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Ar an Domhnach, 7 Feabhra ag
10.30 r.n. i bPáirc an Chrócaigh

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

Clár an Lae

9.30am: Registration Opens
- Tea/Coffee & Scones on
arrival

10.30am: - Fáiltiú
- Addresses from Special
Guests
- Adoption of Standing
Orders
- Minutes of Comhdháil
2015
- Oráid an Uachtaráin,
Willie Roche
- Report of Bainisteoir
Náisiúnta
- Annual Accounts 2015
- Motions & Elections
- Address from
Uachtarán Tofa
- Aon Ghno Eile & Close
of Congress
- Congress lunch
on Sunday at
approximately 1.30pm

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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.
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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.
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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.

ANNUAL REPORT



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.

I extend a warm welcome to all delegates who attend today's Annual Congress in Croke Park to reflect on what has been an outstanding year of success on the courts for GAA Handball. When we take a moment to reflect on what has happened over the past 12 months it is with a sense of great pride that it becomes clear that GAA Handball is on a very definite upward curve at present as our athletes continue to excel at home and abroad.

2015 has seen local, National and International titles fill the trophy cabinets of clubs across the country as Irish Handballers have dominated like never before.

Some of the outstanding moments in 2015 were:

- The epic 40x20 All Ireland final that saw Robbie McCarthy fighting back from 20-16 down in the third game of the All-Ireland 40x20 Final to Charly Shanks to win the third game 21-20.
- Cork's Catriona Casey becoming the first female player ever to complete a career slam of every Major Open title in Irish Handball across all codes.
- The utterly epic All-Ireland 40x20 Doubles Final between Carroll/Sheridan & Brady/Finnegan that ended prematurely as we all anticipated a cracking tiebreaker due to injury.
- The tears of joy spilt from proud parents and players alike at the Junior Nationals as players claimed their spot on Team Ireland
- The standard of our Juveniles as they once again showed that we possess the best coaches and players in the World as they dominated the World Championships and provided outstanding entertainment at Irish Juvenile events.
- The packed attendances at the Irish One-Wall Nationals for Saturday nights Open Finals
- Paul Brady claiming his 5th consecutive World Title and confirming his status as the game's greatest player.
- Aisling Reilly retaining her World Title in Calgary in an epic nail biter of a tie break against her great rival Catriona Casey
- The return of packed galleries for the 60x30 finals as Robbie McCarthy's irresistible

performance in the All-Ireland 60x30 Final against Eoin Kennedy capped a fantastic day's action in Abbeylara.

- A first ever National Award for www.gaahandball.ie when we picked up the Best Sports Website Award at the Realex Web Awards in October.
- The agonising nail biting 60x30 Senior Club Final between big hitters Kells & Ballaghaderreen which Kells won 98-97
- The reception from local communities across the country, the civic receptions that a lot of these athletes received and the huge response received from local radio and newspapers for the successful players coming home from the World Championships.

While once again highlighting the many positives which continue to define the rapid rise of GAA Handball in Ireland, we also must bear in mind the continued challenges which face our association, our members, players and officials too.

2015 was an exceptionally busy year with the additional workload of the 2015 World Championships. As a result of this some of our aims for 2015 were not completely achieved and will thus become priorities in 2016. This report will aim to reflect on the past year and also to set out our objectives for 2016 in order to maintain the great progress being made around the country as we all strive to gain greater recognition and to increase playing numbers for GAA Handball.

Just before Christmas a survey was issued





to all members and there was a fantastic response received, the results of this survey will be analysed and used to form the basis of discussion groups to bring forward recommendations for our new Strategic Plan entitled "Building a Brighter Future" which will be released in the coming year. This plan will plot the way forward for GAA Handball over the next number of years and will be ambitious but also realistic in the hope that we can build a better future for all in the association.

To achieve these goals we must have a positive outlook and be willing to work together as a team. While we may be fierce rivals on the courts of play it is off the courts that we must all strive for the common goal of what is good for the association. In Handball as in all walks of Irish life there can sometimes be a glass half full mentality and we tend to fall on the negative side of things. This is an Irish trait but it is something that we need to overcome to move forward in a positive way. I have no doubt that if we do so we have an incredibly bright future ahead.

While there are challenges in the association we are in a tremendously strong position at the moment and we must build on the positives while embracing the challenges head on. Were there mistakes made in 2015? Of course there was but once we learn from these mistakes and ensure they don't happen again then we can use them to improve the association going forward.



The crowds returned for the showpiece occasion as the 60x30 finals saw their best attendances in a number of years

COMPETITIONS & FIXTURES

A total of 258 competitions were run at National Level in what was another exceptionally busy year for the National Office. I spoke last year about needing to address the issue of too many competitions and yet 12 months down the line we are here looking for space in an already packed calendar to accommodate a One Wall All Ireland Championships.

The mentality of adding competitions without serious consideration being given to time constraints, budgets, logistics and space in our calendar needs to stop as we have passed the point of being credible with so many All Irelands being handed out. The attitude of “it’s only one weekend” is all well and good but all these “only one weekend” add up!

We constantly hear the complaint that players are not committing to more than one code but when the seasons overlap and run into each other it is virtually impossible for players to play more than one or two codes at maximum. Our Annual Clár has been overflowing for many years now and it is time to say stop! We need to take a look at all our competitions from Hardball to One Wall from interclub to Colleges and evaluate each one’s position in the Clár. While the competition will always be worthwhile in the eyes of the winner we have to take into account whether it is for the best of the organisation and we may have to make tough decisions on some of our less well attended events.

We badly need an off-season in handball, a time for players, venue officials and administrators to recharge the batteries and to educate and train coaches and administrators to be able to perform better. At the moment it is impossible to run coaching clinics, administrator workshops and plan out events properly as the amount of

fixtures are consuming too much time.

I personally feel and have said before that we have too many All Ireland titles and we cannot realistically expect to be taken seriously by the media or the general public when we hand out so many. I can see both sides in this argument as in my sporting career I never made it to win any top level competitions but the secondary competitions I did win were just as important to me and entailed me training to the top of my limits.

Let me be very clear here I am not saying scrap the grades as these players are just as important to the association as any other players, I am saying we need to look at perhaps renaming the B grade All Irelands to National Champions or name them after legends of the game e.g. “Tommy O’Brien Championship” in order to differentiate from our elite grades as I firmly believe the elite grades are our genuine All Ireland titles.

In all walks of sport the B grade is seen as a qualification grade for the A grade and the A grade is the pinnacle of the sport. To win an A grade title is the pinnacle of any sportsperson’s dreams and all sportspeople should strive to win the top titles. At the moment it is too easy for a Handballer to win an All Ireland as there are so many of them and in turn it leads to players trying to play grades they really are too strong for in a bid to win an All Ireland. We need to revise our competitions set up in order to

add some credibility to our fixture list and to make us more attractive to the media and easier for the general public to understand.

On the competitions front in 2015 our Open Competitions provided excellent entertainment and are reaching skill levels rarely seen before.

The 40x20 Open finals produced some of the most thrilling games seen in Handball this year. The Mens Open Final between Westmeath’s Robbie McCarthy and Armagh’s Charlie Shanks served up a thriller while the Ladies final was one of the closest matches in what has now become a fascinating rivalry between Antrim’s Aisling Reilly Cork’s Catriona Casey.

The doubles produced a fascinating match in the Men’s final as old foes Cavan and Meath went toe to toe and served up another cracking contest before an injury to Paul Brady at 1-2 in the tie-break meant the game was over before anybody could catch their breath. The Ladies doubles finals saw Cork’s Catriona Casey and Aisling O’Keefe account for old foes Kerry as Casey made amends for her earlier singles defeat.

In 60x30 the Open grades produced some outstanding Handball and the Men’s Open final was another instalment in the rivalry that has dominated the past number of years as rivals Eoin Kennedy and Robbie McCarthy faced up once more. Robbie McCarthy capped

off an impressive year adding the 60x30 singles to the 40x20 singles and Worlds Doubles titles he captured earlier in the year. Cork's Catriona Casey continued her dominance of the Senior Ladies big alley as she defeated Limerick's Martina McMahon in the Ladies final with the up and coming McMahon pushing her more experienced partner all the way in one of the best finals seen in recent years.

Dublin took the Men's Doubles title with Eoin Kennedy landing yet another 60x30 title this time with partner Carl Browne while Cork took the Ladies Doubles title with a win over Limerick's Martina McMahon and Cathy Foley.

A full competitions review is available later in the report.

I must acknowledge the work of Fixtures Officer Austin McKenna, the CCCC, our County and Provincial Secretaries and our many venue officials and referees who enabled us to run such a smooth yet comprehensive programme of fixtures throughout the year. When you consider that 2000+ fixtures were organised at National level there was very little issues for such a large volume of games which is testament to the hard work put in by those mentioned above.

One area that needs to be looked at is in changes to fixtures. The CCCC are introducing a fee for requests which I believe will stamp out the unnecessary requests and timewasters. For years we have had a no change policy except for in the case of a death of an immediate family member, however in this ever changing World there will always be exceptional circumstances whereby a player will need to seek a change in a fixture for a genuine reason and we need to allow the CCCC to be able to deal with same in a democratic manner and to make fair and balanced decisions for both players and for our sport. The CCCC have a representative from each province so each province gets a fair hearing on same. Their decisions are democratic and should be respected as same.

The practice of allowing players or counties to select venues when a change has been requested is outdated and is not reflective of a progressive modern sport. No fixture at an All Ireland Semi or Final stage especially at Open Level should be a home venue. Sponsors have invested a lot of money in the competition and they deserve to see good programmes of games and good crowds at games and to have their thoughts heard. The players needs will also be taken into account as is only right but they cannot dictate where our games are played. I would encourage all players and officials to trust in and respect the decisions of the CCCC as they are being made for the good of the game.

DISCIPLINE AND THE RULEBOOK

As always discipline is a talking point this year and unfortunately not always in a positive way. Again 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. I must reiterate once more that it is in no way acceptable to direct verbal abuse at an official or a volunteer no matter what the circumstances are.

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. We have recently launched a series of respect posters in an effort to stamp out indiscipline and to enforce our sport wide expectations of Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Referees and Respect Our Sport. I would ask that all clubs have these posters on view in your club house and to enforce these values in your club to make our venue officials and referees feel more comfortable.

One of the most frustrating and disrespectful parts of our game is players not turning up for games and not informing their opponent or the venue official. This is not acceptable and we need to do more to stamp this out. In 2015 the CCCC rightly fined a number of counties for this and hopefully this will help stop this from happening. What players do not 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.

One of our objectives for the coming year is to educate and train a panel of referees especially for Open games to maintain a level of consistency and also to ensure that our top games are refereed by our top officials.

While over in Holland at the One Wall European Tour in November one of the most striking aspects of the tournament was the respect for officials. Here you had all grades of players from Junior to Masters refereeing top level Men's Open games and because the players themselves committed to respecting the referee there was two full days of action without one referee incident of indiscipline. In America in One Wall a three strikes you're out method is used and recently one of the top One Wall players in America was banned for a year for using up his three strikes. Again this punishment was accepted as it is widely accepted that abuse of referees is not acceptable. We as a sport can learn a lot from this tournament and their enforcement of respect towards referees.

In December a working committee of National Manager John Kelly, Austin McKenna Fixtures Officer, Willie Roche Uachtarán and Peter Dennehy Chairman CCCC were requested to attend a meeting with the GAA Rules Advisory Committee. This was in



connection with having our Fó Rialacha approved as required by the GAA and to review and streamline our current rule book and to ensure that all our current rules are in line with current GAA rules. On their recommendation, and as approved by Ard Comhairle, the Fó Rialacha will be converted to a GAA Handball Constitution. There are also a number of changes to be made to the official GAA Rule book which will be made in conjunction with the RAC and once the new and updated Fó Rialacha is confirmed and approved this will be sent out to all counties for their attention. I would ask for all counties patience with this matter to enable us to get this right and produce a definitive set of Fó Rialacha that all counties can clearly understand and work from going forward. I wish to thank Mel Clarke, Dan McCartan, Phonsie Tully and Michael Burns of the RAC for their assistance and guidance with this matter.

60 X 30

One of the most pleasing aspects of the 60x30 championships was the return of packed galleries for the All Ireland Finals which were held in Abbeylara. A huge promotional drive took place prior to the finals with the message being to "Support Our Sport". The 60x30 fans did and they turned out in their droves to create two very special occasions for the players.



There were great scenes of joy as Wexford brothers Jim and Mikey Berry captured the Myclubshop 60x30 Intermediate Doubles title

The 60x30 game is a fantastic spectacle to watch and we need to ensure that the All Ireland finals remain spectacles and special occasions as it provides the younger players with great inspiration to reach that level.

At the moment the 60x30 code would seem to be behind the 40x20 and One Wall in terms of popularity especially at Juvenile level. There is a collection of 60x30 fans who feel that not enough is being done by the authorities in Croke Park to promote that code. Last year alone the national Office invested in a new promotional video, professional photographers to take photos of the top players, there was investment in new branding, jerseys for players, photo launches for the media, posters and social media campaigns and recording of both Singles and Doubles Finals. Added to this that in the last 3 years the 60x30 code was the first code to be live streamed in Irish Handball and also the first code to feature on TV since the TG4 show when Irish TV produced two half hour features. The National

Office as always promotes all codes of Handball.

It has been suggested that a World Championships in 60x30 could be the answer. To me that is unworkable and would only demean the sport in general as Ireland are the only country to play 60x30 Handball. A trip to Spain and a potential Nationals in singles were also suggested but are any of these ground breaking ideas? I would suggest no. Other than that, nobody seems to have many ideas. There have been other suggestions that One Wall Handball is killing 60x30 or that all players should be made to play it as youngsters.

That last statement is a frightening one. If this is the mentality of clubs and coaches trying to get children to play 60x30 then the reason for low numbers is staring us in the face. Every child has the right to choose what they want or do not want to play. Part of their development as a young child is that they will try many different sports and sometimes continue playing multiple sports, some kids stop at one, usually the one

they are best at and in some cases they stop at one because financially that is all their parents can afford.

What are the main attractions to kids in a sport? A recent study showed that kids tend to take up sports that are easy to understand and enjoy, perceived to be cool and modern and are generally played by their friends. Maybe the truth for the decline in 60x30 participation lies somewhere here and we need to address it properly and rightify some of the issues that may exist.

Everybody has the freedom of choice and everybody is free to choose what grades they play. We would do well to remember this the next time a batch of kids come through our doors so that we encourage them to stay and play no matter what code they choose. There is room for all codes, they are not always going to be of equal popularity but that is just the way life goes. The circle will turn again over time; in the meantime it is up to us all to ensure that we make all our codes as attractive as possible.

HARDBALL

In 2015 a total of 8 players entered the Open Singles Hardball Championships. In total there was 66 entries from 13 counties across 10 grades. A total of 49 games were played as there were a number of pull outs and yet we allotted a full 6 weeks of the Annual Clár to this competition. Despite a push in 2014 to increase participation by revamping grades and more promotion of the game including sponsorship of finalists jerseys, when you take into account that Ladies and Juveniles cannot play the game and only 66 of our Male members wish to participate in the Championships then we need to ask ourselves some serious questions about Hardball's

future in our Clár in its present format. I attended the All Ireland Finals in Roscommon where there was less than 30 people present which included staff, venue officials and players. There is a minority in the association who would claim that there is a bright future for the game of Hardball and I would like to hear their ideas as to how this can be achieved. I believe that we need to look into retaining Hardball as an exhibition game as the facts are there that in its current format it just is not working. I welcome any positive ideas in relation to improving Hardball and am open to discussing any realistic proposals with members that have any.



TWO FIERCE RIVALS on the court show their mutual respect at the end of another battle. Dublin's Eoin Kennedy congratulates Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy on his victory in the 60x30 Open Final



Catriona Casey of Cork, Robbie McCarthy of Westmeath, Uachtarán GAA Handball Willie Roche and Aisling Reilly of Antrim at the launch of the O'Neills 40x20 All Ireland Finals

40X20

The 40x20 code continues to remain strong with the championships entries similar to last year. Attendances at our major finals were strong and the quality of games in the championships this year was outstanding. The World Championships proved that we are now the clear dominant force in 40x20 Handball in the World and great credit must go to all our coaches and officials throughout the country in this matter. On the US Tour Irish players again dominated and here at home we witnessed spectacular finals in the Mens Singles and Doubles Finals aswell as cracking contests in the Ladies Finals.

This year we will see the introduction of a Finals weekend where all 40x20 finals will be played in the one area of the country to create a festival of Handball and hopefully attract better crowds and maybe even some sponsorship. More details will emerge in the coming weeks on this and I would encourage all members to try and support this exciting new venture.

The standard of 40x20 Juveniles has never been higher than at present and it is a credit to the wonderful coaches we possess in this sport. One area where I feel we could introduce new initiatives is with our Irish Nationals e.g timed games or two games to 15 to make the games quicker and more exciting. It may also help to attract TV to cover it if games are not as long and it would provide a different challenge to our players.



Ladies Double Final - Thurles

LADIES HANDBALL

The She's Ace competition continues to be a fantastic success with Handball for all ages and abilities and the introduction of the Open tournament as a ranking event. We are blessed at the moment to possess the two best female Handballers in the World in Aisling Reilly and Catriona Casey and for the first time in a number of years we have handballers who are challenging both players as numbers in our Open grades are steadily rising.

At Juvenile level there are a number of excellent up and coming handballers and it is vital that we give them the support they need to continue playing. The Girls Team of 10 event continues to be a great event and I wish to thank the She's Ace committee for their work over the last 12 months.

I appeal to all female Handballers to support their events and to enter the competitions provided for them. There is still some work to do but the profile and standard is definitely on the rise.

ONE WALL

The One Wall game continues to grow at a phenomenal rate and the One Wall weekend in Breaffy is still the standout weekend of Handball in the Annual Clar.

