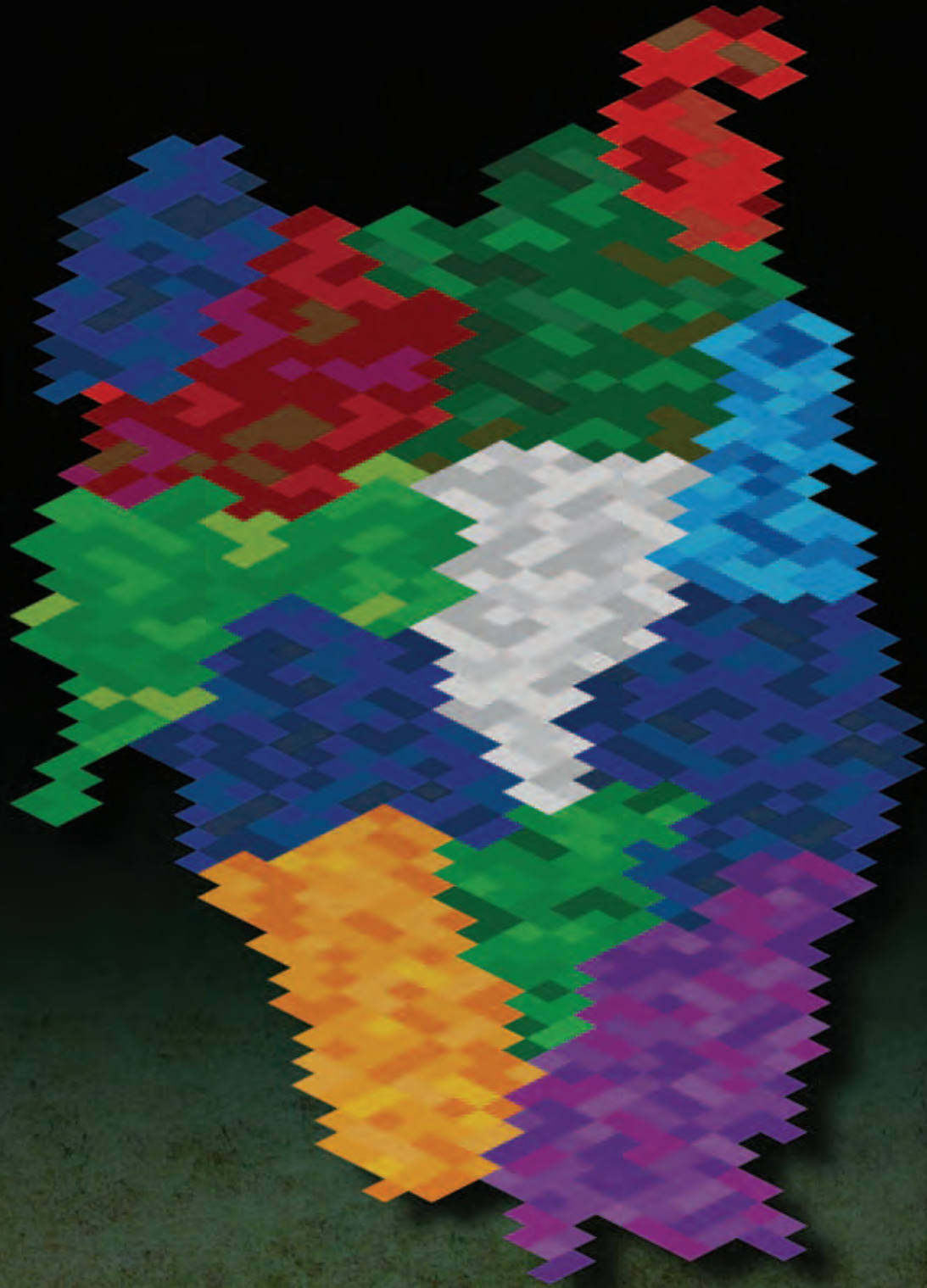


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Comhdháil Cinn Bliana
2012 - 2013



GAA

Bryan Cullen, triumphant Dublin Captain, displays the Delaney Cup at Croke Park in July 2012



DUBLIN LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2012



Dublin Leinster Senior Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Michael Darragh Macauley, Ross McConnell, Paul Casey, Kevin Nolan, Eoghan O’Gara, James McCarthy, Jonny Cooper, Eamonn Fennell, Barry Cahill, Jack McCaffrey, Paul Brogan, Paddy Andrews, Bernard Brogan, Ciaran Kilkenney, Michael Fitzsimons, Denis Bastick, Michael Savage.

Front L-R: Philly McMahon, Davey Byrne, Ger Brennan, Paul Flynn, Stephen Cluxton, Bryan Cullen, Rory O’Carroll, Alan Brogan, Tomás Quinn, Kevin O’Brien, Craig Dias, Kevin McManamon.



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

**Comhdháil Cinn Bliana
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in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge
ar an Aoine, 15ú Feabhra, 2013
5.30 pm



Dublin - Leinster Minor Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Joey Fitzgibbon, Cathal Flynn, Conor Ferris, Cormac Costello, David Byrne, Stephen Cunningham, Maitias McDonncha, Emile Mullin, Gavin Burke, Niall Walsh, Eric Lowndes, Michael Deegan, Brendan Bentley, Shane Carthy, Dave Campbell.

Front L-R: Adam Rogers, Luke Fletcher, Niall Scully, Conor McHugh, Lorcan Molloy, Conor Mulally, Ross McCowan, Donal Gormley, Martin Cahlin, Tom Quinn, Shane Cunningham, Niall O'Sullivan.

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Kilkenny - Leinster Under 21 Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Dylan Walsh, Paul Buggy, Padraig Walsh, Martin Gaffney, Willie Phelan, Jason Corcoran, Owen Mc Grath, Richie Reid, Jason Corcoran, Luke Harney, John Power, Cillian Buckley, James Gannon, Ian Duggan.

Front L-R: Ger Aylward, Michael Brennan, Joe Lyng, Geoff Brennan, Richie Doyle, Kevin Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Ollie Walsh, Walter Walsh.

Clár

5.30 pm	Evening Meal & Registration
6.30 pm	Convention Workshops
7.45 pm	Opening of Convention
	(a) Guest Speakers
	(b) Minutes of 2012 Convention
	(c) Discussion of Report of Chief Executive
	(d) Discussion of Sub-Committee Reports
8.30 pm	Adoption / Review of Accounts of Comhairle Laighean CLG
8.45 pm	Address by Cathaoirleach, Mairtín Ó Sceallaigh
9.15 pm	Election of new Treasurer
9.30 pm	Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach and P.R.O.
9.45 pm	Na Rúin
10.00 pm	Convention Closes – Tea / Coffee

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

Ceatharloch	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

NOTE

1. Slip on Admission Card to be handed to Hotel Management for Evening Meal (5.30 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:	Séamus Ó Bolgaidhir (Jim Bolger)	(Ceatharloch)
OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ	Seán Ó hUaine (John Greene)	(Longphort)

Na Rúin

1. For Leinster Hurling & Football Club Championship, the first round of the championship proper must be on a two year home and away system with open draw for the second round.

(Loch Garman)

Miontuairiscí Chruinniú de'n Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 24/02/2012

M. Uas. Ó Sceallaigh (Cathaoirleach) presided at the Annual Convention of Leinster Council GAA, held in Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk on Friday 24ú, Feabhra 2012. The following members of Comhairle Laighean CLG also attended:

S. O hOrain (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
S.S. Breathnach (P.R.O.)
P. O Tomhnair (Cisteoir)
S. O hUilin (Iar-Cathaoirleach)
A O Falluin (Comhairle Iarbhunskoileanna Laighean)
S. O Fionnalaigh (Cumann na mBunscol)
T. Breathnach (Liathroid Laimhe)
P. O Lonnain, S. O Draighneain (Lu)
B. O Diomsaigh, P. O Ceallaigh (An Mhi)
N. O Murchu, D. O hIleadha (Ath Cliath)

The following delegates represented the counties

LU

D. O Broin, T. O hEocaidh, A. O Berrill, D. O hAilpin,
R. O Loinsigh, P. O Conchuir.

AN MHI

S. O Craobhain, B. O Coimin, B. O Chairbre, B. O hAilin,
P. O Cleirchin.

ATH CLIATH

A. Mac Coitil, S. Mac Nioclais, C. O Cleirigh,
S. Mac Seanlaoich, F. O Mathuna, S. O hAonghusa.

CILL MHANTAIN

M. O Murchu, S. Napier, D. O Broin, B. O Seacnasai,
S. O Dughaill, P. Mac Eochaidh

LOCH GARMAN

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

CILL DARA

S. Mac Mathuna, G. O Donaighle, M. de Faoite,
A. O Suilleabhain, A. O Dunaigh, S. Mac Carthaigh.

CEATHARLOCH

G. O Lonnain, S. O Campain, M. O Maonaigh, L. de Barra,
T. O Murchu.

CILL CHAINNIGH

P. O Cinnseallaigh, E. O Cuinn, P. Mac Andreis,
P. Mac Abhail, B. O hIci.

LAOIS

B. O hAilin, G. O Caomhanaigh, T. Mac Seoin,
P. Mac Aodh Bhui, S. O Broin, M. O Broin.

M. O Colmain, M. O hAgain (Cill Mhantain)
S. O Cuirc, S. O Seacnasai (Loch Garman)
M. O Fionnain, S. O Mearain (Cill Dara)
M. O Faolain, S. O Bolguidhir (Ceatharloch)
E. O Bogaigh, S. de Lasa (Cill Chainnigh)
M. O Cearbhaill, C. Mac Consleibhe (Laois)
M. O Beolain, L. O Caomhanaigh (Uibh Fhaili)
S. O Sioradain, S. O Mairtin (Iarmhi)
S. O hUaine, M. O Carraige (Longphort)
M. O Dubhshlaine (Runai).

UIBH FHAILI

B. O Muineog, L. O Maolmhuidh, F. Mac Eoin,
B. O Gabhain, P. O Teachain, E. O Floinn.

IARMHI

A. O Labhrai, P. O Donnchu, S. O Briain, L. O Gabhain,
M. Mac Aodha.

LONGPHORT

P. O Cathail, P. O Raghallaigh, A. O Dunabhra, E. O Cuain,
S. O Bannain.

The following also attended Convention:

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

P. Mac Mathuna, P. O Ciarain, A. Mac Roibin.

IAR-OIFIGIGH

N. O Braonain, S. de Grae, S. O Broin, S. Mac Carthaigh.

SUB COMMITTEE REPS

M. Ni Cheallaigh (Coisde Cultuir), D. O Feich (Comhairle Iarbhunskoileanna), G. O Faolain (CAO), L. O Hultain (PR & Marketing), A. O Siail (Coisde Reiteoiri), D. O Caomhanaigh (Coisde Forbartha na gCluichi).

GUESTS

S. O Cuirc (Quirke Photography), G. O hAgain (Bord na Mona), O. Tully (Cathaoirleach Comhairle Conndae Lu), P. O Dufaigh (Ard Stiurthoir CLG) and C. O Flannagain.

ARAS LAIGHEAN STAFF

M. Mac Raghnaill, S. O Flannagain, S. Ni Chuinn, P. Ni Chleir,
C. O Cleir, S. de Brun, S. Mac Coitir.

Apologies for inability to attend Convention had been received from: G. O Maolthuile (CAO); S. O Fionngalaigh (Cumann na mBunscol); S. Aldridge, S. O Beara, S. Boothman, P. O Flannagain, P. O Bogaigh, T. O Fearghail, L. O Neill (Iar-Oifigigh).

Oscailt

Proceedings were formally opened by D. Uas. O hAilpin, Runai, Coisde Co. Lu CLG who introduced the Chairman of Coisde Co. Lu CLG, Pdraig O Conchuir, to address Convention.

Fáiltiú

Pdraig O Conchuir, Cathaoirleach Coisde Co. Lu CLG warmly welcomed the members of Comhairle Laighean CLG, former Officers, County Delegates and other guests to Co. Lu for the Annual Convention of Leinster Council GAA. He spoke of the historic sites right through the county and urged delegates to visit them on this occasion or at some time in the future. An tUas. O Conchuir discussed the state of gaelic games in his county and specifically, outlined plans for a Stadium at DKIT.

In conclusion he presented a memento of the occasion to Mairtin O Sceallaigh, Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean CLG while other presentations were also made to all in attendance. An tUas. O Conchuir then introduced the Chairman of Louth County Council, Oliver Tully, to address Convention.

Councillor Oliver Tully Chairman, Louth County Council

Mr. Tully welcomed the representatives of the counties of Leinster into the Wee County. He recalled the historic landmarks of his county and also stressed the important part that the GAA plays in each community in the county. Wishing the Convention well, Mr. Tully also urged everybody to return again and visit the county.

Convention

M. Uas. O Sceallaigh returned thanks to Coisde Co. Lu, and Mr. Tully, and declared Convention officially opened.

Miontuairisci Chruinniu Bhliantuil 2010 / 2011 (26.2.2011)

Adopted and signed by An Cathaoirleach on proposition of B. O hAilin, seconded by M. O Colmain.

Tuairisc an Runai 2011

Adopted on proposition of S. O Cuirc, seconded by S. O Mairtin.

(An Cathaoirleach explained that a number of items raised in the Report had been discussed at the earlier Workshop - proposals made there will be circulated at a later date).

Sub-Committee Reports

Adopted and opened for discussion. Representatives of the various Sub-Committees addressed Convention.

Annual Accounts

Year Ending 31.10.2011

Adopted on proposition of S. O Seacnasai, seconded by A. O Ciotail.

The accounts were presented by P. O Tomhnair (Cisteoir) and S. de Brun (Oifigigh Airgeadais).

Congress Review

An tArd Stiurthoir, Paraic O Dufaigh, accompanied by D. O Cathail, attended to present an explanation on the forthcoming Motions to Congress in relation to Congress Review. There followed a question and answer session on various aspects of the proposals.

Appointment of Tellers

The following tellers were appointed for Convention:

Presiding Officer: M. Mac Raghnaill
Tellers: M. Ni Dhuill, D. O hAilpin,
S. O Broin, S. de Brun.

Election of PRO

Four candidates were nominated and voting was on the Proportional Representation system. It resulted as follows:

A. First Count:

B. Allen (Laois)	8
E. Buggy (Kilkenny)	21
J. Greene (Longford)	33
P. Teehan (Offaly)	33

(B. Allen and E. Buggy were deemed to be eliminated and the second count proceeded).

B. Second Count:

J. Greene (+16)	49
P. Teehan (+13)	46

John Greene declared elected.

All candidates returned thanks to the Convention.

Outgoing PRO

The outgoing PRO, JJ Walsh addressed Convention. He thanked all the counties in the province for their co-operation with him during his term of office. Likewise, he paid tribute to the Council members and the staff in Aras Laighean. He carries away great memories and friendship from his term and hopes they will be maintained in the years ahead.

Presentation

An Cathaoirleach made a presentation, on behalf of Comhairle Laighean CLG, to Sheamus O hUilin (Iar-Chathaoirleach) who was retiring from Comhairle Laighean CLG at this Convention after service of over twenty years as member and officer.

An tUas. O hUilin returned thanks to the Council.

Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach and Cisteoir

An Cathaoirleach formally declared Sean O hOrain and Pdraig O Tomhnair to be re-elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach and Cisteoir respectively. Both Officers returned thanks to the Convention.

Address by An Cathaoirleach

Mairtin Uas. O Sceallaigh then addressed Convention as per the attached appendix.

New Leinster GAA Website

S. Mac Coitir and P. Ni Chleir made a presentation to Convention, outlining the details of the new Leinster GAA Website. In formally launching the Website, an Cathaoirleach thanked the small group of people who had brought it to fruition.

Rún

The following motion was proposed by M. O Maonaigh (Ceatharloch) and seconded by N. O Murchu (Ath Cliath).

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.'

(Ceatharloch)

Sean O Broin, Cathaoirleach Coisde Eisteachta Laighean, and Sean O hOrain (Leas-Cathaoirleach) spoke to the Motion.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously.

Conclusion

An Cathaoirleach thanked Coisde Co. Lu CLG for their excellent hosting of Convention and thanked the Hotel Management and Staff for their efficiency and courtesy during the event.

A special word of thanks was extended to Kevin Flanagan (substituting for his father Paddy) who had laid out the Convention Hall, signage, flags and other arrangements. Thanks was also returned to S. Mac Coitir for his part in ensuring Convention ran smoothly.

THE CONVENTION ENDED



Oráid an Chathaoirligh (24ú Feabhra 2012)

Cuireann fáilte roimhe Lú agus fáilte go Lú romhaidh go léir anseo anocht.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Ballymascanlon House Hotel for our Annual Convention.

It has been a momentous year for the Province with pride of place going to the hurlers of Kilkenny who regained the Liam McCarthy Cup after a one year break and also to Dublin who, after many years of great pain and heartache, brought the Sam Maguire Liffey-side for the first time since 1995.

There was also the major breakthrough of the Dublin hurlers when they won the National Hurling League in April and just recently the All-Ireland Junior and Intermediate Hurling titles were lifted by St Patricks (Ballyragget) Kilkenny and Mount Leinster Rangers from Carlow.

St Patrick's Day could turn into another wonderful day for the Province as Coolderry of Offaly and Garycastle of Westmeath attempt to win the All-Ireland Senior Club Hurling and Football titles. I wish both teams well and if Coolderry were to win, it would mean a historic clean sweep of the All Ireland Club Hurling titles.

Finance

Reflecting on the previous 12 months, the grim forecasts of recession and all that goes with certainly came to pass. The Leinster Council were affected by the economic downturn as was every other organisation, so it was a magnificent achievement to balance the books in the most difficult of circumstances. We have been able to maintain our coaching programmes to date and our money has been spent in a very prudent manner on projects that are closely monitored by our coaching and games development team. The last thing that any province would want to do is cut back in this area because the work that we do now is the foundation for the future of our association. It is very important that we continue to provide employment for our coaching staff as this extremely gifted and

talented bunch of people could be lost to club and county, or may even be lost to the country if the current economic climate continues.

As you can see from our financial returns, our income from our games was well down. In spite of this the numbers attending our games were only marginally down on the previous year, as the price packages provided for our big match days were utilised by our patrons. This will be our policy for the coming years as we will strive to be even more innovative in our match day packages. Balancing employees' jobs on one hand and pricing admission into matches on the other is a very delicate business and I would ask all of the counties in our province to support and be proactive in the promotion of our championships.

It is also important that our counties continue to balance the books. When you are elected to look after the affairs of a club, county or province all decisions that we make must be taken with the knowledge that we are only caretakers in the positions that we hold, and also it is our duty that we hand over our organisation in the healthiest, possible state to the next elected group. In the current climate that is an extremely difficult task, but it is a challenge we must stand up to.

Sometimes unfortunately circumstances can also have a bearing on a clubs financial position and there are a small number of units in our province, who have found themselves in difficulty. It is also our duty to work with these clubs to bring about the best possible solutions to their plight.

Bord na Móna

On a positive note, I take this opportunity to welcome Bord na Móna as official sponsors of our O'Byrne, Walsh and Kehoe competitions. They have been extremely positive sponsors to date and I know that their commitment to Leinster GAA is much more than a financial injection to the council. We look forward to their input and ideas and how these Accident Fund Competitions can be improved and I welcome the representatives of the Company to Convention today.

Competitions

Our Cadbury's U-21 Championship was played midweek under lights in 2011. It was a great success as a Competition, but obviously it did highlight some issues particularly on the suitability of some venues for the games. I congratulate Wexford on their outstanding success in winning the competition. I also know that the decision to play the games midweek was very positive for our dual counties as well as freeing up weekends for our U-21 players to play club football or hurling matches. I hope that the Competition will continue in the current format, but we are always open to listen to your ideas on how it can be done better for our players and patrons alike.

Infrastructure

In talking about the suitability of our inter county grounds to stage midweek competitions one does not have to be Einstein to know that in terms of quality facilities we have not progressed as far as other Provinces in this sphere. At present only three of our 12 major grounds have both all weather, floodlit facilities.

Some of our other grounds need substantial investment to bring them up to modern day standards and most particularly those in our largest urban areas. The Slattery Report that is now available to counties has left some serious questions marks in relation to the capacity of our grounds and their facilities.

It was decided during the year by Leinster Council that the idea of a stadium on the M50 or thereabouts was not a realistic proposition in the current financial climate and the focus of the Province should be on upgrading the current facilities that exist in our main provincial towns.

This is a policy that I would personally agree with as I feel that the value of a championship game in Navan, Wexford, Portlaoise or any of the other grounds does so much to foster strong local relationships between local business and community. The feel good factor from these games can never be underestimated particularly in the current climate. The challenge for our counties is to put their plans on the table now and for the Leinster Council, Croke Park and government (both local and national) to take stock and to ensure that Leinster gets its share of whatever funding is available.

Competitions

All our competitions, apart from the O'Byrne Cup Final, ran to schedule or, at least, the revised schedule that

was formulated because of Dublin's unprecedented success in both Hurling and Football in the All-Ireland Championships.

