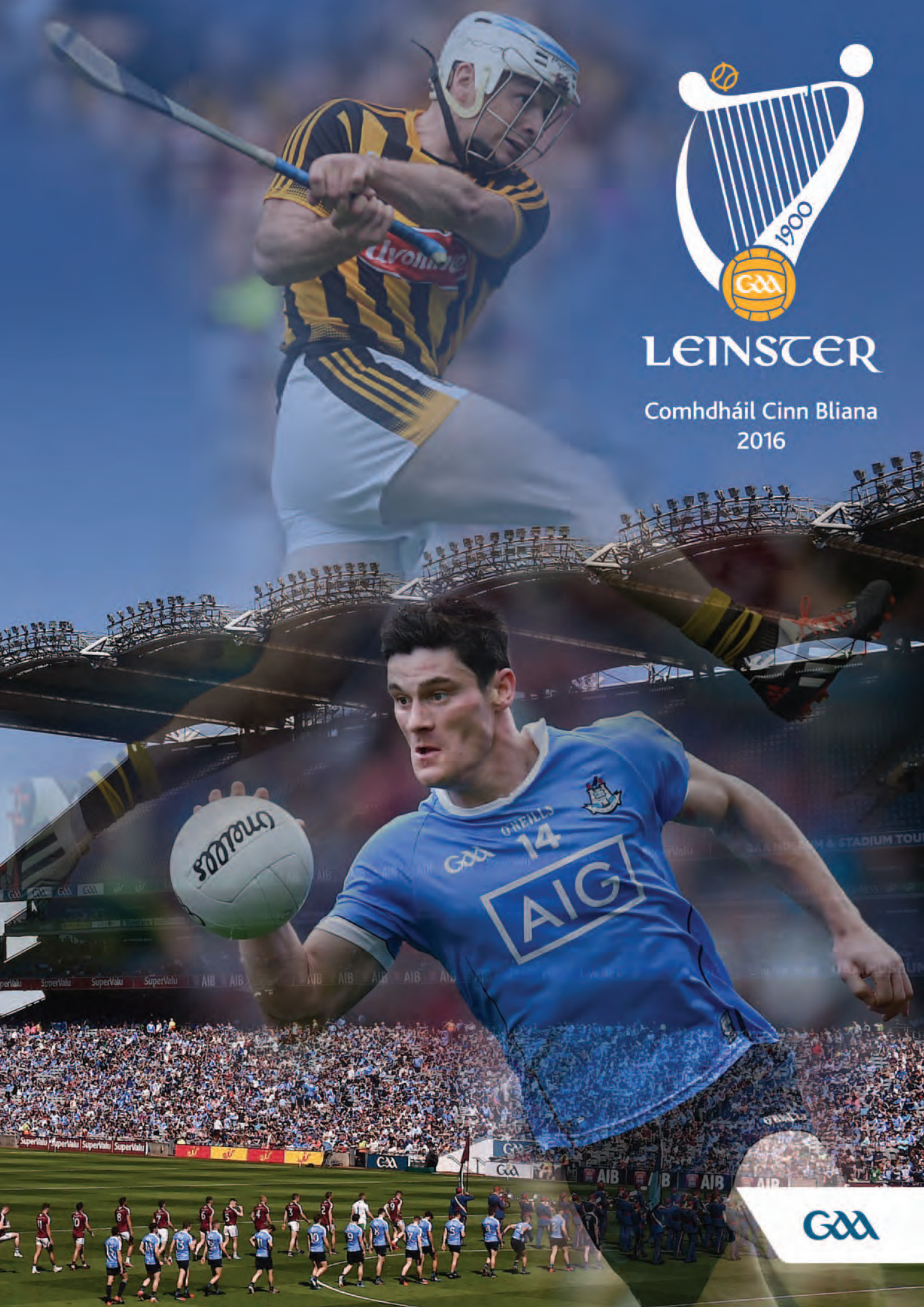




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Clár

- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.15 pm Registration
- 2.30 pm Opening of Convention
- (a) Guest Speakers
 - (b) Minutes of 2016 Convention
 - (c) Presentation – Gearóid Ó Maolmhíchil on Child Welfare Procedures
 - (d) Discussion of Report of Chief Executive
 - (e) Discussion of Sub-Committee Reports
- 3.30 pm Adoption / Review of Accounts of Comhairle Laighean
- 3.45 pm Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach Nua
- 4.00 pm Address by outgoing Cathaoirleach, Sean Ó hÓrain
- 4.15 pm Presentation – Sil Ó Mearáin on Urbanisation
- 4.30 pm Election of Cisteoir Nua
- 4.45 pm Address by Cathaoirleach Nua, Seamus Ó Bolgúir
- 5.00 pm Election of PRO
- 5.15 pm Convention Closes - Tea/Coffee

Each county is entitled to the following Delegate representation at Convention, in addition to its two representatives on the Provincial Council:

Ceatharloch 4	Cill Mhaintain 4	Iarmhi 5	An Mhi 6
An Lú 4	Longphort 4	Cill Dara 5	Uibh Fhaili 4
Cill Chainnigh 4	Laois 5	Áth Cliath 6	Loch Garman 5

NOTE

Leinster Council delegates cannot be proxied in an election

NOTE

Full Leinster Convention documentation has already been forwarded directly to each member of the outgoing Leinster Council

Micheál Mac Raghnaill (Rúnaí)
Áras Laighean, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Ainmniúcháin

CATHAOIRLEACH

Séamus Ó Bolguir

(Ceatharloch)

LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Conchúr Ó Tormaigh

(An Mhí)

Pádraig Ó Teachain

(Uíbh Fhailí)

Sailbhester Ó Mearáin

(Cill Dara)

Gearóid O hÁrrachtáin

(Áth Cliath)

CISTEOIR

Pádraig Ó Laighneach

(Iarmhí)

Éamonn Ó Caoimh

(Cill Mhantáin)

OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ

Ciarán Conléibhe

(Laois)

Mairtín Ó hAllúrain

(An Mhí)

Pádraig Ó Teachain

(Uíbh Fhailí)

Miontuairiscí Chruinniú de'n Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 29.01.2016

S. Uas. Ó hOráin (Cathaoirleach) presided at An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil, held in Hotel Kilkenny on Friday, 29ú Eanáir, 2016.

Also present were:

S. O Bolguidhir (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
S. O Mearain (Cisteoir)
P. O Teachain (PRO)
L. O Mathuin (Liathroid Laimhe)
P. Mac Mathuin (Lu)
B. O Coimin, B. O Cairbre (An Mhi)
N. O Murchu (Ath Cliath)
C. Ni Conchubhair, B. O Seacasai (Cill Mhantain)
D. O Ceannt, D. O hUilin (Loch Garman)
M. de Faoite, S. Mac Mathuin (Cill Dara)
L. de Barra, E. O Broin (Ceatharloch)

The following delegates represented the counties:

Ceatharloch

G. O Lonnain, S. O Caimpin, M. O Faolain, T. O Murchu.

Ath Cliath

C. O Suilleabhain, S. MacNicolais, S. Mac Seanlaoich, T. O Se,
S. O hAonghusa, M. O Briain.

Cill Dara

M. O Fionnain, G. O Donaile, M. O Gormain. C. O Fearghail,
A. O Dunaigh.

Cill Chainnigh

E. O Cuinn, M. O Sortail, B. O hIci, S. Breathnach.
Laois: C. Mac Consléibhe, PS O Ceallaigh, P. O Suilleabhain, M.
O Broin, G. O Caomhanaigh.

Longphort

P. O Raghallaigh, E. O Raghallaigh, C. O Conchubhair, TS Mac
A Bhaird.

Lu

D. O hAilpin, A. O Beraill, D. O Broin, R. O Duchanna, P. O
Ciarain.

An Mhi

P. O Ceallaigh, C. O Tormaigh, P. O Loinsigh, M. O hAllurain.

Uibh Fhaili

E. O Floinn, L. O Caomhanaigh, T. O Broin, P. O Beolain.

Iarmhi

S. O Briain, L. O Gabhain, P. O Donnchu, A. O Leabhrai, S. O
Mairtin.

PS O Cionnaith, S. O Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh)
T. Mac Seoin, P. Mac Faoibhui (Laois)
F. Mac Eoin, S. O Briain (Uibh Fhaili)
P. O Laighneach, L. O Murchu (Iarmhi)
S. O Bannain (Longphort)
M. Mac Raghnaill (Runai)

Apologies for inability to attend had been received from:

P. O Conchubhair (Lu), G. O hArrachtain (Ath Cliath), S. O
Dufaigh (Longphort), T. O Floinn (Ard Oideachais), D. O Fiach
(Iarbhunscoileanna) and T. O Riain (Cumann na mBunscol).

Loch Garman

M. Ni Dhuill, G. O Duill, N. O Caoimh, B. Ni Iacaib.

Cill Mhantain

A. O Briain, M. O hAgain, S. Napier, M. O Colmain

The following also attended Convention:

Iar-Oifigigh

S. O hUaine, S. O hUilin, M. O Scealai, A. O Falluin, M. O
Dubhshlaine, P. O Tomhnair, N. O Braonain, S. de Grae, S. Mac
Carthaigh, S. O Broin, SS Breathnach, S. O Beara, P. O
Flannagain.

Fo-Choisdi

T. O Coigligh (Coisde Reiteoiri), R. de Buitléir (Coisde
Eisteachta), M. Ni Cheallaigh (Coisde Gaeilge & Cultuir), S. O
Riada (Liathroid Laimhe Laighean).

Aras Laighean

S. O Flannagain, S. de Brun, S. Ni Chuinn.

Others

C. O Flannagain, S. O Riada, B. O Suilleabhain, S. de Lasa, V.
Malone, C. Denieffe, S. O Cuirc.

Miontuairisci (30.01.2015)

Adopted and signed by an Cathaoirleach, on proposition of P. O Raghallaigh, seconded by G. O Duill.

Oscailt

P. O Teachain (PRO) formally opened Convention.

Fáiltiú

E. O Cuinn, Cathaoirleach Choisde Co. Chill Chainnigh welcomed Convention to Cill Chainnigh. Onbehalf of Coisde Co. Chainnigh CLG, Eamonn made a presentation to all attending Convention.

Leinster Infrastructure Health & Safety

D. O Ceannt (Cathaoirleach, Leinster Infrastructure Health & Safety Committee) did a presentation on where County Projects are at presently.

P. S. O Ceallaigh (Leinster Infrastructure & Safety) did a presentation on Health & Safety at GAA Property.

Games For All Committee

B. O Cairbre (Cathaoirleach, Leinster Games For All Committee) did a presentation on Games For All.

Report of CEO and Sub-Committee Reports

Adopted on proposition of M. O Colmain seconded by N. O Murchu.

Annual Accounts 2015

Adopted on proposition of M. O Colmain seconded by N. O Murchu.

S. O Mearains (Cisteoir) presented a detailed analysis of the Accounts. An tUas. O Mearains replied to a number of queries.

Cathaoirleach's Address

An Cathaoirleach addressed Convention as per attached script.

Formal Election of Other Officers

The Officers of Comhairle Laighean CLG - Sean O hOrain (Cathaoirleach), Seamus O Bolguidhir (Leas-Cathaoirleach), Sil O Mearains (Cisteoir) and Pdraig O Teachain (PRO) were all returned unopposed for the coming year on proposition P. O Raghallaigh, seconded by N. O Murchu.

Na Ruin

(a) Proposed ammendment to Leinster Bye-Laws – Hearings Committee

There shall be a Hearings Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary, **and three other members** appointed by Comhairle Laighean C.L.G., six representatives from the counties on Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. (not represented on the C.C.C.) who shall be elected on a rota basis on the nomination of their respective counties and the Chief Executive Officer whose only function shall be to act as a non-voting secretary to the Hearings Committee when dealing with Appeals. It shall consist of at least three members for any hearing.

(a) It shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is prescribed and requested relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from games under the control and jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. and on reports arising from the Provincial Competitions Control Committee.

- (b) It shall hear appeals lodged by individuals or units against decisions of County Committees under the jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
- (c) It may not include any member of the Management Committee or the Competitions Control Committee save that the Provincial Secretary may act as a non-voting Secretary to the Hearings Committee when dealing with appeals.
- (d) It shall report to the Management Committee.
- (e) The Vice Chairperson of Comhairle Laighean may nominate an extra member to be added to the Hearings Committee during the year prior to the election of the following Chairperson. This appointment shall be approved by Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. The appointee should be the Vice Chairperson's proposed nomination as Chairperson of the Hearings Committee during his/her term as Chairperson of Comhairle Laighean.
- (f) Whereas provided for in Rule 7.14 T.O. 2015 a newly Constituted Hearings Committee is required for a re-hearing or re-processing of a case the Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean, may appoint temporary members for the Hearings Committee and such temporary members do not have to be members of Comhairle Laighean.**

(Comhairle Laighean)

DECISION: MOTION PASSED

- (b) That Leinster Minor Inter-County Championship matches be played on Wednesday nights.

(HWH Bunclody, Loch Garman)

DECISION: MOTION REFERRED TO COMHAIRLE LAIGHEAN CLG

- (c) That Leinster Inter-County Football and Hurling Championship fixtures be played on the same weekend, with the exception of finals.

(HWH Bunclody, Loch Garman)

DECISION: MOTION REFERRED TO COMHAIRLE LAIGHEAN CLG

Buiochas

An Cathaoirleach, on behalf of all present thanked:

- Coisde Co. Chill Chainnigh for hosting Convention
- Pdraig O Flannagain and Caoimhin O Flannagain for their organisation of the evening
- Management and Staff of Hotel Kilkenny for their contribution to an enjoyable evening

The Convention ended



Chairman's Address to Convention

A dhaoine uaisle ta failte romhaibh uilig chuig Comhdhail Cinn Bliana Laighean anocht in Ostan Cill Cheannaigh.

I would like to thank Kilkenny County Board on their invitation to hold our convention here tonight in Kilkenny. They are in a unique position at the moment as they are holders of both Liam McCarthy and Sam Maguire cups. Before you think I am losing it as holders of the British Junior football Championship they have a Sam Maguire cup. I would like to congratulate you on those successes and that of both Ballyhale Shamrocks and Bennetsbridge in their respective club championships.

Dublin are to be congratulated on their clean sweep of all four competitions their senior footballers took part in.

Wicklow U21A hurlers had a great success in the All-Ireland final in Thurles last September.

Well done to all who represented us at national level.

Féile

Hard work will always lead to success and this is the case in regard to our hosting of the National Feile Finals. Our provincial committee deserve great credit under the Chairmanship of Peter O Neill. The weekend which was hosted in Wicklow, Carlow and Wexford provided a great opportunity for all three to display their wonderful centres of excellence and the superb club facilities they each have.

The enjoyment derived by all players was very apparent and the new more inclusive structure definitely worked.

Infrastructure

The launch of our strategic plan was somewhat distracted by the attention paid to the idea of an M50 stadium. This item was used in an article in the Irish Examiner to personalise matters towards me. Those at the launch and those better informed on both the direction and commitment of Leinster Council would understand that any such development would only merit consideration after all the needs of the North Leinster region have been met. If one of our regional venues is developed to a size that suits the greater needs it will have to be centrally funded as no county could be expected to take on that financial burden.

To that end a lot of work has been done. In Louth's case we are close to finalising an agreement between club and County Board, with the plans already drawn up. Meath are at a feasibility stage in re developing Navan where a number of different options are being explored. Westmeath have plans in place to re-develop Cusack Park and funding discussions have taken place between County, Province and Croke Park. Kildare County Board are also in discussion with Provincial and National Infrastructure with a view to re-developing Newbridge. Unfortunately the cloud that hangs over Pearse Park in Longford may yet slow the progress of these four developments. As the unfortunate developments in regards to works not too old in Longford have come unstuck and Longford needs help.

The playing of matches in Croke Park is not a priority of the Council and should remain at the 4 as it has been for the last number of years so as to allow big games be played at regional venues.

On a more positive note it was a pleasure to see the support of the Leinster Council come to fruition in a number of counties this year. Wicklow has delivered a wonderful facility in Aughrim on a very controlled budget. The work done in Dunganny is a reflection of the great job done by the County Board and the development Committee they put in place. Kilkenny turned misfortune to their advantage with the work they have done in redeveloping Nowlan Park.

Both Laois and Offaly have made huge progress with their centres of excellence and the next twelve months should see both close to completion. Wexford have done a wonderful job on Ferns to finally have their centre up and running.

I would like to thank Derek Kent and our Infrastructure Committee for the selfless work in advising counties on the best approach to be taken with their projects.

Coaching and Games

This is an area of large investment by our organisation. The supervision of this investment is of great importance. I alluded to this last year and said staffing changes would occur. This has cost us monies but the results are proving to be very positive in both counties, with summer camp numbers up by 33% in one county. We do hope to recoup some of the spend.

Our links with third level institutions has been a huge benefit in upping the standards across the province. To Athlone IT, Carlow IT and DCU we are very grateful. I would like to thank Jim and the committee for their continued hard work.

PR & Marketing

The year has seen the departure of John Cotter and the arrival of Cian Murphy. Cian has made a very positive impact since his arrival. We have changed our logo, provided training in the area of sponsorship to our counties, our website has livened up and is to be completely overhauled shortly. A new sponsorship deal has been clinched today for our second level schools and such is the profile of our accident tournaments I expected a major improvement in the value of that sponsorship. Cian has entered into a job sharing role with Croke Park. This arrangement is three months in operation and is being monitored closely, all costs are being covered centrally.

I would like to thank Pat Teehan and his committee for all their work throughout the year.

Finances

I am delighted with the accounts Syl presented here tonight and the positive outcomes in what was a challenging year. To Syl, the Financial Committee and John Brown, a big Thank You for a job well done.

Referees

Always an area open to negative comment to be thrown at, but the work being done by Tomás Quigley and his team is much appreciated.

Cross-County Competitions

This is an area that I have always wanted pushed within the Province as I see games as the way that the players will make progress and close the gaps on the stronger counties. The Meath, Wicklow and Kildare project has been slow to take off but is progressing. Naas made a venture into Kilkenny hurling with some success this year. Our club hurling league continues to be very well supported and it is by playing matches at a higher level that players will only improve.

This improvement will solve the competitiveness problems in the province.

Strategic Plan

The infamous saying "Fail to prepare, prepare to fail" underpins the reason for drawing up a Strategic Plan which we are releasing in a document form tonight. The plan was driven by our Management Committee with Shane Flanagan playing a pivotal role. A Strategic Plan is of no use if you don't put an action time line in place and to this end we have engaged an outside consultant to monitor and challenge the staff as to the progress being made and setting new targets. This is being done on a six monthly basis with the report of the first review being given to me yesterday. It was very positive in its nature so well done to the staff under Michael Reynolds leadership. The word superb was used in parts of it. This process has had full buy in from the staff and offers no conflict.

Hurling Monies

The granting of this money to the counties gave us a responsibility to see that it was spent in a correct manner. Nicky Brennan, Michael Dempsey, Shane Flanagan and Colm Clare have put an enormous amount of work into this project and presented a draft of their report to management in Croke Park. It highlights a number of deficiencies in the way we spend monies and organise county teams. The model that will evolve from this exercise is easily transferable to football and a similar template would hopefully help improve standards there.

Overseas

The GAA family overseas has proven a great help to emigrants when they arrive first. The work done in promoting our games in Europe, The Middle East and Australasia is to be commended. We will continue to support this work as these people put their hands far more into their own pockets to play our games than we at home do.

Scór

I have been asked to encourage all Counties to make a greater effort in promoting Scór. This year both Longford and Kilkenny came more to the fore in the Saor na nÓg competition. These competitions promoted a part of our culture and those that work in this area for us are to be acknowledged and thanked.

Giving Grants to Clubs

I would like to acknowledge the club grants funding that we receive from Croke Park. A big thank you is due to the development officers within our Counties and to our infrastructure committee for the work they do in supervising the spending of these funds.

I do have one question to ask: are we correct in granting funds to clubs who spend their own monies on paying outside managers to run their teams?. Most of these managers are on a circuit applying for these jobs and in the vast majority of cases end up with no silverware. Clubs need to cop on, or do we need to take action?

DRA and Discipline in General

As has already been spoken about tonight, we as a Council took the step of taking a National Committee to the DRA. The outcome and subsequent workshops at National and Provincial level justified this decision. I would particularly like to highlight that we fought this case without incurring legal costs as we agreed with Croke Park that neither side would engage legal teams. I know from the pressure I come under that we as a Council were charting new territory but this had to be done in the interest of justice. Two further cases have been fought by our hearings team without legal representation and no losses have been incurred. I would like to thank Dick Boulter, John Byrne and the Committee for their diligence in carrying out a difficult task. As an organisation we need some self- reflection in regard to individuals taking their punishment and not pursuing cases in the hope of some technical issue falling in their favour.

There has been a large amount of comment in relation to the different standards in Counties. I alluded last year to the need for equalisation of funding to be given to those counties who find it hard to raise capital. I feel this matter needs addressing as a lot of energy is expended in these counties struggling to manage their finances and distracting away from the main purpose of this organisation promoting games. Taking monies away from counties will be divisive but allocating more to the weaker would be a great help. However, if this is to happen it must be subject to an acceptance of a greater governance.

Speaking of governance it is our intention this year to put a governance committee in place at Provincial level to protect all our efforts from future criticism.

It was announced yesterday that we are bringing two games forward to allow a concert take place in Croke Park, Our agreement to this is to us using common sense and the matches are remaining in Croke Park. The lead in notice will hopefully allow counties re-arrange their fixtures schedule without too much difficulty. I would like to acknowledge the support of all three counties when I broached the matter with them earlier this week. Ultimately the funds gained from outside GAA sources in this case will benefit us all the way down to grass roots.

Áras Laighean Staff

The continued loyalty and efforts of our staff in Aras Laighean is greatly appreciated. The benefit of their experience has always been a great help to both the clubs and counties within the province.

In conclusion I would like to thank each county and their officers for the courtesy and welcome afforded to me throughout the last year. It has been a pleasure for both me and my family to travel to matches and functions.

I have always considered our role as a provincial body to serve you the counties. I hope that in the last twelve months we have filled that role to your satisfaction. I would encourage you when dealing with Croke Park in financial and infrastructural matters that you bring us with you or keep us informed as I feel that it is always going to be in your interest to have us batting for you.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of our sub committees for their work throughout the year, without exception I feel you all have delivered a great years work.

To my management committee for your support and advice thank you. Our meetings have always be open and frank in debate and I feel this has led to our getting decisions made in an informed manner

To my fellow officers Jim, Syl and Pat a sincere thank you for your support and commitment throughout the year.

Seán Ó hÓráin

Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean







Tuairisc an Rúnaí

Michéal Mac Raghnaill
Rúnaí Comhairle Laighean

2016 was a year of challenge for us. The Inter-county scene is the shop window, but there is more to the province's year – the Leinster GAA Designated Hurling Development Funds (HDF) Report; East Leinster Project; further development of Cross County Competitions; Education Programmes, Games for All, New Sponsorship – is just a flavour of the year's activities.

Review of the Inter-County Scene

Bord na Móna Competitions

Meath, Dublin and Kildare won O'Byrne, Walsh and Kehoe Cups respectively.

The concluding stages of the O'Byrne Cup started the year off with interest when Longford had a merited win over Dublin in one semi-final while Meath had a close call against Louth in the other. In an entertaining Final the Royals had six points to spare.

Meanwhile in the Walsh Cup Wexford made their first visit in a number of years to Headquarters when contesting the final with Dublin. On the evening Dublin prevailed with something in hand.

Our third January competition was an All-Kildare Final – Kildare were comfortable winners over Maynooth University to take the Kehoe Cup. Kildare now follow in the footsteps of Meath in participating in the Walsh Cup 2017.

EirGrid Leinster Under 21 F.C. (Flood Cup)

The final lived up to expectations. To say the least, it was an enthralling game from start to finish including extra time. Dublin retained the Flood Cup recording a three point win over Kildare.

Bord Gais Energy Leinster Under 21 H.C. (Robbins Cup)

Wexford's Leinster reign at this level came to an end. They lost out to the eventual winners Dublin – a Dublin team that followed up with wins over Westmeath (Semi-Final) and Offaly (Final). The story of this year's Competition has to be Westmeath's two point win over Kilkenny. The Lakesiders were very much in the game against Dublin in the subsequent Semi-Final. Hopefully, the development of Hurling in Westmeath will benefit from this year's U-21 squad.

In 2015 we applauded Wicklow's success in winning the All-Ireland U-21 "A" title (Richie McElligott Cup). In 2016 we applaud the Royals. On a September Saturday Meath were victorious in Semple Stadium defeating Mayo on a scoreline of 1-20 to 0-15. That success and their Christy Ring success is testament to the development of Hurling within the County. Like Westmeath and others, the challenge is to continue to do so.

Leinster Intermediate Hurling Championship

Similar to 2015 – three teams, two games and a combined attendance of less than 1,000. That said both games were close – Wexford had three points to spare over Galway, while in the final Kilkenny had three points to spare over Wexford.

An early goal blitz against Clare ensured the All-Ireland title headed to Noreside.

Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Hurling Championship (Hanrahan Cup)

Dublin and Wexford contested this year's final and the second meeting of the pair in the Championship. On an April Saturday Wexford had something to spare over the Dubs - but on Final day Dublin turned the tables.

Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Football Championship (Murray Cup)

Kildare retained their Leinster Crown. Laois who came through the qualifier route provided the opposition. The stand out game was the semi-final involving Kildare and Meath which was a thriller requiring extra time to separate the sides.

Leinster Junior Football Championship

Wexford easily retained the title, defeating Longford in the Semi-Final and Louth in the Final.

Leinster Senior Hurling Championship (Bob O'Keefe Cup)

Unlike 2015, there was no Super Sunday finish to the Round Robin part of the Championship, but it did have some drama – Kerry defeating Carlow, Westmeath victorious over Offaly, Offaly stretched by Carlow but survived. In the end it was Offaly and Westmeath who made the Quarter-Finals.

None of our three Quarter-Finals were close. Wexford's Championship return to Croke Park was not a happy one – Dublin in the driving seat from start to finish. Similarly in the other Quarter-Finals, Galway and Offaly were comfortable winners.