In 2015 the Mens and Ladies Open Finals were played on the Saturday night in a change to the normal practice and it turned out to be a roaring success with Tyrone's Conor McElduff overcoming first time finalist Galways Martin Mulkerrins in a tie break and Cork's Catriona Casey overcoming Down's Lorraine Havern in a cracking Ladies final. The huge crowd present and the unique atmosphere means that the Saturday night finals are here to stay.

This year the One Wall All Ireland Championships is scheduled to come into play and there is a real worry that this may detract from the Breaffy One Wall Weekend. I personally feel it is a bit too early in the development of One Wall Handball for All Ireland Championships as I feel that why One Wall is so popular at the moment is due to it being different to the other codes in that it is run in a tournament format aswell as it is easier for kids to understand and play. I hope that adding another competition into an already packed clar does not come

The battle for Team Ireland spots at the One Wall Nationals. Ladies Open Final Catriona Casey v Lorraine Havern

back to haunt us and we will see the numbers playing the game continue to rise in years to come. I will however be only too delighted to be proved wrong and it is my hope that the All Ireland's are an outstanding success.

We have also been invited to become a stop on the European Wallball Pro Tour. To clarify the name of the Tour the term Pro Stop does not mean that there is money involved. The term is merely to indicate that it is open to the Elite Players in Europe and hopefully it will attract some investment in the form of Sponsorship.

Initial meetings with tour representatives have been very positive yet as mentioned earlier space will have to be found in an already

packed calendar to accommodate this tour if it is to go ahead. There are already stops in London, Belgium, France, Valencia, Italy and Holland. There has already been one Irish victory on the tour, with Tyrone's Conor McElduff defeating USA's Danny Torres in the Dutch Open Final in November to claim his maiden European win. This looks set to be an exciting venture with, if it's introduction goes ahead, the top One Wall players in Europe and the World set to arrive in Ireland to showcase their skills. I would like to thank Geert Vandervelden and Dan Grant for their invitation to be part of the Tour and hopefully we will see positive developments here in the near future.



JUVENILE HANDBALL

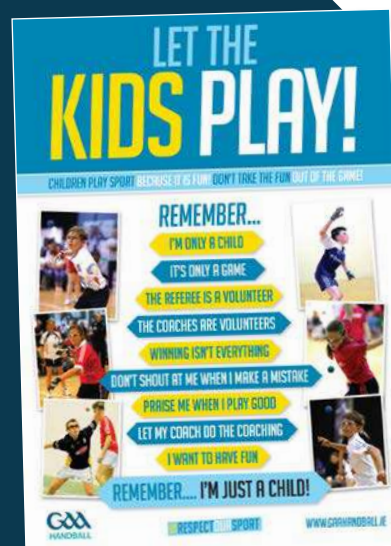
Our Juvenile Handballers continue to soar and the standard at present is frightening. The Juvenile Nationals and World Team Trials produced some outstanding games and it is a credit to all coaches out there that our young athletes are reaching standards previously never seen.

We have a responsibility to all players to create a safe environment where they can enjoy and participate in our games without fear of failure and pressure to perform. At the One Wall nationals and at the World Championships it was wrong to see players as young as 10 and 11 coming off the court visibly upset at losing a game. This is not acceptable and we have taken steps to ensure that these younger grades in future are fun grades with the aim being on

participation and enjoyment.

It is very worrying in some cases to see the pressure that these very young kids are put under to achieve victory, in response to this we have launched our Let the Kids Play Poster which we are encouraging every club in the country to display and to adhere to. Kids want to enjoy sport and they are more likely to stay and become life members if their early interactions with a Sport are positive ones.

Kids have plenty of time in the future when they are mentally ready and more mature to deal with the competitive aspect and the elation of winning versus the desolation of losing. At this tender age they should be making friends, enjoying the games and engaging in physical activity. In other words Let the Kids Play!!



VENUES

Once again our venues stood up to the challenge of hosting an incredible amount of games throughout 2015 and great credit must go to every venue official, referee and all the volunteers who clean, provide refreshments, lock up and open the alleys and who are constantly there when they are needed. Without these incredibly dedicated people we would not have a sport and it is one of the great features of GAA Handball that no matter what venue door you open across Ireland a warm welcome awaits you and the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well. A special word of thanks to the venues that hosted All Ireland finals days for the fantastic job and the warm welcome that your club afforded everyone.

Some of our venues are in need of urgent attention and it was fantastic to see 7 of our Clubs receive money in this year's Sports Capital Grant. This was very exciting news for seven GAA Handball clubs, and indeed Irish Handball in general as a total of €457k in funding was announced by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport as part of the 2015 Sports Capital Grant Allocation.

I congratulate all clubs on the hard work that went into applying for these grants and commend

them for their foresight in doing so. I urge clubs in need of funding to apply the next time the grants come about and hopefully they will be successful too. The following clubs received funding, Cashel HC, Tipperary €200k, Claregalway HC, Galway €95k, St Pat's College, Cavan €70k, Claremorris HC, Mayo €50k, Tinahely HC, Wicklow €17k, Ballymote HC, Sligo €17k, Salthill HC, Galway €8k.

As outlined in this report the increase in registration fees will hopefully see us able to provide further grant aid to clubs that are in need of same and will enable clubs to upgrade their facilities. This would be a major step forward in terms of the standards of our venues.

As mentioned in last year's report many of our venues are hidden as you pass through the countryside and in many cases it is hard to identify Handball alleys. I encourage all clubs to invest in signage for the exterior of your venues and to make Handball stand out all across the country. Outdoor walls are ideal for painting logos on and to advertise your club and it can be done at a relatively low price.

A birds eye view
of the Ladies
Senior Doubles
Final in Thurles

CLUBS

Our clubs are the lifeblood of the association and in 2016 we will be running a number of officer training days that will benefit our clubs and help their officers to understand and function in their roles. It is planned to consult with the clubs as to what their needs are and then hold training days in areas like Finance, Marketing/PR/Communications, Officer Roles etc. I would encourage all clubs to attend these days as the knowledge they will gain will be invaluable.

We also plan to introduce a club accreditation scheme in 2016 to raise standards in our clubs and to create a standard template that will be the minimum standards for clubs to adhere to. This will make our clubs better and as a result will hopefully enable us to attract more members.

I congratulate our clubs who are running tournaments and raising the profile of the game in their area. In 2015 there were some outstanding club tournaments held across the country in all codes.



STRUCTURES IN GAA HANDBALL

One of our objectives in 2016 is to review the different administration levels of our Sport and provide the necessary support that is needed across the different levels in GAA Handball.

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 if we can 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. We will look at providing 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. Good administrators do not necessarily have to have been good Handballers nor do they even have to have played the game. 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 second year running our Annual Accounts show a positive end line figure and yet a considerable amount of investment was still made in the game.

Last year I spoke about some of the ways that would increase the income of the association and would in turn lead to better investment in facilities and the promotion of the game by the association. I have outlined below a number of initiatives that we will introduce to raise income levels in the coming 12 months.

CLUB REGISTRATIONS

GAA Handball currently sit as the second lowest registration fees of all the NGB's at our membership level in Ireland and while this may be an attraction to new members a modest rise in registration fees would mean much needed revenue to pay for essential things like a full time coaching officer or to invest in grants to clubs to upgrade their facilities. A decision was taken by Ard Comhairle before Christmas to increase the 2016 registration fees payable to

National level to the following levels: Adult: €20 Juvenile: €7.50. It was also agreed to remove the decreasing scale as there were a number of anomalies with it.

While I completely understand that there will be people against this I would assure people that this small rise will lead to greater benefits for all. The maximum rise in the cost of registering a child will be €5 for a club with a lot of Juveniles who would have been paying €2.50 on the old sliding scale. When you break down €5 it amounts to less than €0.10cent a week. Even with a club with 100 Juveniles which is close to the maximum number of Juveniles in any one club the overall maximum increase would be €500. I would suggest that a bag pack or a table quiz or some form of fundraising could be organised if clubs feel that parents will not pay the increase or that they do not want to pass the increase on to the juveniles. That way you can involve the



juveniles and parents in the fundraising and the profits cover the increase in registration.

I would point out that even with this raise in fees we still are one of the lowest NGB's in terms of our fees. For what is a very modest rise in fees we will be able to invest the additional income in key areas of the Sport. It is our aim to have a coaching officer on the ground to support our National Development Officer and also there are plans to provide grants for upkeep of clubs. This will in turn lead to better facilities and more coaching for clubs all over Ireland. I would urge you for the future of our sport to look at the positives of this move which far outweigh the negatives.

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 MacSports, Breaffy House and Freshways for their sponsorship of the One Wall Nationals in Breaffy House.

In the recent tough economic climate it has been tough to source sponsorship as people have been a lot more careful with their money. However with the financial situation starting to brighten a small bit more companies are ready to invest sponsorship in 2016 and hopefully we will see an increase in Sponsorship in GAA Handball.

ONLINE SHOP

A one stop Handball Online Shop as part of the new website will be launched this year where Handball members and Clubs as well as members of the public will be able to buy Handball equipment and accessories. This will make Handball more accessible to those who have never played before while also it will be a huge benefit to players and Clubs looking to buy accessories. It is key to promote this shop to all members as the profit from the sales will be 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 and we are extremely grateful for same. 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 or funding schemes that may be a potential source of revenue for GAA Handball.

GATE RECEIPTS

With the introduction of the Weekend Finals Festival format in the 40x20 on a trial basis it is hoped that this will in turn raise gate receipts for the association. All 40x20 singles finals will be played in Kingscourt and surrounding venues this year over one weekend creating a festival atmosphere and making it easier for people to travel to watch the games thus hopefully increasing attendances. A social get together will take place following the premier finals on the Saturday night. This is an exciting new step for GAA Handball and hopefully will be a fantastic success and will attract sponsorship for the event too. Keep an eye on the GAA Handball website for further details of this exciting new venture.

Over the next 12 months we will also explore other possible grant avenues or funding schemes that may be a potential source of revenue for GAA Handball. If we can manage to increase income streams than I can guarantee it will be re-invested into the Sport in the correct way for all members to benefit and to increase standards and give our athletes and clubs the best possible chance to succeed.

I would like to extend my thanks to Tom Ryan, Joan Kelly, Michael Tracey 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

T 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.

The introduction of the GAA Handball newsletter will keep all members informed of all updates throughout the year. Also members are reminded that all News is available on the GAA Handball website and also on Facebook and Twitter. It is vital that we work together to ensure any information is received by all the appropriate units that it is targeted towards.

Similarly I would appeal to county boards to inform their members of the correct channels for communicating with the National Office. Contact should only be made through the county secretary and if we all adhere to this structure then communication channels will be much clearer and news will spread throughout the whole association in a much more fluent way.

PR / COMMUNICATIONS

For the second year running our Annual Accounts show a positive end line figure and yet a considerable amount of investment was still made in the game.

This year saw PRO Niamh Egan complete her second year as PRO with GAA Handball. Despite this being a very busy year for Niamh on a personal level she has dedicated as much time possible to the position of PRO and was a great source of knowledge and assistance throughout the year.

While there has been some progress in this area it is still an area of huge potential growth. With increased PR demands around the World Championships it meant we did not get to address as many issues as we would have liked to in the past year so these will now become priority for 2015.

Niamh has been working on a Communications Plan for GAA Handball in conjunction with the National Office and also the GAA Communications team and the completion of this will be one of the main aims in 2016. The main aim of this plan will be to improve communication channels and to increase the profile of GAA Handball. A communications 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.

In terms of the World Championships our Team Ireland received fantastic media coverage both before during and after the Worlds.

TV Features on RTE News (2 features), TV3 News, RTE Jr, UTV Ireland and TG4 as well as radio interviews with team members on 98fm, Newstalk, RTE Radio1 Saturday Sport, The Marty Squad, Radio na Gaeltachta, BBC Radio Ulster and many local radio stations meant that our

World Champions received some much welcomed media coverage.

There were also features in all major Irish Newspapers and many local newspapers before during and after the Worlds with Irish Handball even making it into the Canadian Media and the Calgary Herald Newspaper.

Throughout the World's there was comprehensive radio and newspaper coverage and it was brilliant to see RTE cameras in the airport to welcome the Team Ireland home.

I must thank Niamh for her work around the World Championships and her assistance in Calgary where she was as a player but dedicated some of her time to her PRO duties. I also would like to thank Paul Fitzpatrick, Alan Milton from the GAA, and Darragh Daly who contributed massively to our PRO and media duties for the World Championships.

This year saw Handball in general 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 Inpho Photography for our major launches and photoshoots 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 and to Dan Sheridan from Inpho for his creativity and vision throughout the year.

This media coverage did not just come about without a lot of hard work and it proved that the PRO job is really



not a volunteers position and one we need to seriously look at recruiting a full time member of staff for this role.

There is still a long way to go with regard to increasing the profile of GAA Handball and despite Ireland possessing some of the finest creative writers in the business I feel that achievements like Paul Brady's and Team Ireland's in general deserved far more column inches and TV interviews than were received.

In my opinion it is a sad reflection on Irish society and on Irish media that a Premiership footballer will make the headlines of our leading newspapers and the headlines of our TV news for anything from breaking up with his girlfriend to crashing his car yet our own home-grown athletes who have achieved so much struggle to fill the column inches. It is indicative of the society that we live in that the bigger money sports dominate our media columns. At one stage this year one of the top stories on one of the biggest sports websites in this country was of a fly landing on one of the Sunday Game analysts head during a live broadcast. It certainly left me scratching my head as to how this was deemed newsworthy over genuine sporting achievements.

I feel that the media struggle to understand handball and the skill levels involved in the game and if they were to try it out they would see the pace,

CROKE PARK CENTRE

While it is a great honour to be back here in Croke Park today the fact that we are here 12 months on 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. 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.



power and skill of our top players and this may make them pay it a bit more respect.

We have a duty here too to make our game easier to understand and to promote our top players as it is only the elite that will get media attention at National level. It is vital that clubs and counties are working to increase the profile at local level as every bit of coverage that we get all adds up and creates more awareness of our game. In fact it is at local level where much of the recognition will stem from and the more coverage we have here the more likely that the regional and National media will take notice.

In recent years the profile of our game has risen considerably yet there is room for so much more improvement in this area. 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 to.

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. We have held a number of professional photoshoots for our top players with a professional photographer to give our elite sports stars the profile they deserve.

We have also introduced a range of promotional videos for each code and these have received a fantastic response. A number of further viral videos are planned for the future to showcase the elite element of our sport.

I would like to thank Dan Sheridan from Inpho.ie, Ronan Fox and Ronan Morris from Webtogether, Dermot and Matt from Banjoman and also the Communications team in Croke Park especially Alan Milton, Lisa Hayden and Colman Hanley for their assistance throughout the year.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

As part of efforts to increase awareness of the Handball brand we launched our newly redeveloped website www.gaahandball.ie at last year's Congress. The reaction to the new website surprised us all and it has been an outstanding success in its first year.

In October 2015 we received a Realex Web Award for Best Sports Website. For a sport like Handball to be considered let alone win an award like this is a fantastic achievement and is testament to the hard work that went into creating the new site and also its popularity. We have seen an increase in traffic to the website which means that more people are keeping up to date and being introduced to the game of Handball.

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 new features of the site that will be introduced this year are:

An online shop - A one stop Handball Online Shop as part of the new website will be launched this year where Handball members and Clubs as well as members of the public will be able to buy Handball equipment and accessories. This will make Handball more accessible to those who have never played before while also it will be a huge benefit to players and Clubs looking to buy accessories. It is key to promote this shop to all members as the profit from the sales will be re-invested in the game.

A members newsletter will be launched and sent out at regular intervals throughout the year to keep members up to date with what's happening in GAA Handball.

A dedicated fixtures and results hub on the homepage of the website which will allow live score feeds from games and people to post up results as they happen meaning there will be instant access to scores on the weekends of games.

All these projects will take place over the coming year but it is important to point out that they all cost money and so are budget dependant as to when they will be launched.

One of our main strengths has been in



our Social Media especially our Facebook account which has seen a massive growth to over 17,000 likes. To give an idea of the growth of our Facebook profile, in 2013 we had just over 4,000 likes and now 3 years on we have 17,000 which is on a par or better than some much bigger sports. For an association of our size this is an excellent achievement and it is now one of the most important communication tools we have. The ability to communicate with so many people at the touch of a button is an important marketing tool for our association.

One cautionary point of note with regards to posting on social media I would ask all members to remember that when they are posting on Facebook they are posting to a worldwide audience and often to people who do not know Handball and will form an opinion based on these comments. There have been a number of instances this year where posts have been posted attacking the National Office or National Committees with blatant incorrect statements yet when these so called Handball supporters get the chance to bring their concerns in a proper manner it is no coincidence that they shy away from doing so. Thankfully these are only a minority of incidents and in general our Facebook page is an excellent promotional tool.

We have also increased our presence on Twitter and I would encourage every club in the country to set up a Twitter and Facebook account. The amount of extra exposure it would bring to Handball to have all units with Facebook and Twitter would be immense. They are free resources and a brilliant way of promoting your club/county to large numbers in an instant.

I would like to thank 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.



Team Ireland travelled to Calgary in Canada and returned home with an incredible 20 medals



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

A 15 strong Team Ireland squad headed to Calgary, Canada to compete in August's World Championships having qualified for Team Ireland through a mix of All-Ireland, Nationals and World Trial wins.



It was a fantastic two weeks of competition and great credit must go to the Canadians for hosting such a great event. A special thank you to Guy Martin, Jim Eistetter, Trevor Huber and Rob Rakochey for their help throughout the tournament.

While there were some issues with scheduling of games and players entering multiple grades I believe that these issues need to be addressed at World Handball Council level as well as some other pressing issues surrounding the Worlds to prevent these situations from arising again. I definitely feel strongly that the singles and doubles finals should be better spread out to give the participants the best chance to compete to the best of their ability in both.

Team Ireland was joint captained by Robbie McCarthy & Aisling Reilly, the 2015 All-Ireland Senior Champions, and comprised players from 11 counties.