We were very fortunate with the weather conditions that helped us to achieve this, but it is a situation that I hope does not occur again as the playing of a Leinster Club Final on the Sunday before Christmas is asking an awful lot of our players and supporters alike. It is the duty of every county to have their championship concluded on time so that their local winners can partake in the Leinster Club Championship.

It still baffles me that the All-Ireland Championship at Club level cannot be completed in January. The Provincial representatives are known in late November / early December and yet it then takes us three months plus to play off the remaining two games in these competitions. I agree that these three months can be a wonderful journey for a club team but it can also put a huge strain on clubs, both mentally and financially. It also ensures that a successful club will get no break from competition as one year will run into the next. It also has a knock-on effect for counties (particularly the smaller ones) as it is unlikely that these players will participate in the National Leagues. I question the idea of keeping a competition going for three months plus to provide a GAA occasion on St Patrick's Day.

Hurling

I welcome the Tain League as it is having a very positive impact on the promotion of hurling in both Louth and Longford. The concept of working through the vehicle of the club is the best way forward and will deliver tangible rewards for the clubs who participate. It will also provide a solid base for their county teams in the future.

I congratulate Dublin on winning the National Hurling League title, it is great to see Dublin Hurling moving up a notch and I say well done to everybody involved in promoting the game in our capital city. I also congratulate Wicklow on their fantastic success in Division 3.

Carlow and Westmeath hurling continues to improve and hopefully Laois will continue to raise their standards as their early season games have indicated that they might.

Kildare, Wicklow and Meath are now large centres of population and all have scope to improve their position, the strategic plan for these counties have a vision for the game and can be delivered if the right attitude and good will exists.

Galway and Antrim continues with us in our Leinster Senior Hurling Championship and indeed are welcome visitors. I was disappointed that Antrim did not take part in the Walsh Cup and I hope this is a once off situation particularly bearing in mind that the proceeds of this competition go into our accident fund.

Wexford and Offaly will come again as there is huge work going on at underage in both counties and it was heartening to see their clubs contest the Leinster Club Final. Kilkenny do remain the jewel in the crown and their performance in last Septembers All-Ireland will remain a highlight with me for the rest of my living days.

Football

In football Leinster counties competed extremely well in National Leagues with Dublin, Laois, Louth, Westmeath and Longford all featured in the League Finals. Carlow and Wexford made significant progress in the Leinster Championship and Kildare's agony of being beaten in close finishes continued. Dublin's victory in Septembers All Ireland Football final unleashed the wildest scenes of celebration as the pent up pain of losing so many important games came to an end. The manner of their victory was the finest example of "if at first you don't succeed try, try again". Well Done Dublin.

Martin Donnelly Inter Provincial

Just a brief mention of this competition as my views are pretty well known to most. Approx 50 players were invited to participate and represent their province in hurling and football. No player turned down the invitation, one was unavailable due to work commitments, all who participated in both games spoke very positively about the competition and were proud to wear the Leinster jersey. The management and back room team for both squads also responded in a like manner, there was a universal feel good factor in both squads. I just do not understand the negativity that surrounds these competitions that have such history and means so much to those who participate in them.

International Units

In recent times I have been fortunate to experience the great work that is going on in cities across the world by our Gaels who for one reason or another have left our shores.

We are now officially twinned with Asia, Australia and Europe and our commitment is unconditional. Strategic plans are being prepared in Asia and Europe and the Australian plan is up and running.

These County Boards do momentous work in trying to spread the GAA message across the world and with increasing numbers moving into these cities from Ireland it is imperative that the GAA has a voice in these areas.

We all continue to support our units and I do foresee that a European County team will participate in our Championships. It is also very likely that the inaugural World Cup in Gaelic Games will take place very shortly and knowing the people who aspire to this idea, it is very likely that this will be achieved in the not too distant future.

GAA Matters

There are many issues facing the GAA in this present time. Issues such as Payment to managers, winter training bans and increased numbers of full time staff within the organisation but some of the issues that bother me most are:

A, The hand pass in Football.

I believe it is destroying our game unless it is controlled, our game will disintegrate. We had some very painful examples of its abuse during last season championship. Surely some formula can be found to restrict this playing movement that is destroying our game.

B. Lack of respect for Referees.

The abuse comes from managers, mentors, players and selectors alike. It continues to embarrass our organisation and both club and county level. Our Refereeing group will be rolling out new initiatives this year with a view to changing attitudes in this area. (None of us are perfect at a game and we are all entitled to our point of view on whether a player or referee performed well on a given day. What we are not entitled to is to physically or verbally abuse a referee or an official and a DVD will be launched in May to start an education process in this area. I am not well enough informed at present to make a judgement on the taxation of referee's expenses but it does seem to be a very tough move by revenue on a voluntary and amateur group it will certainly do nothing to help us enlist new referees which is a fairly difficult task as it stands.

C. Emigration and Unemployment.

This is something that is tearing the very heart out of our organisation and as current levels are increasing, the rural clubs are in danger of being wiped out. We are all hearing stories of young people leaving our shores and the planes are full of young Irish people many of whom will never return to live in this country. I do not have the answers to this problem but I would ask our members to support the people who are providing jobs for our members and to support the companies that sponsor our teams, fundraisers and our competitions.

Website

I compliment everybody involved in the launch of our new revamped website, I know that it has been painstaking for all involved but in particular I pay tribute to Conal Markey, John Cotter, Patricia and Colm Clear and all other members of staff and members of the marketing committee who have worked hard over the last number of months.

Christy Cooney (Uachtaráin)

Uachtarain Christy Cooney will step down in April after three years leading the organisation. He worked extremely hard as President and brought about many changes to our Association in his time. I wish him well in his retirement and I know that he will continue to work tirelessly for the GAA in whatever role he undertakes.

Liam O'Neill

Liam O'Neill takes over as Uachtarain in April and I believe he will be an outstanding President. During his time as chairman of Leinster Council he showed that he had a vision for the GAA that few others could aspire to and I know he will work night and day to achieve these targets. I wish him well in the position and commit the loyalty of the Province to him

Sheamus Howlin

Sheamus Howlin steps down today after fourteen years active service with the council. I served as Sheamus vice chairman for three years and it was a great learning experience for me. I thank him for his commitment to Leinster Council and I wish himself and his wife Vera, health, success and happiness in the years to come.

JJ Walsh

Today JJ Walsh steps down after three years at the helm in our PR department, He was a tremendous PRO for the council and he worked extremely well with all our counties. JJ was always able to brighten up a situation no matter how difficult it was and was a breath of fresh air in our ranks. I would like to wish JJ well and thank you most sincerely for his commitment and friendship, and I wish you and Rita and family good health and happiness in the future.

John Greene

To John Greene, I congratulate him on being elected as PRO today and I look forward to working with him in the coming years. My commiserations to the other delegates, Brian Allen, Ned Buggy and Pat Teehan on this occasion but I have no doubt that their day will come in the future.

Buíochas

To all the delegates who stepped down today my sincere thanks for your commitment to Leinster Council, I hope the experience of working with Leinster Council has been positive and I wish you all well in your future endeavours within the association.

I would like to thank all our committees who have worked so hard for Leinster GAA over the last 12 months. Your work is invaluable us.

I would like to thank all the Counties for all their support and understanding in a difficult financial year.

Sincere thanks to Louth County Board for staging today's convention. It is a wonderful setting and your hospitality is exceptional.

To Michael Delaney and all the staff at Comhairle Laighean my thanks to you all. It has been a great experience for me to work with you and I hope that I do not overstep the mark too often.

To my fellow officers sincere thanks for your unwavering support throughout the last year. I look forward to all of your support and commitment for the next twelve months.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir agus ar agaidh linn le chéile.

Mairtin O Scealai

Cathoirleach Comhairle Laighean



Tuairisc an Rúnaí

A Cháirde

As the years go by it gets more and more difficult to come up with the ideas to liven or brighten up a Provincial Convention. There is a certain sameness of the happenings, and those who make them happen, from year to year. The main part of the playing season under review is so far in the past that very few people recall many of the highlights while the next playing season is so far down the road that it is difficult to drum up real interest in it at this stage. The odd bit of controversy at National level usually gives a provincial secretary a platform to throw a few scuds but even that was thin on the ground in the last twelve months.

Having said all that, there is no doubt but that the year 2012 will go down in the annals of Leinster Council GAA for very good reasons. To begin with, a team from outside the Province won one of our Inter-County Adult Championships - for the first time - when Cavan won the Junior Football Championship. However, much more significantly, indeed sensationally, our Senior Hurling championship title also left the province. In a remarkable Leinster Senior Hurling Final Galway quite simply brushed aside the defending All Ireland and Leinster Champions Kilkenny. This was a game, and a result, which brought the whole GAA season to life and probably gave the ailing Leinster Hurling Championship a transfusion for the years ahead.

In sharp contrast to the hurling, our football championships followed predictable lines. Apart from the previously mentioned Cavan success in Junior, the remainder of the football titles went to Dublin who had a fine hat-trick with the Senior, Under 21 and Minor Championships. To this impressive list Dublin also added in the Leinster Minor Hurling Championship while Kilkenny had compensation for the Senior defeat when they won the Under 21 and Intermediate Hurling Championships. Kildare got some consolation for football defeats when their Under 21 Hurlers impressively won the Leinster Under 21 'A' Championship.

At National Level we had a fair share of successes. Kilkenny dusted themselves down after their Leinster Final defeat to retain their All Ireland Title to which they also added the Allianz Hurling League. Dublin had a very sweet national double when they won the Minor and Under 21 All Ireland Football Championships.

All in all 2012 was not a bad year for Leinster. I am delighted to thank our players, match officials and supporters, together with our great volunteer worker movement, for their contributions during the year.

We look forward to an even better 2013.



Cavan - Leinster Junior Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Michael O'Reilly, Alan O'Mara, Killian Brady, Chris Conroy, Darren Tiernan, James Farrelly, Joshua Hayes, Rory Dunne, James Morris, Declan McKiernan, Barry McKiernan, Niall McKiernan).

Front L-R: Fergal Slowey, Martin Dunne, Conor McClarey, Darragh Tighe, Keith Fannin (Captain), Damien Barkey, Darragh Sexton, Barry Watters, Martin Reilly, Paul O'Connor.

Leinster Senior Hurling Championship 2012

The word 'historic' is far too often bandied about to describe some unusual event or development. However it is a truly apt description of the outcome of the 2012 Leinster Senior Hurling Championship. After more than a century in existence this prestigious title was won for the first time by a county from outside the province. The style with which it was won has long since been sufficiently described by all elements of the media so it only remains for me to personally salute Galway on a truly remarkable achievement.

Their Leinster Final win over All Ireland Champions, Kilkenny, naturally gave Galway their own quiet satisfaction but, in fairness, it had a much greater impact than that. It totally re-invigorated a Hurling Championship that was less than exciting, or indeed promising, up to that point. A new wave of optimism spread through all counties still alive in the Liam McCarthy Cup and this contributed to one of the best Hurling Championships for years. That Kilkenny could regroup, and come the long road home, to retain their title is surely proof positive that this is the greatest team in living memory.

Other Inter County Championships 2012

Apart from the aforementioned Senior Hurling championship the Inter County scene threw up very few surprise results. Dublin dominated the football scene by winning the Senior, Under 21 and Minor Provincial titles. In keeping with our hospitality to visitors the Junior Football Championship went to Ulster when Cavan proved too strong for all their Leinster opponents.

Apart from the Senior Grade, the Hurling Championship went very much with the form book. Dublin retained the Minor title, this time at the expense of Wexford while Kilkenny registered a double when taking the Under 21 and Intermediate Championships. An extremely well prepared Kildare side won the Under 21 'A' Hurling Championship but they only had a point to spare over a gallant Meath team.



Kilkenny - Leinster Intermediate Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Jason Corcoran, Luke Harney, Cathal Kenny, Simon Burke

Middle L-R: Richie O' Neill, Niall Walsh, Geoff Brennan, Pat Hartley, Rory Hickey, Paul Murphy, Pdraig Phelan, Peter Cleere, Bill Staunton, Walter Walsh

Front L-R: Alan Walsh, Brian Kennedy, Shane Norton, Joe Brennan, Mark Phelan, Ger Aylward, Robbie Walsh (Captain), Joe Lyng, James Maher, Keith Nolan, Niall Doherty.

AIB Leinster Club Championships

While the previous year had thrown up a wide spread of winning Clubs it has to be said that the 2012 Club Championships reverted very much to traditional lines.

Dublin standard bearers Ballymun Kickhams, despite playing all games away from home, steamrolled through the Senior Club Championship and proved themselves very worthy winners of the Sean McCabe Cup. A very young Dublin Club, Castleknock, took the Junior Football title in some style while Monasterevin of Kildare took the Intermediate award. Their 0-4 to 0-3 win, in the Final, over O'Connells (Louth) is

probably the lowest scoring Final in the history of Leinster Club Championships but - for Monasterevin - it's the result that counts.

The Offaly love affair with the Leinster Senior Club Hurling Championship continues. This time it was the turn of Kilcormac Killoughey who, despite winning for only the first time in Offaly, beat all before them to again send the O'Neill Cup to the Faithful County.

The Intermediate and Junior Championships went to more traditional homes when Clara and Thomastown, respectively, brought these titles back to Kilkenny. The special Junior Hurling Competition, as usual, proved most competitive and this year's worthy winners were Clanna Gael Fontenoys of Dublin.



Kilcormac Killoughey - Leinster Senior Club Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Enda Grogan, Mark Leonard, Seamus McDonald, Ger Healion, Conor Mahon, Peter Healion, Brian Leonard, Ciaran Slevin (Captain), Damien Kilmartin, Kevin Grogan, Kevin Saddler, Thomas Geragthy, Kevin Coyne, Paul Dillon, Eoin Dunne, Kevin Rigney, Barry Gorman

Front L-R: James Gorman, James Geragthy, Alan McConville, Daniel Currans, Conor Slevin, Killian Leonard, John Grogan, Trevor Flether, Thomas Geragthy, Aidan Bracken, Dylan Murray, Con Mahon, Brian Gorman

Bord na Móna Accident Tournament Series

The Winners of the 2012 Competitions were as follows:

Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup S.F.	DCU
Bord na Móna Walsh Cup S.H.	Kilkenny
Bord na Móna Kehoe Cup S.H.	DIT
Bord na Móna O'Byrne Shield S.F.	Laois
Bord na Móna Walsh Shield S.H.	Offaly
Bord na Móna Kehoe Shield S.H.	Fingal

2013 Competitions

The Leinster Council introduced a new format for this year's Bord na Mona O'Byrne Cup S.F. Competition

i.e. four groups of four teams each with each team guaranteed a minimum three games. The initial reactions seem to be positive and, despite difficult weather conditions, the midweek floodlit games proved very popular. Similarly - despite earlier rumblings of discontent - the participation of the Third Level Colleges has helped to enhance the Competitions.

The Hurling Competitions remain in the same format as heretofore and at the time of writing are only getting into full swing. One word of caution - if the Kehoe Cup continues to expand as is happening at the moment it may become too unwieldy in its present format. Surely Comhairle Laighean should not have to bear the sole responsibility for providing pre-season competition for six non-Leinster hurling teams!



DCU - Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup Winners 2012

Back L-R: Philly McMahon, James McCarthy, Pete Dooney, Dean Rock, David Keenan, Luke Bree, Robert Hennelly, Greg Gibson, Ciaran Cafferkey, David Gavin, Cillian Keogh, Eoghan O'Gara

Front L-R: Eoin Culligan, Kieran Gavin (C), Neil Collins, Paul Flynn, Jonny Cooper, Fionn O'Shea, Cathal Cregg, Antoine McFadden, Jack Brady

Kildare - Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup Winners 2013

Kildare captain, Mikey Conway raises the O'Byrne Cup on behalf of the Lilywhites





Clara - Leinster Intermediate Club Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Nicky Crean, Michael Bergin, Patrick Galvin, Stephen Quinlan, Michael McDonald, Eoin Curtis, Jody Crean, Austin Murphy, Michael Murphy

Middle L-R: Peter Nolan, Dermot Nolan, Lester Ryan, Conor O'Shea, John Phelan, Neil Prendergast, James Nolan, Sean O'Shea, Bill Carrigan, Killian Phelan, Shane Cassin, Shane Prendergast

Front L-R: FConor Ryan, Tom Bolger, Paddy Bolger, Tom Ryan, Brian O'Shea, Conor Phelan, Liam Ryan, Chris Bolger, Kevin Nolan, Jack Langton, Ciaran Prendergast, James Barry

Seated L-R: Keith Hogan, David Langton (Captain)

Leinster Roll Of Honour 2012

PEIL

Sinsir
Soisir
Mionúir
Fe 21 Bliain
Club Sinsir
Club Idirmheanach
Club Soisir
Corn Ui Bhroin
Sciath Ui Bhroin

BUATHOIRI

Áth Cliath
Cabhán
Áth Cliath
Áth Cliath
Ballymun Kickhams
Monasterevin
Castleknock
DCU
Laois

NEASOIRI

An Mhí
Cill Dara
An Mhí
Lú
Portlaoise
O'Connells
St. Fintans
Cill Dara
Loch Garman

IOMAINT

Sinsir
Idirmheanách
Mionúir
Fé 21 Bliain
Fé 21 Bliain 'A'
Club Sinsir
Club Idirmheanach
Club Sóisir
Club Sóisir Speis.
Corn Breathnach
Sciath Breathnach
Corn Mac Eochaidh
Sciath Mac Eochaidh
Club SHL Div I
Club SHL Div II
Club SHL Div III

BUATHOIRI

Gaillimh
Cill Chainnigh
Áth Cliath
Cill Chainnigh
Cill Dara
Kilcormac/Killoughey
Clara
Thomastown
Clanna Gael/Fontenoy
Cill Chainnigh
Uíbh Fháilí
GMIT
Fingal
Birr
Faughs
Bray Emmets

NEASOIRI

Cill Chainnigh
Loch Garman
Loch Garman
Laois
An Mhí
Oulart-The Ballagh
Oylegate Glenbrien
Rathmolyon
Knockbridge
Gaillimh
DIT
St. Patricks
Ard Mhacha
Rathnure
Oylegate Glenbrien
Carnew Emmets

Inter-Provincial Competitions

Leinster had mixed luck in the 2012 M. Donnelly Interprovincial Competitions. Our hurlers won the Province's 28th title with comprehensive wins over Munster in the Semi Final and Connacht in the Final.

A total of 29 players from across the Province were involved in the two games with 27 getting actual playing time. Apart from the players' genuine interest

in the cause we were blessed with a very enthusiastic, and professional, Management and Backroom team under the expert guidance of Joe Dooley. Well done to all concerned.

Our footballers never really got out of the traps and went down in the Semi Final to a less than powerful Munster team. Lessons appear to have been learned from this and there appears to be a much more focussed approach to this year's Competition.



Leinster - M. Donnelly Interprovincial Winners 2012

Back L-R: Colin Fennelly KK, Paul Murphy KK, David Kenny OY, Willie Hyland LS, Brendan Murtagh WH, Richie Hogan KK

Middle L-R: Denis (Rackard) Cody KK, JJ Delaney KK, Keith Rossiter WX, Niall Corcoran D, Rory Hanniffy OY, Ryan O'Dwyer D, TJ Reid KK, Jackie Tyrrell KK (Capt), Paul Ryan D, Michael Rice KK, Joe Dooley OY (Manager), Derek Lyng KK (Selector)

Front L-R: David Herity KK, Tommy Walsh KK, Michael Fennelly KK, Richie Power KK, Gary Maguire D, Eoin Larkin KK, Shane Dooley OY, Joe Bergin OY, Rory Jacob WX

Right: Leinster captain, Jackie Tyrrell with the cup



Senior Hurling Championship Proposals

The inclusion of Galway and Antrim in the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship concludes – according to Rule - with this year's (2013) Championships. In order for it to continue, or to have some other format put in place, a motion must be put before the 2013 Annual congress. To this end a number of groups have been carrying out a Review of the All Ireland Hurling Championship and, just recently, the Central Council accepted a format which they will sponsor in motion form for Congress.

This format will ensure that Galway and Antrim will continue to participate in the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship in 2014 and have the right to ensure their participation in future years. It also ensures that:

- (a) The relative strengths of teams participating in Leinster can be taken into consideration.
- (b) Leinster retains the right to decide on the format and structure of the Leinster Championship.
- (c) The integrity and competitiveness of the Leinster and All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship is protected (as, indeed the Christy Ring Cup) by having an upper limit on the numbers of teams in the top tier.
- (d) There will be a route to the Liam McCarthy Cup for winners of the Christy Ring Cup.
- (e) There will now be a definite structure on all four tiers of the Senior Hurling Championship.
- (f) There will be a review, after each three years, to assess whether any county has made sufficient strides (or indeed regressed sufficiently) that they should be included in the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship proper and excluded from the threat of relegation / qualifying group or not.

Having considered all the proposals on offer I am convinced that this is the way forward in the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship and I would urge counties to give it their full support at Congress.