Kilkenny and Galway easily qualified for the Final with the Cats repeating their win of 2015.

Kilkenny went on to the first Sunday in September where three-in-a-row was not to be. Kilkenny have been great ambassadors for the game of Hurling, particularly in the past two decades, and I am certain they will continue to set the standard for all to aspire to.

Leinster Senior Football Championship (Delaney Cup)

Dublin retaining the Delaney Cup was no great surprise. The achievement of Westmeath defying league position for the second consecutive year must be acknowledged. In their Leinster run they had one point wins over Offaly and Kildare.

For the first time since 2006 Dublin played a Leinster Championship game outside of Croke Park. The decision attracted much comment. Whatever one's view of the decision, Nowlan Park was an excellent setting and management of the event by Coiste Cill Chainnigh was second to none.

Dublin retained the Sam Maguire after two enthralling finals with Mayo.

AIB Club Championships - All-Ireland Series 2016

Hurling

A Kilkenny double – Bennettsbridge (Intermediate) and Glenmore (Junior) added to Kilkenny's haul of All-Ireland Titles.

Football

Ballyboden St Endas having won their first Provincial title in early December 2015 landed their first All-Ireland on Patricks' Day.

Post-Primary Schools All-Ireland Series

St Kieran's College won both the Senior Hurling "A" and Junior Hurling. Gallan C.S., Ferbane win the Senior Football "B" title while St Mary's Edenderry won the Junior Football title.

AIB Leinster Club Championships 2016

AIB Leinster Club Junior Football Championship

Rosenallis Abú. A Hurling Club winning a Provincial Football Championship. Week after week in Football and Hurling the journey went on. On their Football journey to the final they overcame the Meath and Westmeath champions with one and three points to spare respectively away from home. O'Connor Park was the setting for the final v neighbours Bracknagh. They had three points to spare in the final and in truth the margin did not flatter and so the Leinster Trophy headed to foothills of the Slieve Bloom.

Their great run came to an end in Edinburgh – losing to Dunedin Connolly's by three points but it was still a truly remarkable year for this Club. From October 22 to December 3 they were playing Saturday after Saturday with their hurling campaign having finished in Meath losing out to Ratoath in a semi-final after extra time.

AIB Leinster Club Intermediate Football Championship (Sean Eiffe Cup)

The Sean Eiffe Cup moved a few miles closer to the Irish Sea. By and large this Championship served up close and entertaining games. Both finalists – St Colmcilles (Meath) and Rosemount (Westmeath) got there on merit. Both were involved in very exciting Semi-Finals having two points to spare over Round Towers (KE) and Fingallians (DB) respectively – the latter Semi-Final required extra time to get a winner. After three minutes of injury time St Colmcilles got the winning point in a very exciting Final to make it back to back Provincial titles for the Royal County.

AIB Leinster Club Senior Football Championship (McCabe Cup)

St Vincent's of Dublin regained the McCabe Cup at the expense of Rhode from Offaly by 1-16 to 0-12. Of particular interest in this year's Championship is that the other two semi-finalists were both new to the senior provincial club scene with St Columba's of Mullinalaghta (Longford) and also Sean O'Mahony's (Louth) – who were Leinster Intermediate Champions two years earlier. The Longford champions secured victories over Stradbally (Laois) and St Loman's (Westmeath), while the Louth men overcame Baltinglass (Wicklow) and Sarsfields (Kildare) and had great campaigns in their own right.

AIB Leinster Club Junior Hurling Championship (Tommy Murphy Cup)

As in previous years there were a number of one sided games – particularly the opening round. Mooncoin (KK) proved deserving winners overcoming Ratoath in an entertaining final in Nowlan Park by seven points.

AIB Leinster Club Intermediate Hurling Championship (Tom Ryall Cup)

Drama in Newbridge coupled with heartbreak for Celbridge. Having led for most of the game it was not to be for the Kildare side when Carrickshock assisted by late goals - one of them very late – pipped the 'home side' by two points.

AIB Leinster Club Senior Hurling Championship (O'Neill Cup)

Cuala made amends for 2015. The South Dublin side were well worth their win over Kilkenny's O'Loughlin Gaels in the final - after both had produced solid semi-final performances.

Conditions were very good for the final on the first Sunday in December and all players involved did their bit to ensure we had an entertaining game of high quality.

FÓGRA!

All three Provincial Club Hurling finals were played on the first weekend of December. A team in each final scored 1-16 but for just one team, Mooncoin, was that 1-16 tally was sufficient to win, which illustrates the quality and high scoring on display.

Inter-Provincial Competitions

Our hurlers were involved in two very entertaining games with a win over Connacht in the semi-final and then despite leading for long periods they were beaten in the end by Munster. Our footballers were also involved in a very entertaining semi-final with Connacht but lost out to the westerners in a tight finish.

Leinster Roll Of Honour 2016

IOMÁINT

Sinsir

Idirmheánach

Mionúir

Fé 21 Bliain

Club Sinsir

Club Idirmheanach

Club Sóisir

Corn Breathnach

Corn Mac Eochaidh

Club SHL Div 1

Club SHL Div 2

Club SHL Div 3

Club SHL Div 4

BUATHÓIRÍ

Cill Chainnigh

Cill Chainnigh

Áth Cliath

Áth Cliath

Cuala

Carrickshock

Mooncoin

Áth Cliath

Cill Dara

Ballyboden St. Enda's

Erin's Own

Naas

Maynooth

NEASÓIRÍ

Gaillimh

Loch Garman

Loch Garman

Uíbh Fhailí

O'Loughlin Gaels

Celbridge

Ratoath

Loch Garman

Maynooth Uni

Rathnure

Bray Emmett's

Éire Óg Corrachoill

Commercials

PEIL

Sinsir

Sóisir

Mionúir

Fé 21 Bliain

Club Sinsir

Club Idirmheanach

Club Sóisir

Corn Ui Bhroin

BUATHOIRI

Áth Cliath

Loch Garman

Cill Dara

Áth Cliath

St. Vincent's

St. Colmcille's

Rosenallis

An Mhí

NEASÓIRÍ

Íarmhí

Lú

Laois

Cill Dara

Rhode

Rosemount

Bracknagh

Longfort

Sympathy

Many friends of Comhairle Laighean went to their eternal reward during the year. Peter Keogh (Wicklow) was one such character and Cian Murphy's PR & Marketing Report carries a tribute to him. Here we highlight the passing of two particularly outstanding Gaels.



Jack Boothman

Having previously acted in various roles in the Association the late Jack Boothman served as GAA president between 1994 and 1997.

Jack was always active within his own Blessington club. He was a former chairman of the West Wicklow district board, he and the late Peter Keogh served on that board together. Jack is on record as saying during that period this "deadly duo" had a light approach to their duties believing that being part of the GAA was meant to be fun!

That period of their stewardship as chairman and secretary coincided with a great rise of GAA activities in West Wicklow particularly juvenile hurling. The experience did a great deal to shape Jack's approach to GAA matters in his subsequent elevation to become vice-chairman of Wicklow County board and representative of Wicklow on Leinster Council and later Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Comhairle Laighean and the position of Úachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Jack was elected vice chairman of Leinster Council at the 1984 convention in Termonfeckin, Co. Louth. Following a marathon contest, Jack came back from near elimination on the first count to improve with each subsequent count and eventually carry the day. He served three years with Peadar Kearney of Louth as chairman before taking on the chairmanship himself in 1987.

This period was marked by the Railway cup footballers of the province completing a four in a row 1985, 86, 87 and 88, and by the publishing of the Ógánach report with the help of Michael Delaney, Rúnaí Laighean at the time, which signposted the way forward for today's Cúl Camps, Féilte, and Go-Games. Jack was also instrumental in the purchase of Áras Laighean Mark I in Portlaoise in 1990 – the first GAA Provincial Council to have its own offices.

Jack first stood for Uachtarán CLG in 1990 and was runner-up in the contest with Fermanagh man Peter Quinn. Never disheartened, Jack's big day came on Saturday, 3rd of April 1993, in a contest featuring the late Joe MacDonagh (Galway), Michael Maher (Tipperary), Jimmy Grey (Dublin) and Michael Coyle (London).

Jack polled 165 votes to become president-elect in the Burlington Hotel in Dublin. The next year, 1994, he was installed, at the Slieve Russell Hotel in Ballyconnell, County Cavan, as Wicklow's second ever president of the Association and the first veterinary surgeon to hold the honour.

His presidency coincided with an important time for the Association. Both Jack and the Ard Stiúrthóir, Liam Mulvihill, were very forward-thinking people and most of the planning for the great stadium where we are today was done during that period.

Jack and his wife Nuala were a great pair. Seldom did Jack appear without Nuala by his side and he often referred to her as his 'rock'. He was a man who always listened to both sides of any argument before he gave any answer or assessment.

Jack Boothman will be fondly remembered not only in his native Wicklow but all over Ireland and beyond. He is an example to all.



Joe McDonagh

Ní bua ach buanna a bhí ag Seosamh Mac Donnchadha – bua ceannaireachta, intleachta, bua an eagair, na cumarsáide, na hóráidíochta, na lúthchleasaíochta an cheoil, na haisteoireachta agus mórán eile nach iad.

Ach, mar a dheimhneoidh siad siúd a raibh aithne acu air ó saolaíodh é, chomh maith leo siúd nár nár chas dó ach aon uair amháin, ba é pearsantacht fuinniúil, lách, laethúil, spóirtiúil Sheosamh a fhanfaidh ina gcuimhne na laetheanta gruama, dobrónacha, dorcha seo tar éis a bháis.

Ghealaigh Joe aon chuideachta inar sheas sé riamh ann agus le himeacht na hoíche (agus glac uaimse é nárbh é ba thúisce a thug aghaidh ar an leaba), d'éirigh sé níos deacra cúl a thabhairt dá chomhluadar suáilceach. Níorbh ionadh go raibh sé ar dhuine de na daoine ar m'eolas ba mhó a raibh cion air agus cairde aige.

Nuair a toghadh é ina Uachtarán ar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael i 1997, bhí sé ar ar dhuine den dream ab óige a bhí i mbun an chúraim sin riamh. Bhain a thréimhse uachtaránachta le ré ina raibh athruithe móra ar leic an dorais ag na heagraíochta spóirt agus d'fhág cumas reachtaíochta agus samhlaíocht Joe go raibh a eagraíocht féin in ann leas iomlán a bhaint astu siúd.

Is gnó mór é an spórt sa lá atá inniu ann agus ba é fad bhreathnaitheacht Joe McDonagh agus na daoine cumasacha a tháinig ina dhiaidh a chinntigh gur é an Cumann Lúthchleas Gael an eagraíocht aimitéireach spóirt is foirfe ar dhroim na cruinne.

I dTuaisceart na Gaillimhe, i gCortún, dúiche dúchais a mháthar, Chrissie a chaith Joe na blianta ba thúisce dá shaol, ach i ndeireadh na gcaogadaí bhog an teighleach go Baile an Doirín nuair a fuair a athair Maitias post múinteoireachta ansiúd.

Ba as an Áill Bhán, cúpla míle taobh thiar de shráidbhaile Charna do Mhaitias agus spreag sé dhá rud go háirithe i gcroíthe a mhic agus a iníne, Eilish – grá dá dteanga dhúchais agus do chluichí na Gael.

Bhí baint mhór ag Maitias le bunú an Choiste Iomána i nGaillimh, rud a thug faoi ndeara aiséirí an chluiche sa gcontae agus bhí Seosamh ar pháirc na himeartha sna heachtraí a d'fhógair sin – cluiche ceannais mionúir na hÉireann 1970, nuair a bhuaigh Corcaigh orthu, an chéad bhua riamh ag Gaillimh sa gcaobh Faoi 21 dhá bhliain dar gcionn agus bua an tSraithchomórtais Náisiúnta 1975.

San óráid a thug sé beagán os cionn scór bliain ina dhiaidh sin arús sa Royal Lancaster Hotel i Londain áit ar toghadh é mar uachtarán ar CLG i 1997, luaigh Seosamh Mac Donnchadha tús an aistir a thug chomh fada leis siúd é. "Ag iománaíocht in aghaidh na binne sa teach i mBaile an Doirín", mar a dúirt sé féin.

Bhí Joe ar an bpáirc nuair a bhuaigh Cill Chainnigh ar Ghaillimh i gCluichí Ceannais Sinsireacha na hÉireann i 1975 agus mar chaptaen i 1979. Idir eatarthu bhuaigh sé gradam All Star i 1976. Faraor d'fhág víreas go mba ar bhinse na h-ionadaithe a bhí sé nuair a chroch a chara mór Joe Connolly Corn Liam Mhic Cárthaigh ar chéimeanna Ardáin an Ógánaigh i 1980, ach fágann a leagan den "West's Awake" díreach ina dhiaidh sin a áit féin ag Mac Donnchadha san ócáid stairiúil úd ag iománaithe na Gaillimhe.

Ina shaol lasmuigh den Chumann Lúthchleas Gael ba in iomaire an oideachais a shaothraigh Seosamh tar éis dó Máistreacht sa Léann Cheilteach a bhaint amach in Ollscoileanna na Gaillimhe agus Aberystwyth.

Bhí sé i mbun teagaisc i gColáiste Éinde i gCathair na Gaillimhe, ar a ndearna sé féin freastal mar ógánach, ag obair mar Thimire Gaeilge le Coiste Gairmoideachais na Gaillimhe sula bhfuair sé post mar Phríomhfheidhmeannach ar Choiste Gairmoideachais an Chontae sin agus ina dhiaidh i mbun an dhualgais chéanna le Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Mhaigh Eo/Shlighigh/Liatroma, nó gur éirigh sé as i ndeireadh an tsamhraidh seo caite .

Chaith sé tamall freisin ina Phríomhfheidhmeannach ar Fhoras na Gaeilge.

Ba iad na Cluichí Gaelacha, ár dteaga dhúchais, an ceol agus an deachomhluadar na rudaí ab ansa le Seosamh Mac Donnchadha, ach ba iad a bheanchéile Peig, a chlann, Muireann Eilís agus Eoin, a chlann siúd, Caoileann, Léana agus Cian, maraon lena dheirifiúr Eilish, a oibhneas a chroí.

Ár gcomhbhrón leo siúd go háirithe agus freisin le clann leitheadach Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Ba mhór an onóir dom go raibh sé le rá agam go mba tú mo chara. Amhail gach duine eile, fágann d'imeacht ualach ar mo chroí agus easpa i mo shaol, ach ba bhoichte agus ga dharóile an croí agus an saol sin go d'uireasa.

Leaba i measc na naomh, na n-iománaithe agus na n-amhránaithe agat a sheanchomrádaí.

Hall of Fame Awards 2016

PEIL • Trevor Giles (Meath)

The only player to have been crowned Gaelic Footballer of the Year on two occasions, Trevor Giles was one of the most influential players on the Meath team that captured Sam Maguire in 1996 and 1999, combining a creative role on the half forward line with an unerring ability from placed balls.

Earmarked as a special talent from a young age, he shot to prominence on the Meath team that won Leinster and All-Ireland Minor Football titles in 1992, with his natural flair for the game fostered by both his family background and surroundings - his Dad hurled with the Meath senior hurlers for many years and his Grandfather, Ned, played hurling with Meath as well. Trevor's Grandfather on his mother's side, Packie Mooney, played football with Meath, in the '30s. Both Grandfathers were what you'd call great club-men.

Trevor grew up in Skryne in the '80s when clubmen Colm O'Rourke and Liam Hayes both graced the Meath senior team together with Pdraig Finnerty who was also there for a few seasons. Skryne played in five Meath County Finals in the 1980s, but lost them all. But when Trevor came of age, he helped transform them from nearly-men into winners. In his debut senior campaign in '92, they won their first county title in 27 years and they promptly won another in '93. The following year, just out of the minor grade, he made his Senior Championship debut for Meath and was quickly hailed as one of the brightest young stars in the game.

By 1996, the now 21-year-old Giles was ready to prove he had matured into one of the best footballers in the country. Reigning All-Ireland Champions Dublin were hot favourites going into the Leinster Final, but with Giles to the fore, they were edged out by a new-look Meath team that had been widely written-off before the game. A victory over Tyrone then set up an All-Ireland Final against Mayo - Meath recovered from a six-point deficit in the first match to force a replay, which they won by a point after coming back from seven points down in the first half.

IOMÁINT • Mick Jacob (Wexford)

Over the years, Wexford has produced many fine hurlers that have worn the purple and gold with distinction. Comhairle Laignean was privileged, last summer, to open its Hall of Fame doors to Mick Jacob, a member of the Oulart-The Ballagh club who gave his all for club, county and province and, finally, hung up his boots at 56 years of age having spent most of his life hurling and enjoying every minute of it.

Mick Jacob began his hurling career with his club, Oulart-The Ballagh, playing for three decades, competed in numerous County Finals but, never won any of them. At sixteen years of age he played in goal for the club's Junior side and won a Junior medal in 1967 and an Intermediate award the following year. As a goalkeeper he won three Leinster U-21 medals between 1964 and 1967 and a senior All-Ireland in 1965, when Wexford accounted for Tipperary, 5-08 to 3-12 and Mick was a substitute on that team. Mick played in ten Leinster finals between 1971 and 1984 and while opponents Kilkenny invariably carried the day, the exceptions were in 1976 and 1977 when Wexford reached the All-Ireland finals but Cork proved their undoing on both occasions.

Mick was the first Wexford man to be honoured with an All-Star award in 1972 when he was selected at centre back on a half-back line that included Pat Lawlor (Kilkenny) and Christy Roche (Cork). He was honoured, again, in 1976 and 1977, at centre-back on both occasions. He won a National League medal in 1973 when Wexford beat Limerick in the final. He travelled and played with the All-Stars on six occasions and captained them in 1978. He played hurling with Wexford in Wembley Stadium and in Amsterdam. He holds Oireachtas and Walsh Cup medals. At provincial level, Mick was on the 1973 Leinster team that beat Munster, 1-13 to 2-08, in the final. Mick partnered Frank Cummins (Kilkenny) at centre-field.

He won further provincial honours in 1975 and 1977, in defence on both occasions. He was a selector with Leinster when they won in Rome in 2003 and his son, Rory, was on the team.

Mick's commitment to hurling and his efforts on the playing field may not have brought deserved awards but, to the genial Oulart man, playing was paramount and he gave it his all.

Presented at the Senior Hurling and Football Finals

Trevor won his second All-Ireland win in 1999 and was one of seven Meath All-Stars that season. He played in just one more All-Ireland Final - the 2001 defeat to Galway. He won his third Leinster SFC medal when Meath defeated Dublin and they hammered Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final, only to slump to a nine-point defeat to the Connaught champions.

Meanwhile, his talent and leadership qualities were recognised by the International Rules management, who selected him for three series against Australia and he had the honour of captaining his country in 2000.

Having hung up his boots after an illustrious career, Trevor served as a Meath selector for three years before stepping away after 2015. While that involvement didn't result in any championship success, it did serve to enhance his status as one of the Royal County's greatest ever servants, which Comhairle Laighean are delighted to highlight in welcoming him to our Hall of Fame... Fáilte isteach, Trevor.



On hanging up his hurley, Mick turned to coaching under-age teams at club level ensuring that he is never far away from the game he adorned and adored.

Mick's sons and daughters continued to carry the torch that he passed on, ensuring that the family name is indelibly printed on the fabric of Wexford hurling.

Mick is surely *thár a bheith* deserving of today's honour and we in Comhairle Laighean have no hesitation in saying "*fáilte romhat isteach, Mick*" as we invite him to join our Hall of Fame.

Paddy Flanagan



Challenges

From time to time the question is asked: *What is the Province doing for its various units or can the Province do more for its units?*

Comhairle Laighean, down the years, has assisted Counties, Clubs, the Education Sector and continues to expand its programmes for all units. It is often said that money is not everything. A counter to that is 'without money...'

I believe the former is the case in that, if money could solve many of our problems, the problems would have been solved years ago.

Cross-County Competitions expanded during 2016 and are set to become a significant part of the Council's Games Development Programme in the years ahead.

It is important the project is seen as player-centred i.e. players want games; thus it is the duty of all units to provide sufficient, meaningful games for players.

Leinster GAA Designated Hurling Funds (HDF) Report was published during the year. Under the Chairmanship of Nickey Brennan, considerable work was undertaken to produce a worthwhile and realistic report. The Report conveys the appreciation of the Group to all the personnel from the Counties involved, for their honesty and openness in playing their part in providing Leinster with the opportunity to develop further a template of assistance and guidance to all Counties in best practice for all County Squads and Teams.

The follow-up is that, to date, a number of Workshops have been delivered for personnel involved in County Squads and Teams titled - ***Managing the multi-disciplinary support team of an Inter-County Gaelic Games Squad***. It is a practical manner for the Province to work together and be of assistance to each other.

The approval of the East Leinster Project, in principal, by Central Authorities is another project spearheaded by Provincial Staff together with respective County Officers and Games Development in Kildare, Louth, Meath and Wicklow. To say that one cap doesn't fit all is an understatement. The Project has great potential to better Gaelic Games in all four Counties. 'Buy in' and good governance are essential ingredients that must be to the fore. I said above that one cap doesn't fit all; thus different templates may be necessary for other Counties and some are already up and running.

Education within the GAA family is wide-ranging – Event Controllers, Stewards, Coaching, Strength and Conditioning, Nutrition, Officer Training, Referee Training, Procedures dealing with discipline and so on. Most of the modules are delivered by personnel arranged by the Province in partnership with the respective Counties and Provincial Staff. Our tie-in with a number of Third Level Colleges is proving to be extremely successful.

During the year, two successful meetings were held where County Secretaries and Operational Managers met Comhairle Laighean Officers and members of staff. To date, the meetings are both of learning and sharing.

Governance is one aspect of the Organisation that we must strive to both improve and be vigilant. Linked to that is the constant pressure over our annual insurance, particularly Public Liability. It is difficult to say 'no', but most of the time to say 'no' is the correct course of action.

Infrastructure continues to occupy the minds of many both at County and Club. Over the past few years it has been noted the increasing numbers of Clubs seeking additional land to provide additional playing area. Continued progress!

County Committees, who are the elected/selected personnel together with the Clubs are under increasing

pressure in ensuring their respective County Grounds and Training facilities remain high quality. It is particularly difficult to keep County Grounds viable – there is much more to a County Ground than a top-class playing surface and dressing rooms. Hence the question – to what extent should Counties pour money into County Grounds for what return?

Fixture-making continues to exercise all of us. There are numerous competitions at all levels. It is stating the obvious to say that there are many dual players. To some extent, it has improved significantly in the past few years, but to have any realistic chance of improving the situation we must seriously look at having a 'result-on-the-day' approach for the vast majority of our knockout games at Club, Educational Sector and even County level. The divide of Juvenile and Adult will also assist.

On the question of Inter-County - it is not very productive that, at times, we seem to provide Competitions for no reason other than to hold a competition.

Our Hearings Committee were called upon, on a number of occasions, at short notice. This Committee have a thankless task – a task that involves, at times, frustration. Frustration at the lack of knowledge for procedures and it almost seemed, at times, as if a hearing been sought for the sake of it.





Board Changes

This year's Convention brings to an end the Officerships of Cathaoirleach and Cisteoir, Comhairle Laighean.

John Horan has served Comhairle Laighean in various positions over the past 25 years. John's chairmanship was very business-like – meeting's short and to the point. Everyone got their say. Decisions were taken and implemented for the benefit of the Province. On behalf of everyone associated with Comhairle Laighean thanks and appreciation to John for his contribution to the Council. To John, Paula, Jack and Liam I wish you all the best in the future.

Syl Merrins is our second Officer who completes his three year tenure as Cisteoir. Over the three years Syl worked quietly and efficiently with John Browne in the all-important area of Finance. Again on behalf of all involved in Comhairle Laighean thanks and appreciation to Syl for his work on behalf of the Province. To Syl, Anna-May and family - I wish you all the best for the future.

Referees

Inter-County Referees are a threatened species. Year after year it is remarked about the shortage of Referees at all levels. *But are we really tackling the issue particularly that of Inter County Referees? Is the present age limit a restriction?*

Whatever the reason the expressions of concern must turn to increased productivity in endeavouring to solve the problem.

General

I have written elsewhere in this report that Education is one of the strands of Comhairle Laighean activity. We have made great strides in the past number of years with Coach Education, Referee training, Stewards training, Event Controller training and others.

Club Officer Development and Training is very much a part of our Winter programme. Thankfully, all of our Counties are participating. It is very important that CLG assist our Club Officers in their

endeavours to administer their respective clubs in a business-like manner. Equally, it is important for all Club Officers to proactively engage with the many workshops/seminars/training nights that are available.

Governance is essential. Governance is helped by both communication and accountability from Club to County to Provincial to Central and vice-versa. To that end I believe we should explore and implement some changes with regard to representation at County, Provincial and Central Levels.

I suggest that:

- Club Delegates to County Committees should either be a Club Chairman or Secretary
- County Delegates (2) to Provincial Council to include either County Chairman or Secretary
- County Representative of Central Council be County Chairman or County Secretary

Over the year the **Black Card** received much publicity. Some of the negative comments were justified. But that said it is worth noting that Referees (without whom we would not be in business) endeavour to implement the rules as given to them fairly – whatever about consistency. As for consistency – what is consistency?

And who is to say that everyone has the same definition of consistency? Similarly for 'let the game flow' or 'advantage'. In my early days working in the area of Post Primary Schools a very popular and good referee gave me a rather interesting definition of 'Injury Time' from the perspective of the two teams involved in a given match:

"For the winning team they want you to blow it up, for the losing team you didn't play enough injury time."

Is it any different in our attitude to any aspect of our playing rules/cards/fouls. Does it not really depend on which side of the fence we are on for a particular incident.

Provincial Boundary

Leinster GAA has long been and continues to be generous in involving counties from outside the Province in its Championships and Competitions. And yet there is some criticism of the views of the Counties of the Province with regard to Galway's participation or otherwise in hurling.

Suffice to say the Leinster counties are mature and responsible enough to make decisions that are relevant and practical for the Province as a whole.