Men's Open: Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) – Captain Ladies Open: Aisling Reilly (Antrim) – Captain Men's Open: Paul Brady (Cavan) Men's Open: Michael Finnegan (Cavan) Ladies Open: Martina McMahon (Limerick) Boys 19&U: Colin Corbett (Clare) Boys 17&U: Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) Boys 15&U: Tiarnan Agnew (Clare) Girls 19&U: Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) Girls 17&U: Eilise McCroOry (Tyrone) Girls 15&U: Caitriona Millane (Limerick) Men's One-Wall: Conor McElduff (Tyrone) Ladies One-Wall: Catriona Casey (Cork) B19&U One-Wall: Darren Doherty (Monaghan) G19&U One-Wall: Maeve McElduff (Tyrone)

An impressive 20 medals were claimed across 40x20 & One-Wall in Singles & Doubles events by Team Ireland in what was the most successful Irish representation at a World Championships.

Paul Brady's incredible 5th consecutive World Open Singles title was the obvious highlight from the championships. It was a privilege to be present at such an historic occasion and to witness one of the greatest sportsmen of our generation cement his legacy as the greatest handballer. The weight of the world was on Paul's shoulders, with pretty much everyone in Handball expecting him to win. But at times his level of performance was as good as we have ever seen, notably in the final against Cork's sensational Killian Carroll, who had no answer to Brady's power. At 36 years of age, and an unbroken winning run at World Championships spanning 12 years, one can only admire the Mullahoran man's achievements in the game. He



Antrim's Aisling Reilly sinks to her knees as she retained her World title following her victory over Catriona Casey in Calgary

is a credit to the game and is truly deserving of being hailed the greatest Handballer ever. A special word must also go to Cork's Killian Carroll who contributed to a fantastic final and who showed great graciousness and sportsmanship following the game. I have no doubt we will see Killian on the big stage again soon.

Antrim's Aisling Reilly retained her Ladies Open Singles title won in 2012, by ousting rival Catriona Casey in an absorbing final. Both players emptied the tank on the court, and the tension was almost unbearable at times during a brilliant final. Casey started the brightest and took the opener 21-10, before Reilly responded to take an injury interrupted second 21-16 to force a tiebreak, which she proceeded to win 11-6 and retain the title she won in 2012.

Reilly followed up her stunning singles win by then teaming up with Limerick's Martina McMahon to take the Ladies Open Doubles title. Reilly/McMahon defeated Catriona Casey/Aishling O Keefe 21-15, 21-13 to take the title less than an hour after the singles final, which was tough on both players and questions must be asked if it is

fair to ask players to take the court again so soon after an emotionally and physically draining contest. Credit must go to Catriona Casey also for displaying the heart to take the court for the Doubles finals and for the way she fought to the bitter end in both finals. I have no doubt that Catriona will be back and will taste victory on the World stage.

The last game of the championships saw Team Ireland captain Robbie McCarthy and Clare's Diarmaid Nash take a Men's Open Doubles title with a two game victory over Mayo's Joe McCann and Roscommon's Rikki O'Gara. The first game was evenly contested, with the Clare\Westmeath combination edging to a 21-18 first game win. In the second game, Nash and McCarthy stormed to an early lead, which the men from the West were unable to claw back, eventually going down 21-6.

In the One-Wall tournament there were admirable performances by Ireland's Open players, against the typically dominant US players. Conor McElduff rose to the challenge of US #1, and eventual champion Timbo Gonzalez in the QF's. Holding a 13-6

Action from the Mens
Open Final at the World
Handball Championships
in Calgary



Action from the Ladies
Open Final at the World
Handball Championships
in Calgary



lead, McElduff was heading for the shock of the tournament. But a late fightback from Timbo saw him close out the first 21-16, before sealing the second 21-8. Conor was well in the game throughout with plenty of long rallies, but in the end it was Timbo's big game experience that stood to him.

In the Ladies Singles, Cork's Catriona Casey & Down's Lorraine Havern can be proud off their efforts as they saw off all comers before falling to the World #1 & #2 Dannielle Dakalakis & Sandy Ng of the USA in semi finals of the Ladies Open grade.

Havern also made the One-Wall Open Doubles Final with her partner Karen McConney, and put in a brave performance before falling 21-14, 21-16

to Dannielle Dakalakis & Sandy Ng (USA).

In the juvenile grades, there was great success for Team Ireland, but also to Irish Handballers in general with a clear gap between the best Irish players to those of any other competing countries, which is credit to the clubs and coaches across the country. Team Ireland's Tiarnan Agnew put in some classy performances and he stormed to 3 gold medals in the 15&U grade, whilst Johnny Woods, who lost out in the team trials at the SF stage, showed his mettle to respond by winning 3 gold medals in the 19&U grade. Wexford's Daniel Kavanagh (17&U) was one of only three member of Team Ireland, alongside Aisling Reilly & Agnew, to

take home the Singles & Doubles Slam in their respective grades. Galway's Niamh Heffernan claimed 4 gold's from 4 events in the G13&U Four-Wall & One-Wall.

I congratulate all our Handballers and their coaches who competed and who acquitted themselves on the World stage, you are a credit to your clubs, counties and to the association and I am filled with pride when I think of the performances that you put in in Calgary, you showed the World what fine athletes we have in this country. I also wish to pay tribute to Team Captains Robbie McCarthy and Aisling Reilly who led by example in Calgary and to the Team Management of Niall Kerr and Paula Doyle who were excellent throughout in their support roles to the team. The trip could not have happened without the financial assistance of the GAA and I thank them and also Leinster and Munster GAA Councils for their contributions.

To echo the words of President of Ireland Michael D Higgins

"The Gaelic Athletic Association is a wonderful ambassador for Ireland and each of you who represented your country so well at the Calgary World Handball Championships should rightly feel proud of the contribution you have made not only to Ireland's sporting legacy but to Ireland's reputation abroad"

GAA Handball are extremely proud of each and every one of you.



ÁRAS AN UACHTARÁN

The hugely successful Team Ireland that competed in last year's World Championships and took home 20 medals were honoured by Uachtarán na hÉireann Michael D Higgins at a reception in Áras an Uachtarán in January.

The Uachtarán addressed the Team and management and spoke of his experience in Handball as a young boy growing up in county Clare. In his speech President Higgins paid tribute to the 16 players who represented Ireland in August in Calgary and complimented them on their medal haul of 20 medals from the games.

The Uachtarán also spoke of his own experiences in Handball growing up and joked about his experiences playing in the famed Gael Linn competition when he spent the most uncomfortable half hour of his life playing the legendary Pat Kirby. He did manage to get him out of serve but unfortunately that was as good as it got for the future President of Ireland who knew

then that Kirby and Handball were destined for bigger things.

The Uachtarán reserved special praise for 5 time World Champion Paul Brady who he said was a fine example of athletic ability and had done his country proud with his successes over the past number of years.

Concluding his speech the Uachtarán paid tribute to the support network that exists not only in Handball but also in sport in general paying tribute to the parents, siblings, partners and also the coaches, physios and administrators who play such vital roles.

The President of Ireland
Michael D Higgins receives
some Handball tips from
World Champion Paul Brady





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 despite having on paper a near impossible job of developing handball in all of Ireland has embraced this role with great enthusiasm and professionalism since he took the position four years ago. Darragh's attention to detail and his new ideas with regards to coaching methods has meant he has been and continues to be a huge success in the role. I would hope that by the end of 2016 we will have at least one Coaching Officer in place on the ground to assist Darragh with his plans for the game.

A huge thank you must go to our National Tutors who deliver courses and continue to spread the good word of Handball throughout the country and to all the coaches throughout the country who give their time so tirelessly to teach the game of Handball.



AWARDS

The 2013/2014 Award winners were chosen and presented with their awards and I congratulate each and every one of them. I congratulate all our Handballers on the many individual awards they have received throughout the year. It is a great source of disappointment that our National broadcaster and a lot of our National media did not recognise even by way of a nomination the phenomenal achievements of Paul Brady and other

outstanding Irish Handballers from the World Championships.

I feel our own National Awards are in need of an overhaul and we need to include our volunteers in same. I would like to see a public vote to get the members involved and pick who they think deserve the awards. I hope that in 2015 we can have a function to honour our award winners and that going forward this will be one of the social events of the year.

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

During 2015 we lost some of our dearest friends and colleagues throughout the game and as an association we extend our deepest sympathies to all those who lost loved ones throughout the year.

BUÍOCHAS

I want to say a huge thank you to Uachtarán CLG Aogan O Fearghail and Ard Stiurthoir Paraic Duffy for their unwavering support for GAA Handball. Paraic has been fully committed to supporting our efforts going forward since I took up this role and has always been a great help to me when I have needed any assistance. The support of the two highest profile positions in the GAA is tremendous news for our Association and I look forward to working closely with both in the coming year. I also thank Teresa Rehill for her assistance throughout the year with rules and various other queries.

I would like to thank Uachtarán Willie Roche who once more this year has embraced the job whole heartedly. Willie has travelled the length and breadth of the country to represent the association and has invested a lot of time and personal effort 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 year as he enters his final year as Uachtarán. I hope his final year will be as rewarding as he would wish it to be.

I want to welcome our Uachtarán Tofa, Joe Masterson from Uibh Fháilí who will take up the role at today's Congress as he has been elected unopposed. Joe is a passionate Handball man who I have known since my time in Handball. I am in no doubt that he will bring huge enthusiasm into the role but also a huge work ethic and he is a very approachable man who I am sure will represent our association with great pride. Comhghairdeas Joe and welcome on board.

I thank our GAA Ard Comhairle Rep Robert Frost for his assistance throughout the year and wish him well as he steps down from his position as Munster Chairperson. I also thank Joe O'Shaughnessy who has been a great help to us throughout the year and who was a great help throughout the World Championships in Canada.

Thanks also to Keith Thode and to Dave Vincent for providing us with photographs and footage of the World Championships in Canada. I look forward to working closely with Dave Vincent and the WPH over the coming year. 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. Thank you to our sister associations The Camogie Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association and GAA Rounders for their support in 2015 and we wish them a successful 2016. To the Irish Sports Council for their assistance throughout the I say thank you and also to the Federation of Irish Sport for their assistance and guidance.

A huge thank you to Elaine Casey and to the Croke Park events team for their



assistance in hosting today's Congress and for their help in preparing for same.

The last year has been an incredibly 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. Despite being a small team in numbers they are never found wanting in terms of work ethic and I am extremely proud of the contribution they have made to another successful year. When you take into account that our office staff have worked between up to 28 weekends in 2015 you get a sense of the level of dedication that they have for their roles.

Thank you also to our Ard Comhairle committee for their support throughout the year and to our CCCC committee led by Chairperson Peter Dennehy who have an incredibly tough job but continue to perform the duties requested of them and have always made balanced and fair decisions.

Thank you to our four Provincial Administrators who have a huge workload each year but they continue to ensure Handball prospers in their 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 your support is much appreciated.

To summarise, I am fully aware that as an association we face some challenges over the next number of years and we may have some hard decisions to make however these decisions will only be made if they

benefit GAA Handball. We must not be afraid to make brave changes and if they don't work we can always go back to the original idea. Nothing ventured nothing gained as they say and we must keep on evolving and re-inventing ourselves to keep up to pace in the competitive space that is Irish Sport.

I fully believe if we all work together with a positive mindset and if we can increase our income that we can make GAA Handball an even more vibrant attractive sport in Ireland. There is so much potential in this great sport of ours and we have so many positive aspects, we have the best handballers in the World, the best coaches and we have fantastic clubs and volunteers. It is not often that a sport in Ireland would have their American, Canadian and European counterparts look to them for advice and inspiration and this is testament to our standing as an association in the World game at present. It is this we need to concentrate on and continue to 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 will leave you with another quote from President Michael D Higgins which highlights that we all play our part in making this association so successful.

"The road to success in sport is a challenging and difficult one, especially for amateur athletes. It is not a journey for the fainthearted and those who want the accolades have to put in the hard work. Sacrifices have to be made, especially where training commitments have to be balanced with the demands of career and family life. For successful amateur sportspeople like yourselves, you combine the dedication of professionals with full lives in other areas and your achievements, then, are all the more important.

May I take a moment to acknowledge your managers, your coaches and backroom teams, the administrators, the venue officials, the referees and also the husbands, wives and partners and the families and friends for the important roles they play in your success. Although the players ultimately receive all the accolades, each individual's performance depends on the support of those closest to them, personally and as a team, to help them through their preparations, and we extend our appreciation to all of them for their contribution to your accomplishments."

I wish you all the very best for 2016 and look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

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

Seán Ó Ceallaigh.
Bainisteoir Náisiúnta



COMPETITIONS

REVIEW

**2015.....
IT HAS
BEEN QUITE
A YEAR!**

40X20 O'NEILLS ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In the Ladies Open Final, the now expected pairing of Catriona Casey & Aisling Reilly met for the second year running. Despite being reigning champion, Reilly was not the favourite. Cork's Casey was on a dominant run of form, not only over her rival but also all competitors world wide, and form suggested she would take her second Celtic Cross. But Belfast woman Reilly has developed an incredible knack of peaking at the perfect time, and for the second year running in the All-Ireland Final, dominated Casey with her power and aggression to win out 21-17, 21-13.

Next up was the Men's Singles Final between Robbie McCarthy and Charly Shanks. Reigning champ McCarthy had recorded a comfortable SF win over Brain Carroll, whilst Shanks shocked Diarmaid Nash with a relatively comfortable SF win himself. McCarthy was favourite, but Shanks didn't care as he stormed to a 21-13 opening game win. The champ responded with a 21-5 second game win to force a third game. Shanks swung the momentum back in his favour in the third, and always looked the player most likely to win out the match, and holding a 20-16 lead that looked almost certain. But McCarthy showed incredible nerve to reel the Armagh man in to take the title 21-20 with a right corner kill ending a mammoth rally at 20-20. This truly was more than anyone could have asked for in terms of skill, commitment and drama, and will easily go down as one of the best All-Ireland Finals of all time.

Three weeks later it was the turn of the Doubles Finals. For the 4th consecutive year it was Cork (Catriona Casey/Ashling O'Keefe) v Kerry (Maria Daly/Ashley Prendiville). After a tense opening period, the Cork girls, who were ruthless throughout the Championship, broke free from the shackles and recorded a 21-16, 21-11 win to retain their crown, their 2nd All-Ireland Doubles title.

The Men's Doubles Final saw another fierce rivalry renew acquaintances, with Cavan (Paul Brady/Michael Finnegan) and Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) met for the 4th final in 5 years. The Cavan lads had won all 4 previous meetings, but they were pushed to the limits a few times. Everyone expected a cracker, and a cracker is what they got!

Cavan seemed in control of the first game but somehow managed to lose it



In one of the games of the year the expression on Robbie McCarthy's face says it all following his 21-20 win in the tiebreaker in this years All Ireland Final

21-20 before forcing the tiebreak with a second game win 21-19,

Trailing 2-1, Brady suffered a leg injury, an injury that a 15 minute injury timeout couldn't fix. So that was it, Meath had won the title. It was not the ending they wanted, it was not the ending the game deserved, but regardless Carroll & Sheridan who had performed excellently throughout took home the title.

WORLD OPEN DOUBLES TRIALS:

Kingscourt played host to a quality field in the World Doubles Trials with spots on the official team Ireland up for grabs for both winning pairs.

Left standing in the Men's Open Final was ten time All-Ireland Doubles champions, and 2012 World finalists Paul Brady & Michael Finnegan, versus current Irish #1 & #2 Robbie McCarthy & Diarmaid Nash. A real quality match saw the Cavan lads just have enough in the tank to see off their younger challengers 21-15, 21-16 in a gripping encounter that show glimpses of utter class from all players.

The Ladies final saw current two time All-Ireland Doubles champions Catriona Casey & Aishling O'Keefe face powerful duo Aisling Reilly & Martina McMahon. A combination of long range kills from both ladies saw the Antrim/Limerick duo sealed the first 21-13. Game two was a much closer affair with the Cork girls leading

17-9 before Reilly & McMahon stormed back to seal victory 21-18.

FEILE NA GAEL:

Belfast was the venue for the annual Feile na Gael competition, with the new double court comple at Colaiste Feirste hosting an excellent day of finals.

Tuamgraney & Leixlip were the winners of the Division 1 Boys & Girls events, whilst national titles went to 6 counties across the various grades over the weekend, including Lahorna who completed a club double by winning the Boys 60x30 and the Boys 40x20 Division 4.

A major weekend saw all of the group stage games played off on Saturday in St Pauls, Gort na Mona, Colaiste Feirste and Kingscourt, before all of Sunday's action descended on Colaiste Feirste. Some gripping encounters were played out over the weekend, as life long memories were made by all the players, coaches and supporters.

The final match of the weekend proved a fitting finale to a great tournament with Tuamgraney (Clare) overcoming a two-point group stage defeat to bounce back and defeat reigning champions Carrickmore by one ace in a sensational encounter in the Boys Division 1 Final. Once again, the standard on show was exceptional, and credit must go to all the players, coaches and parents for their timeless effort.

60X30 MYCLUBSHOP.IE ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy ensured the 60x30 Senior Singles Cup will reside in the Lake County once more for the next 12 months as he produced a performance of sheer class in front of a packed gallery in Abbeylara, Longford back in September.

McCarthy stole the show with an imperious display in the final against Dublin's Eoin Kennedy. Kennedy of course dramatically defeated McCarthy in last year's final against all odds, but there was to be no shock this time round as the Mullingar man blitzed his older opponent 21-7, 21-3.

The win was Robbie's 4th 60x30 Singles crown, and given the nature of his win this year, it is hard to look past him winning a few more in the coming years.

Whilst the Men's Final didn't live up to it's billing, the Ladies 60x30 Final certainly did! Cork's Catriona Casey's title credentials were truly tested today but the Ballydesmond woman showed her fighting characteristics to seal her 4th consecutive All-Ireland Ladies 60x30 Singles title with a 21-18, 21-12 win over Martina McMahon, which has whetted the appetite for an intriguing rivalry between the two ladies for the foreseeable future.