Football Review Committee

Some representatives of the Football Review Committee will attend our Workshop at Convention where their proposals will be discussed at length. Broadly speaking, I welcome this Committee's proposals and I sincerely hope we give them a good airing at Convention.

I would be a little concerned that the Committee appears to have rowed back a little, on some proposals, in response to negative criticism from some areas. This should not happen as the original proposals came about after what we are told was a hugely extensive canvas of opinion across the country.

Whatever the fate of these proposals I certainly look forward to the publication of the Committee's deliberations on the second part of this report. It should make for challenging debate.



Kildare - Leinster Under 21 A Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Shane Higgins, David Carter, Declan Flaherty, Philip Cocoman, Mick Purcell (capt), Sean Gainey, Ross Kelly, Fiachra Lohan, Mark Delaney, Sean Christiansen, Ross Bergin, Liam McDonagh

Front L-R: Conor Kenny, Paddy McKenna, Ryan McGrath, Cormac Gallagher, Shane O'Flynn, Conor Hehir, Darach Mac Donnadha, Kevin Whelan, Ryan Casey

Missing from photo: Martin Fitzgerald, Gerry Keegan, Niall Glennon

Health and Safety at Grounds

It is proposed to have some discussion at Convention on this topic. Just like finance, and other unpalatable topics, delegates prefer to steer clear of talking about Health and Safety at grounds. We prefer to keep the heads down and hope the issue will go away. Believe me this one will not go away.

Surveys carried out at the Main County Grounds in the province, over the last two years, have now put in stone, for once and for all, what the safe capacities of each of our main county grounds are. They have also outlined the mandatory developments that are necessary to deal with safety issues while in the coming months the National Committee will draw up a list of necessary developments to meet with Health regulations.

Here in Leinster we have decided on our strategy on how to deal with this whole area of Health and Safety at our grounds. It is planned that this will click into place immediately after Convention. The strategy will follow the following lines:

- (1) Appoint a Leinster Health and Safety Supremo
- (2) Appoint a Leinster Health and Safety Committee
- (3) Develop a Leinster Event Management Plan
- (4) Work with counties to appoint Health and Safety Committees
- (5) Establish a Leinster Team of trained Stewards and Event Managers
- (6) Communicate with and advise National CCCC and Leinster CCC regarding their venue selection for non-Leinster fixtures hosted in Leinster
- (7) Support a National Steward Training Programme
- (8) Encourage full attendance by counties and province at the training sessions
- (9) Encourage counties to trawl for Health and Safety expertise in their own counties
- (10) Include Health and Safety in the Infrastructure section of the Leinster Strategic Plan
- (11) Advise Leinster Council on the costings of various Health and Safety options for fixture and venues
- (12) Use outside expertise where relevant

This is the plan. Its success or otherwise will depend greatly on the co-operation we get from counties and other stakeholders. Ar aghaidh linn le chéile.

Match Regulations

Almost unnoticed, a serious change in our match regulations has been introduced into our games for the coming year. There is the other odd bit of tweaking here and there but it is the dramatic reduction of the number of Team Officials permitted to remain in the Pitch Enclosure during the game that has really caught the attention. This reduction – from twelve to five – becomes effective immediately at National Level while in Leinster it becomes operative from Round 1 (19.2.2013) of the Under 21 Football Championship.

This major change was adopted by Central Council at the end of last year but it is only now dawning on quite a number of counties. Impassioned pleas at a recent Central Council meeting failed to change the earlier decision and so counties must now learn to live with it.

Personally, I see a lot of merit in the new regulation. Congestion on the sidelines in recent years had become unsightly, unmanageable and, frankly bordering on the dangerous. In the heat of battle there were inevitable confrontations, some verbal and some physical. These did nothing to enhance the image of our games and, most certainly, did nothing to influence events on the field of play.

Having said all that, I would enter a couple of cautionary notes. Many of our venues are just not geared to facilitate this major change in the location of Teams Officials and other members of the playing party. This is particularly true at some of our smaller venues (where Minor and Under 21 fixtures tend to be played) but it also applies at a number of our larger venues. Consequently, remedial work must be immediately undertaken to facilitate this change of regulation.

Another concern of mine relates to the old chestnut of the penalties for breach of Match Regulations. For the most part penalties are in the form of fines on the offending party with the amount being decided by the Category of game involved (There are now three categories of games). This puts undue pressure on County Chairmen and Secretaries not to mention the nightmare it brings to County Treasurers. Surely more emphasis should be put on sanctioning the offending individuals, rather than the helpless (in most cases) County Committees.

Finally, I have real concerns about the proposed monitoring and reporting of breaches of match regulations. This will be done by, or through, the sideline official and must then form part of the Referee's Report. It sounds like a monumental task but only time will tell.



Dublin - Leinster Under 21 Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Luke Fletcher, Ciaran Kilkenny, John Small, John Brian Carthy, Eoin Keogh, David Downey, Ciaran Reddin, Paul Hudson, Adam Caffrey, Emmet O’Conghaile, Mark Scuttle, Jack Smith, Daniel Byrne, Patrick O’Higgins, Alan Carr.

Front L-R: Jack McCaffrey, John Kelly, Michael Concarr, Kevin O’Brien (Capt), Sean George, Gerry Seaver, Philip Ryan, Ciaran McHugh, Fionn Kearney, Harry Dawson, Alex Quinn, Gary Sweeney, Paul Maguire.

Making Leinster GAA Relevant

The Leinster Council, as indeed other Provincial Councils, was recently reminded of their responsibilities to our counties as dictated by Rule 3.32 (i) O.G. This refers to the Council's power, and indeed duty, to monitor and supervise the performance of County Committees within its jurisdiction in the areas of Games Development, Competitions, Fixtures Administration, adherence to Directives of Central Council, Financial Performance, Marketing, Public Relations and investment in Physical facilities.

This whole area was discussed at Leinster Management Level towards the end of 2012 and there was general agreement that this is the ideal vehicle for us to make Leinster Council GAA relevant to our counties. Quite apart from the fact that its implementation is a fundamental role of Provincial Council they need some help and guidance from the parent body.

The immediate plan is:

- (a) To promote the benefits of Leinster's interactions with our counties
- (b) To produce a comprehensive list of all current interactions with the counties by all staff members
- (c) To identify where interaction is producing benefits and where it requires improvements
- (d) To identify untended or overlooked areas where interaction needs to be put in place
- (e) To work with Officer Boards in the counties to facilitate improved interaction
- (f) To develop a strategy for a series of County Officers meetings commencing in March 2013

The overall purpose is to bring recognised benefits to both the counties and Leinster Council through a process of co-operation. Thus the first steps are likely to be the introduction of a county based self-evaluation process to include all areas mentioned in Rule 3.32 (i) plus other fundamental operational areas, for the purpose of facilitating assessment, identifying gaps and setting priorities.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Immediate Future

By now each county has its Strategic Plan in place. These county plans are intrinsically linked with our Provincial Plan. Consequently, for 2013, it is Leinster's intention to work closely with counties in a number of different areas. The main emphasis will be on the following:

A. Finance and Funding

Included in this are matters such as:

- (a) Proper procedures to meet revenue requirements.
- (b) Establishing a framework for timely and reliable disbursement of funds and figures for budgetary purposes to facilitate short and medium term financial planning.
- (c) Reduction of operating and other costs.
- (d) Developing a unified approach / policy / procedure for dealing with Club and Counties in financial difficulty.

B. Ticket Pricing 2013

Essential that packages, prices etc., be put in place early in the year.

C. County and Club Planning and Officer Training

Supporting the work of County Development Officers and encouraging participation in national initiatives.

D. Communications

Further development of online and Social Media Communications.

E. Referees' Recruitment and Development

Develop a link with Third Level Bursary Scheme to help meet refereeing needs at Provincial and County Level.

F. Fixtures Planning and Games Scheduling

A Sub-Committee of Leinster CCC to be appointed to take charge of Games Scheduling for specific competitions.

G. International Partners

Carry out an in-depth review of the Council's relationship with our International Partners and then develop a policy in tandem with the National Committee.

H. Recruitment and Development of Volunteers

- (a) Review Leinster Council policy on the formation, makeup and use of Sub-Committees.
- (b) Develop a policy and procedure on making best use of volunteer members' commitment and expertise.
- (c) Put in place mentoring teams, as required, to support Provincial and County Initiatives.

HALL OF FAME AWARDS 2012

Presented at the Senior Hurling and Football Finals

Peil Matt Connor (Offaly)

Our 2012 Hall of Fame award went to Matt Connor, from the famous Walsh Island club, who came on to the inter-county scene at a time when Offaly football was at a very low ebb. Making his senior inter-county debut, against Longford, in 1978, while still a teenager, he went on to win every honour the game had to offer over the next six years. He was also inspirational in the revival of the football fortunes of his native Walsh Island, winning two Leinster club titles and setting up a new record of six successive Offaly senior titles from 1978 to 1983 and he was top scorer in all six finals. Matt was honoured by the All Stars in 1980, 1982 and 1983.

Matt Connor's scoring feats are well documented but, it is worth remembering that in 1980, over a full year's playing of Championship, League, Railway Cup, tournament and challenge games, Matt helped himself to 22 goals and 135 points, or 201 points overall, to become the first player, in hurling or football, to reach 200 points in an annual series of matches. He played 29 games in that history-making run.

The Offaly forward improved on that markmanship in 1981 when he retained the top spot in the nation, helping himself to 140 points plus 16 goals to finish with 188 points overall from 30 games for the second highest total in a yearly programme of games, hurling or football.

In 1982, Matt headed the country-wide table for the third year in succession, a remarkable achievement.

It must be acknowledged that Matt's scoring ability was not confined to his deadly accurate free-taking. He was the complete footballer with natural ability. A magnificent fielder of the ball and an astute reader of the game allied to his tremendous balance and jinxing runs with accuracy from both feet made him a 'fear ann féin'.



Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Martin Skelly presents Offaly legend, Matt Connor with his Leinster Hall of Fame Award before the Leinster Senior Football Final at Croke Park last July.

When Matt Connor had his life torn apart by a horrific accident on Christmas Day 1984, Gaelic Football followers everywhere were numbed. The huge volume of goodwill extended to him in the months following the accident showed the esteem in which he was held throughout the length and breadth of the country and, indeed, away beyond these shores. The true strength of character which we had all witnessed, on so many occasions, on the playing fields was now called on as he faced the daunting reality of not being able to walk again.

He met the challenge head on. Instead of fading out of the limelight he resumed work and, over the following decades, became actively involved in the management at all levels in Offaly, surely a source of inspiration and courage to all who might find themselves in a similar situation.

Comhairle Laighean is, indeed, proud, privileged and humbled to welcome Matt Connor, a remarkable footballer and a remarkable man into our Hall of Fame. Fáilte isteach, Matt.

Comhairle Laighean Co. Final Programme Award 2012



The 2012 Comhairle Laighean County Final Match Programme Award went again to Louth and Ronan Lynch, for the second year in a row, for his excellent Senior County Football Final programme.

The standard of county final programmes is quite high in most counties so to achieve the award in successive years is an achievement and indicates the quality of the content and production. This programme is replete with interesting and informative content, with relevant statistics, photographs and articles, making it a publication to enjoy now and to keep for future reference.

Iomáint David Kilcoyne (Westmeath)

Since it was first established, by the then Chairman Nickey Brennan in 2003, the Leinster Hall of Fame has welcomed numerous high profile GAA personalities aboard. In 2012 attention was focussed on one of the 'less successful' counties and on an adopted son who has made a massive personal contribution to the game of hurling and is the only man, from the county, to be awarded an All-Star in the code.

Comhairle Laighean extends a sincere céad míle fáilte to David Kilcoyne. David was born near Louisburg in County Mayo, in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, an area hardly renowned for its contribution to hurling. At an early age, the family moved to Ringtown in Westmeath, an area steeped in hurling history and with medals to prove it.

It was here, under the slopes of Knockeyon, that the migrant family immersed itself in the activities of the community and, for David, and his three brothers, that included the game of hurling in the local school. David won his first medal, at the age of fifteen, when he and his brothers, Jim, Padraic and Michael, helped Ringtown win their first county title at Under-21 level in 1977 and, three years later, they helped steer Ringtown to a senior title after a lapse of 38 years.

The skill and promise shown by David was soon recognised by the senior county selectors and he became a regular on the Westmeath senior team. His accuracy, style, speed and

brainpower identified him as a top class hurler and he was selected as Westmeath Senior Hurler of the Year in 1985, having been similarly rewarded at under-age level five years earlier.

In 1984, David and brother Michael helped Westmeath to win 'B' All-Ireland honours for the first time and league promotion to Division 1 followed. Wins over counties like Galway, Tipperary and Offaly helped the maroons to a National League quarter-final meeting with Kilkenny, which they lost by just two points, 3-08 to 0-15. David, along with his brothers, Michael, Sean and James, was on that team in 1986. David went on to be honoured by the All-Star selectors that same year, earning Westmeath its only such award in hurling. He was selected at top of the right on a full-forward line that also included Corkmen Jimmy Barry Murphy and Kevin Hennessy. In 1988, David was, along with PJ Cuddy (Laois) and Christy Heffernan (Kilkenny) on a Leinster Inter-provincial full forward line when they beat Connaught in the Railway Cup Final.

David helped Westmeath win a second All-Ireland 'B' title in 1991 but, by now, persistent injuries were taking their toll and four years later David was forced to retire from a game that he adorned as a player and a true sportsman.

David turned his attention to coaching and the development programmes for under-age players at club and county level where his experience, expertise and easy manner were invaluable.

The name David Kilcoyne may be lost on some hurling aficionados but it is a name revered in Westmeath where he was a shining example of what can be achieved through dedication, commitment and sportsmanship. He ticked all these boxes.

From the western sea-board of Mayo to the shores of Lake Derravarragh, made famous in folklore by the Children of Lir, David came, saw and conquered. Comhairle Laighean salutes him and all those who toil without tangible reward on the hurling and football fields of the 'less successful' counties. Long may they continue to do so.

Fáilte romhat isteach, David, tá sé thar a bheith tuillte agat.

Comhairle Laighean Website Award 2012



The 2012 award for Club Website went to St. Jude's GAA Club in Templeogue, where Club PRO Fergus McNally and website designer Noel Manning have developed a very professional club website.

The site is attractive, up to date, easy to use, is a hub for social media communications and showcases the club in a very positive way. There is also a strong community element to the site, including a local business promotion section. Pride in the club is very evident. This is a good example of what is achievable with available expertise and commitment.



Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Martin Skelly presents David Kilmartin of Westmeath with his Leinster Hall of Fame Award before the Leinster Senior Hurling Final at Croke Park last July.

Sympathy

The Leinster Council extends its sincere sympathy to the families of many former and current officers, players and supporters of our games who have died since our last Convention. In particular I might mention three most recent very sad deaths - Paidí O Shea (former Westmeath Manager), Shane McEntee (former Meath Manager and player) and most recently of all, Kevin Heffernan (Dublin player and Manager).

A number of Council members suffered close family bereavements during the year and we especially extend our sympathies to them.

A novena of masses has been offered for their intentions.

'Go nedean Dia trocaire ar a nanamacha'

Retiring Treasurer



This Convention sees the end of Pat Toner's term of office as Treasurer of Leinster Council GAA. No more than for any unit of the Association – and others also – it was not a great era to be responsible for the handling of the Council's finances. Yet, with shrewd judgment and timely advice Pat managed to keep the books on an even keel and he can reflect on a job well done.

Having also served a three year term as the Council's PRO, not to mention a lengthy stint as Secretary of Louth County Board Pat has accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge which we would do well not to lose. I wish him well in whatever role he takes on next in the Association and feel certain that he has much more to offer at Provincial Council Level.

Buíochas

As is normal at the end of every Secretary's Report we pause to thank the many people who have helped the Council during the last year. I'm sure it's a section not much read except by the very dedicated but nevertheless I would hate to think that we do not appreciate the contribution of so many, mostly voluntary, people in the province.

Players

I make no apology for putting our players at the top of the list. We may talk about stadium development, analyse the latest pronouncements on Health and Safety, worry about the Revenue Commissioners but we must never forget the two basics - our games and the people who play them. At the end of the day, it's what we are all about as an Association. That's why matters like fixtures scheduling, player burnout, closed season, venue facilities etc., are so important - they all relate to players. Incidentally, I never really worry about the county players - they will be well catered for. It is the huge majority of lads, who ply their trade solely at club level, who need our most urgent attention and support. Please do not ignore them.

Referees and Officials

Given that we would have no games without players it is equally important to acknowledge that players would have no games without Referees and Match Officials. I know this is a cliché but clichés have their basis in fact.

Looking at our own fixtures schedule during Provincial Club Championship time, and again during the Accident Tournament Competitions, it is alarming to see how difficult it is to come up with sufficient Match Officials, particularly in hurling, to cover our programme of games. This should make us appreciate the task, therefore, faced by County Committees every week in covering their programme of games.

I would like to thank the small body of men who look after refereeing matters in Leinster - Appointments Committee, Recruitment and Training Group and those who help by carrying out Assessments. All these threads are brought together under the genial guidance of Aidan Shiels and I salute him and his gallant band of helpers.

County Committees

In last year's report to Annual Convention, I devoted quite an amount of space to discussing the financial woes of many of our County Committees. As with most of the Report, it generated very little comment from delegates. However I would have to say that the last year has shown a marked improvement in a number of counties and I welcome this.

My personal thanks to the County Committee Officers for their dedication to the cause in promotion of the games in their own counties. I thank them also for their unstinting support of, and loyalty to, the Provincial Council.

Leinster Sub-Committees

The second half of this booklet is really about the heartbeat of the GAA in Leinster. It does not deal with the glamorous big days in Croke Park nor does it pontificate about how things might be done at National Level.

It outlines and summarises the work being carried out at every level in the province to make the Association a more buoyant entity for young and old. It deals with the promotion and development of games at the three levels of Educational Institutions and at Club level also. It reports on what is being done to educate Referees, streamline fixtures, market the games, and train tutors. It also reports on how to administer discipline and on the activities on the Culture front, not to mention the huge activity carried out by our brethren in the world of Handball.

On behalf of the Leinster Council I sincerely thank these various groups for another year's work.

Media

The mainstream media provided another outstanding year's coverage of our games. Coverage was fair and balanced and I express my gratitude, for that to all concerned.

Those of a certain vintage have difficulty with the phenomenon of social media with Twitter, Facebook etc., being foreign to many of us. Yet we must move with the times and recognise that these too have a major part to play in advertising our games. If used fairly, sensibly and honourably we can all come to live with it.

Pairc an Chrocaigh

The team, led by our Ard Stiurthoir Paraic Duffy, gave us in Leinster another great year's guidance and assistance. My sincere gratitude to all concerned.

General

I would also like to thank the Council Officers and members for their year's work. Likewise, our Coaching Team through the Province can be proud of their contributions to the spread of our games. It would be remiss of me to leave out mention of the many other Volunteers, in so many capacities, who make our operations tick.

Finally, to the Staff at Aras Laighean I say well done on a competent year's endeavours.

Rath Dé Oraibh go léir

Michéal Ó Dubhshláine





LEINSTER GAA PRESENTATION NIGHT





Games Development Report



Games Development Activity 2012

The Leinster Games Development Committee work this year focused much on completion of objectives set out in the strategic plan. The committee meetings were attended by both Games Managers and County Coaching Officers to ensure a clear and concise message was relayed. From a meeting perspective, the plan this year is to review the structure of these meetings.

From an operational perspective 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. Participant Figures are based on most accurate data

County	U.8 Programmes	U.10 Programmes	U.12 Programmes	Total No. of Participants	Total No. of Programmes
CW	10	10	10	873	30
DB	660	560	350	6,408	1570
KE	23	24	22	1,093	69
KK	36	36	36	2,160	108
LS	24	24	24	762	72
LD	2 cross-county	2 cross-county	2 cross-county	120	6 cross-county
LH	8	8	9	290	25
MH	20	20	19	965	59
OY	19	20	20	1,000	59
WM	14 (2 cross-county)	14 (2 cross-county)	14 (2 cross-county)	732	42 (6 cross-county)
WX	47	47	47	2,400	141
WW	18	18	16	744	155

Go Games School 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 Hurling Blitzes

County	No. Schools	No. Participating Schools	Total No. of Participants	No. of Schools Completing Programmes
CW	33	25	990	25
DB	489	90	2,687	1937
KE	90	35	3,175	35
KK	76	76	2,000	76
LS	69	29	1,297	27
LD	37	22	532	20
LH	60	21	370	10
MH	110	54	2,996	34
OY	65	54	1,783	51
WM	73	35	950	35
WX	101	92	7,850	92
WW	84	52	4,640	52

Go Games School Football Blitz Programme

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

County	No. Schools	No. Participating Schools	Total No. of Participants	No. of Schools Completing Programmes
CW	33	33	1,360	32
DB	489	107	4,018	340
KE	90	77	6,378	77
KK	76	76	2,000	76
LS	69	42	1,814	42
LD	37	37	779	37
LH	60	66	990	66
MH	110	95	5,337	95
OY	65	63	1,949	63
WM	73	60	1,600	60
WX	101	92	7,850	92
WW	84	84	5,046	84

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.

