



Comhdháil Cinn Bliana
2011 - 2012



Dublin Leinster Senior Football Champions 2011

Back L-R: Paul Conlon, Michael McCarthy, Ross McConnell, Eoghan O Gara, Paul Casey, Paul Brogan, Kevin Nolan, James McCarthy, Eammon Fennell, Craig Diaz, Barry Cahill, Bernard Brogan, Diarmuid Connolly, Declan Lally, Darragh Nelson, Michael Fitzsimons, Michael Savage, Dennis Bastick, Sean Murray.

Front L-R: Ger Brennan, David Henry, Rory O'Carroll, Brian Cullen (C), Stephen Cluxton, Tomas Quinn, Paul Flynn, Alan Brogan.



Bryan Cullen, Captain of Dublin, raises aloft the Delaney Cup at Croke Park in July 2011



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**Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
Tionólfar**

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**in Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk
ar an Aoine, 24ú Feabhra 2012
4.00 pm**



Dublin - Leinster Minor Hurling Champions 2011

Back L-R: Paul Winters, Ciaran Kilkenny, Shane Boland, Glenn Whelan, Rob Murphy, Conor McHugh, Cormac Ryan, Jack Whelan, Cian O'Callaghan,, Cian Boland, Jamie Desmond, Kevin McMahon, Tom Devlin, Emmet Ó Conghaile, Colm Cronin, Ben Errity, Donal Gormley, Ross Tierney.
Front L-R: Denis Forde, Matthew McCaffrey, Sean McClelland, Cormac Costello, Chris Crummy, Eric Lownes, Aodhan Clabby, Brian McCarthy, AJ Murphy, Eoghan Smyth, Oisín O'Rourke, Conor Dooley, Ian Cleary.

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Kildare - Leinster Junior Football Champions 2011

Back L-R: Tadhg Grace, Tommy Archbold, John Doyle, Ronan Walsh, Eoghan Carew, William Clinch, Ciaran Kelly (capt), Kevin Doran, Conor Murphy, Dan Campbell, Ray Fitzgerald, Jamie Lambe

Front L-R: Mark Fitzharris, James Gately, Paddy Dunne, Ciaran Heneghan, Emmet Hyland, Austin Nevin, Ciaran Fitzpatrick, Mikey Conway, Matt Kelly, Paddy Meagher, Tommy Moolick, DairaghMcEvoy, Robbie Eyres, Gerry Deegan, Derek Nolan, Austin Tighe, Willie Heffernan
(missing from picture: Darroch Mulhall & John Browne)

Clár

- 3.30p.m. Tea / Coffee
- 4.00p.m. Convention Workshops
- 6.00p.m. Evening Meal
- 7.00p.m. Registration
- 7.15p.m. (a) Opening of Convention
(b) Minutes of 2011 Convention
(c) Discussion of Report of Chief Executive
(d) Discussion of Sub-Committee Reports
- 8.00p.m. Adoption / Review of Accounts of Comhairle Laighean CLG
- 8.15p.m. Congress Review - Presentation by National Committee
- 8.30p.m. Election of P.R.O.
- 8.45p.m. Address by Cathaoirleach, Mairtín Ó Sceallaigh
- 9.15p.m. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cisteoir and P.R.O.
- 9.30p.m. Na Rúin
- 9.45p.m. Tea / Coffee - Convention Closes

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

Ceatharloch	5	Cill Mhantain	6	Iarmhi	5	An Mhí	6
An Lú	5	Longphort	5	Cill Dara	6	Uibh Fháilí	6
Cill Chainnigh	5	Laois	6	Áth Cliath	6	Loch Garman	6

A brief meeting of the incoming Leinster Council will be held immediately after Convention, at which only urgent business to hand will be considered.

NOTE

1. Slip on Admission Card to be handed to Hotel Management for Evening Meal (6.00 pm)
2. Full Leinster Convention documentation has already been forwarded directly to each member of the outgoing Leinster Council.

Micheál Ó Dubhshláine (Rúnaí)
Áras Laighean, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.



Ainmniúcháin

CATHAOIRLEACH	Mairtín Ó Sceallaigh	(Longphort)
LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH	Seán Ó hÓrain	(Áth Cliath)
CISTEOIR:	Pádraig Ó Tómhair	(Lú)
OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ	Brían Ó hAlúin (<i>Brian Allen</i>)	(Laois)
	Éamon Ó Bogaigh (<i>Ned Buggy</i>)	(Cill Chainnigh)
	Seán Ó hUaine (<i>John Greene</i>)	(Longphort)
	Pádraig Ó Teacháin (<i>Pat Teehan</i>)	(Úibh Fháilí)

Na Rúin

1. Following to be added to the bye-law relating to the Hearings Committee.

The Vice Chairman 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 chairman. The appointee should be the Vice Chairman's proposed nomination as chairman of the Hearings Committee during his/her term as Chairman of Comhairle Laighean. This appointment shall be approved by Comhairle Laighean CLG.

(Ceatharlach)



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú de'n Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 26/02/2011

Sheamus O hUilin (Cathaoirleach) presided at the Annual Convention of Leinster Council G.A.A., held in Longford Arms Hotel, on Saturday 26th February 2011. The following members of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. also attended:

M. O Sceallaigh (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
P. O Tomhnair (Cisteoir)
S.S. Breathnach (P.R.O.)
S. O Fionnalaigh (Cumann na mBunscol)
S. O hOrain (Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean)
L. O Mathuin (Liathroid Laimhe)
P. O Oilibhear (Lu)
P. O Duibhir, B. O Diomsaigh (An Mhi)
N. O Murchu, D. O hIcheadha (Ath Cliath)
M. O Colmain, M. O hAagain (Cill Mhantain)

S. O Seacnasai, S. O Cuir (Loch Garman)
S. O Mearain (Cill Dara)
S. O Bolguidhir, M. O Faolain (Ceatharloch)
E. O Bogaigh, S. de Lasa (Cill Chainnigh)
M. O Cearbhaill, C. Mac Consléibhe (Laois)
E. O Floinn (Uibh Fhaili)
S. O Sioradain, S. O Mairtin (Iarmhi)
M. O Carraige, S. O hUaine (Longphort)
M. O Dubhshlaine (Runai).

The following delegates represented the counties

CEATHARLOCH

G. O Linnain, M. O Maonaigh, E. O Broin, T. O Neill,
T. O Murchu.

ATH CLIATH

S. Mac Nioclais, S. O Mathuna, S. Mac Seanlaoch, R.
de Buitleir, S. O hAonghusa, T. O Se.

CILL DARA

P. Aghas, A. O Dunaigh, P. O Ceallaigh, C. O Fearghail,
M. de Faoite, M. Mac Aodh Bhui.

CILL CHAINNIGH

P. O Cinnsealach, E. O Cuinn, B. O hIci, P. Mac
Aindreis, P. Mac Abhail.

LAOIS

B. O hAluin, T. Mac Seoin, A. O Dubhshlaine, M. O
Broin, G. O Caomhanaigh, A. O Bruadair.

LONGPHORT

P. O Cathail, P. O Raghallaigh, P. O Tuachair, T.S. Mac
A Bhaird, E. O Cuain.

LU

P. O Conchuir, P. O Ciarain, A. O Berrill, D. O hAilpin,
P. Mac Mathuna.

AN MHI

B. O hAilin, P. O Cleirchin, B. O Coimin, A. Ni
Dhomhnaill, P. O Loinsigh, P. O Ceallaigh.

UIBH FHAILI

P. O Teachain, L. O Caomhanaigh, A. Gallchoir, P. Mac
Eoin, M. O Sioradain, M.N. O Broin.

IARMHI

L. O Gabhain, A. O Labhraí, M. Mac Aodha, E. O
Floinn, R. de Brun.

LOCH GARMAN

G. O Duill, M. Ni Dhuill, M. Ni Fhoghlu, D. O hUilin,
P. Uaiceam, A. O Nuallain.

CILL MHANTAIN

A. O Briain, M. O Murchu, S. Napier, D. de Burtuin, P.
O Mistéal, P. Mac Eochaidh.

The following also attended Convention:

IAR-OIFIGH

P. O Bogaigh, A. O Falluin, S. de Grae, N. O Braonain,
L. O Neill, S. O Broin, S. Mac Carthaigh, T. O Fearghail,
P. O Flannagain.

SUB COMMITTEE REPS

M. Ni Cheallaigh (Coisde na nGaeilge), P. O Caisearlaigh
(Coisde na Reiteoiri), T. O Floinn (Comhairle Ard
Oideachais Laighean), A. O Suilleabhain (Coisde
Eisteachta Laighean), P.S. O Murchu (Infrastructure),
T. Rossiter (Liathroid Laimhe).

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

P. O Linnain (Lu)

GUESTS

P. O Conaill, Mayor of Longford
G. O hAagain, Longford P.R.O.
S. O Cuir, Quirke Photography
Members / Friends of Skelly Family.
Members / Officers of Newtowncashel GAA Club.
C. O Flannagain.

ARAS LAIGHEAN STAFF

M. Mac Raghnaill, S. O Flannagain, L. O Riain, S. Ni
Chuinn, H. Ni hOrain, P. Ni Chleir, C. O Cleir, S. Mac
Coitir.

Apologies for inability to attend Convention had been
received from: G. O Maolthuille (Comhairle Ard
Oideachais); M. O Fionnain (Cill Dara); S. O Droighneain
(Lu); M. O Beolain (Uibh Fhaili).



OSCAILT

Convention was formally opened by Longford P.R.O., Gearóid Ó hAagain who welcomed everybody to Longford. He then, in turn, introduced the Mayor of Longford, Paul Connell, and Cathaoirleach Choside Co. Longphort C.L.G., Padraig Ó Cathaill. Both addressed Convention, saying what an important and significant day it was for their county in that one of their own - Martin Skelly - was being elevated to the role of Chairman of Leinster Council GAA.

UACHTARÁN CLG - CRIOSTÓIR Ó CÚANA

Convention was then addressed by Uachtaran Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Criostóir Ó Cúana. In the course of a wide ranging speech covering many aspects of the GAA in modern day Ireland An tUas. Ó Cúana paid a glowing tribute to the outgoing Leinster Council Chairman, Sheamus Ó hUílin. He also wished Mairtín Ó Sceallaigh every success in his upcoming role of Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Laighean CLG.

PRESENTATION

Cathaoirleach Choside Co. Longphort CLG, Padraig Ó Cathaill made a presentation of gifts to all delegates.

CONVENTION PROPER

Sheamus Ó hUílin then declared Convention 2011 officially opened.

MIONTUAIRISCI CHRUINNIU BHLIANTUIL 2009 / 2010 (1.3.2010)

Adopted and signed by An Cathaoirleach on proposition of E. O Broin, seconded by E. O Cuinn.

CEO REPORT 2010

Formally placed before Convention.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placed before Convention and addressed by a number of speakers.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Presented by An Cisteoir, Padraig O Tomhnair. Formally adopted, and opened for discussion, on proposition of S. O Sioradain seconded by E. O Cuain.

ORAIÐ AN CHATHAOIRLIGH

Sheamus O hUílin addressed Convention as per attached script.

Arising from Chairman's Address:

Liam O Neill addressed convention. He extended his thanks to S. O hUílin for his decision to withdraw his name - in favour of himself - from the contest of post of Uachtaran Tofa.

G. O Duill (Cathaoirleach Coisde Co. Loch Garman CLG) congratulated Sheamus O hUílin on his three years leadership of Comhairle Laighean CLG.

P. O Conchuir (Cathaoirleach Coisde Co. Lu CLG) addressed Convention on the subject of the 2010 Leinster SFC Final and thanked Sheamus O hUílin for his efforts in the aftermath of the game.

BALLOT FOR POST OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

(a) Tellers: The following were appointed:

S. O Broin (Iar-Chisteoir, Comhairle Laighean CLG)
L. O Mathuin (Comhairle Liathroid Laimhe Laighean)
S. O Fionnallaigh (Cumann na mBunscol Laighean)
T. O Floinn (Comhairle Ard Oideachais Laighean)

(b) B. O Diomsaigh (An Mhi) withdrew from the contest leaving it between Sean O hOrain (Ath Cliath) and Sil O Mearain (Cill Dara).

(c) The ballot resulted as follows:

Sean O hOrain	67
Sil O Mearain	22

Both men returned thanks to the Convention.

CATHAOIRLEACH NUA

Mairtin O Sceallaigh was formally declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. and he addressed Convention as per attached script.

CHAIRMAN, NEWTOWNCASHEL GAA

Convention was then addressed by Michael O Cathasaigh, Chairman of Newtowncashel GAA Club. He recalled the role of Martin, and his family, in the development of his local club and paid tribute to him for his contribution to the GAA at county and club level down the years. He wished him well in his role.

PRESENTATION

Padraig O Cathaill, Cathaoirleach, Coisde Co. Longphort CLG then made a presentation to Martin and Mrs. Skelly (noting that, apart from

the significance of Martin's elevation, it was also their wedding anniversary).

ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

Padraig O Tomhnair and SS Breathnach were formally declared elected as Treasurer and PRO respectively.

NA RÚIN

- (a) Gaeil Bhlath Gall C.L.G. proposes that all clubs would receive a handling fee of 10% for Intercounty Championship matches to a maximum of €5.00 per ticket.

(Gaeil Bhlath Gall CLG, An Mhi)
Proposed By B. O Diomsaigh (An Mhi)

Decision: Deemed to be properly a matter for Coisde Bainisti Laighean CLG

- (b) That training on how to deal with / help prevent Alcohol and Substance abuse amongst players shall be provided to all Coaches.

(An Caiseal CLG, Longphort)
Proposed by S. O hUaine (Longphort)

Decision: Forwarded to Games Development Committee for consideration.

- (c) The following Bye-Laws shall supercede the current Bye-Laws of Comhairle Laighean CLG

COMHAIRLE LAIGHEAN C.L.G.

A.

In accordance with Rial 3.31 T.O. 2010 Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, full-time Chief Executive Officer (without voting rights) and two representatives of each county. The immediate past Council Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member for the year following termination of office.

The Leinster Handball Council, the Leinster Third Level Colleges Council, the Leinster Post-Primary Schools Council, and the Leinster Primary Schools' Committee shall each have one representative, without voting rights, on the Council. A representative on the Council shall not hold office for more than five years.

Comhairle Laighean CLG shall be responsible for all matters within its jurisdiction, subject to the control of Ard Chomhairle. It shall decide on all policy matters.

B.

In accordance with Rial 3.34 T.O. 2010, Comhairle Laighean CLG shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose duties and functions shall be as set out in Rule and as per Terms of Reference:

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There shall be a Management Committee which shall consist of the Comhairle Laighean Officers, plus one representative from each of the four sub-committees, namely:

- (1) Games Development Committee
- (2) Leinster Infrastructure Committee
- (3) Fixtures Planning Committee
- (4) PR & Marketing Committee

It shall implement matters pertaining to Comhairle Laighean CLG between meetings of the Council.

It shall report on its deliberations to Comhairle Laighean CLG. It shall control financial aspects within policy guidelines of Comhairle Laighean CLG.

It shall have before it when necessary, the reports of other sub-committees for consideration and action.

It shall nominate a Provincial Referees' Administrator to be sanctioned by Comhairle Laighean CLG (Rial 3.32 (g) T.O. 2010).

It shall manage and oversee all human resources issues on behalf of Comhairle Laighean CLG.

Subject to overall ratification of Comhairle Laighean CLG. it shall have the authority to appoint sub-committees to deal with delegated matters / activities.

It shall deal with discipline (non-games related) matters.

All members of the Management Committee must be current voting members of Comhairle Laighean CLG.

COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE

There shall be a Competitions Control Committee which shall consist of the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer (without voting rights) the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, P.R.O., the immediate past Council Chairman of the year following his termination of office and six other representatives from the counties on Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. (not represented on the Hearings Committee) who shall be elected on a rota basis on the nomination of their counties.

Subject to the overall jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean:

- (a) It shall organise and make arrangements for all competitions as determined and within the jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
- (b) It shall deal with transfers within the jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
- (c) It shall deal with objections and counter objections arising from the games programme within the jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
- (d) It shall deal with referees reports, and matters arising from the same, other than those that are reserved for the Provincial Hearings Committee. Matters arising from the referees reports in respect of Senior Inter County Championships are reserved for the Central Competitions Control Committee and the Central Hearings committee as appropriate.
- (e) It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of the Rules and Match Regulations except where these are matters for the Central Competitions Control Committee or the Central Hearings Committee as appropriate.
- (f) It shall monitor the fixtures programme of each county under its jurisdiction annually and make a report, or take action, as appropriate.
- (g) It shall control all grading, or re-grading, in respect of County or Club Championships.

- (h) It shall have, at its discretion, the right to alter any venue at which fixtures have been made when the recommendation of the Comhairle Laighean Health and Safety Sub Committee deems such as an alteration to be in the best interest of public safety.
- (i) It shall decide if additional competitions are necessary to provide more games for county and club players - particularly the latter - and shall be responsible for the arrangements and control of such competitions.
- (j) The Competitions Control Committee shall appoint a workgroup to appoint Referees and Match Officials as required for Competitions within the jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. as provided for in Riail 3.34 (a) (ii) T.O. 2010 and shall report as required to the Competitions Control Committee.
The workgroup shall consist of an Officer (who shall act as Chairman) two other voting members of the Competitions Control Committee and the Provincial Referees Administrator.
- (k) It shall report to the Management Committee.

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

There shall be a Hearings Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary, 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 five members for any hearing.

- (a) It shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is 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.

GAMES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There shall be a Games Development Committee, the Executive of which shall consist of a Chairman who shall be appointed by Comhairle Laighean; a Secretary who shall be the Leinster Games Manager; one voting member of Comhairle Laighean; one Master Tutor Group representative; one Hurling representative; one Football representative and one Referees representative. Furthermore, there shall be sub-groups under the control of said Executive to comprise (a) County Coaching Officers; (b) County Games Managers; (c) the Education Sector; (d) Referees; (e) Handball; (f) Rounders; (g) Ladies Football and (h) Camogie.

This Committee shall be responsible for the promotion, development and expansion of Gaelic games within the province. It shall monitor the workings of each County

Games Development programme in the province. It shall also be responsible for the allocation and control of such funds as are allocated to it by Comhairle Laighean C.L.G. It shall report to the Management Committee.

PR & MARKETING COMMITTEE

There shall be a PR & Marketing Committee, the Executive of which shall consist of a Chairman who shall be appointed by Comhairle Laighean; a Secretary who shall be the Commercial & Marketing Manager; the PRO of Comhairle Laighean; one voting member of Comhairle Laighean; one Marketing representative; one PR representative and one IT representative. Furthermore, there shall be sub-groups under the control of said Executive to comprise (a) County IT Officers and (b) County PROs.

It shall develop Marketing and Public Relations Strategies and advise Comhairle Laighean on these and related matters: (a) It shall examine and advise on all Information Technology matters and communications issues and solutions as they relate to I.T.; (b) It shall organise training for all those working for Comhairle Laighean C.L.G., either in a voluntary or employed capacity, in dealing with the media; (c) It shall advise on all aspects of a Marketing Strategy and ensure that it is complied with in all situations; (d) It shall advise on the presentation and programme for Championship games and other functions under the auspices of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.; (e) It shall report to the Management Committee.

CULTURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

There shall be a Culture & Community Committee, the Executive of which shall consist of a Chairman who shall be appointed by Comhairle Laighean; two Scór representatives and two Coiste Gaelige Laighean representatives. The Secretary to the Committee shall be chosen from the Scór and Coiste Gaelige Laighean representatives. Furthermore, there shall be sub-groups under the control of said Executive to comprise (a) Scór and (b) Coiste Gaelige Laighean.

It shall be responsible for (a) The organising of Scór and Scór na nÓg within the province; (b) promoting and supporting the use of the Irish language within the GAA units in the province and (c) It shall report to the Management Committee.

COMHAIRLE IARBHUNSCOILEANNA LAIGHEAN

There shall be a Post Primary Schools Sub-Committee, known as Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean which shall consist of:

Chairman & Vice Chairman appointed by Comhairle Laighean; Secretary; Treasurer; Representative on Comhairle Laighean; Representative on Ard Chomhairle (if from Leinster); 6 Representatives from Dublin Schools (3 Colleges & 3 Vocational Schools); 4 Representatives from North Leinster Schools (2 Cols. & 2 Vocational Schools); 4 Representatives from South Leinster Schools (2 Cols. & 2 Vocational Schools).

This body may appoint work-groups to deal with delegated matters/activities.

Disciplinary matters (games related) - where a hearing is requested - shall be referred to the Leinster Hearings Committee.

This body shall be responsible for organising a games programme for Post-Primary Schools in Leinster. It shall

also be responsible for the promotion and development of Gaelic games in these schools. It shall report to the Management Committee.

REFEREES ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

There shall be a Referees Administration Committee which shall consist of the Provincial Referees Administrator (who shall act as Chairman) and the Referees' Administrators of the twelve Counties in the Province.

The Secretary of this Committee may be one of the County Referees' Administrators or an additional person appointed by Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.

This Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment, training, classification and counselling of Referees under the jurisdiction of Comhairle Laighean. It shall report to the Management Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Finance Committee which shall consist of the officers of Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.

It shall be responsible for advising the Management Committee on all matters relating to the finances of Comhairle Laighean. It shall report to the Management Committee.

COMHAIRLE ARDOIDEACHAIS LAIGHEAN

There shall be a Third Level Colleges Committee, the Executive of which shall consist of a Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; a representative to the national Higher Education council, a representative to the Provincial Council and four representatives from Comhairle Ardoideachais Clubs within the province.

This body shall be responsible for organising a games programme for Third Level Colleges in Leinster. In conjunction with An Comhairle Ardoideachais, it shall also be responsible for the promotion and development of Gaelic games in these colleges. It shall report to the Management Committee.

FIXTURES PLANNING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Fixtures Planning Committee, the Executive of which shall consist of a Chairman who shall be appointed by Comhairle Laighean; two Leinster Fixture Planners, one of whom shall be appointed Secretary to the Committee; one voting member of Comhairle Laighean; one Education Sector representative plus one Fixtures Planner from each county in the province, who shall be nominated by that county.

It shall develop annual fixture plans and schedule games. It shall monitor and advise on fixtures planning in conjunction with the CCC. It shall report to the Management Committee.

STRATEGY COMMITTEE

There shall be a Strategy Committee which shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the Strategy Steering Group Chairman; a Secretary who shall be An Runaí Comhairle Laighean; the Officers of Comhairle Laighean; the Deputy CEO of Comhairle Laighean; the Leinster Games Manager and the Chairman of the Games Development Committee. Furthermore, there shall be sub-groups under the control of said Committee to comprise (a) County Strategy Steering Chairmen and (b) County Development Officers.

It shall support and monitor the implementation of the Leinster Strategic Plan. It shall support and monitor the formulation and implementation of the county plans in Leinster. It shall support and monitor the formulation and implementation of the club plans in Leinster. It shall report to the Management Committee.

COMHAIRLE LAIGHEAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There shall be an Advisory Committee which shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be An Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean; a Secretary who shall be An Runaí Comhairle Laighean; the Officers of Comhairle Laighean and the twelve County Chairmen.

It shall advise and make recommendations to Comhairle Laighean in all matters pertaining to the Association in the Province. It shall report to the Management Committee.

LEINSTER INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Infrastructure Committee which shall consist of a Chairman who shall be appointed by Comhairle Laighean; a Secretary who shall be the Deputy CEO of Comhairle Laighean; one voting member of Comhairle Laighean; three members with expertise in Infrastructure; three members with expertise in Finance and two members with expertise in Health & Safety.

- (a) It shall oversee all development of facilities within the province.
- (b) It shall be the safety advisory committee for Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
- (c) It shall approve all facilities and development work undertaken at county grounds.
- (d) It shall examine and approve all proposed developments by clubs in advance of work on the project beginning.
- (e) It shall determine all grant aid within the guidelines laid down by Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.
- (f) It shall approve, or recommend, as appropriate, borrowing limits for county committees.
- (g) It shall examine all applications for borrowings, charges, leases and disposals as requested by clubs and approve or advise the Management Committee as appropriate.
- (h) It shall monitor legal aspects of property and make recommendations as appropriate.
- (i) It shall examine and insure that all club property is properly controlled and vested by the clubs as required by Rules 5.1-5.4 T.O. 2010.
- (j) It shall provide advice service to clubs, as appropriate.
- (k) It shall report to the Management Committee.

(Comhairle Laighean CLG)

Proposed by Sheamus O hUilin.

Decision: Adopted as per script.

LEINSTER HEARINGS COMMITTEE

It was agreed to amend the proposals so that three members would form a quorum.

BUÍOCHAS

An Cathaoirleach thanked Paddy Flanagan, Kevin Flanagan, John Cotter and the local Longford Committee for the excellent arrangements they had put in place for Convention.

THE CONVENTION ENDED



Oráid an Chathaoirligh (26ú Feabhra 2011)

Welcome

I warmly welcome you all to our annual Convention here in the Longford Arms Hotel and I thank our hosts Longford for their warm welcome. A special welcome to our former Chairmen and Officers, it is always nice to see you at Convention.

I had a phone call from Jack Boothman on Thursday morning last, Jack is in St Vincents Hospital at the moment, thankfully he is improving and hopes to get home for St Patrick's Day. He sends his good wishes to all attending convention and he sends his best wishes to our incoming Chairman Martin Skelly. On your behalf and my own I send the Council's best wishes to Jack for a speedy recovery.

2010 was another very successful year for Comhairle Laighean and indeed our twelve counties (Should I say 14 with regard to Hurling) I congratulate all our Provincial Championship winners and in particular those counties which went on to achieve All Ireland success.

Leinster Football Final

A lot has been written and spoken about the 2010 Leinster Football Final between Meath and Louth. As Michael stated in his report, history will record that Meath are the Champions and Louth are the runners up. However sport can be very cruel at times and the Louth players, mentors and officials will remember, what was built up to be a very special day for the County, for all the wrong reasons.

The players and mentors from both teams earned the right to play in that final and both teams played excellent football and prepared well to achieve that honour. We as Officers and our staff also prepared well to ensure that the day's events were carried out in a professional and efficient manner to ensure our teams and supporters enjoyed what should have been a memorable day.

Unfortunately this was not the case and I regret very much what happened. I have made my feelings known to both counties and I wish to state here again today that the Meath and Louth Players, Management and County Committees were placed in a very difficult position.

We as administrators must shoulder the blame and do everything within our power to ensure that such situations do not happen again. In the trying days after the final both Meath and Louth officials handled the situation in a most honourable and respectful way. I want to thank both Counties for their valued help and courtesy they afforded to me and my fellow officers.

I am sure also that the Referee, Martin Sludden, prepared well on what was also a special day for him. When he left home on that July Sunday morning he and his team of officials were hoping that everything would go according to plan. We must remember these people are also volunteers working for our Association Sunday after Sunday. This was also a very difficult time for him and I wish him well in the future.

I was very honoured to be asked to present the Meath Leinster medals and to be invited by Paddy Keenan, the Louth Captain, to his Club to celebrate with him and his fellow team mates on achieving Louth's first ever All Star Award.

Hurling

At the start of Liam O'Neill's Chairmanship we worked on putting a 6 year Hurling plan in place for Leinster. We gave a commitment that during our term in office we would work together to try and improve Leinster Hurling.

When we reflect back today and try to measure the improvements I believe we have moved forward. Carlow and Westmeath are now playing in the McCarthy Cup, Kildare and Meath contested a thrilling U-21 Special final in Trim last July,

Wicklow and Meath played an exciting Kehoe Cup final two weeks ago and Dublin beat the All Ireland Champions last weekend. I also believe that Galway and Antrim have contributed positively to the game of Hurling in our Province.

