masters B Doubles: Antrim (Willie Woods/Peter McGivern) dft Mayo (Columba Halloran/Kevin Ferrick) 21-4, 21-9

Ruby Masters Singles: Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) dft Galway (Morgan Darcy) 21-5, 21-9

Ruby Masters Doubles: Galway (Morgan Darcy/John Kelehan) dft Cavan (Pasty Hand/Greg Sheridan) 21-5, 21-11

Over 70 Singles: Dublin (Eddie Flynn) dft Cork (Pat O'Brien) 21-9, 17-21 & 21-15

Over 70 Doubles: Dublin (Eddie Flynn/Pat

Ryan) dft Galway (Colm Culain/Seamus O'Flatharta) 21-14, 21-14

O'NEILLS GAA HANDBALL 40X20 LADIES ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Ladies Senior Singles: Antrim (Aisling Reilly) dft Cork (Catriona Casey) 21-11, 21-13
Ladies Senior Doubles: Cork (Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keefe) dft Kerry (Maria Daly/Ashley Prendiville) 21-16, 19-21, 21-7

Ladies Minor Singles: Tyrone (Maeve McElduff) w/o Galway (Cianna Ni Churraoin)

Ladies Minor Doubles: Tyrone (Maeve McElduff/Aoife Kelly) w/o Clare (Natasha Coughlan/Lauren Tuohy) Injured

Ladies Intermediate Singles: Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) dft Mayo (Leona Ryder) 21-6, 21-4

Ladies Intermediate Doubles: Kilkenny (Mary Phelan/Ciara Mahon) dft Mayo (Clodagh McManamon/Ciara McManamon) 21-7, 8-21, 21-9

Ladies Junior Singles: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Wexford (Tanya O'Toole)

Ladies Junior Doubles: Limerick (Sarah Flavin/Martina McMahon) w/o Wexford (Tanya O'Toole/Una Hughes) wdr inj.

Ladies Junior B Singles: Cork (Katie Fleming) dft Dublin (Sabrina Hughes) 10-21, 21-16 & 21-13

Ladies Junior B Doubles: Dublin (Sabrina/Hughes/Audrey McCormack) dft Roscommon (Siobhan Tully/Laura Mannion) 21-8, 21-6.

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 60X30 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Open: Kells (Meath) Brian Carroll, Tom Sheridan, Christy McGovern, Evan Sheridan dft Ballaghaderreen (Mayo) Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn, Dessie Keegan, Campbell Brennan, Joe Dowling 97-68

Intermediate: Castlebridge (Wexford) Jason Murphy, Eugene Kelly, David Kenny, Malachy Whelan

dft Hospital (Limerick) J.P. O'Connor, Pdraig Quish, Eamon Davern, Ken Bourke, John Keyes 105-90

Junior: Kells (Kilkenny) Brendan Burke, Diarmuid Burke, Ger McGrath, Anthony Martin, C.J. Delaney, Dan Breen dft Fenagh (Leitrim) Jamie Murray, Martin Raftery, Leo Logan, Ed Lee 87-56

Junior B: Monavea (Laois) Andrew Dowling, Peter Whelan, Michael Donovan, Tomas Lennon, Ray Fogarty dft Broadford (Limerick) Dominic Enright, Shane Murphy, Eoin Hegarty, Ben Walshe, Gearoid Lehane 106-75

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 40X20 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Open: Ballaghaderreen Winners Dessie Keegan, Joe McCann, Vinnie Moran, Campbell Brennan, Paul Flynn

Intermediate: Breacach (Tyrone) Conor McElduff, Johnny Woods, Gabhain McCrystall,



Dublin's Eoin Kennedy secured his seventh All Ireland Handball title



Pól Clarke dft Liscarroll (Cork) Michael Hedigan, Daniel Relihan, Ger Healy, Shane Hedigan, John Hedigan 84-34

Junior: Mallow (Cork) Ryan Harkin, Ken O'Neill, Ciaran Buckley, Dale Cusack dft Tinryland (Carlow) Kevin Barrett, Padraic Townsend, Barry Ramsey, Martin Mullins, Danny Keane 95-69

Junior B: Broadford (Limerick) Anthony Donnelly, Sean Murphy, Pat Murphy, Ben Walsh, Christopher Enright dft Monavea (Laois) Michael Donovan, Joe Brennan, Eamonn Brennan, Pauric Buggy 105-61

GAA HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE 60X30 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GU14S: Limerick (Catriona Millane) dft Kildare (Leah Doyle) 15-8, 10-15, 15-6.