County	No. Schools	No. Participating Schools	No. of Coaching Sessions (approx)	Total No. of Participants	No. of Schools that participated in ABC Programme	No. of Schools that completed Coaching Programme
CW	33	33	650	1,680	33	33
DB	489	280	1,400	47,652	261	350
KE	90	81	3,814	9,280	51	76
KK	76	70	1,120	1,600	70	70
LS	69	63	1,000	2,784	35	63
LD	37	37	1,758	1,627	33	37
LH	60	48	1,760	1,775	30	48
MH	110	109	2,566	11,576	32	109
OY	65	65	2,176	4,132	20	65
WM	73	70	5,460	3,750	55	70
WX	101	92	1,700	7,850	25	92
WW	84	84	3,369	8,298	84	84

Talent Academy Hurling & Football Squads U.14

County	No. of U14 TA Hurling Squads	No. U14 TA Hurling Squad Sessions	No. of U14 TA Hurling Squad Participants	No. of U14 TA Football Squad	No. U14 TA Football Squad Sessions	No. of U14 TA Football Squad Participants
CW	1	30	26	2	24	44
DB	2	8	68	2	8	71
KE	1	17	40	2	18	52
KK	3	8	140	1	10	35
LS	1	21	48	2	21	46
LD	1	10	25	2	21	68
LH	1	9	25	2	20	45
MH	1	18	30	2	21	62
OY	1	8	28	2	31	38
WM	1	16	35	2	28	50
WX	3	38	126	2	31	65
WW	1	16	34	1	22	34

Talent Academy Hurling & Football Squads U.15

County	No. of U15 TA Hurling Squads	No. U15 TA Hurling Squad Sessions	No. of U15 TA Hurling Squad Participants	No. of U15 TA Football Squad	No. U15 TA Football Squad Sessions	No. of U15 TA Football Squad Participants
CW	1	31	30	1	30	26
DB	2	8	63	2	8	65
KE	1	10	34	1	16	40
KK	2	8	90	0	0	0
LS	1	26	40	1	21	30
LD	0	0	0	1	16	30
LH	0	0	0	1	20	35
MH	0	0	0	2	18	50
OY	1	10	23	1	30	28
WM	1	14	30	1	14	30
WX	3	41	73	1	33	90
WW	1	26	34	1	23	30

Talent Academy Hurling & Football Squads U.16

County	No. of U16 TA Hurling Squads	No. U16 TA Hurling Squad Sessions	No. of U16 TA Hurling Squad Participants	No. of U16 TA Football Squad	No. U16 TA Football Squad Sessions	No. of U16 TA Football Squad Participants
CW	0	0	0	1	24	26
DB	1	8	42	1	8	44
KE	1	12	29	1	18	32
KK	2	8	80	1	10	25
LS	1	13	26	1	20	28
LD	1	18	25	1	39	30
LH	1	15	25	1	20	30
MH	1	20	30	2	20	50
OY	1	10	25	1	26	26
WM	1	14	30	1	14	30
WX	2	58	49	1	29	120
WW	1	18	30	1	20	30

Talent Academy Hurling & Football Squads U.17

County	No. of U17 TA Hurling Squads	No. U17 TA Hurling Squad Sessions	No. of U17 TA Hurling Squad Participants	No. of U17 TA Football Squad	No. U17 TA Football Squad Sessions	No. of U17 TA Football Squad Participants
CW	1	6	26	1	4	26
DB	1	8	33	1	8	35
KE	0	0	0	1	11	30
KK	1	8	30	0	0	0
LS	0	0	0	1	1	25
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0
LH	0	0	0	1	15	30
MH	0	0	0	1	12	30
OY	0	0	0	0	0	0
WM	0	0	0	0	0	0
WX	1	20	34	1	12	35
WW	0	0	0	1	3	25

Go Games Review

Congress' decision to conduct a review of Go Games has proved positive in that it has given us an opportunity to appraise its implementation and get a better understanding of the issues on the ground. While ultimately the review will see a motion going to Congress to revise the rule – some issues will never be resolved by changes in rule due to the intransigence of some coaches.

The most worrying issue discovered was that of clubs just bringing the bare minimum number of players with the purpose of ensuring a victory or to avoid the "inconvenience" of having to rotate players. It was pointed out during our review that this practice is already having a knock-on effect up the ages where clubs don't have numbers to field in thirteen and fifteen a-side competitions. If this practice continues we are looking at more unnecessary amalgamations not because of depopulation but laziness and a case of putting the child second to winning.

In actual fact Go Games can offer the clubs in rural areas quite the opposite. Wicklow is an example where a policy of no amalgamations are permitted unless in exceptional cases to ensure each club's identity endures. With the small numbers involved surely clubs should see Go Games as the chance to maintain the club's identity. Demography is cyclical so why pre-empt something that may not be inevitable.

Another issue however that needs attention is the organisation of tournaments contrary to rule. Some of these tournaments are mini All-Irelands and serve to muddy the waters in respect of good practice for this cohort of children. Personally, I'm in favour of club tournaments and in most cases they are ahead of their time giving players greater opportunities to play games in a time when opportunities were limited. But these tournaments cannot be allowed to undermine policy or county games programme. We would hope that counties would work harder to ensure that clubs do not flaunt the rules in 2013.

In general Go Games are being implemented according to good practice around the province. The changes proposed I believe will be positive especially with a clearer distinction around playing Under 12. I believe the motion will be passed because like in Newcastle it is the right thing to do. Thereafter though I hope that the same publicity the FA in England received from Sky Sports et al when they introduced a similar games model this year. We need to up our game in terms of creating awareness of Go Games and Mini Leagues and I'd hope to see inter county players to the forefront.

Urbanisation

Michael Delaney observed in his report last year that it was time for counties impacted most by urbanisation and increases in population to come knocking on our door. Unfortunately little has changed in the intervening months. We've learned one thing this year however; even when initiative is shown it is very difficult to make change because of local factors and an unwillingness to change – an attitude unfortunately protected by the machinations of the Association.

To tackle urbanisation we need a more flexible and fluid procedures in place. Last Congress passed motion to expand Rule 3.60 a and b, (Deviation from Rule) which enables

County Boards apply to Central Council for permission to deviate from a specific rule where exceptional circumstances warrant it. Heretofore the rule only applied to units of Association outside of Ireland because they are "different".

Well... GAA in Urban Ireland is different too and I see no reason (if the will exists) why strands of the Association cannot utilise this rule to make an impact in urban areas be it by redrawing of catchment areas or introduction of bye laws to enhance participation and enable coaching and games projects get a greater return. Although changes to this rule offer opportunities perhaps to make real change the provincial councils needs greater powers to ensure progress cannot be derailed.

Games Development Review

At last year's convention there was some good discussion around Games Development and whether or not it was making an impact. An objective contained in our Strategic Plan outlined our aim to review counties. The purpose of which was to understand what works best in each county and what needs to be improved. We accept one size does not fit all.

Probably the biggest project undertaken this year by Leinster Games Development and its wider team was the Games Development Review in Wexford. The review conducted looked at all aspects of games development in the county both organisational and operational. The review was wide ranging and consultative with focus groups meetings followed by phone interviews. The review took about 8 weeks to gather information alone. Drafting was difficult but in the end a document containing recommendations was issued to Wexford County Board who in fairness accepted them and facilitated the establishment of a steering group to draft actions out of the recommendations.

The action plan is due to be published later this month. Great credit goes to Wexford County Board for engaging in this exercise and accepting our recommendations. The exercise was not just about Wexford. We in Leinster learned too and will begin filling the gaps in our operation exposed during the Wexford Review.

While such an exercise is a big task, I would urge other counties to think about engaging in such a process. It is an opportunity to listen to clubs and schools and understand how to become fit for purpose.

On behalf of the Leinster Games Development Committee I would like to thank the following people who contributed immensely to the review in Wexford: Dave Kavanagh, Brendan O'Sullivan, Sean Dempsey, Colm Clear, Lester Ryan, Donal McNally, Pat Dunne, Brian Carberry, John McCarthy, Noel O'Sullivan.

Leinster GAA Gaelic Games Roadshow

The introduction of the Leinster GAA Gaelic Games Roadshow was by far our biggest punt in 2012. It sounded great as a concept, but thankfully the our vision was rewarded when it hit the road. This novel piece of equipment garnered massive goodwill from clubs and schools around the province and achieved one of goals which was to get notice for games development in Leinster. Over the period May-September the roadshow was at approximately 80 venues. The joy and thrill experienced by children was something to behold.

Leinster Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps 2012

County	Total Participants	Boys	Girls	Boys Football	Boys Hurling	Boys Rounders	Boys Handball	Girls Football	Girls Camogie	Girls Rounders	Girls Handball	Camps Coaches	
Carlow	1107	724	383	410	292	0	20	166	215	0	15	21	42
Dublin	6706	4452	2250	4002	2907	3716	1513	1999	1674	1960	912	66	262
Kildare	4301	2885	1435	2320	1406	0	0	1291	737	0	0	46	70
Kilkenny	1762	1154	609	1218	1218	1218	533	599	599	599	269	9	69
Laois	1443	976	467	646	399	368	0	322	191	169	0	29	32
Longford	1002	632	370	632	632	632	184	370	370	370	107	11	33
Louth	1527	002	502	984	288	282	0	490	189	183	0	20	44
Meath	2595	2594	1827	767	1586	353	0	0	656	153	0	32	34
Offaly	1873	1228	645	1228	1228	0	0	645	645	0	0	22	46
Westmeath	1404	877	527	754	323	755	482	528	194	431	271	15	51
Wexford	3008	1711	1305	1711	1711	1711	0	1305	1305	1305	0	34	67
Wicklow	2468	1568	900	1333	711	691	0	767	455	455	0	31	60
TOTALS	29196	19803	11220	16005	12701	9726	2732	8482	7230	5625	1574	336	810

Leinster Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps 2012

In 2012, all Counties in the Province organised Leinster Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps. A total of 336 camps were organized with 29,196 children taking part. This represented an increase of 4,975 (6%) on 2011.

New Sponsor 2012

Vhi ended their sponsorship following six years of support for the project. They were replaced by Kellogg's. The Kellogg's promotion included advertising on the back of almost 4 million packs Nationwide;

Marketing and Promotion

John Cotter coordinated local PR and liaised with Lester Ryan and the county coordinators.

Coaching / Games / Skill Acquisition and Development

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

The "Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps" is a national initiative organized locally and coordinated at county provincial and national level.

Leinster Coordinators

Shane Flanagan	Gerard O'Connor
Lester Ryan	Valerie Crean
David Murphy	Ciaran Muldowney
Brian Ryan	Dudley Farrell
Alan Mulhall	Noel Delaney
Dave Guiney	Hugh Kenny
Donal Doyle	Niall Cooper
Francis McMullen	Damian Sheridan
Eimear Dignam	



Leinster Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps enjoyed by all in Wexford

O'Neills.com Leinster GAA Coaching Conference 2012

The O'Neills.com Leinster GAA Coaching Conference 2012 took place on March 31st.

The day began at 9.00am for the 150 attendees. After some tea & coffee the attendees made their way to the lecture hall where they were greeted by Leinster Council Chairman Martin Skelly.

Following this there was a short video clip of Wexford Senior Football Managers Jason Ryan highlighting the importance of using games as part of your training sessions.

It was left to Declan Smyth (Leinster Tutor Trainer Group Chairman) to set the scene for the rest of the day and send the attendees on their way to the much anticipated practicals.

Hurling Practicals

Martin Fogarty and Brian Ryan started the day for the hurling coaches. Their session included an introductory classroom session followed by a practical field based presentation. The key themes to their session were:

- Shooting
- Taking the Right Option
- Use of Numerical Advantage

Michael Dempsey & Andy Murphy then completed a resistance training practical for all the hurling coaches present. The focus on this was using different exercises specific to GAA players

Pat Critchley finished the practical sessions for the hurling coaches. The main focus on Pats session was breaking the tackle and being on the front foot.

Football Practicals

Michael Dempsey & Andy Murphy then completed a resistance training practical for all the hurling coaches present. The focus on this was using different exercises specific to GAA players

Brian Cutberth & Eamonn Ryan delivered the second session for the football coaches. Their session included an introductory classroom session followed by a practical field based presentation. The key themes to their session were:

- Kick Passing
- Tackling
- Point Scoring

Tadhg Fennin finished the practical sessions for the football coaches. The main focus of Tadhg's session was using games to develop good forward play.

The conference was closed by the Uachtarán Tofa Liam O'Neill. The conference was a huge success with the feedback from the attendees very positive. There are many people to thank for such a successful day. In particular we would like to thank all those in IT Carlow for their help and support in facilitating the conference. To Sean Dempsey and his team who organised and coordinated the running of the day. To each of the presenters who ultimately made the day the success it was. To our sponsor O'Neills who have been very obliging and supportive. Finally we would like to thank all those in attendance for their continued commitment to coaching within the province.

Croke Park U8 Activity Days 2012

For the fifth year running Croke Park played host on 20th and 27th of August to over 3000 young under 8 hurlers and footballers as part of the Leinster GAA Go Games 'Play & Stay with the GAA' Activity Days.

Over 150 clubs were represented from around the province. The result being that over the last five years every club in the province has had the unique opportunity of playing on the famous turf and this year many returned for the second time.

With six Go Games pitches lined out – Croke Park was a hive of activity accommodating over 120 children per hour. The unforgettable experience included preparing for the games in the dressing rooms and was capped off with each team lifting a cup at the presentation area in the Hogan Stand.

The day started at 9.00am on both days and concluded at 5.00pm on the 20th and 5.45pm on the 27th.

The following was some feedback from the clubs:

I would like to thank you on behalf of Clonmore Juvenile Club for a great day yesterday. We brought up 30 under 8s and they all had a great time. The event was well run and there was a nice relaxed atmosphere for kids, mentors and parents. The parents and the grandparent were very impressed with the set-up and the ability of the GAA to open it's gates to the kids.

Colin Doyle
Clonmore, Co. Carlow

I'd just like to thank you for giving our children the wonderful opportunity to have had this experience in Croke Park. We had a bus full of excited players and supporters yesterday and I can safely say that the expectations of the children were fully realised on the day. I hope that it's something that we can build on year on year and as both a parent and a mentor I'd again like to extend my gratitude for all the work that goes into organising an event of this scale.

Martin Heslin
St. Edwards, Co. Kildare

On behalf of myself, Shannonbridge Under 8 team and Shannonbridge GAA I wish to thank you most sincerely for the opportunity to experience Croke Park, we had the most wonderful day in Croke Park yesterday, the team were absolutely over awed and excited by the whole experience and the parents could not speak highly enough about every aspect of the day.

I cannot explain enough how excited the young lads and ladies were, as this U8 team was the first team representing Shannonbridge in Croke Park there was talk on the bus home of targeting the club championship on St Patricks Day in 2025;

Happy Days.

Vincent Darcy
Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly

I just wanted to drop a note to say thank you for the Croke Park Activity Day for our under eights yesterday. It was absolutely brilliant and everybody from players to mentors and supporters had a day they won't forget. Many thanks to everybody concerned on a well run and well thought out day.

Tom Joyce
Mount Leinster Rangers, Carlow

Just a quick email to say "Thank You" for the fantastic day Na Fianna U8 hurling team had in Croke Park on Monday August 27th 2012.

The 19 children that played, the 2 mentors and all our supporters, family members have memories that they will treasure forever.

Please extend our thanks to the Leinster Council and all the staff on duty today as well, to organise so many teams/clubs/players etc is a credit to all concerned.

Tony Walsh
Na Fianna Juvenile Chairman

Just a quick email to say thanks very much for including us in the Leinster GAA "Activity Day" on Monday August 27th. We brought 34 under-8's up to Croke Park last Monday and they all had a brilliant day. It's a fantastic idea and a great opportunity for young players. The day was very well organised, and will give our lads some great memories for the years to come.

Keep up the good work!

Kenny Cantwell
Simonstown Gaels, Navan, Co.Meath

Just a quick note to say thank you for a fantastic day out! We had a great day and it was extremely well organized.

Well done to all involved. It really means a lot to a small hurling club like ours to be included in such a scheme.

Kind Regards

Sheila Whelan
Secretary, St Laurence's, Hurling Club

Resistance Training for the Youth Athlete Course

Leinster GAA in association with the other provinces are currently piloting a "Resistance Training for the Gaelic Games Youth Athlete"

The course was Developed by Andy Murphy (University of Limerick), Dr. Cian O'Neill (Univeristy of Limerick) and Michael Dempsey (IT Carlow).

The course will look at the following:

- Understanding the needs and demands of the youth athlete
- Developmental and challenging Warm-Up games
- Principles of training (related to RT)

IT Carlow – BA in Sport & Exercise

The BA in Sport and Exercise (GAA) in IT has grown from strength to strength over the last number of years. Currently there is three full years engaged in the programme. One of the highlights of 2012 was the graduation of the first group from the course and this took place on the 2nd of November.

Many of the graduates are continuing their studies with a significant number enrolled on the Level 8 add on year within IT Carlow.

Another highlight from 2012 was the 3rd year students workplacement with different units of the association in particular with the oversees units.

Students Travel to Assist Overseas Units

Five students from the B.A. in Sport & Exercise (GAA) are travelling to assist different GAA Clubs in Europe and Asia as part of the work placement module on their course. In total 22 students from the course in Carlow are currently on work placement. Many of these students are working with the games development staff in their counties and will be assisting them with the promotion of gaelic games for the next few weeks. Five of the students have been lucky enough to get the opportunity to travel oversees as part of this placement. This arrangement will be both beneficial to the students and the host clubs. The students will get the opprotunity to utilise their knowledge from the course in a practical setting while the clubs will benefit from this knowledge and the enthusiasim and energy the students will bring.

- The role of RT in the preparation of the Gaelic games youth athlete
- Coaching field-based RT exercises
- Coaching indoor RT exercises (sports hall, mutli-purpose area)
- Progression and adaptation of exercises
- Movement analysis
- Integration of RT training and skills based training
- Programme design, progression & evaluation
- Periodisation and planning

It is hoped that after the pilot that the course will be submitted to the Standards in Coaching Development Workgroup for accreditation and then can be rolled out to coaches around the country.

The following are the students who are lucky enough to be selected to travel oversees and the clubs they will be working with:

EUROPE

Students	Martin Hawley Paul Feerick
Brussels	Belgium GAA & European Communities Gaelic Club
Netherlands	The Hague & Maastricht
Student	Faolan Smyth
Germany	Munich

ASIA

Students	John Farrell Ciaran Mannion
China	Shanghai Saints and Sirens

The students were working on different areas from mentoring coaches, club development, Schools coaching and club coaching. The students were using the skills and knowledge they had learned over the last three years on the B.A. Sport & Exercise (GAA) course in IT Carlow to assist these clubs in their ongoing development.

Leinster U-16 Coaching Day

The Leinster U-16 Hurling Coaching Day was held in St. Kieran's College on Wednesday 18th July.

Participating Teams: Kildare, Louth, Meath, Wicklow. In addition six players from Carlow and three players from Kilkenny attended the Coaching Day.

High profile guest coaches (including Martin Fogarty and James McGarry) and Leinster Coaches worked with the squads for the morning.

Session Skills

- Play/Attacking Play
Martin Fogarty / Noel Mooney
- First touch / Strike General Skills
Noel O'Sullivan / Brendan Hayden
- Blocking / Tackling Wall Work
George O'Connor / Joe Kearns

- Core/ Strength Conditioning
Michael O'Dempsey (Carlow IT students)
- Goalkeeping session
James McGarry
Practical Sessions (three stations rotating)

The Counties then completed their day's activities by playing games against Kilkenny Development squads

The games were a success but the majority of the squad players did show signs of fatigue after a long days hurling. However the mentors from the Counties were pleased with the results.

Feedback to the coaching Day has been very positive. Counties were very pleased with the calibre of coaching and the overall format of the day. All the Mentors felt that it should be an annual event and if possible a second day should be included.



Martin Fogarty, James McGarry and George O'Connor give helpful tips to the young players

Leinster Poc Fada Finals

The Leinster Poc Fada competition was an "on the road event" held at St.Mullins Co. Carlow, on 12th July 2012 The course was approx 3½ miles and took around 80-90 minutes to complete.

2012 Poc Fada Participants

1	Longford	Stephen Connolly	John Minnock	Clongish Gaels
2	Wexford	Mark Butler	Alan Keogh	St. Martins
3	Louth	Ronan Geoghegan	Padraig Mulholland	Naomh Moninne
4	Carlow	Mark Ryan	Walter Cody	St. Mullins
5	Wicklow	Hugh Kenny (Baltinglass)	Paul Gargan	St. Patrick's
6	Laois	Eoin Reilly	Enda Rowland	Abbeyleix
7	Kildare	Patrick Murphy	Garreth Savage	Leixlip
8	Dublin	Willie Burke	Alan Nolan	St. Brigids
9	Offaly	Joseph Troy	Damien Spain	Drumcullen
10	Westmeath	Pat Burke	Aaron Corrigan	Ringtown
11	Meath	Christopher Curtis	Paul Donnelly	Kilmessan
12	Kilkenny	John Murphy	Pat Hayden	Blacks and Whites

The winners of the "Ollie Walsh Perpetual Trophy", which was presented by Martin Skelly (Cathaoirlach Comhairle Laighean) in honour of Ollie the Legendary Kilkenny goalkeeper and former Leinster Poc Fada participant were Joseph Troy and Damien Spain (Offaly).