We still have a lot to do, but I am confident that the good work will continue and Hurling will improve further in the Province in the coming years.

I hope you will forgive me if I mention, for a moment the Kilkenny Senior Hurling team that contested their fifth All Ireland Final in a row. They just fell short of achieving five consecutive All Ireland titles and making a remarkable piece of history. To the Players and all involved I say to one and all thank you for the great hurling memories. You did Leinster Hurling, your County, your Clubs and families proud.

Strategic Plan

As I hand over today to Martin Skelly, I urge all counties in the Province to support and implement the Strategic Plans of this Province and their own County. Anchoring both plans, of course, is our National Strategic Plan which was launched in late 2008.

Each one of the three Strategic Plans identifies key targets and milestones which, if achieved, will place our Association in a strong position to meet both current and future challenges. County Board Officers must play a key role in ensuring their county meets the targets contained in their own Strategic Plan. It will be a similar challenge for Provincial Officers

Ireland is undergoing enormous change and the future of many organisations, the GAA included, will depend on their ability to plan and think strategically and to motivate their players, supporters and patrons. I congratulate the counties who have already commenced implementing their Strategic Plans. Monitoring and measuring these plans against the targets which have been set will be an on-going process. I urge counties to see this as a positive part of the entire process.

Great progress has already been made throughout the Province of Leinster and I again ask you to support the incoming Chairman as he endeavors to see much more progress made during his three-year term.

Our Clubs

Current economic circumstances are already creating major difficulties for some of our clubs. This will generate lots of challenges for Club Officers who must exercise ever-greater care and attention to all aspects of club affairs.

For many of our younger members and players, their futures, at least for now, may rest in foreign lands due to current levels of unemployment in Ireland. Those who depart our shores will be missed enormously by their families and their local GAA clubs. Ireland will certainly be a poorer country for the loss of such talented citizens.

With so many players emigrating, the future of some clubs may well be called into question, perhaps not in the immediate term, but in a few years. I urge all County Boards to undertake an immediate review of all clubs who may be vulnerable to reduced playing numbers and work with them to create a long term viability plan.

In last Sunday's Irish Independent an article highlighted the loneliness of rural isolation. The GAA has already identified this is a major problem and has responded through its Social Initiative Programme. Many people in both rural and urban communities are experiencing great loneliness right now due to the stress in their everyday lives.

Through its network of clubs, the GAA is ideally placed to offer support to young and old in these depressing times. Our Association is about community and the people who reside in those communities. We, the GAA, can and must play our part to help a neighbour who may need support at a difficult time in their lives. I know you will all do whatever you can to help.

New Offices

The extension to our new offices are completed a year at this stage. I am glad to report that the project came in under budget and we are now catering not only for Leinster Council's needs but also Camogie and Ladies Football. The offices are also used by Croke Park and most nights the car park is full. I believe that, down through the years, the Leinster Council has always led the way and our Offices will stand us proud for many years to come. I wish to thank Michael and all the staff for their excellent contribution as this development was very much a team effort.

Replays

As with any well meaning rules in society we can bring in bad and good. We believe at the time it will be of benefit, but then after a period, we reflect and perhaps it might not have achieved what it set out to achieve in the first place. If you look at our accounts, page 12, 13th June, Croke Park, Senior Football, both games ended in a draw and after extra time Dublin beat Wexford. The Revenue that day was €791K less our expenses, say a net €500K. If we had replayed both those games on the following Saturday night our revenue for 2010 would have been €500K more.

The "no replay" aim was to allow our Association to play more club games which is something that I support, but the loss of this revenue did not result in one extra club game played in any of the participating counties.

Wexford have a motion to congress to change this rule and I ask you all to seriously study what I have stated and vote on the grounds: is the rule achieving what it set out to achieve. I believe it is not. In hard times our Clubs and Counties could do with this extra revenue and also the excitement and drama of such a fixture in Croke Park on a Saturday evening in June.

Leinster Club and County Grants

If we look back over the past six years this Council was most generous in support to our Clubs and Counties. This year we had to make prudent and wise decisions which did not allow us to be as generous as we were during the past number of years.

We are living in difficult times and down through the years our Association has always carried out its business in a responsible way. That is what I believe is expected of the Officers of this Council when the Counties of Leinster elect us to these positions.

I believe the same applies at County level when the Clubs elect the Officers of our County Boards. So going forward, I ask you to carry on your business in a prudent, responsible and in a well thought out manner to safeguard and ensure the future development of our Game's within your counties.

Choiste Bainisti & Ard Chomhairle

I am glad to report that I enjoyed my time on

Coisti Bainisti representing this Council. During my three years, I met the finest people one could wish to meet. The people around the table, at times, had strong and different views and opinions. I will look back on many a good argument, sometimes I won and perhaps most times I lost. But all that meant to me was that I would come back another way with the same strong view if I thought fit. That's the way it was and that is the way, I believe, it should be.

I served with two Presidents, our own Nickey Brennan and present Uachtarán Christy Cooney. I have no doubt that I have given both of them a pain in the head at times but I still look on both as good friends. The work and time that our Uachtarán gives to our Association is something we should not take for granted.

We are very lucky as an Association to have people of the highest calibre to lead Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

Leinster Infrastructure

We have made good progress in this area over the last three years. The following are completed or work in progress.

Darver, Louth
Alfie Byrne Park, Clontarf, Dublin
Haywood College, Laois
Hawkfield, Kildare
O'Connor Park, Offaly
Nowlan Park, Kilkenny
St Lomans, Westmeath – WIP
Rathdrum, Wicklow – WIP
Carlow – WIP

Uachtarán-tofa

Last December I was nominated by my own county to contest the post of Uachtarán Tofa at the forthcoming GAA Congress in Mullingar. This was a singular honour, not alone for me personally but also for my family and my club.

Over the Christmas break I reflected deeply on the matter. To be very honest with you all, I would love to contest the post of Uachtarán Tofa. I feel I have the experience and commitment to bring a lot to the job. Nevertheless, I was at all times conscious that my predecessor as Leinster Chairman - Liam O'Neill - had been runner-up last time round and that he too deserved another opportunity to

challenge for the post. My loyalty to Leinster is unconditional and I was resolved not to divide the Leinster support.

Consequently I met and spoke with Liam. I undertook to stand aside on this occasion and to attempt to unite the Province behind his candidature. We shook hands on this some months ago and as recently as last weekend I again confirmed my intentions to Liam. The withdrawal of other nominated candidates may have changed the landscape in some people's minds but for me 'my word is my bond'.

Therefore it is with pride that I confirm to you today - the people of Leinster - that I am withdrawing my name in favour of Liam O'Neill. It goes without saying that he will have my full support as he prepares to take on the mantle of the most prestigious role in Irish Sport. I appeal to all you Leinster people to do likewise.

Again I thank my native Wexford for nominating me. Perhaps in three years time they will have a mind to do so again.

Martin Skelly

I wish Martin well, on what is a proud day for him and his family, Club and County. He has served the Association well over many years, in his club Cashel, Longford Co Board and has served as my Vice Chairman for the last three years.

He is well placed and has the drive and experience to carry out his duties and I have no doubt that he will work hard to leave the Council in better shape in three years time.

As discussed Martin, any help that I can be to you during your term, all you have to do is ask.

Family – Father

My Father passed away last September and I thank all the Counties for the support you gave to me and my Family, it was very much appreciated. At times like that it makes one feel very proud to be associated with the great movement called the GAA.

Looking back on what I said on the day I took up the position of Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean about my wife Vera - reads as follows:

"I promise you all that I will give this job 100% of my time and energy. I am lucky that Vera has no

problem with me saying that here today. Perhaps she is glad to get rid of me out of the house so it might not be a sacrifice for her at all."

Now I think I may have been right, as this was a conversation we had last week: I was flicking the TV stations, you know we all do that, and I was told in a nice way, well maybe not so nice that I would "have to move into another room or else"... Michael Delaney says I'm married to a walking saint - well Michael you are not living with Vera.

On a serious note, I want to thank Vera, she looked after my father up to the time he died as I was away a lot and gave her very little help. Without her support and understanding it would have been very difficult for me to carry out my duties.

Thanks

I want to thank all the County Officers for the support, advice and help you gave to me during my term in Office. I enjoyed dealing with you all very much.

To Michael Delaney and the Office Staff and Field Staff at Áras Laighean - thank you for putting up with me over the last twenty years.

To my fellow Officers and all the Committee Chairmen and Members - thank you all for a job well done.

On a final note of farewell

The last Leinster Chairman from Wexford sang about his three years as Chairman, his travels around the Province and other places. I think it went down well and Michael Delaney reminded me of this some weeks ago. I thought about the idea for a short time, a very short time, but decided it was best to sit down, hard to follow the Berry clan.

And one last thing, a lot has been written and spoken about pensions in the last few weeks - I just want to confirm this position does not carry a pension (or a golden handshake) of any sort on retirement.

Go raibh maith agaibh agus agaidh linn le chéile.

Séamus Ó hÚilín
Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean



Oráid an Chathaoirligh Nua (26ú Feabhra 2011)

Cuirim fáilte Longfort agus fáilte go Longfort romhaibh go léir anseo inniú.

It is a great honour for me to accept the office and position of Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean, I will now become the 32nd Cathaoirleach and will follow in the footsteps of Albert Fallon in becoming only the second Longford person to hold the honourable post.

Albert served Leinster well during his term of office and has been a great friend and colleague, and if I can do half as good a job as he did, Leinster Council will be in good hands.

From my early days, when I played my first games of Gaelic football and hurling with Ballyboden St Enda's, to this current day, I have been extremely fortunate to have my course and destiny within the association shaped by some of the finest people that one could ever hope to meet.

Circumstances in my life (the death of my mother) dictated that I would live in Dublin, with my aunt and uncle, James and Mary Kate Bannon, until I was 14 years of age. There was a great sporting ethos in their family and no weekend would be complete without attendance at some sporting fixture. I am delighted that three members; (Anthony, Kay and Doreen) of my Aunt Mary Kate's family are here today.

At the age of 14 years of age, when my father remarried, I returned to Newtowncashel. I became involved with the Cashel club almost immediately and my first position was Minor Secretary at the tender age of 16 years.

I have held many roles within the club at both senior and minor level since then and I am currently Treasurer of our Minor Club (Cuchullins) and Joint Treasurer of our amalgamated Southern Gaels where we are joined by our neighbours Killashee.

Early Days

My administrative career was nurtured by my maths Teacher in Ballyleague and Lanesboro Secondary Schools, Danny O'Brien. He showed what can be achieved when a teacher has a love for our games. He entered us in the Connaught and Leinster competitions and unselfishly ferried us along with a couple of other teachers to games on both sides of the Shannon. His brother Tommy (former Leinster Council Delegate for Longford) reported on all those games in his role as sports journalist with the *Longford Leader* and his contribution to underage football will never be forgotten as probably every underage footballer in Longford got his name mentioned for playing well at some stage in that publication.

Playing Days

My playing days with Cashel coincided with the most successful period for our club when winning titles in Senior, Minor and Under 21. I was fortunate to play with some of the finest players that ever wore a jersey for Cashel, Longford and Leinster and I am glad to say that the two people from my parish that wore the green of Leinster are here today - Mick Casey, our current Club Chairman, wore all three jerseys with pride and distinction and was named centre half back on the Longford Millennium team in 2000. He also did a great job when he was Coaching Officer for Longford County Board. I wish him well as Chairman of Cashel for the coming year.

John Donlon was centre half back on the successful Longford team of '66 and '68, that also included my fellow former County Board Officers and friends Seamus Flynn and Brendan Gilmore.

In my young days, John Donlon was the player I most looked up to. He was my hero in every sense of the word and when I got the opportunity to go out and play alongside him, I thought all my

birthdays had come at once. John has not been that well in recent times, but as always John has gritted his teeth and fought the fight and I am delighted that a healthy John Donlon is with us here today.

I also welcome the three remaining members of my mother's and father's families - Brigie Hanley, Tommy O'Shea and Brigid Rollins, who is now the most senior person in Newtowncashel at a very healthy 94 years of age.

I must also mention my late father, Jimmy, who was a fine player with Cashel in his day and my Uncle Johnny who ran our club almost single handedly from the 40's to the 60's. The mode of transport for the team was his cattle lorry. Which at that time was a great upgrade from the bicycle.

Newtowncashel

Newtowncashel is a small village in South Longford and is three parts surrounded by Lough Ree. To locals it is known as Cashel. It has a proud record in the *Tidy Towns* competition, winning it in 1980 and being ever-present in the Top Ten ever since then. It has *national heritage* status and has beauty spots and historical sites like Barley Harbour and Saints Island to name but a few of its attractions. It is also unspoiled by any housing developments and looks as if it will remain this way in the foreseeable future.

It has a proud GAA tradition and some of the association's most famous sons have Newtowncashel roots. Our former Ard Stiurthóir Liam Mulvihill's mother was a native of our parish as is Peter Hanley, a lifelong friend of mine and sponsor of the Longford Senior Football Championship. Peter cannot be with us today, as he is on a much needed break in Malta, but he was with me all through my GAA career when I needed him most. Kieran D Eustace is also a native and has claims to fame in that the silver that is in the Sam Maguire and Liam McCarthy Cups was donated by him to the GAA and sculptured by his firm, Johnston, Mathey.

Peter McKenna, Croke Park Stadium Manager also hails from the parish and we all know the magnificent job that Peter has done with our jewel in the GAA crown. I welcome Peter McKenna and Kieran D Eustace here today and thank them for the support they have been to me and my family over the years.

Railway Cup

I would just mention the Railway Cup at this stage because I know as a spectator spectacle the day has long gone past and it is now primarily a players competition. I firmly believe the honour of playing for your province is something that can never be underestimated and will be treasured long after ones playing days are over.

There will always be a special place in the Cashel Club for our two Inter Provincial players and my own personal feelings are that the Compromise Rules still leave a lot to be desired and its future may not be as secure after watching the games that both countries gave us last October/November.

I still believe that the Inter Provincial Series has a lot to offer, but I now also believe that it is up to the players of our provinces to send a strong message to us as administrators if they want the competition to continue.

Longford County Board

I would like to thank my county of Longford for all the support to me in recent times. I served 13 years as a board Officer, six as Coaching and Games Development and seven as County Board Chairman. I enjoyed every minute of it and got a great schooling from people like John Greene and Jimmy Fox and my predecessor T.J. Ward. The current County Board along with the clubs have always been a great support to me.

My thanks to Pat Cahill, John Bannon from Longford and Paddy Flanagan, John Cotter and Pat Chapman who have put so much hard work into today's convention. Even though I have now moved base to Leinster, my friendship with Longford County Board and the various Longford Associations in Dublin, London and New York will always be there and something that will always be very close to my heart.

New Challenges

The challenges facing the GAA at present are probably somewhat different to the problems that Sheamus Howlin had when he took office 3 years ago. Like the Government that will be elected today, the financial problems facing our members both privately and within our structures are quite daunting for some and as an association we must recognise this. We will be setting up an advisory

body that will provide Banking, Accountancy and Legal Advice for our units who may be in financial need at present.

I would strongly advise our clubs to take up this offer because if clubs do not deal with problems as they arise the situation becomes much worse and harder to find solutions when you do face up to them. This committee will blend with the new safeguards that are now in place with our infrastructural committees re development and planning.

Social Needs And Structures

Another area of concern is the issue of loneliness and isolation that may be felt by our members and which is now being tackled by our Social Integration committee. This coupled with our programmes on child protection and alcohol and substance abuse are areas that the G.A.A. would not been noted for taking a caring view in the past. I am glad to say the attitudes are changing greatly and people should be comfortable in seeking advice in being pointed in a direction where help and guidance may be available.

We will be investing in these areas during the next three years and if even one life is saved because of someone seeking help it will have been a worthwhile project.

Referees

The issue of abusing referees and match officials are something that seems to be part and parcel of our association and we have spent a lifetime trying to deal with these issues with only limited success. Our natural instincts are that disciplinary measures are most important for our neighbouring clubs and counties but not for ourselves. Our refereeing standards have improved greatly in recent times and the preparation of the whole team of officials for a game is much more coordinated than in the past. The issue of respect is something that needs to be tackled and a task force will be available to Schools Clubs and County Boards in the form of a road show with the aspiration to improve standards of behaviour among spectators, mentors and players alike. We hope to use the top refereeing officials in our province to drive this initiative.

Our Coaching and Games Development Committee will still continue to be the main area of developing our games.

Special sub committees will be put in place to deal with the further promotion of hurling and football throughout the province. I believe Hurling is a special sport that needs to be constantly nurtured and fined tuned and no effort will be spared in continuing the development of the game.

Coaching and Games is the largest sector of employment within the Leinster Council and hopefully we will be able to maintain our numbers despite the current national financial crisis. Our new PR and Marketing Committee through the further development of our website and more forcible promotion of our matches are needed to consolidate this position.

The Future

Throughout its history Leinster Council has been in safe hands of great administrators and the process of keeping our province to the forefront of G.A.A will hopefully continue over the next three years. Our strategic plan that our members contributed to is now our Bible and Mantra for the future. If we stay within these perimeters and budget accordingly, our targets will be achieved and the G.A.A. as a unit will continue to prosper within the province. I will be guided, as were the previous twelve Chairmen of our Council by our C.E.O. Michael Delaney and I know that I am in safe hands for advice, direction and friendship.

Sheamus Howlin

Sheamus Howlin started with the province 20 years ago as a delegate for Wexford in Navan and has served the Council as PRO, Vice-Chairman and Chairman in that time. During the last 3 years I have had the privilege of being Sheamus Howlin's understudy and to be honest I could not have got a better mentor. His knowledge of our association is immense and his energy and passion are sometimes beyond belief. He finishes today as our Chairman but his legacy will not be forgotten and I wish him and his wife Vera and his family every success in the future.

Áras Laighean

I look forward to working with all the staff at Aras Laighean and indeed my fellow officers on the council.

John Horan

My sincere congratulations to John Horan the new Leas Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean. The Dublin native has worked extremely hard for the Council in the area of Coaching and Games over the last six years and I look forward to working with him. My commiserations to Syl Merrins on this occasion. Syl has always been a perfect gentleman and a great ambassador for his county. I look forward to his input on Coiste Banisti in the coming years.

Thank You

I thank our Uachtaran Christy Cooney for his presence at today's Leinster Convention and I wish continued success in leading our wonderful association. I also take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to former Uachtaran CLG and former Chairman of Leinster Council Jack Boothman a speedy recovery.

Family

It would be remiss of me not to mention my family as I could not possibly carry out the duties of Leinster Chairman without their co operation, to Maura, Evan, Tara and James my sincere gratitude, to my only sister Kathleen (there was just the two of us) a special thank you for your loyalty and to my wife Gaye, who has covered for me on so many occasions be they school or social a sincere thank you.

Finally . . .

Today the 26th February 2011 is our wedding anniversary and I just hope that Gaye will accept that today's G.A.A. events will have to take priority on this occasion.

Finally I will leave no stone unturned in my quest to ensure that the G.A.A. activities and games within the province of Leinster will continue to flourish during the next three years.

I ask you the delegates and committee members to join with me in pursuit of these goals.

Mar fhocail Scór gabhaim míle buíochais le gach duine acu agus ar aghaidh linn le chéile.

Máirtín Ó Sceallaigh
Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean



Dublin - Leinster Minor Football Champions 2011

Back L-R: Ciarán Kilkenny, Gavin Ivory, Conor Meaney, Ross O'Hanlon, Patrick O'Higgins, Robert McDaid, Jack McCaffrey, John Small, Kevin Kindlon, Shane Carthy, Conor Pike, Andrew O'Brien, Mark O'Dee.

Front L-R: Rutherson Real, Niall Scully, Matias Mac Donncha, Foin Archbold, Lee Stacey, Cormac Costello, Graham Hannigan, Eoghan Boyne, Scott Fulham, Emmett Ó Conghaile, Eric Lowndes, Eoghan Quinn, Ronan Noonan, Paul Mannion.



Tuairisc an Rúnaí

A Cháirde,

It is that time of year again where we reflect on the GAA world in Leinster - a review of the last twelve months, a look to the future and a comment, or two, on how we see the Association at the present time. It is a Secretary's main opportunity to express his or her thoughts and also, probably, the only opportunity to stimulate some debate on all aspects of the Council's workings, relevance and strategy.

This year gone by was a memorable one for Leinster. For the first time, in many years, both All Ireland Senior Championships came to the province. Perhaps stung by the previous year's slip up, the Kilkenny hurlers put together a number of power-packed performances as they impressively regained the Liam McCarthy Cup. Just as notable was the hugely popular return to the champions rostrum of Dublin in the All Ireland Senior Football Championship. I sincerely congratulate both teams, their mentors and their county committees.

Alarmingly, we failed to register any success at national level in either Minor or Under-21 Hurling and Football. A continuation of this trend will surely set alarm bells ringing.

We had limited success in the Allianz Leagues but it was very significant. The Dublin hurling revival continued and they deservedly won Division I of the Allianz Hurling League while, equally deservedly, Wicklow had an overdue success in Division III of that competition.

Some of our counties are really beginning to feel the economic pinch being experienced by so many in our society - more of that anon. Other areas which registered concern included referees and refereeing, fixtures planning, care of our patrons, urbanisation, amateur ethos, volunteerism and so on. I hope to expand on some of these in the body of this report.

On behalf of Comhairle Laighean CLG I thank, sincerely, our players, match officials, supporters, voluntary workers, fulltime staff and the myriads of others who combine to help us keep our show on the road. I look forward to your continued assistance in 2012.



Dublin - Leinster U-21 Hurling Champions 2011

Back L-R: F Clabby, E Dillon, O Ó Maoilidigh, D Sutcliffe, C Brennan, R Mahon

Middle L-R: D Kelly, D Plunkett, S McGrath, D Curran, M Quilty, J Doughtan, C. Moffatt, T Connolly, S O'Connor

Front L-R: B Quinn, N McMorrow, B Mulligan, B O'Carroll, L Rushe (Capt), C Gough, K O'Loughlin, M Schutte.

Missing from Photo: G. McManus (Goalkeeper).

INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dublin comfortably took the honours in the matter of provincial titles won in 2011. Apart from the Senior Football Championship they also came out on top in Under-21 Hurling and in both Minor Championships.

The Senior and Intermediate Hurling Championships went to Kilkenny while Kildare carried off the Junior Football title. Perhaps the most noteworthy of all, though, was Wexford's first ever provincial title in the Under-21 Football grade. The championship list was completed by Westmeath who won the Under-21 'A' H.C. title.

AIB LEINSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time ever the four hurling titles went to four different counties. Pride of place goes to Coolderry (Offaly) who won their first ever AIB Leinster Club Senior Hurling Championship. There was another first in the Intermediate Hurling grade where Carlow produced the winners for the first time in Mount Leinster Rangers. St. Patricks of Ballyraggett kept the Kilkenny flag flying when they captured the Junior Hurling Championship. Finally, the Special Junior Hurling title was won by Park Ratheniska of Laois.

The Football Club Championships all went to first time winners. After a number of disappointments, Garrycastle (Westmeath) overcame all opposition to take the AIB Leinster Senior Club Football Championship. The real surprise of these competitions came in the Intermediate Football Championship where the unheralded Eire Og (Greystones) proved superior to all others. Finally, as so often in the past, the Junior Club Football Championship was won by the Meath representatives. On this occasion their champion club was Ballivor.

ACCIDENT TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS 2011

The winners of the 2011 Competitions were as follows:

O'Byrne Cup S.F.	Kildare
Walsh Cup S.H.	Dublin
Kehoe Cup S.H.	Meath
O'Byrne Shield S.F.	Dublin
Walsh Shield S.H.	Offaly
Kehoe Shield S.H.	Trinity College



Fingal - Bord na Móna Kehoe Shield winners 2012



Laois - Bord na Móna O'Byrne Shield winners 2012

Back L-R: Eoin Culliton, Sean Ramsbottom, Kevin Meaney, Peter O'Leary, Pdraig Clancy, Brian Mulligan, Paul Cahillane, Marty Dowling, Conor Boyle, John O'Loughlin, Conor Delaney, Gary Walsh, James Finn, Darren Maher, Liam Kealy, Colm Coss, Niall Donohar, John Dunphy, Arnold Mahon.
 Front L-R: Kieran Lillis, Ross Munnely, Stephen O'Leary, Darren Strong, Damien O'Connor, Michael John Tierney, Cahir Healy, Shane Julian, David Conway, Colm Begley, Jamie Kavanagh, Colm Kelly.



Kilkenny - Bord na Móna Walsh Cup winners 2012

Back L-R: Michael Rice, Willie Phelan, Tommy Walsh, Jackie Tyrrell, Aidan Fogarty, Noel Hickey, T.J. Reid, Richie Doyle, Michael Fennelly, Kieran Joyce, Colin Fennelly, David Herity, Paddy Hogan, Cillian Buckley, Mark Bergin.
 Front L-R: Eoin Murphy, Richie Hogan, Lester Ryan, Conor Fogarty, Eoin Larkin, Paul Murphy, Richie Power, J.J. Delaney, John Mulhall.

THE BORD NA MÓNA LEINSTER GAA SERIES

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In 2012 we are delighted to welcome Bord na Móna as sponsors of the Accident Tournament Competitions. The Competitions have been re-branded the Bord na Móna Leinster GAA Series and the initial deal is for a three year period.

During the short time we have been working with them Bord na Móna have shown a very

professional approach to the sponsorship and have displayed huge enthusiasm for our games. We look forward to their feedback which I'm sure will be constructive and thought provoking.

At the time of writing all 2012 competitions have reached final stages and, while some counties opted for experimental teams, there has been a high level of entertainment throughout all the competitions.



In attendance at the launch of the Bord na Móna Series (incorporating the O'Byrne, Kehoe and Walsh Cups and Shields) are, back row, from left: Kildare footballer Dermot Earley, Offaly hurler Cathal Parlon, Wexford footballer Ciaran Lyng and Wicklow footballer Leighton Glynn and front row, from left: Louth footballer Shane Lennon, Chairman of Bord Na Móna Fergus McArdle, CEO of Bord Na Móna Gabriel D'Arcy, Chairman of Leinster Council GAA Martin Skelly and Kilkenny hurler Eddie Brennan. Croke Park, Dublin.



Offaly - Bord na Móna Walsh Shield winners 2012

Back L-R: Colin Egan, Brian Mulrooney, Stephen Wynne, Dermot Mooney, Conor Mahon, Derek Molloy, Joe Bergin, Brendan Murphy.

Front L-R: Eoin Kelly, Brian Watkins, Michael Verney, David Kenny, Chris McDonald, Barry Harding, Mark Morkam.