GU14D: Tyrone (Caitlin Conway/Elizabeth McGarvey) dft Clare (Aoife Floyd/Bridin Dinan) 15-10, 2-15, 15-8

GU15S: Clare (Ella Donnellan) dft Kildare (Mollie Dagg) 15-6, 15-11

GU15D: Tyrone (Michaela McCartan/Emer Kerr) dft Tipperary (Eimer Meagher/Sile Spain) 15-12, 15-2

GU16S: Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) dft Roscommon (Fiona Tully) 14-21, 21-14, 11-10

GU16D: Wexford (Roisin Walsh/Holly Hynes) dft Limerick (Katie McCarthy/Laura Stack) 21-15, 17-21, 11-9

GU17S: Clare (Doireann Murphy) dft Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh) 21-16, 21-0

GU17D: Limerick (Michelle McCarthy/Niamh McCarthy) dft Kilkenny (Elaine Power/Aoife

Walsh) 21-2, 21-0

BU14S: Clare (Tiernan Agnew) dft Meath (Daniel Farrelly) 15-2, 15-0

BU14D: Tyrone (Antoin Fox/Cormac Munroe) dft Tipperary (John McGrath/Sean McAdams) 15-3, 13-15, 15-7

BU15S: Wexford (Anthony Butler) dft Waterford (Kavan O'Keeffe) 15-1, 15-10

BU15D: Cork (David Walsh/Tadgh O'Neill) dft Kilkenny (Cathal Barry/Eoin Regan) 15-0, 15-2

BU16S: Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) dft Tipperary (Jerome Cahill) 21-15, 16-21, 11-10

BU16D: Tipperary (Jason English/Colin Ryan) dft Kilkenny (Roy Cullen/Dion Bourke) 21-3, 21-3

BU17S: Wexford (Keith Armstrong) dft Galway (Jamie Kelly) 21-15, 21-6

BU17D: Cork (Shane Flynn/Daniel Moynihan) dft Tyrone (Aaron Owens/Jack Campbell) 21-8, 5-21, 11-7

GAA HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE 40X20 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GU14S: Clare (Bridin Dinan) dft Tyrone (Ciara Mullan) 15-10, 15-3

GU14D: Clare (Aoife Floyd/Niamh O'Brien) dft Kildare (Molly Dagg/Niamh Spence) 15-5, 15-10

GU15S: Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) dft Armagh (Dearbhla Coleman) 15-4, 15-3

GU15D: Clare (Alana Ryan/Aine Lynch) dft Armagh (Meabh McCambridge/Beth Doris) 15-12, 15-9

GU16S: Roscommon (Fiona Tully) dft Tyrone (Eilise McCrory) 15-21, 21-10, 11-6

GU16D: Armagh (Niamh Coleman/Alana Doran) dft Clare (Ella Donnellan/Clodagh Nash)

GU17S: Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh) dft Limerick (Laura Stack) 21-2, 21-15

GU17D: Limerick (Michelle Mc Carthy/Niamh Mc Carthy) dft Armagh (Meabh McMahon/Kaitlin Fleville) 21-7, 21-7

BU14S: Clare (Tiernan Agnew) dft Kilkenny (Ciarain Cooney)

BU14D: Tyrone (Cormac Munroe/Darragh Canavan) dft Tipperary (John Mc Grath/Sean Mc Adams) 15-10, 15-5

BU15S: Louth (Ben Devlin) dft Waterford (Kavan O'Keeffe)

BU15D: Cork (David Walsh/Tadgh O'Neill) dft Monaghan (Ryan & Aaron Mohan)

BU16S: Tyrone (Sean Kerr) dft Tipperary (Jerome Cahill) 21-18, 21-10

BU16D: Tipperary (Colin Ryan/Jason English) dft Tyrone (Matthew McCartan/Pauric Mullan) 21-15, 21-11