This year there was also a Celebrity event

Celebrity participants

Wexford Tom Dempsey (WX) / George O'Connor (WX)

Kilkenny / Carlow James McGarry (KK) / Pat Coady (CW)

With the Carlow / Kilkenny combination emerging victorious.

Leinster Hurling Mentors

In Nov 2011 as part of the National Hurling Development Plan it was recommended that each province appointment Mentors to support and promote the development of hurling in specific counties.

The main purpose of the role was to help the county develop a plan to promote hurling in the county and oversee its implementation.

It was expected that all plans would focus on promoting:

- Meaningful and Regular Games Programme for Child, Youth and Adult at club and schools level
- Skill Development
- Coaching in Clubs, Primary and Post-Primary Schools
- Talent Development Squads
- Player Pathway to help players reach their potential
- Coach Development
- Develop Coach Competency

Two representatives from each of the twelve Leinster Counties participated. These adult players were representing both their own Club and County in the Leinster competition. Included in the participants were a number of inter County players and also last year's defending Champion Mark Butler of Wexford.

The Leinster Hurling Committee (Chairman: Matt Shaw) appointed the following hurling Mentors;

Kildare – Paudie O'Neill

Meath – Brendan O'Sullivan / Noel O'Sullivan

Laois – Paudie Butler

Carlow – Jim Ryan / Willie Carley.

Longford – Michael Duignan / Pat Critchley

Westmeath – Paudie Butler

Wicklow – Michael Kinsella / Rory Kinsella

Louth – Paddy Kelly / Tommy Naughton

To assist the Mentors in their work each participating County appointed a hurling workgroup to work with the Hurling Mentor and in addition the Games Development Committee and Games Managers also support the role.

The progress of the Hurling Mentoring scheme has been slow, but in a number of Counties the merits of the scheme are beginning to become evident. It will be gradual process but one that will be supported strongly by the Leinster Council and Croke Park.

Leinster Club Hurling League 2012

This year 56 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 three divisions as follows:

- Div. 1 – 20 Teams
- Div. 2 – 24 Teams
- Div. 3 – 12 Teams

The breakdown of participating clubs per county was as follows;

Meath 3, Laois 4, Westmeath 10, Carlow 6, Kilkenny 2, Dublin 8, Wexford 6, Wicklow 10, Louth 4, Kildare 1, Offaly 2.

The overall winners from each division were;

Division One - Birr (OY)

Division Two - Faughs (D)

Division Three - Bray Emmets (WW).

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

Special thanks, to all who supported these competitions, particularly the Referee Administrators and Referees in each County, who ensured that all games were played in a fair and sporting manner.



Division One Trophy presented by Sheamus Howlin

Leinster U-16 Club Football/Hurling Leagues 2012

The Leinster Club Hurling/Football Leagues were organised by the Leinster Council to give Clubs additional games against teams from outside their County. The competition was run on a regional format and was open to all under 16 teams in the Province. The finals were run as curtain raisers to National League Games

The Leagues were run on the following dates;

- Round 1 3rd March
- Round 2 10th March
- Round 3 17th March
- Round 4 24th March
- Finals 31st March

34 Football Clubs and 25 Hurling Clubs participated

Competition winners were

Hurling Roinn One O'Loughlin Gaels (Kilkenny)

Hurling Roinn Two Ratoath (Meath)

Hurling Roinn Three Naomh Bríd (Carlow)

Football Roinn One – Northern Gaels (Longford)

Football Roinn Two – Bray Emmets (Wicklow)

Overall the Leinster under 16 Hurling and Football leagues proved very successful for the teams that participated. However the opportunity exists for more clubs to get involved. Increasing the number of participants, while maintaining the high standards that have been set for this competition, will be one of our goals for 2013.



Michael Carroll presents the Division 1 trophy to the O'Loughlin Gaels Captain



Pat Toner presents the Division 2 trophy to the Ratoath Captain



John Horan presents the Division 3 trophy to the Naomh Bríd Captain

Leinster U-15 Club Hurling League

A pilot under 15 Competition was run by the Leinster Council in November 2012. This was a cross border competition which provided clubs with the opportunity to play additional games against opposition from outside their County

Teams from six Leinster Counties participated in the competition.

Division One

Naas (Kildare)
Mt. Leinster Rangers (Kildare)
Portlaoise (Laois)
Lucan Sarsfields (Dublin)

Division Two

Myshall (Carlow)
Dunboyne (Meath)
Eire Og Chorra Choill (Kildare)
Maynooth (Kildare)
Ballinkillen (Carlow)
Kiltale (Meath)
Choill Dubh (Kildare)

Division Three

Burren Rangers (Carlow)
Michael Dwyer's (Wicklow)
Clann Na Gael (Meath)
Kilcock (Meath)
Glenealy (Wicklow)

The finals of the under 15 Leinster Club Hurling League were played in Hawkfield Centre of Excellence, Newbridge. The results were as follows;

Division One

Portlaoise 1-8, Mt. Leinster Rangers 0-7

Division Two

Kiltale 5-10, Maynooth 4-5

Division Three

Na Fianna 4-6, Michael Dwyer's 2-7

Overall the feedback from the participating Clubs was very positive. Hopefully it is an initiative that Additional Clubs will see as beneficial for players of this age.

Thanks

Leinster Council for supporting and funding this initiative.

The players, Mentors and Secretaries of the participating Clubs.

The Clubs and Counties who provided venues for the competition. With special thanks to the Kildare County Board for the use of the excellent facilities in Hawkfield, Newbridge.

Alan Dunney, Noel Mooney and Declan O'Toole Kildare.

Tadhg Doran and Hananh Horan Leinster Council.



Syl Merrins presents the winning trophy to the captain of Portlaoise

Bursary recipients 2012/13



Ciara Blundell
WESTMEATH



Kate Byrne
MEATH
(Represented by Kate's mother Mary)



Michael Carroll
WICKLOW



Caolan Conway
DUBLIN



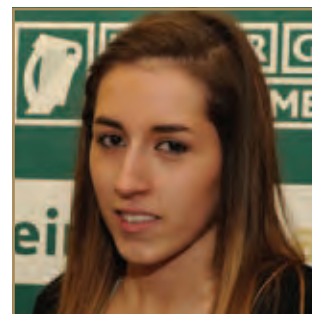
Jamie Desmond
DUBLIN



Eddie Fitzgerald
WESTMEATH



Conor Gath
OFFALY



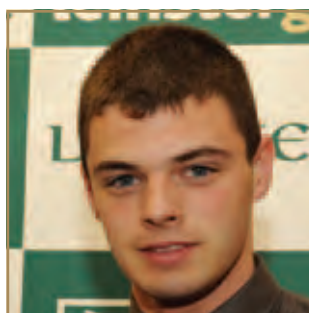
Karen Hegarty
WESTMEATH



Seamus Kelly
DUBLIN



Naoise Maguire
DUBLIN



Lorcan Molloy
DUBLIN



Thomas Murphy
CARLOW

Leinster GAA Bursary Presentation Night 2012

This is the 13th year of the Leinster GAA Bursary Scheme.

Leinster GAA has given out over 580 Bursaries over the course of the 13 years. A total of 29 Students from 13 different colleges received bursaries from Leinster GAA this year. As part of the selection process there was special recognition for those who are involved in both administration and coaching at club, county and college level. The Bursaries include the entire GAA family including Hurling, Gaelic

Football, Camogie and Ladies Football. Leinster G.A.A. is proud to continue their support of Third Level Colleges in Leinster.

This year's presentation took place on Monday, 4th December 2012 in Aras Laighean, Portlaoise. The event was a huge success attended by Recipients, family members, and Club and College Officials. The large gathering was addressed by Leinster Chairman Martin Skelly and Michael Hyland, Chairman of Comhairle Ard Oideachais Laighean. Both speakers congratulated the recipients and their families on receiving the Bursary and wished them all the best in their College and Sporting endeavors.



Alan Coyne
WESTMEATH



Rachel Hogan
KILKENNY



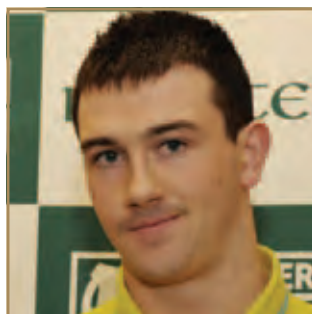
Cliodhna McNamara
KILDARE



Mark Quinlan
OFFALY



Billy Wright
WEXFORD



Colm Gleeson
LAOIS



Lauren Farrell
LONGFORD



Gearóidín Ní Tháibhis
DUBLIN



Paraic Naughton
DUBLIN



Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin
LOUTH



Patrick O'Rourke
MEATH



Ciaran Prendergast
KILKENNY

Football Academy Squad Fixtures 2012

To enhance the process of talent identification and player development Leinster GAA provided a programme of appropriate games for Co. Schools of Excellence and Development Squads. The administration of the programme was coordinated from Leinster Council. Leinster GAA organized a total of 169 games over 6 different blitz days. The following is a breakdown of the games per age group.

U14 – 95 Games

U15 - 36 Games

U16 – 32 Games

U17 – 6 Games

The blitzes were coordinated by the host counties who were required to have a first aid/physio present at the venue. The referees were all sourced by Leinster GAA in

conjunction with the referee administrators in each county. An issue that arose again 2012 was the withdrawal of some counties from certain blitz days. We would encourage all counties to take part in each of the planned days, but more importantly we would ask that counties give significant notice if they are withdrawing as there is a significant expenditure in relation to underage academies.

Thanks

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

Shane Flanagan
Runai, Coaching & Games Development



Antrim - Leinster Minor Hurling League Winners 2012

Back L-R: Terence McNaughton (Manager), Olive Bellew (Selector), Ruair Diamond, Nial Gillan, Nial McKenna, Gary Lennon, Domhailt Quinn, Conor Burke, Ryan McCambridge, Mathew McCartin, Jackson McGreevey, Nial McGivern, Padraig Nugent, Patsy Connolly (Kit Man)

Front L-R: Stephen Rooney, Michael Bradley, Domhnall Carson, Tomás Ó Ciarán, John McGoldrick, Maol Connolly, Ciaran Johnson, Eoghan Campbell, Ruair Lavery, Damon McMullan (Front on ground) Conor Johnson



Coaching & Games Development Committee

Cumann na mBunscol Laighean

The National A.G.M. of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta took place in Waterford on February 25th 2012. The cathaoirleach and rúnaí represented Coiste Laighean. Leinster delegates, Noeleen Rooney and Jim Fennelly were elected to the executive of Coiste Náisiúnta. Noeleen acts as secretary and Jim as development officer.

Launch of G.A.A. Gaelic Games Roadshow on 9th March in Coolderry GAA Club. The roadshow visited a number of schools in the province during the year.

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Seminar for PROs was held in Croke Park on March 24th. The rúnaí/PRO attended on behalf of Leinster schools.

Mini 7s Meeting April 5th 2012 in Croke Park with National Coordinator Pat McGivern.

Cumann na mBunscol Laighean AGM took place in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge on April 25th. Edward O'Riordan (Dublin) elected as Cathaoirleach and Gerry O'Meara as rúnaí.

Leinster Games Development Meeting April 25th in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge. Edward O'Riordan, rúnaí, Gerry O'Meara and cisteoir Tom Fitzpatrick met with Shane Flanagan to establish agreement on Leinster Strategic Plan. The following items were discussed:

- Implementation of Strategic Plan in schools
- Grant from C.L.G. Laighean
- Leinster GAA Roadshow
- County Games Programmes
- Go Games 3rd/4th classes
- Mini Games

Handball Days Leinster Primary School Handball Days took place in Coolboy in Wicklow on April 18th. Many thanks to Richard Willoughby.

Leinster Games Development Meeting Áras Laighean May 1st. Jim Fennelly represented Cumann na mBunscol Laighean.

Grants Annual Grant from CLG Laighean received €35,000 and distributed to county units. Míle buiochas.

Leinster Council Meeting July 4th 2012 - Jim Fennelly gave report of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean activities.

Blitz Days

Dublin – Football on May 24th in Ballyboden St. Endas GAA Club
Carlow – Hurling on June 27th Carlow Hurling Club

Twinnings

Hosted St Dymphna's Luton on June 3rd in Croke Park
Hosted Warwickshire G.A.A. on July 22nd Croke Park

Sponsorship

The Irish Daily Star sponsoring our mini games – Players provided with jersey, socks and togs.

Parents receive two complimentary tickets from CLG Laighean

Food supplied for players.

Mini Games

11 Days – Hurling / Camogie / Boys F / Girls F

Mullingar May 19th
Carlow May 19th
Longford May 20th
Tullamore June 2nd
Croke Park June 3rd
Mullingar June 3rd
Portlaoise June 17th
Portlaoise June 23rd
Croke Park July 1st
Croke Park July 8th
Croke Park July 22nd

Young Whistlers

Leinster Cumann na mBunscol provided the young referees for the mini games during the All Ireland Hurling Semi Final and Final.

Coiste Náisiúnta General Meeting on September 22nd Croke Park. The rúnaí attended.

Mini 7s Review Meeting in Croke Park on November 16th. The rúnaí attended.

Cornmarket National Awards Cumann na mBunscol had an entry submitted. Two Leinster counties won awards – Dublin and Wicklow. The counties were presented with their awards on November 30th in Croke Park.

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Meeting on December 8th in Croke Park to review the constitution of Cumann na mBunscol. The rúnaí attended on behalf of Coiste Laighean.

Thanks to Martin Skelly, Michael Delaney, Patricia Clear and John Cotter for continued support.

Gerry O'Meara

Rúnaí Cumann na mBunscol Laighean



Coaching & Games Development Committee

Leinster Post-Primary Schools



Cathaoirleach
Leas Cathaoirleach
Rúnaí
Cisteoir
P.R.O.
COUNTY REPS

Carlow
Dublin
Kildare
Kilkenny
Laois
Longford
Louth
Meath
Offaly
Westmeath
Wexford
Wicklow

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

Joe Nolan
Brendan Cahill
Con Ronan
Niall Connolly
Peter Malone
Michael O'Neill
David Holland
Ultan Fitzpatrick
Paddy Scales
James McGrath
Leigh O'Brien
Jim Murphy

Leinster Provincial Games Dev. & Structures Manager

Leinster Provincial Games Dev. Officer

Leinster Provincial Project Officer

South Leinster Schools Officer

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Jim Murphy

The present School Year saw the introduction of a number of initiatives to assist in the continued development of Gaelic Games in the Second Level Sector.

Four Leinster based First Year Blitzes (Football and Hurling) were added to the calendar.

To date two Blitzes have been held, in September and in October. A number of Schools entered two teams with one School entering three teams for a Hurling Blitz.

Further Blitzes in both codes are scheduled for April and May 2013. To date 83 Schools involving 1750 players have participated.

There was a revamp of some of the Football and Hurling Competitions at the lower level both Junior and Juvenile. Where practical a Competition within a County was run-off in a format designed by the Games Development team and County Post Primary Committee within the respective County. The experiment proved successful.

There continues to be scope for change that is for the benefit of students and their respective Schools.

We have heard of Indoor Hurling. Now we have Indoor Gaelic Football. This exciting development has the potential to increase participation rates amongst First and Second Years in particular, both from the perspective of P.E. and training.

The Minister of Education and Skills, Ruairi Quinn T.D. has announced a major reform of the Junior Certificate. The reform proposed allows Schools to develop short courses – 100 hours over the 3 years. There is the potential to develop modules from a G.A.A. point of view.

Competition structure at All Ireland Post Primary School Level will have further change beginning next School Year.

From 2013-2014 the All Ireland series will be known as the All Ireland Post Primary Schools Finals -

4 levels at Senior Football

3 levels at Senior Hurling

1 Competition each for Junior Football and Hurling

Within our Counties there continues to be G.A.A. activity, particularly with the younger ages. By and large the activity is driven by the Games Development personnel within the Counties.

It is becoming more difficult to continue a meaningful Second Level Games programme. It is incumbent on all of us to assist teachers promoting our games to get the best use of ever diminishing time available.

Buíochas

To all the Teachers, Players and School Managements

To all Match Officials

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

To all the Media for their coverage of our games.

To the Games Development Personnel in the Province.

To Tom O'Donnell (Dublin & North Leinster Schools Officer) & Pat Henderson (South Leinster Schools Officer)

To Comhairle Laighean

To Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna na hEireann.

To County Post Primary Schools Committee

Damien Fee
Cathaoirleach

Micheal Mac Raghnaill
Runai

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.



Coaching & Games Development Committee

Leinster Third Level Colleges

Another year has passed and it is time once again to review the happenings of Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean over the past season.

To begin, I will examine the role our colleges played out on the national stage.

National Report

Pleasingly, third level institutions from the province featured prominently in the national arena once again. The Sigerson Cup, hosted by NUI Galway, was an all Leinster showdown between NUI Maynooth and DCU, with DCU prevailing to win their third title.

That weekend saw Leinster colleges complete a clean sweep of titles, with Trinity College capturing the Trench Cup thus making a welcome return to top flight action this year, while Marino Institute of Education completed the triumvirate as victors in the Corn na Mac Leinn.

DIT were crowned All-Ireland Junior Champions, while in the Fresher stakes, DCU won the Fresher 'B' Final, and UCD laid claim to the Freshers Division 3 Championship.

Next weekend we look forward to Athlone IT hosting the Sigerson Cup, where their brand new facilities will be showcased.

In terms of the national leagues, colleges from the province again were right up there with the best. DCU were Intermediate champions, while Trinity College completed the first part of a memorable double when they won the Division Two title. At Fresher level, DCU were Division One champions, while Carlow Institute of Further Education won the Further Education League.

In terms of Hurling, University College Cork hosted a very successful Centenary Fitzgibbon Cup. Although the honours were almost exclusively Munster based, Froebel College had the unique distinction of becoming the inaugural winners of the Padraig MacDiarmada trophy.

In league action, there was again a sole winner from the province when Dundalk Institute of Technology stood out from the crowd and captured the Division Three title.

Provincial Report

Comhairle Laighean again generously provided us with a grant of €25,000, which was central to the effective running of this sector. As in previous years, the bulk of the grant went towards O'Neills vouchers which were proportionately distributed to the colleges. The vouchers were redeemed for jerseys, footballs and sliotars – precious commodities indeed at the start of any playing season, making the vouchers something the colleges are deeply appreciative of. The remainder of the grant was used to cover the cost of medals, the running of blitzes, referees expenses and AGM costs.

The following is a list of competition winners in the province last year:

Freshers Hurling Blitz's: Marino & Froebel

Junior Football Championship: DIT

Non-Elite Football Championship: DCU

Non-Elite Hurling Championship: DIT

Freshers Football Championship: DCU

Freshers Hurling Championship: DIT

Peil Abu Blitz: TCD, DCU, DIT

Once again, we achieved our aim of providing games for those who mightn't necessarily have gotten the chance to represent their college. One big disappointment was the fact that the Peil Abu Blitz could not take place as planned due to the lovely winter weather that happened to come along in the middle of summer.

It would have been unique from a games development point of view, and Leinster would again have been breaking new ground as the first third level body to organise such a competition.

Hopefully we can get this off the ground this year, and really get the message out to the non-GAA population in the colleges. Who knows, we may still be the trailblazers as to the best of my knowledge, there hasn't been such a blitz organised to date.

Accident Tournaments

I should mention at this point that Leinster Council has voted to retain colleges participation in the Accident Tournaments, for which I want to express gratitude on behalf of the colleges. I am of the opinion that we in third level contribute so much to the Association as a whole. The development of players, the development of facilities, player welfare, education and so much more are part of our remit and I would state that if the proper channels of communication are developed and maintained between colleges and counties there are very few, if any issues, that cannot be resolved.

Congratulations to DCU, who were early season winners in the re-fixed O'Byrne Cup Final, and just pipped Kildare at the death.

It was an all third level affair in the Kehoe Cup, with guests GMIT, emerging winners over St. Pats in a high scoring affair.

DIT reached the Walsh Shield Final, but had to settle for second place to Offaly after a game that went to extra time.

Off-Field Activities

Our Bursary scheme takes pride of place in this section and we held a very successful presentation night in Aras Laighean at the start of December. 29 bursaries were awarded to students from 13 different institutions and covered every county in the province. The entire gaelic games spectrum was included, with awards being made in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie and Handball. In these straitened times, our bursary awards are a massive boost to students and their families and the Leinster Council and its Coaching and Games Department deserve full credit for continuing to support and grow the scheme over the past thirteen years.