GMIT - Bord na Móna Kehoe Cup winners 2012

LEINSTER ROLL OF HONOUR 2011

PEIL

Sinsir

Soisir

Mionuir

Fe 21 Bliain

Club Sinsir

Club Idirmheanach

Club Soisir

Corn Ui Bhroin

Sciath Ui Bhroin

IOMAINT

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Idirmheanach

Mionuir

Fe 21 Bliain

Fe 21 Bliain 'A'

Sciath Soisir

Club Sinsir

Club Idirmheanach

Club Soisir

Club Soisir Speis

Corn Breathnach

Sciath Breathnach

Corn Mac Eochaidh

Sciath Mac Eochaidh

Club SHL - Div I

Club SHL - Div II

Club SHL - Div III

Club SHL - Div IV

BUATHOIRI

Ath Cliath

Cill Dara

Ath Cliath

Loch Garman

Garrycaslte (WH)

Eire Og Greystones (WW)

Ballivor (MH)

Cill Dara

Ath Cliath

BUATHOIRI

Cill Chainnigh

Cill Chainnigh

Ath Cliath

Ath Cliath

Iarmhi

Iarmhi

Coolderry (OY)

Mt. Leinster Rangers (CW)

St. Patricks (KK)

Park Ratheniska (LS)

Ath Cliath

Uibh Fhaili

An Mhi

Trinity College

Clara (KK)

Crumlin (D)

Na Fianna (MH)

St. Kevins (D)

NEASOIRI

Loch Garman

An Cabhan

An Mhi

Longphort

St. Brigids (D)

Confey (KE)

St. Fechins (LH)

Lu

An Mhi

NEASOIRI

Ath Cliath

Loch Garman

Cill Chainnigh

Loch Garman

An Mhi

Lu

Oulart the Ballagh (WX)

Celbridge (KE)

Ballyfin (LS)

Parnells (D)

Cill Chainnigh

Ceatharloch

Cill Mhantain

Lu

Naomh Eoin (CW)

Shamrocks (OY)

Shanahoe (LS)

Pearse Og (LH)

COMPETITION STRUCTURES AND FIXTURES

Having recently experienced the necessity to arrange the AIB Leinster Club Senior Football Championship Final for Christmas week 2011 we need to have a long hard look at our fixture scheduling. The Senior Football Final was not an isolated incident - we also had to defer a number of other club finals into the depths of December. Likewise a number of our Club Finals, scheduled for later this year, are arranged for December, or late November. Even at that, a number of counties have already expressed doubts about their ability to have representatives ready for some of these championships.

Any analysis of fixtures and fixture planning must begin with the establishment of priorities. As an Association all our pronouncements in this regard say that our priority is club fixtures - all our actions indicate a bias towards inter-county. As we break it down into our units we again see a diversity of opinion and action. Every County Board - whether they admit it or not - is geared towards success at inter county level. This will

always mean that club fixtures are secondary when it comes to planning. There is a natural conflict, then, with clubs whose main priority is principally to provide as many meaningful games as possible for all its players.

As a provincial council we in Leinster must also look honestly at our priorities. For as long as I remember we have selfishly promoted the inter-county scene. After all, it is our bread and butter. We take up to six months of the year to run the inter county championships in the province - beginning with Under-21 football in February and ending with the Under-21 Hurling in mid-July. We spread out our Senior Championships over a three month period, thereby ensuring that club championships are parked in a lay-by for this period. Some of our reasoning is organisational while much of our planning is dictated by the desire to have as much live TV coverage of our games as possible. Both reasons have merit but what about all the other reasons why we should tighten up our schedules? Believe me these can have much more merit.

In tandem with reviewing our fixture schedule in Leinster I feel it would be appropriate, also, to



Wexford - Leinster U-21 Football Champions 2011

carry out a forensic review of the structures of our competitions. In this regard I would pose a few questions viz.,

- (a) **Is it right to give provincial senior football semi finalists a bye in Round 1 the following year?**
- (b) **How do you give one county (the provincial champions of the previous year) a bye straight to the semi final of a nine team senior hurling championship?**
- (c) **Is it feasible to have a midweek floodlit format (home and away fixtures) for the Under-21 Football Championship when, in reality, we have only three venues suitable to host these fixtures?**
- (d) **Can we justify the convoluted format of the Minor Hurling and Football Championships, which we have at present, in the name of giving the weaker counties a fairer crack of the whip?**
- (e) **Is there any merit in persevering with the inter county Junior Football and Intermediate Hurling Championships - honestly what purpose do they serve?**
- (f) **While it can be argued that the Club Championships are the only truly run championships in Leinster at the moment there are some arguments about our grading system - does it need to be reviewed?**

While looking at all the aforementioned Championships we should also avail of the opportunity to review the newly branded Bord na Móna Leinster GAA Series - i.e. the O'Byrne Cup, Walsh Cup and Kehoe Cup.

Has the time come to grasp the nettle of College participation and the annual arguments between counties and colleges over availability of players? What is the purpose of these Competitions? What benefit does College participation bring to the Competitions? How does a St. Patricks v GMIT Kehoe Cup Final benefit either the preparation of Leinster County teams for the Allianz Hurling League or the coffers of the Special Injury Fund? Personally, I feel these questions are legitimate.

Still on the Bord na Móna Leinster GAA Series, **should we consider dispensing with the Shield Competitions and play the O'Byrne Cup, Walsh Cup and Kehoe Cup on a league basis, guaranteeing each team at least three games?** This would certainly facilitate counties, in their planning, in preparation for the Leagues.

In summary, I am asking a few simple questions:

1. **What is our fixture planning priority - club or county?**
2. **Could we run the Leinster Senior Championships, hurling and football, over two months, rather than three?**
3. **Should our Minor Championships be straight knockout competitions?**
4. **Should we continue with meaningless championships which (a) disrupt club fixtures and (b) cost money to county committees?**
5. **Is it time to say goodbye to the Colleges in our early season competitions?**

The purpose of this piece is to stimulate a little bit of strategic thinking. The format of the propositions indicate something of my own personal views but, as ever, I will bow to the collective wisdom of the majority.



Garrycastle - Leinster Senior Club Football Champions 2011

Back L-R: Justin Barrett, Sean Brennan, Rory McCowan, Peadar Mulvihill, Gary McCallon, Anthony Larkin, Conor Molloy, Sean Carey, Johnny McGuire, Paul Mulvihill, Padraig Cosgrove, Doran Harte, Seanie O'Donoghue, Enda Mulvihill, Gary Dolan, Cathal Mullin, Paul Dillon, David O'Shaughnessy, John O'Shaughnessy, Justin McAteer, Noel Galvin.

Front L-R: Donovan Hermbusche, Gary Mullery, Enda Keena, Mark Keenan, Aidan Browne, Eoin Monahan, Alex Gardiner, Alan Daly, Karl Henson, James Dolan, Tom McHugh, James Duignan, John Gaffey (Captain), Mark McCallon, Paddy Mulvihill, Dessie Dolan, Conor Cosgrove, Alan Fox, Stephen McGuire.

THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL - ITS ROLE AND RELEVANCE

There was much talk during the last year about the Provincial Championships. Many players and mentors felt that the current method of deciding All Ireland Championships is very unbalanced and very much favours counties from the smaller provinces. This line of thinking led on to the wider debate which addressed the Role and Relevance of a Provincial Council.

I think it is fair to discuss this topic and I would sincerely hope that it will be one of the topics chosen for consideration at this year's Convention workshop. There is always the danger that those of us at the centre of a unit of the Association can develop a siege mentality and be blinded by an inflated opinion of our own importance to the general good.

Questions which might be asked in any assessment of the role or relevance of a provincial council might include:

1. **What does it do: (a) for counties, (b) for clubs and (c) for the Association at large?**
2. **It is an outdated administrative structure?**
3. **Would the GAA be better served by a complete central administration?**
4. **Would an enhanced county based administrative structure be more effective?**
5. **Are the provincial championships a fair and even-handed method of organising the All Ireland Championships?**
6. **Is the provincial council an important buffer between counties and Croke Park?**
7. **Does it have a greater potential as a conduit of policy, information, training, finance from Croke Park to the counties?**
8. **Is it the ideal carrier of opinion and actual realities between clubs / counties and Central Council?**
9. **Should a provincial council play a bigger role in P.R., Clubs, Schools, National Policy and so on?**
10. **Would a provincial council be missed if it was washed out of the GAA Administrative System?**

I would love people to be open and honest if or when this is debated at Convention or in some other forum in the near future. Personalities should not dominate the opinions - what I'm asking for is a cold, hard, detached look at the role and relevance of Leinster Council.

EAST LEINSTER

Scholars of *Peig* will know that '*ag bothantaíocht*' is a lovely phrase to describe rambling between neighbours from house to house. A year ago Leinster GAA launched our strategic plan. The media headlines in the followings days focused on the urbanisation and in particular the challenge in East Leinster.

I would have thought that the emergence of the Leinster Strategic Plan and more recently the Dublin Strategic Plan would have been the catalyst for some interaction and cooperation between the counties most affected by urbanisation. To be honest I expected the Council would have met, with the counties, this common challenge and perhaps be actively facilitating debate between them and central council for more resources.

It's unfortunate nothing has happened. Why this is, I don't know? Are we really interested in tackling the problem or is this issue, like many others, neglected for the sake of the county team. Maybe the matter was hijacked or somewhat sidelined with the talk of a stadium in North/East Leinster? Irrespective of this, the fact remains that participation in our urban areas is low and we must get into 'catch-up mode'.

I regularly get a call from a member of a large club in the east of the province complaining about the lack of games to satisfy needs of vast numbers in his club. His other argument is that competitions are lopsided with large urban clubs playing small rural ones. This has resulted in a contraction of groups/divisions comprised of similar clubs but with fewer games. He wants more cross border games with like sized clubs. I doubt this is an isolated case and surely some cooperation in areas such as fixtures across county boundaries is merited.

So a year has gone by and in the meantime counties have produced their own strategic plans but there is still no evidence of neighbours with the same challenges sitting down to formulate a common plan. I realise this may not be very palatable to some of the smaller counties not located in this region but a debate is required and its one the council is willing to facilitate.



Coolderry - Leinster Senior Club Hurling Champions 2011

Back L-R: Paddy Teehan, Michael Ryan, Declan Parlon, Stephen Connolly, Barry Larkin, Danny Masterson

Middle L-R: Kevin Connolly, Shane O'Connor, Damien Maher, Seamus O'Connor, Andrew Hall, Nigel Dooley, Colm Larkin, Stephen Burke, David King, Kevin Brady, Trevor Corcoran, Kevin Teehan, Joe Brady, Stephen Corcoran, Cathal Parlon

Front L-R: Mark Bergin, Brian Carroll, Barry Teehan, Brendan O'Meara (Capt), Martin Corcoran, Brian Kelly, Damien Murray, Eoin Ryan, Alan Corcoran

COUNTY BOARDS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE

Recent County Conventions confirmed common speculation that a number of our counties are in a serious financial situation. Some of these got more publicity than others but that does nothing to hide the harsh reality that a number of Leinster counties are struggling to balance their books.

Looking in from the outside there are a number of reasons which jump out as to the causes of these situations. One cannot expect to win popularity votes by pointing these out but to ignore them would be failure of duty and responsibility. The full menu does not apply to any one county but the most serious cases must surely identify a goodly number of the items.

In no particular order I would identify the following causes of financial plight in some Leinster counties:

1. Payment of Team Managements
2. Cost of preparing county teams
3. Expenditure on Centres of Excellence / Training Centres
4. Maintenance of Main County Grounds
5. Coaching and Games Development
6. Poor management of finance
7. Lack of controls
8. Failure to budget properly
9. False impression of what's available from provincial and central councils
10. Drying up of local sponsorship
11. Poor performance of county teams
12. Serious reduction in gate receipts for local championships
13. Administration expenditure
14. Reduction in provincial / central council contributions

This list is non exhaustive. Others would add more to the list but I think I have outlined enough to make my point.

Having introduced this tale of woe it is fair to be asked to suggest some solutions. This will be a

much shorter list mainly because each county needs to be addressed individually. However the common suggestions might read something like:

1. Proper budgeting
2. Realistic approach to County Team Management
3. Decisive control by the County Committee
4. Seek advice in time
5. Stop the physical development before the bills get out of control

Yes, constructive suggestions are scarce but as I've said earlier, each patient needs individual treatment. However, they must first accept that they have a problem!

When dealing with this topic, it is only fair to expect that counties will cast an eye over provincial council finances. It is also fair to expect that counties would have opinions on how the Leinster Council should spend its money, given that it is earned, almost exclusively on the back of these same county teams.

As a council, we should be prepared to address suggestions on whether we should concentrate our expenditure on:

- (a) Physical development
- club / county
- (b) Games development
- provincial / county / club / schools
- (c) Administration
- provincial / county / schools
- (d) Teams expenses - counties
- (e) Player Welfare
- (f) Refereeing - all levels
- (g) Ticket packages / improvement of match day experience for supporters.

Again this list can go on and on. Everybody will have an opinion - I invite all and sundry.

GAMES DEVELOPMENT – RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Two things about six weeks apart epitomise for me the unfairness of measuring success by results alone. On 8th May, 2011, Dermot Crowe wrote a piece in the Sunday Independent in which he described how Laois were hoping to follow the example of Dublin and improve the standard of hurling in the county. The article was positive and to be fair rightly highlighted the good work being carried out by Pat Critchley and others.

Fast forward to 18th June, 2011 to O'Moore Park and Laois have just been defeated by Cork in the All Ireland SHC on a score line of 10-20 to 1-13. Of course, it was the result that resonated in people's minds and influenced their views of hurling development in the county.

What the above highlights is that development plans take time to come to fruition and Dublin's success in both and Hurling and Football this year testifies to that.

Nevertheless there is a huge investment in games development and it must be measured and evaluated to ensure we are getting value for

money. The level of activity driven by games development personnel and committees is undeniable and evidence of this is represented in the Games Development section of this report.

At today's Convention, I'd like to know where delegates stand in relation to what is being rolled out. Do you think it's making a difference or not? Is games development viewed as something of an imposition, almost, that needs to be implemented to comply with policy?

From my perspective, despite all of this activity, I am concerned that much of this good work is happening in isolation, on the periphery of county board operations and is only reviewed at the end of year when it's time to reconcile the accounts. I'm not saying this attitude is widespread but it does exist.

For games development to truly have an impact it must be given greater recognition and a stronger platform alongside other committees. With such a commitment, together they can provide the coaching, the games and activities necessary to increase participation and standards in a coordinated manner. Without such structures in place the return on our investment is open to question.



Young hurlers ready for action on their Croke Park Activity Day

PAYMENT OF MANAGERS

Almost everybody has had an opinion on this topic by now, so anything I could possibly say on it has been uttered on numerous occasions by others. Nevertheless, it is the nature of Annual Reports to allude to the hot topic of the day and, at the moment, topics don't come much hotter!

The recent report from the Ard Stiurthóir, and the GAA Management Committee, has formed the basis of much comment. In some quarters, it has been construed to have made proposals for preferred courses of action while, personally, I read it as putting all the facts and possible solutions on the table. It is now for the Association at large to decide on the next steps.

There are a few basic facts that we cannot get away from. Fact number one is - it's happening. Team Managers are being paid more than normal expenses at both club and county level. Fact number two is - county boards and clubs cannot afford to pay, in most instances, what they are currently giving to Managers. Something else in the club, or county, is suffering. The third fact is - the day of the local benefactor is gone, for the present at least. This means that the funds have to come from club or county coffers if Managers continue to be paid.

I have earlier in this report stated that the payment of Team Management is one of the reasons why some of our County Boards are in serious financial difficulties - I don't need to revisit the theme at this juncture, except to say that it cannot be sustained quite apart from the fact that it is in breach of our Rules.

So, what is the solution you might ask? I don't need to have a crystal ball to know what will happen next. County Officers and Central Council will vote overwhelmingly not to pay managers, and then continue to stand over it at county team level and turn a blind eye to what is going on at club level. Don't forget, we have form in things like this. Need I mention the hypocrisy of the so-called 'closed season'?

Still no solution boy! Right then - a few more posers.

1. Can we devise a way of policing this?
2. Have we the heart to challenge counties/clubs?
3. Do we hide behind the Revenue Commissioners and let them do our work for us?
4. What are realistic sanctions? Imposing fines only adds to the burden of the county or club treasurer.

Quite honestly, I do not know any answer except to apply our Rules as they stand now. Hopefully this Convention might give serious thought to how we might do that. Remember, this is not a diminishing problem. Apart from senior teams, I know that some underage county teams also have a payment structure for management. Likewise, many junior and intermediate clubs now also invest in 'an outside manager'.

If we are to safeguard the Association for the generations to come we must act decisively to solve this problem. I am quite aware of the comments that fulltime, well paid officials should refrain from commenting on 'the few bob' given to managers. Sorry - not this time. We have a major problem and we must fix it.



Crumlin - Leinster Club Hurling League Division 2 Champions 2011

Back L-R: Rodney Elliott, Shane Ryan, John Cullen, Paul O'Brien, Daniel Hanks, Kevin Byrne, Paul Devlin, Philip Murphy, Liam Kinsella, Conor Murphy, Shane Martin (Capt), Stephen Dunne, Stephen Cullen.

Front L-R: Colin Martin, Sean Stafford, Noel Purtell, David Donnelly, Darren Whelan, Cole Geraghty, Peter Elliott, Adam McGreal, Jamie Maher, David Murphy, Colm Hennebry.

ADMINISTRATION - VOLUNTEER AND FULLTIME

Administration in the GAA falls into two categories. The ruling bodies, i.e. club committees, county boards, provincial councils and central council are populated, by and large, by volunteers. Some counties, all provinces and the Central Council have fulltime executives who administer the decisions and policies of their respective units. It sounds simple but I often wonder is there an appreciation or understanding of one another's role - i.e. the volunteers and the fulltime official. In tandem with this, there is a huge divergence of opinion, within counties, as to the role of individual officers.

When we examine the Officer Board of all our County Committees, we immediately recognise the role of some officers, e.g. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary. Other Officers also have specific duties in their own spheres. However, I often wonder if counties allocate specific duties to other members of their Executive / Management Committee. For example, is there a clearly defined role for a County Board Vice-Chairman? It can be a lonely, anonymous post. If I were to ask delegates at this year's Leinster Convention how many County Vice Chairpersons in Leinster can you name how well would we do?

Similarly there is confusion about the role of provincial council delegates. Are they merely representative of the county's interest at provincial level or are they policy makers on the Leinster Council? The same question could be asked of Central Council delegates.

I would also ask County Management Committees are they a team or a group of individuals? Do they just focus on their own narrow area of

responsibility or do they see themselves as equal members of the group vested with the responsibility of managing the Association in their county?

As an aside, but of equal relevance, I also ask are the roles of provincial officers clearly enough defined? Do we have clear cut individual duties for provincial officers or do they form a team which runs the Association in the province for their term of office? Maybe we might sometime examine this area in more detail.

I am at a disadvantage in addressing the roles and standing of the fulltime official because of the fact that I am now so long in that role. Habits and views formed over a number of decades are hard to dissolve. Nevertheless, I know that in some areas we are deemed to be merely servants of the Association. This is accepted but all of us, by our very nature, retain quite a bit of the volunteer ethos. I accept that, at times, we put excessive demands on our volunteers at club, county and provincial level. We forget, sometimes, that this is merely their pastime or their perceived responsibility to their community.

Fulltime officials are well paid, in jobs that they love and, for the most part, making a living from what they previously did as a pastime. However, they have lives, too, outside of the Association. This fact should be respected by all.

We must at all times strive to understand each others roles, fulltime and voluntary. The GAA is unique in bringing these two groups together in harmony (most of the time!) and it must always strive to ensure that this mix is productive, fair and positive.

HALL OF FAME AWARDS 2011

Presented at the Senior Hurling and Football Finals

IOMÁINT

Eddie Keher (Kilkenny)



Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Martin Skelly presents Kilkenny legend, Eddie Keher with his Leinster Hall of Fame Award before the Leinster Senior Hurling Final at Headquarters last July.

The Leinster Greats Hall of Fame Award (Hurling) for 2011 went to a man who adorned the game of hurling like no other. A native of Inistioge, and a product St. Kieran's College, he has been described as "a fabulous forward, slick of stick, fleet of foot, priceless of position and a magnificent maker, as well as taker, of vital scores". The man is Kilkenny's Eddie Keher.

He was an automatic choice for the 'Hurling Team of the Century' picked in 1984 to mark the centenary year of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

In 2000, he was selected on the GAA's 'Hurling Team of the Millennium', thus cementing his reputation as one of the greatest players of all time.

Throughout Ireland, and beyond its confines, Eddie will be recalled and remembered for his "silken skills", a genius among the best and a most unassuming man who wore his greatness lightly.

Eddie Keher's hurling story began in 1952 when he helped Rower Inistioge NS to win the Under-14 Roinn 'B' title. That school win launched Eddie Keher into a hurling career that brought him every honour in the game. He created, and broke, hurling records and for two decades his adornment of the game was the stuff of legend. Whether it was in the famed black and amber of his native Kilkenny or the Leinster green, Eddie contributed to many a glory day with his brilliant marksmanship and his ability to produce greatness.

As a Kilkenny minor in 1959, Eddie was called on to the senior panel for the All-Ireland replay, against Waterford. Coming on as a sub he scored two points. Over the next 18 years, Eddie played in 50 championship games and, in his

time, became the most prolific scorer the game had ever seen. Eddie left an indelible mark on the game of hurling at all levels. When he bowed out of inter-county competition, in 1979, he had accomplished more than most in the history of the game.

In retirement, Eddie teamed up with Pat Henderson in charge of the Kilkenny senior team. In 1987, he took sole charge. He has given his services at under-age level, club and county, to help young hurlers and camogie.

Eddie is a founder member of the No Name Club along with Fr. Tommy Murphy and Garda Eamonn Doyle and its current National Development Officer and Treasurer. Established in 1979 it provides alternative venues to public houses for young people and now has around thirty branches across the country. In 2006, he was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Science by the University of Limerick.

Eddie worked in Dublin early on and played for two years with the Moinearg club. He later transferred to Kilkenny before becoming manager of the AIB's Callan branch.

Eddie continues to make a significant contribution to his local area, both socially and sportingly - a man for all seasons and a truly great ambassador for the game.

Comhairle Laighean Co. Final Programme Award 2011



Louth PRO Ronan Lynch was selected to receive the 2011 Comhairle Laighean Award for County Final Match Programme for his excellent Louth County Senior Football Final programme. Jim Thornton accepted the award on Ronan's behalf.

The publication epitomises all that a match programme should be. It is well presented, full of interesting information and articles, profiles, photographs and general reading on Louth and the participating clubs. It is a high quality production, giving great value and much entertainment to the reader.

PEIL

Cyril Hughes (Carlow)

Cyril Hughes is only the second Carlow GAA player (after Paddy Quirke) to have travelled with the All-Stars and played in the, then, Railway Cup.

Cyril, principal of Knockbeg College set a lofty standard on and off the field through three decades and he also "dipped his toe" in management.

Largely associated with St. Andrew's club in Bagenalstown, he was an accomplished teenage player. He played for Carlow in minor, under-21 and senior in 1969, when he was only 17 years old and he won Intermediate Football Championship medals in three decades (1960's, 1970's and 1980's).

His Carlow senior football debut was in the O'Byrne Cup in Gorey and, an hour later, he was called into the Carlow under-21 team, playing a leading role. Fourteen years later, the Hughes inter-county chapter closed when, partnering the towering Tommy Dwyer, he helped Carlow qualify for the National League quarter-final against Armagh.

As an English/French teacher he coached in the, then, Tullow Vocational School (now Community School), Bagenalstown and Borris Community Schools and doubled as a very reliable PRO in the latter school.

In 1973, as a graduate in NUI Maynooth, Cyril was named on the Combined Universities team for the Railway Cup. His solitary Cup expedition was in celebrated company as he

Comhairle Laighean Website Award 2011



The 2011 Comhairle Laighean Award for Club Website went to Fergal Gogan (left) and Aidan McHugh of Dunshaughlin GAA Club in Meath.

This is a modern, colourful, easily navigated site full of interest and attraction for the user. It is up to date, takes a broad approach to showcasing the clubs activities and has an readily accessible Fixture and Results section. It highlights club revenue and uses social media in creative way. The expertise and commitment of the two webmasters is very evident.



Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Martin Skelly presents Cyril Hughes of Carlow with his Leinster Hall of Fame Award before the Leinster Senior Football Final at Headquarters last July.

played at No.10 on a half-forward line alongside Kevin Kilmurray (Offaly) and Brendan Lynch (Kerry) and in front of Kerry's John O'Shea and Cork's Dave McCarthy.

Cyril's competitiveness and respect for authority and opponents, marked him as the ultimate player. He was mentor and manager as boss of Wexford (1995-1998) and Carlow (1998-2000) footballers for a combined total of five seasons.

Cyril's influence on the field was central to many victories but the former Kilcloney minor never really reaped the rewards that his contribution to both hurling and football would have earned in other counties.

His only senior championship medal out of seven county finals was when he anchored Ballinkillen to the 1973 senior hurling title - the same year he played Railway Cup for the Combined Universities, defeating Ulster and drawing with Connacht in the final. He missed the replay because of a hamstring injury.

Cyril might have won a senior hurling championship medal in 1972 but academics intervened. He was in France for four months to groom his French but returned for the two match semi-final against Ballinabranna, but he was unable to take additional time for the final which was won by Palatine.

Cyril cherished his All-Star, dual replacement, selection in 1982 as a highlight of a marvellous career and more so as it came in the twilight of fourteen seasons in a Carlow jersey. He played in the football games in New York and San Francisco.

He represented Carlow at Leinster Council level in 1978 when he was partnered by the late, great Jim English.

His name will be in bold type in the annals of Kilcloney, Ballymurphy, Ballinakillen and St. Andrew's with whom he played in successive senior football finals in 1977 and 1978, losing on both occasions to Éire Óg. Cyril brought his passion to his administrative role in the GAA's woven history of Knockbeg College where he was appointed principal the year after they won the Hogan Cup (2005) and he forecasts the return of the college to the frontline in the immediate future.

REFEREES AND REFEREEING

If there is one topic more painful than finance on the agenda of any GAA meeting it has to be Referees and Refereeing. If most of us had our way it would never get onto a meeting agenda because, quite simply, it makes us feel uneasy. If it does make the clár for a meeting it usually gets put near the end, just before any other business. This, of course, in the hope that the meeting will drag on too late and the item can be deferred.

What's so distasteful about debating a man (mostly), his whistle, watch, cards and notebook? Nothing really, except that there is so much more to the topic that needs to be dealt with. I am talking of:

- (a) Recruitment
- (b) Training
- (c) Respect
- (d) Appointments
- (e) Assessments
- (f) Expenses
- (g) Facilities
- (h) Protection
- (i) Communications

This list can be extended if I wished. A couple of questions come to mind when reflecting on this item.

- (1) Why do we consider anybody who really cares about refereeing as something of a fanatic - i.e. single-minded about the art and politics of refereeing?
- (2) Does any club/county/provincial chairman, or indeed president, ever profess referees/refereeing to be one of their priorities in office? If they do, is it little more than a lip service? This applies to committees/boards/councils also.
- (3) Who is responsible? Good question!

What can we do at provincial level? To begin with - outline the steps needed at every level to improve the standard / lot / respect / training / promotion / rewards for referees. Then select some people who can deliver in those areas. If all structures are properly in place, then we can make referees, assessors, appointers, tutors more answerable to the wider Association.

Linked to this whole area has to be the teaching / communication / explanation of our playing rules to players and coaches i.e. all parties must 'be singing off the same hymn sheet.'

MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE

Many books and articles have been written about the GAA, its origins, place in history, identity, culture and so much more. We know of the club's place in every parish and its importance to the local community. The glamour inter county fixtures make for great television while the odd fracas is often dismissed as part of what we are! Sometimes, though, we get carried away by our own importance and lose sight of our place in society. Therefore, I now want to take a look at us from the other side of the fence.

However we dress it up, we are in the entertainment business. We have a great product but do we package it properly? Perhaps a little market research might not go astray. Who better to ask than our target audience - the paying customer known simply as the supporter.

What does a GAA supporter want? He / she...