BU17S: Monaghan (Gavin Coyle) dft Tipperary (Mickey Maher) 21-9, 21-6

BU17D: Tipperary (Ceallach Hennessy/Liam Bradshaw) dft Tyrone (Aaron Owens/Tiarnan McCrystall) 21-19, 21-19

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 IRISH NATIONALS

Mens Open Doubles: Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne (Dublin) dft Tom Sheridan/Brian Carroll (Meath) 31-19

Ladies Doubles: Rebecca Mulholland/Marie Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Sabrina Hughes/Lisa McKenna (Dublin) 31-11

Masters Doubles: John Ryan/Canice Quigley (Carlow/Kilkenny) dft Paddy Donovan/Frank Daly (Laois/Dublin) 31-12

Mens B Doubles: Darragh & Ryan Daly (Tyrone) dft Daniel Fenlon/Oliver Ryan (Carlow) 31-13

Mens C Doubles: Michael Goggins/Miley Connors (Wexford) dft Philip O'Carroll/Christopher Enright (Cork/Limerick) 31-7

Boys 13 & Under Doubles: Jack Holden/Glen Murphy Butler (Kilkenny/Wexford) dft Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Kilkenny) 31-14

Boys 15 & Under Doubles: Daniel Kavanagh/Sean Kerr (Wexford/Tyrone) dft Shane Dunne/Tadhg O'Neill (Kilkenny/Cork) 31-28

Boys 17 & Under Doubles: Evan & Shane Murphy (Limerick) dft Niall Joyce/Fergal Coughlan (Mayo/Clare) 31-23

Girls 15 & Under Doubles: Fiona Tully/Leah Doyle (Roscommon/Kildare) dft Sinead Meagher/Ella Donnellan (Tipperary) 31-27

GAA HANDBALL IRISH 40X20 ADULT NATIONALS

Men's Open: Killian Carroll (Cork) dft Diarmaid Nash (Clare) 21-18, 21-15

Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Aisling Reilly 21-5, 21-10

Men's A: Gabhainn McCrystall (Tyrone) dft Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow) 20-21, 21-7, 11-7

Men's B: Michael Hedigan (Cork) dft Galen Riordan (Wexford) 15-21, 21-7, 11-2

Men's C: Jack O'Shea (Kerry) dft Daniel Relihan (Cork) 18-21, 21-19, 11-5

Men's Challenger: Clive Counihan (Kerry) dft Willie Cahill (Tipperary) 21-17, 21-4

Ladies B: Sabrina Hughes (Dublin) dft Laura Keaver (Waterford) 21-13, 21-12

Men's 35+: Michael Ducky Walsh (Kilkenny) W/O Dominic Lynch (Kerry) scr.

Masters A: Tommy Hynes Winner, John Ryan Runner Up.

Masters B: Ciaran McCallan (Dublin) dft Michael Ginley (Mayo) 21-8, 21-4

Golden Masters A Singles: Michael Dowling (Kildare) dft Padraig Maguire (Kildare) 21-13, 21-19

Golden Masters B Singles: Paul Cassidy (Monaghan) dft Michael Quinn (Armagh) 21-9, 21-17

Diamond Masters Singles: John Rossiter (Carlow)

Emerald Masters Singles: Benny Doyle (Wexford) dft Pat Funchion (Kilkenny) 21-5, 21-11

Ruby Masters Singles: Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Morgan Darcy (Galway) 21-1, 21-6

GAA HANDBALL IRISH 40X20 JUNIOR NATIONALS

Girls 11&U: Mairead Fox/Dearbhail Fox (Tyrone) dft Louise McGinnity/Chloe Philpott (Monaghan/Clare)

Girls 13&UB: Caitlin Conway (Tyrone) dft Emer Kerr (Tyrone) 15-5, 15-9

Girls 13&U: Dearbhla Coleman (Armagh) dft

Louise Doyle (Kildare) 15-9, 13-15, 11-3

Girls 15&UB: Laura Finn (Sligo) dft Micheala McCartain (Tyrone)