In the Men's 60x30 Doubles, Eoin Kennedy made up for his Singles defeat by taking home the title with partner Carl Browne, his 5th in all, but 1st with Browne. In the final they faced Kilkenny's Ciaran Neary & Ducksy Walsh, winning the game 11-21, 21-19, 21-12 to take home the title.

The Ladies Doubles title made its way back to Ballydesmond for the 3rd consecutive year as Catriona Casey & Ashling O'Keeffe were very dominant in their 21-2, 21-10 final win over Limerick's Martina McMahon & Cathy Foley.

HARDBALL:

Eight players entered the Senior Hardball Championship in 2015, and eight was the magic number for Dublin's Eoin Kennedy who claimed his 8th All Ireland Senior Singles GAA Handball All Ireland Hardball Championship title. The St Brigid's clubman defeated Mayo Joe McCann 21-12, 21-8 in the final at St. Coman's, Roscommon.

McCann also reached the Doubles decider with long term partner Dessie Keegan, but the Mayo men could not overcome Meath's Brian Carroll & Tom



Sheridan from claiming a three in a row, and their 4th in all. The Kells clubman are a partnership of the highest quality, and prevailed with a tough 21-20, 21-9 victory. After this win, the Meath lads now held the All-Ireland Senior 40x20, 60x30 & Hardball titles all at once!

ONE-WALL NATIONALS:

This weekend tournament has grown to be the biggest annual event, certainly in Ireland if not in international Handball. With the World Championships less than a six weeks away, this was the last chance for players to win their way onto Team Ireland.

The decision of GAA Handball to move the Men's & Ladies Open Finals from their traditional Sunday evening spot to the Saturday evening spot proved a major success with the largest ever Open Final spectator numbers adding to an electric atmosphere.

Catriona Casey had a very successful underage career at the One-Wall Nationals, but was playing in her maiden Ladies Open grade in Breafoy. Casey faced One-Wall specialist, and three time champion Lorraine Havern.

Havern opened the brightest and the Saval club woman vowed the crowds with perfectly executed angled kill shots off both hands to take a 14-9 lead. Despite the odds being stacked against her, Casey held her nerve to fight back

and take the first 15-14.

In what was a brilliant exhibition for ladies handball, both girls provided the crowd with exceptional handball before the ever reliable and impressively consistent Casey built on her confidence boosting first game win to seal the match 15-9 in one of the most entertaining and high quality finals.

In winning this title, Casey created history by becoming the first senior player, male or female, to win every major title, singles and doubles, in Irish Handball across all codes. A remarkable achievement which highlights just how good and adaptable a player the Ballydesmond native is.

The Men's proved to be a fitting finale as well, with Tyrone's Conor McElduff retaining his title with a thrilling tiebreak win over Galway's Martin Mulherrins. The Moycullen man, in his maiden Open decider produced some exquisite, powerful handball in the opener, as he stole an advance in the match taking the first 15-9. McElduff upped his play in the second, cutting ball off early and using the angles well to take the second 15-11, before taking the title 11-3 in the tiebreak and earning his spot on Team Ireland.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Paul Brady's incredible 5th consecutive World Open Singles title is the obvious highlight from the championships. At

game win. In the second game, Nash and McCarthy stormed to an early lead, which the men from the West were unable to claw back, eventually going down 21-6.

In the One-Wall tournament there were admirable performance by Ireland's Open players, against the typically dominant US players. Conor McElduff rose to the challenge of US #1, and eventual champion Timbo Gonzalez in the QF's. Holding a 13-6 lead, McElduff was heading for the shock of the tournament. But a late fightback from Timbo saw him close out the first 21-16, before sealing the second 21-8. Conor was well in the game throughout with plenty of long rallies, but in the end it was Timbo's big game experience that stood to him.

In the Ladies Singles, Cork's Catriona Casey & Down's Lorraine Havern can be proud off their efforts as they saw off all comers before falling to the World #1 & #2 Dannielle Dakalakis & Sandy Ng of the USA in the Ladies Open grade.

Both girls never hit the heights they are capable of but showed that they have the game to mix with the worlds best particularly in the QF's as Team Ireland rep Casey saw off Maria Rivera 21-20, 21-16 in a gutsy battle, whilst Havern prevailed in a tough 21-15 opener before comfortably taking the second 21-4 against New York's Karen McConney.

Havern also made the One-Wall Open Doubles Final with her partner Karen McConney, and put in a brave performance before falling 21-14, 21-16 to Dannielle Dakalakis & Sandy Ng (USA).

In the juvenile grades, there was great

success for Team Ireland, but also to Irish Handballers in general with a clear gap between the best Irish players to those of any other competing countries, which is credit to the clubs and coaches across the emerald isle. Team Ireland's Tiarnan Agnew put in some classy performances and he stormed to 3 gold medals in the 15&U grade, whilst Johnny Woods, who lost out in the team trials at the SF stage, showed his mettle to respond by winning 3 gold medals in the 19&U grade. Wexford's Daniel Kavanagh (17&U) was one of only three member of Team Ireland, alongside Aisling Reilly & Agnew, to take home the Singles & Doubles Slam in their respective grades. Galway's Niamh Heffernan claimed 4 gold's from 4 events in the G13&U Four-Wall & One-Wall.

IRISH JUVENILES:

The standard and indeed the depth of quality coming through the Irish juvenile ranks is frightening at present, and if we bring these young players through into the senior ranks in the coming years then exciting times lie ahead for Irish Handball.

40x20 All-Ireland Juvenile Finals:

Nine counties came home from Kingscourt with All-Ireland Juvenile titles after another gripping weekend of Handball.

Titles by County: Tyrone (3), Armagh (2), Kildare (2), Tipperary (2), Limerick (2), Mayo (2), Galway (1), Clare (1), Cork (1)

In the Boys events, the Blue Ribband U14 & U16 Singles titles went the way of Lorcan McBride 9Tyrone) & Peter Donohue (Galway) respectively.

times his level of performance was as good as we have ever seen, notably in the final against Cork's sensational Killian Carroll, who had no answer to Brady's power. At 36 years of age, and an unbroken winning run at World Championships spanning 12 years, one can only admire the Mullahoran mans achievements.

Antrim's Aisling Reilly retained her Ladies Open Singles title won in 2012, by ousting rival Catriona Casey in an absorbing final. Both players emptied the tank on the court, and the tension was almost unbearable at times during a brilliant final. Casey started the brightest and took the opener 21-10, before Reilly responded 21-16 to force a tiebreak, which she proceeded to win 11-6.

Reilly followed up her stunning singles win by then teaming up with Limerick's Martina McMahon to take the Ladies Open Doubles title. Reilly/McMahon defeated Catriona Casey/Aishling O Keefe 21-15, 21-13 to take the title less than an hour after the singles final, which was tough on both players.

The last game of the championships saw Team Ireland captain Robbie McCarthy and Clare's Diarmaid Nash take a Men's Open Doubles title with a two game victory over Mayo's Joe McCann and Roscommon's Rikki O'Gara. The first game was evenly contested, with the Clare\Westmeath combination edging to a 21-18 first



McBride overcame a tough opener 15-11 to prevail comfortably in the second 15-2 against Cork's Cian O'Driscoll, whilst Donohue overcame McBride's club mate Cormac Munroe 21-10, 21-6 with the Inis Mor mans power proving extremely effective.

The Girls showpiece finals went the way of Armagh & Tipperary, as Dearbhla Coleman ousted a gutsy Niamh Heffernan in a cracking U14 Singles final, prevailing 15-11 in the tiebreak. Sinead Meagher then produced a clinical performance to see off Coleman's club mate Megan McCann 21-13, 21-14 in the G16&U Singles decider.

40X20 JUNIOR NATIONALS:

Six young players earned their spots on Team Ireland during what has to be considered as one of the best Irish Junior Nationals ever. Ciana Ni Churraoin took the G19&U title with victory over Maebh McElduff, whilst Eilise McCrory produced an exhibition of serving to defeat Niamh Coleman in the Girls 17&U final.

Caitriona Millane took the G15&U title with an 11-2 tiebreak win over Megan McCann, whilst in the B15&U Tiarnan Agnew produced a classy performance to seal an eye-catching 21-13, 21-5 win over Galway's Peter Donohue and is certainly a name to watch in the coming years.

Wexford's Daniel Kavanagh claimed the 17&U title with victory over Fergal Coughlan, whilst there were also wins impressive wins for Lorcan McBride (B13&U), Niamh Heffernan (G13&U), Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta/Chloe Philpott (G11&UD) & Billy Drennan/Daniel Hanrahan (B11&UD).

The climax of a long weekend however produced an exhilarating match, arguably the match of the weekend, as Clare's Colin Corbett came from a game down, and 18-12 down in the second to snatch victory from Darren Doherty's grasp with a 19-21, 21-19, 11-9 win in the B19&U final.

60x30 All-Ireland Juvenile Finals:

The cream of Irelands 60x30

Juveniles converged on Ballymoe & St Comans in Roscommon to battle it out for the 2015 Myclubshop.ie All Ireland finals in the softball code. Fourteen counties in all competed with Tipperary topping the medals table with 6 titles, closely followed by Kilkenny with 4 titles. Kildare took home 2 titles with Limerick, Tyrone and Wexford all taking 1 title back to their respective counties.

The showpiece Boys titles went to Kilkenny's Jack Holden (B14&U Singles) & Tipperary's Jerome Cahill (B16&U

Singles) with both lads prevailing in two straight games. Holden defeated Roscommon's Dylan Hanley 15-7, 15-12, whilst Cahill ousted Louth's Ben Devlin 21-18, 21-13.

In the Girls, it was Kildare's Leah Doyle who got the better of Galway's Niamh Heffernan in a U14 Singles tiebreak, 15-6. Tipperary's Sinead Meagher then completed the U16 Singles slam for 2015 by winning her final against Kildare's Mollie Dagg 21-2, 21-8 with a dominant display.

SHE'S ACE:

January's She's Ace Festival Weekend saw 150+ females descend on Breafoy House Resort for another hectic yet fun weekend. In the 40x20 Finals, Catriona Casey took out Aisling Reilly in the Ladies Open Final, whilst Niamh Dunne (Laois) & Linda Seoige (Galway) claimed the Ladies B & Ladies Challenger events. At juvenile level, Mayo's Hazel Finn won the 11&U, Clare's Bridin Dinane won the 14&U, and another Clare win followed through Doireann Murphy in the 17&U.

Sunday's One-Wall Fun events were yet again hugely popular, with the Mother & Daughter Doubles event proving to be the highlight with over 30 pairings taking place, the majority of mothers having never hit a ball competitively before. In the end it was Galways Aine & Emer Ni Bhiadhi who beat Tyrone's Cathy & Ciara Mullan in the final.

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Kells (Meath) & Ballaghaderreen (Mayo) have completely dominated the inter-club championships since 2002, with both the 40x20 & 60x30 finals generally being a shootout between the two big hitters year on year.

2015 however witnessed what was probably the most dramatic final between both clubs ever in the 60x30 decider. Having trailed by 15 points going into the second game of the final singles, Kells' Gary McConnell really pulled it out of the bag by defeating Vinny Moran 21-6 to record a 98-97 overall win, completing a 4 in a row.

Kells were again represented in the 40x20 Interclub final, but this time it was Kells (Kilkenny) against Glenbeigh (Kerry) in a novel pairing. Both Kells (Meath) & Ballaghaderreen never fielded a team and thus there was to be a new winner for the first time since 2003. But the 2015 title went to Kells on a score line of 104-84, with both teams receiving byes in their SF's.

THIRD LEVEL – ICHA:

40x20:

There was a familiar feel to the Open grades at the 2015 Irish 40x20 Intervarsities as Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) & Catriona Casey (UL) claimed their 4th consecutive Singles crowns in February's tournament in Kingscourt, defeating Darren Doherty & Martina McMahon respectively.

Mulkerrins teamed up with Galen Riordan for the 40x20 Doubles event, but they couldn't overcome IT Tralee's Peter Funchion & Shane Hedigan in the final. The UL pairing of freshers Ciana Ni Churraoin & Niamh Dunne defeated DCU's Ashling O'Keefe & Niamh Farrell in the Ladies Doubles final.

60x30:

Martin Mulkerrins also took home the 60x30 crown for UCD when ousting college teammate Brian Mahon of Kilkenny in the final. Galway's Ciana Ni Churraoin (UL) took the Ladies 60x30 title in her maiden year as she defeated Ciara Mahon (TCD) in November's Final.

One-Wall:

Mulkerrins was bidding for the clean sweep of Irish Intervarsity titles but was felled at the final hurdle by UUJ's Conal McCavitt in the Men's Open final. Ciara Mahon got her hands on her first Intervarsity title by seeing off the challenge of Ashling O'Keefe to win the Ladies Open final.



US Collegiates:

At the US Collegiates in Portland, Oregon, the Irish again put in an impressive showing. Martin Mulkerrins was defeated by long-term foe Daniel Cordova in the Men's Open Singles Final, with Cordova preventing Mulkerrins claiming a 4 in a row. But where Mulkerrins fell, Cork's Catriona Casey prevailed, with the Ballydesmond woman defeating doubles partner Ciana Ni Churraoin to win her 4th consecutive US Collegiate crown.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS:

Yet again there were some fantastic club tournaments held across the country, and GAA Handball commend all clubs for their continued efforts in promoting the game as they are the real lifeblood of our association. There are too many to mention them all but below are highlight from some key events.

Cork's Killian Carroll made it three ranking wins on the trot at the Gaffney Memorial in Ballaghadereen in January with victory over Diarmaid Nash in the final. Killian had just months earlier won the 2014 Golden Gloves & 2014 Irish Nationals, announcing himself as a huge contender in the 40x20 senior scene.

Mallow HC ran it's first One-Wall Open attracting 160+ players as Conor McElduff & Catriona Casey

took the Open titles, whilst the same duo won at the Lough Showdown in Loughmacrory HC, where over 200+ players competed over the course of the weekend. In November's Golden Gloves in Belfast, Armagh's Charly Shanks moved up to #4 in the Irish rankings win a final win over first time finalist Peter Funchion in the Men's Open category, whilst Aisling Reilly defeated Down's Lorraine Havern in the Ladies Final to claim her 5th Golden Gloves.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

At the big international events in America, Paul Brady, Catriona Casey & Aisling Reilly were the only Irish players to taste success.

Brady had a pretty much impeccable year at WPH & USHA run events, failing to win only once, at the WPH Players Championships in Salt Lake City, where he had to withdraw mid game due to injury. Other than that though he was ruthless, winning WPH Pro-Stops in New York, Houston, San Fran & Arizona.

He also blitzed the fields at the he US Nationals in June (dft E Peixoto 21-8, 21-6) to win his 10th title, and the US Open in October (dft L Moreno 21-15, 21-4), further enhancing his legacy as the all time best player ever.

Catriona Casey was equally ruthless on the WPH circuit, winning Pro-Stops in New York, San Fran & Salt Lake City

as she remains undefeated in her WPH event career. She responded to losing the All-Ireland Final to rival Aisling Reilly by defeating Reilly in the Players Championship Final (dft Reilly 15-2, 12-15, 15-9) in April and followed that up with victory again at the US Nationals in June (dft Reilly 21-11, 8-21, 11-4).

Reilly exacted revenge though by following up her Worlds win with a US Open Final win over Casey, coming from 6-0 down in the tiebreak to win 6-21, 21-11, 11-9. This rivalry is easily the most exciting and unpredictable in World Handball at present and is helping bring Ladies Handball in Ireland to unprecedented heights.

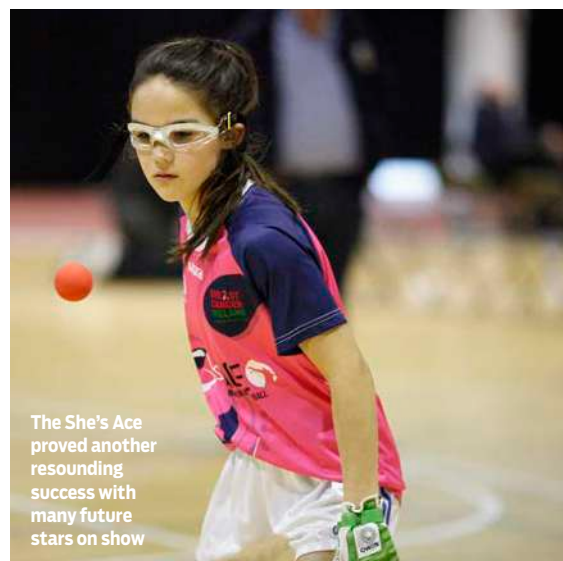
At the US Juniors in Chicago at Christmas, Tyrone's Sean Kerr took home the Boys 17&Under title while Cork's Cian O'Driscoll from Mallow took home the Boys 15&Under One Wall title and was unlucky to lose out in the four wall final following a long day of action. Congratulations to both.

In Europe, a new Wall Ball Pro-Tour has been established, with stops in London, Belgium, France, Valencia, Italy and Holland. There has already been one Irish victory on the tour, with Tyrone's Conor McElduff defeating USA's Danny Torres in the Dutch Open Final in November to claim his maiden European win. This is an exciting venture and GAA Handball are in advance discussions to host a stop in Ireland in 2016.



One of the big successes of the She's Ace is the Mother and Daughter competition. The Reynolds' from Balcarra at this years She's Ace

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2015



The She's Ace proved another resounding success with many future stars on show

(1) COACHING COURSES

A total of 52 coaching sessions, coordinated nationally, were delivered in clubs & schools across the country in 2015, with a total of 1,157 participants receiving coach education. This number does not include the numerous sessions run locally/provincially by Handball Clubs.

These numbers are a huge positive, with participant numbers up significantly (approx. 400+) on the previous year. I would like to thank GAA Handball National Tutors Ryan Daly, John O'Donohue, Richard Willoughby and Tadhg Carroll who assisted me in leading the majority of the certified coaching courses this year.

Wexford's Gavin Buggy & Mayo's Darragh Ruane are both due to undertake the Tutor Training Programme with Coaching Ireland in the University of Limerick in early 2016, and both will be excellent and hugely welcome additions to GAA Handball's team of National Tutors, as current low Tutor numbers make it difficult to satisfy the demand from clubs/schools.