- (a) wants to see a live game**
- (b) wants to bring his/her family to see the game**
- (c) wants entertainment for all the family that he/she can afford**
- (d) wants a certain level of comfort at the game**
- (e) wants facilities (food/drink etc) available at reasonable prices**
- (f) wants sense of safety/access to medical facilities at the game**
- (g) wants protection from vile language/ conduct for his/her family**
- (h) wants proper toilet facilities at the game**
- (i) wants bargains i.e. value for money packages**
- (j) wants minimum travel costs i.e. local based fixtures**
- (k) wants a reasonable after sale service e.g.**
 - (1) friendly stewards**
 - (2) clear signage**
 - (3) advice on whereabouts of facilities**
 - (4) guides to areas of grounds**
 - (5) stewards presence to ensure safe exit after game**

We have sub-committees or work groups for just about every conceivable topic in the GAA. I'm not so sure, though, that we have any designated group who deal with this area. I merely put the matter out there for thought and - perhaps - a little soul searching.

CONGRESS REVIEW

Recently a Workgroup, put together by Uachtarán CLG, has drawn up a series of recommendations on the restructuring of the GAA Annual Congress. If approved, these will have a knock-on effect on the Provincial Convention also.

It is proposed to have a presentation, at this Convention, on the workgroup's proposals. The

purpose of this is to help explain to counties what is involved in the proposed changes so that they will be fully-briefed on the subject before they come to decide upon it at Congress in April.

I would appeal to our delegates to fully engage in this discussion at Convention and, so, be in a position to fully inform your county committee as they sit down to prepare their strategy for Congress.

RETIRING PRO



Our PRO, John Joe Walsh, completes his term of Office at this Convention. This man - originally from the deep West but stationed in Kildare for many years - brought a breath of fresh air to the Leinster Officer Board. Though never professing to be a master of social media - in fact JJ always declared that he trusted carrier pigeon more than *Twitter* - he got out the Leinster Council message loud and clear. His interaction with Team Captains throughout the Leinster Senior Championship was unique while his hosting of presentation / celebration functions was exemplary.

On behalf of the Council, I thank JJ very sincerely for his work, courtesy and - above all - his friendship during his term of office. While I'm sure he will slip quietly back into the bosom of his beloved St. Laurences, I know that we will still meet him regularly on Leinster Championship match days.

UACHTARÁN TOFA



In a few short weeks Liam O'Neill will assume the role of President of the GAA. At any time in its history this would have been a challenging task but, in the present climate in Ireland, it is a gigantic undertaking.

Nevertheless, having watched the man at work in Laois and Leinster, I am convinced that Liam is eminently qualified to fulfil the role. I can, further, guarantee him the absolute co-operation of Comhairle Laighean CLG as he guides the Association, at home and abroad, through his term of office.

OBITUARIES

The last year has seen the usual quota of bereavements in the GAA family in the province. Many current and former players and officials

were called as indeed were many loyal supporters of our games. I would like to mention three people, in particular, who had a close association with Leinster Council and who died since our last Convention.



Tom Loftus RIP - Died March 2011

Tom Loftus was chairman of the Leinster Council from 1972 to 1975. A native of Roscommon, he previously served as chairman of Dublin County Board GAA.

Always a forward thinker, the late Tom Loftus will best be remembered in Leinster for his introduction of an innovative scheme which bailed out at least five counties, in the province, who were in serious financial difficulties (who says history does not repeat itself?)

Tom was a candidate for the presidency in the 1980s and when that did not come his way he returned to what he loved best i.e. work at club level in Bray.



Tommy O'Neill RIP - Died November 2011

The GAA family in Carlow, Leinster and indeed the entire country was saddened by the sudden death of the Carlow County Secretary, Tommy O'Neill. Tommy had served as secretary of the Board for over 25 years and was one of the first fulltime County Secretaries in the province.

Tommy was immersed in the Association from an early age, both as a player and an administrator. He was a member of a number of sub-committees, over the years, in Croke Park. In latter times he had become one of the driving forces behind the development of the Centre of Excellence in Carlow.

We will miss him as a GAA Administrator, but, most of all, we will miss him as a friend.



Liam Creavin RIP - Died December 2011

When I became provincial secretary one of the longest serving county secretaries in the province was Meath's Liam Creavin. At that stage he had served for twenty years and he went on to serve for another quarter of a century. During that time he became a mentor, adviser and friend to me.

Liam's era as county secretary will forever be linked with most of the great days of Meath football. It was no coincidence that his was the steady hand at the tiller during those great periods of the county's success.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

SYMPATHY

I extend the sympathy of Comhairle Laighean CLG to the families of all the bereaved and a novena of masses has been offered for their intentions.

BUÍOCHAS

Whether in times of boom, or bust, the work of a provincial council must go on. To ensure that it does so efficiently we are dependent on quite a number of individuals and groups. Once again we had a reasonably successful completion of our work and, despite a less than abundant financial return, we managed to achieve most of our goals and objectives. For all this, I want to salute the part played by many in helping us achieve our targets viz:

Our players

I make no apologies for putting them first, and I include the full range from Club Junior 'D' to All Ireland Senior Champions.

Match Officials

I have addressed their role earlier in the report and I again acknowledge their contribution.

Volunteers

The people who make the Association tick.

County Committees

Despite our arguments, we work better united than divided.

The Ard Stiurthoir and his staff

So much of their help is unseen but is very much appreciated by Comhairle Laighean.

Media

We need each other and I thank them for giving us our fair share of coverage.

Sub Committees

As is clear from the second half of the booklet, we are blessed to have a vibrant and talented set of coteries working on our behalf.

Council Officers

Led by Chairman, Martin Skelly, this team put in a trojan shift in 2011.

Coaching Team

We have an honest hardworking team in the field, and in the office and I pay tribute to them for their year's endeavours.

Staff

A year older but as enthusiastic as ever. Míle Buíochas.

Rath Dé Oraibh go Léir

Micheál Ó Dubhshláine



St Patrick's Ballyragget - Leinster and All Ireland Club Junior Hurling Champions 2011

Back L-R: Michael Brennan, Eoin Bergin, Morris Walsh, Dermot Brophy, Enda Mooney, Donal Brennan, Alan Ruth, Stephen Staunton, Jody Phelan, Seoirse Kenny, Sean Mooney, Conor Foley, Brendan Dooley, Jeff Morrissey, Seam Mooney, Stephen Roberts, Paddy McEvoy, Robert Healy, James Gannon, Kevin Kelly.

Front L-R: John Holland, James Morrissey, JJ O'Sullivan, Joe Brennan, Conor Delaney, Bill Staunton, Michael Gannon, Kieran Delaney (Capt), Jeff Brennan, Brian Mulhall, Paddy Cahill, Brian Phelan, Mark Staunton, Conor Bolger, Liam Lacey.





Games Development Report



Games Development Committee

The restructuring of the games development committees was an integral part of our strategic plan. I'm happy to report that under the stewardship of Dave Kavanagh, Chairman of Games Development a number of subcommittees have been established thereby increasing our volunteer base exponentially.

In reviewing our actions for 2011 set out in the strategic plan a huge amount of work has been achieved and is on target. This is down to the new committees in place and great credit must go to the following people for taking these subcommittees on:

- Sean Dempsey, Football
- Syl Merrins, Urbanisation
- Cyril Kevlihan, Coach Education
- John Bannon, Refereeing
- Matt Shaw, Hurling

Games Development Activity 2011

The following report gives an overview of the activity/work undertaken by games development across the province. The areas highlighted are in line with the national target areas. I'm taking the opportunity of representing this information to give everyone an understanding of the work happening and the role of games development personnel and county committees therein.

While the report below outlines the extent of the work happening I'm more concerned about how it is being implemented and by whom. The targets set out below are by now mainstream in some counties driven by committees and as such are giving games development the flexibility to focus on new areas, specific to that county. For games development to work, effective active committees must be in place to drive and support the operation. I hope from today's workshop meaningful discussion takes place around games development and I look forward to being challenged by its outcomes.

Go Games Club Hurling & Gaelic Football Blitz Programme

A club was considered to have participated in a Go Games Hurling & Football Blitz Programme when it took part in at least 5 Blitzes in either Hurling or Gaelic Football or both.

Province	Age Group	No. of Blitz Programmes
Leinster	U.8	470
Leinster	U.10	461
Leinster	U.12	447
Leinster	Total	1,378

No of Blitz Programmes by age and county

Co	U.8	U.10	U.12	Total
CW	21	19	19	59
DB	76	76	76	228
KE	48	48	48	144
KK	36	36	36	108
LS	38	38	31	107
LD	19	19	18	56
LH	37	35	33	105
MH	55	55	50	160
OY	27	24	24	75
WM	26	26	26	78
WX	47	45	48	140
WW	40	40	38	118

Go Games Primary School Football Hurling Blitz Programme

A School was considered to have participated in a Go Games Hurling Blitz Programme when it took part in a minimum of five Football and/or Hurling Blitzes.

Province	Football	Hurling
Leinster	828	602

No of Blitz Programmes by code and county

County	Football	Hurling
Carlow	21	21
Dublin	284	259
Kildare	71	33
Kilkenny	76	76
Laois	31	24
Longford	27	15
Louth	57	12
Meath	74	24
Offaly	47	33
Westmeath	65	37
Wexford	25	30
Wicklow	50	38

Primary Schools' Hurling & Gaelic Football Coaching Programme

A School was considered to have participated in a Go Games Hurling or Gaelic Football Coaching Programme when it took part in a minimum of eight weeks of Coaching – either Hurling or Gaelic Football.

Province	Hurling	Football
Leinster	619	811

No of Coaching Programmes by code and county

County	Hurling	Football
Carlow	23	24
Dublin	259	284
Kildare	33	81
Kilkenny	63	12
Laois	31	36
Longford	7	37
Louth	21	55
Meath	25	73
Offaly	40	38
Westmeath	32	56
Wexford	74	63
Wicklow	11	52

Super Touch School Hurling & Gaelic Football Blitz Programme

A club was considered to have participated in a Super Touch Hurling or Gaelic Football Blitz Programme when it took part in at least 3 Blitzes in either Hurling or Gaelic Football.

Province	Super Touch School Blitz Programmes
Leinster	315

County	Super Touch School Blitz Programmes
Carlow	6
Dublin	-*
Kildare	51
Kilkenny	16
Laois	45
Longford	11
Louth	35
Meath	66
Offaly	11
Westmeath	16
Wexford	31
Wicklow	27

Note – Due to large participation figures and a structured Games Programme in Dublin Youth players are deemed to receive an adequate number of games so that Super Touch Blitz Programmes are not required.

Super Touch School Hurling & Gaelic Football Blitz Programme

A Post Primary school was considered to have participated in a Super Touch Programme when it took part in at least 3 blitzes in either Hurling or Gaelic Football.

Province	Super Touch School Blitz Programmes
Leinster	166

Note – Due to large participation figures and a structured Games Programme in Dublin Youth players are deemed to receive an adequate number of games so that Super Touch Blitz Programmes are not required.

County	Super Touch School Blitz Programmes
Carlow	8
Dublin	-*
Kildare	28
Kilkenny	9
Laois	13
Longford	8
Louth	9
Meath	31
Offaly	9
Westmeath	10
Wexford	9
Wicklow	32

County Talent Academy Squads – Hurling

County	U.14 Players	U.15 Players	U.16 Players	U.17 Players
Carlow	30	24	22	19
Dublin	68	63	42	33
Kildare	28	30	27	-
Kilkenny	108	80	72	36
Laois	45	32	28	-
Longford	30	-	18	-
Louth	25	-	25	-
Meath	40	-	40	-
Offaly	43	30	25	-
Westmeath	30	26	28	-
Wexford	48	48	24	24
Wicklow	30	30	30	-

County Talent Academy Squads – Hurling

County	U.14 Players	U.15 Players	U.16 Players	U.17 Players
Carlow	40	34	22	-
Dublin	71	65	44	35
Kildare	35	33	35	27
Kilkenny	30	35	30	25
Laois	42	30	32	31
Longford	42	28	26	22
Louth	45	30	30	-
Meath	70	70	70	35
Offaly	30	25	32	23
Westmeath	48	48	30	-
Wexford	48	24	24	24
Wicklow	40	30	30	-

VHI GAA Cul Camps

GAA summer camps were run in Leinster under the banner of Vhi GAA Cúl Camps from 1996. The partnership between Vhi and Leinster GAA has proven to be a very successful one. The camps have grown from strength to strength and in 2011 in what is to be the last year of the partnership, the Vhi Gaa Cul Camps have recorded another excellent year of activities (see stats below).

County	Atten. 2010	Camps 2010	Atten. 2011	Camps 2011	Variation 10/11
Carlow	996	13	967	17	-29
Dublin	6587	73	6462	72	-125
Kildare	3344	38	3904	43	+560
Kilkenny	1506	9	1687	9	+181
Laois	1376	26	1655	29	+279
Longford	829	10	832	10	+3
Louth	1543	16	1444	16	-99
Meath	1808	19	1832	21	+24
Offaly	883	22	1759	22	+876
Westmeath	1734	15	1041	15	-693
Wexford	2659	32	2647	32	-12
Wicklow	2046	27	2133	30	+87

Cul Camp coordinators, were either full time or part time employees of the GAA. Their extensive knowledge of their counties was of crucial benefit to the successful running of the camps.

Marketing and Promotion

Four half day Provincial meetings were held to ensure that all aspects of the Vhi GAA Camps were approached in a professional and consistent fashion throughout the Province.

Application Form / Brochure / Poster

Content for the brochures was gathered by the county coordinators and processed centrally. Posters were also produced and distributed to counties in February and March for display in clubs and schools.

Website

The continued success of the website was one of the highlights of 2011.

Along with the online booking, the site included a children's area, a coaching area and a password protected area for coordinators to exchange messages and download materials.

An addition to the website this year was the dedicated training programme content and methodology for coaches and camp supervisors.

Gear / Children's Kits

/Children's Bags/ Coaches' Shirts

These proved to be the most popular so far as the design and quality was excellent.

Each child also received a customised sport bag.

Coaching Standards and Promotion of Games

Every effort was made to maintain the highest standards of coaching on offer to the participants in the Cúl Camps.

This was supported by criteria laid down by the National Games Development Committee instructing that;

- All Coaches must have completed the GAA Foundation Award Course
- All Coaches must participate in a Cúl Camp Coaching Course (1 Day) which will include basic skills of all codes and operational guidelines.

In addition a comprehensive training programme was put together by the National Coordinator and tutored to the county coordinators by the National Coordinator, Paudie Butler and Denis O'Boyle.

Course content and methodology was made available on the website. County coordinators in turn conducted courses in their counties for all coaching and supervising personnel

To ensure this a standard coaching programme was produced in hurling /camogie, football, handball and rounders. The programme was divided into suitable activities for under 8s, 10s, 12s based on the Go Games Model and Fun Do materials. The emphasis was on "Play the Game".

Training sessions for coaches were put in place by the National Coordinator and implemented by the Provincial Games Managers.

Special thanks to Jimmy Dwyer National Coordinator for his guidance, assistance and support throughout the year.

Development Squads Review

A key objective in our strategic plan launched last year was to produce a guidance document for County Underage Development Squads. To achieve this objective members of both the Leinster Hurling & Football Committee met with county development squad coaches from every county. These focus group meetings were very informative. The findings confirmed that there is very little uniformity in approach across all counties. Obviously there is plenty of evidence of best practice but of course there is room for improvement. By and large the issues are organisational/structural and easily remedied with support and guidance. We are currently finalising the guidance document and it is proposed that all counties will buy into the basic minimum requirements contained. Given the level of expenditure in this area we would hope that this will be a welcome development.

Resistance Training Programme

I'm glad to report that we are in the final stages of developing a strength and conditioning programme for youth players. At present there is no GAA Course dedicated to the physical development of youth players. Unfortunately this void is being filled by unsuitable and inappropriate training practices at club county and in second level schools. More worryingly, resistance training programmes from other sports are being delivered to our young Gaelic footballers and hurlers.

The course currently being developed under the guidance of Michael Dempsey and Cian O'Neill

is designed to help coaches working with youth players with necessary knowledge and understanding of strength and conditioning to deliver resistance training. The course we hope will be accredited shortly by the GAA and it is proposed a pilot course will be delivered in March. To promote self sufficiency at county level the first participants will be from our pool of games development personnel. It's important we up-skill our full-time personnel to so they can support the development of our players. Kilkenny have already embraced this approach by providing service to schools.

Hurling Mentors

The National Hurling Development Plan recommended the appointment of Mentors to support and promote the development of hurling in specific counties. This is a volunteer role supported by National and Provincial Games Development Committees.

The role of the Hurling Mentor is to essentially work with an appointed Hurling Workgroup in the county to develop and oversee the implementation of an annual hurling plan with specific objectives and timelines. This plan will form part of the overall county games development plan. The Hurling Mentor will carry out their role in conjunction with the County Coaching and Games Committee. It is proposed that the Hurling Workgroup will be a subgroup of the county coaching and games committee.

While this is a new approach to develop hurling the experiences of Brendan O Sullivan in an advisory role in Meath since last March has shown that it will work. Brendan along with a hurling group achieved huge results around the areas of fixtures and establishing a hurling club school link.

Prior to Christmas hurling mentors were assigned to the specific counties and huge credit go to each and every one of them for taking this role on.

Carlow Jim Ryan, Willie Carley

Kildare Paudie O'Neill

Laois Paidi Butler

Longford Pat Critchley, Michael Duignan

Louth Tommy Naughton, Paddy Kelly

Meath Brendan O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan

Wicklow Mick Kinsella, Rory Kinsella.

Leinster Club Adult Hurling League

This year 80 adult hurling teams throughout the province participated in the Leinster Club Hurling League. The competition catered for senior, intermediate, junior and special junior hurling teams across four divisions as follows;

- Div 1 24 Teams
- Div 2 20 Teams
- Div 3 24 Teams
- Div 4 12 Teams

The breakdown of participating clubs per county was as follows;

Meath - 8	Laois - 8	Westmeath -13
Carlow - 4	Offaly - 4	Kilkenny - 4,
Dublin-12	Wexford -10	Wicklow- 9
Louth - 5	Kildare - 3	

The competition winners were:

Division One – Clara (Kilkenny).

Division Two – Crumlin (Dublin).

Division Three – Na Fianna (Meath).

Division Four – St. Kevins (Dublin).

Overall the Leinster Club Hurling League has been an outstanding success, giving Clubs the opportunity to play more games and develop contacts with teams outside their respective counties.

We would like to thank all in the Leinster Council who assisted in the organization and running of the Leinster Club Hurling League 2011, with special thanks to the referee Administrators and the referees without whose support this competition would not be such a success.

Leinster Club Under 16 Spring Leagues

The U-16 Club Hurling League 2011 proved to be very successful and augurs well for the future of the competition. In total there were 31 teams participating across four divisions and a total of 50 games were played.

The finals pairings and venues were as follows;

Division 1 Final

The Rower Inistioge (1-10) v St Lactains (1-15);
Curtain raiser to Kilkenny v Offaly National League Game (Nowlan Park)

Division 2 Final

The Harps (2-6) v Raharney (0-17);
Heywood 3G pitch under lights.

Division 3 Final

Carnew v St.Peters Dunboyne
Played after Wicklow v Derry National League Final (Pearse Park).

Division 4 Final

Camross (0-10) v Shamrocks (1-6),
O'Moore Park

Leinster U-16 Club Football League

As with the Leinster Hurling League the Leinster Club Football League was a huge success with very positive feedback from the majority of participating Clubs.

A total of 31 teams entered the competition and 50 games were played. The fact that the four finals were played before/after National League Games was a huge boost to the competition.

The finals pairings and venues were as follows;

Division 1A Final

Killoe Og (2-15) v Navan O'Mahonys (4-5)
Played after Longford v Carlow National League Game (Pearse Park)

Division 1B Final

Blessington (4-14) v Senechalstown (1-9)
Played curtain raiser to Wicklow v Roscommon National League Game (Aughrim).

Division 2A

Rhode (2-12) v St Michaels (4-5)
Curtain raiser to Westmeath v Offaly National League Game (Cusack Park).

Division 2B

St Nicholas v Killary Emmets
Curtain raiser Wicklow v Clare National League Game (Aughrim).

Special thanks to the referee Administrators and referees for their support with the running of the above competitions.

For the Leinster Leagues above the incentive of playing in a final as a curtain raiser to National League/ Leinster Championship games was a tremendous incentive for participating Clubs. In this regard the support of the County Officers/ Leinster Officers was very much appreciated.

Bursaries

This is the 12th year of the Leinster GAA Bursary Scheme. Leinster GAA has given out over 550 Bursaries over the course of the 12 years. This year another 20 students from 13 different colleges received a bursary from Leinster GAA.

As part of the selection process there was special recognition for those who are involved in both administration and coaching at club and/or

college level. Two men in particular deserve special thanks for their role in the Leinster GAA Bursary process over the years, Martin Meagher and Gerry Tully. I would also like to acknowledge Gerry Tully for the work he has done as Chairman of CA Laighean having completed his five year in this position. I would also like to acknowledge the continued hard work of all the Third Level Development Officers in Leinster and thank them for their support in the Bursary process.

Bursary recipients 2011/12



Martin Phelan
KILKENNY
Trinity College Dublin



James McPadden
OFFALY
Trinity College Dublin



Niall O'Connor
KILDARE
Tallaght I.T.



Naoise Maguire
DUBLIN
St. Pat's, Drumconra



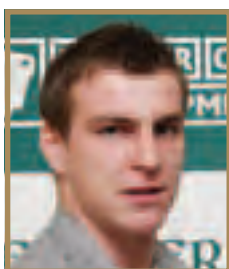
Kevin Maguire
WESTMEATH
St. Pat's, Drumconra



Caoimhghin O'Caolain
LOUTH
NUI Maynooth



Darren Malynn
WESTMEATH
Froebel College



Damien Whelan
WEXFORD
DKIT



Shaunna Curtis
MEATH
DKIT



Brian Fitzpatrick
LOUTH
DKIT



Liam Barron
KILKENNY
DIT



Adam Caffrey
DUBLIN
Blanchardstown IT



Aidan Rowan
LONGFORD
Athlone IT



Mark Quinlan
OFFALY
Athlone IT



Brian Young
KILKENNY
Carlow IT



Alan Coyne
WESTMEATH
DCU



Joshua Ward
LAOIS
DCU

Croke Park Activity Days

On the 11th and 12th of July 2011 Croke Park became the field of dreams for over 2500 U8 players from all over Leinster. The Leinster GAA Go Games "Play & Stay" activity days allowed U8 players from 126 clubs to take to the field proudly supported by their families, friends and club members.

With six Go Games pitches lined out – Croke Park was a hive of activity accommodating over 150 children per hour. The unforgettable experience included preparing for the games in the dressing rooms, playing on the hallowed turf and capped off with each team lifting the cup at the presentation area in the Hogan Stand. A highlight for a number of teams was receiving the cup from GAA President Christy Cooney.

The level of organization, enjoyment and skill that the players showed over the two days highlights the tremendous amount of work that is currently taken place in clubs throughout the province. This

is a credit to all the coaches and volunteers that are giving of their time to nurture and develop the next generation of players for their clubs.

Added to the club programme for 2011 were two community groups, one from St. John of God in Celbridge and the other from Barrettstown. The enjoyment and delight shown by all children and adults present over the 2 days highlights the special place that Gaelic Games and in particular Croke Park holds in both clubs and communities across the province.

A special mention needs to go to those who made both days such a success. To run such an event requires assistance from many people, Our sincere thanks to the Volunteer Stewards in Croke Park, Full Time and volunteer Staff from Leinster GAA, Croke Park Staff and in particular to the students from IT Carlow who are currently doing the BA in Sport & Exercise (GAA). One other group key to the smooth running of the day was the Young Whistlers from Dublin and Laois who performed excellently over the 2 days.



Opposing teams pose for a photo before facing off at Croke Park during an Activity Day

Academy Squad Blitzes

The Leinster Academy Squad Blitzes in both Hurling and Football were run to schedule as per the days outlined in early January. In football there was a total of 23 blitzes run and a total of 89 games played with 49 teams involved across all age groups in 2011. In Hurling there was 16 blitzes run with a total of 97 games played involving 42 different teams across all age groups. Based on the number of teams involved in Leinster GAA underage blitzes in 2011 there would have been approximately 2000 players catered for as a result of these blitzes

I would in particular like to thank all the referees who gave of their time to ensure that the 186 games could take place. I would also like to thank all those who helped coordinate the blitzes at the 39 venues throughout the province as well as the counties and clubs who gave of their facilities to to run such events.

Primary Teachers Coach Education Courses

In 2011 Leinster GAA once again coordinated and delivered In service training for Primary School Teachers in partnership with Drumcondra Education Centre. 21 teachers took part on the course which covered all areas of the GAA family with tutors from Ladies football, camogie and handball all contributing to the course. I would like to thank all the tutors who assisted with the course, Erins Isle GAA club for use of their facilities as well as the supports and help from Dee Coogan and her staff in Dromcondra Education Centre who assisted with the administration of the course. Finally and most importantly I would like to thank the teachers who partook on the course and I would like to wish them well in the promotion of Gaelic Games in their schools

In 2011 Leinster GAA also delivered foundation courses in Froebel College of Education, Marino Institute of Education as well as workshops in the Church of Ireland College of Education and St. Nicholas, Montessori, Blackrock.



Young Dublin and Wexford hurlers meet at a Hurling Academy Squad Blitz

IT Carlow

This is the 3rd year of the B.A. in Sport & Exercise (G.A.A.) in IT Carlow. There is currently a total of 76 students involved on the course between the 3 years.

With the course covering the full 3 years there is currently many outreach programmes taking place within Leinster Counties. Below is details of the many initiatives taking place as a result of the Course in IT Carlow.

1st Years		
Programme 1 - Easter Camps		
TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
Easter Holidays Laois • April 3rd – 5th 2012 Carlow • April 10th – 12th 2012	Three day GAA camps to take place in IT Carlow (Hurling and Football) and Laois (1 x Football and 1 x Hurling) during Easter holidays for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 13yrs	Carlow Laois
Programme 2 – FUNdamentals Urban Project		
TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
Late Feb/Early March 2012	FUNdamentals hurling and football programme delivered to 1st/2nd Class pupils in selected primary schools in Carlow town	Carlow
Programme 3 – Let's Go Play GAA		
TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
Week beginning 24/10/2011	3rd and 4th Class students from primary schools in surrounding counties invited into IT Carlow over a 3 day period. All pupils to receive 2hrs of skills coaching and games from First Year students on BA Sport and exercise (GAA) course.	Carlow Laois Wexford Kilkenny Wicklow Kildare
2nd Years		
Programme 1 - Academy Squad Coaching Day		
TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
Over two Saturdays in April • 1 Hurling • 1 Football (Possibly 23rd and 30th)	Invite 6 Hurling and 6 Football squads into IT Carlow for testing and coaching • Fitness • Skill • Nutrition • Tactical	All Leinster Counties
Programme 2 – Schools Placement		
TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
5/6 Week Programme from 16th Jan to 20th Feb	2 Students allocated to a school team (1st Yrs only) • Squad of 15 • 5 Weeks of coaching culminating in a ten a side blitz in IT Carlow • 16 Teams/Schools in total • 8 Hurling • 8 Football	Carlow Kildare Laois Wexford Kilkenny Wicklow
Programme 3 – Skills and Fitness testing		
TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
Prior to schools competition (September/October)	Senior Hurling and Football colleges squads invited into IT Carlow for skills and fitness assessment (2hrs)	Carlow Kildare Laois Wexford Kilkenny Offaly

3rd Years

Programme 1 - Work Placement

TIME FRAME

April – June (End) 2012

DESCRIPTION

10 week period of work placement assisting Games Managers and Fulltime staff in selected counties within the province and abroad

COUNTIES

Louth
Meath
Kildare
Wexford
Kilkenny
Carlow
Laois

Programme 2 – Club Development Project

TIME FRAME

April – June (End) 2012

DESCRIPTION

Task to form part of work placement experience Students to undertake and lead a club development project within a club (e.g. Develop a Club Nursery/Strength and Conditioning programme for U10s and U12 etc) during their placement in selected county

COUNTIES

Louth
Meath
Kildare
Wexford
Kilkenny
Carlow
Laois

Programme 3 – Primary Schools GAA Roadshow

TIME FRAME

November/December 2011

DESCRIPTION

- 1 Day - GAA Festival of Hurling/Camogie, Football and Handball to take place in six schools throughout the province.
- Activities include FUNdamentals, Skills coaching and Go Games blitzes.
- Students plan and run event for each participating school

COUNTIES

Carlow
Laois
Wexford
Kilkenny
Wicklow
Kildare



Buíochas

As Runai of Leinster Games Development Committee I wish to thank everyone who has played their part in delivering the huge amount of work reviewed in our report. In particular I want to thank Dave Kavanagh Chairman of Games

Development, the subcommittee Chairman, Lester Ryan and Colm Clear and of course all of the games development personnel in the counties.