December 2012 saw the launch by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny of the history of gaelic games at third level. 'The Cups That Cheered' written by Donal McAnallen is meticulously researched and is without a doubt the history book of record for our sector. I would encourage anybody with the slightest interest in gaelic games to acquire a copy as it has resonance far beyond the playing fields of any campus. I am pleased to report that Leinster colleges made a significant contribution to the book and we as an association should feel justifiably proud of the end result.

Thanks

Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean could not function without the support and assistance of a wide variety of people and I register thanks on behalf of the committee to the following.

The GAA Officers, student volunteers and players in the colleges.

Our referees.

The committee itself including Chairman Michael Hyland, Vice-Chairman Ray O'Brien, Treasurer Billy O'Loughlin, PRO Damien Whelan and Committee Members Mike McMahan, Alan Coyne, Aaron Clogher and Gerry Tully

Our servicing officer in Croke Park, Gearoid Devitt.

Our biggest debt of gratitude is to the Leinster Council itself. Cathaoirleach Martin Skelly, CEO Michael Delaney and the Officers have given us every assistance and courtesy over the past year.

The Coaching and Games Department of the Council, and especially Michael Reynolds, Colm Clear and Shane Flanagan, who have, as ever, shown a keen interest in our sector and are always on hand to provide practical advice and assistance.

The staff at Aras Laighean, who have been so accommodating throughout the year.

I wish to render thanks to Gerry Tully, who was our representative on the Council for the past five years. Gerry always represented the sector with the utmost integrity and is a man who always had the best interests of third level at heart and I know he thoroughly enjoyed his time on the council. On a personal level, he has been a great mentor to me, and his advice was, and still is, held in the highest regard. Go raibh mile maith agat, a Gearoid.

I first took my seat on Comhairle Laighean in May 2012 and I wish to extend my thanks to the Officers and my fellow members for the welcome I received. It is indeed a great honour to represent the third level sector on the council and I look forward to working with you all in 2013. I wish Comhairle Laighean every success in the coming year and commend this report to Convention.

Tomás Ó Floinn
Runáí
Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean



Coaching & Games Development Committee

International Development Europe

Gaelic Games in Europe are growing at a rapid rate. In 2013 the European Board will implement the proper personnel and support structures to help, to represent, to administrate, to stabilise, document and promote this growth.

This may be the time of the biggest challenges to face Gaelic games in Europe but also the time for the biggest opportunities. In 2013, the European County Board, our CCC, regional officers and the clubs themselves are in a strong position to consolidate and improve what has already been achieved while at the same time evolving and moving with the times. One of the most vital elements of these developments is to keep our strategic partners in Comhairle Laighean updated on developments.

Developments planned for 2013 include:

- **Communication and Promotion, Social and Cultural Inclusion:** Improvements in language communication allows the organisation to grow while at the same time centralising the promotion, organisation and exposure of the games on all levels. This also grants access to new markets for club development and player recruitment and will be a focus this year as we now operate across 20 countries.
- **Games Development:** Due to Comhairle Laighean's support we can now deliver coaching courses in more languages. More coaches, in more languages, means we are ready to distribute our games to a wider and more diverse audience.
- We now also have Referee Tutors who can deliver courses in more languages which, in turn means more referees ready to officiate and bring our games to a wider audience
- Every year we see more games played by more players and by more teams than ever before and we expect to register more than ten new clubs this year, bringing the total to over 70.
- We will organise our first ever 15-a-side Pan European Football Championship with the winners hopefully participating in the Leinster Junior Club Championship in October.

- **The Gathering:** We aim to be an integral contributor to The Gathering 2013 in both hurling football. We will send two teams to the Aer Lingus international hurling tournament in Galway in September and host our football finals over two days in Athlone IT in October with the support of the Westmeath Co. Board and the wider GAA community.
- **Long Term Goals and Vision:** By the end of the European GAA season of 2013 we aim to have a comprehensive Strategic Vision for Gaelic games in Europe that encompasses every element of our entire organisation. This strategic vision which will be based on widespread consultation will also represent the views of our strategic partners.

None of the above would be possible without the unstinting support and strategic advice we receive from the officers and staff of Comhairle Laighean for which we are immensely grateful.

Brian Clerkin
European GAA PRO



Council reps, Michael O'Hagan and Syl Merrins at European football finals in Maastricht.



Coaching & Games Development Committee

International Development Asian Gulf

In 2012 the Asian Gulf Board achieved several important milestones, starting with the first AGM held separately from the Asian Gaelic Games (AGG). 2012's AGM was the sixth in the history of the Board and was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in February, eight months before the 17th annual AGG was held there.

Building on the momentum gained at the AGG, regional tournaments were held in Pattaya, Thailand in May (South Asia Games) and Beijing, China in June (All China Games). The Middle East region's season is reverse to the rest of Asia - their successful Middle East League starts in October and going through to April.

The highlight of the year was of course the Asian Gaelic Games hosted by KL's Orang Eire GAA club. It was the largest AGG to date with over 20 clubs and 300 players coming from all over Asia and the Middle East to join the Games. Thanks to the support of the Leinster Council, we were able to hold coaching workshop (run by Sean Dempsey) and refereeing workshop (run by Gerard O'Connor) that drew interested participants from every region who currently hold coaching positions in their clubs or are interested in building up to a referee qualification.

The 2013 AGM will be held on 8 March in Shanghai. Our aim will be to build upon the successes of 2012 to make even more progress in the areas of club development, coaching, and youth programs.



Monasterevin - Leinster Intermediate Club Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Mark Cornish, Eoin Stapleton, Cormac Brady, Mark Kelly, Lenny Havens, Christy Dempsey, Gavin Holligan, Colm McCabe, Tristin Kennedy, Martin Connolly, David Connolly, David Maher, Shane Molloy, Darren Siney.

Front L-R: Wayne Fitzpatrick, Shane O'Loughlin, Shane Kevin's, Anthony Kavanagh, Gary Kelly, John Dempsey (Captain), Kevin Dunne, Jimmy Gorry, Paul Kelly, Wayne Freeman, Aaron Bannon. Mascot - Daragh Malone



Leinster Referees Administration Report

Leinster Referees Administration Committee 2012

Chairman	Aidan Shiels (Dublin)
Secretary	Pat Casserly (Westmeath)
Recruitment	Pierce Freaney (Kildare)
Tutors	Noel O'Donoghue
Committee	Patsy Connolly (Louth) Brendan Darby (Meath) Aidan Shiels (Dublin) Eddie Leonard (Wicklow) John Rossiter (Wexford) Michael Fennin (Kildare) Sean Campion (Carlow) Sean Breathnach (Kilkenny) Tony Maher (Laois) Eamon Flynn (Offaly) Liam McDaniel (Westmeath) Joe O'Brien (Longford)

Leinster Referees Appointments Committee 2012

Chairman	John Horan
Secretary	Pierce Freaney
Members	Aidan Shiels Derek Kent Michael Carroll

During the year under review the Committee met a total of nine times. One of the main areas of activity was in the recruitment and education of new Club Referees together with the up-skilling of existing Referees. A total of 73 new referees were recruited - regrettably 32 of these were in Dublin with only 41 coming from the rest of the province. This contrasts with a total of 122 (Dublin 35) for the previous year. It is therefore obvious a lot more work is required in this area in most counties.

The new Referees all completed a basic Club Level Referees Course delivered by Referee Tutors and as approved by the National Coisde na Reiteoiri. Existing referees were up-skilled by attending an approved In-Service Course in all 12 counties. A total of 617 completed this. Certifications issued to all referees who attended these Courses. All Tutors attended an up-skilling Course in Croke Park in January 2013 delivered by Master Tutors at the request of Coisde na Reiteoiri - 14 Tutors from Leinster participated. The work of the Coisde in the above area should ensure a

continual adequate supply of competent referees some of whom should, in time, feed through to the Provincial and eventually the National Level. The Education Programme should mean that games will be serviced by officials to a consistent high standard. The work of the County Administrators in facilitating the various Courses is appreciated as is the work of Noel O Donoghue who co-ordinated the Courses and the allocation of Tutors to them.

In addition to all the above two meetings were held for Referees on the Provincial Development Panel and two for those on the Academy panel. Pierce Freaney did invaluable work in this whole area including running a fitness assessment test in DCU for Provincial Referees. The commitment of Noel and Pierce to refereeing matters is exceptional and an essential part of the Course activities.

Following nomination by the Province four new referees were accepted by the National Coisde for the National Panels, 2 in football and 2 in hurling - May I wish them well in their future careers.

Probably the best tribute that can be paid to the Leinster Refereeing Structures is to note that the three All Ireland Finals in 2012 were all refereed by Leinster Referees. Congratulations to them, they did us proud with their performances which justified their appointment.

Once again the Bord na Mona O Byrne and Walsh Cup Competitions are proving popular with the counties and the public. Although the new format has led to a somewhat compressed fixture schedule the Competitions allows the opportunity for appointment of newer younger referees and gives them the opportunity to gain valuable experience.

A comprehensive Assessment Programme is in place. This provides valuable information to the referees and the Appointments Committee. Pierce Freaney co-ordinates this essential programme with Assessors attending practically all games. In passing appreciative thanks to the panel of assessors, a committed body who undertake this somewhat less than glamorous task. The Appointments Committee under its Chairman John Horan, meet regularly. It always endeavours to spread appointments evenly and to give opportunities to new younger referees subject to the possible requirements of specific games.

The County Administrators, besides their role in the area of education, also work on their County Administration Committees with input into CCC and Referees Appointments. They also service Inter County games so to say they are busy men is somewhat of an understatement.

Their role in the running of the Leinster Club Hurling Leagues should also be recorded with thanks.

During the year much time was taken up by issues relating to the payments of referees expenses. Thankfully despite initial apprehension regarding the possible adverse affect of proposed new initiatives the matter was satisfactorily resolved following negotiations between Croke Park Officials and Revenue. It has to be said, a lot of confusion could have been avoided by more adequate communication to Provincial and County Levels. The Committee ensured a continuous flow of relevant information through the Administrators to Referees particularly those at Club Level.

The Give Respect/Get Respect initiative deserves support and while referees will focus on the Get Respect aspect as is their right and proper due sight must not be lost of the Give side of the statement and they should always remember to treat players and officials with the same courtesy they themselves expect and deserve.

Following the recent directive from Central Council that all sub-committees be appointed (rather than elected) could I appeal to all County Chairmen and Secretaries, Coisde Bainisti and County Committees to give adequate consideration to the matter of appointing the County Referees Administrator and County Referees Administration Committee. The Administrator has a key role in the organising and running of refereeing matters within his county – hence the appointment of a person of exceptional calibre and experience is essential. Given the extensive work load in the area of refereeing it is equally important that a Referees Committee be put in place otherwise aspects of refereeing administration will be neglected. Indeed could I respectfully suggest that the Dublin set-up be used as a template where the Administrator had the support of a committee structured as follows:

Chairman (Administrator)

Runai

Treasurer-Registrar

Two members representing Hurling

Two members representing Football

Refereeing in a county can only function and progress if it has a sound administrative infrastructure. One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the National Referees Chairman Pat McEaney, and Patrick Doherty from Games Administration, Croke Park to Portlaoise and who delivered a presentation to up-skill Leinster Referees prior to the commencement of the Club Championships in the province. This was the same as was given to referees at National Level pre All Ireland Championship. It was highly successful, so much so, that, it has been decided that it will form the basis for the In Service Course for Club Referees in 2013.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Administrators for their attendance and work on the Committee, in particular our Runai Pat Casserly, Pierce Freaney and Noel O Donoghue as previously mentioned. Also the Council Chairman Martin Skelly, the CEO Michael Delaney and Assistant CEO Michael Reynolds, the ever courteous and helpful office staff, Julie Quinn, Patricia Clear, Hannah Horan Tadhg Doran and John Doheny. Without Julie there would be no Minutes of the meetings and without John we would starve. The Committee is appreciative of the unfailing support of the Council and its Officers. May I conclude with this thought 'Where Leinster Leads – others follow.'

Aidan O Siall
Cathaoirleach



Birr - Leinster Club Hurling League Division 1 Winners 2012

Back L-R: Aaron Whelahan, Kevin Donovan, Michael Mulrooney Snr (Selector), Conor O'Callaghan, Barry Harding, Barry Whelahan, Ger Teehan, Michael Cleare, Clifford Colohan, Paul Molloy, Eoin Hayes, Pío Spillane (Maor Caman), Rory Hanniffy, Paul Cleary, Michael Verney, Paddy Ryan, Brian Mullins (C), Donal Franks (Manager), Brendan Behan (Selector), Eamon O'Meara

Front L-R: Joe Kinsella (Maor Uisce), Richie Donnelly, Donal Ryan, Michael Dwane, Colm Mulrooney, Michael Mulrooney Jnr, Conor Egan, Dylan Hayden, John McIntyre, Sean T O'Connor, Sean Ryan, Paddy Mullins, Kevin Murphy (Chairperson), Michelle Hogan (Secretary) and Frances Daly (Physiotherapist)



Hearings Committee Report

Hearings Committee 2012

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

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

The number of cases brought before our committee is reducing annually over the last three years and we are not alone as it is replicated even more at DRA level. A general acceptance that our disciplinary process is working is perhaps one answer but I assume that the fee of €1,000 at DRA may be a reason also. The more knowledge we can accumulate at all levels the stronger we will be in applying the rules correctly. We had a very informative evening in Áras Laighean in May with great input from Pat Doherty and Stephen Browne from Croke Park. Our committee sees the need to continue the sharing of the valuable insight at all levels within the Association. We are only too glad to get help to any county that requires assistance. We should note that there are changes in personnel in some of the counties and these people should be given as much guidance as possible to get them off the ground. While an improvement has occurred around the province we are hearing disturbing stories that some counties are interpreting the meaning of 'compelling evidence' differently from the rest of us when rescinding or reducing red card offences. I am now going to repeat what I mentioned in last year's report and that was as follows: 'our system is only as good as our weakest link'.

At last Convention a decision was made to allow the future chairman of the Leinster Hearings Committee to act on our committee for the year prior to him or

her taking up that position and I warmly commend the Council for its backing. I look forward to working with our Vice Chairman's nomination in the year ahead.

The committee met on 14 occasions since last Convention (compared to 17 in 2011 and 20 in 2010). We were involved in 2 cases before CAC and 4 cases at DRA.

Buíochas

To Andrew O'Sullivan who continues to carry out his duties as secretary in a very diligent manner.

To Michael Delaney who has advised our committee when we sought his assistance and never relents in the difficult cases.

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

To all Committee Members for attending in great numbers even at short notice I wish to express a big thank you. The varying types of deliberation and discussion at our meetings show a great example to how all members have taken on their responsibility.

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

To Simon Moroney along with Stephen Browne up to April 2012 and Liam Keane along with Gearoid Devitt since May 2012 as well as 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 GAA and legal members of the DRA tribunals.

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

John Byrne
Cathaoirleach



Strategy Committee Report

Strategy Committee 2012

Chairman	John Cotter
Secretary	Michael Delaney
Committee	Martin Skelly John Horan Pat Toner J.J. Walsh Michael Reynolds Shane Flanagan Dave Kavanagh

Leinster is now in the third year of implementing its Strategic Plan.

From the beginning the above named group was tasked with all aspects of Strategic Planning, with the responsibility for policy ultimately resting with Coiste Bainisti Laighean.

A major development during 2012 saw the roles and responsibilities relating to Leinster Strategic Planning and Implementation being vested in two groups.

Group One: Coiste Bainisti Laighean

This body is now the Strategic Policy Group concerned with the ratification of Leinster Strategic Policy based on recommendations and submissions received. Matters of strategic importance are included on the agenda for all meetings of Coiste Bainisti Laighean.

Group Two: The Leinster Strategy Implementation Group

This group is composed of the managers in Aras Laighean - Michael Delaney, Michael Reynolds, John Cotter, Shane Flanagan and John Browne - and is tasked with reviewing and implementing the Strategic Plan, updating targets and identifying actions, making policy and other recommendations to Coiste Bainisti and managing the ongoing implementation process.

The implementation group meets on a regular fortnightly basis to review all Leinster GAA activities and to update and amend targets and actions accordingly.

In addition, in November 2012, two full days were dedicated by the Implementation Group to carrying out a root and branch review of every aspect of Leinster GAA's operations. The result was a comprehensive document which was presented to Coiste Bainisti as the list of recommended priority actions and policy amendments for 2013.

The document deals with strategic priorities and related actions in the areas of Games Development, Implementation of Rule 3.32, Health & Safety, Finance & Funding, Ticket Pricing, County & Club Planning & Officer Training, Communications, Referee Recruitment and Development, Fixtures Planning & Games Scheduling, International Partners, and Supporting and Developing Volunteers.

An Coiste Bainisti approved the approach being recommended in the document and authorised the Aras Laighean Managers and the Leinster Strategy Implementation Group to proceed along the lines proposed.

Strategic Planning in Leinster also involves County and Club Strategic Planning. County plans have been finalised and many have undergone annual review. Club Strategic Planning is also being rolled out across the province and I commend the dedication of the County Development Officers who have committed to working with their clubs to carry out this significant task.

We have now established how we want to progress as a province, where we want to get to, and what we have to do to make it all happen.

John Cotter
Provincial Strategy Manager



Leinster Tutor Trainer Group Report



Cathaoirleach

Declan Smyth

Runai

Gerard O'Connor

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

Donal McNally

Damian Quigley

George O'Connor

Coaches play a key role in creating fun, safe playing environments for all players, regardless of age or ability level. People become coaches for many reasons:

- because they have children who play the games
- because they were players once themselves
- because they want an opportunity to help in their local club

As a coach you are expected to facilitate the learning of all the skills to achieve this one must develop the knowledge of the coaching process and the best coaching practice. Coaching is a very practical process which involves many roles and a high level of interaction between coach and player. Therefore, the very nature of coach learning also requires coaches to have the opportunities to interact with others. The importance of learning through interaction has been consistently repeated in coaching research. This informal learning pathway has become very important in the knowledge development of coaches. The aim of coach education should be development of a quality of mind so that coaches can deal with problems and be able to solve them. Problem-based learning (PBL) through practical coaching, along with interactions from other coaches, adds to the learning experience.

The need to develop the skill of reflective practice has become a hot topic and, should be included in coach education programmes to help coaches develop their creative thinking. Reflective practice gives a framework for experiential learning that helps coaches understand and develop themselves and their own coaching effectiveness.

During the past year 2350 coaches attended Foundation and Award 1 coaching programmes, more are planned to coincide with the start of the playing season and will be delivered by our team of volunteer and full-time tutors.

On top of the formal programmes which are offered to coaches there the non-formal workshops which provide best practice about coaching and sports training. Not only have they been well attended but are extremely beneficial to all coaches.

Over the past 13 years the Master Tutor group has made many changes to its organisation and function which was forced by the redevelopment of the coach education programme. Coach Education structures within Leinster have improved considerable and programmes are more available to volunteer coaches than before.

To maintain high standards all our tutors are expected to attend the annual in service to keep them abreast of any new developments in the area of coach learning or training and to share best practice.

Review of work to date

Master Tutor Meetings

9 Meetings

1 Planning weekend to develop Leinster coach education tutor strategy

The average attendance at the meetings - 8 master tutors

Attended 2 National Tutor workshops to develop Tutor Support Programme

Facilitated National Football focus meetings

Regional Tutor Meetings

10 Meetings held

12 Planned for January 2013

Award 1 Tutors allocate

Tutor Training

Assisted with national tutor training programme
Organised follow up meeting for new tutors
Observed all new tutors including 4 European tutors delivering their first Foundation programme in France
Provided access to online coach education material to all tutors through Leinster Website
Delivered Tutor Training to third level student in IT Carlow

Tutor In-service

Delivered 6 in-service training workshops to all 150 Leinster tutors
Provided advice on Award 1 youth Physical Fitness and Team Play modules
Amended Award 1 support material
Completed a training needs analysis with all volunteer tutors

Tutor Graduation

Organised graduation ceremony for the 22 new tutors in Croke Park back in July

Award 1

Coordinated the feedback of all Award 1 programmes
Overseen the delivery of 186 Foundation Award courses
Planned and coordinated 43 Award one courses
21 Child
24 Youth
16 Adult

Award 2

Delivered 5 Award Two child programmes
Organized graduation ceremony for Youth Hurling course in Kilkenny
Marked 30 Award 2 final assessments

Quality Assurance

Attended 4 meetings with Coaching Ireland

Research Project

Conducted two research projects in area of coach training and learning transfer

CDP Workshop

Developed 4 football & 4 Hurling workshops to be rolled out in the coming year

Overseas Support

Provided support to overseas units on coach education issues

Declan Smyth
Cathaoirleach

Gerard O'Connor
Rúnaí



Castleknock - Leinster Junior Club Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Sean O'Brien (Selector), Tom McCormack (Manager), Rory Corcoran, Shane Boland, Mikey Galvin, Kevin Kindlon, Vincent Turner, Matthew Griffin, Tom Corcoran, Alex Griffith, Paul Mulvehill, Steve Lynch, Cian O'Gara, Martin Brady, Jamie Tunney.