Girls 15&U: Fiona Tully (Roscommon) dft Niamh Coleman (Armagh) 21-18, 10-21, 11-10

Girls 17&UB: Clodagh Neville (Limerick) dft Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh (Dublin) 18-21, 21-12,

Girls 17&U: Maeve McElduff (Tyrone) dft Elise McRoy (Tyrone) 21-11, 21-14

Boys 11&U: Mark Doyle/Josh Kavanagh (Wexford) dft Jamie Maher/Jack Doyle (Kildare)

Boys 13&UB: Conor Drennan (Kilkenny) dft Conor Owens (Cavan) 15-2, 15-8

Boys 13&U: Peter Donohue (Galway) dft Sean McAdams (Tipperrary) 15-0, 15-3

Boys 15&UB: Barry Loughanne (Clare) dft Sean Murphy (Clare) 15-7, 15-13

Boys 15&U: Sean Kerr (Tyrone) dft Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) 7-11, 21-19, 11-5

Boys 17&U: Johnny Woods (Tyrone) dft Fergal Coughlan (Clare) 21-20, 21-3

Boys 17&UB: Keith Armstrong (Wexford) dft Anthony Fitzgearn (Waterford) 21-5, 21-7

Boys 19&U: Darren Doherty (Monaghan) dft Gabhainn McCrystall (Tyrone) 21-20, 20-21, 11-6

GAA HANDBALL ONE WALL NATIONALS

Men's Open Final: Conor McElduff (Tyrone) dft Darragh Daly (Tyrone) 15-9, 15-5

Ladies Open Final: Martina McMahon (Limerick) dft Lorraine Havern (Down) 11-9 Tiebreak

Men's B Final: Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow) dft Sean Digney (Down) 15-14

Men's C Final: Dale Cusack (Cork) dft Kevin Barrett (Cork) 26-8

Men's Challenge Final: Martin Turley (Down) dft Padraic Ryder (Mayo) 25-17

Ladies 23&Under: Amy Corrigan (Mayo) dft Sinead Hanley (Galway) 23-11

Ladies B Final: Audrey McCormack (Dublin) dft Ellen O'Connor (Kildare) 19-7

Ladies Challenger Final: Michelle Warren (Tyrone) dft Annie Havern (Down) 28-14

Masters Final: Michael Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Chris Curran (Tyrone) 22-15

Silver Masters Final: Niall Kerr (Tyrone) dft Matthew Patterson (Wicklow) 31-7

Golden Masters Final: Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Paddy Donovan (Laois) 21-13

Diamond Masters Final: Richard Willoughby (Wicklow) dft Theunis Piersma (Holland) 25-8

Ruby Masters Final: Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Sean Kelly (Louth) 25-15

Boys 11&Under Final: Josh Kavanagh / Mark Doyle (Wexford) dft Mikey Kelly / Cormac Finn 19-11

Boys 13&Under Final: Lorcan McBride (Tyrone) dft Eoghan McGinnity (Monaghan)

Boys 13&Under B Final: Cahir Munroe (Tyrone) dft Conor Drennan (Kilkenny) 17-11

Boys 15&Under Final: Sean Kerr (Tyrone)

dft Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) 22-15

Boys 15&Under B Final: Ciaran Cuddy (Tyrone) dft Niall Delaney (Cork) 23-16

Boys 17&Under Final: Jamie Kelly (Galway) dft Niall Allison (Tyrone) 17-11

Boys 17&Under B Final: Keith Armstrong (Wexford) dft Ceallach Hennessy (Tipperary) 27-13

Boys 19&Under Final: Johnny Woods (Tyrone) dft Ryan Harkin (Cork) 15-11

Girls 11&Under Final: Mairead / Dearbhail Fox (Tyrone) dft Chloe Philpott / Louise McGinnity (Clare/Mon) 29-8

Girls 13&Under Final: Dearbhla Coleman (Armagh) dft Leah Doyle (Kildare) 22-15

Girls 13&Under B Final: Meabh McCambridge (Armagh) dft Ailbhne Breathnach (Galway) 19-10