Taster Sessions (GAA Clubs & Schools):

- Courses: 16
- Females: 170
- Males: 262
- Total: 432

Teacher In-Services:

- Courses: 25
- Females: 319
- Males: 231
- Total: 550

Foundation (Certified):

- Courses: 10
- Females: 41
- Males: 118
- Total: 159

Level 1 (Certified):

- Courses: 1
- Females: 4
- Males: 12
- Total: 16

The Level One course is the highest-level coaching course in GAA Handball at present. The course is a three day course and two were organized in 2015, one in Carrickmore & one in Kilkenny. Unfortunately the Kilkenny course had to be postponed due to lack of participants.

(2) TEAM IRELAND TRAINING CAMPS

A huge focus was put on Team Ireland this year ahead of the World Championships in Calgary, with three training camps held in Kingscourt & St Joseph's HC, Wexford. The players were all treated in a professional manner throughout, and this respect was replicated with full attendance at all camps. High quality training matches were provided for all players, with the senior players happy to play their younger counterparts and offer advice. A number of players not on Team Ireland also willingly played training matches when asked, to which I would like to thank. The camps stood the team to good stead, with a total of 20 medals coming home with Team Ireland from Calgary and a very successful World Championships.

(3) SCHOOLS

One-Wall for Schools Initiative:

The One-Wall for Schools Initiative has proven to be one of GAA Handball's most progressive development initiatives, and in 2015

it continued its rapid and exciting venture with sustained growth of new facilities across the country.

With more and more schools and indeed GAA Clubs erecting walls, it enables GAA Handball permanent and invaluable branding to the youth of today, with the GAA Handball logo being visible to vast numbers on a daily basis.

Whilst playing Handball at a recreational level for health benefits is an area as an association we would like to expand on, we are also now faced with a critical moment in the Schools One-Wall Initiatives development if it is to reach the next level.

Hundreds, if not thousands of young pupils are playing the game in their schools recreationally on a daily basis, the majority of which is not being tapped into by local Handball Clubs. There is great potential for these children to join their local Handball Clubs, and possibly transfer their skills and develop an interest in the four wall versions of the game. Whilst many clubs are under resourced with volunteer help, each club should seriously consider where possible, developing strong School-Club links with schools in their locality.

Schools Membership Scheme

A new Schools Membership Scheme was introduced for the 2014/15 school year to assist the development of Handball in Schools. Aware of the financial constraint schools face, the scheme aims to provide a means of distributing balls to schools at cost price, with GAA Handball subsidizing all other costs.

Over 100 schools have already signed up to avail of the offer again this



The standard at the 60x30 Juvenile Finals was excellent. Dara Keane (Kerry) serving in the Boys Under 15 Singles Final

year, which amounts to 4000 approx Handballs being distributed to schools since September 2015. Due to its success, the scheme is now an annual scheme open all year round for schools to avail of. Handball Clubs are asked to help spread the word of this offer to their local schools, with full details available on www.gaahandball.ie.

Competitive Structures:

Competitive structures are being established to progress the Schools One-Wall initiative to its next stage of development, and to provide a competitive outlet for enticing pupils to continue playing the sport outside of school. Importantly, this year a new eligibility ruling was introduced where players who have won a provincial title in any code were restricted from playing. This opened up the events to pupils getting their first ever taste of competitive Handball, albeit in a fun environment, and proved to be a major success.

Ulster GAA, and in particular their RDO Shane McCann has been coordinating the Schools One-Wall Team of 4 Blitz Days for the 4th consecutive year, hosting individual county and provincial finals in various age groups.

With an exciting format now approved, steps have been taken to establish a similar event in the other Provinces. In the latter stages of 2015, numerous blitz days took place across Leinster, culminating in the first Leinster Schools Finals Day in St Colmcille's College, Knocklyon, Dublin.

Well over 250 children competed in the blitz days from September – December 2015, over 15+ days. Whilst it is time consuming and requires a lot of support, it is hoped to establish

competitive blitz days in Munster and Connacht to complete the set in the coming two years.

(4) DEVELOPMENT

October brought about some very exciting news for seven GAA Handball clubs, and indeed Irish Handball in general as a total of €457k in funding was announced by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport as part of the 2015 Sports Capital Grant Allocation.

Topping the pile was Cashel HC in Tipperary who have landed themselves a huge grant of €200k, with the club now set for a total revamp of existing facilities, building of a new 40x20 and a new outdoor One-Wall court. This will result in the club having two 40x20's, one 60x30, and one One-Wall court and will be a massive benefit to not only Munster Handball, but also to Irish Handball, having this multi court facility.

Sports Capital Grant Allocations 2015:

- Cashel HC, Tipperary €200k
- Claregalway HC, Galway €95k
- St Pat's College, Cavan €70k
- Claremorris HC, Mayo €50k
- Tinahely HC, Carlow €17k
- Ballymote HC, Sligo €17k
- Salthill HC, Galway €8k

Outside of these seven clubs, several new courts have been developed in the year gone by. Colaiste Feirste in Belfast have completed their new 40x20 double court complex, with the facility hosting the recent Golden Gloves Ranking tournament.

Multyfarnham HC in Westmeath have almost finished work on their fine new 40x20 court, whilst Ballyconnell HC in Cavan have also completed the revamp on their 40x20 court. After several years of redevelopment, Tinahely HC in Wicklow re-opened their very impressive 60x30 court back in July.

In all, 14 new clubs registered with GAA Handball in 2015, with several of these being old clubs who have revived the game after a period of absence.

(5) OTHER

With low development staff numbers, GAA Handball are always trying to maximize our outreach where possible, and 2015 has seen a stronger relationship built with the GAA and an exciting venture in the pipeline for 2016.

GAA Handball now have lesson

plans and resource cards incorporated into the newly updated GAA Ceim Ar Aghaidh Teachers Resources Pack, which was distributed to every school in the country. Handball Coaching Resources have also been built into the ever-expanding GAA Online Learning Portal for all GAA coaches to avail of.

Handball's incorporation into the GAA Teacher Summer Courses have proved to be a major hit with participants, with Handball benefitting from extra time slots in an increasing number of courses to deliver our content as a result.

Most excitingly though is a new Schools Go Games Pilot Programme being rolled out from Jan-June, 2016 in sixteen schools in Laois, Limerick, Roscommon and Cavan. As part of the training, National Development Officer Darragh Daly delivered a training day in Athlone IT to 20+ coaches/tutors/teachers who will in turn be delivering Handball sessions in local Primary Schools.

The aim of this programme is to provide improved support to primary schools in the promotion of all Go Games (Children's Gaelic Games), with full time county GAA Coaches committed to delivering Handball sessions in schools. The programme has been approved by GAA Central Council and will hopefully be a launch pad to the initiative being rolled out in a larger scale in the not too distant future.

A GAA Handball Club Accreditation Scheme is in the pipeline for 2016, and will help clubs strengthen and grow. After consultation with Sport NI and Sport Ireland, work is underway to release the scheme, which will help clubs reach and maintain a high quality standard. The programme aims to identify, develop, accredit and recognise high quality clubs and the contribution that they make to the development of sport of Handball in Ireland.

(6) THANK YOU

I would also like to thank the following people who have been a great support to the development of Handball in this past year. Hayley Harrison and Fiona Larkin from Coaching Ireland, Charlie Harrison (GAA Cul Camp Coordinator), Pat Culhane, Jimmy D'arcy and Peter Horgan (GAA Games Development), and the various Provincial and County Games Managers who have supported Handball's development in 2015.

2015

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	9	7		64
40x20 Championship	40	8	10	8		66
Hardball Championships	8					8
Team Events	7	5		1		13
Gael Linn					1	1
Féile na nGael		6		3		9
2nd Level College		12		8		20
Third Level College	18		11			29
Worlds Adult 40x20 Doubles	1		1			2
Irish Junior 40x20 Nationals		5		5		10
One Wall Nationals	10	7	4	6		27
She's Ace			5	4		9
TOTALS:	124	51	40	42	1	258

Open Championships 2015 (spread of titles)

COUNTY	40X20 OPEN	60X30 OPEN	ONE WALL OPEN	HARDBALL OPEN	CLUB OPEN	TOTALS
Cork	1	2	1			4
Meath	1			1	1	3
Westmeath	1	1				2
Dublin		1		1		2
Antrim	1					1
Tyrone			1			1
Kilkenny					1	1

O'Neills GAA Handball 40x20 Championships 2015 (spread of titles)

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Wexford	6				1	7
Clare	3	2	1		1	7
Tyrone	2	1	3			6
Mayo	3			2		5
Galway	2	2	1			5
Kilkenny	1	1			3	5
Carlow	4					4
Dublin	4					4
Meath	3				1	4
Cork	2	1	1			4
Kildare	2		1	1		4
Antrim	2	1				3
Tipperary	1		1	1		3
Limerick		1		2		3
Laois	1	1				2
Armagh				2		2
Cavan	1					1
Monaghan	1					1
Westmeath	1					1
Wicklow	1					1

TOTALS:

40

10

8

8

6

72

M Donnelly GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2015 (spread of titles)

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Tipperary	6		3	3		12
Wexford	9		1		1	11
Mayo	5					5
Limerick	3			1	1	5
Cork	2	2			1	5
Kilkenny	1		3	1		5
Meath	3				1	4
Galway	1	3				4
Kildare	1		1	1	1	4
Dublin	3					3
Tyrone	1			1	1	3
Roscommon		3				3
Kerry	2					2
Laois	1	1				2
Westmeath	1					1
Wicklow	1					1

TOTALS:

40

9

8

7

6

70



LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE
C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2015

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HEIREANN 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

17 Nollaig 2015



Liam de Róiste
Uachtarán



LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HEIREANN INFORMATION

BAILLE DEN ARD CHOMHAIRLE

- Liam de Róiste – Uachtarán
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- Padraig Ó Riain
- Seamas Ó Maoildeirg
- Eoghan Mag Uidhir
- Cionnaith Ó Cionbhuí
- Roibeard an tSeaca
- Seosaimh Ó Seachnasaigh
- Dónal Ó hAodha
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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 2015, on pages 43 to 45, 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 €10,344 and a net surplus of €110,344 during the year ended 31 October 2015 and, at that date, current liabilities exceeded its total assets by €1,453,097. 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 2015 and of its results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared.

Mazars

Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors
Harcourt Centre
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Dublin 2

17 Nollaig 2015

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

		2015	2014
Income	Schedule	€	€
Registrations		82,397	74,582
Gate Receipts		7,395	8,083
Competition and Event Income		28,095	22,268
Irish Sports Council Grants		87,671	86,679
GAA Grants	1	241,000	161,000
Sponsorship and commercial income		15,640	29,321
Women in Sport		6,834	16,025
Other Income		803	1,675
		469,835	399,633
Expenditure			
Women in Sport		23,287	18,183
Competition and Event Expenses		55,808	49,497
International competitions		67,237	-
Provincial and urban regeneration grant Grants		4,000	5,155
3rd Level Grants		3,194	1,504
Promotional Materials		16,024	18,295
Trophies and Medals		24,458	22,981
Meetings and Officials' Travel		32,417	36,638
Coaching, Leadership and Development		41,930	43,452
Administration and General	2	183,608	175,354
Depreciation		7,528	1,429
		459,491	372,488
Operating Surplus		10,344	27,145
World Handball Championships Deficit	3	-	(81,571)
Grant from Central Council - World Deficit		100,000	100,000
Balance at beginning of year		(1,563,441)	(1,609,015)
Balance at end of year		(1,453,097)	(1,563,441)

Seán Ó Ceallaigh

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Bainisteoir Náisiúnta CLG Liathróid Láimhe

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Uachtarán

17 Nollaig 2015

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2015

	Note	2015 €	2014 €
Fixed Assets	3	14,226	413
Current Assets			
Stock- Handball Courts		6,219	6,219
Debtors and Prepayments	4	504,302	242,837
Cash & Bank Balances		1,793	1,658
		512,314	250,714
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	5	970,026	1,175,418
Bank Overdraft	6	1,009,611	639,150
		1,979,637	1,814,568
Net Current Liabilities		(1,467,323)	(1,563,854)
Net Liabilities		(1,453,097)	(1,563,441)
Represented by			
Accumulated Deficit	7	(1,453,097)	(1,563,441)



Seán Ó Ceallaigh
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17 Nollaig 2015



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G. na hÉireann reported an operating surplus of €10,344 (2014: €27,145) for the year ended 31 October 2015 and a net surplus of €110,344 (2014: €45,574). At the year end the accumulated deficit on reserves amounted to €1,453,097 (2014: €1,563,441). 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 2014	15,702	8,574	24,276
Additions for the year	246	21,095	21,341
At 31 October 2015	15,948	29,669	45,617
Depreciation			
At 31 October 2014	15,607	8,256	23,863
Charge for year	177	7,351	7,528
At 31 October 2015	15,784	15,607	31,391
Net Book Value			
At 31 October 2014	95	318	413
At 31 October 2015	164	14,062	14,226

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015 (CONTINUED)

4. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2015 €	2014 €
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	402,000	161,000
Other Debtors	102,302	81,837
	<u>504,302</u>	<u>242,837</u>

5. CREDITORS

	2015 €	2014 €
Creditors and Accruals	111,286	142,536
Taxation and social welfare	39,274	112,465
Deferred income	815,493	917,039
Other Creditors	3,973	3,378
	<u>970,026</u>	<u>1,175,418</u>

6. SECURITY

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

7. ACCUMULATED DEFICIT

	2015 €	2014 €
Balance at beginning of year	(1,563,441)	(1,609,015)
Surplus for year	110,344	45,574
	<u>(1,453,097)</u>	<u>(1,563,441)</u>

8. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Comparative amounts have been restated where necessary on a basis consistent with the current year.

9. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the directors on the 17 Nollaig 2015.

SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

SCHEDULE 1

GAA Grants

	2015 €	2014 €
Annual Grant	100,000	100,000
Administration Grant	36,000	36,000
Promotional Grant	45,000	25,000
World Travel Grant	60,000	-
	<u>241,000</u>	<u>161,000</u>

SCHEDULE 2

Administration & General Expenses

	2015 €	2014 €
Staff Costs	151,511	140,882
Printing, Stationery, Advertising & Office Supplies	14,578	10,107
Postage and Telephone	5,217	9,031
Audit and Professional Fees	12,546	10,995
Interest, Charges & Financial Costs	254	940
Miscellaneous	(498)	3,399
	<u>183,608</u>	<u>175,354</u>

SCHEDULE 3

World Handball Championships

	2015 €	2014 €
Income		
Commercial income	-	67,750
	<u>-</u>	<u>67,750</u>
Expenditure		
Handball Courts Construction & Storage Costs	-	149,321
	<u>-</u>	<u>149,321</u>
World Handball Championships Deficit	<u>-</u>	<u>(81,571)</u>

CONGRESS 2016

MOTIONS



- 1** **THAT IN THE** case where a player cannot fulfil a championship game, including Senior, (except in the case of the death of an immediate family member) on the dates outlined in the National Clár then the County must field a substitute or concede the match. However if the opposing county are willing to refix the match, then it shall be played at a venue nominated by the opposing county.

Tiobraid Árann

- 2** **THAT FO-RIAL 45 (N) be amended as follows** (N) Junior B, Junior and Open Team of Four 60 x 30 and 40 x 20 All-Ireland Club Championships i.e. delete "Intermediate".

Tiobraid Árann

- 3** **THAT THE ANNUAL** Handball Clár be circulated in draft form to all counties at least 21 days prior to the proposed date for finalisation to allow counties consider it and make comments and recommendations to the CCCC; that the CCCC consider any such comments and recommendations; and that the CCCC reply to the counties concerned where such comments and recommendations are not being accepted and incorporated in the Clár, setting out why they are being rejected.

Cill Dara

- 4** **THAT THE OFFICIAL** GAA Handball rulebook be updated and made available as soon as possible.

Cill Dara

- 5** **WITHDRAWAL FROM AN Inter-County Fixture without giving Proper Notice**
If a County does not give at least 24 hour notice to the office of a withdrawal from an inter-county fixture as per rule 6, 7 & 8 of the Policy on National Fixtures and Postponements then CCCC will propose a fine of €63.50 to be levied on the County. i.e. 24 hour notice for a Saturday match is withdrawal to be in by 12 midnight Thursday.