Finance

To aid the continued development of our Games in the province we must strive to maintain a healthy balance sheet. Provincial Councils rely on their Championship income (net) by and large to keep the wheels turning. Allianz League returns (net) are for the Counties. Thus attendances are of the utmost importance and in truth there are but two or three marquee days in a given year.

The new sponsorships from Top Oil and Beko, together with the continued Bord na Móna sponsorship is most welcome as is the continued support of a number of local authorities in Games Development.

Buíochas

To the many people who assisted in the working on all aspects of Comhairle Laighean activity in 2016 – míle buíochas.



Games Development Report



As our first full year in the role draws to an end it allows us a small bit of breathing space to reflect on a hectic year, full of change and new beginnings as well as building on the excellent body of work that went before us. With a full staff list of 63 including Games Managers, GDA's, Schools Officers & Third Level Officers around the Province we have plenty to keep us busy day to day and we would like to acknowledge each one for their tireless work in 2016. Special thanks also to Coaching & Games committees in each county for their assistance in seeing county plans being implemented and taking plenty of calls from us both.

A huge thank you to our outgoing vice chairman Jim Bolger for his support which was invaluable to us as we set about learning the ropes.

Cross-County Club Games

The past year has seen an enormous increase in cross county club activity at child and youth level within the province, which has resulted in a hugely exciting project ready to go in 2017.

April saw an excellent pilot league ran in Meath & Kildare at U13 level culminating in a finals day in Abbotstown where we held division 1, 2 & 3 cup and shield finals. Earlier Westmeath & Offaly ran a similar event while Laois also ran an U15 league inviting in clubs from Kildare & Carlow. In a cross provincial move, Longford have enjoyed a hugely successful partnership with Leitrim at U12 level. These leagues showed us the potential of cross-county leagues.

Abbotstown facilities were also used for four U12 Hurling & Football blitz days which gained huge interest from clubs. Overall, we have over 170 clubs taking part which has given us a huge database of active coaches around the provinces.

Late in the year throughout October & November we also created regional competitions at U13 level in both Football & Hurling. Emphasis here was on a large number of player's representing their region. In total 6 blitz days in Abbotstown saw 540 boys played regional football while 420 played regional hurling as part of the project.

Cross County League Entries 2017

Learning from all our work over 2016, November saw a strategic plan to utilise our changing culture to games programs in our clubs and break new ground with U13 & U15 cross county leagues to run early next season. Getting out to meet clubs at all Coiste na Oig AGM's, as well as a comprehensive social media

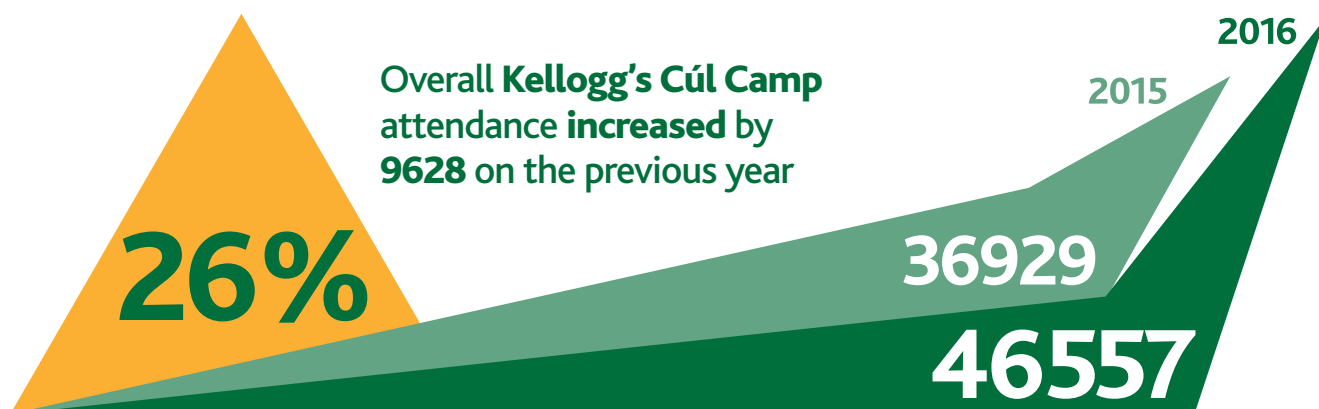
campaign and our county coaching & games staff contacting all clubs has led to the biggest cross-county league structure ever under taken in the GAA. At close of entries we are left with 185 clubs entering making up over 300 teams which is an incredible success for Leinster Coaching & Games and can only lead to increase in standards in every county. A list of number of clubs entering from each county can be viewed below. Games improve players and just as important, keeps players.

MH	KE	WW	LD	LS	OY	CW	WX	LH	WH	KK	D
39	25	18	10	9	10	10	8	7	8	3	4

Kellogg's Cúl Camps

Yet again in 2016 our coaching staff worked tirelessly to deliver an excellent programme of camps around the province. In total 46,557 children attended Cúl Camps in Leinster which saw an increase from 37,000 the previous year. Year on year our Coaching & Games staff exceed all expectations and provide a vast amount of children with a wonderfully positive GAA experience. Such high numbers have led to capacity being met and exceeded in some venues which has obvious implications on health & safety grounds. In response to this it is proposed that one pitch venues will now have a limit of 140 attendees for 2017.

County	Total Participants 2016	Total Participants 2015	Total Increase
Carlow	1815	1240	+575
Dublin	10251	8265	+1986
Kildare	6246	5237	+1009
Kilkenny	2301	1898	+403
Laois	2462	1865	+597
Longford	1541	1237	+304
Louth	2964	2320	+644
Meath	4826	3888	+938
Offaly	3018	2165	+853
Westmeath	2310	1849	+461
Wexford	5200	4150	+1050
Wicklow	3623	2815	+808
Grand Total	46557	36929	+9628



Kellogg's Cúl Camps Mentor Programme

The provincial Games managers allocated mentors to the programme and workshops were conducted in four provincial venues for them.

Like last year Mentors had two key inputs to deliver – firstly, they conducted a workshop for all Cúl Camp Coordinators within an agreed region. The purpose of this was twofold, namely to build rapport with the Coordinators and also to brief them on the Operational handbook.

Secondly, the Mentors undertook to conduct a one-day visit to an agreed number of Cúl Camps. At the Camps the role of the Mentor was to observe the operational activities at the Camps in order to ensure that the Camp Coordinator was aware of the best practice Camp Operational Guidelines.

Player Pathway (Club Support)

As mentioned already our key goal is to support clubs and with this in mind we have worked tirelessly to create a Player Pathway programme to assist clubs in recruiting & retaining players through educating coaches on what is age appropriate activities in clubs.

The program is a coaching resource and an accompanying workshop which we have now piloted in Wexford, Kildare, Offaly, Westmeath and Wicklow receiving excellent feedback from over 170 coaches who have taken part. This will be a major tool for our staff to use in 2017 and we believe it can have the necessary impact in all counties.

Talent Development System

Building on the Hurling Development Funding review from early in the year we have set out to work with all counties in the province to build guidelines for a talent development system in both codes. Currently we have county officers, volunteers & full time staff working side by side in developing players once they enter onto intercounty panels at 14 right through to senior inter county panels and while we acknowledge the excellent contributions being made here all counties were only too happy to identify areas where they felt improvement was needed.

The outcome of a number of workshops outlined later in his report on Coach Education by Colm Clear is the creation of our Talent Development System across a range of areas including Skill Development, Talent ID, Sports Science and Performance Analysis.

Academy Squad Games Programme

Relying on the help from hosting counties we set out to improve our games program for Academy Squad players during the year by taking a more one off game approach as opposed to blitz days at U15 & U16 level. Offaly, Carlow, Louth & Longford were to the forefront in this regard and we thank those counties in particular for hosting excellent competitions at various age groups. This has led to an overall increase in satisfaction from coaches and players alike.

Celtic Challenge

2016 also saw the introduction of the Celtic Challenge which is a developmental hurling competition for 16 and 17 year old players who are not participating in State Examinations. The competition ran from 4th May to 18th June 2016 and over the course of May and June, more than 1,000 players were provided with a 7 week programme of meaningful, pre-scheduled games – with 118 games in total.

Leinster counties featured strongly in the competition with 15 teams representing the Province. Dublin entered 3 teams while Wexford entered 2, all other counties entering 1 team. When all five finals were ran in Kilkenny during June, 8 of the 10 teams taking part were Leinster counties.

Division 5 - Corn Michael Feery: Wicklow (5-13) v Westmeath (1-14)

Division 4 - Corn Jerome O'Leary: Waterford City (2-14) v Laois (0-14)

Division 3 - Corn William Robinson: North Wexford (4-13) v Dublin Plunkett (1-15)

Division 2 - Corn John Scott: South Wexford (4-11) v Kerry (2-15)

Division 1 - Corn Michael Hogan: Offaly (4-10) v South Kilkenny (3-12)

While we welcome the incoming U17 minor competition in that it will provide a clear division in our adult & youth games program, 2017 promises to be a challenging year in the management of various competitions around this age grade.

Croke Park Play & Stay Days

U8 players from various clubs in all Leinster counties got the chance to play in Croke Park over three days during July. A total of 2,667 children took part. Special thanks to Dublin and Laois for supplying young whistlers over the three days.

James Devane – Provincial Games Manager (South)

Alan Mulhall – Provincial Games Manager (North)



With 2016 having drawn to a close, it is important that I acknowledge the dedication and hard work of both our full-time staff, as well as the large number of volunteers who continue to provide a large quantity and great quality of educational inputs throughout the province as evidenced by the sample of activities detailed below. The aim for 2017 will be to continue to try and provided effective learning and development opportunities to the right people at the right time, and this can only happen if we all work together to meet the needs of our players, coaches and administrators.

Coach Education

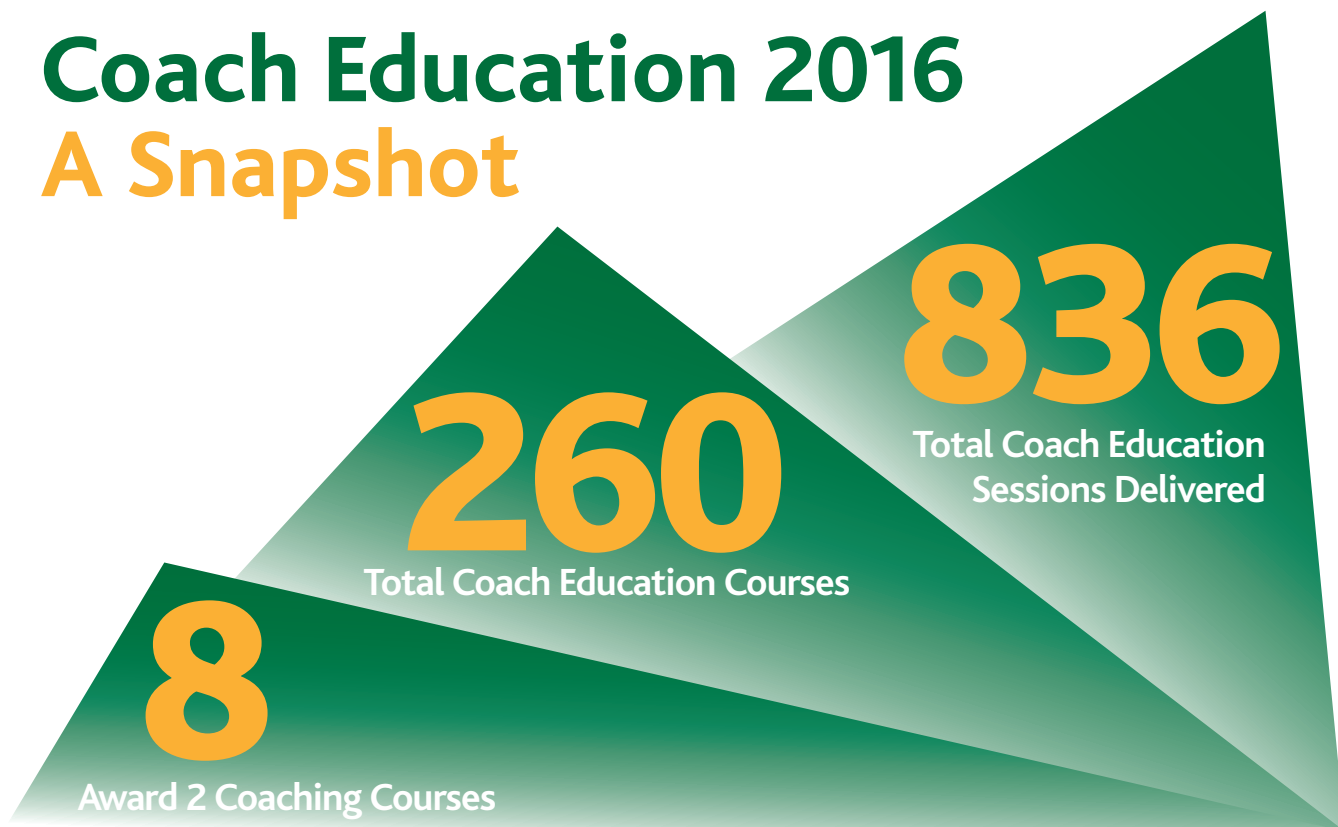
Once again in 2016 Leinster GAA through our games development staff and volunteer tutors delivered a significant number of courses and workshops. Over 260 different coach education courses were completed with 836 different sessions delivered. The quantity and quality of the courses being delivered are a credit to both the full-time staff as well as the large volunteer tutor group who invest significant time not only in the delivery but also the preparation for each of these coach education inputs.

During 2016, I noticed a significant increase in the number of individuals who have been working with club adult teams for several years and are now engaging with our coach education programmes. I believe this can be attributed in no small way to the introduction of the national mandatory coaching standards policy. The knock on benefit is not only seen by the coaches themselves engaging in the programme but the courses themselves have added value due to the increased experience and knowledge on the courses.

Ove the course of 2016 we delivered more Award 2 courses than any other year, with a total of 8 courses taking place throughout the province. The demand for these courses are growing exponentially as evidenced in Offaly where 53 active coaches expressed an interest in taking part in the most recent Award 2 youth/adult course in the county. It is important that all counties, like Offaly, identify the key people in their counties at both county and club level and work with us in providing the right supports to assist them in progressing to achieve their Award 2 coaching qualifications.

Coach Education 2016

A Snapshot



Key Project – Leinster GAA/GPA Award 1 Courses

An exciting initiative in 2016 has been our partnership with the GPA to encourage recently retired players to qualify as Award 1 coaches. Leinster GAA in conjunction with GPA members and the county games development staff have courses either completed or on going in the following counties, Louth, Meath, Kildare, Offaly, Laois and Westmeath. One limitation to this initiative is that all courses in 2016 have been Gaelic football and it is with this in mind that I am asking counties to work with us in identifying a significant cohort of hurlers who would be interested in getting involved in this mutually beneficial initiative.

Tutor Training

As I stated earlier, there is a significant demand for courses throughout the province which requires us to continue to train and develop new tutors. In 2016 we completed one tutor course early in the year from which the 11 trainee tutors are currently completing the final elements of their training by engaging in supervised delivery on courses. A further 22 trainee tutors have commenced their training within the last month. The large majority of these tutors are graduates from our Award 2 courses over the last number of years and will be a huge addition to the counties and regions that they will be tutoring in during the coming months and years.

Supporting Counties

During October 2016, we hosted a unique information night for counties that began the process of engaging with counties to assist in sharing ideas and best practice in the high-performance environment for inter county teams. Speakers on the night included Derek McGrath, Jack O'Connor and Martin Kennedy. The content of the session, and the quality of attendees on the night, illustrated the importance of us working together as a province to the benefit of each county individually. Subsequently follow up one-to-one sessions with each county took place with experts in the areas of physiotherapy & injury prevention (Noel Mallon), nutrition (Alan Kenny), performance analysis (Denise Martin) and Sports Science/S&C (Emmett Egan/Michael Dempsey). These sessions were of great interest and benefit to those in attendance with the only negative being that several people had mentioned how they wished there had of been more people from their county in attendance. The next stage of this educational programme will be to host one day seminars to assist in sharing best practice in providing these services within a GAA context. It is important that counties work with us in encourage those working with county teams to engage in this process for the benefit of all concerned.

Another development in 2016 was the training of Emmet Egan, Alan Nolan and I to be in a position to provide anti-doping training to all county teams in the province. We look forward to working with and supporting counties in this important area in 2017.

Staff Training

In 2016 Leinster GAA games development staff had many opportunities to engage in personal and professional development. One of the highlights took place on the 19th of October when 11 of our full-time staff graduated from IT Carlow with a level 7 special merit award in leadership and management; Brían Ryan, Donal Brennan, Noel Delaney, Tadhg Fennin, Paul Garrigan, James Heffernan, James Kelly, Hugh Kenny, Seamus Kenny, Liam O'Reilly and Jamie Queeney. This course not only provides individuals with the opportunity to gain new knowledge and expertise but also allows for a formal and recognised qualification. This course is designed to develop the management and leadership skills of coaches, managers and administrators and we would ask counties to work with us in 2017 to identify key people in your counties who will be interested in and benefit from engaging in this programme.

Supporting Students and Teachers

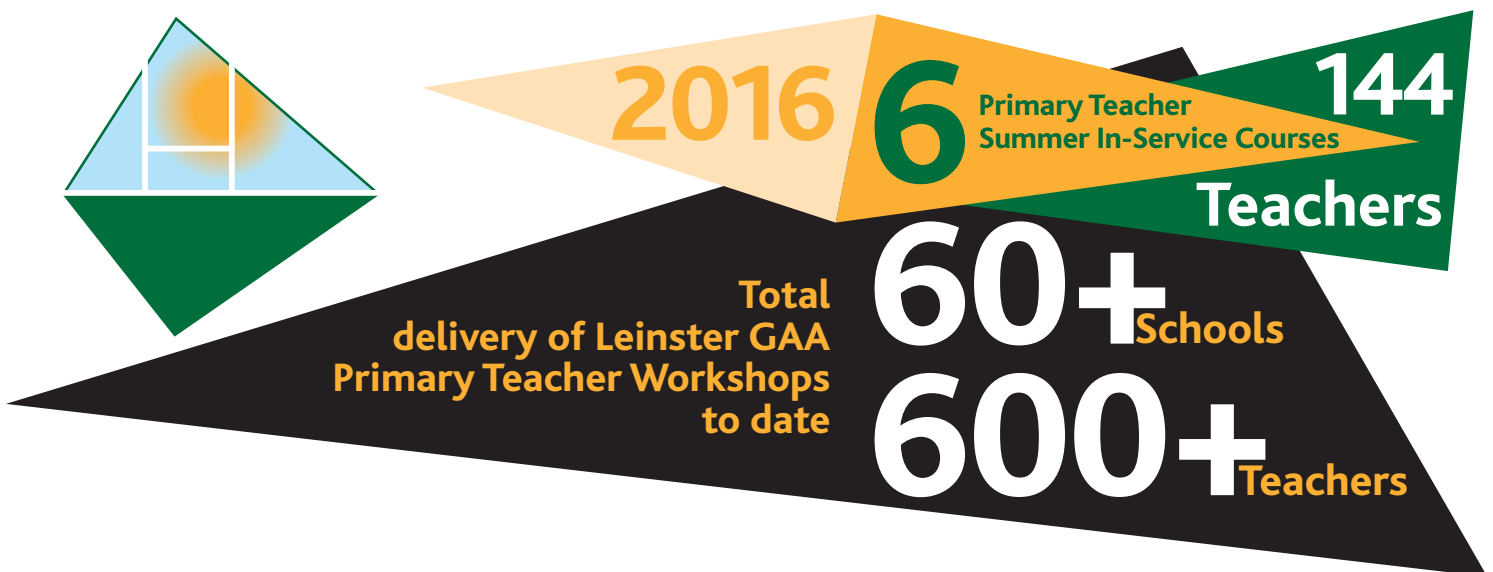
Leinster GAA once again presented 40 students with an annual bursary of €750 to acknowledge their contribution to Gaelic games in third level. There were recipients from all twelve counties in the province in 2016 and it brings to almost 800 the number of students who have received a bursary towards their third level studies through Leinster GAA. I would once again like to thank the contributions of Pat Lynagh, Michael Hyland, Ciaran Flynn and in particular Hannah Horan for their assistance in processing the applications.

Leinster continue to lead the way with primary teacher summer in service courses with a total of 6 courses that catered for 144 teachers. The value of these courses is that they give teachers in the province the opportunity to experience each of the games that make up the GAA family including rounders and handball.

Key Project – Leinster GAA Primary Teacher Workshops

The support to teachers is further enhanced by the Leinster GAA Primary teachers' workshops that have gone from strength to strength in 2016. Over 60 schools and 600 teachers have availed of the workshop and we have added a second workshop since September to continue to engage and develop the teachers we have previously worked with. I would like to thank all staff who contributed to the development of these workshops but in particular David Murphy and Garrett Doyle in providing training to their colleagues.

ALMOST **800**  **Students have received 3rd level bursaries from Leinster GAA in the last 16 years**



Club Support

Over the last number of years, we have had a focus on trying to assist clubs develop their games development structures and standards of coaching. This continued in 2016 with a number of initiatives across the different cohorts. For example, we provided a number of seminars for adult club coaches, which focused on providing guidance on planning for the year and how to manage both to forced and unforced changes that occur within the typical GAA calendar. The seminars were delivered by Martin Kennedy with both an online and face to face element, and had over 220 coaches in attendance.

Also during 2016 we provided several Award 1 youth hurling courses in clubs in both Kildare and Carlow. These courses were run on a similar model as those done in Longford in 2016 with coaches gaining their qualifications while being mentored and trained together while working with their own players.

Key Project – Club Nursery Coaching Resource

A great addition to the Leinster GAA coaching resources in 2016 was the club nursery programme that provided support to 160 registered coaches who used the GAA elearning site to receive weekly lesson plans, skill cards, coaching videos, and reflective blogs to assist them in delivering their own club nursery. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Emma and Louise Byrne for their tremendous work in developing this resource and Aaron Byrne for his help in recording the sessions.

Club Coaching Officer Training 2017

One of the key positions within clubs for the promotion of games development is the club coaching officer. To assist club coaching officers in their important role within clubs, we have created a training programme that aligns with the successful national officer training programme and which will be offered to all club coaching officers in the province by the end of March 2017. It is important that all counties encourage their officers to engage with this programme as it will be beneficial for all connected with promoting our games at both club and county level.

Europe

Leinster GAA have continued to support our twinning partners in Europe to deliver coach education programmes across the continent. In 2016 the following courses were delivered by our tutors either based in Europe or where required from Leinster:

- Foundation Football in Vienna
- Brittany Foundation Football
- Award 1 Child Madrid
- Dual Foundation in Luxembourg
- Dual Foundation in Dresden
- Foundation Football in Andalusia

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Eddie Kelly who was in the role of European coaching officer for the last number of years and who has been a huge assistance to me in supporting the roll out of course in Europe. Furthermore I would like to congratulate Kevin Lenane on his recent appointment to this position and I look forward to working with him in the future. Additionally, I would like to thank the tutors in Europe for their continued contribution and in particular Eileen Jennings and Dave Barrett for their willingness to travel around Europe to assist in the delivery of courses.

Colm Clear

Learning & Development Manager

Leinster Adult Club Hurling League

A total of sixty four teams, representing eleven Leinster counties participated in the Leinster Adult Club Hurling League 2016; Carlow (4), Dublin (10), Kildare (10), Kilkenny (7), Laois (4), Longford (1), Louth (3), Offaly (3), Westmeath (6), Wexford (6), Wicklow (10).

There were four divisions with 16 teams in each division. Each Division was divided into four groups of four teams; each team played a round robin series of three games in the League section of the competition, progressing to quarter finals, semi-finals and final.

FINALS (Team photos appear in the gallery at the end of the report)

Division 1 Ballyboden St. Endas (D) 2-18 v Rathnure (WX) 1-11.

Division 2 Erin's Own (CW) 2-18 v Bray Emmett's (WW) 0-12.

Division 3 Naas (KE) 2-14 v Eire Og Corrachoill 1-14

Division 4 Maynooth (KE) 2-24 v Commercials (D) 2-20

Overall the competition ran very successfully with positive feedback from many of the participating Clubs. Referee Administrators/Referees – As in previous years the cooperation of the Referee Administrators in providing referees for the fixtures contributed greatly to the success of the competition and is greatly appreciated. Counties - The cooperation of the Counties in ensuring that the competition was progressed is greatly appreciated. A number of Counties accommodated Clubs by facilitating internal fixture changes to allow clubs to participate in the knockout stages of the Leinster Leagues.

We wish to acknowledge the input of Leinster CCC Sub Committee, Leinster management Committee, Leinster Games Development Committee, Referees Administrators Committee in the running of the 2016 Adult Club Hurling League 2016.

Special word of thanks to Hannah Horan in Áras Laighean for her assistance in the organisation of the fixtures.



Division 1 Winners Ballyboden St. Enda's (D)
Presentation by John Horan (Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean)



Division 2 Winners Erin's Own (CW)
Presentation by John Horan (Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean)



Division 3 Winners Naas (KE)
Presentation by Michael O'Grady on behalf of Comhairle Laighean



Division 4 Winners Maynooth (KE)
Presentation by Tom Ryan on behalf of Comhairle Laighean

Leinster Minor Football League

Sixteen teams participated in the Leinster Minor Football League (see below), with Kildare entering two teams.

Leinster: Dublin, Kildare, Cill Dara, Wexford, Longford, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Carlow, Louth, Wicklow, Laois.

Munster: Cork, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare.

During the Leinster Minor Football League 2016 the following experimental rules were implemented;

- 1) Only 3 consecutive hand passes were allowed while a team maintained possession before the ball had to be kicked.
- 2) No pass back to the goalkeeper was allowed.
- 3) A mark was allowed if the ball was caught cleanly from a kick out, which passed the 45m line.

Feedback on the experimental rules was forwarded to the Leinster Coaching and Games Development committee. The majority of games during the competition were close encounters with the overall winners Dublin beating Laois, 1-15 to 0-09.