Seaghan Ó Flannagáin
Rúnaí

Coaching & Games Development Committee



Cumann na mBunscol Laighean

National AGM Cumann na mBunscol took place in Clayton Hotel, Galway on Saturday 12th March. The cathaoirleach and rúnaí represented the province. Noeleen Rooney (Longford) was elected as new national secretary.

Cumann na Bunscol Laighean AGM took place in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge on April 13th. Edward O'Riordan (Dublin) elected as Cathaoirleach.

Coiste Meeting took place on Monday May 2nd in Dublin to plan 'Games Programme 2011'.

Leinster Games Development Meeting: May 20th Lucan Spa Hotel. Edward O'Riordan and rúnaí, Gerry O'Meara met with Shane Flanagan and Dave Kavanagh to establish agreement on Leinster Strategic Plan. The following items were discussed:

- Implementation of Strategic Plan in schools
- Grant from C.L.G. Laighean
- County Games Programmes
- Go Games
- Mini Games
- Social Inclusion
- Promotion
- Schedule of meetings

Grants

Annual Grant received from C.L.G. Laighean on May 20th and distributed to county units. Míle buíochas.

Handball Days

Leinster Primary School Handball Days took place in Wicklow on March 15th/ March 16th. Winners went on to represent province at National finals in Cavan.

Blitz Days

Offaly - Hurling, May 17th, Banagher GAA Club
Dublin - Football, May 19th, Ballyboden St. Endas
Carlow - Hurling, June 16th, Carlow Hurling Club

Mini Games

Portlaoise	May 14th
Croke Park	May 29th
Wexford	May 29th
Mullingar	June 4th
Croke Park	June 5th
Wexford	June 11th
Portlaoise	June 12th
Tullamore	June 18th

Croke Park	June 26th
Croke Park	July 3rd
Croke Park	July 10th

Leinster Council Meeting July 19th

Report given by Jim Fennelly (Kilkenny) on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean

GAA /INTO Exhibition Games (Mini Sevens)

These games took place on 6 Sundays in August/ September during the All Ireland semi-finals and finals in Croke Park. Officers of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean acted as coordinators. Over 70 boys and girls from Leinster schools participated.

Coiste Cumann na mBunscol Laighean Meeting

Thursday September 8th Yellow House, Rathfarnham.

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiunta General Meeting

Saturday 17th September in Croke Park. Cathaoirleach and rúnaí attended.

Camogie Sunday September 11th

Mini Games during finals.

Ladies Football

Sunday Sept 25th - Mini Games during finals.

Ladies Football Replays

October 9th - Mini Games during finals.

Cumann na mBunscol National Awards

Friday 18th November.

Cumann na mBunscol Strategic Review Meeting

Saturday December 3rd 2011 Croke Park.

The next meeting of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean will take place on January 28th 2012.

Buíochas

Martin Skelly, Micheál Delaney, John Cotter, Patricia Clear in Áras Laighean.

Cumann na mBunscol units in all 12 counties.

County Board Officers for facilitating our Mini Games at provincial venues.

Páirc an Chrócaigh for facilitating our mini games.

Fellow officers of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean.

Gerry O'Meara
Runaí, Cumann na mBunscol Laighean

Coaching & Games Development Committee



Leinster Post-Primary Schools



Cathaoirleach
Leas Cathaoirleach
Rúnaí
Cisteoir
P.R.O.

Damien Fee
Larry Curtin
Michael Reynolds
Michael Reynolds & Michael Delaney
Tom Crotty

COUNTY REPS

Carlow	Joe Nolan
Dublin	Brendan Cahill
Kildare	Con Ronan
Kilkenny	Niall Connolly
Laois	Peter Malone
Longford	Tom Bermingham
Louth	David Holland
Meath	Ultan Fitzpatrick
Offaly	Paddy Scales
Westmeath	James McGrath
Wexford	Leigh O'Brien
Wicklow	Jim Murphy

LEINSTER SCHOOLS OFFICERS

Dublin & North Leinster	Tom O'Donnell
South Leinster	Pat Henderson

LEINSTER PROVINCIAL GAMES MANAGER

Shane Flanagan (Áras Laighean)

LEINSTER GAMES SUPPORT OFFICERS

Colm Clear, Lester Ryan, Tadhg Doran

Unlike last year, to date climatic conditions have not interfered with the provincial Games programme. Presently there is continuing review of the competition structure that has a provincial tag. We can lose sight of reality when examining the Leabhran Eolais of a given year or the calendar of competitions. Examining the Leabhran Eolais from the perspective - a) how many games guaranteed per team and b) % of students in a school getting game time – will lead to very different conclusions.

Similar to Club, County and Third Level the top/best players are busy. But what of the rest? It is to cater for the masses that Post Primary Schools across the province are benefitting from the excellent work of the Coaching & Games teams.

As an organisation all the stakeholders catering for our players up to and including minor must work together for the betterment of all our players. To that end, at Second Level, the increase of First Year activity is a very positive development. Hopefully increased activity can be

developed for other non examination classes.

The recently launched GAA Post Primary Schools Strategy has a number of challenges that will be met with the determination and drive of all the stakeholders. As we move through 2012, hopefully Strategic Plans will become Strategic Actions.

For the second successive year representation of the Provincial Post Primary Schools Council and Games Development met their counterparts in 11 counties. (Dublin's Strategic Plan was launched just before Christmas, thus the Dublin meeting to come later). It was very clear from the meetings that teamwork is the key. When all is said and done, providing activity for our players is the objective.

Looking forward – 2012/13 and 2013/14 – the format of our Senior Competitions will change to some degree;

- Colleges and Voc School SF "A" & SH "A" will remain as is
- Post Primary Schools SF "B" open to all Schools who do not play "A"
- Post Primary Schools SF "C" open to all School who do not play "A" or "B"
- Post Primary Schools SH "B" open to all Schools who do not play "A"

The above all have All Ireland series.

Provinces to decide whether or not to have Provincial Inter County Football.

Within the Province we must, in conjunction with Games Development ensure that Schools who wish to participate but are a level lower than that mentioned above are catered for - a challenge that will be met in the positive.

Buíochas

To the teachers, players and School Managements

To all match officials

To Schools, Clubs and County Boards for the use of their facilities

To the media for their coverage

To the Games Development Personnel in the Province

To Tom O'Donnell (Dublin & North Leinster Schools), Pat Henderson (South Leinster Schools) and all at Aras Laighean

To Comhairle Laighean

To Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna na hEireann

Le meas,

Damien Fee, Cathaoirleach

Micheál Mac Raghnaill, Rúnaí

For a full round-up of the 2nd Level Schools competition results for last year, see the results and fixtures section at the end of this Convention Report.



Kilkenny - Leinster Intermediate Hurling Champions 2011

Back L-R: Kieran Cuddihy, Paul Morrissey, Luke Harney, Seoirse Kenny, David Power, Michael Grace, Simon Burke, Eddie Hickey.

Middle L-R: Michael Maloney, Richie O'Neill, J.J. Farrell, Kieran Joyce, Richie Doyle, Walter Walsh, Ger Shelly.

Front L-R: Ian Duggan, Seán Phelan, Willie O'Dwyer, Adrian Stapleton (Capt), P.J. Rowe, Conor Conway, Michael Walsh, Stephen Byrne, Eoin Murphy.



Leinster Third Level Colleges Report

Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean has responsibility for the development and promotion of Gaelic games in all third level institutions in Leinster. The support of Comhairle Laighean is invaluable and has enabled a number of initiatives to be devised and implemented. During the year thirty six clubs representing twenty two colleges took part in Comhairle Ardoideachais competitions.

A grant of €25,000 received from Comhairle Laighean was distributed to colleges in the form of vouchers from O'Neill's. These vouchers could be exchanged for jerseys, footballs and/or sliothars. The total cost of this scheme was €21,725.

The following expenditure was incurred during the year:

1	Medals & shields	€1,640
2	Referees expenses	€260
3	Fresher blitzes	€150
4	Website	€200

Competition Review

The two premier competitions in the third level sector are the Sigerson Cup football championship and the Fitzgibbon Cup championship in hurling.

UCD hosted the Centenary Sigerson Cup in Belfield. Four Leinster colleges, Carlow IT, DCU, NUIM & UCD, qualified for the extended weekend with NUIM and the host college progressing to the semi finals. A well balanced UCC emerged as worthy winners. St Pats College won the Trench Cup. The Corn na Mac Léinn semi finals were contested by RCSI, Mater Dei, Froebel and IT Blanchardstown with the latter taking home the spoils. I would like to compliment UCD on their hosting of a weekend never to be forgotten.

Waterford IT hosted the Fitzgibbon Cup. Unfortunately, there were no Leinster representatives in the last four. A star studded UL were crowned champions. Carlow IT and TCD reached the semi finals of the Ryan Cup with Carlow IT losing narrowly to Tralee IT in the final. DKIT were semi finalists in the Fergal Maher Cup which was won by St Patrick's College Thurles.

Leinster colleges achieved the following All-Ireland successes over the past year:

Trench Cup (F)	St. Pats
Corn na Mac Léinn (F)	IT Blanchardstown
Fresher Div 1 Championship (F)	DCU
Fresher Div 2 Championship (F)	ST. Pats
Fresher B Championship (F)	DCU
Senior League Div 1 (F)	DIT
Intermediate League (F)	DCU
Senior League Div 3 (F)	IT Blanchardstown
Fresher B League (F)	DCU
Senior Div. 2 League (H)	Carlow IT
Centenary 7's (F)	DCU

Accident Tournaments

Once again, Third Level Colleges UCD, DIT, Athlone IT and DCU participated in the O'Byrne Cup and Shield football competitions. In hurling, UCD and DIT participated in the Walsh Cup and Shield while DCU, Carlow IT and Trinity played in the Kehoe Cup and Shield. Congratulations go to Trinity on their winning of the Kehoe Shield.

Playing in the Accident Tournaments exposes a broader range of players to this level of competition. It reduces the risk of player burnout to elite players. Participation in these competitions is very good for the profile of students and it gives GAA in our colleges very positive media coverage.

Bursaries

The Comhairle Laighean Third Level Bursary Scheme has grown in strength and profile over the past ten years. The scheme also helps to raise the profile of Gaelic games in third level colleges throughout the province and is further evidence of Comhairle Laighean's commitment to this sector. Forty four bursaries along with one research grant were awarded. In making the awards a greater emphasis was placed on the student being involved in coaching and administration within his or her own club and college club.

The Past Year

As Comhairle Ardoideachais provides adequately for the elite player CA Laighean sees one of its roles as providing games for the more "recreational" player. Extra competitions were organised to cater for non elite players. These competitions proved very popular with the "recreational" player. Being played on a provincial basis and often under floodlights these competitions:

- Reduced costs of running the clubs and
- Reduced the time lost to college by students.

The winners of these Leinster competitions 2009/10 are as follows:

Freshers Football A	UCD
Freshers Football B	DCU
Freshers Hurling	St. Pat's / Mater Dei
Freshers Hurling Blitzes	St. Pat's / Mater Dei & IT Tallaght
Intermediate Hurling League	UCD
Intermediate Hurling C'ship	UCD
Non Elite Senior Football	IT Blanchardstown
Non Elite Senior Hurling	DIT

The Future

Comhairle Ardoideachais carried out a Strategic Review of the sector under chairman Nicky Brennan. The Report was issued in April and we look forward to the implementation of many of its proposals in the very near future.

We in CA Laighean would like to see more coaching courses run in our colleges with the award of coaching qualifications.

There is also great untapped potential in our colleges to recruit and train future referees.

In 2012 we have The Irish Daily Mail Centenary Fitzgibbon Cup taking place in Cork.

Buíochoas

The help and co-operation of the following greatly facilitated the organisation of Gaelic games activities during the past year:

- GAA Officers & GPOs in the various colleges without whose support the organisation of the various competitions would not be possible.
- Leinster Coaching and Games Development Committee.
- Our support officer Colm Clear.
- Michael Delaney and all the staff in Áras Laighean.
- The CA Laighean Committee including secretary Tommy Flynn, vice chairman Ray O'Brien, treasurer Billy O'Loughlin, PRO Peadar De Bluit, Mike McMahon, David Denieffe, Aaron Clogher and Damian Whelan.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the support of Comhairle Laighean and the Leinster Coaching and Games Development Committee, for the third level sector in Leinster. The support has as always been excellent and I have no doubt that this will continue into the future. I want to thank chairman Martin Skelly, the officers of Comhairle Laighean and "The Council" for their continued backing and on behalf of CA Laighean I wish Comhairle Laighean every success in the coming year.

Gearóid Ó Maolthuile
Cathaoirleach, CAO Laighean.



Leinster Championship Finals' Referees 2011

Back L-R: Paddy Flanagan (Representing Fergal Kelly), Barry Kelly, James McGrath, Brian O'Shea, Gary McCormack, Sean Cleere, Gearoid McGrath, Justin Heffernan, Patrick Murphy, Joe McQuillan, Paud O'Dwyer, Syl Doyle.

Front L-R: John Horan, Leas-Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean, David Gough, Paul Kneel, Martin Skelly, Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean, Aidan Shields, Leinster Referees Committee, Pat Toner, Cisteoir Comhairle Laighean and J.J. Walsh, OCP Comhairle Laighean.



Leinster Referees Administration Report

Leinster Referees Administration Committee

Chairman Aidan Shiels (Dublin)
Secretary Pat Casserly (Westmeath)
Recruitment & Training Officer Pierce Freaney (Kildare)

Committee Patsy Connolly (Louth)
 Joe Harlin / Brendan Darby (Meath)

Aidan Shiels (Dublin)
 Eddie Leonard (Wicklow)
 John Rossiter (Wexford)
 Michael Fennin (Kildare)
 Sean Campion (Carlow)
 Sean Breathnach (Kilkenny)
 Vincent Dowling (Laois)
 Eamon Flynn (Offaly)
 Liam McDaniel (Westmeath)
 Joe O'Brien (Longford)
 Noel O'Donoghue (Leinster)

Tutors)

Referees Match Officials Appointments Committee

Chairman JJ Walsh (Kildare and Leinster PRO)
Secretary Pierce Freaney (Kildare)
Leinster Referees Administrator Aidan Shiels (Dublin)
Committee Sean Quirke (Wexford)
 Michael Carroll (Laois)

The Committee met on eight occasions in the year under review and continued to oversee the progress of refereeing activities within the province, particularly in the area of recruitment and education. The main Committee comprised of representatives of each county together with the Match Officials Appointments Committee assisted in the running of a massive number of games successfully from Minor to Senior, in all grades, in both codes, at both club and inter county level.

The Cup Competitions - O'Byrne, Walsh and Kehoe are increasing in popularity with the counties as they prepare for the National Leagues. Public appeal has also been positive. These Competitions afford an opportunity for younger referees to commence their careers at inter county level.

Refereeing performances have continued to be of a high standard both within the province and at national level, on which panels the province is well represented in both football and hurling. Leinster referees have brought honour to the province in recent years by being appointed at the highest level. Referees who officiated at provincial finals in the past year were presented with their medals at an awards dinner hosted by the Leinster Council. The Committee and the referees were greatly appreciative of this.

The Committee, through its County Administrators, have been active in recruiting new referees. Numbers have been increasing in recent years. Perhaps this is a reflection of the current economy which means, many have now more time than heretofore. Numbers varied from forty five in one county to single figures in others. Overall total in the province is 123. The new recruits are educated through a basic club level course delivered by Tutors trained by the National Tutors Group. Likewise existing club referees complete an in-service course annually. Both groups receive certification. Thanks is due to these Tutors (17 in total in Leinster) and to Noel O'Donoghue who co-ordinates this part of the Committee's activities.

At provincial level, under the Academy concept, a course over three evenings was held for referees who felt they had potential and nominated by their counties. These then return to their counties for mentoring and appropriate appointments. It would be hoped that in time they would be nominated to the provincial development panel. In addition a briefing session was held for Umpire teams of Leinster Referees with championship appointments.

In conjunction with the work of the Referee Appointments Committee an assessment programme is ongoing with all games being assessed. This facilitates monitoring of refereeing performances and enables referees to progress. Pierce Freaney co-ordinates this and sincerest thanks is due to him for his invaluable contribution to this, along with his advice and guidance in many other areas.

The Referee Administrators have a key role in their counties in ensuring correct refereeing structures are in place and functioning. To achieve this, they need the active support of their County Chairman and Secretary/CEO. In addition, the Administrators looks after match officials at home inter county games (including the supplying of electronic boards, beepers and flags for same).

A survey was conducted during the year by the Coisde on refereeing structures within all counties in the province. This related in particular to

- (a) the activity of Referees Administration Committees,
- (b) the existence of a Referees Appointments Committee,

- (c) the role of the Administrator on this committee and the CCC and
- (d) whether an assessment programme is in place for club referees.

The survey indicated a wide disparity throughout the province in these areas. For example, there is no assessment programme in place in eight out of the twelve counties. One of the objectives of the Leinster Committee in the coming year will be to try to redress this situation.

In conclusion, I would like to convey thanks to the Council and its Officers for their unfailing support. In particular to Chairman Martin Skelly, CEO Michael Delaney Assistant CEO Michael Reynolds and the Office staff for their co-operation and courtesy at all times. A special mention to Julie Quinn for her assistance with administration and also to the Coisde's Runai, Pat Casserly for his work, guidance and advice.

Aidan O Sial
Cathairleach
Coisde Reiteoiri Laighean

Piaras de Freine
Recruitment & Training Officer



Dublin - Minor Football League Winners 2011

Back L-R: Ciarán Kilkenny, Aaron Waters, Gavin Ivory, Lee Stacey, Kevin Kindlon, Ronan Noonan, Paddy O'Higgins, Conor Meaney, Robert McDaid, Ross O'Hanlon, Jack McCaffrey, John Small, Eoghan Boyne, Shane Carthy.

Front L-R: Brendan Bentley, Eoghan Quinn, Marc Hiney, Neil Flannery, Scott Fulham, Niall Scully, Eoin Archbold, Rutherson Real, Matias Mac Donncha, Graham Hannigan, Connor Pike, Dave Campbell.



Hearings Committee Report

Committee

John Byrne (Chairman)
Andrew O'Sullivan (Secretary)
Bill Kavanagh (Offaly) • Martin Coleman (Wicklow)
Brendan Dempsey (Meath) • Michael Fennin (Kildare)
Noel Murphy (Dublin) • John Lacey (Kilkenny)
Michael Delaney (Appeals only)

A provincial hearings committee has two functions, one to act as a hearings committee for competitions in the province that are not dealt with by Central Hearings Committee and the second is to act as an appeals committee to adjudicate on all appeals submitted against decisions made by committees in the counties. The latter is the busier area apart from a period during the winter months. As well as this we have to defend our decisions when challenged at Central and DRA Level.

The association's disciplinary system needs to work consistently well at all levels and every link of the chain has to be strong. A County Hearings Committee has developed an independent authority that acts on each case separately from the decisions/proposals of elected county officers and in some cases non elected members. In most of the province this has worked well but in some counties improvement can be made and particularly by avoiding making decisions that attract raised eyebrows both within and outside the membership. There should be an avenue within the organisation where every decision can be challenged. I strongly believe that every Hearings Committee at County, Provincial and Central level should be answerable for all of their decisions. From our experience at Leinster Hearings Committee this is not always the case. Consistency is always required in every aspect of Discipline.

Our committee has experienced situations where more preparation by County Competitions Control Committees (CCC) in obtaining sufficient evidence before making a proposal has minimised the problems in our disciplinary process. Rule 7.3 (h) allows the CCC to investigate matters thoroughly. In some counties the Chairman and/or Secretary of the CCC are selected rather than elected members and we believe this is the way forward as there appears to be a reluctant attitude

by some personnel to carry out their duties without fearing a backlash at the following county convention. Perhaps there is another reason. We all need to be strong and consistent. Our system is only as good as our 'weakest link'. If you are not strong enough, well then listen to the presenter (and the audience) saying 'goodbye!'.

The committee met on 17 occasions since last Convention (3 less than previous year). 15 appeals were ruled as lost and 13 appeals were upheld. There were 14 cases for Hearing. We had 2 cases before CAC and 3 cases heard by DRA with 1 withdrawn.

Buíochas

To Andrew O'Sullivan who worked diligently on our behalf. He has had other demands and despite a break from our schedule he still puts his heart into the workings of our committee.

To Michael Delaney who has assisted our committee in a very professional manner.

To Patricia Clear who ran our committee's administration in a most efficient way.

To all Committee Members for rapidly settling in to their newly acquired positions and attending in great numbers, often at short notice and also for displaying great dedication and interest in attempting to reach a correct conclusion.

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

To Simon Moroney, Stephen Browne and the members of Central Appeals Committee for the fairness they have shown in all of their dealings with us.

To Matt Shaw for the great assistance to us at all times and 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 co-operation at all times.

John Byrne
Cathaoirleach



Strategy Committee Report

John Cotter Chairman

Michael Delaney Secretary

Martin Skelly

John Horan

Pat Toner

J.J. Walsh

Sheamus Howlin

Michael Reynolds

Shane Flanagan

Dave Kavanagh

The Leinster Strategic Plan was launched in January 2011, and its implementation programme began from then.

The first real indication of the impact of the Strategic Plan came with the formulation of a motion to Leinster convention in February 2011 to ratify a restructured group of Sub Committees that would be more suited to the requirements of the plan.

Following the adoption of the new Leinster bye-laws at convention, the Strategy Committee, among others, was formed, whose task is to monitor the implementation of the Leinster Strategic Plan through the work of the various Leinster Council departments, Sub Committees and individuals, and through the decisions of Coiste Bainisti and Leinster Council.

The Strategy Committee links its work to the Strategic Planning and Implementation

work in the counties and clubs through the inclusion of the County Strategy Chairmen and the County Development Officers as two sub groups of the committee. This formalises the connection between the similar functions at provincial, county and club levels and provides all levels with a useful support and cooperative structure.

An indication of the all-encompassing role of the Strategy Committee is the fact that it is made up of the Officers of Leinster Council and the Leinster Managers Group.

The committee is concerned with the ongoing achievement of objectives and targets set out in the Leinster Plan in the fundamental areas of Funding and Financial Management, Games Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Volunteer Recruitment and Officer Support, Fixtures Planning, Match Event Management, Refereeing, Communications & Marketing, among others.

At its early meetings the Strategy Committee identified the Sub Committees of Strategic Importance whose performances throughout the year would be central to the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The members also firmed up their own understanding of committee's role. This turned out to be a challenging task, as the committee members, who are primarily decision makers within Leinster Council, were being asked to monitor strategic progress, to guide Sub Committees and to make recommendations to Coiste Bainisti

Laighean, as opposed to making final operational decisions within the Strategy Committee itself.

Meetings through the year formed a sequence or progression in this understanding.

The meetings of February and March 2011 established composition, role and relevance and began the monitoring process. The April meeting saw the group focusing on specific areas of subcommittee activity.

May 11, the final meeting before the Leinster Senior Championships, saw the group finally come to grips with the essence of its function, with an assessment of the then current position in 11 strategic areas and the formulation of requests and recommendations to the relevant Leinster subcommittees and to Coiste Bainisti.

The Strategy Committee next met in October to carry out a preliminary review of 2011 and to establish priority objectives for 2012. This process was further engaged in by the

Managers Group in Aras Laighean which includes strategic issues on its agenda at all times, the latest exercise being a day long review and forward planning event in January 2012, at which 13 strategic areas - policy and operational - were analysed and reset for action in 2012.

The strategic planning and implementation process has brought people to places they may not have occupied before, but I believe the journey over the past few years has resulted in them having an alternative and broader way of looking at things in Leinster, and having a positive attitude to medium and long term planning.

The work of the committee members is to be commended, as is the support and cooperation of the Leinster subcommittees and Leinster staff.

John Cotter
Chairman, Strategy Committee



Mt. Leinster Rangers Leinster Intermediate Club Hurling Champions 2011 who went to claim All Ireland glory

Back L-R: Frank Foley, Richard Kelly, Denis Roche, Edward Coady, Pdraig Nolan, Edward Byrne, David Phelan, Gary Kelly, David Grennan, Diarmuid Byrne, Derek Byrne, Luke Roche, Seamus O'Brien.

Front L-R: Colm O'Byrne, Seamus Kelly, Paul Coady, Denis Murphy, James Hickey, Karol Lawlor (Capt), Richard Coady, Brian Nolan, Willie Hickey, John Coady, Hugh Patk O'Byrne, Jack Murphy.



Leinster Tutor Trainer Group

Declan Smyth	(Cathaoirleach)
Gerard O'Connor	(Runai)
Sean Kelly	Al O'Donoghue
Brendan Harpur	Paul Earley
Cyril Kevlihan	Brian Ladden
Sean O'Toole	Jim Ryan
Ray Smith	Eunan McCormack
Paudi O'Neill	Noel O'Sullivan
Sean Dempsey	Colm Clear

New Members in 2011

Donal McNally
Damian Quigley
George O'Connor

Coach Education structures within Leinster have improved and expanded rapidly over the past three years with the reorganisation of the coaching programmes' in the province. The challenge for tutors is to deliver quality coach education programmes consistent with Provincial and National Guidelines. The challenge for tutor trainers is to ensure quality tutor training, consistent course delivery and the development of new accredited programmes. Tutor Trainers have responsibility for the training, development and mentoring of tutors to ensure that we retain the highest standards of delivery. Recent research conducted among tutors who received support in the form of mentoring found it very positive and an effective way of improving their in training skills. The motto for the Leinster Tutor trainer group is *"Better Tutors facilitate the development of better Coaches who can nurture better players and improve the quality of our Games"*.

Coach Education Restructuring

The structure of how coach education is delivered and managed within the province has changed over the past year. This change was brought about because of the increasing demands on the Tutor Trainer Group. These demands include:

- An increase in the number of courses that need to be delivered (three strands/ four levels/two codes)
- An increase in the number of tutors (160 tutors between full-time and volunteers)
- The need to support and mentor the existing all tutors
- To develop and deliver Award 2 courses in the three strands and in both codes
- The uneven distribution of tutors within the province
- The need for quality assurance for all activities carried out by the Tutor Trainer

The purpose of the restructuring is to ensure that all regions in the province are adequately catered for in terms of courses, coaches, tutors and tutor trainers. It is intended that each region will be self-sufficient in terms of courses and tutors. The region will decide what their needs are in terms of coaching courses and will have enough tutors within the region to service this need. Regions will have autonomy in relation to what, where and when courses will be delivered in their own region up to and including award1 child, youth and adult level. The tutors in the region will take ownership of the Coach Education Programme in their own region. The Tutor Trainer Group will support the regions while developing the next levels of courses. They will also engage in training and mentoring of new tutors where necessary.



REVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

Master Tutor Meetings

- 6 Meetings
- 1 Planning weekend to develop Leinster coach education tutor strategy
- The average attendance at the meetings - 10 master tutors
- Attended 3 National Tutor workshops to develop Tutor Support Programme

Regional Tutor Meetings

- 5 Meetings held
- 5 Planned for January 2012
- Award 1 Tutors allocated

Tutor Training

- Completed 6 days of Coaching Ireland tutor training (21tutors)
- 4 European Tutors trained as part of this group
- Organised follow up meeting for new tutors
- Planned observations for all new tutors
- Provided assess to online coach education material to new tutors
- Prepared course evaluation for coaching Ireland

Tutor In-service

- Planned and delivered 5 in-service training workshops to all 150 Leinster tutors



- Provided advice on Award 1 youth Physical Fitness and Decision Making modules
- Coordinated and distributed amended tutor support material
- Prepared and delivered 5 club development planning programmes to all full-time staff

Tutor Graduation

- Planning graduation ceremony for the 22 new tutors in February

Award 1

- Coordinated the feedback of all Award 1 programmes.
- Overseen the delivery of 218 Foundation Award courses.
- Planned and coordinated 87 Award one courses.
 - 39 Child
 - 27 Youth
 - 21 Adult



Award 2

- Planned three award 1 child programmes
- Plan coach graduation ceremony for Youth Hurling course in Kilkenny
- Attended Award 2 review meeting.
- Provide a whole course evaluation of the pilot programme

Quality Assurance

- Attended 3 meetings with Coaching Ireland
- National Coach Education Work Group

In total 14 meetings were attended by members of the Leinster Tutor Group.

Gerard O'Connor
Rúnaí



Fixtures Planning Committee Report



Leinster Fixtures Planning Committee

Cathaoirleach	John Horan
Provincial Fixtures Planner	Lester Ryan
Provincial Fixtures Planner	James Savage
Comhairle Laighean Rep.	John Greene
Education Sector Rep.	Michael Reynolds Padraic Ashe

County Fixtures planners

Wexford	Justin Browne Derek Kent
Carlow	Ger Lennon
Kilkenny	Brian Ryan John Lacey
Wicklow	Michael Murphy
Laois	Liam Delaney
Offaly	Colm Cummins
Kildare	Pat Dunney
Dublin	John McNicholas
Meath	Peter O'Halloran
Westmeath	Davy Gavin
Longford	Albert Fallon
Louth	Des Halpenny Paddy Oliver

Review of Leinster Subsidiary Competitions

The fixtures planning committee undertook a comprehensive review of the following Leinster competitions;

- Leinster U-16 Hurling/Football Leagues.
- Leinster Minor Hurling/Football Leagues
- Leinster Adult Hurling League

Overall the feedback on these competitions was very positive. Participating clubs reported that they were very satisfied with the organisation,

timing, standard of refereeing, structure and cost of competing in these competitions.

The main source of negativity was in relation to the training ban (up to 1st March) for minor teams. It was felt this ban was making it very difficult to train properly.

The committee proposed that the training ban should be brought back to the 1st Feb. This proposal was put to the county Chairmen advisory committee.

Review of planned County underage fixtures

Each Fixtures Planner was requested to draw up a report on the underage fixtures that were planned within their County. These reports were then compiled at Provincial level. The report was then reviewed by The Fixture Planners Committee and recommendations were forwarded to the counties and to the Leinster Management Committee.

Fixtures Planners Seminar

A Fixtures Planning Seminar was held in October. Invited to this Seminar were County Fixtures Planners, Chairman of the County C.C.C. and Secretary of the County C.C.C.

The seminar was chaired by John Horan (Leas-Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean) and guest speakers were John Greene (Chairman of National Fixtures Planning Committee) and Bernard Smith (Rannóg na gCluichí, Croke Park).

Also in attendance were 10 Leinster Council / Croke Park Officers, 18 Fixtures Planners and 19 County C.C. members.

Discussion topics on the night included

Recognition of the position of Fixtures Planners within Counties.

Coordinating Post Primary Schools competitions and Club competitions.

Criteria within Counties for the postponing of official fixtures.

Relationship between inter county fixtures and internal Club fixtures.

County Fixtures Planners access to the Servasport system.

Underage fixtures (14-18) –next step.

Overall it was a very productive evening, giving Fixtures Planners and CCC members the opportunity to air their views and share their concerns on the roles of the Fixtures planners in the Counties.

Fixtures Planners Reports

Counties were met in relation to compiling the fixture planning reports which were required by the National Fixtures Planning committee.

The overall Provincial report was completed in early December and submitted to Croke Park. Each individual County report was reviewed by John Horan, Lester Ryan and Shane Flanagan

with view to targeting counties that were not adhering to National policy. Also as a result of these reports initiatives have been put in place at Provincial level, to provide additional competitions for age groups identified as not having sufficient games within their own Counties.

GAA Competition Management System

At the beginning of 2011 there were six Leinster Counties using the GAA Competition Management System (Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Longford, Offaly, and Wexford).

The Leinster Fixtures Planners Committee has been working closely with Meath, Louth, Laois, Wicklow and Westmeath to prepare these Counties to go live on the system in early March. Dublin is currently shadowing the system with a view to going live on Jan 2013.

As part of this change-over process ongoing training has been provided by Servasport in Croke Park. In addition representatives of each County have had the opportunity to participate in numerous online sessions also provided by Servasport.

Leinster GAA is currently running all their competitions on the GAA Competition Management System

Objectives of the Fixtures Planning Committee for 2012

Wicklow, Laois, Louth, Meath and Westmeath to have all fixtures on system by end of March.

Review Underage Fixtures in Leinster (Under 16) new format for 2012.

Meet counties that are not reaching minimum standards in relation to Fixtures.

Set out a standardised reporting model for Fixtures Planners.

Special thanks to the National Fixtures Planning Committee and to all who have support the Committee in our work to date.

John Horan
Leas-Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean

Lester Ryan
Committee Secretary



Finance Advisory Committee Report

Committee

Pat Toner (Chairman)
John Browne (Secretary)
Martin Byrne • Eamonn O'Keefe
Dave Kavanagh • Kathy Slattery
Mark Connellan • Tom Mulligan
Nevan O'Shaughnessy • Marc Bairead
Martin Quigley • Paul Shaw

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.

During the year we dealt with 38 applications from clubs and counties for one or more of the above services.

We granted permission to clubs and counties to arrange loan facilities in excess of €6.5 million with the various financial institutions while one club availed of a loan under the Club Loan Scheme from the National Financial Management Committee.

Approval was given to ten clubs to acquire property, dispose of property or enter into lease agreements.

We also met with a number of clubs and counties who are experiencing financial difficulties and sought to provide assistance to them using the expertise of the committee members.

The committee met in full on 2 occasions

but various members had numerous meetings throughout the year with clubs, counties, financial institutions, the officers of Leinster Council and our counterparts in Croke Park.

The re-introduction of Sports Capital Grants by the government will probably lead to an increase in spending throughout the province as clubs and counties seek to improve the facilities they can offer to the public. However, the desires of clubs and counties will have to reflect the times in which we now live and the scale of developments will have to take into account the difficulty not only in securing loan funding but also the difficulty in repaying these loans once drawn down. While we have a number of clubs experiencing financial trauma primarily as a result of the property crash and we will endeavour to assist them in any way we can it is incumbent on us to ensure that we don't allow any more clubs to fall into the same or similar traps.

Thanks

To each of the committee members who gave so freely of their time throughout the year, to Michael Reynolds, former secretary of this committee and to Kathy and Tracey in Croke Park for their patience and assistance when called upon.

Pat Toner
Chairman

John Browne
Secretary



PR & Marketing Committee Report



Andy O'Brien
Chairman
John Cotter
Secretary
J.J. Walsh
Joe Shaughnessy
Kieran Leavy
Liam Holton
Clara Walsh
Conal Markey
Cian Murphy

The Leinster PR & Marketing Committee was formed following the restructuring of the Leinster Council subcommittees.

The County PROs and the County IT Officers form two sub groups of the committee, creating a formal link between the respective functions at Leinster and County levels.

The role of the committee is to drive the promotions, marketing, public relations, communications and IT activities within Leinster and to support this work also at county level. The Committee takes its brief from the Leinster Strategic Plan, and has identified areas for involvement not only in the Communications and Marketing Plan but also in its support role for other Plan areas.

In the past year the committee has met on seven occasions, most recently in Feb 2012. In that time the group has been involved in the marketing of our Leinster Championships, U21 and Senior, the promotion of ticket sales, the communications of the Leinster ticket value packages and involvement in sponsor support. It has also received and considered presentations from outside agencies and individuals involving possible ticket sales and revenue generating proposals.

Major project involvements in 2011 included overseeing the development of a new Leinster GAA website and the organisation of a county PR and IT Officers seminar.

A key function of the committee is to make proposals and recommendations to Coiste Bainisti concerning issues and areas within its brief. To this end committee members and groups have made reports on a variety of relevant topics, including championship launches,

website development, ticket value packages, local radio advertising, analysis of match attendance patterns and ticket revenue, the creation of a unique image for the Leinster Senior Championships, media training for officers and other personnel, and competition format analysis.

These reports form the basis of regular communications with Leinster Officers and Coiste Bainisti and have resulted in new approaches to marketing our games and promoting ticket sales.

The issue of the time/date restrictions impacting on the launch of the Leinster Senior Championships gave the committee some concern in 2011 and is being revisited in advance of the 2012 season.

The successful County PRO/IT Officers seminar held on 5 November highlighted a series of issues which affect these county officers in carrying out their roles. This has guided the PR & Marketing Committee to recommend to Coiste Bainisti that representations be made to senior county officers in Leinster on the Communications, PRO and IT structures best suited to facilitate the delivery of results at county level.

Throughout the year the committee members have made themselves available, individually and in groups, to attend outside meetings concerned with the work of the committee in the areas of IT and Website Development, Sponsorship Development and Support, Revenue Generation and Market Research and to give advice and guidance on various aspects of the committees work.

The members' commitment, enthusiasm and professional approach to their involvement with the committee is exemplary and their expertise and advice have greatly contributed to the productivity of the committee and to its benefit to Leinster Council.

We bid a fond farewell to member J.J. Walsh, who finishes his term of office at today's convention. John Joseph brought his love for the GAA, his lifetime's experience and his practical mind to the committee table. I extend to him a personal 'thank you' for the work he did in promoting our championships, officiating at our various Leinster events, and for his advice and guidance over the past three years.

Andy O'Brien Chairman
John Cotter, Secretary



Leinster Infrastructure Committee

Committee

P.J. Ó Murchú (Cathaoirleach)
Michael Reynolds (Rúnaí)
Pat Toner • Jim Bolger • Seamus Reade
Brendan Ward • Paddy O'Dwyer
Gerry Harrington • Sean Sheridan
Joe Bedford • Kieran Keenaghan
Michael Hand • Brendan Gilmore
Eugene Moore • Andy Egan • Derek Kent

Club Grant Allocation for 2011 was €937,500.00, 97 Clubs were grant aided along with 5 Education Units.

The procedures put in place for 2011 worked very effectively. The Committee was aware at the beginning of the year of the maximum demands that were in the pipeline for the year. As it turned out a number of the Clubs deferred their proposed project(s) for at least one year.

Similarly for 2012 the Committee is aware of the likely projects to come to fruition during 2012. Rather than a series of Committee meetings members of the Committee met numerous Clubs during 2011 discussing their proposed Projects for 2012. These meetings proved very beneficial to the respective Clubs, Counties and Province.

Throughout the year members spent time with Clubs on one or other of the following:

- (a) Discussing the quality of their pitch(es) and or proposed new site
- (b) Conducting Safety Audits
- (c) Financial matters

On the County scene the Croke Park commissioned Slattery Report (MSA) for each County was issued. The respective

reports certainly got a reaction. The respective Counties have had an opportunity to analyse and consider what action to undertake to improve their County Grounds – for some it is relatively minor, for others it is more significant. On a positive note the Slattery Report provides a template for the provision of quality stadia in the province. Members of the Leinster Infrastructure Committee visited many of the County Grounds in light of the report and advised on appropriate remedial works.

It is worth noting that a new European standard for spectator facilities is being prepared which will apply to all G.A.A. County Grounds eventually.

In 2011 NISC decreed that the G.A.A. should implement an in-house Stewards Foundation Level Training Course. Leinster Council has been pro-active adopting this policy with all Counties in the Province putting in train a process for training Stewards.

Sports Capital Funding has made a return. At the time of going to print the Application Forms have not been issued. Clubs must act cautiously – the return of the Funding is to be welcomed but matching funding may be another issue.

I wish on behalf of the members of my Committee to record our thanks to An Cathaoirleach Martin Skelly, Michael Delaney C.E.O., Michael Reynolds Deputy C.E.O. and the staff of Comhairle Laighean for their guidance and help throughout 2011.

**P S Ó Murchú
Cathaoirleach**



Leinster Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Programme

Comhairle Laighean C.I.G is committed as part of the Leinster Strategic Plan to the implementation of the A.S.A.P. (Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention) Programme at a provincial, county and club level.

The diet and lifestyle of amateur and professional sports people is critical in determining their success on the field and their health off the field. The aim of the A.S.A.P. programme is to reduce the harm being caused by alcohol and other drug use.

Recent research among male GAA players has demonstrated high levels of alcohol use particularly after games. This level of alcohol use is associated with poor health outcomes, greater risk of sports injuries and inadequate recovery after games. Coaches have been shown to be a positive influence on player's attitudes to health and their adaption of healthier lifestyles. A national survey completed by C.I.G in 2011 has shown that GAA coaches believe training on substance use would support their work in encouraging players to adopt healthier lifestyles.

Leinster Council Alcohol and Drug Policy Launch

The Leinster Council recognised the importance of the A.S.A.P programme by forming a Leinster ASAP committee in 2010. This resulted in the publication and launch of a Comhairle Laighean Drug and Alcohol Policy in Autumn 2011. Leinster is the first province within the C.I.G to publish and ratify a provincial A.S.A.P policy. The publication of the policy resulted in renewed commitment and energy from counties across the province.

In 2011 each county has selected a County ASAP officer with over three quarters of counties publishing an Alcohol and Drug Prevention Policy. Leinster has over 250 clubs engaged with A.S.A.P. The visibility of the programme through training events for Club A.S.A.P officers and information evenings combined with the support of County Chairmen and Secretaries are key factors for the success of the programme within counties. The majority of A.S.A.P events held in 2011 were hosted in collaboration with local sport partnerships and local voluntary and statutory health services, thereby building the capacity of clubs to develop and implement their own club policies and education events.

'Off the Booze and On the Ball'

The year finished with the launch of the 'Off the Booze and On the Ball' initiative which was a month-long nationwide event bringing exposure to the GAA's A.S.A.P Programme. The initiative was driven by the GAA's ASAP Programme in partnership with, the HSE, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and the GPA. Members of the GAA and the wider community were asked to give up alcohol for the month of January to highlight the work of A.S.A.P Officers at club and county level and also create awareness of the health and sports performance benefits of drinking less alcohol.

Backing from inter-county star in different counties led to a significant promotion of the initiative across the province. Over 120 clubs signed up to participate in the initiative in December before it kicked off on New Years Day, 2012. The feedback from clubs involved has highlighted how we can build on this successful campaign in the coming year.

Buiochas

Finally I would like to thank the Officers and Staff of Comhairle Laighean, our Leinster A.S.A.P Committee, and the County and Club Officers who have worked tirelessly over the last four years, to support us grow and develop the ASAP programme in Leinster.

In addition I would like to thank Mr. Colin Regan, National Coordinator for the ASAP programme and Mr. Brendan Murphy, Chairman of the National ASAP committee for all their support and co-operation.

As a result of our joint efforts, many within the organisation are only beginning to learn that the ASAP programme is broader than reducing the harm associated with alcohol and drug use. It is a channel through which we can support our players and members develop skills that will not only improve their health and wellbeing but will also help us create clubs that are safer, healthier and more connected to the communities in which we live and play.

Susan Kenny
Leinster ASAP Officer



Na Fianna - Leinster Club Hurling League Division 3 Winners 2011

Back L-R: Mark Coffey, Paul Hanley, Jordan Nolan, Daniel Gleeson, Eoin Reilly, Alan Burke, Shane Burke, Niall Reilly, Brendan Flynn, Eoin Murray, Donal Curran, Mark Kelly, Colin Curran, Gerry Ryan, Eoin Gorry.

Front L-R: Christopher Cosgrove, Mark Burke, Dermot Bailey, Paul Coffey, David Lyons, Barry Slevin, David Kirby (Capt), David Coffey, Shane Greany, Billy Cullen and Sean Griffin.



Park Ratheniska - Leinster Special Junior Hurling Champions 2011



An Coiste Cultúr

The Coiste Cultúr was guided by the Strategic Plan in all our activities during the year. By this time Scór na nÓg is over in Cúige Laighean. All counties except Ceatharlach and Cill Chainnigh took part. The semi finals and final were very well organised and a pleasing aspect of the competition was the spread of counties that won Leinster titles. The senior Scór will be taking place in March and we hope that it will be similarly successful.

One of our aims with regard to Gaeilge was to extend the road signs initiative to two more counties for 2011. Co. Lú and Co. Laoise were the two counties involved. A special buíochas to Tomás Ó hEochaidh in Co. Lú and Mícheál Ó Máirtín and Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin in Co. Laoise for their work in this regard. We hope to involve more counties in the coming year.

The Oifigigh Cultúr had a meeting in Port Laoise in Sept which was attended by ten counties and we will be having a review meeting at the end of April to see how we can improve for next year. We aim to extend the level of co-operation between counties.

Seachtain na Gaeilge is the busiest week of the year for Oifigigh Cultúr and we hope to share successful ideas at our meeting in April. We are also conducting a survey to see how many clubs have Oifigigh Cultúr in accordance with the rule.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have worked to promote our language and culture in Cúige Laighean this year agus guímid gach rath ar bhur gcuid oibre i rith na bliana seo.

Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Cathaoirleach



Ballivor - Leinster Junior Football Club Champions 2011

Back L-R: Edward Kirby, Paul Kelly, Keith Keogan, Darren Reilly, Clayton Keegan, Brian Perry, Noel Kirby, Ray Massey, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Kevin McKeown, Killian Canavan, Derek Doran, Joe McLoughlin, Kevin Kelly.

Front L-R: Sean Corrigan, Fergus McMahon, Richie Sherrock, Martain Doran, James Reynolds, Brendan McLoughlin (Capt), Adam Gannon, Tony Fox, Pádraig Geoghegan, David Raleigh, Michael Delacey, Thomas Raleigh, Sean Heavey.
(Mascot: Conor Raleigh).



Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Laighean

New Chairperson

John Kelly (O'Raghallaigh's HBC, Drogheda, Louth) was installed as the new Leinster Handball Chairman. John has been a noted handballer for a long number of years and it is great to see players like him putting so much back into the game both at county and provincial level.

New President

Meath's Walter O'Connor was installed as new GAA Handball Ireland President to serve a 3 year term of office. Walter is a former Leinster and Ireland Senior Champion.

Robbie McCarthy wins Irish 40 X 20 Nationals final in Wexford

Wexford took on the role of hosts of this year's Ladbrokes Sponsored Nationals. Wexford hosting of the Nationals was very impressive. Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy is showing his growing maturity when going all the way.

Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy wins 60x30 Senior Singles Championship

Robbie McCarthy became the first Westmeath player ever to win the All Ireland Senior Championship when he defeated Eoin Kennedy (Dublin). It was a titanic struggle with McCarthy just holding off Kennedy in game 1. McCarthy took a big 16-6 lead in the second but the Dubliner roared back into contention with some sublime finishing to be only 16-13 behind. This exertion took its toll as Kennedy looked leg weary in the closing stages and McCarthy was able to gain the next 5 points for an historic victory.

National Handball Centre

In August the National Handball Centre finally got the green light from Bord Pleanala after protracted disagreements from the local community.

The GAA parent body have committed 9 million euros to the project which will have 4 40x 20 courts with main court with 730 seated spectators and 1 60 x 30.

Leinster Winners of The 2011 Handball All-Star Awards

Special Achievement

Andrew Dowling (Laois)

Team of the Year

Barry Goff & Colin Keeling (Wexford)

Hall of Fame

Joey Maher (Louth)

Masters All-Star Player of the Year

Michael 'Ducksy' Walsh (Kilkenny)

Young Male Player of the Year

Niall O'Connor (Leixlip, Kildare)

Male Player of the Year

Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath)

GAA Handball President's Award

Sean Clerkin (Na Fianna, Dublin)

O'Raghallaigh's new one-wall courts

The O'Raghallaighs Handball Club in Drogheda officially opened their two new one-wall courts on Saturday November 5th last. Louth & Irish legend Joey Maher cut the ribbon to open the courts.

Colleges

The Leinster Colleges championships were once more expertly organised by Tadgh

Doran and Michael Reynolds and Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe Láighean appreciates the time and effort they puts into these championships. Congratulations to all our players on their success

Championships

Our adult male championships were well contested with plenty of vigour and no little skill. While not all counties were on the winner's rostrum, it was heartening to see all 12 counties enter both the 60x30 & 40x20 championships. As four championships are run in each grade from Minor up to and including Ruby Masters (Over 65) and the ladies have 4 championships in each off the five grades they take part in. As handball promoters in the province we are delighted to see the ladies game is growing from strength to strength with eight counties taking part to one degree or another (one more than last year), we should ask all clubs and counties to continue to support the ladies game. With the level of entries we have, the championships are a big undertaking and I wish to thank all who helped in there smooth running and also to the players for there co-operation in completing them on time.

Coiste Forbartha

The Development Committee under the leadership of Tom Walsh (Cill Mhantain) main focus during the year was setting up of a number of new clubs. Thanks to the hard work of the committee, we now have 10 county boards affiliated and working extremely well.

Coiste Oiliúna

Richard Willoughby (Cill Mhantain) Coaching Officer and his committee have completed a number of level one and foundation level courses in the province and this was evident in the standard of skill shown in our juvenile championships. Combining the Development and the Coaching committees has proved a

huge success, with each county now having two delegates on the new committee, which in theory should add more discussion on ideas for our way forward.

Buiochás

I must compliment our Chairman John Kelly (An Lú) a highly committed official who has led us well during the year. John has been a noted handballer for a long number of years and it is great to see players like him putting so much back into the game both at county and provincial level.

Treasurer Joe Masterson as usual continues to serve us well.

Many thanks to Michael Gregan (Cill Mhantain) for all his work as the player's representative on our council.

To Chris Curran & Niamh Egan for there help and co-operation at all times and to all at head office we thank them for their continued work for the betterment of our game.

Finally thanks to all the officials, players and to the people who opened courts and refereed games. To everyone who has helped Leinster handball during the year, I say thank you and well done. The sympathy of the Council goes to all families who have suffered bereavements during the year. Go druga suainmheas siorai doibh.

Liam Ó Mathúin
Rúnaí

For a full round-up of the Leinster Handball competition results for last year, see the results and fixtures section at the end of this Convention Report.



Éire Óg (Wicklow) - Leinster Club Intermediate Football Champions 2011



Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Martin Skelly presents the trophy to captain David Prendergast of Clara, Leinster Senior Hurling League Division 1 winners 2011

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 (Louth)	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)

President's Award Leinster Recipients

2004

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

2005

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

2006

Martin Quigley (WX)
Kevin Heffernan (DB)
Tadhg de Brun (DB)
George Delaney (WW)
Margaret Delaney (LS)
Donal Hickey (DB)
Marcus de Burca (DB)
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 (DB)

2011

Fintan Ginnity (MH)
John Curtis (WX)

Comhairle Laighean Match Programme Award

2004	Alan Aherne (Wexford)
2005	Brendan Cummins (Meath)
2006	John Duffy (Longford)
2007	Mary Foley (Wexford)
2008	Mary Foley (Wexford)
2009	Brendan Cummins (Meath)
2010	Mary Foley (Wexford)
2011	Ronan Lynch (Louth)

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)

Comhairle Laighean

Clár na gCluichí 2012

LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Westmeath	v	Antrim
2.	Laois	v	Carlow
3.	1	v	Galway
4.	2	v	Dublin
5.	Offaly	v	Wexford
6.	3	v	5
7.	4	v	Kilkenny
FINAL	6	v	7

CADBURY'S LEINSTER UNDER 21 F.C.