CCCC/Ard Comhairle

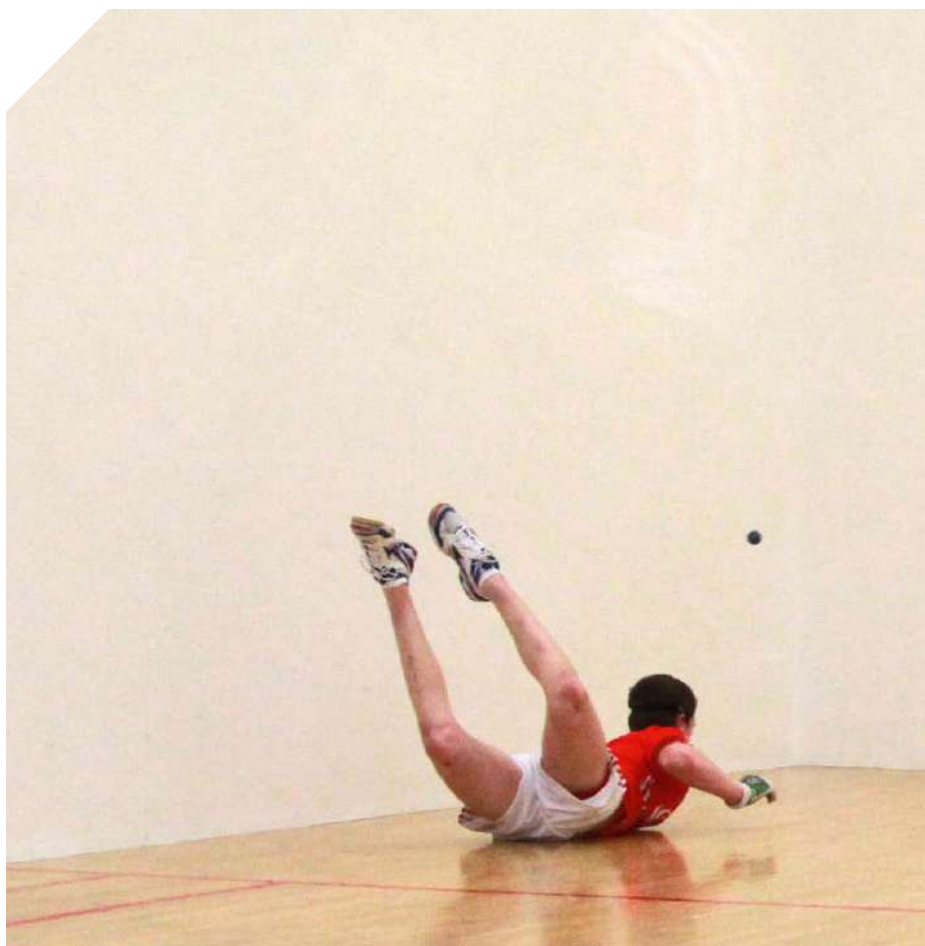




CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT: The Mens Open Singles 40x20 Cup and Celtic Crosses await during the final; Clare's Colin Corbett receives advice from his father and coach Joe during an epic 19&Under final at the World Trials ; Mayo's Niall Joyce shakes hands with Kilkenny's Shane Dunne following the Myclubshop.ie 60x30 Minor Singles Final; Volunteer at work: Pat Murphy mops the court in between games at the Juvenile Nationals; There were scenes of joy at the Junior Nationals as parents celebrated with their sons and daughters; Niamh Heffernan celebrates winning the 13&Under title with her mother; Referee Johnny Sherlock lays down the law to the finalists in the Under 14 All Ireland Final.



TOP 100 2015



All the results from the handball year

M DONNELLY GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Senior Singles: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) 21-7, 21-3

Senior Doubles: Dublin (Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne) dft Kilkenny (M D Walsh/C Neary) 11-21, 21-19, 21-12

Minor Singles: Mayo (Niall Joyce) dft Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) 21-11, 21-11

Minor Doubles: Wexford (Keith Armstrong/Daniel Kavanagh) dft Mayo (Niall Joyce/Patrick Murphy) 21-4, 21-16

Under 21 Singles: Wexford (Galen Riordan) dft Cork (Michael Hedigan) 12-21, 21-4, 21-17
Under 21 Doubles: Cork (Michael Hedigan/Daniel Relihan) dft Wexford (Galen Riordan/Bryan Kehoe) 21-4, 21-16

Junior B Singles: Kerry (Jack O'Shea) dft Wexford (Padhraic Roberts) 21-14, 12-21, 21-1

Junior B Doubles: Limerick (Shane Murphy/Ben Walsh) dft Laois (Ray Fogarty/Tomas Lennon) 21-1, 21-16

Junior Singles: Wexford (Paul Lambert) dft Galway (Kevin Craddock) 20-21, 21-20, 21-4
Junior Doubles: Tyrone (Barry Devlin/Gabhainn McCrystal) dft Limerick (JP O' Connor/Mike O'Toole) 21-12, 21-17

Intermediate Singles: Limerick (Paudi Quish) dft Cavan (James Brady) 21-3, 21-3

Intermediate Doubles: Wexford (Mick & Jim Berry) dft Galway (Ollie Conway/Martin Mulkerrins) 21-10, 21-10

Over 35A Singles: Kerry (Dominic Lynch) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-6, 21-14

Over 35A Doubles: Wexford (Gavin Buggy/

Barry McWilliams) dft Mayo (Vincent Moran/Paul Flynn) 21-18, 21-17

Over 35 B Singles: Cork (Jamie O'Donnell) dft Dublin (Jonathan Westlake) 21-11, 21-1

O35BD: Meath (Joe Cummins/Stephen Quinn) dft Tipperary (John Ferncombe/Michael Purcell) 21-13, 21-10

Masters A Singles: Kilkenny (Michael Ducksy Walsh) dft Tipperary (David Moloney) 21-11, 21-6

Masters A Doubles: Wexford (Tommy Hynes/Paul Carty) dft Tipperary (John Corbett/Martin McNerney) 21-15, 21-14

Masters B Singles: Tipperary (David Tobin) dft Wexford (John Roche) 21-16, 5-21, 21-16

Masters B Doubles: Tipperary (David Tobin/Eddie Farrell) dft Wexford (John Roche/Damien Kelly) 21-4, 21-13

Silver Masters A Singles: Wicklow (Pat Quaile) dft Mayo (Tom Sweeney) 14-21, 21-17, 21-3

Silver Masters A Doubles: Meath (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) dft Tipperary (Adrian Johnson/John McQuaid) 21-5, 21-14

Silver Masters B Singles: Galway (Prionsias Maughan) dft Kilkenny (Billy O'Keefe) 21-13, 21-11

Silver Masters B Doubles: Tipperary (Paul Maher/John Lee) dft Tyrone (Kenny Curran/Finbar Fullen) 21-6, 21-11

Golden Masters A Singles: Laois (Paddy Donovan) dft Mayo (Joe Dowling) 21-6, 21-7

Golden Masters A Doubles: Tipperary (Pat Flaherty/Tony Flaherty) dft Westmeath (Robert McCarthy/Kevin Flanagan) 21-14, 6-21, 21-16

Golden Masters B Singles: Mayo (Tom

McCormack) dft Wexford (Stephen Murphy) 21-10, 21-10

Golden Masters B Doubles: Limerick (Tim O'Shea/Donal Hayes) dft Wexford (Stephen Murphy/Brendan Murphy) 13-21, 21-18, 21-19

Emerald Masters A Singles: Kildare (Mickey Dowling) dft Sligo (Francis McCann) 21-11, 21-14

Emerald Masters A Doubles: Meath (Jimmy Reilly/Anthony McConnel) dft Limerick (Tom O'Brien/Donal O'Connor) 15-21, 21-18, 21-19

Emerald Masters B Singles: Wexford (Jimmy Dunne) dft Galway (Willie Corcoran) 14-21, 21-18, 21-10

Emerald Masters B Doubles: Wexford (Michael Rossiter/Billy Rossiter) dft Sligo (Stanley Harte/Peter Davey) 21-2, 21-3

Diamond Masters A Singles: Tipperary (Billy Mullins) dft Carlow (John Rossiter) 21-20, 21-14

Diamond Masters A Doubles: Tipperary (Billy Mullins/Pakie Mullins) dft Carlow (John Rossiter/Sean Ryan) 21-17, 21-8

Diamond Masters B Singles: Wexford (Billy Rossiter) dft Mayo (Eugene Maloney) 21-3, 20-21, 21-7

Diamond Masters B Doubles: Mayo (Eugene Maloney/Peter Burke) dft Wexford (Miley Byrne/John Bail) 21-3, 21-9

Ruby Masters Singles: Mayo (Martin Cronin) dft Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) 21-16, 21-5

Ruby Masters Doubles: Mayo (Matt Coady/Seamus Clarke) dft Kildare (Tony Campbell/Dermot Howard) 21-11, 21-14

Over 70 Singles: Dublin (Mick O'Brien) dft Cork (Pat O'Brien) 21-13, 21-5

Over 70 Doubles: Dublin (Mick O'Brien/Pat Ryan) W/O Mayo (Matt Grier/Sean Heaney) inj.



M DONNELLY GAA HANDBALL 60X30 LADIES ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Ladies Senior Singles: Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon) 21-18, 21-12

LSenior Doubles: Cork (Catriona Casey/Aisling O'Keefe) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon/Cathy Foley) 21-2, 21-10

Ladies Minor Singles: Roscommon (Fiona Tully) dft Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) 21-17, 17-21, 21-5

Ladies Minor Doubles: Roscommon (Fiona & Aoife Tully) dft Kilkenny (Aoife Holden/Deirdre Purcell) 21-12, 21-13

Ladies Junior B Singles: Galway (Janet Connaughton) dft Kilkenny (Kirsty Maher) 21-4, 21-11

Ladies Junior B Doubles: Galway (Janet Connaughton/Karen Finnegan) dft Kilkenny (Aishling Maher/Aoifean Hennessy) 21-17, 21-4

Ladies Intermediate Singles: Roscommon (Lauren O' Riordan) dft Laois (Niamh Dunne) 18-21, 21-13, 21-12

Ladies Junior Doubles: Laois (Niamh Dunne/Ciara Dowling) dft Clare (Ashling Fitzgerald/Edel O' Grady) 21-4, 21-11

Ladies Intermediate Doubles: Galway (Ciana Ni Churraoin) dft Kilkenny (Rachel Hogan) 21-11, 21-2

GAA HANDBALL HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Senior Singles: Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) dft Mayo (Joe McCann) 21-12, 21-8

Senior Doubles: Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) dft Mayo (Joe McCann/Dessie Keegan) 21-20, 21-9.

Minor Singles: Mayo (Niall Joyce) dft Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) 21-12, 21-10

Minor Doubles: Mayo (Niall Joyce/Patrick Murphy) dft Cork (David Walsh/Kevin O'Connell) 21-6, 21-19

Intermediate Singles: Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary) dft Kerry (Dominic Lynch) 5-21, 21-19, 21-17

Intermediate Doubles: Kerry (Dominic Lynch/John Joe Quirke) dft Wicklow (Paddy O'Donnell/Pat Quaille) 21-9, 21-8

Junior Singles: Kilkenny (Brendan Burke) dft Wicklow (Jerome Willoughby) 21-18, 21-12

Junior Doubles: Cork (Daniel Relihan/John Hedigan) dft Meath (Peter Reilly/Joe Cummins) 21-15, 18-21, 21-9

O'NEILLS GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Senior Singles: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Armagh (Charly Shanks) 13-21, 5-21, 21-20

Senior Doubles: Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) dft Cavan (Paul Brady/Michael Finnegan) 21-20, 19-21, 2-1 Cavan ret. inj.

Minor Singles: Mayo (Niall Joyce) dft Tyrone (Sean Kerr) 21-17, 21-3

Minor Doubles: Wexford (Keith Armstrong/Daniel Kavanagh) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan/Cathair Agnew) 21-19, 8-21, 21-18

Under 21 Singles: Monaghan (Darren Doherty) dft Clare (Niall Bolton) 21-19, 21-18

Under 21 Doubles: Clare (Colin Corbett/Niall Bolton) dft Tyrone (Patrick McCrory/Ryan Mullan) 21-20, 21-17

Junior B Singles: Cork (Daniel Relihan) dft Laois (Michael Donovan) 21-18, 21-6

Junior B Doubles: Cork (Daniel Relihan/Aidan Kerins) dft Laois (Michael Donovan/Pauric Buggy) 21-16, 17-21, 21-10

Junior Singles: Tyrone (Conor McElduff) dft Kerry (Jack O'Shea) 21-20, 21-17

Junior Doubles: Wicklow (Jerome Willoughby/Keith Kavanagh) dft Roscommon (Denis Creaton/Sean Jennings) 21-14, 21-15

Intermediate Singles: Clare (Colin Crehan) dft Offaly (David Hope) 6-21, 21-11, 21-15

Intermediate Doubles: Galway (Ollie Conway/Pat Conway) dft Kilkenny (Brendan Burke/Ciaran Neary) 16-21, 21-10, 21-16

Over 35 A Singles: Wexford (Gavin Buggy) dft Kerry (Dominic Lynch) 21-14, 21-18

Over 35 A Doubles: Mayo (Vinnie Moran/Campbell Brennan) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy/Tommy Hynes) 21-13, 21-17

Over 35 B Singles: Carlow (Oliver Ryan) dft Galway (Trevor Hannon) 15-21, 21-19, 21-20

Over 35 B Doubles: Meath (Stephen Quinn/Michael Sheridan) dft Cork (Jamie O'Donnell/Tom McDonagh) 14-21, 21-9, 21-7

Masters A Singles: Tipperary (David Moloney) dft Kilkenny (Michael Walsh) 21-13, 10-21, 21-15

Masters A Doubles: Kilkenny (Michael D. Walsh/D.J. Carey) dft Tipperary (David Moloney/John O' Donoghue) 21-17, 21-6

Masters B Singles: Wexford (Barry McWilliams) dft Sligo (Shane Bruen) 21-3, 21-11

Masters B Doubles: Clare (Tom Kirby/

Richard Woods) dft Wexford (John Roche/ David Redmond) 21-11, 21-4

Silver Masters A Singles: Antrim (Paddy Crothers) dft Limerick (Tomas Donegan) 21-19, 21-12

Silver Masters A Doubles: Meath (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) dft Mayo (James Towey/Joe Dowling) 21-20, 21-9

Silver Masters B Singles: Wexford (Robert Doyle) dft Clare (Mike Hayes) 21-19, 21-2

Silver Masters B Doubles: Cavan (Jimmy McKeon/Kevin Martin) dft Cork (Kieran Noonan/Barry O'Regan) 21-14, 21-14

Golden Masters A Singles: Laois (Paddy Donovan) dft Mayo (Joe Dowling) 19-21, 21-15, 21-12

Golden Masters A Doubles: Dublin (Egin Jensen/Frank Daly) dft Cork (John Herlihy/ John Hedigan) 11-21, 21-2, 21-17

Golden Masters B Singles: Tyrone (Conor Kerr) dft Limerick (John Ryan) 21-15, 18-21, 21-8

Golden Masters B Doubles: Antrim (Paddy Hesketh/Jimmy Maguire) dft Galway (Brendan McNeela /Denis Phelan) 21-17, 18-21, 21-20

Emerald Masters A Singles: Kildare (Michael Dowling) dft Galway (Eamon Conneely) 21-14, 21-4

Emerald Masters A Doubles: Galway (Eamonn Conneely/Martin Conneely) dft Antrim (Thomas Maguire/Tony Caddell) 21-19, 15-21, 21-9

Emerald Masters B Singles: Wexford (Michael Rossiter) dft Galway (Denis Phelan) 21-16, 7-21, 21-20

Emerald Masters B Doubles: Mayo (Frank Macken/John O'Malley) dft Wexford (Richie Culleton/John Bail) 21-16, 21-20

Diamond Masters A Singles: Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 19-21, 21-7, 21-6

Diamond Masters A Doubles: Carlow (Andy Ryan/John Rossiter) dft Cork (Pat Morris/ Chris Hurley) 21-18, 21-11

Diamond Masters B Singles: Wexford (John Bail) dft Cork (Dave Stack) 21-2, 21-14

Diamond Masters B Doubles: Carlow (Eamonn Sunderland/Mick Doyle) dft Mayo (Peter Burke/Jim Sheridan) 18-21, 21-14, 21-18

Ruby Masters Singles: Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) v Galway (Morgan Darcy) 21-9, 21-4

Ruby Masters Doubles: Kildare (Tony Campbell/Dermot Howard) dft Galway (Morgan Darcy/John Keelehan) 21-17, 15-21, 21-19

Over 70 Singles: Dublin (Ned Flynn) dft Sligo (Paddy Walsh) 21-10, 21-4

Over 70 Doubles: Dublin (Pat Ryan/Ned Flynn) dft Mayo (Sean Heaney/Michael Reilly) 21-11, 21-17

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

Ladies Senior Singles: Antrim (Aisling Reilly) dft Cork (Catriona Casey) 21-17, 21-13

Ladies Senior Doubles: Cork (Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keeffe) dft Kerry (Maria Daly/Ashley Prendiville) 21-16, 21-11



Ladies Minor Singles: Clare (Doireann Murphy) dft Tyrone (Eilise McCrory) 21-10, 21-7

Ladies Minor Doubles: Clare (Doireann Murphy/Clodagh Nash) dft Tyrone (Eilise McCrory/Aoife Kelly) 21-11, 21-15

Ladies Junior B Singles: Laois (Niamh Dunne) dft Roscommon (Linda Connolly) 21-13, 21-10

Ladies Junior B Doubles: Kilkenny (Kirsty Maher/Denise Love) dft Roscommon (Siobhan Tully/Laura Mannion) 21-4, 15-21, 21-7

Ladies Junior Singles: Galway (Sinead Ni Anli) dft Wexford (Marguerite Gore) 21-9, 21-8

Ladies Junior Doubles: Galway (Roisin Ni Chonghaile/Sinead Ni hAinli) dft Dublin (Sabrina Hughes/Audrey McCormack) 21-9, 21-15

Ladies Intermediate Singles: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Tyrone (Maeve McEluff) 21-10, 21-9

Ladies Intermediate Doubles: Tyrone (Maeve McEluff /Lisa McAleer) dft Mayo (Clodagh & Ciara McManamon) 21-13, 21-5

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Open: Kells (Meath) Tom Sheridan, Gary McConnell, Brian Carroll, Christy McGovern dft Ballaghaderreen (Mayo) Joe McCann, Vincent Moran, Paul Flynn, Dessie Keegan, Joe Dowling. 98-97

Intermediate: Hospital (Limerick) J.P. O'Connor, Kerry Hennessy, Ken Burke,

Eamonn Davern, Kieran Bourke dft Clogh (Kilkenny) William Love, Daniel Love, Colm Love, Owen Hennessy. 84-38

Junior: Breacach (Tyrone) Barry Devlin, Sean Kerr, Gabhain McCrystall, Pól Clarke, Conor McEluff dft Cashel (Tipperary) Daniel Hayes, John Ferncombe, Padraig O'Donoghue, Jonathan Walsh, Paul McGrath. 99-81

Junior B: Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) Jamie Balfe, Gavin Grace, Gary Bolger, Ciaran Tackaberry, Stephen Smullen dft Boherbue (Cork) Danny Lenihan, Shane Flynn, Daniel Moynihan, Enda Ahern, Kieran O'Connor. 65-37