Front L-R: Jack King, Colm Neville, Cian Spillane, Eddie Maguire, Eoin O'Brien, Dermot Curran, Graham Hannigan, Cathal Daly (Capt), Thomas Shields, Dessie Carlos, Ray Holland (Coach). (Not Included Tom Quinn and Ciaran Kilkenny).



Provincial Fixtures Planning Committee Report



The main areas of work carried out by the Fixtures Planning committee included:

County Underage Fixtures Programmes

All twelve Counties were requested to submit their underage fixtures programmes to the Fixtures Planning Committee. Having reviewed these programmes, a plan was put in place to meet with each county individually to ascertain how these programmes could be improved upon and how the Fixtures Planning Committee could support the Counties in bringing about these improvements.

Invited to attend the Fixtures Planning review meetings were the County Fixtures Planners, Chairman and Secretary CCC and the Chairman and Secretary of the Minor Board.

Provincial Games Programme

Changes made to the Provincial Fixtures Calendar as a result of Fixtures Planning included:

Introduction of:

A Provincial U-16 Hurling and football competition

An U-15 Hurling competition for targeted Counties (under lights)

County Fixtures planners

The Provincial Fixtures planners Committee provided ongoing monitoring and support for the provincial Fixtures Planners and the County Fixtures Planners.

Provincial Fixtures Planners

Lester Ryan (Leinster Council)

James Savage (Westmeath)

COUNTY	Fixtures Planner	Fixtures Planner 2
Louth	Des Halpenny	Paddy Oliver
Dublin	John McNicholas	Damian Murphy
Wicklow	Martin Coleman	N/A
Wexford	Derek Kent	N/A
Meath	1	N/A
Kildare	Pat Dunney	Yes
Carlow	Ger Lennon	Yes
Kilkenny	Brian Ryan	John Lacey
Longford	Albert Fallon	Tommy McLoughlin
Offaly	Colm Cummins	Yes
Westmeath	David Gavin	N/A
Laois	Liam Delaney	N/A

Fixtures Planner's Reports

In order to support the County Fixtures Planners in preparing their annual Fixtures Planners report the provincial Fixtures Planning Committee agreed on a report template which could be used in all Counties.

County Fixtures Programme Update

The County fixtures programmes (with particular emphasis on the number of games provided and the spread and timing of these games) are reviewed on a regular basis.

GAA Competitions Management System

The Leinster Fixtures planning Committee worked closely with counties to establish the the GAA Competitions Management System. At present eleven Counties in Leinster are working with this system and the feedback has been very encouraging. Dublin has shadowed the system and will switch in 2013. Ongoing support and monitoring will be provided in 2013.

Football Games Played Per County 2012

In this section list the average number of football games a given team would have played in 2012 at the grades specified.

County	Snr	Int	Jn A	Jn B	Jn C	Mnr	U16	U14
Wicklow	19	14	16	14	10	14	13	16
Wexford	12	12	12	12	12			
Kildare	19	19	19	19	n/a	12	15	13
Carlow	17	17	11	n/a	n/a	9	7	8
Kilkenny	7	7	4	n/a	n/a	6	6	9
Westmeath	14	14	16	8	n/a	10	11	13
Longford	16	13	18	n/a	n/a	12	11	11
Offaly	17	17	20	14	14	10	9	10
Laois	16	16	15	13	10	5	9	10
Louth	20	20	21	10	n/a	11	11	11
Dublin	17	17	16	16	16	13	16	17
Meath	17	16	17	16	12/12D	14		

Hurling Games Played Per County 2012

In this section list the average number of Hurling games a given team would have played in 2012 in each County at the grades specified.

County	Snr	Int	Jn A	Jn B	Jn C	Mnr	U16	U14
Wicklow	12	4	13	13	13	7	8	12
Kildare	13	15	14	14	n/a	9	11	11
Carlow	13	9	7	n/a	n/a	9	9	8
Kilkenny	13	13	16	16	n/a	12	12	15
Westmeath	10	8	10	12	n/a	11	11	11
Longford	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1	n/a
Offaly	17	17	18	16	n/a	6	8	8
Laois	10	14	14	14	7	4	9	10
Wexford	12	12	6	6	6			
Louth	8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	8	9
Dublin	16	16	16	16	16	12	16	16
Meath	10	10	10	10	n/a	9	10	7

Fixtures are not an exact science and one size does not fit all. The majority of Leinster Counties achieved and bettered the National targets in relation to the provision of games for both football and hurling. These counties must be commended on successfully completing their fixtures programme. A minority of Counties remain a long way from successfully hitting the desired targets in both codes.

In relation to the spread of games the main area of difficulty appears to be the minor grade which is directly affected by exams and by the majority of players playing in a number of grades.

We recommend that Counties fully embrace the role of the Fixtures Planner. In Counties where the Fixtures Planner is fully active and is supported by the County Board his contribution has been found to be very beneficial to the Fixtures Planning process.

The current economic climate is having a severe negative affect on many clubs. This can be seen by the number of games cancelled in competitions organised for club's second teams. The running of 13/11 competitions should be considered to keep players/clubs involved.

The GAA competitions Management System has been very beneficial in providing Fixtures Planners with greater insight to the playing of competitions. At this stage all Leinster Counties (except Dublin) are on the system at adult level. Work will continue to get underage fixtures included.

Training for Fixtures planners in relation to generating reports will be organised in the new year.

John Horan
Cathaoirleach

Lester Ryan
Runai



Finance Advisory Committee Report

Finance Advisory Committee 2012

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

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 received 26 applications from clubs and counties for one or more of the above services. Various committee members were active during the year meeting these clubs and counties working to assist them in any way we could.

We granted permission to clubs and counties to arrange loan facilities of almost €2.0 million with the various financial institutions while three clubs availed of loans under the Club Loan Scheme from the National Financial Management Committee.

Approval was given to nine clubs to either acquire or dispose of property or enter into a lease agreement.

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.

Eighty clubs throughout the province were successful in securing Sports Capital Grants from the government in late 2012. This is good news for the province as it means that our clubs are continuing to invest in facilities even in these straightened times. The success of these clubs will also mean an increased volume of work for the committee in the coming years as most of these clubs will be seeking permission to borrow to allow them proceed with their various projects. While we will endeavour to assist them in any way we can, clubs will have to be mindful of the difficulty not only in securing loan funding but also the difficulty in repaying these loans once drawn down. We currently have a small number of clubs in financial difficulty for a variety of reasons and it is important to ensure that we don't allow any more clubs to fall into similar situations.

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



Leinster Infrastructure Committee Report

Leinster Referees Administration Committee 2012

Chairman	P.J. Murphy
Secretary	Michael Reynolds
Committee	Pat Toner Jim Bolger Seamus Reade Brendan Ward Paddy O'Dwyer, Gerry Harrington Sean Sheridan Joe Bedford Kieran Keeneghan Michael Hand Brendan Gilmore Eugene Moore Andy Egan Derek Kent

By its composition the Committee members make a wide range of advise available to all Clubs in the Province most notably in, Asset Management, Business Strategy, Soil Mechanics, Engineering, Health & Safety, Security and General Club Management skills.

In 2012 the Committee continued to advance working relationships with State bodies in pursuit of lands which might become available for purchase or lease purposes.

In this respect we opened lines of communication with NAMA, HEA, Local Authorities and the Department of Education & Skills.

78 Clubs shared €783,750.00 and 14 Educational Units shared €85,000.00.

Committee Members met Clubs during the year – on occasions with members of the Leinster Finance Committee for various purposes i.e.:

- Grant related
- Proposed Club Development 2013
- Pitch Issues
- Purchase or Sale of Land
- Health & Safety advise and Audit.

A feature of 2012 was the distress caused to pitches by the inclement weather prevailing throughout the Province. In some cases there was no remedy other than to cease using a pitch until a modicum of drying returned.

Nonetheless the principles of pitch maintenance such as adequate fertilising, spraying and proper mowing coupled with training off the main pitch or at best along the sidelines remain.

Clubs aspiring to match quality lighting should consider suitability of their playing surface for Winter games coupled with the need to have adequate covered accommodation for patrons.

Towards the end of the Calendar year the Sports Capital Grant Allocations were announced with 80 Clubs (approx.) in the Province listed.

All units must continue to be prudent. Clubs that were awarded Grant Allocations under the Sports Capital Funding Scheme have an obligation to their members to ensure their means allows them to begin their respective developments.

In the Spring 2012 Steward Foundation Courses were provided to Counties on demand. The courses were well attended. All participants will receive a Certificate.

Presently the National Health & Safety Committee are preparing a Stewards Course of 5 nights duration. It is of the utmost importance for all our Counties to have trained stewards. There will be tutors in each County to train local stewards in-house.

From 2013 each County must have a Health & Safety Committee in place. The Leinster Health & Safety Committee will assist Counties to devise a work schedule.

I wish to thank the Chairman, C.E.O., Deputy C.E.O. and Staff of Leinster Council for their remarkable in-hours and out-of-hours contribution to the work of the Infrastructure Committee.

P.S. Ó Murchú
Cathaoirleach



PR & Marketing Committee Report



PR & Marketing Committee 2012

Chairman	Andy O'Brien
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	J J Walsh
	Kieran Leavy
	Liam Holton
	Clara Walsh
	Conal Markey
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The role of this committee, under the chairmanship of Andy O'Brien, is to drive the promotion, marketing, public relations, communications and IT activities within Leinster and to support this work also at county level.

In February 2012 the newly elected Leinster PRO, John Greene, was welcomed as a member of the committee and outgoing PRO J.J. Walsh was retained as a committee member.

In the past year the committee met on six occasions, most recently on 30 January 2013.

Major projects undertaken during the year

Website

The new Leinster GAA website www.leinster.gaa.ie was launched at Convention in February 2012 and has made a major contribution to the promotion of Leinster events and projects during the past year.

Leinster GAA TV

In March 2012 Coiste Bainisti Laighean sanctioned the setting up of an online TV station for Leinster GAA.

Members of the committee were involved in discussions relating to the setting up of the station. Programme categories included Championship Hurling, Championship Football, Leinster Legends, Hot Topics, Learn the Games, Schools, and International Partners.

The station went live in May and tracked the Senior Championships through to the Leinster counties involvement in the All Ireland series. Over 100 programmes were produced and aired and are still viewable on www.leinstergaa.tv. In September the project was reviewed and the decision was taken to put the project on hold pending further discussion.

Media Launches held in Croke Park

The Leinster launch of the Interprovincial competitions

The Senior Hurling and Football Championships

Leinster Club Hurling and Football Finals

The Bord na Móna O'Byrne, Walsh and Kehoe Series

Senior Championship Promotion

A feature of the 2012 Senior Championships promotion was the coordination and cooperation of effort by the provincial and national bodies. The separation of local, provincial and national launches gave each event its own media and calendar space and provided specific and timely material for local and national media.

Overall the Leinster Championship promotion involved local media competitions; fixture-specific advertising and press releases; fixture by fixture ticket value packages promotions; Captains and Cups launches of each fixture; Website, Facebook and Twitter promotions of games and events and the use of Twitter at county and provincial level to give real-time updates on games; Fixtures previews and reviews on Leinster GAA TV; Match by match fixture & ticket information to all media; National media launches in partnership with CLG; SuperValu & Centra support, including in-store ticket sales, point-of-sale promotion and merchandising; in-store free ticket competitions; Centra & SuperValu local radio & press advertising carrying the Leinster GAA message.

A particular success in 2012 was the Leinster Football Final promotion based on the 21st anniversary of the 1991 Meath v Dublin draw and replay saga which was originally suggested by committee member Liam Holton. It generated a week of media publicity leading up to the Senior Football Final and added greatly to the occasion. Committee members were involved in the hosting of players from both teams by Leinster on final day in Croke Park. The 1991 legends received a tumultuous reception when presented to the spectators.

Comhairle Laighean Awards

The committee members assisted in the selection of the recipients of the Comhairle Laighean Awards. The Match Programmes award went to Louth, while St. Jude's GAA Club received the Club Website award.

County PRO/IT/Communications Group

A workshop for county PRO/IT Communications group members was held April 2012. The main topic was the formation and role of a county communications group. The focus for the committee was to encourage every county to develop a formally recognised Communications Group. Some counties had already achieved this to some degree. With the support of a Coiste Bainisti Laighean recommendation to the counties, each county now has a communications group in place.

Submissions to Coiste Bainistí

The committee made proposals and recommendations to Coiste Bainisti Laighean on such issues as support for a Communications Group model; the format of the Bord na Mona O'Byrne, Walsh and Keogh Cup competitions; a Leinster GAA international podcast; early pricing of 2013 Senior Championship Tickets; 'The Gathering'; standardising match programme production across the province; changes to the format for the Interprovincial Competitions; correct procedure on match days re team photos and trophy presentations.

Bord na Móna Series

January 2013 saw the introduction of the new format for the Bord na Mona O'Byrne cup, which added extra promotional opportunities, through the playing of 24 games in the league section over 8 days. Attendance figures would suggest that the change in format has been a success.

Buiochas

All in all, it was a very busy and productive year for the PR & Marketing function in Leinster. Thanks and appreciation goes to all committee members, and to a very supportive Aras Laighean staff, for their valuable contribution to another successful Leinster year.

Andy O'Brien
Chairman

John Cotter
Secretary



Ballymun Kickhams - Leinster Senior Club Football Champions 2012

Back L-R: Shane Forde, Eddie Christie, Conor Weir, Sean George, Karl Connolly, Enda Dolan, Sean Currie, Jason Whelan, Sean Moore, James McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Philly McMahon, Jason Welby, Fiach Andrews, Derek Byrne, Paddy Christie

Front L-R: Kevin Leahy, Alan Hubbard, Elliott Reilly, James Burke, Davey Byrne, Andrew O'Brien, Ronan Noonan, Simon Lawlor, Dean Rock, Eoin Dolan, John Small, Tomas Hayes, Ted Furman



Dublin - Leinster Minor Football League Winners 2012

Back L-R: Conor Ferris, Shane Hickey, Dean Brennan, Shane Carty, Brendan Bentley, Dean Doyle, Eric Lowndes, Dave Campbell, Conor McHugh, Niall Scully, Stephen Cunningham, Rabbie Gaughan, Lorcan Molloy, Michael Deegan, Conor Sutton, David Sexton, David Byrne, Lorcan Molloy, Emile Mullan, Shane McGrath, Cathal Flynn

Front L-R: Niall Walshe, Eoin Fletcher, Ross McGowan, Shane Cunningham, Conor Ryan, Adam Rogers, Maitais MacDonnacha, Stephen Mulvaney, Conor Mulally, Tom Quinn, Niall Murphy



An Coiste Cultúr

This Coiste had an active year. The Scór section of the Coiste was very successful. In Scór na nÓg, Cúige Laighean was particularly successful, winning four of the eight All Ireland titles on offer. This year's Scór na nÓg is completed and we would like to thank the host clubs – Cluainna Slighe, Co. Laoise and Gaeil Ó Lochlainn, Co. Chill Chainnigh who hosted the semi- finals and Erin's Isle, Co. Átha Cliath who hosted the finals for the professional manner in which they hosted the competition. All counties except Meath took part and the standard was particularly high and the events were very enjoyable. We would like to thank Aodán Breathnach and Domhnall Ó hIleadha for the excellent work they do for Scór. This is a good time for counties to examine the way they approach Scór na nÓg. Some competitors were very young and competition may be demoralising for them. It is clear that some clubs are much more active than others when it comes to Scór. We would consider it a very important function of the Oifigeach Cultúr in the club to promote Scór.

One of our targets in the Strategic Plan is to have the Comharthaí Bóthair in place in all counties by 2015. To date

they are complete in Laois, Loch Garman and Lú. They are underway, at various stages of completion in Cill Mhantáin, Cill Chainnigh, Ceatharlach and Uabh Fáilí. Some counties are having difficulties in dealing with the local council and Áth Cliath already has signs which lack the GAA logo but meet all the other criteria.

We are actively seeking young people in the various counties who are interested in all aspects of our culture. We are trying to involve them as we feel that our work will only survive if young people are ready to take over. We would welcome the names of any interested young people. We also seek the names of young people who would be prepared to maintain the website cgl.ie. Cúige Laighean was the first to establish a website as gaeilge and it has been copied by the other provinces since – a fact of which we are proud.

Guímid rath agus séan ar gach éinne sa chumann imbliana agus go n-éirí go geal libh go léir.

Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Cathaoirleach



Thomastown - Leinster Junior Club Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Conall Stafford, Terry Peryl, Tom Henderson, Alan Smith, Tommy Cosgrove, Syephen Lynch, Tommy Lynch, Gary Cole, Joey Gantley, Vinny O'Brien, Aaron Fagan, Graham Whelan, Kevin Fagan, David Morgan, Shane Doherty.

Front L-R: Stephen Forde, Jack Fagan, Colm Bernnan, Mark Lynch, Noel Fagan, Anthony McEnroe, John Farrell, Eamon Regan, Gary Doherty, Neil Cole (Capt), Gerard Doherty, Gary Ryan, Robert Kelly, Daniel Whelan and Stephen Ennis.



Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Laighean

World Handball Championships

Handball fans through out the province can certainly now reflect on Worlds 2012 with a huge amount of satisfaction and a massive amount of positive feedback is the legacy left behind what has been deemed by 1000s in attendance as the "greatest Handball Tournament in history". While large volumes of players and officials arrived at the Citywest Arena (games were also played in Ballymore Eustace, Leixlip, DCU, UCD, St Brigids) with a certain level of trepidation, there is no doubt that the overwhelming magnitude of the arena and what transpired over eleven days has left the entire GAA handball community enthused for the very exciting future of our game.

A record number of players competed in the events (2,084 - over double the previous record); a record number of countries had players at Worlds 2012 (27 - almost double the previous record); a total of 3,286 matches were organised and played over 11 days (a record of more than treble the previous number of matches played in any handball championships); over 240 volunteers + stand-in referees helped organise this special event; over 50,000 people enjoyed the live action over the course of the eleven days of the games; over 5,000 people viewed the 2012 World Open Singles Championship final between Brady and Moreno (a record by almost triple). A full 13 four wall 40x20 courts (one an innovative elevated glass showcourt, the first time ever such a project was attempted) were constructed in just 9 days to host the events in four wall as well as 8 one wall courts - another first in the history of the sport!

Notable achievements

Wexford's Gavin Buggy partnerd Kerry's Dominic Lynch to win the Over 35 A Doubles Title. Kilkenny's maestro Ducksy Walsh not only completed a three in a row of world masters singles titles, beating American Chris Watkins in the decider, but then followed up with a third successive masters doubles title, this time in partnership with Wexford's Tommy Hynes. Ducksy's partner in his previous world masters doubles finals, Egin Jensen, took both the Silver Masters Singles and Doubles titles on this occasion, partnering another Kilkenny man Billy Bourke in his doubles triumph.

Eugene Kennedy, father of Dublin star Eoin, completed

the double in Diamond Masters (over 60), in the Doubles he was partnered by former Wexford hurling great Ned Buggy. Also in the Masters championships, Dublin's Adrian Benson and Kildare's Pdraig Maguire took the Masters B and Silver Masters B accolades. The Mens A and C singles and the Mens B Doubles prizes all stayed in the province as Meath's Carl Brown, and Kilkenny's William Love captured the singles gold medals. The latter, from the Clogh club in Kilkenny, deserves special mention after coming through seven fixtures to make sure he was the last survivor in a field of 192, a record in any event by a long way since the sport began. Michael O'Brien & Ciaran Neary the Offaly / Kilkenny combination followed up their C Doubles win in 2009 by winning the Mens B Doubles.

Adult Champoinships

Kilkenny players Rachel Hogan and Patrick Funchion were the star players in this years championships winning all four of the Provincial and all Ireland championships open to them to enter. Patrick was partnered by his brother Peter in the doubles. Patrick also won two team titles with WIT. Rachel was partnered by Marie Walshe in the 40x20 doubles and Claire Grace in 60x30 Doubles. (list of provincial winners accompanies this report)

Juvenile Championships

40x20

First of all, well done to all who took part in our championships in both codes. In 40x20 All Ireland series it was a quite year for Leinster boys title wise it was left to the ladies to show the way. Special mention to Kate Dagg (Kildare) who won U17 Singles and to U17D pair Mary Buggy & Ashling Maher (Kilkenny) who won their All Ireland finals.

The 40x20 teams were run a bit late this year with U12/13 and 14/15 Teams of 6 going to Kilkenny and the 16/17 Team of 4 heading to Wexford. All three teams reached the All Ireland finals but met tough contestants but well done to all for going so far.

60x30

In 60x30 2012 proved to be much better for us. We had a number of players going through to All Ireland Finals.