1.	Wexford	v	Dublin
2.	1	v	Laois
3.	Wicklow	v	Carlow
4.	3	v	Westmeath
5.	Kilkenny	v	Louth
6.	5	v	Longford
7.	Offaly	v	Meath
8.	7	v	Kildare
9.	2	v	4
10.	6	v	8
FINAL	9	v	10

LEINSTER UNDER 21 H.C. 'A'

1.	Westmeath	v	Louth
2.	1	v	Kildare
3.	Meath	v	Wicklow
FINAL	2	v	3

BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER UNDER 21 HC

1.	Offaly	v	Wexford
2.	1	v	Kilkenny
3.	Laois	v	Dublin
4.	3	v	Carlow
FINAL	2	v	4

LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL

1.	Cavan	v	Dublin
2.	1	v	Wexford
3.	Longford	v	Westmeath
4.	Kildare	v	Louth
5.	4	v	Kilkenny
6.	Meath	v	Wicklow
7.	2	v	3
8.	5	v	6
FINAL	7	v	8

LEINSTER INTERMEDIATE HURLING

FINAL	Wexford	v	Kilkenny
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LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Tier II

1.	Westmeath	v	Laois
2.	Wexford	v	Offaly

Tier III

3.	Carlow	v	Kildare
4.	Wicklow	v	Meath

Next Round

5.	Loser 1	v	Winner 3
6.	Loser 2	v	Winner 4

Next Round

7.	Winner 1	v	Kilkenny
8.	Winner 2	v	Dublin

Next Round

9.	Winner 6	v	Loser 8
10.	Winner 5	v	Loser 7

11 Semi Final

12 Semi Final

FINAL	11	v	12
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LEINSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

LOSERS SECTION - ROUND I

LOSERS SECTION - ROUND II

QUARTER FINALS

SEMI FINALS

FINAL

AIB Club Championships 2012

AIB SENIOR CLUB HURLING

Draw will take place July 2012

AIB INTERMEDIATE CLUB HURLING

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS from Kilkenny, Wexford

SENIOR CHAMPIONS from Wicklow, Kildare, Meath

SENIOR 'B' CHAMPIONS from Dublin

1	Wicklow	v	Dublin	28.10.2012
2	1	v	Kilkenny	11.11.2012
3	Kildare	v	Meath	28.10.2012
4	3	v	Wexford	11.11.2012
CRAOBH	2	v	4	25.11.2012

AIB JUNIOR CLUB HURLING

SENIOR CHAMPIONS from Longford, Louth

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS from Laois, Offaly, Dublin,

Wicklow, Westmeath, Kildare, Meath, Carlow

INTERMEDIATE 'B' CHAMPIONS from Wexford

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS from Kilkenny

1	Meath	v	Wicklow	21.10.2012
2	1	v	Westmeath	4.11.2012
3	Carlow	v	Laois	21.10.2012
4	3	v	Louth	4.11.2012
5	Kildare	v	Dublin	21.10.2012
6	5	v	Wexford	4.11.2012
7	Offaly	v	Longford	21.10.2012
8	7	v	Kilkenny	4.11.2012
9	2	v	4	18.11.2012
10	6	v	8	18.11.2012
CRAOBH	9	v	10	2.12.2012

AIB SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL

Draw will take place July 2012

AIB INTERMEDIATE CLUB FOOTBALL

SENIOR CHAMPIONS from Kilkenny

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS from remaining 11 counties

1	Laois	v	Wexford	21.10.2012
2	1	v	Louth	4.11.2012
3	Offaly	v	Westmeath	21.10.2012
4	3	v	Meath	4.11.2012
5	Kilkenny	v	Carlow	21.10.2012
6	5	v	Kildare	4.11.2012
7	Dublin	v	Longford	21.10.2012
8	7	v	Wicklow	4.11.2012
9	2	v	4	18.11.2012
10	6	v	8	18.11.2012
CRAOBH	9	v	10	2.12.2012

AIB JUNIOR CLUB FOOTBALL

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS from Kilkenny

INTERMEDIATE RUNNERS-UP from Carlow/Longford

INTERMEDIATE 'B' CHAMPIONS from Wexford

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS from remaining 8 counties

1	Offaly	v	Meath	14.10.2012
2	1	v	Kilkenny	28.10.2012
3	Carlow	v	Dublin	14.10.2012
4	3	v	Wicklow	28.10.2012
5	Kildare	v	Longford	14.10.2012
6	5	v	Louth	28.10.2012
7	Wexford	v	Laois	14.10.2012
8	7	v	Westmeath	28.10.2012
9	2	v	4	11.11.2012
10	6	v	8	11.11.2012
CRAOBH	9	v	10	25.11.2012

Comhairle Laighean Clár na gCluichí 2012

PEIL SINSIR

			DATE	VENUE
1	Westmeath	v Louth	20.5.2012	Navan
2	Longford	v Laois	20.5.2012	Longford
3	Meath	v Wicklow	27.5.2012	Carlow
4		1 v Dublin	3.6.2012	Croke Park
5		2 v Wexford	3.6.2012	Croke Park
6		3 v Carlow	10.6.2012	Tullamore / Wexford
7	Offaly	v Kildare	16.6.2012	Portlaoise
8		4 v 5	1.7.2012	Croke Park
9		6 v 7	1.7.2012	Croke Park
FINAL		8 v 9	22.7.2012	Croke Park

IOMÁINT SINSIR

			DATE	VENUE
1	Westmeath	v Antrim	19.5.2012	Mullingar
2	Laois	v Carlow	19.5.2012	Carlow
3		2 v Dublin	2.6.2012	Tullamore
4	Offaly	v Wexford	2.6.2012	Tullamore
5	Galway	v 1	3.6.2012	Mullingar / TBA
6		5 v 4	17.6.2012	Portlaoise
7		3 v Kilkenny	23.6.2012	Portlaoise
FINAL		6 v 7	8.7.2012	Croke Park

FÉ 21 BLIAIN PEIL CADBURY'S

			DATE	VENUE
1	Wexford	v Dublin	29.2.2012	Belfield, Enniscorthy
2	Wicklow	v Carlow	29.2.2012	Baltinglass
3	Kilkenny	v Louth	29.2.2012	Ballyragget
4	Offaly	v Meath	29.2.2012	Gracefield
5		1 v Laois	7.3.2012	Belfield / Parnell Park
6		2 v Westmeath	7.3.2012	Baltinglass / Carlow I.T.
7		3 v Longford	7.3.2012	Ballyragget / Haggardstown
8		4 v Kildare	7.3.2012	Gracefield / Navan
9		5 v 6	21.3.2012	Neutral Venue
10		7 v 8	21.3.2012	Neutral Venue
FINAL		9 v 10	4.4.2012	Neutral Venue

NB

In the event of Replays (or possible neutral venues for Semi Finals / Final) the following other venues have been nominated:

1. Laois Portlaoise
2. Westmeath Athlone
3. Kildare Hawkfield
4. Longford Killoe

NB

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| All Ireland Under 21 FC Semi (Leinster v Munster) | 21.4.2012 |
| All Ireland Under 21 FC Final | 5.5.2012 |

FÉ 21 IOMÁINT BORD GAIS

1	Offaly	v	Wexford
2	1	v	Kilkenny
3	Laois	v	Dublin
4	3	v	Carlow
FINAL	2	v	4

DATE	VENUE
6.6.2012	Tullamore
20.6.2012	Tullamore / Kilkenny
6.6.2012	Portlaoise
20.6.2012	Carlow / Parnell Park
11.7.2012	TBC

FÉ 21 'A' IOMÁINT

1	Westmeath	v	Louth
2	1	v	Kildare
3	Meath	v	Wicklow
FINAL	2	v	3

DATE	VENUE
27.6.2012	Mullingar
11.7.2012	Newbridge / Drogheda
11.7.2012	Arklow
25.7.2012	TBC

PEIL MÍONÚIR

ROUND 1

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

Losers Section Round I

Losers Section Round II

Quarter Finals

Semi Finals

Final

DATE VENUE

14.4.2012	Kilkenny
14.4.2012	Drogheda
14.4.2012	Longford
14.4.2012	Aughrim
14.4.2012	Carlow
14.4.2012	Newbridge
25.4.2012	Le Socru
2.5.2012	Le Socru
19.5.2012	Le Socru
7/11.7.2012	Le Socru
22.7.2012	Croke Park

IOMÁINT MÍONÚIR

TIER II

1	Westmeath	v	Laois
2	Wexford	v	Offaly

DATE VENUE

21.4.2012	Mullingar
21.4.2012	Tullamore

TIER III

3	Carlow	v	Kildare
4	Wicklow	v	Meath

21.4.2012	Newbridge
21.4.2012	Arklow

NEXT ROUND

5	Loser 1	v	Winner 3
6	Loser 2	v	Winner 4

5.5.2012	Le Socru
5.5.2012	Le Socru

NEXT ROUND

7	Winner 1	v	Kilkenny
8	Winner 2	v	Dublin

5.5.2012	Home Venue of 1 or 2
5.5.2012	(or by arrangement)

NEXT ROUND

7	Winner 6	v	Loser 8
8	Winner 5	v	Loser 7

12.5.2012	Home Venue of 5 or 6
12.5.2012	(or by arrangement)

SEMI FINALS

24.06.2012	Venue t.b.a.
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To be drawn after Quarter Finals.

2011 Finalists (or team which defeats them) in opposite half of Draw.

Repeat fixtures to be avoided, if possible.

FINAL

8.7.2012	Croke Park
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IOMÁINT IDIRMHEANACH

FINAL

Wexford v Kilkenny

DATE
27.6.2012

VENUE
Wexford

PEIL SOISIR

1 Cavan v Dublin
2 1 v Wexford
3 Longford v Westmeath
4 Kildare v Louth
5 4 v Kilkenny
6 Meath v Wicklow

DATE
16.5.2012
30.5.2012
30.5.2012
16.5.2012
30.5.2012
30.5.2012

VENUE
Parnell Park
Parnell Park / Wexford
Longford
Newbridge
Newbridge / Drogheda
Navan

7 2 v 3

13.6.2012

Le Socru

8 5 v 6

13.6.2012

Le Socru

FINAL 7 v 8

27.6.2012

Le Socru

NB

All Ireland J.F.C. Semi Finals (Leinster v Munster)

11.8.2012

All Ireland J.F.C. Final

25.8.2012



Westmeath - Leinster Under-21 'A' Hurling Champions 2011

Cluichí Laighean 2011

O'BYRNE CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

9/1	Cill Dara	0-16	Longphort	0-08	Newbridge
9/1	Cill Mhantain	1-10	Laois	1-09	Portlaoise
9/1	Lu	2-15	Athlone I.T.	0-04	Drogheda
9/1	DIT	2-18	Loch Garman	0-04	Enniscorthy
9/1	Ceatharloch	5-13	Cill Chainnigh	0-08	Carlow
11/1	Iarmhi	0-12	Ath Cliath	1-08	St. Lomans
11/1	UCD	1-09	An Mhi.	0-10	Navan
12/1	DCU	0-17	Uibh Fhaili	0-08	Rhode
16/1	Iarmhi	1-09	DIT	0-08	Athlone
16/1	Cill Dara	1-11	DCU	0-09	Newbridge
16/1	Lu	2-13	Cill Mhantain	1-12	Drogheda
16/1	UCD	0-13	Ceatharloch	0-10	Tullow
23/1	Cill Dara	0-12	Iarmhi	0-08	Mullingar
23/1	Lu	2-11	UCD	0-16	Drogheda
30/1	Cill Dara	3-09	Lu	2-09	Newbridge

O'BYRNE SHIELD SENIOR FOOTBALL

15/1	An Mhi.	0-13	Cill Chainnigh	1-03	Navan
16/1	Uibh Fhaili	1-09	Longphort	1-08	Longford
16/1	Ath Cliath	6-10	Loch Garman	1-08	Parnell Park
16/1	Laois	1-11	Ath Luain I.T.	0-12	Portarlington
22/1	Ath Cliath	3-13	Uibh Fhaili	0-07	Parnell Park
25/1	An Mhi.	0-11	Laois	0-08	Navan
29/1	Ath Cliath	2-16	An Mhi.	2-14	Parnell Park (AET)

WALSH CUP SENIOR HURLING

15/1	NUI Gaillimh	0-22	Uibh Fhaili	1-10	Banagher
16/1	Aontroim	3-12	Iarmhi	2-11	St. Lomans
16/1	DIT	2-17	Ceatharloch	1-12	Carlow
16/1	Laois	0-24	UCD	2-14	Rathdowney
23/1	Ath Cliath	2-13	Aontroim	0-12	Parnell Park
23/1	Laois	2-16	Loch Garman	1-16	Rathdowney
23/1	Cill Chainnigh	3-16	NUIG	2-12	Ballyraggett
23/1	Gaillimh	0-20	DIT	2-12	Ballinasloe
29/1	Ath Cliath	1-20	Gaillimh	3-13	Parnell Park
30/1	Cill Chainnigh	3-16	Laois	1-09	Rathdowney
27/2	Ath Cliath	2-17	Cill Chainnigh	2-13	Parnell Park

WALSH SHIELD SENIOR HURLING

28/1	Ceatharloch	2-13	Iarmhi	0-16	St. Lomans
30/1	Uibh Fhaili	0-23	UCD	0-12	Banagher
5/2	Ceatharloch	0-13	Uibh Fhaili	1-10	Carlow
	(abandoned in Extra time)				
15/6	Uibh Fhaili	3-23	Ceatharloch	2-14	Portlaoise

KEHOE CUP SENIOR HURLING

9/11	Fingal.....	2-11	Trinity.....	1-09	Portmarnock
15/1	Ros Comain.....	2-10	Lu.....	2-07	Drogheda
16/1	Ard Mhacha.....	5-17	Carlow IT.....	3-21	Carlow IT
16/1	Cill Mhantain.....	2-15	Fingal.....	1-17	Swords
23/1	An Mhi.....	4-22	Ros Comain.....	1-15	Trim
23/1	DCU.....	2-23	An Dun.....	4-15	DCU
23/1	GMIT.....	4-14	Ard Mhacha.....	2-17	Darver
23/1	Cill Mhantain.....	2-16	Cill Dara.....	2-09	Rathdrum
29/1	An Mhi.....	0-19	GMIT.....	1-15	Trim
30/1	Cill Mhantain.....	4-15	DCU.....	1-11	Rathdrum
6/2	An Mhi.....	0-16	Cill Mhantain.....	1-11	Arklow

KEHOE SHIELD SENIOR HURLING

23/1	Trinity.....	0-25	Ceatharloch IT.....	2-16	Clan na Gael
23/1	Lu.....	1-14	Fingal.....	1-09	Swords
30/1	Trinity.....	1-21	Lu.....	2-14	Darver (AET)

CADBURY'S LEINSTER GAA UNDER 21 FC

23/2	Iarmhi.....	1-15	Laois.....	1-05	Portlaoise
23/2	An Mhi.....	0-21	Ath Cliath.....	0-17	Navan (AET)
23/2	Loch Garman.....	1-15	Lu.....	2-08	Enniscorthy
23/2	Ceatharloch.....	2-14	Cill Mhantain.....	0-12	Carlow IT
9/3	Loch Garman.....	0-13	Cill Dara.....	0-12	Enniscorthy
9/3	Iarmhi.....	0-12	Uibh Fhaili.....	0-06	Athlone
9/3	Longphort.....	0-17	An Mhi.....	2-09	Navan (AET)
9/3	Ceatharloch.....	8-18	Cill Chainnigh.....	1-01	Carlow IT
23/3	Longphort.....	0-10	Iarmhi.....	0-09	Navan
23/3	Loch Garman.....	1-10	Ceatharloch.....	0-09	Portlaoise
6/4	Loch Garman.....	1-09	Longphort.....	0-11	Portlaoise

LEINSTER U-21 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

29/6	An Mhi.....	4-18	Lu.....	2-04	Dundalk
13/7	An Mhi.....	1-10	Cill Dara.....	0-10	Trim
27/7	Iarmhi.....	2-17	An Mhi.....	1-18	Trim (AET)

LEINSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

16/4	Lu.....	1-13	An Mhi.....	1-11	Haggardstown
16/4	Uibh Fhaili.....	3-07	Cill Mhantain.....	1-09	Aughrim
16/4	Ath Cliath.....	4-15	Iarmhi.....	0-08	Parnell Park
16/4	Cill Dara.....	1-15	Longphort.....	0-08	Newbridge
16/4	Laois.....	1-14	Ceatharloch.....	1-07	Carlow
16/4	Loch Garman.....	7-17	Cill Chainnigh.....	0-00	Gorey
27/4	Longphort.....	1-10	Iarmhi.....	0-07	Longford
29/4	An Mhi.....	1-17	Ceatharloch.....	1-03	Carlow
7/5	Longphort.....	4-14	Cill Mhantain.....	0-04	Longford
14/5	Lu.....	3-06	Laois.....	1-06	Portlaoise
14/5	An Mhi.....	1-16	Loch Garman.....	0-03	Navan
14/5	Cill Dara.....	0-16	Uibh Fhaili.....	0-08	Tullamore
14/5	Ath Cliath.....	0-10	Longford.....	0-05	Longford
29/6	An Mhi.....	0-13	Lu.....	0-10	Navan
29/6	Ath Cliath.....	1-24	Cill Dara.....	0-11	Parnell Park
10/7	Ath Cliath.....	2-18	An Mhi.....	1-11	Croke Park

LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

9/4	Iarmhi	2-24	Ceatharloch	1-09	Carlow
23/4	An Mhi	1-16	Cill Dara	1-14	Newbridge
23/4	Iarmhi	1-19	Laois	0-16	Portlaoise
23/4	Loch Garman	3-13	Uibh Fhaili	3-10	Wexford
23/4	Ceatharloch	3-22	Cill Mhantain	0-05	Carlow
7/5	Uibh Fhaili	3-16	Ceatharloch	1-10	Carlow
7/5	Ath Cliath	1-18	Loch Garman	3-10	Wexford
7/5	Laois	2-21	An Mhi	4-08	Navan
7/5	Cill Chainnigh	2-10	Iarmhi	1-11	Mullingar
21/5	Iarmhi	1-14	Uibh Fhaili	0-09	Tullamore
21/5	Loch Garman	2-12	Laois	1-07	Portlaoise
25/6	Ath Cliath	1-16	Iarmhi	2-07	Parnell Park
25/6	Cill Chainnigh	2-19	Loch Garman	2-13	Wexford
3/7	Ath Cliath	1-14	Cill Chainnigh	1-11	Croke Park

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

14/5	Aontroim	1-21	Laois	3-12	Portlaoise
22/5	Iarmhi	4-10	Ceatharloch	1-14	Carlow
29/5	Loch Garman	3-16	Aontroim	1-11	Wexford
29/5	Ath Cliath	2-21	Uibh Fhaili	1-20	Croke Park
4/6	Gaillimh	4-17	Iarmhi	2-14	Mullingar
11/6	Cill Chainnigh	1-26	Loch Garman	1-15	Wexford
18/6	Ath Cliath	0-19	Gaillimh	2-07	Tullamore
3/7	Cill Chainnigh	4-17	Ath Cliath	1-15	Croke Park

LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

22/5	Laois	0-10	Longphort	0-09	Portlaoise
22/5	Cill Dara	0-12	Cill Mhantain	0-05	Portlaoise
28/5	Loch Garman	2-16	Uibh Fhaili	0-08	Tullamore
5/6	Cill Dara	0-16	An Mhi	1-10	Croke Park
5/6	Ath Cliath	1-16	Laois	0-11	Croke Park
11/6	Loch Garman	1-24	Iarmhi	0-15	Wexford
12/6	Ceatharloch	0-14	Lu	0-13	Portlaoise
26/6	Loch Garman	4-12	Ceatharloch	0-10	Croke Park
26/6	Ath Cliath	1-12	Cill Dara	1-11	Croke Park
10/7	Ath Cliath	2-12	Loch Garman	1-12	Croke Park

LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

11/5	Longphort	1-09	An Mhi	0-08	Navan
25/5	Cill Dara	2-14	Lu	1-08	Newbridge
25/5	Ath Cliath	2-13	Cill Mhantain	1-09	Parnell Park
25/5	An Cabhan	1-12	Longphort	2-06	Longford
25/5	Cill Chainnigh	3-05	Loch Garman	0-13	Kilkenny
8/6	An Cabhan	0-13	Cill Chainnigh	0-04	Kilkenny
8/6	Cill Dara	1-09	Ath Cliath	0-05	Parnell Park
6/7	Cill Dara	5-08	An Cabhan	1-09	Newbridge

LEINSTER JUNIOR HURLING SHIELD

26/3	Lu	0-17	Warwickshire	2-06	Birmingham
3/4	Iarmhi	3-19	Longphort	3-12	Edgeworthstown
9/4	Warwickshire	2-14	Longphort	1-10	Birmingham
16/4	Iarmhi	5-17	Warwickshire	1-12	Mullingar
16/4	Lu	W/O	Longphort	SCR	Darver
31/10	Iarmhi	W/O	Lu	SCR	Darver

BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER UNDER-21 HC

7/6	Loch Garman	1-16	Cill Chainnigh	2-12	Wexford
8/6	Ath Cliath	4-11	Ceatharloch	0-11	Carlow
22/6	Loch Garman	7-18	Laois	2-10	Wexford
23/6	Ath Cliath	0-21	Uibh Fhaili	0-08	Parnell Park
13/7	Ath Cliath	1-18	Loch Garman	0-11	Wexford

LEINSTER INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

6/7	Cill Chainnigh	2-19	Loch Garman	2-08	Kilkenny
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LEINSTER CLUB HURLING LEAGUE FINALS

DIVISION 1 FINAL

1/7	Clara (KK)	1-19	Nh. Eoin (CW)	3-09	Carlow
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DIVISION 2 FINAL

29/5	Crumlin (D)	0-16	Shamrocks (OY)	0-13	Croke Park
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DIVISION 3 FINAL

28/5	Shanahoe (LS)	1-09	Na Fianna (MH)	0-12	Tullamore
4/6	Na Fianna (MH)	2-17	Shanahoe (LS)	1-12	St. Lomans

DIVISION 4 FINAL

11/6	Kevins (D)	2-13	Pearse Og (LH)	0-10	Navan
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AIB LEINSTER CLUB SFC

13/11	St. Brigids	2-15	Summerhill	0-11	Navan
13/11	Portlaoise	2-12	St. Patricks	1-14	Portlaoise (AET)
13/11	Athy	1-08	Edenderry	1-05	Newbridge
13/11	Garrycastle	4-11	Longford Slashers	1-06	Mullingar
20/11	St. Brigids	1-20	Horeswood	3-08	Parnell Park
20/11	Portlaoise	1-14	Rathnew	0-12	Portlaoise
20/11	Athy	1-13	Old Leighlin	1-03	Newbridge
4/12	St. Brigids	2-16	Portlaoise	1-15	Parnell Park (AET)
4/12	Garrycastle	1-10	Athy	1-06	Newbridge
18/12	Garrycastle	1-08	St. Brigids	0-10	Tullamore

AIB LEINSTER CLUB SHC

6/11	Oulart the Ballagh	2-12	James Stephens	0-15	Kilkenny
6/11	Ballyboden St Endas	2-12	Clonkill	1-13	Mullingar
13/11	Oulart the Ballagh	3-12	Clough Ballacolla	2-11	Wexford
13/11	Coolderry	1-18	Ballyboden St Endas	0-15	Parnell Park
27/11	Coolderry	1-15	Oulart the Ballagh	1-11	Kilkenny

AIB LEINSTER CLUB IFC

23/10	O'Raghallaighs.....	0-14	Moynalvey	0-08	Drogheda
23/10	St. Brigids (OY).....	1-10	Killeshin	0-09	Croghan
23/10	Coralstown/Kinnegad....	0-18	St. Brigids (LD).....	0-05	Kinnegad
6/11	Eire Og Greystones.....	1-06	O'Raghallaighs.....	0-07	Drogheda
6/11	St. Brigids (OY).....	1-10	St. Martins (WX).....	0-07	Croghan
6/11	Muckalee.....	1-13	St. Andrews (CW).....	1-07	Carlow
13/11	Skerries Harps	1-08	Muckalee.....	0-07	Castlecomer
13/11	Confey	3-08	Coralstown/Kinnegad....	1-13	Kinnegad
20/11	Confey.....	2-08	Skerries Harps	0-09	Parnell Park
20/11	Eire Og Greystones.....	2-11	St. Brigids (OY)	0-12	Aughrim
4/12	Eire Og Greystones.....	0-08	Confey.....	0-06	Aughrim

AIB LEINSTER CLUB IHC

23/10	Danesfort	0-18	Kildalkey	1-07	Navan
23/10	Celbridge.....	1-12	Glenealy	1-08	Arklow
6/11	Mt. Leinster Rangers....	1-10	Danesfort	1-08	Kilkenny
6/11	Celbridge.....	0-17	Adamstown	1-07	Newbridge
19/11	Mount Leinster Rngrs....	1-13	Celbridge.....	0-13	Newbridge

AIB LEINSTER CLUB JFC

22/10	Geraldine O'Hanrahans ..	2-12	St. Pauls (WH).....	2-02	New Ross
23/10	Clonmore	2-04	Robertstown.....	1-06	Carlow
23/10	Naomh Fechin	0-13	Ballymore (LD).....	0-06	Abbeylara
6/11	Cappincur	0-11	Clonmore	0-09	Carlow
6/11	St. Fechins.....	3-09	Man O War.....	1-06	Dunleer
6/11	Ballivor	0-16	Spink	1-07	Crettyard
6/11	Geraldine O'Hanrahans ..	4-11	Kilmacanogue	0-06	New Ross
20/11	St. Fechins	1-07	Cappincur	0-07	Tullamore (AET)
20/11	Ballivor	1-13	Geraldine O'Hanrahans ..	1-07	Navan
4/11	Ballivor	1-15	St. Fechins.....	1-08	Drogheda (AET)

AIB LEINSTER CLUB JHC

15/10	St. Patricks (WW)	2-15	Naomh Barrog.....	0-10	Paicr Barrog
15/10	Carlow Town.....	0-13	Maynooth.....	1-07	Bagenalstown
15/10	Knockbridge	1-11	Boardsmill.....	0-13	Dundalk
29/10	St. Patricks (KK).....	2-17	Carlow Town	0-06	Carlow
30/10	Ballyfin	1-14	Knockbridge	0-15	Knockbridge
30/10	Horeswood.....	1-13	St. Brigids (WH).....	0-12	Rochfortbridge
30/10	Brosna Gaels.....	4-14	St. Patricks (WW)	1-12	Dunbar Park
13/11	Ballyfin	1-12	Horeswood.....	1-10	Portlaoise
13/11	St. Patricks (KK).....	2-18	Brosna Gaels	1-04	Ballyragget
27/11	St. Patricks (KK).....	0-20	Ballyfin	1-07	Portlaoise

LEINSTER CLUB SPECIAL JH COMPETITION

23/10	St. Laurences.....	0-09	Southern Gaels	1-05	Athlone
6/11	Park Ratheniska	1-13	Mattock Rangers	1-05	Darver
6/11	Parnells	2-14	Killeigh	2-06	Swords
13/11	Park Ratheniska	3-12	St. Laurences	0-07	Ratheniska
20/11	Park Ratheniska	2-10	Parnells.....	1-08	Ratheniska

Cluichí Iarbhunskoileanna Laighean 2010-2011

COMORTAS PEIL	BUATHOIRI	NEASOIRI	ÁTH CLIATH		
Colleges SF "A"	Dundalk Colleges	St. Pat's Navan	Juv. H "A"	Col Eanna	St. Fintan's HS
Voc. Sch. SF "A"	Gallen CS Ferbane	Col Bhride Carnew	Juv. H "A" Shield	Sc Aodhain	St. Colmcille's CS
Colleges SF "B"	Sc Mhuire Clane	Sc Chaitriona	Juv. H "B"	Clonkeen College	St. David's CBS
Voc. Sch. SF "B"	Maynooth PP	St. Farnan's Prosperous	Juv. H "C"	Templeogue College	Terenure College
Schools SF "C"	Mercy Sec Sch Kilbeggan	St. Kevin's CBS	Juv. H "D"	Col Chiarain	Col Chillian
Schools SF "D"	Col Cois Life	O'Fiaich College	Juv. H "E"	Grange CC	PS Neasain
			Tom Quinlan Cup	St. Declan's CBS	Ardscoil Ris
Jun. F "A"	Good Counsel College	Marist Athlone	Tom Quinlan Shield	St. McDara's	St. Kevin's CBS
Jun. F "B"	Col Eanna	Portlaoise CBS	Tom Quinlan Plate	Colaiste Dhulaigh	Luttrellstown CC
Jun. F "C"	Ratoath College	Heywood CS			
Jun. F "D"	St. Farnan's Prosperous	Moyle Park	Jun. H "A"	St. Benildus	Sc Aodhain
			Jun. H "B"	St. David's CBS	St. Fintan's HS
Voc. Sch. Jun. F "A"	Cnoc Mhuire Granard	Ashbourne CS	Jun. H "C"	Terenure College	Templeogue College
			Jun. H "D"	Col Choilm	Col Chiarain
Juv. F "A"	Good Counsel	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge			
Juv. F "B"	St. Kieran's College	Sc Dara Kilcock	Sen. H "A"	St. Benildus	St. Fintan's HS
Juv. F "C"	St. Kevin's Dunlavin	Mountmellick CS	Sen. H "A" Shield	St. Colmcilles	Salesian College
Juv. F "D"	Tullamore College	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Sen. H "B"	Sc Chaitriona	St. Kevin's CBS
			Sen. H "C"	Templeogue College	Col Cois Life
Inter County SF	An Mhí	Cill Mhantain	Sen. H "C1"	Confey College	St. Vincent's CBS
			Juv. F "A"	Sc Aodhain	St. Benildus
IOMÁINT			Juv. F "B"	Col Eanna	Terenure College
Colleges SH "A"	St. Kieran's College	Castlecomer CS	Juv. F "C"	St. Kevin's CBS	Portmarnock CS
Colleges SH "A" Lge	St. Kieran's College	Castlecomer CS	Juv. F "D"	St. Mark's CS	Hartstown CS
Colleges SH "B"	Col Mhuire Mullingar	Gorey CS	Juv. F "E1"	Synge Street CBS	St. Tiernan's CS
('Rest of Leinster')			Juv. F "E2"	Balbriggan CC	Ardgillan CC
Colleges SH "B"	Col Mhuire Mullingar	St. Benildus			
Voc. Sch. SH "A"	Banagher College	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Jun. F "A"	Ardscoil Ris	Col Eoin
Voc. Sch. SH "B"	Col Naomh Cormac	Col Bhride Carnew	Jun. F "B"	Col Eanna	St. David's CBS
Schools SH "C"	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge	Sc Chaitriona	Jun. F "C"	Clonkeen College	Beneavin College
			Jun. F "D"	Moyle Park	Col de hIde
Jun. H "A"	St. Kieran's College	St. Peter's Wexford	Jun. F "E"	Col Chillian	Killinarden CS
Jun. H "A" Shield	St. Brendan's Birr	Castlecomer CS			
Jun. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Heywood CS	Sen. F "A"	St. Benildus	Maynooth PP
Voc. Sch. Jun. H "A"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	St. Fergal's Rathdowney	Sen. F "B"	Sc Chaitriona	Col Eanna
			Sen. F "C"	St. Kevin's CBS	Marian College
Juv. H "A" League	St. Kieran's College	Kilkenny CBS	Sen. F "D"	Col Cois Life	Donahies CS
Juv. H "A" Dr Barry Cup	St. Kieran's College	Kilkenny CBS	Sen. F "D1"	PS Neasain	St. Paul's CBS
Jun. H "A" Power Cup	St. Peter's Wexford	St. Brendan's Birr			
Jun. H "A" Group Comp	Dublin South	North Offaly			
Jun. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Colaiste Eanna			