Leinster Minor Hurling League

12 Teams participated in the Leinster Minor Hurling League 2016.

- Leinster – Wicklow, Westmeath, Kildare, Meath, Offaly, Antrim, Carlow, Laois, Dublin
- Ulster – Down
- Connacht - Roscommon
- Munster – Kerry

The final stage of the Leinster Minor Hurling League was divided into a cup and shield competition.

Antrim secured victory over a gallant Kildare side with a scoreline of 1-07 to 0-7.

Leinster U-16 Football League

Thirty five teams participated in the Leinster U16 Football League, representing nine Counties. Those counties included; Meath 3, Laois 2, Westmeath 5, Longford 4, Kildare 3, Wicklow 5, Offaly 4, Louth 4, Wexford 1. The competition was broken down into 3 divisions - Div 1 – 9 Teams • Div 2 – 8 Teams • Div 3-14 Teams

The final game in division one, involved St. Loman's Mullingar v Ardee St. Mary's (LH), with St. Loman's Mullingar claiming the number one spot. The final game in division two was between Eadestown (KE) and Carrick Sarsfields/Kenagh with Eadestown taking the honours on the day. In Group Three the finalists were St. Vincents (OY) v St. Francis /St. Vincents (LD). The Offaly side proved too strong on the day recording an emphatic victory.



Dublin Minor Football Captain James Holland is presented the Leinster Minor Football League Trophy by Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean John Horan.



Antrim Minor Hurling Captain Conor Carson is presented the Leinster Minor Hurling League Trophy by Louth Representative to Leinster Council, Declan Byrne.



Division 1 Winners - St. Loman's, Mullingar

Provincial Féile na nÓG 2016

To enable as many players and teams as possible an opportunity to have an involvement in Feile, Leinster GAA organised Provincial hurling and Football Feile tournaments. This was an opportunity for clubs from different counties to play against each other in a structured and organised format, with the emphasis being on participation and enjoyment.

Provincial Football Féile

Twenty eight teams representing 11 Leinster Counties participated; CW:2, D:8, KE:2, LS:2, LD:2, LH:2, MH:4, OY:1, WH:3, WW:2.

Special thanks to the host clubs for their cooperation and use of their excellent facilities on the day; Castlemitchell GFC, Kildare (KE), Trim (MH), Rathleague Portlaoise (LS), Kilmacud Croakes (D), Clara (OY), The Downs (WH).

Provincial Hurling Féile

Twenty five teams representing nine Leinster Counties participated in the Feile Tournament; Cw:2, D:3, KE:2, KK: 7, LS:3, LH:1, MH:1, WH:2, WX:4.

Once more special thanks to the host clubs for their cooperation and use of their excellent facilities on the day; Rathleague Portlaoise (LS), O'Loughlin Gaels (KK), Tullogher Rosbercon (KK), Barryhouse Ballylinan (LS), Leixlip (KE).

Poc Fada 2016

The Leinster Poc Fada final was once more held in the picturesque setting of the Beann Eadair GAA Club, Balkill Road, Howth, Co. Dublin, on the 16th July. Representatives from the Leinster Counties (see below) participated in a senior and u16 competition (there was also a camogie event on the day).

The winner of the U-16 competition was Cathal Kiely from Offaly with Brian Connaghton of Westmeath taking the senior trophy. The cup was presented by Syl Merrins (Leinster Council). Humphry Kelleher and all the members of the Beann Eadir Club have to be congratulated for their input into what was an extremely successful event.

Senior Representatives

Co.	Name	Club
WH	Brian Connaughton	Raharney
LH	Gerard Smyth	Pearse Óg
WW	Warren Kavanagh	Glenealy
WX	Peter O'Brien	Blackwater
MH	Christopher Curtis	Kilmessan
KE	Paul Dermody	Éire Óg Corrachoill
CW	Damien Jordan	Naomh Eoin
LD	Eoin Donnellan	Longford Slashers
OY	Paul Cleary	Birr
LS	Thomas Dunphy	Camross
DB	Fintan O'Brien	Cuala

U-16 Representatives

Co.	Name	Club
WH	Adam Loftus	Ringtown
LH	Darren Geoghegan	Naomh Moninne
WW	Adam Bush	Bray Emmets
WX	n/a	n/a
MH	Trevor Healy	Rathmoylan
KE	Luce Conroy	Naas
CW	Kevin Curran	St. Mullins
LD	Maitiu O'Donohoe	Wolfe Tones
OY	Cathal Kiely	Kilcormac Killoughey
LS	Adam Loughman	Rathdowney/Errill
DB	Ciaran Murphy	Whitehall Colmcilles

Lester Ryan





Allianz Cumann na mBunscol

The National A.G.M. of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta took place in County Cork on March 10th. The cathaoirleach and rúnaí represented Coiste Laighean. Leinster delegates. Jim Fennelly and Gerry O' Meara were elected to the executive of Coiste Náisiúnta.

Mini 7s

Meetings took place in April, June and August in Croke Park with National Coordinator and Croke Park officials. Mini 7s review meeting in November with Gearóid Ó Maolmhichíl, Croke Park.

INTO Congress

The Rúnaí and Cathaoirleach represented Cumann na mBunscol Laighean on the GAA stand during the this year's conference in Wexford.

Cumann na mBunscol Laighean A.G.M.

This year's AGM took place in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co.Kildare on April 22nd Edward O' Riordan (Dublin) elected as Cathaoirleach and Gerry O'Meara as Rúnaí. Tom Ryan was elected as Leinster CLG Rep.

Leinster Games Development

Tom Fitzpatrick, Edward O' Riordan, and Rúnaí, Gerry O'Meara met with Colm Clear in Croke Park in September to establish agreement on the Leinster Strategic Plan. The following items were discussed:

- Implementation of Strategic Plan in schools
- Grant funding from CLG Laighean
- County Games Programmes
- Go Games for 3rd/4th classes

Handball Days

Leinster Primary School Handball Days took place in St Brigid's GAA Club Dublin on February 8th and 9th 2016. Thanks to Tom Fitzpatrick and students from St Pat's DCU for their help in the organization.

Grants

Annual Grant from CLG Laighean received in late April - €35,000. The grants were distributed to county units on May 4th. Míle buíochas.

Froebel College Maynooth

The Rúnaí made a presentation to students of Froebel College, Maynooth on 12th May, 2016. The topic was the introduction of Gaelic games to their respective schools as newly qualified teachers.

Leinster Council Meetings

At the meetings of Leinster Council which took place in July and October, Tom Ryan gave a report of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean activities.

Coiste Laighean CNMB

Coiste Laighean Cumann na mBunscol meetings were held on April 25th and July 1st.

General Meeting

A General Meeting took place in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge on December 1st, 2016. Each county unit gave a report of activities in the schools of the province. There are almost 1300 primary schools in Leinster.

Blitz Days

Kilkenny hosted a Football Blitz Day on June 10th with 6 counties participating. Jim Fennelly coordinated on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean. Carlow were the hosts for our Hurling Blitz Day on June 16th. Again, 6 Counties participated with Sean Hanafin acting as Cumanna na mBunscol Laighean liaison on this occasion.

Twinnings

Our long-standing relationship with Warwickshire GAA continued with their now annual visit to Croke Park for the Leinster Senior Football Championship final in July where they were joined by our other guests from overseas, Brussels GAA.

Mini Games

Our ever-popular Mini Games, featuring Hurling, Camogie, Boys' Football and Girls' Football were held over four days in eleven different venues, starting on May 10th and ending in July on Leinster Football Final Day at Headquarters.

Coaching Initiative

P.E/ Hurling for junior/ senior classes. Programme run by Paudie Butler held in three counties during the year.

Young Whistlers

Leinster Cumann na mBunscol provided the young referees for the Mini Games during the All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final and Final. Dublin and Wicklow supplied young referees this year. Three courses were held in counties Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford and were facilitated by inter-county referee, David Gough. In the coming year, courses are scheduled to be held in counties Meath, Laois and Offaly.

Coiste Náisiúnta General Meeting

The National Council held a General Meeting on September 19th in Croke Park. The Rúnaí attended.

Cornmarket National Awards

The awards night took place in Cork on Friday, March 10th. Dublin, Kilkenny, Wicklow, Wexford and Longford all won awards.

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Meeting

The Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta meeting took place in Citywest on September 18th to report on activities in Leinster Cumann na mBunscol. The rúnaí attended on behalf of Coiste Laighean.

Buíochas

Thanks to Cathaoirleach John Horan, Rúnaí Michael Reynolds and Patricia Clear of Áras Laighean for their continued support.

National AGM of Cumann na mBunscol

Fermanagh will host the National AGM on the weekend of March 10th & 11th, 2017.

Cumann na mBunscol Laighean AGM

The AGM of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean will be held in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare on April 5th, 2017.

Gerry O'Meara
Rúnaí



Post-Primary Schools



COMHAIRLE IARBHUNSCOILEANNA LAIGHEAN

Larry Curtin, Chairman • Damien Fee, Vice-Chairman • Tadhg Doran, Secretary • Tom Crotty, P.R.O.

County Reps

Noel O'Neill (CW) • Brendan Cahill (DB) • Con Ronan (KE) • Niall Connolly (KK) • Ollie Hally (LS)
James Breslin (LD) • Anthony Durnin (LH) • Ultan Fitzpatrick (MH) • Paddy Scales (OY)
James McGrath (WH) • Donal Howlin (WX) • Jim Murphy (WW)

Leinster Council

Damien Fee, Leinster Council Rep.
Shane Flanagan, Leinster Provincial Games Development & Structures Manager
Colm Clear, Leinster Provincial Educational Officer
Lester Ryan, Leinster Provincial Games Development Officer
Alan Mulhall, Leinster Provincial Games Development Manager (North)
James Devane, Leinster Provincial Games Development Manager (South)

Leinster Schools Officers

Tom O'Donnell, Dublin & North Leinster Schools Officer
Pat Henderson, South Leinster Schools Officer
Tadhg Doran, Provincial Leinster Schools Officer

That time of year again, where we reflect on the year that has been while also giving us the opportunity to look forward and plan for the year ahead. The past school year has had numerous moment of note, with plenty of hard work and effort both on and off the field of play.

St. Kieran's College retained their Leinster P.P. Sch SH "A" crown, while we had first time winners in our Leinster P.P. Sch SF "A" – St. Benildus College. Our hurling and football "B" titles went to Col Mhuire Johnstown and Gallen CS Ferbane respectively. Our remaining Senior competitions, along with the Junior and Juvenile competitions have provided great excitement and many a close finish. 2015-2016 saw a number of 'new' winners, which is great to see.

At All Ireland level, our Leinster winners once again represented themselves and the province with great distinction with a number of All Ireland titles returning our way. St. Kieran's College made it 3 SH "A" All Ireland titles in a row, a superb achievement. St. Kieran's also captures the Junior hurling All Ireland. We also had two winners on the football front – Gallen CS Ferbane taking the SF "B" crown while St. Mary's SS Edenderry claimed the Junior football title. The Junior hurling and football All Ireland Series has been running for 3 years now – with the All Ireland title being won by a Leinster school on all 6 occasions – good signs for the future.

To all our winners, both Leinster and All Ireland, I extend congratulations.

The area of fixtures and fixtures scheduling is as complex as ever in that there are a number of stakeholders that need to be considered. The school year, in terms of time for fixtures, has shortened over the years. I await with interest to see how the new age limits (u17 & u20) will affect our schools fixtures. We – schools, clubs, intercounty squads, development squads – all view our players as the most important asset on the playing field. Thus all parties need to be considered, while also remembering that education must be to the forefront of the players priority list also!! It is vital that communications lines are open and we all work together.

As you can appreciate the weather has a massive influence over our fixtures and also venues. We encountered unplayable and unavailable pitches right up to and including the month of April – this makes us appreciate all the more the venues that do make themselves available to us, some often at short notice. We must continue to strive to ensure our school games are played on good quality surfaces, while also continuing to value and appreciate the clubs and county boards who make their facilities available to us. The past school year, especially late 2015 early 2016, has once again proved how indebted we are to the 3G and sand based venues at our disposal.

Our games would not be an event but for the venues and referees we use – because of the large programme of Gaelic Games – Third Level, Second Level, hurling, football, camogie, ladies football – it is not as easy to arrange venues and referees as might be anticipated. That said we are indebted to the many who assist us, our thanks to all.

Our Leinster Post Primary Schools first year blitzes in 2015-2016 have once again proved a great success, with over 1,000 kids toggled out during all three days. Similar blitzes were run within counties, particularly for first and second years and also proved a great success.

Buíochas

- To Larry Curtin and the members of the Comhairle
- To all our Schools for their involvement
- To the Games Development Staff across the province for their help and assistance
- To Schools, Clubs and Counties for the use of their facilities
- To all our match officials
- To Comhairle Laighean
- To the All Ireland Post Primary School Council
- To the various media outlets
- To Pat Henderson, Tom O'Donnell and all the Áras Laighean Team

Sympathy

Leinster Post Primary Schools Council extend its sincere sympathy to those who suffered bereavement during the past year.

Our thanks and appreciation also goes out to you the teachers and coaches involved in our schools. With the education system ever changing, your time and efforts are even more valuable and appreciated.

I am delighted to confirm that Top Oil will be sponsoring our Post Primary Schools competitions for the coming year. We very much appreciate their help and welcome them aboard! Here's hoping it will be a long lasting relationship.

Labhrá Cuirtin
Cathaoirleach

Tadhg Ó Deorain
Rúnaí



Third Level Colleges

(Report to AGM, 24th March, 2016)



Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean

Michael Hyland, Chairperson • Alan Coyne, Vice-Chairperson • Ciaran Flynn, Secretary • Tommy Flynn, Treasurer
Damien Whelan, PRO • Mike McMahon • Aaron Clogher • Aaron Nugent • Gerry Tully

Competitions

Intermediate Hurling League: UCD

Junior Football Championship: DCU

The purpose of these competitions is to allow the students who do not play in Senior competitions to get meaningful games. The Intermediate Hurling League ran with great success this year and hopefully this meant that the students played meaningful games of hurling. The Junior Football Championship was ran in a true knockout basis with seven teams entering.

Three rounds were played and a spirited final was played in DCU between UCD and DCU. In total 18 fixtures were made this year.

Comhairle Laighean

I would like to thank Comhairle Laighean for keeping the third level teams in the Bórd na Mona O'Byrne Cup, Walsh Cup, and Kehoe Cup. From attending games this year and in previous years, I feel that the colleges have a positive effect on the competition.

Bursaries

Awards were presented to active members of Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie clubs this year again and I would like to congratulate all these recipients. Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean thanks Comhairle Laighean and its Coiste Traenalaí agus Forbairth. These bursaries are a great aid to our young Gaels and Comhairle Laighean must be applauded for continuing this scheme over the past fifteen years.

In Conclusion

I have enjoyed my third year as Rúnaí Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean and I thank all who have worked with me this year. I would like to thank all involved in Higher Education G.A.A. especially the players, volunteers and the Third Level Games Development Administrators. I would like to thank our Referees who officiated the games. Without Referees, the games would simply not be played and it is important that we treat our officials with respect. I would like to thank all those who maintain our pitches and make them available for games. I would also like to thank our sponsors the Independent.ie. We very much appreciate the sponsorship and the support that the Irish Independent has given Higher Education G.A.A. as a whole.

I would like to thank and congratulate Michael Reynolds and all his team in Comhairle Laighean for their continued excellence in servicing the G.A.A. in Leinster.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members:

Cathaoirleach: Michael Hyland

Leas Cathaoirleach: Alan Coyne

Cisteoir: Tommy Flynn

P.R.O.: Damien Whelan

Executive Members: Mike McMahon, Aaron Clogher, Aaron Nugent & Gerry Tully

I would like to thank all involved in Comhairle Laighean. Colm Clear and Shane Flanagan have been a great help to me and I would like to thank them. Brendan Connolly our servicing officer has been a great help to me and has guided me in my role as Rúnaí in Leinster.

All involved in Higher Education G.A.A. appreciate the work being done and we wish Brendan continued success.

Lastly, I would like to sympathise with all members who have suffered a bereavement in the year gone by. The service of David Billings must be acknowledged in this report. Since my introduction to Higher Education in 2010, Dave was a guiding light anytime that he was called upon by me. I always found Dave to be welcoming and a testament to what the G.A.A. stands for. He will be missed by all in the G.A.A. and especially by his loving family. The success of UCD in the Sigerson Cup this year was a fitting tribute and would have made him a proud man indeed.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hAnamnacha dílis.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Ciarán Ó Floinn

Rúnaí



Leinster Tutor Trainer Group



Leinster Tutor Trainer Group

Declan Smyth, Chairman • Gerard O'Connor, Secretary • Eamonn Barry • Sean Kelly • Eunan McCormack • Raymond C. Smyth
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Coach education programs play a vital role in the lives of young aspiring coaches; it is the impact that these programmes have on coaching efficacy that makes the difference. Coaching efficacy is a coach's confidence in his or her own abilities to affect the learning and performance of his or her own players.

Similar to self-efficacy, coaching efficacy is a specific confidence in one's coaching abilities. Studies have shown that coaches who perceive they have high levels of coaching efficacy are more likely to engage in the behaviours which their players recognise as effective.

If coaches are comfortable and confident in their abilities to work with players and they coach the game well, then they are an extremely valuable part of the club.

The motivation of the players can be extremely high if the coach is well organised and knows what he wants to achieve and how to achieve it, players will trust the coach completely and this is pivotal to success at all levels of participation.

Novice coaches focus on participant management, planning and organisation of coaching sessions in real-life situations. A competent coach is able to shift the focus towards the outcome of each coaching session and is able to adapt if things go wrong.

Proficient coaches are able to anticipate problems and issues before they arise and they appreciate the individual needs of their participants, adapting in changing circumstances. An expert is always critical and self-reflective, they will continually look to increase their extensive knowledge and are pro-active in seeking opportunities to develop. The coach education pathway takes into account the different coaching capacities and supports coaches at all levels.

Coach education has become even more accessible for coaches; there are a lot more courses, online programmes workshops and resources available for all level of coaches. Including accredited training programmes that are designed specifically for all types of coaches from children to adults.

Progress in Tutoring from January – December 2016

Master Tutor Meetings

- 7 Meetings
- 1 Planning weekend to develop Leinster coach education action plan
- Attended National Tutor workshop
- 2 meetings to progress Award 2 assimilation process

Regional Meetings

- Held 4 regional tutor meetings
- Planned a further 4 for the coming year
- Allocated tutors to Award 1 courses

Tutor Training

- Updating of coach education material on Leinster tutors portal
- Managed Tutor assimilation process for 10 new tutors
- Delivered tutor training programme to 22 new staff and volunteer tutors

Provincial workshops

- Delivered 3 Football & 3 Hurling workshops which were rolled out in 2014

Foundation Award

- Coordinated the delivery of 205 Foundation Courses

Award 1

- Analysed the feedback of all Award 1 programmes.
- Planned and coordinated 140 Award 1 Courses

Award 2

- Supervised and delivered 1 Award 2 child programme
- Supervised and delivered 6 Award 2 Youth/Adult programmes
- Planned coach graduation ceremony
- Critiqued 76 Award 2 Child/Youth/Adult assessments
- Developed marking criteria for Award 2 programmes

Quality Assurance

- Attended 2 meetings with Coaching Ireland

National Tutor Trainer Representative Group

- 6 meetings to develop course content for new Award 2 Youth/Adult
- 4 Conference calls Coach Education Steering Group

Declan Smyth
Chairman

Gerard O'Connor
Secretary



Leinster Referees' Administration Committee Report



Leinster Referees' Administration Committee

Tom Quigley (Dublin), Chairman • Donal Smyth (Meath), Secretary
Pierce Freaney (Kildare), Recruitment & Training • Noel O'Donoghue (Dublin), Tutor Coordinator
John Rossiter (Wexford) • Aidan Shiells (Dublin) • Martin Barry (Carlow) • Martin Whyte (Kildare)
Sean Breathnach (Kilkenny) • Joe O'Brien (Longford) • Tony Maher (Laois) • Peter Bannon (Louth)
Deirdre Kearney (Offaly) • Michael Gordon (Westmeath) • Kieron Kenny (Wicklow)

I am honoured to present this third and final report to you of my term as Chairman of the Leinster Referees' Committee and Leinster Referee Administrator. I would again like to thank the respective County Referee Administrators within Leinster, who have worked so closely with me, particularly Donal Smyth of Meath, our Secretary.

We welcomed on board, in 2016, Peter Bannon, the new Referee Administrator in Louth, and Kieron Kenny, his new counterpart in Wicklow. We also wish to acknowledge the contributions of their respective predecessors, Patsy Connolly and Trevor Culbert. My thanks too to Pierce Freaney for his work on the Education and Training of our developing Referees within the Province, and to Noel O'Donoghue, Tom Fitzpatrick, David Gough, Donal Smyth and Aidan Shiells, who are always willing (and very able) to lend a hand with any courses or seminars that we provide for our newer and developing Referees in the Province. Thanks also to Julie, Patricia, Hannah and all the other staff in Áras Laighean for looking after us so well during the year.

My thanks to Leinster CEO Michael Reynolds for his continuing interest in all things refereeing in the Province, and his attendance at all our meetings, apart from the few occasions that they clashed with one of his Management commitments.

At the end of 2016, we completed our meetings with each and every Referee Administration Committee in the Province, which proved a very useful exercise for all concerned. It was great to hear all the things in refereeing that were working so well in the Counties, and, of course, the other areas that can be improved. On foot of all of this feedback, we attempted to draw up a template for the "ideal" Referee Administration Committee – the perfection which we might never achieve, but let's continue to strive for it.

Since this time last year, the Leinster Referees' Administration Committee has continued to meet on a monthly basis (other than August for holiday reasons) in Aras Laighean. One of our meetings this year was with representatives of the National Referee Development Committee in Croke Park, chaired by Sean Walsh of Kerry. It was a useful night of feedback and exchange of views, which both our own Committee and the National one found useful. The meeting was also attended by a number of County Board Officers from around the Province, although it was perhaps unfortunate that all our Counties were not represented at County Officer level, to hear first-hand about the many important current issues in refereeing.

Pierce Freaney has continued working intensively with our Development Panel Referees in both hurling and football this year, and insofar as possible, I have tried to be actively involved as Chairman (alongside Pierce) in this work. We have continued to run fitness tests, both with Niall Moyna in DCU and our own in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, and provide written rules tests for our Development Referees.

A source of disappointment to us this year was the number of our Development Panel Referees who did not meet the required standard for officiating in the fitness test. This in turn had a significant impact on the work of the Appointments' Committee,

as it significantly reduced the number of Referees available to us to cover all our Leinster games during the season. In fact, we had on occasion to ask some of our Referees on the National Panel to 'come back' and cover games for us in the Minor Championships. They were of course happy to do so, and never let us down, but we do not wish to be appointing Referees who have already made the National Panel to our Minor matches – it is these very Minor Championship matches where we wish our Development Referees to be getting valuable Championship experience on their way up to the National Panel. We cannot 'develop' the Referees on the Leinster Development Panel if they themselves do not wish to work hard to be developed, and, at an absolute minimum, that entails getting oneself into the physical shape to pass the Leinster fitness tests.

In fact, in September 2016, in advance of the Provincial Club Championships, we held fitness and rules tests for our Development Referees. Even though we nominally have some 40 Referees on our Development Panels in hurling and football combined, only 17 Referees passed these tests in September. Hence, the Appointments' Committee was constrained to appointing only 17 Referees out of a nominal list of 40 to officiate in the Club Championships! This is clearly a grave situation, and consideration has to be given to a major cleanout of a significant number of the current Development Panel in favour of newer and younger Referees who will consistently pass tests and be available to referee for us in Leinster, and who will work with us to be developed into National Referees. There is no point in having names on a list, if that is all they are. Of course it will be up to the Counties to supply us with any new Panel of Referees – Pierce Freaney and I cannot magic them up!

Notwithstanding the above, the work being done over the years with our Development Panel again bore fruit this year with the elevation of Barry Tiernan (Dublin) and Patrick Maguire (Longford) to the National Panel of Football Referees, with Peter Burke (Kilkenny) and Mick Murtagh (Westmeath) joining the National Hurling Panel. We also had the pleasure in 2016 of seeing Sean Cleere of Kilkenny elevated to the Senior Hurling Championship Referee Panel for the first time.

The Leinster Referees' Academy was again run and was very successful and well received and enjoyed by all those that attended. We wish to thank the National Referees and top inter-county players who give so generously of their time each year to come in to speak to our Academy Referees.

Thanks to all our Referee Advisors who continue to work for us week in and week out across the Province in all weathers, giving invaluable feedback to the Referees themselves and to ourselves of on-field performances by all our Provincial Referees. In the early part of 2016, the Advisors (like the Referees!) were faced with an extra layer of complexity as experimental rules were trialled in the Leinster Minor League, but again they rose to the challenge with aplomb!

There were major developments in tutoring and new Referee courses during 2016. Croke Park drew up a completely new Panel of Tutors (now known as Referee Instructors), comprising a number of the existing experienced Tutors, and a new group made up of serving or recently-retired inter-county Referees. The thinking behind this development was that new recruits to refereeing may be more attracted to having their courses delivered by a serving Referee whose face they recognize from television every weekend. The general plan is that, where possible, courses will be delivered by one of the experienced former Tutors and a serving Referee.

As with all significant change, there was an inevitable downside, as some former Tutors who had delivered many years of dedicated service were not retained on the new panel of Instructors, and were of course disappointed by this. May I take this opportunity to thank all the former Leinster Tutors who are not on the new panel for the great work they did for us down the years in training the next generations of Referees.

New Foundation and In-service courses were also launched by Croke Park during the year, to a somewhat mixed reception in the Province. The new courses place significant emphasis on video clips from games as part of the learning process, with an online module being included for the first time in the Foundation (or Basic Club) course. I think it is fair to say that the general consensus is that the new In-service course worked well, but that the new Foundation Course did not hit the spot. One of the main problems appeared to be that the course assumed new candidates for refereeing were coming to the course with a certain level of rules knowledge, which simply was not there in a lot of cases. This has I think been adequately communicated back to Croke Park in the various Provincial meetings that the National Committee held, and there is a recognition that (excuse the pun) the Basic Club course must go 'back to basics', and effectively assume that a new recruit to refereeing has 'zero knowledge', and start from there. There were also 'teething difficulties' in that the online element of the course was not ready on time.