Girls 15&Under Final: Fiona Tully (Roscommon) dft Eimear Ni Bhiadi (Galway) 21-14

Girls 15&Under B Final: Laura Finn (Sligo) dft Michaela McCartan (Tyrone) 12-10

Girls 17&Under Final: Niamh Coleman (Armagh) dft Elise McCrory (Tyrone) 24-11

Girls 17&Under B Final: Kate Dagg (Kildare) dft Aoife Quinn (Sligo)

GAA HANDBALL JUVENILE BOYS 60X30 TEAM OF SIX/FOUR FINALS

Under 12/13 Final: Tipperary (Conor O'Dwyer, Cormac Doheny, Jack Loughnane, Matthew Spain, Sean Hayes, Louis Kennedy, Jack McCarthy) dft Kilkenny (Peter McDonald, Jamie Maher, Tom Holden, Kyle Dunne, Eamon Brennan, Dylan Crehan, Jack Buggy, Billy O'Neill) 73-72

U14/15 Final: Wexford (Colm Parnell, Ciaran Power, William Murray-Byrne, Adam Hanrahan, Patrick Boland, Jordan Barnes) dft Waterford (Tom Looby, Adam Clarke, Michael Dwyer, Rory Cusack, Daithi Brennoch, Ben Flynn, Jake Moore) 90-36

U16/17 Final: Waterford (Anthony Fitzgerald, Ryan O'Neill, Gavin Joyce, Oisín O'Mahony, Padraig De Fusco) dft Kilkenny (Mike O'Shea, Conor Fahey, Shane Reilly, Rory Lodge, David Doyle) 60-18

GAA HANDBALL JUVENILE BOYS 40X20 TEAM OF SIX/FOUR FINALS

Under 12/13 Final: Wexford (Josh Kavanagh, Richard Lawlor, Diarmuid Moore, Dean O'Neill, Richard Browne, Cian Kehoe, Josh McMahon, Glen Murphy) dft Tipperary (James Loughnane, Sean Hayes, Ben White, Jack O'Keeffe, Jack Mc Grath, Conor O'Dwyer, Matthew Spain) 82-44

Under 14/15 Final: Clare (Darragh Burke, Michael Hynes, Darragh Whelan, Sean Murphy, Gary Cooney, Owen Shanahan, Cian Minogue) dft Tyrone (Anton Fox, Ronan Curran, Dermot Grimes, Conor Kelly, Tiarnan McAleer, Colm Logue) 90-59

Under 16/17 Final: Clare (Barry Loughnane, Ian Murray, Jack Hayes, Michael Culligan, Luke



Killian Carroll makes one of his now trademark dives at the 40x20 Nationals



Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy in action in the 60x30 Senior Final

Keane, Sean Cotter) dft Monaghan (Conor Leonard, James McCague, James Curley, Conor Mohan) 60-38

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 GIRLS JUVENILE TEAM OF TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SF 1:	Leinster dft Ulster	85-78
SF 2:	Munster dft Connacht	94-68
3rd/4th:	Ulster dft Connacht	99-72
Final:	Munster dft Leinster	88-73

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Cup Final:

Loughmacrory, Tyrone (Dara Curran & Mairead Fox) dft Breacach, Tyrone (Elizabeth McGarvey & Caolan McCartan) 37-22

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Open: Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) dft Caolan Daly (Queens) 21-14, 21-2
Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (UL) dft Amy Corrigan (I.T. Sligo) 21-1, 21-3
Men's A: Kevin Barrett (ITC) dft Joe Dillon (ITC) 21-13, 21-12
Men's B: Robert McGuire (UCD) dft John Walsh (DCU) 21-18, 21-8
Men's C: Ryan Treanor (DCU) dft Alex Sheehan (UL) 21-12, 21-2
Con: Billy Lyons (UL) dft Ciaran Hyland (DIT) 21-4, 21-11
Challenger: Ian O'Brien (UCC) Round Robin

Winner

Beginner: Damien Boylan (DIT) dft Brian Kelly (UCD)