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Colleges SF "B"	Sc Mhuire Clane	Col Choilm Tullamore
Schools SF "C"	Mercy Sec Sch Kilbeggan	Ardee CS
Schools SF "D"	O'Fiaich College	Oaklands CC
Sch SF League "A"	St. Mel's Longford	St. Pat's Navan
Sch SF League "B"	St. Peter's Dunboyne	Sc Mhuire Clane
Jun. F "A"	Marist Athlone	St. Pat's Navan
Jun. F "B"	Moate CS	St. Mary's Edenderry
Jun. F "C"	Ratoath College	Cnoc Mhuire Granard
Jun. F "D"	Tullamore College	Lanesboro CC

Juv. F "A"	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge	Marist Athlone
Juv. F "B"	Sc Dara Kilcock	St. Finian's Mullingar
Juv. F "C"	Mountmellick CS	Dundalk DLS
Juv. F "D"	Tullamore College	St. Fergal's Rathdowney
Juv. F "D1" 11 a side	Col na hInse Laytown	Ardsc Phadraig Granard

IOMÁINT

Sch SH "C"	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge	Sc Mhuire Clane
Sch SH "C1"	Boyne CS	Moate CS
Jun. H "B"	Heywood CS	Portlaoise CBS
Jun. H "C"	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge	Boyne CS
Jun. H "D"	Dundalk DLS	St. Farnan's Prosperous
Juv. H "B"	Banagher College	Mountrath CS
Juv. H "C"	St. Joseph Rochfortbridge	Boyne CS

LAIGHEAN THEAS

PEIL

Colleges SF "B"	Gorey CS	Portlaoise CBS
Sch SF "C"	Gaelcol. Ceatharloch	St Fergal's Rathd'
Sch SF "D"	St. Brendan's Bray	Bunclody CC
Sch SF League	Ardsc na Trionoide Athy	Col Eoin
Jun. F "A"	Good Counsel Col	St. Mary's Carlow CBS
Jun. F "B"	Portlaoise CBS	St. Kieran's Kilkenny
Jun. F "C"	Heywood CS	Wicklow DLS
Jun. F "D1"	Ramsgrange CS	Avondale CC
Jun. F "D2"	St. Farnan's Prosperous	Gaelcol Ceatharloch
Juv. F "A"	Good Counsel College	St. Peter's Wexford
Juv. F "B"	St. Kieran's College	Col Bhríde Carnew
Juv. F "C"	St. Kevin's Dunlavin	St. Joseph's Kildare
Juv. F "D"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Gaelcol Ceatharloch

IOMÁINT

Sch SH "C"	Duiske College	Knockbeg College
Sch SH "C1"	Mountmellick CS	Tullow CS
Jun. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Borris VS
Jun. H "C1"	Wicklow Schools	Sc Aireagail Ballyhale
Jun. H "C2"	Sc Mhuire Clane	Naas CBS
Juv. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Col Eamann Ris Callan
Juv. H "C1"	Borris VS	Naas CBS
Juv. H "C2"	Abbey CC Ferrybank	Wexford CBS

HANDBALL - BOYS

COLLEGES - 60 X 30

U-19 Singles	St. Peter's Wexford	Castlecomer CS
U-19 Doubles	Col Eamann Ris Callan	Kells CS
U-17 Singles	Col Bhríde Carnew	Sc Aireagail Ballyhale
U-17 Doubles	St. Peter's Wexford	Sc Chaitriona
U-15 Singles	Good Counsel Col	St. Kieran's College
U-15 Doubles	Kells CS	Col Eamann Ris Callan
First Yr Singles	Col Bhríde Carnew	Kilkenny CBS
First Yr Doubles	Castlecomer CS	St. Peter's Wexford

COLLEGES - 40 X 20

U-19 Singles	Castlecomer C.S.	Wexford VC
U-19 Doubles	Colaiste Eamann Ris Callan	Bridgetown VC
U-17 Singles	Col Bhríde Carnew	Cistercian Roscrea
U-17 Doubles	St. Peter's Wexford	Sc Chaitriona
U-15 Singles	Col Bhríde Carnew	St. Kieran's
U-15 Doubles	Kells CS	Col Eamann Ris Callan
First Yr Singles	Col Bhríde Carnew	St. Kieran's College
First Yr Doubles	St. Peter's Wexford	Castlecomer CS

HANDBALL - GIRLS

COLLEGES - 60 X 30

U-19 Singles	St. Brigid's Callan	Castlecomer CS
U-19 Doubles	Dominican College	Kilkenny City VC
U-16 Singles	Loreto Sec Sch. Kilkenny	Carlow VS
U-16 Doubles	Loreto Sec Sch Kilkenny	Col Chiarain Leixlip
First Yr Singles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Bridgetown VC
First Yr Doubles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Bridgetown VC

COLLEGES - 40 X 20

U-19 Singles	Castlecomer CS	St. Brendan's Birr
U-19 Doubles	Dominican College	Kilkenny City VS
U-16 Singles	Loreto Sec Sch Kilkenny	St. Brigid's Callan
U-16 Doubles	Loreto Sec Sch Kilkenny	Col Chiarain Leixlip
First Yr Singles	Sc Chaitriona	Bridgetown VC
First Yr Doubles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Bridgetown VC

Cluichí Liathróid Láimhe Laighean 2010

40x20

MS.	Niall O'Connor (Kildare)	Keith Kavanagh (Wicklow)
MD.	Niall O'Connor / Robert Maguire (Kildare)	Keith Kavanagh / Jonathon Smith (Ww)
U21S.	Patrick Funchion (Kilkenny)	Gary Donohue (Wicklow)
U21D.	Patrick Funchion / Peter Funchion (Kilkenny)	Keith Bourke/Eoghan Hennessy(Kilkenny)
JBS.	Daniel Fenlon (Carlow)	Maurice Murray (Kildare)
JBD.	Daniel Fenlon / Oliver Ryan (Carlow)	Brendan Hosey / Andrew Lawlor (Kk)
JS.	Paul Lambert (Wexford)	Pat O'Donnell (Wicklow)
JD.	Paul Lambert/Peter Hughes (Wexford)	Jerome Willoughby/Pat O'Donnell (Ww)
IS.	Nicholas Anthony (Kilkenny)	Carl Browne (Meath)
ID.	Nicholas Anthony / Brian Manogue (Kilkenny)	Carl Browne / Gary McConnell (Meath)
SS.	Eoghan Kennedy (Dublin)	Robert McCarthy (Westmeath)
SD.	Michael Gregan / Johnny Willoughby (Wicklow)	Eoin Kennedy / Egin Jensen (Dublin)
O35S	Gavin Buggy (Wexford)	David King (Carlow)
O35D	Michael Clifford / Eddie Burke (Kilkenny)	David King / Francis King (Carlow)
MAS.	Michael Walsh (Kilkenny)	John Ryan (Carlow)
MAD.	Michael Walsh / D J Carey (Kilkenny)	Tom Sheridan / John Leahy (Meath)
MBS.	Christy Donnelly (Dublin)	Damien Kelly (Wexford)
MBD.	David Clifford / Nicky Reilly (Kilkenny)	Jimmy Reilly / Joe Lynch (Meath)
SMAS.	Billy Bourke (Kilkenny)	Egin Jensen (Dublin)
SMAD.	Egin Jensen / Frank Daly (Dublin)	Billy Bourke / Billy Walsh (Kilkenny)
SMBS.	Joe Walsh (Kilkenny)	Joe Brennan (Laois)
SMBD.	Joe Walsh / Liam Law (Kilkenny)	Eamonn & Jimmy Purcell (Kilkenny)
GMAS.	Michael Dowling (Kildare)	Benny Doyle (Wexford)
GMAD.	Martin Clancy / John Rossiter (Carlow)	Johnny Brennan / Joe Hennessy (Kk)
GMBS.	Jimmy Reilly (Meath)	Paul Ruane (Kildare)
GMBD.	Paul Ruane / Cyril Kaar (Kildare)	Paddy Fennelly/Pat Funchion (Kilkenny)
EMAS.	Billy Mullins (Offaly)	Tony Breen (Wexford)
EMAD.	Billy Mullins / Jim Guilfoyle(Offaly)	Sean & Andy Ryan (Carlow)
EMBS.	Joe Anthony (Kilkenny)	Paddy Kelly (Wicklow)
EMBD.	Eamonn Sunderland/Michael Doyle (Carlow)	Joe Anthony/Gerry Murphy (Kilkenny)
DMAS.	Eugene Kennedy (Dublin)	Ned Buggy (Wexford)
DMAD.	Garrett Somers / Ned Buggy (Wexford)	Richard Willoughby/Pat Doyle (Wicklow)
DMBS.	Des Lyons (Kildare)	Jim Dooley (Kilkenny)
DMBD.	Michael Dalton / Jim Dooley (Kilkenny)	Anthony O'Reilly / Pat Bowe (Wexford)
RMS.	Eddie Flynn (Dublin)	John Molloy (Dublin)
RMD.	Eddie Flynn / John Molloy (Dublin)	Dick Doyle / Paddy Lennon (Wicklow)
LMS.	Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny)	Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
LMD.	Ciara Mahon / Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)	Lisa McKenna/Susan Clinton (Dublin)
LJBS.	Rachel Hogan (Kilkenny)	Marie Walshe (Kilkenny)
LJBD.	Rachel Hogan / Marie Walshe (Kilkenny)	Ellen O'Connor / Aileen Quinn (Kildare)
LJS.	Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath)	Margurite Gore (Wexford)
LJD.	Niamh Egan / Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath)	Margurite Gore/Martina Walsh (Wexford)
LIS.	Shauna Hilley (Wicklow)	Sandra Barnes (Wicklow)
LID.	Shauna Hilley / Sandra Barnes (Wicklow)	Ciara Mullins / Miriam Ryan (Carlow)
LSS.	Shauna Hilley (Wicklow)	Anna Spence (Kildare)
LSD.	Patricia Doyle / Stacey Doyle (Wicklow)	Marie Walshe / Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
Del Cup	Sean Ryan/Kevin Cooke (Offaly)	Eddie English/Andrew Dolwil

40x20 (Boys)

U12S.	Sean Carey (Kilkenny)	Anthony Butler (Wexford)
U12D.	John Delaney / Ian Clifford (Kilkenny)	Danny Dunne / Daniel Farrelly (Meath)
U13S.	Sean Muddiman (Kildare)	Johnny O'Leary (Carlow)
U13D.	Danny McWilliams/Daniel Kavanagh (Wex)	Jack Tobin/Kieth Diggins (Kildare)
U14S.	Daniel Curry (Wicklow)	Sean Carey (Kilkenny)
U14D.	Seamus Sinnott / Ben O'Shea (Wexford)	Conor Dwyer/Padraig Cooney(Kilkenny)
U15S.	J.J. English (Kilkenny)	Rob Fox (Meath)
U15D.	Evan Sheridan / Dylan Sheridan (Meath)	Brian Mahon / Darragh O'Shea(Kilkenny)
U16S.	Martin Mullins (Carlow)	Emmett Landy (Kilkenny)
U16D.	Adrian Farrell / Patrick Brennan (Kilkenny)	Daniel O'Leary / Jim O'Leary(Carlow)
U17S.	Dylan Walsh (Kilkenny)	James Baugh (Meath)
U17D.	Cian O Dálaigh / Corey Fay (Dublin)	Gary Reilly / Jack Tunney (Meath)

40x20 (Girls)

U12S.	Leah Doyle (Kildare)	Jessie Morrissey (Wexford)
U12D.	Roisin Cooney/Holly Hynes(Wexford)	Niamh Masterson/SaoirseTiernan (Kd)
U13D.	Tricia Buggy / Catriona Lawlor (Kilkenny)	Roisin Walsh / Niamh Doyle (Wexford)
U14S.	Deirdre Purcell (Kilkenny)	Chloe Cash (Wexford)
U14D.	Hannah Dagg / Aine O'Keefe (Kildare)	Lucille Pendergast / Aoife O'Neill (Wex)
U15S.	Amy McGrane (Kildare)	Karen Walshe (Kilkenny)
U15D.	Aisling Maher / Denise Love (Kilkenny)	Ciara Diggins / Kate Dagg (Kildare)
U16S.	Catherine Foley (Kilkenny)	Kate Moran (Carlow)
U16D.	Michelle Nolan/Shannon Byrne (Carlow)	-----
U17S.	Eleanor Buggy (Dublin)	Eadoain Miskella (Wexford)
U17D.	Lauren Barcoe / Mary Buggy (Kilkenny)	-----
U17D.	Lisa McKenna / Susan Keegan (Dublin)	Hazel Cuddihy/ Megan Clifford(Kilkenny)

Under 12 / 13 Team 6

Kilkenny: Dion Bourke, Shane Dunne, Conor Murphy, Mark Purcell, Michael Carey, John Delaney, Dean Farrell, Roy Cullen

Under 14 / 15 Team 6

Carlow: Jim O'Leary, Alan Hosey, Paddy Shanahan, David Curtis, Jim O'Leary, Damien Jordan, David Nolan

Under 16 / 17 Team 4

Kilkenny: Richard Falsey, Fergal Lalor, Eoin Doyle, Ronan Egan, Johnny Mulholland

Junior (B) Inter Club Garryhill (Carlow)
Junior Inter Club Leixlip (Kildare)
Intermediate Club Cooboy (Wicklow)
Open Inter Club Cooboy (Wicklow)

60 x 30

MS. Nial O'Connor (Kildare)
MD. Dean Corrigan/Cory Murphy (Wexford)
U21S. Gerard McGrath (Kilkenny)
U21D. Graham Clifford/Chris Dawson (Kilkenny)
JBS. Peter Flanagan (Meath)
JBD. David Kenny/Diarmuid Smyth (Wexford)
JS. Paul Lambert (Wexford)
JD. David Hope/Michael O'Brien (Offaly)
IS. Gary McConnell (Meath)
ID. Gary McConnell / Peter Reilly (Meath)
SS. Eoin Kennedy (Dublin)
O35AS. Gavin Buggy (Wexford)
O35AD. Gavin Buggy/Paul Carty (Wexford)
O35BS. Eugene Kelly (Wexford)
O35BD. Sean Quigley/David Clifford (Kilkenny)
MAS. Michael Walsh (Kilkenny)
MAD. Michael Walsh / D J Carey (Kilkenny)
MBS. Shane Rossitor (Wexford)
MBD. Ricky Barron/Tom Connor (Wexford)
SMAS. Egin Jensen (Dublin)
SMAD. Billy Bourke / Philly Parsons (Kilkenny)
SMBS. Tom Dooley (Kilkenny)
SMBD. Paul Dowling / Chris Dunne (Kilkenny)
GMAS. Jimmy Reilly (Meath)
GMAD. Jimmy Reilly / Anthony McConnell (Meath)
GMBS. Eamonn Purcell (Kilkenny)
GMBD. Paul Ruane/Cyril Kaar (Kildare)
EMAS. John Rossitor (Carlow)
EMAD. Sean & Andy Ryan (Carlow)
EMBS. Brendan Murphy (Wexford)
EMBD. Gerry Murphy / Jim Dooley (Kilkenny)
DMAS. Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny)
DMAD. Paddy Reilly / Seamus Reade(Kilkenny)
DMBS. Jim Dooley (Kilkenny)
DMBD. Des Lyons / John O'Neill (Kildare)
RMS. Dermot Howard (Kildare)
RMD. Pat Ryan / Michael O'Brien (Dublin)
LMS. Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny)
LMD. Ciara Mahon / Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
LJBS. Rachel Hogan (Kilkenny)
LJBD. Rachel Hogan / Claire Grace (Kilkenny)
LJS. Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath)
LJD. Aoife McCarthy/Niamh Egan (Westmeath)
LIS. Rebecca Mulholland (Kilkenny)
LID. Rebecca Mulholland/Maria Walsh (Kilkenny)
LSS. No entries
LSD. No Entries

60x30 (Boys)

U12S. Anthony Butler (Wexford)
U12D. Daniel Farrelly / Danny Dunne (Meath)
U13S. Peter Smith (Meath)
U13D. Roy Cullen/Dion Bourke (Kilkenny)
U14S. Daniel Curry (Wicklow)
U14D. Tomas Hall / Oisín Foley (Wexford)
U15S. Ean Sheridan (Meath)
U15D. Robert Fox / Ian Sheridan (Meath)
U16S. Martin Mullins (Carlow)
U16D. Padraig Foley / Galen Riardon (Wexford)
U17S. Daniel O'Leary (Carlow)
U17D. Cian O Dálaigh / Corey Fay (Dublin)

(B) Championships

U12S. Padraig Delaney (Laois)
U13S. Conor Smith (Offaly)
U14S. Killian Pendergast (Dublin)
U15S. Mark Dowling (Kilkenny)
U16S. Conor Lyons (Kilkenny)
U17S. Martin O'Connor (Kildare)

(C) Championships

U12S. Ben Devlin (Longford)
U13S. Josh McCloskey (Offaly)
U14S. Liam Hannah (Longford)
U15S. Sean Sweeney (Longford)
U16S. Brian Collins (Longford)
U17S. David Rigney (Offaly)

Dean Corrigan (Wexford)
Nial O'Connor/Robert Maguire (Kildare)
Keith Bourke (Kilkenny)
Ger McGrath/Dan Breen (Kilkenny)
David Kenny (Wexford)
Andrew Lawlor/Brendan Hosey(Kilkenny)
David Hope (Offaly)
Eugene Kelly/Jason Murphy (Wexford)
Cormac Smyth (Wexford)
William & Daniel Love (Kilkenny)
Michael Gregan (Wicklow)
Eddie Burke (Kilkenny)
Pat Quaille/Pat O'Donnell (Wicklow)
Sean Quigley (Kilkenny)
Kevin Woods/Jimmy Long (Kilkenny)
Tom Sheridan (Meath)
Tom Sheridan / John Leahy (Meath)
David Clifford (Kilkenny)
Shane Rossitor/Jim Moran (Wexford)
Billy Bourke (Kilkenny)
Joe Walsh / Liam Law (Kilkenny)
Frank Maddock (Wexford)
Brendan / Stephen Murphy (Wexford)
Eugene Downey (Kilkenny)
Johnny Brennan/Joe Hennessy (Kk)
Paul Ruane (Kildare)
Ned Lawlor/Billy Love (Kilkenny)
Tony Breen (Wexford)
Pat Coffey / Ollie Deegan (Kildare)
Gerry Murphy (Kilkenny)
Eamon O'Brien/Jimmy Heffernan(Dublin)
Eugene Kennedy (Dublin)
Pat Savage / Jimmy Neary(Kilkenny)
Sean Devlin (Louth)
Sean Devlin / Joe Heslin (Louth)
Michael O'Brien (Dublin)
Paddy Lennon / Dick Doyle (Wicklow)
Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
Lisa McKenna / Susan Clinton (Dublin)
Ellen O'Connor (Kildare)

Margurite Gore (Wexford)
Margurite Gore/Ann M Furlong (Wexford)
Maria Walsh (Kilkenny)

Ben Devlin (Louth)
Patrick / Boland Adam Walsh (Wexford)
Sean Muddiman (Kildare)
Alan Browne / Daniel Kavanagh (Wex)
Padraig Cooney (Kilkenny)
Dylan Caulfield / Shane Byrne (Kk)
Jim O'Leary (Carlow)
Joey Curtis / David Nolan (Carlow)
John Walsh (Kilkenny)
Emmett Landy/Brian Mahon (Kilkenny)
Stephen O Dwyer (Kilkenny)
James Maddock/Richard Martin(Wexford)

60x30 (Girls)

U12S. Leah Doyle (Kildare)
U12D. Mollie Dagg / Niamh Patterson (Kildare)
U13S. Saoirse Sunderland (Kildare)
U13D. Aoife Walsh / Caitriona Lawlor (Kilkenny)
U14S. Hanah Dagg (Kildare)
U14D. Kate Dagg / Aine O'Keefe (Kildare)
U15S. Ciara Diggins (Kildare)
U15D. Aisling Maher / Denise Love (Kilkenny)
U16D. Mary Buggy / Catherine Foley (Kilkenny)
U17S. Eleanor Buggy (Dublin)

Junior (B) Inter Club St Canices (Kilkenny)
Junior Inter Club Castlebridge (Wexford)
Open Inter Club Kells (Meath)

Under 12 / 13 Team 6

Kilkenny: Ciaran Cooney, Dion Burke, Dean Farrell, Roy Cullen, Shane Dunne, Conor Condon, Mark Purcell
Wexford: Adam Walsh, Daniel Kavanagh, Patrick Boland, Anthony Butler, Ciaran Busher, Alan Browne

U14/15 Team 6

Kilkenny J J English, Padraig Cooney, Conor Lyons, Dylan Caulfield, Adam Clifford, Paulie Clifford, Daragh O'Shea, Connor O'Dwyer
Carlow: Joey Curtis, Alan Hosey, Paddy Shannahan, Damien Jordan, Jim O'Leary, David Nolan

Joe Maxwell (A) League

Kilkenny: Ciaran Cooney, Eoin Brennan, Shane Dunne, Marc Purcell, J J English, Emmett Landy

(B) Singles Championships

U12S. Karl Cribben (Kildare)
U13S. Michael O'Donnell (Kildare)
U14S. Robert Crotty (Kilkenny)
U15S. Mark Dowling (Kilkenny)
U16S. John Mulholland (Kilkenny)
U17S. Martin O'Donnell (Kildare)

Sorcha Delaney (Kilkenny)
Niamh Rock / Niamh Gleeson (Dublin)
Aine Dunne (Kilkenny)
Rebecca Crane / Aoife O'Neill (Wex)
Aoife Holden (Kilkenny)
Aoife Nic Con Iomaire/Emily Lacey (D)
Alaura Dunne (Kilkenny)
Catrina Carrigan/Rachel Malone (Dublin)

U16/17 Team 4

Kilkenny: Steven O'Dwyer, Fergal Lalor, Eoin Doyle, Ronan Egan, Dylan Meaney

Junior (B) Inter Club: St Canices (Kilkenny)
Junior Inter Club: Coolboy (Wicklow)
Open Inter Club: Coolboy (Wicklow)



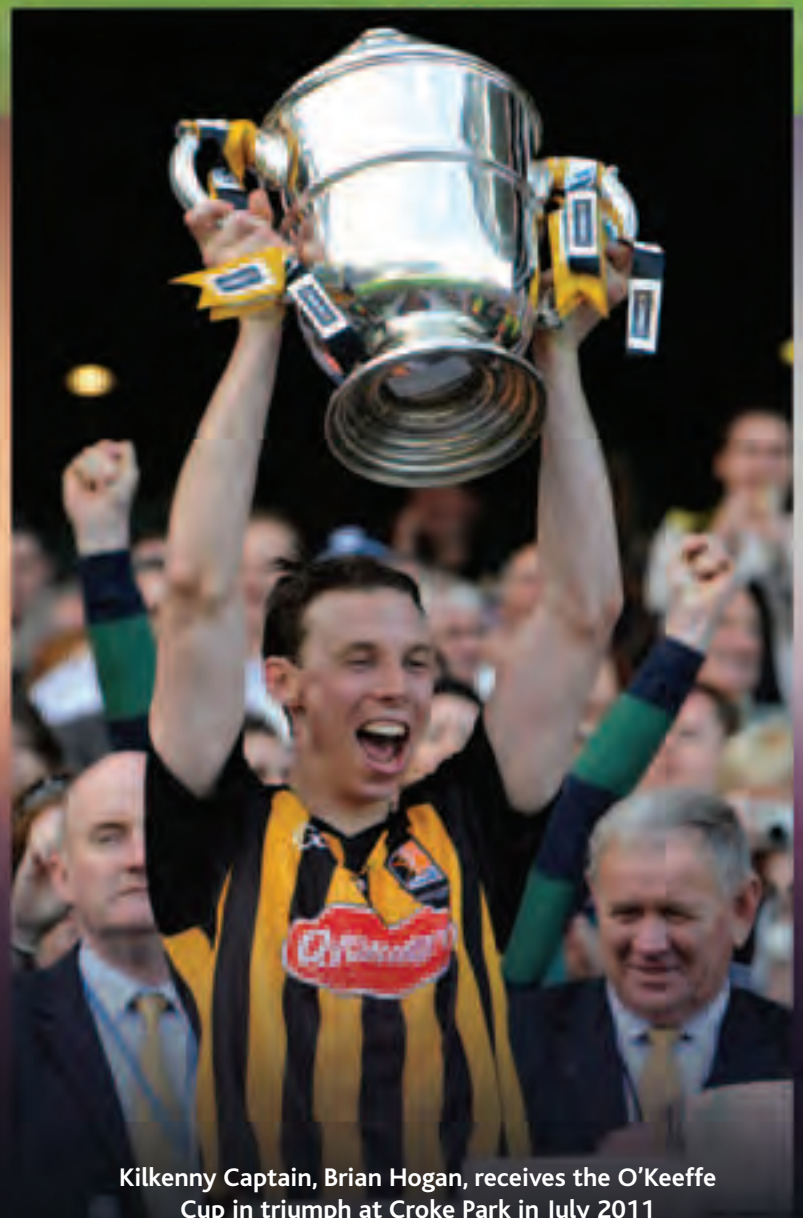
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Back L-R: P.J. Ryan, John Dalton, T.J. Reid, Noel Hickey, Jackie Tyrrell, Brian Hogan (Captain), Mathew Ruth, Michael Fennelly, Henry Shefflin, Michael Rice, Colin Fennelly, Lester Ryan, Paddy Hogan, Kieran Joyce.

Front L-R: John Mulhall, Michael Kavanagh, Richie Doyle, Eoin Murphy, Eoin Larkin, Paul Murphy, David Herity, J.J. Delaney, Richie Power, Richie Hogan, Tommy Walsh, Conor Fogarty, James Fitzpatrick, Eddie Brennan.



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Kilkenny Captain, Brian Hogan, receives the O'Keefe Cup in triumph at Croke Park in July 2011



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