As I write, a substantially revised Basic Club Course is being prepared for 2017 by the National Committee in Croke Park, taking on board the feedback received from the Counties about the 2016 version.

Another development of note here is that the provision of Instructors for all these courses (in every County in Ireland) is now coordinated centrally from Croke Park, rather than through the Provincial Committees. This has, for instance, led Noel O'Donoghue, our Instructor and Course Coordinator (and always a very practical man) to question with me whether there is any continuing need now for this position within Leinster, if the Province has been taken out of the loop, so to speak, on Instructors? Something for the new Leinster Referees' Committee to consider in 2017!

I also wish to acknowledge our continuing refereeing links with the Middle East and Europe, and wish those arms of our Association continued success and development.

Another challenge around the corner for our Referees and Advisors as I write this will, of course, be the proposed introduction of the "Mark" in Gaelic Football, and the new set of rules surrounding it.



2016 was another great year of success for Leinster Referees on the inter-county scene, with what we might modestly call the usual plethora of major All Irelands! Well done to Brian Gavin (Senior Hurling), Maurice Deegan (Senior Football Replay), John Keenan (Minor Hurling), Sean Cleere (Under 21 Hurling), with other Leinster Refs officiating Finals at lower grades. We also had a “clean sweep” of every Senior Semi Final in 2016, three in hurling through Barry Kelly, James Owens and James McGrath and two in football with the “two Davids”, Coldrick and Gough.

As I have said before, the excellent success of all these Leinster Referees at the top level of our games is a fitting tribute to their individual determination to be the best, and to the help given to them by Leinster on the way up the refereeing ladder. But, what of the future?

As I have already touched on earlier in this report, I continue to be concerned that we do not have sufficient young Referees coming onto the Leinster Development Panel to maintain this success in future years. I again appeal to the Leinster Counties to redouble their efforts to recruit young referees and, having recruited them, don't be afraid to appoint them to major games – they will not let you down (these young Referees have certainly never let us down in Leinster). With the greatest of respect, there is really no point in a County sending a Referee forward to us as being potentially good enough to officiate at inter-county level, if that self-same Referee is apparently not to be trusted with a Senior Championship game of any kind in his own County!

If we do not bring many younger Refs up the pyramid from County to Province to National, I can sadly predict (nay, guarantee) that in years to come, we will not be celebrating the Leinster refereeing domination of big games that I referred to above. The time to act is now, before it is too late! Inter-county Referees are sadly not “invented” by the Leinster Council in some warehouse outside Portlaoise! No, the inter-county Referees of tomorrow must be the same young Referees who are “cutting their refereeing teeth” in their own County Senior Championship matches today.

As I come to the end of my three-year term as Chairman, can I just finish by repeating my thanks to all those who have helped me in my journey over the last three years. I reserve my deepest thanks for Pierce Freaney, and wish to acknowledge the excellent work he does seven days a week for refereeing in the Province. The older I get, the more I realise he was talking a lot of sense all along, something that perhaps I didn't appreciate when I was a younger Referee myself!

I hope I am leaving refereeing in Leinster in an even slightly better position than when I came in the door – if so, we have achieved something.

To conclude, in acknowledging that Leinster has always been in the vanguard when it comes to new developments, could I suggest that, going forward, we would give very serious consideration to a Television Match Official or Video Referee in our top-level games? I do not believe this is anything to be afraid of, but rather has the capacity to eradicate a lot of the human mistakes that occasionally still bedevil the on-field Referee, who only has a split second to make a call, in live action and at great speed. I am willing to make the not-so-bold prediction that if anyone were to dig out this report in ten years' time, we will be seeing a TMO in action in every game in Croke Park (just like Hawkeye), and people will be wondering what on earth took us so long?! Why doesn't Leinster grasp the nettle on the TMO, as we have in so many other things?

One to think on, as my parting shot! Ar aghaidh leis an obair!

Tomás Ó Coigligh
Chairman



Hearings Committee Report



Hearings Committee

Dick Butler, Chairman • John Byrne, Secretary
Eddie Byrne (Carlow) • Tom Jones (Laois) • John Bannon (Longford) • Declan Byrne (Louth)
William Murphy (Westmeath) • Dermot Howlin (Wexford) • Michael Reynolds (Appeals only)

A provincial hearings committee works differently to a county hearings committee as it adjudicates on hearings relating to disciplinary cases within the provincial setup (apart from cases in competitions that are under the control of Central CCC) and also as an Appellate Hearings Committee for as appeals against county committees or sub-committees.

In 2016 to the date of this report we have had 17 meetings and dealt with 12 Hearings and 11 Appeals (7 upheld, 3 lost and 1 withdrawn).

There is a growing concern that where a red card is issued upon the hearsay evidence of a linesman or umpire there is a need to acquire a written account of the incident from the witness.

At last Convention we offered to share some of our knowledge to Counties and two Counties took up our offer. We had two great evenings in both Louth and Carlow. It is still very clear to us that many members are still unaware of the difference between an appeal and a hearing. We are still available to assist Counties in 2017.

Buíochas

To Michael Reynolds who has advised our committee when we sought his assistance and never backed away from helping us.

To Patricia Clear who ran our committee's administration in a very prompt and efficient manner. Her work outside office hours highlights her commitment to her work.

To all Committee Members for their excellent attendance and often at short notice we wish to express a big 'thank you'.

To all members of the committee who made themselves available to represent us at Central and DRA level.

To Jack Anderson for all of his assistance to us, we appreciate all of the voluntary time and dedication given to the Association by the members of the DRA tribunals.

To all members of parties involved at hearings and appeals we thank you for your cooperation and patience at all times.

Dick Butler
Chairman

John Byrne
Secretary



Provincial Fixtures Planning Committee Report



Provincial Fixtures Planning Committee

Colm Cummins, Chairman • Lester Ryan, Secretary • Michael Reynolds • Pat Teehan • Ger Lennon • Noel Murphy
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Declan Byrne/Sean Carroll • Gerry Giblin/Ollie Keegan • Davy Gavin • Derek Kent • Bridget Kenny • Martin Fitzgerald

County Fixtures Programmes

In 2016 more than ever, the subject of fixtures and the plight of the club fixtures programme has been topical. Counties always strive to implement the best Games Programmes possible through aiming to provide an adequate number of meaningful games on a regular basis. However, this aspiration remains difficult in the absence of a defined window for a season.

As the appetite for debate surrounding the issues of fixtures commences, it's important that accurate data is relied upon to inform opinion. Well considered and accurate fixture planners reports can assist in the debate.

Accurate analysis of a County Games Programme can provide decision makers with valuable knowledge to avoid the common pitfalls of a poor games programme. Over the last number of years reports have identified issues such as dual players, exams, County Team preparations as potential blockages in the system with a knock-on effect for games programmes.

At underage level the problem of a small number of club teams dominating County competitions and inappropriate mis-matches continues to be a problem. However, despite the mis-matches, amalgamations of a number of clubs to create better competition may not be the best model to peruse. The Club unit should be prioritised and counties should strive to provide competitions at various levels to allow clubs to compete at their own level.

Population change throughout Leinster is influencing changes in traditional competition models. The Leinster Fixtures Planning Committee continues to strongly support Crossborder leagues in order to expand and improve traditional games programmes.

Fixtures Planners

The continual analysis of all games programmes can provide valuable information for groups charged with reviewing competitions at year end. However it is debateable as to whether the role of the Fixture Planner as currently constituted is providing this information in every instance. There is much confusion of the exact nature of the role within each county and the success of the role mainly depends on the enthusiasm of the appointed individual.

The template developed at National level was rolled out in 2014 in order to achieve consistency in County Reporting. All Leinster Fixtures Planners received a copy of the template and encouraged to present their data in the required format, however it is suggested that the overall role and operation of the Fixtures Planner is re-examined in 2017.

Committee Observations/Recommendations

Providing the perfect games programme that fits the requirements of every stakeholder has proven difficult, however working toward that ideal will bring incremental improvements that will uniformly improve games programmes across the board.

CCC's and Fixtures Review committees should endeavour make informed decisions regarding competition structures. It is recommended that lessons learned from the last number of years from the varied operation of the Fixtures Planners should be examined to determine the best way forward for the role.

The conflicts that create blockages in the fixture programme need to be addressed, e.g. policy on replays, cross over of codes and ages etc. These issues are not easily solved as some party will feel they have been disenfranchised. However, the needs of the greater number should always come first.

Buíochas

Special thanks to the National Fixtures Planning Committee, the Provincial Fixtures Planners, County Fixtures Planners and to all who have supported the Committee in our work to date.

Colm Cummins
Chairman

Lester Ryan
Secretary



Finance Advisory Committee Report



Finance Advisory Committee

Syl Merrins, Chairman • John Browne, Secretary
Martin Byrne • Eamonn O'Keefe • Dave Kavanagh • Ciaran Gray • Colm Marry • Seamus Reade

The Leinster Finance Advisory Committee performs a number of functions: to review applications for finance from clubs and counties; to assist clubs or counties who find themselves in financial difficulty; to grant permission to clubs or counties to enter lease agreements and to grant permission to clubs or counties to either acquire or dispose of property.

There was increased activity this year and we received 35 applications from clubs for one or more of the above services.

We granted permission to clubs to arrange loan facilities of over €1 million with the various financial institutions while eight clubs availed of loans totalling €450,000 under the Club Loan Scheme from the National Financial Management Committee before this scheme closed. It is anticipated that the scheme will re-open at some point in 2017. We would encourage all units with available funds to invest in the scheme as its success is dependent on having funds available to lend.

Fifteen clubs sought approval to either acquire or dispose of property. This increase in the number of clubs acquiring land is a positive sign but also indicative of the pressure clubs are under to provide playing facilities. The increase in the numbers of juveniles playing our games together with the huge growth in Ladies Football and Camogie means that one pitch in a club is no longer enough, 2 full-sized pitches and a juvenile pitch is now becoming the norm in addition to indoor training facilities and ball walls.

The number of requests for assistance from clubs who were experiencing financial difficulties reduced again this year which is encouraging but we must remain vigilant. Being involved in your club should be about promoting and enjoying the games, if it becomes mainly about fundraising and clearing debt then it can be a struggle for clubs to attract volunteers. We are lucky to have some incredible people active in our clubs and it is to their credit that we have such top class facilities throughout the province.

The clubs that were successful in securing Sports Capital Funding in late 2015 were busy with their projects which contributed to the increase in activity for our committee. It is hoped that this scheme will re-open again in 2017 which in turn will lead to further development for our clubs. This is good news for the province as it means that our clubs are continuing to invest in facilities. The success of these clubs will also mean an increased volume of work for the committee in the coming years as most of these clubs will be seeking permission to borrow to allow them proceed with their various projects. While we will endeavour to assist them in any way we can, clubs need to be mindful of the difficulty not only in securing loan funding but also the difficulty in repaying these loans once drawn down.

Thanks

To each of the committee members who gave so freely of their time throughout the year and to Kathy, Tracey and Tom in Croke Park for their continued support and assistance.

Syl Merrins
Chairman

John Browne
Secretary



Infrastructure & Safety Committee Report



Infrastructure & Safety Committee

Derek Kent, Chairman • Michael Reynolds, Secretary
P.J. Murphy • Joe Bedford • Bill Kavanagh • Pat Henderson • Aidan O'Connor
P.J. Kelly • Mick O'Toole • Joe Shaughnessy

Again, like last year, the trend is evident that Clubs are in development mode in providing excellent additional facilities, also a number of Clubs completed land purchase transactions during 2016. Again this year there is a strong argument for extra funding to the Clubs of our province and hopefully we will get an increase of funding in 2017.

Some major projects were completed during the year and many others commenced, Laois completed the remedial works in O'Moore Park Stadium and their adjoining Centre of Excellence is well advanced and when completed it will have excellent facilities and located in an ideal location.

Offaly have made excellent progress with their "Faithful Fields" Training Centre in Kilcormac. Their due diligence and approach to the project has to be commended and a great example to other Counties in association.

Kildare are in the process of a new development in St Conleith's Park, Newbridge and with detail planning and the help of the Associations model stand in Aughrim have produce an ideal project specification in a number of phases that wil be of huge benefit to all. Great credit to all involved with the time and energy they put into the project to-date and hopefully they will have a construction site shortly.

Carlow installed a floodlight system in Netwatch Park earlier this year and to their credit they got excellent value with the cost of the project, again another reference point for the Association.

Once again Kilkenny delivered a project on time with excellent value for their spend. They completed the project in time to host Dublin and Laois in the Leinster Championship. On June 4th there was an electric atmosphere in Nowlan Park, safety, crowd control and general match day services were executed in a professional manner and made the event a major success and credit to all involved.

Our Safety personnel during the year were again busy. They prepared a safety checklist tailored to suit the Clubs that were approved funding and upon the visitation a detailed report was compiled to ensure the funding went to Clubs with a pro-active approach to safety issues in our facilities.

Great credit goes to the Clubs around the counties, they had the grounds in excellent condition and again safety was to the fore. However we also highlighted some serious faults in a small number of grounds where immediate action was required. We will continue to follow up with visits this coming year.

2017 is another year of Féile in south Leinster, we set the trend a couple of years ago addressing safety issues at Féile venues and there is another busy year ahead of us visiting Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford. Best wishes to Peter O'Neill and his committee with Féile and no doubt Peter and his committee will have another highly successful Féile.

Going forward we will continue our safety reviews in the Counties and upskill our Development Officer and Safety Coordinators. To all at Áras Laighean, thanks for all the support and hospitality you have shown to me in the last three years.

Sincere thanks to Michael Reynolds for his guidance, support and friendship also PJ, Mick and Aidan on the safety side of the group and Joe, PJ, Bill, Pat and Joe on the infrastructure side of the group they all carried out their tasks in a professional manner and they are all a major asset to our Association.

On a personal note I sincerely wish to thank John Horan for entrusting me to chair a great committee, he was always at the end of the phone for support and guidance. I wish the new committee under a new chairman all the best and I will be always available to help if required.

Our strategic goal

To provide facilities that will optimise safety, enable participation and enhance match day experiences.

Derec Ceannt
Chairman



'Games for All' Committee Report



'Games for All' Committee

Brian Carberry, Chairman • Pat Lynagh, Secretary
Gerry Harrington • Tom Farrell • Tim Maher • Jackie Napier • Val Malone

During the past year our Committee has been very pro-active in promoting the activities of our Committee as laid down by our terms of reference.

Wheelchair Hurling

It is fair to say that our main focus has been to increase participation in Wheelchair Hurling. To do this it was necessary to encourage people from outside Dublin to get involved and we are glad to report that new people from Laois and Kilkenny are now taking part. Training sessions took place in Kilkenny and we express our gratitude to all involved. In the Inter Provincial Blitzes run in the four provinces we came a close second to Ulster and on the Final Day Championships, we emerged victorious and congratulations to all concerned.

We would like to thank Dundalk I.T. and the Chairman, Secretary and Coaching personnel from Louth County Committee for their help in organising our Inter Provincial blitz. Also thanks to our Coaches and Players who are part of our Inter-Provincial set-up.

Special Schools

We now have new an excellent relationship with SSSC. Many of our Coaching and Games personnel are providing coaching in these schools. Also the SSSC organised a coaching day in Portlaoise for with Coaching and Games personnel from Laois and Laois County Council were also involved. Thanks to all concerned. An idea from our Leinster Committee about the possibility of a slot in Croke Park for games came to pass on September 26th with nine Leinster Special Schools both boys and girls taking part a long side students from other provinces. Thanks to all in Croke Park for allowing this special day to happen.

Respect Handshake

We are pleased to report that the Respect Handshake at Go Games and up to Adult level is more or less part of our games now. We continue to encourage Counties to promote the Respect Handshake.

Audit

We continue to ascertain from Counties exactly the work that is going on in our Counties. We feel much work is going on without us being credited with it. Just a couple remain to be completed and when we have full audit, we will be able to see where gaps are and work on progressing matters in Counties.

'Give Respect/Get Respect' Signs

Progress can be reported in our campaign to have Give Respect/Get Respect signs in our Grounds. With Feile coming up in three of our Counties further progress will be made, and we ask all Counties to encourage their clubs to promote the sign.

County Committee Meetings

For 2017 we ask all County Chairmen and Secretaries to include "Games for All" on their County Committee agenda, so that Club delegates are aware of what is going on in their Counties.

Training and Awareness

It is of vital importance that our Coaches at all levels are aware of Games for All, and they are in a position to deal properly with all issues that may arise. Discussions have taken place with Coaching and Games regarding training and hopefully by end of 2017 something is in place.

Conclusion

My sincere thanks to Committee Chairman, Brian Carberry, for his interest, energy and leadership he gives to this Committee. To Chairman, John Horan thanks for your support and much gratitude to all the staff at Comhairle Laighean for their help and financial support which is always forthcoming.

Pádraig Ó Laighneach
Rúnaí



Rural Communities Workgroup Report



Rural Communities Workgroup Committee

Syl Merrins, Chairman • Michael Reynolds, Secretary

Andy O'Brien (Wicklow) • Paddy Kelly (Meath) • Terry McCague (Westmeath) • Margaret Doyle (Wexford)

Joe O'Brien (Offaly)

In May 2016 Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean, John Horan, formed a 'Rural Communities Workgroup' to look at issues that affect the rural club in the province. In the past few months we have consulted with individuals, clubs and committees at all levels and compiled the necessary data to formulate a report.

Leinster, in terms of its demographic, has changed dramatically over the last number of decades with most counties experiencing spectacular growth in numbers. Since 1971 the population of the province as a whole has increased by 76% but if you exclude Dublin from this calculation, the population of the remaining eleven 'Rural Counties' has increased by 108% with the increase ranging from 41% in Longford to 235% in Kildare.

The 'Urbanisation' of Leinster, in a GAA context, is seen mainly as a problem for the big urban clubs in trying to cope and cater with the influx of youth but the reality is that urbanisation is having an impact on both urban and rural clubs in different ways.

At the time of writing this piece the committee are compiling data on how the GAA has developed in Leinster in terms of the formation of new adult clubs since 1971 and despite the huge increase in population early indications show that no increase or perhaps a reduction in the number of clubs has taken place, outside of Dublin.

The diverse nature of not just the urban/rural divide but the diversity in rural Ireland itself is even more profound in a Leinster context, which is reflected in the rural GAA clubs in the province. Our findings highlighted the fact that not all clubs are the same and that one size and solution does not fit all. Strengths in some clubs were seen as weaknesses in others, areas of opportunity in some were looked upon as threats in other clubs.

There were a number of areas highlighted repeatedly throughout our discussions and seen as vital to the progress and survival of the rural club:

- People: The importance of good:
 - Coaches
 - Administrators
 - Volunteers
- Club/School Link:
 - The importance of a strong club/school link is vital to the success and in many cases the survival of the rural club
- Sense of Community: The Rural GAA Club is more than a sports club, it means:
 - Identity
 - Tradition
 - Pride of place

There is a view that the more 'Urbanised' we have become the more that the sense of community, identity and pride has been diluted in our rural clubs. We also found that there are pockets and areas throughout the province that have not been overly impacted by inward migration and despite their small numbers have remained relatively successful. The sense of pride in your community and representing 'The Parish' remains strong in these clubs and the success of clubs like Mullinalaghta in Longford is an example of this.

Other issues that were mentioned in the discussions and that we feel need to be highlighted include:

Third Level Students: The percentage of our youth now attending Third Level College and living away from home has increased considerably over the last two decades and the effect that this has on rural clubs is even greater due to lack of numbers.

Sponsorship and Fundraising: The lack of fundraising & sponsorship opportunities encountered by rural clubs was another area highlighted. As costs continue to rise, particularly in the area of insurance, rural clubs are finding themselves under increased financial pressure.

Rules/Bye-Laws: The use of Rules and Bye-laws was seen by many as a way of helping to increase numbers in rural clubs and it was also felt that there were some rules currently hindering participation.

Rural Housing Policy: The effect that Government Planning Guidelines are having on clubs in many counties was highlighted and the more demographic movement that occurs the more counties and areas that will be affected by this.

Lack of numbers - Poor governance - Lack of quality administrators - Lack of funding opportunities – Employment - Lack of parental involvement - Poor quality coaches - Poor facilities - Attraction of the larger club - Depopulation - Lack of GAA Teachers - Attraction of other sports - Lack of success - Lack of volunteers - Smaller family numbers - School closures, these were just some more of the difficulties put forward that are affecting the rural clubs progress or survival.

Future projections point to a continued dramatic increase in the population in Leinster with a 500,000 increase projected in the next fifteen years.

Government planning policy will dictate that this increased population will be resident in areas where services are available, increasing the population of our towns, increasing urbanisation. Government policy will also dictate that 'Rural Housing Policy' guidelines will become stricter, reducing our rural population.

The reality is that if previous trends continue we will continue to lose clubs and the GAA in the province will become less and less relevant.

The demographic change that has occurred in the province in the last number of decades and in particular during the 'Celtic Tiger' years has had a major affect on all aspects of life in the province and the GAA has not been insulated from this change.

At Convention our finalised report will be circulated along with our detailed findings, conclusions and recommendations. A summarised presentation will also be given to delegates on the day.

**Syl Merrins,
Chairman**



Marketing & Public Relations Committee Report



Marketing & PR Committee

Pat Teehan, Chairman • Cian Murphy, Secretary
Kieran Leavy • Conal Markey • Andy O'Brien • Ger Doyle • Liam Holton
Victor O'Shaughnessy • Tom McLoughlin • Pat Toner • Martin O'Halloran

Sponsorship Success

After another extremely busy year in 2016, the highlight was undoubtedly our success in securing a number of important sponsorship deals for Comhairle Laighean through our negotiating team of Cian Murphy and Shane Flanagan.

After a sponsorship gap of well over a decade, we welcomed **Top Oil** as the new sponsors of all of our Post Primary competitions in a two-year deal that covers the 2016-2018 school seasons. There are more than 200 second level schools affiliated to Leinster GAA, playing more than 1500 matches every season and this new sponsorship has enabled us to enhance our support for these schools and also raise the profile of this important area of competition. As well as a successful, high-profile media launch held in Croke Park in October, there was also an impressive eight page pull-out supplement in the Irish Independent to coincide with the start of the Senior A Football Championship. We look forward to developing this partnership in the coming months.

In November of 2016 we also announced a three-year extension to our arrangement with **Bord na Móna** as title sponsors of the Leinster GAA Series covering the O'Byrne, Walsh and Kehoe Cups. This deal represented several months work with our friends in Bord na Móna who have already been associated with Comhairle Laighean for five years but have significantly increased their financial support with a three-year commitment. Again, we staged a very successful media launch at Croke Park and backed up the competition with a major PR campaign.

December saw us conclude another lengthy but exciting negotiation which will see us unveil **Beko** as sponsors of a new Club Award Scheme later in 2017 which will be exclusive to Leinster GAA and promising major rewards for successful participants.

These three sponsorships are in themselves an expression of confidence in Leinster GAA and the work that we do and in welcoming these partners on board we encourage all of our members to actively support them where at all possible.

Championship Media Launches

Another major highlight for 2016 was the staging of the launch of our senior championships at the Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham in Dublin on May 3. This date coincided with the exact centenary of the execution of Pádraig Pearse after the Rising and we were indebted to the OPW and the spectacular Pearse Museum for their co-operation and support. There was a significant turn out of players, managers and media at this event which gave our competitions a major platform.

In October, we also held a successful media launch for our senior club championships – this time in Abbotstown which is a reflection of the fact that this impressive GAA facility in west Dublin is being used extensively by Comhairle Laighean for our games programme and also by so many of our clubs and counties.

Championship Highlights

It was a challenging year in terms of the senior championships but one highlight was undoubtedly the positive public reaction to our decision to move the timing of our Leinster SFC semi-final double-header to avoid a direct clash with the Euro soccer quarter final between Ireland and France. Our decision was rewarded with a much bigger attendance at Croke Park for our games than if we had gone head to head against a national sports event and our thanks to Noel Quinn and Fergal McGill in Croke Park and to Paul Byrne in RTE for their co-operation.

Pearse Medal

In the years before his death Padraig Pearse was a member of the Leinster Council and was Vice-President of the then Leinster Council Colleges' Committee. In recognition of this, we secured approval to initiate a Pearse Medal awarded to the best hurler and footballer of our Championships. Jonjo Farrell of Kilkenny and Dublin's Diarmuid Connolly were selected by a panel made up of national GAA media and members of our Committee with a presentation lunch held in Croke Park in December.

We also secured approval for a special set of commemorative 1916-2016 medals to be awarded to our senior provincial champions, Kilkenny and Dublin, with all of these medals supplied by Gerry Browne in Portlaoise.

Ticket Packages

Our ticket packages are now well established. Offering value for money is something we are not just paying lip service to. Seniors Citizens, Students, Family Groups, Club Juvenile Groups and Round Robin Hurling Specials were again strongly supported. Admitting under 16s free into club games was also well received. This is something we intend to highlight more in 2017.

Commercial Support

There was support put in place and meetings held with a number of counties trying to secure new or improved sponsorship deals. The Committee lobbied Croke Park on the need for there to be a national approach to the issue of sponsorship support for counties – especially those outside the top tier in football and hurling.

PRO Training

There was also a successful training session held with our team of PRO's in Aras Laighean on the eve of the Championship.

The role of the county (and indeed club) PRO has never been more demanding with the emergence of new media and the pressure on time and resources to keep up to date with emerging trends to ensure that our message is heard. The fact that in a number of counties the PRO was unable to see out their term due to personal commitments reflected this struggle.

We are blessed in Leinster with some of the best PROs in the country. However, more consideration is needed by county committees in general of the scale of the task facing these people and the need for them to be supported.

Just as there is an executive committee and a finance committee – there is a clear need for all units at club and county to have a communications committee in place with an elected PRO at the helm but supported with assistance in the area of social media, website administration, and media management. To leave all of these issues to one person or to someone without the necessary skills or interest in media is unwise.