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL IRELAND INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Open: Kells (Kilkenny) Patrick Funchion, Peter Funchion, Brian Manogue, Dan Breen dft Glenbeigh (Kerry) Dominick Lynch, Jack O'Shea, Rory O'Connor, JohnJoe Quirke, Leon Sadlier. 104-84

Junior: Kells (Meath) Michael Sheridan, Joe Cummins, Stephen Quinn, Peter Reilly, Robert Fox dft St. Brigids (Roscommon) Ger Walsh, Cormac O'Brien, Philip O'Connor, Paul Kelly & Donal O'Connor. 94-84

Junior B: Kilmyshall (Wexford) Keith Armstrong, Tommy Armstrong, Niall Maher, Padhraic Roberts dft Ballyporeen (Tipperary) Jason Cahill, Anthony Crotty, Mikey Maher, Willie Cahill, Ceallach Hennessy. 105-83

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Girls Under 14 Singles: Kildare (Leah Doyle) dft Galway (Niamh Heffernan) 15-12, 9-15, 15-6

Girls Under 14 Doubles: Tyrone (Emer Kerr/Elizabeth McGarvey) dft Limerick (Aisling Shanahan/Ciara McCarthy) 15-0, 15-0

Girls Under 17 Singles: Kilkenny (Dearbhail O'Keefe) dft Mayo (Cora Conlon) 15-5, 15-0

Girls Under 15 Doubles: Tipperary (Eleanor Percy/Katie Gould) dft Wexford (Lauren Flanagan/Leanne Boland) 15-3, 15-14

Girls Under 17 Singles: Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) dft Kildare (Mollie Dagg) 21-2, 21-8

Girls Under 16 Doubles: Limerick (Katie McCarthy/Catriona Millane) dft Kilkenny (Sorcha Delaney/Margaret Purcell) 21-2, 21-1

Girls Under 17 Singles: Tipperary (Sile Spain) dft Kilkenny (Catriona Lawlor) 21-4, 21-3

Boys Under 14 Singles: Kilkenny (Jack Holden) dft Roscommon (Dylan Hanley) 15-7, 15-12

Boys Under 14 Doubles: Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill) dft Cork (Cian O'Driscoll/Sean Murphy) 15-9, 15-1

Boys Under 17 Singles: Kilkenny (Eoin Brennan) dft Kerry (Dara Keane) 15-2, 15-7

Boys Under 15 Doubles: Tipperary (Daire Madden/Conor Burke) dft Laois (Eoghan Doheny/Pdraic Dunne) 15-12, 15-8

Boys Under 17 Singles: Tipperary (Jerome Cahill) dft Louth (Ben Devlin) 21-18, 21-13

Boys Under 16 Doubles: Tipperary (James Prentice/Sean McAdams) dft Wexford (Anthony Butler/Patrick Boland) 21-4, 21-6

Boys Under 17 Singles: Kildare (Kevin Diggins) dft Waterford (Charlie McDonagh) 21-19, 21-16

Boys Under 17 Doubles: Wexford (Liam Rossiter/Laurence Dunne) dft Tipperary (Barry O'Meara/Dan Healy) 21-14, 21-12

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Girls Under 14 Singles: Armagh (Dearbhla Coleman) dft Galway (Niamh Heffernan) 11-15, 15-8, 15-11

Girls Under 14 Doubles: Kildare (Molly Dagg/Jade Tracey) dft Mayo (Cuileann Bourke/Megan Brett) 15-4, 15-13

Girls Under 17 Singles: Limerick (Caitriona Millane) dft Tyrone (Michaela McCartan) 15-10, 15-14

Girls Under 15 Doubles: Armagh (Beth Doris/Meabh McCambridge) dft Tipperary (Eleanor Percy/Eimear Meagher) 15-8, 15-2

Girls Under 17 Singles: Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) dft Armagh (Megan McCann) 21-13, 21-14

Girls Under 16 Doubles: Mayo (Maggie Byrne/Dayna Finn) dft Kilkenny (Sorcha Delaney/Mgt Purcell) 21-1, 21-7

Girls Under 17 Singles: Limerick (Clodagh

Neville) dft Wicklow (Ciara Jordan) 21-13, 18-21, 11-3

Girls Under 17 Doubles: Mayo (Emma & Karen Cosgrave) W/O Laois (Avril Deegan/Emily McGuigan)

Boys Under 14 Singles: Tyrone (Lorcan McBride) dft Cork (Cian O'Driscoll) 15-11, 15-2

Boys Under 14 Doubles: Tipperary (Matthew Spain/Sean Hayes) dft Wexford (Josh McMahon/Cian Kehoe) 15-14, 15-14

Boys Under 17 Singles: Tyrone (Antoin Fox) dft Kerry (Dara Keane) 15-3, 15-1

Boys Under 15 Doubles: Tyrone (Ronan Curran/Shane Grimes) dft Tipperary (Daragh Madden/Delvin Courtney) 15-7, 15-9

Boys Under 17 Singles: Galway (Peter Ó Donnacha) dft Tyrone (Cormac Munroe) 21-6, 21-10

Boys Under 16 Doubles: Cork (David Walsh/Tadhg O'Neill) dft Tyrone (Turlough Clarke/Darragh Canavan) 21-8, 21-19

Boys Under 17 Singles: Kildare (Sean Muddiman) dft Tipperary (Aidan O'Flaherty) 21-15, 21-9

Boys Under 17 Doubles: Clare (Jack Hayes/Barry Loughnane) dft Kilkenny (Mark Purcell/Dion Burke) 21-15, 19-21, 11-8

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 WORLD OPEN DOUBLES TRIALS

Senior Doubles: Paul Brady/Michael Finnegan dft Robbie McCarthy/Diarmaid Nash 21-15, 21-16

Ladies Senior Doubles: Martina McMahon/Aisling Reilly dft Catriona Casey/Aisling O'Keefe 21-13, 21-18

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 IRISH JUNIOR NATIONALS/WORLD TRIALS

Girls 19&Under Ciana Ni Churraoin (Gal) dft Maeve McElduff (Tyr) 21-7, 21-8

Girls 17&Under Eilise McCrory (Tyr) dft Niamh Coleman (Arm) 21-10, 21-4

Girls 15&Under Caitriona Millane (Lim) dft Megan McCann (Arm) 21-11, 18-21, 11-2

Girls 13&Under Niamh Hefferan (Gal) dft Mollie Dagg (Kild) 15-4, 15-3

Girls 11&Under Sadhbh Ni Fhlatharta/Chloe Philpott (Gal/Clare) dft Clodagh Munroe/Ciodhna Philips (Tyr/Ant) 15-13, 15-13

B19&U Colin Corbett (Clare) dft Darren Doherty (Mon) 19-21, 21-19, 11-9

Boys 17&Under Daniel Kavanagh (Wex) dft Fergal Coughlan (Clare) 21-20, 17-7 (Coughlan ret. Inj.)

Boys 15&Under Tiarnan Agnew (Clare) dft Peter Donohue (Gal) 21-13, 21-5

Boys 13&Under Lorcan McBride (Tyr) dft Mark Rodgers (Clare) 15-6, 15-4

Boys 11&Under Billy Drennan/Daniel Hanrahan (Kilk) dft Philip Halliday/Eanna Moran (Ros) 15-10, 15-12

MACSPORTS GAA HANDBALL ONE WALL NATIONALS

Mens Open: Conor McElduff (Tyr) dft Martin Mulkerrins (Gal) (Tyr) 10-15, 15-11, 11-3

Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Lorraine Havern (Down) 15-14, 15-9

Boys 19&Under: Darren Doherty (Mon) dft Fergal Coughlan (Clare) 17-15



Girls 19&Under: Ciana Ni Churraoin (Gal) Winner Maeve McElduff (Tyr) Runner Up
Ladies B: Kate Dagg (Kild) dft Ellen O'Connor (Kild) 25-15
Ladies Challenger: Kaitlin Fleville (Arm) dft Bernie Agnew (Clare) 25-12
Mens B: Sean Digney (Down) dft Tadhg Carroll (Cork) 18-12
Mens C: Eamon McCrory (Tyr) dft Brendan McDonagh (Ros) 31-17
Mens Challenger: Glen O'Kelly (DF) dft Mike Dillon (Gal) 29-11
Masters: Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilk) dft Chris Curran (Tyr) 22-15
Silver Masters: Niall Kerr (Tyr) dft Matthew Patterson (Wick) 22-11
Golden Masters: Robbie McCarthy (West) dft Paddy Donovan (Laois) 17-12
Emerald Masters: Anthony Caddell (Ant) dft Brian Havern (Down) 13-11
Ruby Masters: Sean Devlin (Louth) dft Pat Lacey (Wex) 31-7
Boys 11&Under: Fiachra O'Dhuill & Mikey Kelly (Arm/Gal) dft Kyle Jordan & Daniel Hanrahan (Kilk) 19-7
Boys 13&Under: Eimhin O'Diolluin (Gal) dft Josh Kavanagh (Wex) 21-18
Boys 13&Under B: Conor Finn (Sligo) dft Tommie McNeela (Gal) 19-10
Boys 15&Under: Peter O'Donohue (Gal) dft Cormac Munroe (Tyr) 14-11
Boys 15&Under B: Shane Kyne (Gal) dft Anthony O'Connell (Cork) 23-7
Boys 17&Under: Tadhg O'Neill (Cork) dft Daniel Kavanagh (Wex) 12-9
Boys 17&Under B: Ben Walsh (Lim) dft Jack Coughlan (Cork) 12-11
Girls 11&Under: Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta / Chloe Philpott (Gal/Clare) dft Clodagh Munroe/Sarah Walsh (Tyr/Cork) 19-19, 5-1
Girls 13&Under: Niamh Heffernan (Gal) dft Mollie Dagg (Kild) 26-12
Girls 13&Under B: Aisling Shanahan (Lim) dft Chloe Lydon (Gal) 18-17
Girls 15&Under: Megan McCann (Arm) dft Dearbhla Coleman (Arm) 21-14
Girls 15&Under B: Elizabeth McGarvey (Tyr) dft Emer Kerr (Clare) 28-6
Girls 17&Under: Hannah Dagg (Kild) dft Eimer Ni Bhiadhá (Gal) 22-16

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

U12/13: Wexford (Cian Browne, Mark Doyle, Josh Kavanagh, Ben Keeling, Conor Murphy, Dean O'Neill) dft Tipperary (Rory Grace, Kyle O Gorman, Adam Fogarty, Cormac Doheny, James Loughnane, James Power, Matthew Corbett, Kian Donnelly) 66-59
U14/15: Cork (Conor Walsh, Stephen O'Rourke, Niall Delaney, Brooklyn Hickey, Luke Barret, Antony O'Connell, Michael O'Callaghan, Colin Healy) dft Kilkenny (Robert Dowling, Jack Kerins, Michael Power, Kieran Buckley, Shane Fahy, Joe Cowhig and substitute Conor Hoban) 90-40

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

U12/13: Kilkenny (Billy Drennan, Gearoid Phelan, Sean Purcell, Padraig Lennon, Kyle Dunne, Jamie Maher, Padraig Foley, Jack Doyle) dft Clare (Adam Hogan, Cian Fawl, Sean Whytcombe, Aaron Hayes, Seanie Doyle, Sean Coughlan, Cormac Murphy, Jimmy Gorman) 75-17
U14/15: Clare (Mark Rodgers, Conor Downes, Henry Mc Grath, Cian Mulqueen, Darragh Burke, Michael Hynes, Daragh Whelan) dft Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity, Jakub Szkup, Konrad Kowal, Hubert Sheinbach, Gary Mohan, Cormac McKenna) 64-51
U16/17: Kilkenny (Cathal Barry, Connor Condon, Jack Crehan, James Culleton, Eoin Regan) dft Tipperary (Ronan Tucker, Michael Ryan, Dan Healy, Evan Hannon) 46-42

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 JUVENILE GIRLS TEAM OF TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Semi Final 1: Ulster dft Leinster 97-57
Semi Final 2: Munster dft Connacht 92-55
3rd/4th Place Playoff: Connacht dft Leinster 102-68
Final: Munster dft Ulster 83-68

GAEL LINN FINAL

Clogh, Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne, Amy Brennan) dft Tuamgraney, Clare (Seanie Doyle, Amber Nolan) 38-34

GAA HANDBALL SHE'S ACE

40x20 Finals:
11&Under: Hazel Finn (Mayo) dft Chloe Philpot (Clare)
14&Under: Bridin Dinane (Clare) dft Leah Doyle (Kildare)
17&Under: Doireann Murphy (Clare) dft Eilise McCrory (Tyrone)
Ladies Challenger: Linda Seoige (Galway) dft Maguerite Keeling (Wexford)
Ladies B: Niamh Dunne (Laois) dft Roisin Ni Conghaile (Galway)
Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Aisling Reilly (Antrim) 21-15, 21-9
One-Wall Finals:
11&Under: Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) dft Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta (Galway)
Team Event: Team Millane (Catriona Millane, Laura Finn, Aoife Floyd, Dearbhla Nic Con Midhe) dft Team Neville (Mary Neville, Eilise McCrory, Heather Burke, Kellyann Ryan)
Mother & Daughter: Aine & Eimear Ni Bhiadhí (Galway) dft Cathy & Ciara Mullan (Tyrone)

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 60X30 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Girls Junior Singles: Catriona Millane

(Laurel Hill Gael Colaiste, Limerick) dft Michaela McCartan (St. Ciaran's, Tyrone) 15-2, 15-8

Girls Junior Doubles: Leah Doyle/Mollie Dagg (Col. Chiarain Leixlip, Kildare) dft Emer Kerr/Caitlin Conway (Dean Maguire, Tyrone) 15-3, 7-15, 15-0

Girls Senior Singles: Fiona Tully (Convent of Mercy, Roscommon) dft Aoife Holden (Greenan College, Thomastown, Kilkenny) 15-8, 12-15, 15-9

Girls Senior Doubles: Katie McCarthy/Cathy Foley (Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, Limerick) dft Catriona Lawlor/Aileen Hennessy (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) 15-5, 15-5

Boys Junior Singles: Jack Holden (Greenan College, Thomastown, Kilkenny) dft Gareth Delaney (Roscommon CC) 15-4, 15-6

Boys Junior Doubles: Anton Fox/Lorcan McBride (Omagh CBS, Tyrone) dft Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) 15-9, 8-15, 15-6

Boys Intermediate Singles: Shane Dunne (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) dft Diarmuid Mulkerrins (St. Mary's, Galway) 15-11, 13-15, 15-8

Boys Intermediate Doubles: David Walsh/Conor Walsh (Patrician Academy Mallow, Cork) dft Cormac Munroe/Ciaran Cuddy (Dean Maguire, Tyrone) 15-6, 15-13

Boys Senior Singles: Niall Joyce (St. Colman's, Claremorris) dft Fergal Coughlan (Rice College Ennis, Clare) 15-9, 15-5

Boys Senior Doubles: Evan Murphy/Nigel O'Callaghan (Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, Limerick) dft Patrick Murphy/Mikey Kelly (St. Colman's, Claremorris) 15-6, 15-9

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 40X20 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Girls Junior Singles: Eimear Ni Bhiadhá (Colaiste Cholm Cille, Galway) dft Aoife Holden (Grennan College Thomastown, Kilkenny) 15-7, 15-9

Girls Junior Doubles: Ciara Mullan & Elizabeth McGarvey (Loreto Grammar College, Omagh) dft Aoife Floyd & Niamh O'Brien (St Joseph's Tulla, Clare) 15-10, 14-15, 15-9

Girls Senior Singles: Ella Donnellan (St Camin's College Shannon, Clare) dft Niamh Dunne (Col Mhuire Johnstown, Kilkenny) 15-10, 15-1

Girls Senior Doubles: Aoife Kelly & Eilise McCrory (Dean Maguire, Carrickmore) dft Catriona Millane & Clodagh Neville (Laurel Hill Colaiste, Limerick) 15-9, 15-5

Boys Junior Singles: Tiernan Agnew (St Camin's College Shannon, Clare) dft Darragh Cavanan (St. Ciaran's, Ballygawley) 15-12, 13-15, 15-10

Boys Junior Doubles: Lorcan McBride & Antoin Fox (Omagh CBS) dft Daire Madden & Sean McAdams (Borrisokane CC, Tipperary) 15-9, 15-3



Boys Intermediate Singles: Fergal Coughlan (Rice College, Ennis) dft Sean Kerr (Dean Maguire, Carrickmore) 15-12, 15-8

Boys Intermediate Doubles: Shane Dunne & Padraig Cooney (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) dft Patrick Murphy & Niall Joyce (St. Colman's Claremorris) 15-7, 15-9

Boys Senior Singles: Keith Armstrong (FCJ Bunclody, Wexford) dft Shane Murphy (Hazelwood College Dromcollogher, Limerick) 15-10, 15-10

Boys Senior Doubles: Jonathan Walsh & Daniel Hayes (Cashel Community College, Tipperary) dft Emmet Landy & Darragh O'Shea (Colaiste Eamann Ris, Callan, Kilkenny) 15-6, 15-1

GAA HANDBALL FÉILE NA NGAEL

40x20 Boys

Div 1: Tuamgraney dft Carrickmore

Div 2: Windgap dft Claregalway

Div 3: Liscarroll dft Breacadh

Div 4: Lahorna dft St. Mellan's

Div 5: Sean Mac Cumhaills dft Kingscourt

40x20 Girls

Div 1: Leixlip dft Breacadh

Div 2: Galmoy dft Broadford

Div 3: RGU Downpatrick dft Glenfin

60x30

Div 1: Lahorna dft St Comans

Skills Results

Boys 40x20 Cup

1st – Josh Kavanagh (St. Josephs)

2nd – Lorcan McBride (Carrickmore)

Boys 40x20 Plate

1st – Caolan McCartan (Brackey)

2nd – Jamie Muddiman (Leixlip)

3rd – Odhrán McGlynn (Sean Mac Cumhaills)

Girls 40x20

1st – Mollie Dagg (Leixlip)

Boys 60x30

1st – Sean Hayes (Lahorna)

2nd – Matthew Spain (Lahorna)