Ladies A: Martina McMahon (UL) dft Ciara Mahon (TCD) 21-7, 21-6

Ladies B: Amalia DeSardi (Lake Forrest) dft Catherina Foley (DIT) 21-7, 21-7

Ladies C: Natasha Patrizi (AIT) Round Robin Winner

Ladies Con: Dianimh Greene (UCD) dft Deirdre Clifford (DIT)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 60X30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Team Final: UL dft UCD

B Team Final: UL dft DIT

Men's Open Singles: Paudi Quish (UL) dft Shane Hedigan (ITT)

Ladies Open Singles: Ciara Mahon (TCD) dft Aishling O'Keefe (DCU)

Men's A Singles: Peter Flanagan (UL) dft Corey Fay (DCU)

Men's B Singles: Martin Kennedy (UL) dft PJ O'Brien (UCC)

Men's C Singles: Kyle Duff (DCU) dft Stephen McNicholas (DIT)

Ladies A Singles: Catherina Foley (DIT) dft Lisa McKenna (TCD)

Ladies B Singles: Emma Doherty (DCU) dft Emer Lynch (UCC)

Ladies C Singles: Emer Lynch (UCC) dft Elaine McGrath (UCC)

Ladies Doubles: Ciara Mahon/Lisa McKenna (TCD) dft Aishling O'Keefe/Emma Doherty (DCU)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Open: UCD (Martin Mulkerrins, Gaelan Riordan) dft DCU (Darren Doherty, Terry McElvaney) 21-13, 21-18

Women's Open: UL (Lisa Loughnane, Ciana Ní Churraoin) dft DCU (Aishling O'Keefe, Clodagh McManamon) 21-20, 21-17

Men's A: NUIG (Seamus Conneely, Ian McLoughlin) dft UL (Ciana Ní Churraoin, Paudi Quish) 21-18, 21-2

Men's B: WIT (Stevie Lawlor, Martin Mullins) dft UL (John Hurley, Liam Bradshaw) 21-12, 21-14

Men's C: UL1 (Bill Lyons, Sean McNeill) dft ITC (Colm Beckett, Geoff Atkinson) 21-3 21-16

Men's B Plate: DCU (Gary McElroy, Ryan Treanor) dft (Mark Quinn, James Smith) 21-12 21-17

Men's C Plate: DIT (Christopher Mackin, Dylan Murphy) dft DCU (Niamh Farrell, Eimear Delaney) 21-13, 21-13

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 60X30 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls Junior Singles Final: Aoife Holden (Grennan College, Kilkenny) dft Laura Finn (Coláiste Mhuire, Ballymote) 15-1, 15-0

Girls Junior Doubles Final: Katie McCarthy/Laura Stack (Hazelwood College Limerick) dft Ciara Mullan/Elizabeth McGarvey (Loreto Grammar College, Omagh) 15-4, 15-3

Girls Senior Singles Final: Fiona Tully



Limerick's Martina McMahon in action in the 60x30 Ladies Senior Singles Final



(Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Niamh Dunne (Johnstown V.S. Kilkenny) 15-8, 15-9

Girls Senior Doubles Final: Eilise McCrory/Aoife Kelly (Dean Maguire, Carrickmore) dft Aoileen Hennessy / Catriona Lawlor (Castlecomer C.S. Kilkenny) 15-3, 15-5

Boys Junior Singles Final: Michael Egan (Roscommon CC) dft Jack Holden (Grennan College, Kilkenny) 15-8, 15-9

Boys Junior Doubles Final: Antoin Fox/Lorcan McBride (Omagh CBS) dft Daire Madden/Sean McAdams (Borrisokane CC Tipperary) 15-6, 15-9

Boys Intermediate Singles Final: Jerome Cahill (Nenagh CBS Tipperary) dft Niall Joyce (St. Coleman's, Claremorris) 15-9, 15-13

Boys Intermediate Doubles Final: Padraig Cooney/Shane Dunne (Castlecomer C.S. Kilkenny) dft Ryan Mohan/Aaron Mohan (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) 15-3, 15-2

Boys Senior Singles Final: Keith Armstrong (FCJ, Bunclody, Wexford) dft Ryan Mullan (Omagh CBS) 10-15, 15-5, 15-6