Match Programmes

Aras Laighean produced seven senior championship match programmes in 2016 which were well-received and financially successful.

The policy of host counties being responsible for the bulk of the match programmes produced for our senior championships is currently under review due to the fact that some counties are struggling with this responsibility and workload and as a result are producing match programmes of a poor and inadequate standard while others, it must be said, are setting national standards in this regard.

The viability of one small team with one full time resource in Aras Laighean being responsible for more than 20 match programmes over an eight week period is not a simple quick fix. The whole issue is being explored with recommendations due this spring.

Website and Social Media

The office added Offaly's Brendan Minnock to our team in a part time capacity in 2016 and he proved an invaluable resource. We have continued our steady progress of growth on social media and at the end of 2016 had 27.5k followers on Twitter (up from 20k) and 7.5k on Facebook (up from 5k) and are confident of growing these numbers further in 2017.

Comhairle Laighean Awards

The Hall of Fame Awards announced at the Leinster Senior Hurling and Football Finals saw Trevor Giles of Skryne and Meath recognised in football and Wexford and Oulart the Ballagh great Mick Jacob honoured in hurling. Comhairle Laighean Awards for Club Website (Park Ratheniska, Laois), County Final Match Programme (Meath), and Referees took place in the Killeslin honouring 2015 and the 2016 awards were held recently.

Submissions to Coiste Bainisti

A number of submissions were made to Coiste Bainisti during the year, relating to various aspects of the Comhairle's operations and most were accepted.

Barretstown

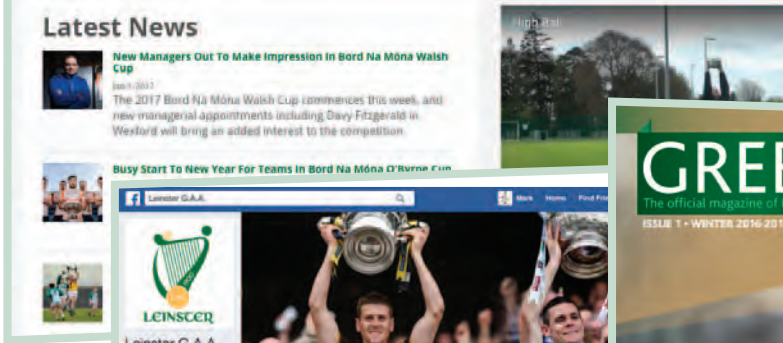
We had another strong year of support for our charity partners in Barretstown. Their phenomenal work with sick children is deserving of our public backing and their efforts were aided by the publicity they gain from their association with Leinster on high profile days and they are very appreciative of that support. We also wore their logo on our inter-provincial team jersey which was well-received.

Functions

Several initiatives throughout the year were also strongly supported by the committee. These included the Go Games under 8 days at Croke Park, our Bursary Awards Night, Club Grants Allocation and the media launch of a new coaching initiative for past county players with the GPA.

Green Flag

We also launched a new quarterly magazine for our clubs entitled Green Flag which is designed to highlight the great work taking place promoting Gaelic games in across the province.



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Committee Members

The members of the committee are thanked for their generous input of time, effort and good suggestions which have led to some very productive and interesting events and developments.

Media

Although we may not always be in favour of everything they produce, the GAA is still fortunate to have an excellent press corp at national and local level in print, radio, TV and increasingly online who are passionate about Gaelic games and play a crucial role in spreading our message and promoting our games.

Peter Keogh R.I.P.

In closing, it is important that we take time to honour the contribution of Wicklow's Peter Keogh to journalism and the GAA and a man who dedicated his life to the promotion of Gaelic games. A familiar and friendly face to those who attend matches in Aughrim and indeed every other GAA venue in the Garden County, he was a unique character who went about his work quietly but who commanded enormous respect from all who knew him.

We use the word 'legend' so loosely nowadays that the true meaning of the term has been devalued. But it is more than apt for describing Peter Keogh who died in February last at the age of 86 after serving as President of Wicklow GAA for 20 years as well as enjoying a respected career in local journalism.

Peter was a native of Talbotstown close to Kiltegan, a small village in south Co Wicklow, located right on the border with Co Carlow. He was born a couple of weeks after the Kiltegan GAA club was founded in 1929, and the two were inseparable.

Wicklow's first county PRO and a former county chairman of Wicklow GAA, he turned to GAA journalism relatively late in life, when in 1972 at the age of 42 he began writing regular match reports and GAA news and columns for the Wicklow People newspaper developing the popular Keogh's Corner. He had a deep love of Gaelic Games, particularly hurling, and he was a selector on the Wicklow minor team that won a special All-Ireland minor title in 1974. After serving Wicklow GAA in various administrative roles in the 1950s and 1960s, he began to combine journalism with his role as secretary of the West Wicklow Board in 1972.

He died after a short battle with illness but was prolific in his GAA and journalistic duties until the very end.

GAA President Aogán Ó Fearghail paid tribute to him saying:

"On behalf of the wider GAA family, I'd like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Peter Keogh. He served the GAA with distinction in a variety of ways for so long and we are all saddened to learn of his passing. We offer our sympathies particularly to his daughters Josie and Breda. Solas síoraí dá anam uasal."

In a new media age where the focus is so often a mad rush to be first and not always necessarily right with the news, Peter was a welcome throw back to a time when standards, ethics and humility were corner stones of journalism.

It mattered little, if indeed at all, to Peter Keogh that Wicklow did not win a multitude of All-Ireland honours during his tenure because he understood that the promotion and enjoyment derived from following Gaelic games isn't measured in terms of cups and medals but in friendships and memories and in this he was an inspiration.

Ní bheidh a leitheid arís ann.



Peter receives his GAA President's Award from then Uachtarán CLG, Nickey Brennan, at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, 2008

Pat Teehan
Chairman

Cian Murphy
Secretary



Culture & Community Committee Report (An Coiste Gaeilge & Scór)



Bail an Choiste

Máire Ní Cheallaigh (Áth Cliath) Cathaoirleach

Séamus Ó Beirne (Loch Garman)

Dónall Ó hIcedha (Áth Cliath)

Bhuail baill an choiste le chéile ceithre huaire i rith na bliana. Phléimeamar na dúshláin atá le sárú ag an nGaeilge, go háirithe, sa chumann.

The members of the Coiste are concerned about the lack of priority given to Irish and Irish culture within our clubs. Obviously, the games are the first concern of all clubs but according to An Treoraí Oifigiúil in its' declaration of Aidhmeanna agus Dearcadh the Association is a strong supporter of Gaeilge and Irish culture.

The authorities in CLG, starting at the very top, with our Uachtarán and Iar-Uachtarán have been great supporters of these aims. But, in recent times there has been slippage at club level. We have seen, for example, at club grounds that the names of the competing teams have been in English on score boards contrary to rule. They are symptomatic of a declining commitment to our native language.

There is enthusiasm for the language among county players. Players like Lester Ryan, memorably, last year and Ciarán Kilkenny, this year, give great example to us all. All clubs can and should promote the use of whatever Gaeilge their members have and give them opportunities to use it in their club situation. It only takes one or two people to create an atmosphere where the use of Gaeilge is welcomed and considered natural and normal.

Some clubs have made great efforts to promote our native language. They run events like a Ciorcal Cómhra, Tráth na gCeist or a Céilí on a weekly or a monthly basis. The advantage of a lot of these is that they require no financial outlay and very little time and can be organised by any club. Clubs should also liaise with their local branch of Comhaltas and/or Conradh or their local Gaelscoil to enlist their help in organising events. It is important that we welcome those with very little Gaeilge as well as those who are fluent. Notices, as Gaeilge e.g. *Fáilte* are available from Foras na Gaeilge.

At county level, *Seachtain na Gaeilge* is obviously the focal point but we need not depend on that. Events around Hallowe'en or Christmas can go really well as the games are winding down by that stage. Fancy dress etc. can be useful there. We all need to encourage our members and friends to use what Gaeilge they have.

We think that the Association should consider whether the Oifigeach Gaeilge should be a position to which a person is appointed rather than elected. It would give the elected Coiste the ability to approach a person with enthusiasm for the job who may be reluctant to contest an election. The club Coiste are the people who know the best person in the area for the job.

Gabhaimid buíochas le gach éinne i gComhairle Laighean a chabhraigh linn i rith na bliana agus guímid gach rath ar an obair sa todhchaí.

Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Chairperson

Leinster Scór Winners 2015/16

Scór na nÓg

Rince Fóirne	Biorra (Uíbh Fháilí)
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Róisín nic Eoin Béal Átha na nGabhair (An Íarmhí)
Aithriseóireacht	Rachel ní Laigin CLG Naomh Pádraig Árd Achadh (An Longfort)
Ceol Uirlise	Réalt na Mara / Baile Ghearóid (Loch Garman)
Leiriú Staitse	Na Dúnta (An Íarmhí)
Bailéad Ghrupa	Na Seamróga (Uíbh Fháilí)
Rince Seit	CLG Naomh Máirtín (An Lú)

Scór Sinsear

Rince Fóirne	Na Seamrógaí Muileann gCearr (An Íarmhí)
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Denise nic Fhlannchaidh Naomh Rinnich (Uíbh Fháilí)
Aithriseóireacht	Aodh Ó Sleibhín Naomh Seosamh (An Íarmhí)
Ceol Uirlise	An Daingean (Uíbh Fháilí)
Leiriú Staitse	Na Dúnta (An Íarmhí)
Bailead Ghrupa	CLG Naomh Pádraig Árd Achadh (An Longfort)
Rince Seit	Bunbrosnach (An Íarmhí)



Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Laighean

By any standards, 2016 was a terrific year on the court for Leinster GAA Mens Handball with Leinster players capturing all Senior titles in 40x20 and 60x30 and being runner-up in the Senior Hardball Open. At Minor level, Leinster won the Minor 60x30 Singles title and the Minor Hardball Singles and Doubles.

Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) captured the Senior All-Ireland Singles title in both 40x20 and 60x30. Robbie beat Charlie Shanks (Armagh) in an exciting culmination to the GAA Handball Singles weekend in Kingscourt, Cavan. He then beat fellow Leinster player Eoin Kennedy in a very exciting GAA Handball Singles Final in Croke Park Handball centre.

Eoin Kennedy & Carl Browne (Dublin) captured the newly-entitled Tommy O'Brien Cup for GAA Handball All-Ireland Senior 40x20 Doubles beating Paul Brady & Michael Finnegan (Cavan) in an exciting end to the GAA Handball Doubles 40x20 weekend in Leinster. Shane Dunne (Kilkenny) won the GAA Handball Minor 60x30 title beating Diarmuid Mulkerrins (Galway) in a tense final in Croke Park Handball Centre to add to the GAA Handball Minor Hardball Singles and Doubles titles he captured in May 2016.

Meath's Brian Carroll & Tom Sheridan dethroned Dublin's Eoin Kennedy & Carl Browne, to win back the All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Doubles crown they last won in 2014. In front of a sold-out and boisterous crowd at Croke Park Handball Centre, the Royals came out tops 21-7, 21-14 in a two hour cracker, with the scoreline not doing justice to the competitive and fierce battle that this final was. Fittingly, after collecting their medals, the duo dedicated their win to the late, great Ducksie Walsh, who had competed in last year's Doubles decider.

In the Open Inter-Club 40x20 and 60x30 competitions, Leinster Club teams were also successful. Kells (Meath) captured the Open 60x30 Title with Kells (Kilkenny) retaining the 40x20 title won in 2015.

At Juvenile 40x20 level, Leinster GAA Handball haul of GAA Handball All-Ireland 40x20 winner's medals continues to grow after some lean years. In the All-Ireland Semi-Finals, Leinster were up against Munster, winning nine games. In the All-Ireland Finals, Leinster won seven out of nine possible titles. Kilkenny won six of the seven titles with Wexford winning the remaining one.

At Juvenile 60x30 level, Leinster GAA Handball captured seven of the titles on offer. Thirteen counties in all competed, with Wexford topping the medals table with four titles. Kilkenny and Tyrone each took home two titles apiece with Cork, Galway, Kildare, Tipperary and Waterford all taking one title back to their respective counties.

President-Elect GAA Handball

Congratulations to Joe Masterson, Fahy GAA Handball Club member who was elected President of GAA Handball Ireland and will take up his post in 2017. A handballer of note in his day, Joe now brings the knowledge he has gained over the years to the prestigious position of President of GAA Handball. Joe has been Chairman of Leinster GAA Handball and is the outgoing Treasurer of Leinster following many years in the position.

Passing of two Handball legends

In 2016 both Michael "Ducksie" Walsh (Kilkenny) and Joey Maher (Louth) passed away. Both were legends of GAA Handball and both were World famous exponent of the game of handball.

**Ducksie Walsh and Joey Maher,
pictured together in the GAA
Museum at Croke Park in 2013**



Joey Maher

It was with deep sadness and regret that Leinster GAA Handball noted the passing of one of the all time greats of the game, Joey Maher (Louth) who passed away suddenly in May, 2016. Joey was a multiple All-Ireland Senior, Canadian and World Champion and was an extremely popular and well-liked person on the Handball circuit.

Joey was the first Irishman to win the World Handball crown when he took the title in Toronto in 1967, representing Canada having moved there to concentrate on improving his handball skills and joining the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Joey always had time to offer a word of advice to any young players and took great interest in their progress. He had been present at the All-Ireland 60x30 Finals in Roscommon as recently as 2015, offering advice to the up and coming players. He will be sorely missed and the GAA Handball community will be a poorer place without him.

Michael 'Ducksie' Walsh

The sad news we were anticipating during the first week of August, 2016, but had hoped would never come to pass, eventually came when Michael 'Ducksie' Walsh went to his eternal reward on Thursday, 4th August.

Ducksie's passing is a tremendous loss, firstly, and most especially, to his wife, Sheena and their children, Dylan, Megan and Niamh, and to his siblings, to Irish handball, the international handball fraternity, his many friends, neighbours and the GAA in general, especially in Kilkenny where he was so highly regarded, honoured and respected.

His achievements on the Handball court may never be equalled. He amassed an amazing 108 All-Ireland titles, four World titles, a Texaco Award and innumerable National and Provincial medals as well as a host of tournament trophies. And he deserved every accolade, title, medal and honour which came his way. He earned them all and worked so hard to achieve the ultimate in perfection to reach the top of the sport. He was a genius, an artist, a complete master of his craft who gave of his best, who wanted to be the best and who achieved that.

Gael Linn

In the Gael Linn (Boy-Girl) U13 tournament, Galmoy (Kilkenny) and St. Joseph's (Wexford) were Leinster representatives both reaching the All-Ireland final with Galmoy (Kilkenny) emerging victorious on the day.

GAA Handball Adult All-Ireland 40x20 Championship

The 2016 Leinster Handball Adult 40x20 Championship had 358 entries – the biggest number to date.

The Singles were played early followed by the Doubles with some very exciting games with Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) retaining his singles Title beating Michael Gregan (Wicklow).

There were new winners of the Doubles with Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne (Dublin) capturing the doubles for the first time beating Ciaran Neary and Brendan Burke (Kilkenny) in the final.

Wexford captured the Minor Singles and Doubles with Daniel Kavanagh beating Kevin Diggins (Kildare) in the singles final. Daniel Kavanagh partnered by Anthony Butler (Kilkenny) beat Shane Dunne and Conor Murphy (Kilkenny) to capture the minor Doubles Title. Junior Singles title was won by Keith Burke (Dublin) beating Daniel Fenlon (Carlow) in the final. Daniel Fenlon partnered Oliver Ryan both Carlow won the Doubles title beating Darren O'Toole/Malachy Whelan (Wexford) in the final.

In Ladies Senior Singles Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath) retained her singles title beating Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny) in the final. Ciara Mahon partnered by Mary Phelan captured the doubles title for the first time. Hannah Dagg (Kildare) captured first ladies minor singles final beating Aoife Holden (Kilkenny) in the final. Aoife Holden and Ailish O'Shea (Kilkenny) beat Cora Delaney and Sorcha Delaney to capture the doubles Title. Niamh Dunne (Laois) beat Kate Dagg (Kildare) to capture Ladies Junior Title. Niamh Dunne partnered by Ciara Dowling beat Audrey McCormack and Sabrina Hughes (Dublin) to win Ladies Junior Doubles Titles.

Overall, 8 Counties won titles with Dublin winning 14 and both Kilkenny and Wexford on 10. Carlow won 5 titles, Westmeath and Kildare won 3 with 2 for Laois and one for Meath. In the All-Ireland Semi-Finals Leinster won 36 games out of 50 played. Leinster captured 22 Adult All-Ireland Titles. Winning Senior Singles (Robbie McCarthy, Westmeath) and Senior Doubles (Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne, Dublin) was a great achievement in any year.

Carlow's (Oliver Ryan and Daniel Fenlon) won Junior Doubles Title. Laois's (Niamh Dunne and Ciara Dowling) captured Ladies Junior doubles title. Michael "Ducksy" Walsh captured Masters A singles title and with D.J. Carey won the Masters A Doubles title. Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) and Mickey Dowling (Kildare) also titles in their respective grades.



Second Level 40x20 Colleges Handball

Secondary Colleges Handball is becoming very difficult to organise because players are managed organised by either retired teachers or parents and the clash with increase Gaelic games provided by Leinster Secondary schools committee. It is disappointing that having won out in Leinster that a number of players gave walkovers in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

Leinster won two All-Ireland Titles having being in 7 finals. The following are the winners Junior Boys Singles and Junior Girls Doubles.

Junior Boys Singles

Jack Holden (Grennan College, Thomastown, Kilkenny) defeated Eoghan McGinnity (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) 15-8, 15-5.

Junior Girls Doubles

Leah Doyle/Molly Dagg (Col Chiarain, Leixlip, Kildare) defeated Cuilleann Bourke/Heather Burke (Balla Secondary School, Mayo) 15-5, 15-6.

Leinster GAA Handball Juvenile 40x20 Championship

There was an increase in Juvenile entries with over 85 entries in total, and with the exception Longford all counties were represented.

Kilkenny had a great juvenile championship in 2016 winning 15 titles, Laois and Wexford winning 4 titles and Kildare winning 1. Disappointing that there were no winners from Dublin, Meath, and Wicklow and Carlow normally juvenile strongholds.

In the all-Ireland semi-finals Leinster were up against Munster winning 9 games. In the all-Ireland Finals Leinster won 7 out of 9 possible titles. The following are the juvenile All-Ireland Title winners:

GIRLS

GU15 Singles Kilkenny (Mary-Ellen Phelan) defeated Mayo (Claire Reynolds) 15-4, 15-3

GU15 Doubles Kilkenny (Laura Foley/Edel Mulholland) defeated Tyrone (Meabh McCrystall/Emer Kerr) 15-11, 15-13

GU17 Singles Kilkenny (Dearbhal O'Keefe) defeated Sligo (Laura Finn) 21-19, 21-6

BOYS

BU14 Singles Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne) defeated Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) 15-9, 12-15, 15-14

BU14 Doubles Wexford (Josh Kavanagh/Diarmuid Moore) defeated Galway (James Cummins/Enda Collins) 7-15, 15-7, 15-10

BU15 Doubles Kilkenny (Jack Buggy/Billy O'Neill) defeated Cavan (Diego Di Folco/Emmett Boylan) 15-2, 15-9

BU17 Doubles Kilkenny (Aidan Barry/Cathal Barry) defeated Tyrone (Tiernan McAleer/Rian McCaul) 21-17, 12-21, 11-3

The teams are as follows.

U12/13 Boys. Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan, Conor Holden, Billy Drennan, Gearoid Phelan, Daniel Hanrahan, David Sherman, Sean Purcell, Sean Barron)

U14/15 Boys Kilkenny (Jamie Maher, Eamonn Brennan, Jack Doyle, Pauric Foley, Eoin O'Brien, Robert Culleton, Jack Hanrahan, Michael Prendergast)

U16/17 Boys. Kilkenny (Eoin Regan, Michael Power, Nick O'Shea, Pdraig O'Neill, Keelin O'Grady).



Kells (Kilkenny)
All-Ireland 40x20 Champions

2016 Leinster GAA Handball Inter-Club 40x20 Championship Open Inter Club 40x20 Championship

4 Teams entered the Championship in 2016. St. Joseph's (Wexford), Garryhill, (Carlow), Kells (Meath) and Kells (Kilkenny). In the Open Semi-Final Kells (Meath) played St. Joseph's (Wexford) At Ballymore winning on a score of 91-83. In the second semi-final Kells (Kilkenny) play Garryhill (Carlow) in Coolgreaney winning on a score 105-51. In an exciting final in Tinryland Kells Kilkenny beat Kells Meath 108-92. The Kells Kilkenny Team was Patrick Funchion, Peter Funchion, Brian Manogue, Brendan Burke and Dan Breen. The Kells Meath team was Brian Carroll, Tom Sheridan, Michael Sheridan and Gary McConnell.

Junior Inter Club Championship

7 teams entered the Junior Inter Club 40x20 Championship, Tinryland (Carlow), Kilfane (Kilkenny), Coolboy (Wicklow), Kells, (Kilkenny), Clogh (Kilkenny), Monavea (Laois) and Kilmysall (Wexford). Tinryland (Carlow) and Monavea (Laois) reached the final with Tinryland Carlow winning an exciting final on a score of 107-102.

Junior B Inter Club Championship

There were 9 Teams entered in the 2016 Leinster GAA Handball Junior B inter Club 40x20 Championship. The teams Clogh (Kilkenny), Windgap (Kilkenny), Annamoe (Wicklow), Kells (Meath), Multyfarnham (Westmeath), Ballymore (Kildare), Tinryland (Carlow), St. Brigid's (Dublin) and Kilmysall (Wexford).

St. Brigid's (Dublin) and Windgap (Kilkenny) contested the with St. Brigid's (Dublin) winning on a score of 105-91. The St Brigid's team was James Smith (Captain), Brian Gardner, Jonathan Westlake and Robert Farrelly. The Windgap (Kilkenny) was Eamonn Hawe, P.J Barron, Philip Lonergan and Sean Foley.

2016 Interclub 40x20 All-Ireland Finals

In the Open grade Kells (Kilkenny) took the premier title for the second year in a row when they defeated Breacach (Tyrone) in the final on a 97-70 scoreline.

The Open competition was played in Cullohill and in the first semi-final Breacach had a good win over St. Coman's 105-56, in the second semi-final Kells overcame Mallow 84-35. The final was also a very tight match with little between the teams but the experience of Kells showed through in the end and they took this title for the fourth time on a score line 97-70. Kells (Kilkenny):- Peter Funchion, Patrick Funchion, Brendan Burke, Brian Manogue and Dan Breen. Leinster did not have any success at Junior or Junior B level with both Tinryland (Carlow) in Junior and St. Brigid's (Dublin) losing their respective semi-finals.



Wexford - Juvenile 60x30 All-Ireland Winners



Wexford - Minor 60x30 Doubles Winners



Kells (MH)
Open 60x30 Winners

GAA Handball

GAA Handball is organised at National level. Leinster had 30 entries from Kilkenny, Carlow, Dublin, Wicklow, Meath, Louth and Kildare. Leinster had great success, winning four titles – Senior Doubles, Minor Singles and Doubles and Junior Singles and a runner-up medal in Senior Singles. A great year for Shane Dunne (Kilkenny) winning minor singles and doubles titles.

In Senior Singles Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) and Ciaran Neary (Kilkenny) flew the flag for Leinster with Eoin Kennedy losing out to C.J. Fitzpatrick (Limerick). In Senior Doubles, Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne (Dublin) and Michael Ducksie Walsh / Ciaran Neary (Kilkenny) took part with Kennedy and Browne winning the title, beating C.J. Fitzpatrick/Pat Murphy (Limerick) in the final. In Junior Singles Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow) emerged victorious, beating Peter Reilly (Meath) in the final. In Minor Singles, Leinster had five entrants with Shane Dunne (Kilkenny) defeating Patrick Murphy (Mayo) in the final. In Minor Doubles, Leinster had one entrant with Kilkenny (Shane Dunne/Eoin Brennan) defeating Mayo (Patrick Murphy/Martin Mulhern) to capture the Doubles title. In Intermediate Singles, Leinster had five entries but did not achieve success. In Intermediate Doubles, Leinster had three entries but did not win the any title.

Leinster GAA Handball Adult 60x30 Interclub Championship

There were a total of 12 team entries this year. There were 4 Teams entered in Junior B 5 Teams in Junior and 3 teams Open.

2015 Leinster Adult GAA Handball 60x30 Championship

Junior B

In Junior B, St. Patrick's (Kilkenny): Michael Conville, Paddy Delaney, Chrissy Dawson, Stephen Fitzpatrick and Steven O'Reilly beat Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) but the title was awarded as St.Patrick's fielded a player not eligible to play Junior B. As Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) did not object within three days of the match being played, they were not awarded the final.

Junior

In the Junior Final, Kilfane (KK) Noel Holden, Willie Holden, Tom Dooley, Dylan Caulfield defeated Coolboy (WW) in the final.

Senior

In the Open Final, Kells (Meath), Tom Sheridan, Michael Sheridan. Brian Carroll, Gary McConnell and Joe Cummins beat Castlebridge (Wexford) in a one-sided game.

2016 GAA Handball All-Ireland Junior B Club 60x30 champions

In the Junior B competition, Kilkenny side St. Patrick's defeated Friary/Abbeyside (Waterford) in the semi-final 84-39. In the final, they also comfortably defeated the Connacht championship Loughrea of Galway on a score-line of 126-25.

2016 GAA Handball All-Ireland Open Club 60x30 champions

Kells HC, Meath captured the GAA Handball All-Ireland 60x30 Senior club title for an incredible fifth time in as many seasons when they defeated Ballaghaderreen, Mayo at Crinkle, on a convincing 84-37 score-line.



Kilkenny - U16-U17 Team of 4 All-Ireland Champions

St. Patrick's (KK) - All-Ireland Junior B 60x30 Champions



Kilkenny - U12-U13 Team 60x30 All-Ireland Champions

Adult 60-30 Championship

2016 Leinster Handball adult 60-30 Championship had 248 entries which are on par with previous years. The men's senior singles and doubles were played were not played as they were not a requirement to play in the Leinster Championship to play in the All-Ireland Championship.