3rd – Liam Egan (St. Coman's)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Men's Open: Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) dft Darren Doherty (DCU) 21-10, 21-15

Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (UL) dft Martina McMahon (UL) 21-5, 21-0

Men's A: Michael Hedigan (UL) dft Seamus Conneely (NUIG) 4-1 injured

Ladies A: Ciana Ní Churraoin (UL) dft Amy Corrigan (IT Sligo) 21-15, 21-6

Men's B: Darren Whelan (UCC) dft Cian Counihan (IT Tralee) 21-17, 13-21, 11-10

Ladies B: Ciara Mahon (TCD) dft Catherine Foley (DIT) 21-8, 21-0

Men's C: Darren Carter (NUIG) dft John Hurley (UL) 21-7, 21-12

Ladies C: Eimear Delaney (DCU) dft Shannon Geoghegan (IT Carlow) 21-5, 21-4

Men's Contender: Bill Lyons (UL) dft Martin Meagher (UCD) 21-8, 21-7

Men's Challenger: Ronan Spain (DCU) dft Chris English (DCU)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 60X30 CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

A Team: UCD dft UL

B Team: UCD dft UL

Men's Open: Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) dft Brian Mahon (UCD)

Ladies Open: Ciana Ní Churraoin (UL)

dft Ciara Mahon (TCD)

Men's A: Cian Ó Dálaigh (DCU) dft Cian Counihan (ITT)

Ladies A: Rachel Hogan (DCU) dft Aishling O'Keefe (DCU)

Men's B: Ryan Treanor (DCU) dft Martin Meagher (UCD)

Ladies B: Lisa McKenna (TCD) dft Niamh Farrell (DCU)

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

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Men's Open: ITT (Peter Funchion, Shane Hedigan) dft UCD (Martin Mulkerrins, Galen Riordan)

Ladies Open: UL (Ciana Ní Churraoin, Niamh Dunne) dft DCU (Aishling O'Keefe, Niamh Farrell)

Men's B: UL (Liam Bradshaw, John Nolan) dft NUIG (Carter, Ruane)

Men's C: UL (Nash, Sheehan) dft DCU (Duff, Delaney)



ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES ONE WALL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Men's Open: Conal McCavitt (UUJ) dft Martin Mulkerrins (UCD)
Ladies Open: Ciara Mahon (UCD) dft Aishling O'Keeffe (DCU)
Men's A: Cian Counihan (ITT) dft Shane Hedigan (ITT)
Men's B: Conor Noone (NUIG) dft Paddy Curran (WIT)
Ladies B: Niamh Farrell (DCU) dft Deirdre Purcell (UL)
Men's C: Jack Roche (DIT) dft Kyle Duff (DCU)

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Men's Open: Daniel Cordova (LFC) dft Martin Mulkerrins (UCD)
Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (UL) dft Ciana Ni Churraoin (UL)

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40x20 Championships

Mens Open Singles: Paul Brady (Cavan) dft Killian Carroll (Cork) 21-6, 21-2
Mens Open Doubles: Robert McCarthy/Diarmaid Nash (West/Clare) dft Joe McCann/Rikki O'Gara (Mayo/Ros) 21-18, 21-4
Womens Open Singles: Aisling Reilly (Antrim) dft Catriona Casey (Cork) 10-21, 21-16, 11-6
Womens Open Doubles: Aisling Reilly/

Martina McMahon (Ant/Lim) dft Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keeffe (Cork) 21-15, 21-13
Mens A Singles: Gary McConnell (Meath) dft Gabhain McCrystall (Tyrone) 21-4, 21-19
Mens A Doubles: Ryan Harkin/Tadgh Carroll (Cork) dft Gary McConnell/Shane O'Neill (Mea/Tyr)

Womens A Singles: Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) dft Clodagh McManamon 21-9, 21-4
Mens B Singles: Ryan Harkin (Cork) dft Jack O'Shea (Kerry) 21-6, 21-8
Mens B Doubles: Michael Morgan/Vincent Maling (USA) dft Paddy Donovan/Thomas Donegan (Lao/Lim)

Womens B Singles: Sinead Hanley (Galway) dft Kristina Rude (USA) 21-1, 21-6
Womens B Doubles: Clodagh McManamon/Leona Ryder (Mayo) dft Leslie Amminson/Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh (USA/Dub) 21-5, 21-1
Mens C Singles: Ciaran Buckley (Cork) dft Rory O'Connor (Kerry) 21-5, 21-18
Mens C Doubles: Michael Donovan/Tomas Lennon (Laois) dft Noel Holohan/Dan Breen (Wex/Kilk) 21-18, 21-7
Womens C Singles: Laura Keaver (Waterford) dft Natasha Coughlan (Clare) 21-2, 14-21, 11-5
Womens C Doubles: Linda Connolly/Siobhan Tully (Ros) dft Laura Keaver/Kristina Rude (Wat/USA) 21-6, 21-13

Mens Challenger Singles (23&U): Martin Mulkerrins (Gal) dft Colin Crehan (Clare) 21-15, 21-13
Mens 35+ Singles: Dominick Lynch (Kerry) dft Colm Jordan (Cork) 21-19, 21-9
Mens 35+ Doubles: Dominick Lynch/Gavin Buggy (Ker/Wex) dft David Moloney/Michael D. Walsh (Tip/Kilk) 21-14, 21-6

Mens 40+ Singles: Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Marcos Chavez (USA) 21-15, 21-10
Mens 40+ Doubles: John Ryan/Paul Hedderman (Lim) dft Mark McCartan/Michael Sheridan (Tyr/Mea) 15-21, 21-20, 11-1
Womens 40+ Singles: Diane Vallee (Canada) dft Stefanie Weaver (USA) 21-7, 21-14
Womens 40+ Doubles: Stefanie Weaver/Donna Mosely (USA) dft Diane Vallee/Johanne Chevalier (Canada) 17-21, 21-13, 11-7
Mens 45+ Singles: Michael Wells (Canada) dft Eddy Scheruga (Australia) 21-14, 16-21, 11-5
Mens 45+ Doubles: John Stoffel/Michael Wells (Canada) dft Paddy Donovan/Thomas Donegan (Lao/Lim) 21-19, 21-14
Mens 45B+ Singles: Robert Doyle (Wexford) dft William Holden (Kilkenny) 21-15, 21-4
Mens 50+ Singles: Danny Bell (Canada) dft Egin Jensen (Dublin) 21-6, 21-20
Mens 50+ Doubles: Christy McGovern/Egin Jensen (Mea/Dub) dft Luis & Oscar Clarke (USA)
Mens 50B+ Singles: Conor McDonnell (Monaghan) dft George Miller (Mayo) 21-8, 21-12
Mens 50B+ Doubles: Luis & Oscar Clarke (USA) dft Willie Pallaras/Raul Armendariz (USA) 21-13, 21-16
Womens 55+ Singles: Donna Mosely (USA) dft Patti Green-Kent (USA) 21-1, 21-7
Mens 60+ Singles: John Rossiter (Carlow) dft Michael Hollander (USA) 21-13, 21-1
Mens 60+ Doubles: Merv Deckert/Greg Sizemore (Canada/USA) dft John Friedrich/Bob Lohmueller (USA) 21-19, 21-8
Mens 60B+ Singles: Terry Britt (USA) dft Jack Prather (USA) 21-18, 21-11

Mens 60B+ Doubles: Terry Britt/Lance Meyer (USA) dft Chuck Gause/Steve Hamrick (USA) 21-5, 21-7

Mens 65+ Singles: Edward Campbell (Canada) dft Eugene Kennedy (Dub) 21-15, 6-21, 11-7

Mens 65+ Doubles: Eugene Kennedy/Ned Buggy (Dub/Wex) dft Frank Cikan/Dan Scille (USA) 21-13, 21-15

Mens 65B+ Singles: Joel Crowley (USA) dft David Coulter (Canada) 21-20, 21-5

Mens 70+ Singles: Vic Di Luzio (Australia) dft Brian Goto (USA) 21-18, 21-12

Mens 70+ Doubles: Jim Smith/Bill Morse (USA) dft Thomas Olson/Denis Tallman (USA) 9-21, 21-14, 11-7

Mens 75+ Singles: Harry Scott (USA) dft Mike Lundy (USA) 21-9, 21-3

Mens 75+ Doubles: Winners Edward Grossenbacher/Vince San Angelo (USA) Runner Ups John Stout/Michael Driscoll (USA)

Mens 80+ Singles: Kevin Del Grande (USA) dft Curt Creed (USA) 21-10, 21-7

Mens 80+ Doubles: Charlie Wicker/Kevin Del Grande (USA) dft Ben Marguglio/Lew Buckingham (USA) 21-5, 21-13

Boys 11 & U Singles: Kyle Jordan (Kilkenny) dft Mikey Kelly (Galway) 15-11, 15-0

Boys 11 & U Doubles: Kyle Jordan/Sean Callan (Kilk/Mon) dft Mikey Kelly/Fiachra O'Duill (Gal/Arm) 15-9, 15-8

Boys 13 & U Singles: Eoghan McGinnity (Mon) dft Jack Doyle (Kilk) 15-8, 15-14

Boys 13 & U Doubles: Josh Kavanagh/Mark Doyle (Wex) dft Jason O'Toole/Cahir Munroe (Gal/Tyr) 12-15, 15-9, 11-7

Boys 15 & U Singles: Tiernan Agnew (Clare) dft Peter Donohue (Galway) 21-12, 21-9

Boys 15 & U Doubles: Tiernan Agnew/Cormac Munroe/ (Clare/Tyr) dft Antoin Fox/Lorcan McBride (Tyrone) 21-15, 21-6

Boys 17 & U Singles: Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) dft Fergal Coughlan (Clare) 21-16, 21-11

Boys 17 & U Doubles: Daniel Kavanagh/Sean Kerr (Wex/Tyr) dft Diarmuid Mulkerrins/Tadhg O'Neill (Gal/Cork) 21-16, 16-21, 11-6

Boys 19 & U Singles: Johnny Woods (Tyrone) dft Darren Doherty (Monaghan)

Boys 19 & U Doubles: Johnny Woods/Pól Clarke (Tyrone) dft Colin Corbett/Daniel Hayes (Clare/Tip) 17-21, 21-10, 11-6

Girls 11 & U Singles: Chloe Philpott (Clare) dft Clóda Nic Con Midhe (Tyrone) 15-12, 15-8
Girls 11 & U Doubles: Dearbhla Fox/Clóda Nic Con Midhe (Tyrone) dft Chloe Philpott/Sadhbh Ní Fhlaithearta (Clare/Gal) 2-15, 15-9, 11-4

Girls 13 & U Singles: Niamh Heffernan (Galway) dft Mollie Dagg (Kildare) 7-15, 15-13, 11-7

Girls 13 & U Doubles: Niamh Heffernan/Mollie Dagg (Gal/Kild) Runner Ups Mairead Fox/Sarah O'Malley (Tyr/Cork)

Girls 15 & U Singles: Megan McCann (Armagh) dft Caitriona Millane (Limerick) 21-10, 16-21, 11-10

Girls 15 & U Doubles: Caitriona Millane/Bridin Dinan (Lim/Clare) dft Megan McCann/

Dearbhla Coleman (Arm) 21-7, 20-21, 11-8

Girls 17 & U Singles: Fiona Tully (Roscommon) dft Sinéad Meagher (Tip) 21-7, 12-21, 11-2

Girls 17 & U Doubles: Sinéad Meagher/Clodagh Nash (Tip/Clare) dft Ella Donnellan/Doireann Murphy (Clare) 21-16, 21-14

ONE WALL BIG BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Big Ball Mens Open Singles: Timothy Gonzalez (USA) dft Tywan Cook (USA) 21-9, 21-15

Big Ball Mens Open Doubles: Tywan Cook/Willie Polanco (USA) dft Timothy Gonzalez/Andres Calle (USA) 21-6, 21-20

Big Ball Womens Open Singles: Danielle Daskalakia (USA) dft Sandy Ng (USA) 10-21, 21-19, 11-9

Big Ball Womens Open Doubles: Danielle Daskalakia/Sandy Ng (USA) dft Karen McConney/Lorraine Havern (USA/Down) 21-14, 21-16

Big Ball Mens B Singles: Daniel Tristao (UK) dft Anthony Delgado (USA) 21-9, 13-21, 11-6

Big Ball Mens B Doubles: Eloy Vela/Donis Alberto (USA) dft Anthony Delgado/Matthew Kudrick (USA) 21-15, 8-21, 11-3

Big Ball Womens B Singles: Ana Belen Giner (Spain) dft Monica Moya (Spain) 21-11, 21-6

Big Ball Womens B Doubles: Ana Belen Giner/Maria Jose Giner (Spain) dft Lian Chin/Tina Johnson (USA) 21-19, 14-21, 11-9

Big Ball Mens C Singles: Jonathan Bergan (USA) dft Ciaran Neary (Kilkenny) 21-19, 15-21, 11-10

Big Ball Mens C Doubles: Darren & Niall Flynn (Longford) dft Jean-Paul Baggio/Luke Stradwick (Australia/UK) 21-11, 21-8

Big Ball Womens C Singles: Cassandra Rodriguez (USA) dft Natasha Coughlan (Clare) 21-5, 21-16

Big Ball Womens C Doubles: Michelle Warren/Avoureen Coleman (Tyr/Arm) dft Aine Ni Dhoirghneain/Bobbi Ui Ainli (Gal) 21-14, 21-7

Big Ball Mens 35+ Singles: Tony Roberts (USA) dft James Doyle (Armagh) 4-21, 21-16, 11-8

Big Ball Mens 40+ Singles: Michael Ducksy Walsh (Kilkenny) dft Eddie Ramos (USA) 21-7, 21-11

Big Ball Womens 30+ Singles: Theresa Haley (USA) dft Kerry White (USA) 21-20, 21-12

Big Ball Womens 45+ Singles: Karen McConney (USA) dft Bernice Torres (USA) 21-15, 21-16

Big Ball Mens 50+ Singles: Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Paul Williams (USA) 21-18, 21-6

Big Ball Mens 50+ Doubles: Enrique Rugel/Pedro Rivera (USA) dft Brett Miller/Phil Cutts (USA) 21-2, 21-4

Big Ball Mens 60+ Singles: Robert Winter (Australia) dft Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) 21-16, 21-12

Big Ball Mens 60+ Doubles: Dwight Worley/Pedro Rivera (USA) dft David Gouge/Robert Winter (Australia) 21-1, 21-7

Big Ball Mens 70+ Singles: Vic Di Luzio (Australia) dft Steven Kraft (USA) 21-2, 21-0

Big Ball Boys 11 & U Singles: Mikey Kelly (Galway) dft Kyle Jordan (Kilkenny) 21-18, 21-15

Big Ball Boys 11 & U Doubles: Fiachra O'Duill/Mikey Kelly (Arm/Gal) dft Kyle Jordan/Sean Callan (Kilk/Mon) 21-10, 21-11

Big Ball Boys 13 & U Singles: Jason O'Toole (Galway) dft Eoghan McGinnity (Monaghan) 14-21, 21-17, 11-2

Big Ball Boys 13 & U Doubles: Jason O'Toole/Cahir Munroe (Gal/Tyr) dft Jack Doyle/Brodie Winter (Kilk/Australia) 21-10, 13-21, 11-9

Big Ball Boys 15 & U Singles: Peter Donohue (Galway) dft Cormac Munroe (Tyrone) 21-7, 21-13

Big Ball Boys 15 & U Doubles: Cormac Munroe/Tiarnan Agnew (Tyr/Clare) dft Antoin Fox/Lorcan McBride (Tyrone) 21-8, 21-1

Big Ball Boys 17 & U Singles: Saxa Kruthof Perelló (Orba, Alicante) dft Jamie Kelly (Galway) 21-2, 21-13

Big Ball Boys 17 & U Doubles: Diarmuid Mulkerrins/Tadhg O'Neill (Gal/Cork) dft Daniel Kavanagh/Sean Kerr (Wex/Tyr) 21-8, 17-21, 11-8

Big Ball Boys 19 & U Singles: Johnny Woods (Tyrone) dft Darren Doherty (Monaghan) 21-10, 21-9

Big Ball Girls 11 & U Singles: Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) dft Sadhbh Ní Fhlaithearta (Galway) 21-16, 21-20

Big Ball Girls 11 & U Doubles: Sadhbh Ní Fhlaithearta/Chloe Philpott (Gal/Clare) dft Clodagh Munroe/Sarah Walsh (Tyr/Cork) 21-15, 21-15

Big Ball Girls 13 & U Singles: Niamh Heffernan (Galway) dft Mollie Dagg (Kildare) 21-20, 21-7

Big Ball Girls 13 & U Doubles: Niamh Heffernan/Mollie Dagg (Gal/Kild) dft Caillosa Ní Dhúill/Louise McGinnity (Arm/Mon) 21-12, 21-7

Big Ball Girls 15 & U Singles: Megan McCann (Armagh) dft Dearbhla Coleman (Armagh) 21-11, 21-11

Big Ball Girls 15 & U Doubles: Megan McCann/Dearbhla Coleman (Arm) dft Aoife Floyd/Leah Doyle (Clare/Kild) 21-9, 21-14

Big Ball Girls 17 & U Singles: Niamh Coleman (Armagh) dft Aoibhinn Henderson (Armagh) 21-14, 21-10

Big Ball Girls 17 & U Doubles: Niamh Coleman/Alana Doran (Armagh) dft Eilise McCrory/Fiona Tully (Tyr/Ros) 21-13, 21-7

ONE WALL SMALL BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Small Ball Mens Open: Sean Lenning (USA) dft Victor Lopierre (USA) 21-16, 21-9

Small Ball Mens B: Steven Woo (USA) dft Nick Roman (USA) 21-14, 21-18

Small Ball Mens 50+: Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft Paul Williams (USA) 21-18, 21-6

Small Ball Mens 60+: Joe Santilli (Australia) dft Joe Cox (USA) 21-6, 14-21, 11-10

Small Ball Mens 70+: Sam Goodman (USA) dft Michael Driscoll (USA) 18-21, 21-17, 11-0



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