Boys Senior Doubles Final: Daniel Hayes/Jonathon Walsh (Cashel CC Tipperary) dft Conor Mohan/James Corley (St. Macartan's Monaghan) 15-0, 15-5

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 40X20 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Girls Singles Final: Fiona Tully (Convent of Mercy Roscommon) defeated Sinead Meagher (St Mary's Secondary School Nenagh, Tipperary) 3 & 6

Junior Girls Doubles Final: Niamh Coleman

& Alana Doran (St. Michael's Grammar School, Lurgan) defeated Dayna Finn & Maggie Byrne (Kiltimagh) 10 & 12

Senior Girls Singles Final: Meave McElduff (Loreto Grammer School, Omagh) defeated Niamh Dunne (Col Mhuire Johnstown) 8 & 1

Senior Girls Doubles Final: Aoife Kelly & Eilise McCrory (Dean Maguire, Carrickmore) defeated Roisin Ní Chonghaile & Adhna Ní Odhrain- Ní Mhurchú (Col Na Coirbe) 6, (2) & 12.

Junior Boys Singles Final: Sean Kerr (Dean Maguire, Carrickmore) defeated Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford VC) 12, (2) & 8

Junior Boys Doubles Final: Pauric Mullan & Turlough Clarke (Omagh CBS) defeated P. Ó Donnacha & S. Ó Maoilchiarán (Inis Mór) (7), 9 & 4

Intermediate Boys Singles Final: Fergal Coughlan (Rice College Ennis, Clare) defeated Evan Sheridan (St. Ciaran's CS Kells) 4 & 7

Intermediate Boys Doubles Final: Jonathan Walsh & Daniel Hayes (Cashel Community College, Tipperary) defeated Peter Smith/Robert Fox (St. Ciaran's CS Kells) 5 & 7

Senior Boys Singles Final: Darren Doherty (St. Macartan's - Monaghan) defeated Dylan Sheridan (St. Ciaran's CS Kells) 7 & 3

Senior Boys Doubles Final: Padraig Foley & Galen Riordan (St. Peter's Wexford) defeated Pól Clarke & Niall Allison (Omagh CBS) 1 & 11

FÉILE NA NGAEL RESULTS

40x20 Boys Div 1: Carrickmore (Tyrone) dft Mallow (Cork) 42-9

40x20 Boys Div 2: Loughmacrory (Tyrone) dft Monaghan Harps (Monaghan) 42-18

40x20 Boys Div 3: St Josephs (Wexford) dft Abbeyside (Waterford) 42-10

40x20 Boys Div 4: Kells (Kilkenny) dft Cashel (Tipperary) 42-27

40x20 Boys Div 5: Crinkle (Offaly) dft Liscarroll (Cork) 38-36

40x20 Boys Div 6: Kingscourt (Cavan) dft Na Fianna (Dublin) 42-19

40x20 Girls Div 1: Clann Eireann (Armagh) dft Tulla (Clare) 33-26

40x20 Girls Div 2: Loughmacrory (Tyrone) dft Cullohill (Laois) 40-21

60x30 Boys: Lahorna (Tipperary) dft St Comans (Roscommon)

FEILE NA NGAEL SKILLS RESULTS:

40x20 Div 1/2: 1st - Antoin Fox (Loughmacrory), 2nd - Darragh Canavan (Carrickmore), 3rd - Michael O'Malley (Mallow)

40x20 Div 3: 1st - Michael Kylie (Abbeyside), 2nd - Jamie Muddiman (Leixlip), 3rd - Eanna Wood (Salhill)

40x20 Div 4: 1st - Eoin Brennan (Kells, Kilkenny), 2nd - Luke White (Cashel), 3rd - Tim Prenter (Downpatrick)

40x20 Div 5/6: 1st - Rory Grace (Lahorna), 2nd - Caolan McCartan (Breacadh), 3rd - Owen Cooney (Na Fianna)

Girls 40x20: 1st - Leah Doyle (Leixlip), 2nd - Dearbhla Coleman (Clann Eireann), 3rd - Bridin Dinane (Tulla)

60x30: 1st - Sean McAdams (Lahorna)



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