Wexford captured 13 Titles, followed strongly by Kilkenny with 11 Titles. Dublin had a very successful year winning nine titles. Kildare was next winning 4 Titles. Carlow captured 3 Titles with Meath and Westmeath taking 2 titles followed by Laois and Offaly with one title each.

Kilkenny captured the Minor Singles and were beaten by Wexford in Doubles final. Shane Dunne (Kilkenny) beating Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) in the singles final. Daniel Kavanagh partnered by Anthony Butler (Kilkenny) beat Shane Dunne and Dion Bourke (Kilkenny) to capture the Minor Doubles Title.

Junior Singles title was won by Keith Burke (Dublin) beating David Kenny (Wexford) in the final. David Kenny/Eugene Kelly (Wexford) beat Joe Cummins/ Steven Quinn (Meath) to capture the Doubles title.

William Love (Kilkenny) beat Peter Reilly (Meath) to take the Intermediate Title. William and Daniel Love (Kilkenny) beat Peter Reilly / John Boy Molloy (Meath) to take the Intermediate Doubles Title.

Hannah Dagg (Kildare) captured the ladies Minor singles title beating Aoife Holden (Kilkenny) in the Final. Kilkenny captured Ladies Intermediate and Singles / Doubles Title. Rachel Hogan winning the Ladies Intermediate title beating Niamh Dunne (Laois) in the final and with Claire Love beat Niamh Dunne and Ciara Dowling (Laois) in the Ladies Intermediate doubles final. Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny) won the Ladies Senior title beating Niamh Dunne (Laois) in the final and with Mary Phelan beat Niamh Dunne and Ciara Dowling (Laois) in the Ladies Senior doubles final.

Hannah Dagg (Kildare) captured first ladies minor singles final beating Aoife Holden (Kilkenny) in the final. Aoife Holden and Ailish O'Shea (Kilkenny) beat Cora Delaney and Sorcha Delaney to capture the doubles Title.

Niamh Dunne (Laois) beat Kate Dagg (Kildare) to capture Ladies Junior Title. Niamh Dunne partnered by Ciara Dowling beat Audrey McCormack and Sabrina Hughes (Dublin) to win Ladies Junior Doubles Titles.

Overall 8 Counties won Titles with Dublin winning 14, with both Kilkenny and Wexford on 10. Carlow won 5 titles, Westmeath and Kildare winning 3 with 2 for Laois and one for Meath.

In the All-Ireland semi-finals Leinster won 36 games out of 50 played. Leinster captured 22 Adult All-Ireland Titles. Winning Senior Singles (Robbie McCarthy, Westmeath) and Senior Doubles (Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne, Dublin) was a great achievement in any year.

Carlow's (Oliver Ryan and Daniel Fenlon) won Junior Doubles Title. Laois's (Niamh Dunne and Ciara Dowling) captured Ladies Junior doubles title. Michael "Ducksy" Walsh captured Masters a singles title and with D.J. Carey won the Masters A Doubles title. Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) and Mickey Dowling (Kildare) also titles in their respective grades.

Leinster GAA Handball 60-30 Juvenile Championship

There 60 entries in the Leinster Juvenile 60-30 Championship the majority of the entries from Wexford and Kilkenny with Meath, Laois and Kildare only providing a handful of entries. Disappointing to say the least that there were not entries from Carlow, Wicklow, Dublin and Westmeath traditionally strong 60-30 counties.

Kilkenny captured 14 Titles; Wexford won 7 Titles with Meath, Kildare and Laois sharing one each.

2016 Leinster Juvenile 60x30 Winners

Winners Runner Up

GIRLS SINGLES

U12S	Amy Brennan (Kk)	No Competition
U13S	April Moran (Wx)	Rachel Doherty (Kk)
U14S	Rosin O'Keeffe (Kk)	Abby Tarrant (Ke)
U15S	Cliodhna O'Connell (Wx)	Emily Sheridan (Mh)
U16S	Dearbhail O'Keeffe (Kk)	Lauren Flanagan (Wx)
U17S	Sorcha Delaney (Kk)	Sian Cooke (Oy)

GIRLS DOUBLES

U12D	Ellie Murphy O'Gorman/Jody Keeling (Wx)	Lauren Power/Nathana Jackson (Kk)
U13D	Sontae Jackson/Cliodhna O'Shea (Kk)	Becky O'Neill/Emily Moran (Wx)
U14D	Noelle Dowling/Kellyann Ryan (Kk)	Danielle Kinsella/Niamh Miller (Wx)
U15D	Ciara Parnell/Leanne Boland(Wx)	Nichole Dowling/Ava Brennan(Kk)
U16D	Molly Dagg/Leah Doyle (Ke)	Eva Creane/Emma Sweeney (Wx)
U17D	Margaret Purcell//Kym Ryan (Kk)	No Competition

BOYS SINGLES

U12S	Kyle Jordan (Kk)	Johnny Goggins (Wx)
U13S	Billy Drennan (Kk)	Cathal Cummins (Wx)

U14S Josh Kavanagh (Wx)
 U15S Daniel Farrelly (Mh)
 U16S Eoin Brennan (Kk)
 U17S Pdraig Delaney (Ls)

Kyle Dunne (Kk)
 Jack Murphy (Wx)
 Carl Roe (Mh)
 Adam Walsh (Wx)

BOYS DOUBLES

U12D Conor Holden/Killian Kelly (Kk)
 U13D Jimmy Goggins/Tommy Connors (Wx)
 U14D Pdraig Foley/Jack Doyle (Kk)
 U15D Cian Kehoe/Josh McMahon (Wx)
 U16D Ciaran Cooney/Billy O'Neill (Kk)
 U17D Aidan Barry/Cathal Barry (Kk)

Miley Connors/Killian Whelan (Wx)
 Sean Barron/Sean Purcell (Kk)
 Lorcan Breen/Dean O'Neill (Wx)
 James Love/ Mickie Prendergast (Kk)
 Colm Parnell/Ciaran Power (Wx)
 John McKenna/Eoghan Cooney (Dn)

All-Ireland Finals

The cream of Irelands 60x30 Juveniles converged on Ulster venues over the weekend to battle it out for the 2016 Myclubshop. ie All Ireland finals in the softball code. Thirteen counties in all competed with Wexford topping the medals table with 4 titles. Kilkenny and Tyrone each took home 2 titles a piece with Cork, Galway, Kildare, Tipperary and Waterford all taking one title back to their respective counties to complete a very successful weekend of Handball.

2016 60-30 Juvenile All-Ireland 60-30 Team Competitions

The 2016 60x30 Juvenile Team of 6/4 competitions took place in the famous Talbots Inch club in Kilkenny City. In total three different counties reached the finals with Kilkenny taking two titles and Waterford took home the other. In the U12/13 competition Kilkenny had a good win over a strong Tipperary team in the final 67-46. In the U14/15 competition this was also a straight final with Waterford playing Kilkenny. In the end Waterford was just too strong for Kilkenny lads on this occasion and they won 82-54 to claim the title.

Leinster GAA Handball Second Level Colleges 60-30 Championship

Secondary Colleges Handball is becoming very difficult to organise because players are managed organised by either retired teachers or parents and the clash with increase Gaelic games provided by Leinster Secondary schools committee. Entries from schools were on par with every other year. Fixture deadlines are given and ignored. Venues are no longer booked by Leinster GAA Handball as players and schools will make other arrangements without informing selected venues. Again as you can see from the results Kilkenny captured all bar one title with that title going to Coláiste Chiarain, Leixlip (Kildare).

2016 Leinster GAA Handball 60x30 Winners

BOYS

Junior Singles (u15): Kilkenny CBS – Billy Drennan
 Junior Doubles (u15): Castlecomer CS – Kyle Dunne & Billy O'Neill
 Intermediate Singles (u17): Grennan Col – Jack Holden
 Intermediate Doubles (u17): Castlecomer CS – Ciaran Cooney & Eoin Regan
 Senior Singles (u19): Castlecomer CS – Shane D
 Senior Doubles (u19): Castlecomer CS – Aidan Barry & Cathal Barry

GIRLS

Junior Singles (u16): Col Chiarain Leixlip – Hannah Dagg
 Junior Doubles (u16): Pres SS Kilkenny – Edel Mullholland & Noelle Dowling
 Senior Singles (u19): Grennan Thomastown – Aoife Holden
 Senior Doubles (u19): Grennan Thomastown – Deabhail O'Keeffe & Eilis O'Shea

All-Ireland Finals

Kilkenny's Aoife Holden, Greenan College, Thomastown captured the 2nd level Colleges Girls Senior Singles title while Kilkenny also took home the Boys Senior Singles title when Shane Dunne representing Castlecomer CC capped a terrific year on the court when he took home the Boys Senior Singles title in Ballymitty, Wexford last Saturday.

Wexford clubs Castlebridge, St. Mary's and Ballymitty hosted the semi-finals and finals of this year's 60x30 All Ireland Colleges as the final event of the 60x30 calendar brought the softball season to a close. Titles went to the four corners of the country as the cream of the crop came to the top. Eight different schools took home titles, with Castlecomer CC and Greenan College, Thomastown both taking home two apiece. It was a very good day for Kilkenny handball as they took home FIVE titles follows by Tyrone with two, while Cork, Kildare and Roscommon all claimed one apiece.

In the Girls Junior Singles Final Kildare's Mollie Dagg of Coláiste Chiarain, Leixlip finished a great year with another handball title when she defeated Mary Ellen Phelan of Presentation Convent, Thurles. The Girls Junior Doubles title went to Loreto College, Omagh when Ciara Mullen/Elizabeth McGarvey defeated Edel Mullholland/Noelle Dowling of Presentation Convent, Kilkenny. In the Girls Senior Singles Final Aoife Holden of Greenan College, Thomastown overcame Sile Spain of Nenagh Convent of Mercy.

While the Girls Senior Doubles title went to Roscommon's Fiona Tully/Jennifer McCormack representing the Convent of Mercy as they overcame Katie Gould/Laura Shinnors of Borrisokane CC. In the Boys competitions, the Junior Singles final turned out to be the game of the day as it was the only final that went to a tiebreak, Billy Drennan of Kilkenny CBS accounted for Eoghan McGinnity of St. Macartan's Monaghan over three tight games. The Junior Doubles title went to Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill Castlecomer CS when they overcame Luke Barrett/Donal Jones of Scoil Mhuire Kanturk. The Boys Intermediate Singles final was won by Jack Holden of Greenan College when he defeated Sean McAdams of Borrisokane CC. While the Boys Intermediate Doubles final was won by Antoin Fox/Lorcan McBride representing Omagh CBS, they had a tough two game victory over Ciaran Cooney/Eoin Regan Castlecomer CC.

Development

Throughout 2016 Leinster GAA Handball have supported development of top of the range GAA Handball facilities in Monavea, Laois, Crinkle, Offaly, Tinryland Carlow and Glenmore Kilkenny. Most counties in Leinster have top of the range facilities and consequently these facilities are in much demand to GAA handball National fixtures. These fixtures increase the work load of club officers but so far all hosting courts have lived up to their billing but most of the work being done by same few volunteers. Well done all.

Handball Coaching

Gavin Buggy (Wexford) recently completed a GAA Tutor course in University Limerick waiting to complete practical assessment over the next 2 months.

Pat Ryan
Leinster Handball Administrator

PRO Report

Once again in 2016 Leinster GAA Handball were given access to Leinster GAA Hurling and Football match programmes for the promotion of Handball we received two pages in 12 different match programmes during the Championship's opening our game up to a huge audience all during the summer months

The quality of written articles coming from Counties was once again of a very high standard, people have also got the message with regard to the quality of photograph which is required for publication and the large amount of photographs which I received saw all players wearing Club and County GAA Jerseys. Thanks to all Handball County Secretary's and PRO's for their help with written articles and photographs.

Special thanks to Cian Murphy Leinster GAA Marketing and PR Manager, for allowing Handball space in all GAA match programmes, Cian never put any obstacles in my way and was always very helpful.

Also to Kenny Franks Offaly GAA PRO, and Tomás Moore Laois GAA, for their help as some of the match programmes are done by the host Counties and this year Kenny and Tomás published handball material in their programmes.

Thanks to Brendan Minnock, Brendan looks after the handball link on the Leinster GAA Website, and deals with all the Admin work in Leinster GAA for me.

I would also like to thank Seamus Reade our Chairman for all his work over the past three year's Seamus has always supported any requests I have made on him and was always on hand for Photographs during presentations. I wish Seamus all the best in the years ahead.

Thanks also to Joe Masterson for his work over many years as treasurer, I wish Joe all the best in his new role and I know he will be a great President for our Association

Patsy Dowling
Leinster Handball PRO

Health & Safety

Leinster GAA Handball Council received a presentation from P.J. Kelly a member of the Leinster GAA Safety Committee. Leinster GAA Handball council to liaise arrange with P.J.Kelly to carry out some audits in Clogh, Kilkenny, Monavea, Laois and Tinryland, Carlow. Secondly Na Fianna, Dublin, and a club in Wexford were asked to carry out an audit themselves using the Template on Leinster GAA Website.

Hopefully both reports will be available for the Leinster GAA Handball Council Meeting in early 2017. It is the intention to use this information to develop a template for all handball clubs in Leinster.

President's Award Leinster Recipients

2004

Paddy Kelly (MH)
Paddy Flanagan (WM)
Kevin O'Brien (WW)
John Doyle (WX)
Con Ryan (D)
Miriam Malone (KE)
Michael Walsh (KK)

2005

William Price (D)
John Cullen (WX)
Bro. Denis Minihane (OY)
Paddy Collins (WM)
Patsy Kiernan (D)
John Nevin (CW)

2006

Martin Quigley (WX)
Kevin Heffernan (D)
Tadhg de Brun (D)
George Delaney (WW)
Margaret Delaney (LS)
Donal Hickey (D)
Marcus de Burca (D)
Jimmy Bergin (KK)

2007

Tommy O'Brien (KK)
Podge Butler (KK)
Gerry Buckley (WM)
Pat Holland (LH)
Bro. Bosco Mulhare (LS/CW)
Lulu Carroll (LS)

2008

John Ryan (LD)
Fr. Moling Lennon (CW/KE)
Michael Noel Byrne (OY)

2009

Fr. Michael Cremin (WM)
L.V. Conway (CW)
Peter Keogh (WW)
Ned Quinn (KK)

2010

Tommy McLoughlin (LD)
Charlie McAllister (LH)
Mary Donohue, (LS)
Cathal Friel (WW)
Christopher Hughes (D)

2011

Fintan Ginnity (MH)
John Curtis (WX)

2012

Brian Finnegan (WW)
Tommy Nally (KE)
Fitzhenry Family, Duffry Rovers WX)
Martin Meagher, Carlow IT (3rd Level)
Rosemount GAA Club (WM) Social Initiative

2013

Michael Mulhaire (LS)
Noel Murphy (D)
Michael Dowling (LS)
Peter Rice (WX)
Seán Gavin (CW)

2014

Máire Ní Cheallaigh (DB)
Maureen Kincaid (OY)

2015

Har Ramsbottom (LS)
Kevin Loughlin (MH)

2016

Ned Flynn (WH)
Paddy McMahan (LH)

GAA Volunteers' Awards Leinster Roll of Honour

Leinster Hall of Fame

2003	Michael "Ducksie" Walsh (Kilkenny)	Seán Óg Ó Ceallachán (Dublin)
2004	Leinster Camogie Team of the Century	Paddy Flanagan (Westmeath)
2005	Brian Smith (Meath)	Kevin Heffernan (Dublin)
2006	Tony Doran (Wexford)	Sean Boylan (Meath)
2007	Pat Henderson (Kilkenny)	Eugene McGee (Longford)
2008	Damien Martin (Offaly)	Seamus Aldridge (Kildare)
2009	Pat Critchley (Laois)	Frank Lynch (Louth)
2010	Jimmy Gray (Dublin)	Kevin O'Brien (Wicklow)
2011	Eddie Keher (Kilkenny)	Cyril Hughes (Carlow)
2012	David Kilcoyne (Westmeath)	Matt Connor (Offaly)
2013	Pat Dunney (Kildare)	Mick Carty (Wexford)
2014	Paddy Quirke (Carlow)	Jack Kenna (Laois)
2015	Don Hyland (Wicklow)	Des Barry (Longford)
2016	Mick Jacob (Wexford)	Trevor Giles (Meath)

Comhairle Laighean Website Award

2007	Tara Rowan, Jeff Sheridan & Brendan Cummins (Meath GAA)
2008	Chris Lynam (St. Brigid's GAA Club, Dublin)
2009	Brian Ramsbottom and David Kelly (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2010	Paddy Bates and Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club, Dublin)
2011	Fearghal Gogan and Aidan McHugh (Dunshaughlin GAA Club, Meath)
2012	Fergus McNally and Noel Manning (St. Jude's GAA Club, Dublin)
2013	Marc Cunningham and Anthony Rowan (The Downs Club, Westmeath)
2014	Colm Devaney, Jimmy Halpin, John Dowd (Emmet Og GAA Club, Longford)
2015	Brian Ramsbottom (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2016	St. Colmcille's GAA Club (Meath)

Comhairle Laighean Match Programme Award

2004	Alan Aherne (Wexford)	2011	Ronan Lynch (Louth)
2005	Brendan Cummins (Meath)	2012	Ronan Lynch (Louth)
2006	John Duffy (Longford)	2013	Tomás Moore (Laois)
2007	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2014	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2008	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2015	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2009	Brendan Cummins (Meath)	2016	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2010	Mary Foley (Wexford)		

Comhairle Laighean County P.R.O. of the Year

2016	Seamus Reade (Kilkenny)
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Comhairle Laighean Pearse Medal (Player of the Year)

2016	Jonjo Farrell (Kilkenny)	Diarmuid Connolly (Dublin)
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Comhairle Laighean Chrannchur na gCluichí 2017

LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Louth	v	Wicklow
2	Laois	v	Longford
3	Carlow	v	Wexford
4	Louth/Wicklow	v	Meath
5	Laois/Longford	v	Kildare
6	Carlow/Wexford	v	Dublin
7	Offaly	v	Westmeath
8	4	v	5
9	6	v	7
FINAL	8	v	9

EIRGRID LEINSTER UNDER 21 FC

1	Meath	v	Westmeath
2	Wicklow	v	Louth
3	Carlow	v	Wexford
4	Longford		BYE
QUARTER FINALS			
5	Dublin	v	1
6	Kildare	v	4
7	3	v	Offaly
8	Laois	v	2
SEMI FINALS			
9	5	v	6
10	7	v	8
FINAL	9	v	10

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Wexford	v	Offaly
2	1	v	Westmeath
3	Meath	v	Dublin
4	Wicklow	v	Longford
5	Laois	v	Louth
6	Carlow	v	Kildare

Winners of Games 2-6 inclusive (5) qualify for Quarter Finals

Loser of Games 1-6 inclusive (6) qualify for Qualifiers

Only one round in Qualifiers (No repeat pairings where possible)

LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

QUARTER FINALS			
1	Cavan	v	Wicklow
2	Longford	v	Louth
3	Kildare	v	Meath
4	Wexford		BYE
SEMI FINALS			
5	1	v	2
6	3	v	4
FINAL	5	v	6

LEINSTER SPECIAL UNDER 17 FOOTBALL

1	Wexford	v	Offaly
2	1	v	Westmeath
3	Meath	v	Dublin
4	Wicklow	v	Longford
5	Laois	v	Louth
6	Carlow	v	Kildare

Winners of Games 2-6 inclusive (5) qualify for Quarter Finals

Loser of Games 1-6 inclusive (6) qualify for Qualifiers

First named team home venue (No repeat pairings where possible)

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND ROBIN - ROUND 1			
	Meath	v	Kerry
	Laois	v	Westmeath
ROUND ROBIN - ROUND 2			
	Westmeath	v	Kerry
	Meath	v	Laois
ROUND ROBIN - ROUND 3			
	Westmeath	v	Meath
	Kerry	v	Laois
QUARTER FINALS			
A	Galway	v	Dublin
B	Round Robin Winner	v	Offaly
C	Round Robin R-Up	v	Wexford
SEMI FINALS			
1	Kilkenny	v	Winner C
2	Winner A	v	Winner B
FINAL	1	v	2

BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER UNDER 21 HC

1	Kildare	v	Carlow
2	Wexford	v	Offaly
3	Westmeath	v	Laois
4	Dublin	v	Kilkenny
5	1	v	2
6	3	v	4
FINAL	5	v	6

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
Dublin	Kilkenny	Carlow
Wexford	Laois	Kildare
	Offaly	Wicklow
	Westmeath	Meath

ROUND ONE

1	Kilkenny	v	Westmeath
2	Laois	v	Offaly
3	Kildare	v	Carlow
4	Meath	v	Wicklow

LEINSTER INTERMEDIATE HURLING

1	Galway	v	Kilkenny
FINAL	1	v	Wexford

LEINSTER SPECIAL UNDER 17 HURLING

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
Dublin	Kilkenny	Kildare
Wexford	Offaly	Louth
		Meath
		Wicklow

ROUND ONE

1	Kilkenny		BYE
2	Westmeath	v	Offaly
3	Kildare	v	Louth
4	Meath	v	Wicklow

First named teams Home Venue

No Repeat Pairings Where Possible

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PEIL SINSIR			VENUE	DATE
1	Louth	v Wicklow	Parnell Park	21.05.2017
2	Laois	v Longford	Portlaoise	21.05.2017
3	Carlow	v Wexford	Carlow	21.05.2017
Quarter-finals				
4	Louth/Wicklow	v Meath	Parnell Park/Aughrim	03/04.06.2017
5	Laois/Longford	v Kildare	Tullamore	03/04.06.2017
6	Carlow/Wexford	v Dublin	Portlaoise/Wexford	03/04.06.2017
7	Offaly	v Westmeath	Tullamore	10/11.06.2017
Semi-finals				
8		4 v 5	Croke Park	t.b.c.
9		6 v 7	Croke Park	t.b.c.
Final		8 v 9	Croke Park	16.07.17

IOMÁINT SINSIR

Round 1				
1	Meath	v Kerry	Pairc Tailteann Navan	23.04.2017
2	Laois	v Westmeath	O'Moore Park Portlaoise	23.04.2017
Round 2				
1	Westmeath	v Kerry	TEG Cusack Park Mullingar	30.04.2017
2	Meath	v Laois	Pairc Tailteann Navan	30.04.2017
Round 3				
1	Westmeath	v Meath	TEG Cusack Park Mullingar	14.05.2017
2	Kerry	v Laois	Austin Stack Park Tralee	14.05.2017
Quarter-finals				
A	Galway	v Dublin	O'Connor Park Tullamore	28.5.2017 (4.00pm)
B	Round Robin Team	v Offaly		27.05.2017
C	Round Robin Team	v Wexford		27/28.05.2017
Semi-finals				
D	Kilkenny	v Winner C	Home Venue of Winner B	10/11.06.2017
E	Winner A	v Winner B	tbc	18.06.2017
Final	D	v E	02.07.2017	Croke Park

IOMÁINT MÍONÚIR ELECTRIC IRELAND

TIER 2				
1	Kilkenny	v Westmeath	Westmeath	08.04.2017
2	Laois	v Offaly	Portlaoise	08.04.2017
TIER 3				
3	Kildare	v Carlow	Newbridge	08.04.2017
4	Meath	v Wicklow	Navan	08.04.2017
5	Winners Games 1&2 (2)	v Dublin & Wexford (2 games)		15.04.2017
6	Winners Games 3&4 (2)	v Losers Games 1&2 (2 games)		15.04.2017
Quarter-finals (2 Games)				
7	Losers 5 (2)	v Winners 6 (2)		29.04.2017
Semi-finals				
Final	A	v B	Croke Park	13.05.2017
				02.07.2017

PEIL MÍONÚIR ELECTRIC IRELAND

1	Wexford	v Offaly	Wexford venue	17.04.17 (Mon)
2	Winner 1	v Westmeath	Westmeath/Offaly venue	22.04.17
3	Meath	v Dublin	Dublin venue	22.04.17
4	Wicklow	v Longford	Longford venue	22.04.17
5	Laois	v Louth	Laois venue	22.04.17
6	Carlow	v Kildare	Carlow venue	22.04.17
Qualifiers				
Quarter-finals				
Semi-finals				
Final				

FÉ 21 BLIAIN IOMÁINT BORD GAIS

			VENUE	DATE	
Preliminary Round					
1	Meath	v	Westmeath	Meath venue	17.05.17
Quarter-finals					
1	Kildare	v	Carlow	Newbridge	31.05.17
2	Wexford	v	Offaly	Wexford	31.05.17
3	Prelim Winners	v	Laois	Meath/Westmeath	31.05.17
4	Dublin	v	Kilkenny	Kilkenny	31.05.17
Semi-finals					
5	Winner 1	v	Winner 2	t.b.c.	21.06.17
6	Winner 3	v	Winner 4	t.b.c.	21.06.17
Final					
				t.b.c.	05.07.17

FÉ 21 BLIAIN PEILE EIRGRID

1	Meath	v	Westmeath	Westmeath venue	22.02.2017	
2	Wicklow	v	Louth	Baltinglass	22.02.2017	
3	Carlow	v	Wexford	Netwatch Cullen Park	22.02.2017	
4	Longford		BYE			
Quarter-finals						
5	Dublin	v	Winner 1	Parnell Park/Westmeath	01.03.2017	
6	Kildare	v	Longford	Kildare venue	01.03.2017	
7		v	Offaly	Netwatch Cullen Pk/Gracefield	01.03.2017	
8	Laois	v	2	Baltinglass/Portlaoise	01.03.2017	
Semi-finals						
9		5	v	6	t.b.c.	15.03.2017
10		7	v	8	t.b.c.	15.03.2017
Final						
		9	v	10	t.b.c.	29.03.2017

IOMÁINT IDIRMHEANACH

Semi-final	Galway	v	Kilkenny	Tullamore	28.06.2017
Final	Semi-final Winner	v	Wexford	Portlaoise/Kilkenny	12.07.2017

PEIL SOISIR

1	Cavan	v	Wicklow	Aughrim	24.05.2017	
2	Longford	v	Louth	Longford	24.05.2017	
3	Kildare	v	Meath	Meath	24.05.2017	
4	Wexford	v	A BYE			
5		1	v	2	t.b.c.	07.06.2017
6		3	v	4	t.b.c.	07.06.2017
Final						
		5	v	6	t.b.c.	20.06.2017

IOMÁINT FÉ-17 SPEISÁLTA

Tier 2					
1	Kilkenny		Bye		
2	Westmeath	v	Offaly	Westmeath	12.04.2017
Tier 3					
3	Kildare	v	Louth	Kildare	12.04.2017
4	Meath	v	Wicklow	Meath	12.04.2017
Round 2					
5	Winners 1 & 2	v	Dublin & Wexford (2 games)		19.04.2017
6	Winners 3 & 4	v	Losers Game 2 (1 game)		19.04.2017
Quarter-finals					
First Named Teams Home Venue					26.04.2017

PEIL FÉ-17 SPEISÁLTA

1	Wexford	v	Offaly	Wexford	23.06.2017 (Fri)
2		1	v	Westmeath	28.06.2017
3	Meath	v	Dublin	Meath	28.06.2017
4	Wicklow	v	Longford	Wicklow	28.06.2017
5	Laois	v	Louth	Laois	28.06.2017
6	Carlow	v	Kildare	Carlow	28.06.2017
Qualifiers					
Quarter-finals					06.07.2017 (Thu)
Semi-finals					12.07.2017 (Wed)
Final					18.07.2017 (Tue)
					22.07.2017 (Sat)

Cluichí Laighean 2016

BORD NA MÓNA O'BYRNE CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

03/01	Wexford.....	(2-06)	Dublin	(0-12)	Enniscorthy
03/01	DCU	(3-20)	Carlow IT	(2-06)	IT Carlow
03/1	Offaly.....	(0-13)	Louth.....	(1-09)	Darver
03/1	Kildare.....	(0-24)	DIT.....	(1-07)	Newbridge
03/1	Meath	(1-18)	Carlow.....	(1-04)	Carlow
03/1	Westmeath.....	(1-14)	Wicklow	(0-13)	Bray Emmets
03/1	Longford	(0-18)	Maynooth University	(1-09)	Longford
03/1	Laois.....	(1-10)	UCD.....	(1-09)	Park Ratheniska
06/01	Louth	(2-11)	Kildare.....	(0-08)	Hawkfield
06/01	DIT	(2-11)	Offaly	(0-10)	Dunganny
06/01	Dublin	(3-24)	IT Carlow	(2-08)	Russell Park
06/01	DCU	(1-08)	Wexford	(1-02)	Enniscorthy
06/01	Laois.....	(1-16)	Carlow.....	(1-09)	Portlaoise
06/01	UCD	(2-08)	Meath	(0-11)	Simonstown
06/01	Westmeath.....	(0-14)	Longford.....	(1-10)	St. Lomans
06/01	Maynooth University	(1-14)	Wicklow	(0-09)	Ballinakill, Wicklow
10/01	Wexford.....	(3-20)	I.T. Carlow.....	(1-12)	Bunclody
10/01	Dublin	(1-16)	DCU.....	(1-12)	Parnell Park
10/01	Louth	(3-19)	DIT.....	(1-09)	Darver
10/01	Meath	(2-16)	Laois	(0-14)	Navan
10/01	UCD	(2-13)	Carlow.....	(1-07)	Carlow
10/01	Longford	(1-09)	Wicklow	(1-05)	Longford
10/01	Maynooth University	(0-10)	Westmeath.....	(0-09)	Moate
10/01	Kildare.....	(0-13)	Offaly	(0-11)	Tullamore
17/01	Longford.....	(1-12)	Dublin	(1-09)	Longford
17/01	Meath	(0-11)	Louth.....	(0-10)	Drogheda
24/01	Meath	(1-17)	Longford.....	(1-11)	Navan

BORD NA MÓNA WALSH CUP SENIOR HURLING

02/01	Laois	(3-17)	Antrim	(1-19)	Heywood
02/01	Wexford	(2-17)	Carlow IT	(1-13)	Bunclody
03/01	Offaly	(4-28)	DIT	(0-09)	Tullamore
03/01	Carlow	(0-19)	Meath	(1-13)	Navan
03/01	Westmeath	(2-20)	DCU	(2-17)	St. Lomans
07/01	Dublin	(4-15)	UCD	(3-12)	Belfield UCD
13/01	Galway	(1-21)	NUI Galway	(1-12)	Ballinasloe
09/1	NUI Galway	(3-26)	Westmeath	(0-11)	St. Lomans
10/1	Wexford	(3-18)	Meath	(2-07)	Navan
10/1	IT Carlow	(2-15)	Carlow	(0-14)	Carlow
10/1	Galway	(1-16)	DCU	(0-16)	Ballinasloe
10/1	Dublin	(3-25)	Antrim	(1-17)	DCU
10/1	Laois	(1-19)	UCD	(0-17)	Heywood
13/1	DIT	(4-14)	Kilkenny	(0-16)	Dunmore Kilkenny
16/01	Antrim	(1-20)	UCD	(1-12)	Queens, Belfast
17/01	Offaly	(3-09)	Kilkenny	(1-09)	Birr
17/01	Dublin	(2-20)	Laois	(1-09)	Portlaoise
17/01	Wexford	(1-21)	Carlow	(0-07)	Carlow
17/01	Meath	(2-16)	IT Carlow	(1-13)	Dunganny
17/01	Galway	(3-18)	Westmeath	(0-17)	St. Lomans
17/01	DCU	(1-20)	NUI Galway	(1-20)	DCU
24/01	Dublin	(1-28)	Galway	(1-19)	Parnell Park
24/01	Wexford	(0-14)	Offaly	(0-06)	New Ross
30/01	Dublin	(1-22)	Wexford	(1-12)	Croke Park

BORD NA MÓNA KEHOE CUP SENIOR HURLING

17/01	St. Patricks/Mater Dei.... (5-17)	Longford (1-14)	Newtownforbes
17/01	Kildare (5-24)	Trinity College (0-04)	Hawkfield
17/01	Maynooth University (3-16)	Wicklow (2-10)	Bray Emmetts
17/01	Louth (4-10)	Fingal (1-17)	Darver
24/01	Trinity College (2-21)	Longford (2-11)	Longford
24/01	Kildare (5-16)	St Patricks Mater Dei (3-09)	Newbridge
24/01	Wicklow (3-14)	Louth (0-06)	Arklow
24/01	Maynooth University (7-14)	Fingal (1-11)	Maynooth University
31/01	Kildare (3-13)	Longford (0-07)	Longford
31/01	Wicklow (3-14)	Fingal (0-12)	Blanchardstown
31/01	Maynooth University (3-18)	Louth (2-10)	Darver
31/01	Trinity College (4-15)	St Patricks Mater Dei (0-07)	Blanchardstown
02/02	Kildare (3-15)	Maynooth University (3-05)	Hawkfield

EIRGRID LEINSTER GAA U-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

24/02	Wicklow (5-12)	Carlow..... (3-13)	IT Carlow
24/02	Laois..... (3-15)	Louth (1-14)	Haggardstown
24/02	Wexford (0-14)	Longford..... (2-05)	Enniscorthy
02/03	Kildare (2-14)	Offaly (1-06)	Hawkfield
02/03	Dublin (1-12)	Meath (0-09)	Parnell Park
02/03	Westmeath (1-05)	Wexford (0-07)	Enniscorthy
09/03	Laois (0-20)	Wicklow (3-09)	Portlaoise
16/03	Kildare (1-16)	Westmeath..... (1-03)	Portlaoise
19/03	Dublin (2-17)	Laois (2-05)	Parnell Park
02/04	Dublin (2-14)	Kildare..... (0-17)	Navan

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER GAA MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

09/04	Carlow..... (0-14)	Kildare..... (0-12)	Carlow
09/04	Meath (10-22)	Wicklow (0-07)	Arklow
09/04	Offaly (1-15)	Laois (1-12)	Tullamore
09/04	Wexford (5-15)	Westmeath (1-12)	Mullingar
23/04	Wexford (0-21)	Dublin (0-14)	Wexford
23/04	Kilkenny (3-25)	Offaly (1-13)	Kilkenny
23/04	Laois (3-20)	Carlow (0-09)	Portlaoise
23/04	Westmeath (1-17)	Meath (0-15)	Mullingar
30/04	Dublin (1-18)	Laois (0-12)	Portlaoise
01/05	Offaly (3-09)	Westmeath (1-07)	Mullingar
14/05	Wexford (2-24)	Offaly (2-13)	Tullamore
14/05	Dublin (2-18)	Kilkenny (1-19)	Parnell Park
03/07	Dublin (2-12)	Wexford (0-12)	Croke Park

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER GAA MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

16/04 Meath.....	(0-11)	Laois	(1-06)	Portlaoise
16/04 Westmeath	(3-09)	Longford	(0-12)	Mullingar
16/04 Kildare	(2-16)	Wicklow	(0-07)	Aughrim
16/04 Dublin.....	(2-14)	Offaly	(1-07)	Parnell Park
16/04 Wexford	(17-21)	Kilkenny	(0-01)	Nowlan Park
16/04 Louth	(1-14)	Carlow	(1-08)	Carlow
26/04 Offaly	(1-11)	Longford	(0-12)	Longford
27/04 Laois	(1-13)	Carlow	(1-04)	Carlow
04/05 Offaly	(1-13)	Wicklow	(2-09)	Aughrim
21/05 Laois	(2-10)	Louth	(1-12)	Drogheda
21/05 Kildare	(1-16)	Westmeath	(0-08)	Newbridge
21/05 Meath.....	(1-18)	Dublin	(2-05)	Navan
22/05 Offaly	(0-19)	Wexford	(1-11)	Tullamore
06/07 Laois	(1-15)	Offaly	(0-06)	Portlaoise
06/07 Kildare	(0-19)	Meath	(0-15)	Navan - AET
17/07 Kildare	(1-18)	Laois	(0-10)	Croke Park

LEINSTER GAA SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

01/05 Kerry	(2-19)	Carlow.....	(0-17)	Tralee
01/05 Westmeath.....	(2-22)	Offaly	(1-11)	Mullingar
07/05 Westmeath.....	(1-18)	Kerry	(1-13)	Tralee
07/05 Offaly	(1-17)	Carlow.....	(2-11)	Tullamore
21/05 Dublin	(2-19)	Wexford	(0-12)	Croke Park
22/05 Westmeath	(0-22)	Carlow.....	(0-15)	Carlow
22/05 Offaly	(3-19)	Kerry	(0-20)	Tullamore
05/06 Offaly	(3-22)	Laois	(2-14)	Tullamore
05/06 Galway	(3-27)	Westmeath.....	(0-19)	Mullingar
11/06 Kilkenny	(1-25)	Dublin	(0-16)	Portlaoise
19/06 Galway	(2-19)	Offaly	(2-09)	Portlaoise
03/07 Kilkenny	(1-26)	Galway	(0-22)	Croke Park

LEINSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

14/05 Louth	(2-24)	Carlow.....	(3-11)	Portlaoise
14/05 Laois	(3-16)	Wicklow	(0-18)	Portlaoise
15/05 Offaly	(2-21)	Longford	(2-13)	Tullamore
21/05 Kildare	(0-09)	Wexford	(0-08)	Croke Park
04/06 Dublin	(2-21)	Laois	(2-10)	Kilkenny
12/06 Meath	(0-20)	Louth	(0-13)	Parnell Park
12/06 Westmeath	(0-13)	Offaly	(0-12)	Mullingar
26/06 Westmeath	(1-12)	Kildare	(1-11)	Croke Park
26/06 Dublin	(0-21)	Meath	(0-11)	Croke Park
17/07 Dublin	(2-19)	Westmeath	(0-10)	Croke Park

LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

18/05	Longford	(3-15)	Cavan	(2-15)	Longford
18/05	Kildare	(2-17)	Meath	(1-12)	Newbridge
18/05	Louth	(1-14)	Wicklow	(0-13)	Aughrim
01/06	Louth	(1-18)	Kildare	(0-10)	Newbridge
02/06	Wexford	(1-15)	Longford	(0-09)	Wexford
21/06	Wexford	(2-12)	Louth	(0-09)	Dundalk

LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL

11/06	Ballyboden St. Endas (D)	(2-18)	Rathnure (WX)	(1-11)	Portlaoise
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LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL

28/05	Erins Own (CW)	(2-18)	Bray Emmett's (WW)	(0-12)	Abbotstown
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LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 3 FINAL

22/07	Naas (KE)	(2-14)	Eire Og Corrachoill	(1-14)	Hawkfield
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LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 4 FINAL

15/06	Maynooth (KE)	(2-24)	Commercials (D)	(2-20)	Abbotstown
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BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER GAA U-21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

25/05	Carlow	(1-17)	Laois	(1-15)	Carlow
25/05	Westmeath	(1-11)	Kilkenny	(0-12)	Mullingar
25/05	Offaly	(5-22)	Kildare	(1-12)	Newbridge
01/06	Dublin	(2-12)	Wexford	(1-08)	Wexford
15/06	Dublin	(2-17)	Westmeath	(1-14)	Parnell Park
23/06	Offaly	(5-16)	Carlow	(1-13)	Carlow
06/07	Dublin	(2-15)	Offaly	(1-10)	Tullamore

LEINSTER GAA INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

29/6	Wexford	(1-16)	Galway	(0-16)	Portlaoise
13/7	Kilkenny	(3-14)	Wexford	(2-14)	Wexford

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

30/10	Sean O Mahonys,Louth	(0-10)	Baltinglass, Wicklow	(0-09)	Aughrim
30/10	Rhode,Offaly	(5-22)	Gusserane O'Rahillys,Wx.	(0-04)	New Ross
30/10	St Columbas Mullinalaghta,Ld	(1-17)	Stradbally,Laois	(2-09)	Longford
13/11	Sean O Mahonys,Louth	(1-08)	Sarsfields,Kildare	(0-08)	Drogheda
13/11	Rhode,Offaly	(1-12)	Simonstown,Meath	(1-09)	Tullamore
13/11	St Columbas, Longford	(0-14)	St Lomans, Westmeath	(1-09)	Longford
13/11	St Vincents,Dublin	(0-16)	Palatine,Carlow	(0-08)	Carlow
27/11	Rhode, Offaly	(0-12)	Sean O Mahonys,Louth	(1-05)	Drogheda
27/11	St Vincents Dublin	(2-12)	St Columbas Mullinalaghta,Ld	(0-11)	Longford
11/12	St Vincents Dublin	(1-16)	Rhode,Offaly	(0-12)	Portlaoise

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

06/11	Oulart the Ballagh,Wx	(2-13)	St Rynaghs,Offaly	(0-09)	Wexford
06/11	St Mullins,Carlow	(2-14)	Raharney,Westmeath	(1-11)	Mullingar
06/11	Cuala,Dublin	(4-16)	Borris-Kilcotton,Laois	(1-14)	Parnell Park
20/11	O Loughlin Gaels,Kk	(3-17)	Oulart the Ballagh	(0-17)	Wexford
20/11	Cuala, Dublin	(1-19)	St. Mullins, Carlow	(1-07)	Carlow
04/12	Cuala, Dublin	(3-19)	O Loughlin Gaels,Kk	(1-16)	Portlaoise

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

22/10	O Dempseys, Laois (2-17)	St Brigids Killashee, Ld . . . (1-11)	Longford
22/10	Arklow Geraldines, Wicklow (2-11)	Taghmon Camross, Wx. . . (1-11)	Arklow
22/10	St Josephs, Louth (1-11)	St. Andrews, Carlow (0-13)	Dromiskin
22/10	Cappincur, Offaly (1-15)	Railyard, Kilkenny (0-04)	Castlecomer
05/11	Round Towers, Kildare . . . (0-11)	O Dempseys, Laois (0-09)	Portlaoise
05/11	St. Colmcilles, Meath (1-16)	Arklow Geraldines, Wicklow (2-10)	Arklow
05/11	Fingallians, Dublin (2-15)	St. Josephs, Louth (3-06)	Dromiskin
05/11	Rosemount, Westmeath . . (2-10)	Cappincur, Offaly (0-08)	Tullamore
12/11	St Colmcilles, Meath (1-09)	Round Towers, Kildare. . . (1-07)	Round Towers
12/11	Rosemount, Westmeath . . (1-13)	Fingallians, Dublin (1-11)	Lawless Memorial Park
26/11	St Colmcilles, Meath (0-13)	Rosemount, Westmeath. . (1-09)	Navan

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

05/11	Bray Emmetts, Wicklow . . (1-15)	Castletown, Laois (1-12)	Bray Emmets
05/11	Celbridge, Kildare (2-20)	Raheny, Dublin (2-15)	O'Toole Park
05/11	Kiltale, Meath (2-24)	Oylegate Glenbrien, Wx. . (2-08)	Trim
19/11	Celbridge, Kildare (0-15)	Bray Emmets, Wicklow . . (0-13)	Bray Emmets
19/11	Carrickshock, Kilkenny. . . (2-12)	Kiltale, Meath (2-09)	Trim
03/12	Carrickshock, Kilkenny. . . (3-12)	Celbridge, Kildare (1-16)	Newbridge

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

08/10	Kilcullen, Kildare (2-19)	Amsterdam, Europe (1-08)	Maastricht
08/10	St. Kevins, Louth (2-11)	Bracknagh, Offaly (1-14)	Castlebellingham - AET
08/10	C'town-Finea-Cooles-Whitehall, Wh (3-13)	St. Finians, Dublin (0-11)	Ringtown
08/10	Bective, Meath (2-08)	Cashel, Longford (0-10)	Pairc Tailteann
15/10	Bracknagh, Offaly (1-17)	St. Kevins Louth (2-11)	Bracknagh - AET
22/10	Kilcullen, Kildare (0-14)	St Patricks Tullow (1-10)	Newbridge
22/10	Bracknagh, Offaly (1-18)	Ashford, Wicklow (1-04)	Bracknagh
22/10	Rosenallis, Laois (0-09)	Bective, Meath (0-08)	Simonstown
23/10	C'town-Finea-Cooles-Whitehall, Wh (3-16)	Duffry Rovers, Wexford . . (0-04)	Castlepollard
05/11	Bracknagh, Offaly (2-15)	Kilcullen, Kildare (0-08)	Kilcullen
05/11	Rosenallis, Laois (2-11)	C'town-Finea-Cooles-Whitehall, Wh (1-11)	Castlepollard
19/11	Rosenallis, Laois (1-11)	Bracknagh Offaly (1-08)	Tullamore

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

22/10	St Oliver Plunketts, Wh . . (1-25)	Kiltegan, Wicklow (2-09)	Robinstown
22/10	Ratoath, Meath (2-20)	Carlow Town HC, Carlow (2-09)	Ratoath
29/10	Rosenallis, Laois (3-16)	Maynooth, Kildare (0-12)	Rosenallis
29/10	St Fechins, Louth. (3-17)	Wolfe Tones, Longford. . . (3-05)	Drogheda
05/11	Mooncoin, Kilkenny (1-19)	St Fechins, Louth (0-10)	Drogheda
05/11	St Oliver Plunketts, Wh. . . (2-12)	St James, Wexford (1-11)	Robinstown
05/11	Ratoath, Meath (1-13)	Clodiagh Gaels, Offaly . . . (2-08)	Ratoath
12/11	Rosenallis, Laois (0-16)	Clontarf, Dublin (0-07)	Rosenallis
19/11	Mooncoin, Kilkenny (2-11)	St Oliver Plunketts, Wh. . . (1-07)	Kilkenny
26/11	Ratoath, Meath (1-20)	Rosenallis, Laois (1-16)	Ratoath
03/12	Mooncoin, Kilkenny (1-16)	Ratoath, Meath (0-12)	Kilkenny

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Sen. F "A"	St. Benildus College
Sen. F "B"	Gallen CS Ferbane
Sen. F "C"	Dunshaughlin CC
Sen. F "D"	Gaelcholaiste Reachrann
Jun. F "A"	St. Mary's SS Edenderry
Jun. F "B"	FCJ Bunclody
Jun. F "C"	Ardsc Rath Iomghain
Jun. F "D"	Donabate CC
Juv. F "A"	Col Mhuire Mullingar
Juv. F "B"	St. Mary's SS Edenderry
Juv. F "C"	Ballymahon VS
Juv. F "D"	Oaklands CC

IOMÁINT

Sen. H "A"	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
Sen. H "A" Lge	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
Sen. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown
Sen. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown ('Rest of Leinster')
Sch. S.H. "C"	Killina Pres
Jun. H "A"	St. Kieran's College
Jun. H "A" Sh	Borris VS
Jun. H "B"	Col Choilm Tullamore
Juv. H "A" Lge	Dublin South
Juv. H "A" Dr. Barry Cup	St. Kieran's Kilkenny
Juv. H "A" Power Cup	Gorey CS
Juv. H "B"	Gorey CS

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Sen. F "A"	St. Kevin's C.B.S.
Sen. F "C"	Clonkeen College
Sen. F "D"	Gaelcholaiste, Reachrann
Sen. F "D1" (section 1)	Ardscail Raheny
Sen. F "D2" (section 2)	Kylemore College
Sen. H "A"	Ardscail Ris
Sen. H "B"	Terenure College
Sen. H "C"	Malahide C.S.
Sen. H "C1"	<i>In Progress</i>

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St. Patrick's Navan
Ashbourne CS
Skerries CC
Mercy Kilbeggan
Good Counsel
St. Kieran's College
Heywood CS
Donabate CC

Kilkenny CBS
Dublin North
Ardscail Ris
St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy
SS Terenure College
Kilkenny CBS
Castlecomer CS
Sc. Aodhain
St. Kieran's Kilkenny
Good Counsel
Mountrath CS
Col Choilm Tullamore

St. Declan's C.B.S.
Lucan C.B.S.
St. Joseph's, Rush
Col Dhulaigh
Palmerstown CS
Colaiste Eanna
St. Colmcille's C.S.
Portmarnock C.S.

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Juv. F "C"	St. David's C.B.S.
Juv. F "D"	Donabate C.C.
Juv. F "E" Sec1	Colaiste Chillian
Juv. F "F" Sec2	Tallaght C.S.
Jun. F "A"	Scoil Aodhain
Jun. F "B"	Colaiste Eanna
Jun. F "C"	Skerries CC
Jun. F "D"	Donabate C.C.
Jun. F "E" Sec1	Sc. Ui Chonaill

Juv. H "A"	Colaiste Eoin
Juv. H "B"	Lucan CBS
Juv. H "C"	Malahide CS
Juv. H "D"	Col Choilm
Juv. H "E"	Old Bawn CS

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Jun. H "B"	St. Colmcille's C.S.
Jun. H "C"	Malahide C.S.
Jun. H "D"	Colaiste Choilm
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Juv. F "C"	Ballymahon V.S.
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Juv. F "D1" (11-a-side)	Ardscail Chiarain, Clara

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St. Kevin's C.B.S.
Lusk C.C.
Sc. Ui Chonaill
St. Aidan's C.S.
Colaiste Eoin
Malahide C.S.
St. Colmcille's CS
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St. Paul's C.B.S.

St. Benildus College
Castleknock CC
Maynooth PP
Col Chiarain
CP Setanta

Colaiste Eoin
St. Declan's C.B.S.
St. Kevin's C.B.S.
Confey College
Greenhills College

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Ballymahon V.S.
Franciscan Col., Gormanston
St. Mel's, Longford

Sc. Mhuire, Clane
Clonaslee V.S.

St. Patrick's, Navan
Dundalk D.L.S.
St. Oliver's, Oldcastle
Mercy Sec. Sch., Kilbeggan
Mullingar C.C.

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Jun. F "B"	Ashbourne C.S.	St. Peter's, Dunboyne
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Jun. F "D"	Mercy Sec. Sch., Kilbeggan	Banagher College
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Jun. H "C"	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge	Portlaoise CBS
Juv H "C1"	Clonaslee VS	Castlepollard CC
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Juv. F "C"	Heywood C.S.	Mountrath C.S.
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Juv. F "D" (11-a-side)	Selskar College	Portlaoise College
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Jun. F "C"	Mountrath C.S.	Pres. D.L.S., Bagenalstown
Jun. F "D1"	Sc. Chonglais, Baltinglass	Col. Mhuire, Johnstown
Jun. F "D2"	Glenart College	Col. Pobal Osrai
Juv. H "B"	Gorey CS	Borris VS
Juv. H "C"	Wexford CBS	Col Bhríde Carnew
Juv. H "C1"	New Ross CBS	Kilkenny Schools
Jun. H "B"	Colaiste Mhuire, Johnstown	St. Mary's C.B.S., Enniscorthy
Jun. H "C"	Pres. D.L.S., Bagenalstown	Col. Bhríde, Carnew
Jun. H "C1"	Col. an Atha Kilmuckridge	Col. Pobal Osrai

HANDBALL – BOYS

Colleges 60 x 30

U-19 Singles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
U-19 Doubles	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
U-17 Singles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-17 Doubles	St. Mary's C.B.S., Enniscorthy
U-15 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-15 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
First Yr. Singles	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
First Yr. Doubles	St. Kieran's Kilkenny

Colleges 40 x 20

U-19 Singles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
U-19 Doubles	Col. Mhuire, Johnstown
U-17 Singles	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
U-17 Doubles	St. Mary's C.B.S., Enniscorthy
U-15 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-15 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.

HANDBALL – GIRLS

Colleges 60 x 30

U-19 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-19 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-16 Singles	Pres. Sec. Sch., Kilkenny
U-16 Doubles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
First Yr. Doubles	Castlecomer CS

Colleges 40 x 20

U-19 Singles	Pres. Sec. Sch., Wexford
U-19 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-16 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-16 Doubles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
First Yr. Singles	Pres SS Kilkenny U-19 Singles Pres. Sec. Sch., Wexford
U-19 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-16 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-16 Doubles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
First Yr. Singles	Pres SS Kilkenny