This time we took five titles (boys 4, girls 1). Well done to Thomas Hall & Daniel Kavanagh (Wexford) U14D, Padraig Cooney (Kilkenny) U15S, Sean Carey/Dylan Caulfield (Kilkenny) U15D, John Walsh (Kilkenny) U16S, and Aileen Hennessey & Eilish Regan (Kilkenny) U17D. The teams in 60x30 went to Kilkenny at 12/13 and 14/15 Teams of 6 with the 16/17 Team of 4 going to Wexford. Kilkenny lost out in the All Ireland semi-final at 12/13 and lost 14/15 in the final. Wexford went on to win the All Ireland at 16/17 Team of 4.

Coisti

Paddy Kelly (An Lú) has completed his third and final year as juvenile Chairman and has not let the standard of officialdom drop, he was ably assisted by secretary Eddie English (Cill Chainnigh). The Development Committee under the leadership of Tom Walsh (Cill Mhantain) main focus during the year was the completion of the administration courses for club and county officials. Richard Willoughby Coaching Officer and his committee have completed a number of level one courses in the province.

Buiochás

Sincere thanks to all the officials, players and to the people who opened courts and refereed games and to anyone else who helped in the smooth running of Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Laighean.

The sympathy of the Council goes to all families who have suffered bereavements during the year.

Go druga suainmheas siorai doibh.

Liam O'Mathuin
Runai

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



Bray Emmets - Leinster Club Hurling League Division 3 Winners 2012

Back L-R: Karl Leacy, Michael Lee, Peter Kiely, Willie Nolan, Tadgh O'Broin, David Ebbs, Daire Lohan, Luke O'Reilly, John Ward, Liam Kenny, Canice Dowling, John Henderson, Pat Lee (Manager).

Front L-R: Harry Stephenson, Cathal O'Dualachain, Ronan O'Brien, Aaron Murphy, Cillian O'Maolmhuidh, Peter O'Reilly, Enda O'Maolmhuidh, Billy Brazil, Ed Keating, Eoin Mason, Jackie Moorehouse and Gearoid Murphy.

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)

2012

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

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)
2012	David Kilcoyne (Westmeath)	Matt Connor (Offaly)

Comhairle Laighean Website Award

2007	Tara Rowan, Jeff Sheridan & Brendan Cummins (Meath GAA)
2008	Chris Lynam (St. Brigid's GAA Club, Dublin)
2009	Brian Ramsbottom and David Kelly (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2010	Paddy Bates and Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club, Dublin)
2011	Fearghal Gogan and Aidan McHugh (Dunshaughlin GAA Club, Meath)
2012	Fergus McNally and Noel Manning (St. Jude's GAA Club, Dublin)

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)
2012	Ronan Lynch (Louth)

Comhairle Laighean

Clár na gCluichí 2013

LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Prelim Rd	Antrim	v	Westmeath
1. Preliminary Winners		v	Laois
2.	Carlow	v	London
3.	1	v	2
4.	Offaly	v	Kilkenny
5.	Wexford	v	Dublin
6.	Galway	v	3
7.	4	v	5
FINAL	6	v	7

CADBURY'S LEINSTER UNDER 21 F.C.

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

BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER UNDER 21 HC

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

LEINSTER UNDER 21 H.C. 'A'

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

LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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

LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Tier II

1.	Carlow	v	Offaly
2.	Laois	v	Kilkenny

Tier III

3.	Kildare	v	Wicklow
4.	Westmeath	v	Meath

Next Round

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

Next Round

- A. Winners 1. and 2. drawn against Dublin/Wexford
B. Winners 5. and 6. play two LOSERS of A

SEMI FINALS

FINAL

LEINSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

LOSERS SECTION - ROUND I

LOSERS SECTION - ROUND II

QUARTER FINALS

SEMI FINALS

FINAL

Comhairle Laighean Clár na gCluichí 2013

PEIL SINSIR

			DATE	VENUE
1	Wicklow	v Longford	26.5.2013	Aughrim
2	Laois	v Louth	26.5.2013	Portlaoise
3	Westmeath	v Carlow	19.5.2013	Mullingar
4		1 v Meath	15.6.2013	Aughrim/Longford
5		2 v Wexford	9.6.2013	Portlaoise/Drogheda
6		3 v Dublin	1.6.2013	Pairc an Chrocaigh
7	Offaly	v Kildare	1.6.2013	Pairc an Chrocaigh
8		4 v 5	TBC	TBC
9		6 v 7	TBC	TBC
FINAL		8 v 9	14.7.2013	Croke Park

IOMÁINT SINSIR

			DATE	VENUE
Prelim Rd	Antrim	v Westmeath	5.5.2013	Mullingar
1	Antrim/Westmeath	v Laois	18.5.2013	Portlaoise/Mullingar
2		Carlow v London	18.5.2013	Carlow
3	Antrim/Westmeath/Laois	v Carlow/London	1/2.6.2013	TBC
4		Offaly v Kilkenny	9.6.2013	Tullamore
5	Wexford	v Dublin	8.6.2013	Wexford Park
6	Galway	v 3	15/16.6.2013	To be confirmed
7		4 v 5		
FINAL		6 v 7	7.7.2013	Croke Park

FÉ 21 BLIAIN PEIL CADBURY'S

			DATE	VENUE
1	Offaly	v Laois	19.2.2013	Offaly
2	Meath	v Louth	19.2.2013	Navan
3	Dublin	v Carlow	19.2.2013	Parnell Park
4		1 v Wicklow	6.3.2013	Offaly / Laois
5		2 v Kildare	6.3.2013	Navan / Louth
6		3 v Longford	6.3.2013	Parnell Park / Portlaoise
7	Westmeath	v Wexford	6.3.2013	Westmeath
8		4 v 5	20.3.2013	TBC
9		6 v 7	20.3.2013	TBC
FINAL		8 v 9	3.4.2013	TBC

NB

All Ireland Under 21 FC Semi (Leinster v Connacht) 20.4.2013

FÉ 21 IOMÁINT BORD GAIS

				DATE	VENUE
1	Wexford	v	Westmeath	5.6.2013	Wexford
2	Dublin	v	Carlow	5.6.2013	Parnell Park
3	Laois	v	Offaly	5.6.2013	Portlaoise
4	Kilkenny	BYE			
5		1 v 2		26.6.2013	TBC
6		3 v 4		26.6.2013	TBC
FINAL		5 v 6		10.7.2013	TBC

FÉ 21 'A' IOMÁINT

				DATE	VENUE
1	Louth	v	Wicklow	10.7.2013	Louth
2	Meath	v	Kildare	10.7.2013	Navan
FINAL		1 v 2		24.7.2013	TBC

PEIL MÍONÚIR

				DATE	VENUE
ROUND 1					
1	Kilkenny	v	Kildare	13.4.2013	Kilkenny
2	Longford	v	Laois	13.4.2013	Portlaoise
3	Offaly	v	Meath	13.4.2013	Navan
4	Westmeath	v	Wexford	13.4.2013	Mullingar
5	Louth	v	Dublin	13.4.2013	Drogheda
6	Wicklow	v	Carlow	13.4.2013	Aughrim
Losers Section Round I				24.4.2013	TBC
Losers Section Round II				1.5.2013	TBC
Quarter Finals				11.5.2013	TBC
Semi Finals				6.7.2013	TBC
FINAL				14.7.2013	Croke Park

IOMÁINT MÍONÚIR

				DATE	VENUE
TIER II					
1	Carlow	v	Offaly	20.4.2013	
2	Laois	v	Kilkenny	20.4.2013	
TIER III					
3	Kildare	v	Wicklow	20.4.2013	
4	Westmeath	v	Meath	20.4.2013	
NEXT ROUND					
5	Winner 4	v	Loser 2	4.5.2013	
6	Winner 3	v	Loser 1	4.5.2013	

NEXT ROUND

A Winners 1. & 2. drawn against Dublin / Wexford

NEXT ROUND

B Winners 5. & 6. drawn against Losers A

SEMI FINALS

To be drawn after Quarter Finals.

22.6.2013 TBC

FINAL

7.7.2013 Croke Park

PEIL SOISIR

			DATE	VENUE
1	Meath	v Kildare	29.5.2013	Navan
2	Wicklow	BYE		
3	Cavan	v Louth	29.5.2013	Dundalk
4	Wexford	v Longford	29.5.2013	Wexford
5		1 v 2	12.6.2013	Aughrim/Newbridge
6		3 v 4	12.6.2013	Wexford/Drogheda/Longford
FINAL		7 v 8	26.6.2013	TBC

NB

All Ireland J.F.C. Semi Finals (Connacht v Leinster) 10.8.2013



Faughs - Leinster Club Hurling League Division 2 Winners 2012

Back L-R: Michael Heavey, Tadgh Fallon, Selector Sean Buckley, Fergal Heavey, Robbie Cooke, Conor McCann, Lorcan Heavey, Traolach Martin, Sean White, Mickey Ryan, Tom Kearns, Pat Robinson, James Robinson, Paul Donoghue, Damien Burke, Hughie O'Leary, Emmet McKenna.

Front L-R: Eoin Prendergrast, Ciarán O'Shea, Ciarán Brennan, Brian Dillion (C), Karl O'Brien, (Mascots Bláthnaid Brady, James O'Brien), Trevor Donoghue, Colin Devane, Maurice O'Brien, Micheal Devane, John Kelly, Martin McKenna (Manager).

Missing from photo: Ciaran McDonagh (Trainer), Ciarán O'Brien, David Connelly, Shane O'Dea, Mike Connelly, Scott Murphy, Caolan Beehan, Cathal Heavey.

Cluichí Laighean 2012

BORD NA MÓNA O'BYRNE CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

8/1	Meath	(1-13)	Wexford	(1-10)	Navan
8/1	Louth	(w/o)	Kilkenny	(scr)	Drogheda
8/1	DCU	(0-18)	Wicklow	(1-14)	Baltinglass
8/1	Longford	(0-13)	Athlone IT	(1-09)	Ballymahon
8/1	Kildare	(2-11)	DIT	(0-09)	Newbridge
8/1	Offaly	(3-06)	Westmeath	(0-07)	Tullamore
8/1	Dublin	(0-17)	Carlow	(0-10)	Carlow
8/1	UCD	(0-15)	Laois	(0-11)	Crettyard
14/1	Dublin	(4-14)	UCD	(0-12)	Parnell Park
15/1	Meath	(0-11)	Louth	(0-05)	Navan
15/1	Kildare	(0-17)	Offaly	(0-04)	Newbridge
15/1	DCU	(2-11)	Longford	(0-12)	Ballymahon
21/1	DCU	(2-08)	Meath	(0-06)	Navan
22/1	Kildare	(1-11)	Dublin	(0-08)	Newbridge
17/2	DCU	(3-07)	Kildare	(1-12)	Portlaoise

BORD NA MÓNA O'BYRNE SHIELD SENIOR FOOTBALL

15/1	Wexford	(w/o)	Kilkenny	(scr)	Wexford
15/1	Wicklow	(2-16)	Athlone I.T.	(1-10)	Baltinglass (aet)
15/1	DIT	(0-16)	Westmeath	(0-13)	Kinnegad
15/1	Laois	(1-14)	Carlow	(1-07)	Carlow
22/1	Wexford	(1-15)	Wicklow	(0-17)	Enniscorthy
22/1	Laois	(0-15)	DIT	(0-07)	Portarlington
29/1	Laois	(1-15)	Wexford	(1-06)	Wexford

BORD NA MÓNA WALSH CUP SENIOR HURLING

20/1	UCD	(2-13)	Ceatharloch	(0-11)	Carlow
21/1	NUI Galway	(1-11)	Wexford	(0-13)	Enniscorthy
21/1	Laois	(2-14)	DIT	(1-14)	Rathdowney
22/1	Westmeath	(2-13)	Offaly	(0-12)	Kinnegad
29/1	Kilkenny	(0-13)	NUI Galway	(0-12)	Freshford
29/1	Galway	(6-25)	UCD	(1-08)	Belfield
29/1	Laois	(2-14)	Dublin	(1-14)	Portlaoise
5/2	Kilkenny	(1-23)	Westmeath	(1-16)	Castlecomer
5/2	Galway	(2-19)	Laois	(0-11)	Ballinasloe
12/2	Kilkenny	(2-20)	Galway	(1-14)	Pearse Stadium

BORD NA MÓNA WALSH SHIELD SENIOR HURLING

29/1	DIT	(1-15)	Carlow	(0-15)	Carlow
29/1	Offaly	(2-18)	Wexford	(1-15)	Wexford
7/2	Offaly	(0-22)	DIT	(1-14)	Tullamore

BORD NA MÓNA KEHOE CUP SENIOR HURLING

21/1	GMIT	(2-18)	Roscommon	(0-08)	Athleague
22/1	Trinity	(2-17)	Armagh	(3-08)	Middletown
22/1	DCU	(2-22)	Fingal	(2-12)	Fingallians
22/1	St. Patricks	(2-14)	Louth	(0-10)	Darver
25/1	Trinity	(2-15)	Down	(0-14)	Belfield
28/1	GMIT	(1-17)	Kildare	(1-16)	Newbridge
29/1	An Mhi	(1-17)	DCU	(1-09)	Navan
29/1	St. Patricks	(3-11)	Wicklow	(2-09)	Greystones
3/2	GMIT	(2-21)	Trinity	(2-15)	Clanna Gael AET
3/2	St. Patricks	(5-16)	Meath	(1-16)	Navan
12/2	GMIT	(2-18)	St. Patricks	(1-13)	Na Fianna

BORD NA MÓNA KEHOE SHIELD SENIOR HURLING

29/1	Fingal	(1-12)	Lu	(1-08)	Darver
3/2	Armagh	(4-09)	Roscommon	(3-06)	Athleague
12/2	Fingal	(4-11)	Armagh	(1-14)	Fingallians

CADBURYS LEINSTER GAA UNDER 21 FC

29/2	Dublin	(1-12)	Wexford	(1-09)	Enniscorthy
29/2	Carlow	(0-13)	Wicklow	(1-06)	Baltinglass
29/2	Offaly	(1-09)	Meath	(0-09)	Gracefield
29/2	Louth	(6-34)	Kilkenny	(0-02)	Ballyraggett
7/3	Dublin	(2-21)	Laois	(0-04)	Parnell Park
7/3	Westmeath	(0-11)	Carlow	(0-03)	Carlow IT
7/3	Louth	(3-06)	Longford	(1-10)	Haggardstown
7/3	Offaly	(0-08)	Kildare	(0-07)	Gracefield
21/3	Louth	(0-10)	Offaly	(0-08)	Navan
21/3	Dublin	(4-15)	Westmeath	(1-09)	Portlaoise
4/4	Dublin	(1-16)	Louth	(0-08)	Navan

LEINSTER U-21 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

27/6	Westmeath	(7-27)	Louth	(0-02)	Mullingar
11/7	Meath	(4-22)	Wicklow	(0-04)	Arklow
12/7	Kildare	(2-15)	Westmeath	(0-15)	Newbridge
25/7	Kildare	(2-14)	Meath	(1-16)	Newbridge

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

13/4	Offaly	(8-30)	Kilkenny	(1-00)	Ballyraggett
14/4	Louth	(2-10)	Westmeath	(0-06)	Haggardstown
14/4	Meath	(1-11)	Longford	(0-11)	Longford
14/4	Wicklow	(2-05)	Laois	(1-06)	Aughrim
14/4	Dublin	(2-21)	Carlow	(0-04)	Carlow
14/4	Kildare	(3-19)	Wexford	(0-10)	Newbridge
25/4	Wexford	(2-12)	Carlow	(2-12)	Horeswood
2/5	Carlow	(2-11)	Wexford	(0-09)	Carlow
2/5	Longford	(2-10)	Laois	(1-10)	Longford
9/5	Westmeath	(0-19)	Carlow	(1-13)	Carlow
19/5	Westmeath	(0-10)	Wicklow	(0-07)	Aughrim
19/5	Meath	(3-11)	Offaly	(1-08)	Tullamore
19/5	Kildare	(2-16)	Louth	(2-08)	Newbridge
19/5	Dublin	(2-14)	Longford	(1-05)	Parnell Park
7/7	Meath	(3-14)	Westmeath	(1-07)	Mullingar
11/7	Dublin	(2-16)	Kildare	(1-08)	Newbridge
22/7	Dublin	(3-17)	Meath	(1-11)	Croke Park

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

21/4	Laois.....	(4-12)	Westmeath.....	(2-16)	Mullingar
21/4	Carlow.....	(2-13)	Kildare.....	(1-19)	Newbridge
21/4	Meath.....	(2-13)	Wicklow.....	(2-09)	Arklow
21/4	Wexford.....	(2-13)	Offaly.....	(3-08)	Tullamore
5/5	Kilkenny.....	(2-17)	Laois.....	(0-15)	Portlaoise
5/5	Wexford.....	(0-22)	Dublin.....	(1-17)	Parnell Park
5/5	Carlow.....	(1-14)	Westmeath.....	(1-12)	Mullingar
5/5	Offaly.....	(2-13)	Meath.....	(1-14)	Tullamore
12/5	Laois.....	(2-13)	Offaly.....	(2-10)	Tullamore
12/5	Dublin.....	(4-24)	Carlow.....	(0-03)	Carlow
23/6	Dublin.....	(1-12)	Kilkenny.....	(0-10)	Portlaoise
24/6	Wexford.....	(1-24)	Laois.....	(1-10)	Wexford
8/7	Dublin.....	(2-15)	Wexford.....	(1-14)	Croke Park

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

19/5	Laois.....	(0-20)	Carlow.....	(0-13)	Carlow
19/5	Westmeath.....	(0-14)	Antrim.....	(0-12)	Mullingar
2/6	Dublin.....	(3-23)	Laois.....	(1-07)	Tullamore
2/6	Offaly.....	(2-12)	Wexford.....	(1-13)	Tullamore
3/6	Galway.....	(5-19)	Westmeath.....	(4-12)	Mullingar
17/6	Galway.....	(5-23)	Offaly.....	(3-15)	Portlaoise
23/6	Kilkenny.....	(2-21)	Dublin.....	(0-09)	Portlaoise
8/7	Galway.....	(2-21)	Kilkenny.....	(2-11)	Croke Park

LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

20/5	Longford.....	(1-10)	Laois.....	(0-10)	Longford
20/5	Louth.....	(2-09)	Westmeath.....	(0-14)	Navan
27/5	Meath.....	(0-16)	Wicklow.....	(0-11)	Carlow
3/6	Dublin.....	(2-22)	Louth.....	(0-12)	Croke Park
3/6	Wexford.....	(0-15)	Longford.....	(2-09)	Croke Park
10/7	Meath.....	(1-12)	Carlow.....	(1-12)	Tullamore
10/7	Wexford.....	(1-13)	Longford.....	(0-15)	Tullamore (R)
16/6	Meath.....	(2-21)	Carlow.....	(1-09)	Tullamore
17/6	Kildare.....	(0-19)	Offaly.....	(0-06)	Portlaoise
1/7	Meath.....	(1-17)	Kildare.....	(1-11)	Croke Park
1/7	Dublin.....	(2-11)	Wexford.....	(1-10)	Croke Park
22/7	Dublin.....	(2-13)	Meath.....	(1-13)	Croke Park

LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

9/5	Kildare.....	(1-15)	Louth.....	(1-09)	Newbridge
30/5	Kildare.....	(0-18)	Kilkenny.....	(1-02)	Newbridge
30/5	Cavan.....	(4-11)	Wexford.....	(1-12)	Farmleigh
30/5	Meath.....	(1-16)	Wicklow.....	(2-04)	Navan
6/6	Cavan.....	(2-08)	Longford.....	(1-10)	Longford
13/6	Kildare.....	(0-10)	Meath.....	(0-09)	Newbridge
27/6	Cavan.....	(1-13)	Kildare.....	(0-09)	Newbridge

BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER UNDER-21 HC

6/6	Laois.....	(2-15)	Dublin.....	(0-17)	Portlaoise
6/6	Wexford.....	(1-19)	Offaly.....	(0-10)	Tullamore
20/6	Laois.....	(0-15)	Carlow.....	(0-14)	Carlow
20/6	Kilkenny.....	(3-20)	Wexford.....	(4-06)	Kilkenny
11/7	Kilkenny.....	(4-24)	Laois.....	(1-13)	Portlaoise

LEINSTER INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

27/6 Kilkenny..... 3-20 Wexford 2-14 Wexford Park

LEINSTER CLUB HURLING LEAGUE FINALS

DIVISION 1 FINAL

30/6 Birr..... (1-13) Rathnure..... (0-15) Wexford Park

DIVISION 2 FINAL

3/6 Faughs (1-14) Oylegate Glenbrien..... (1-11) Carlow

DIVISION 3 FINAL

27/5 Bray Emmetts..... (2-10) Carnew Emmetts..... (1-12) Carlow

AIB LEINSTER CLUB SFC

28/10 St. Patricks, WW..... (3-10) Eire Og, CW..... (2-11) Aughrim AET
 28/10 Emmet Og, LD..... (2-07) St. Annes, WX..... (2-04) Longford
 28/10 St. Patricks, LH..... (1-09) Rhode..... (1-07) Tullamore
 11/11 Portlaoise..... (3-15) St. Patricks WW..... (0-04) Aughrim
 11/11 Sarsfields..... (1-12) St. Patricks LH..... (2-06) Newbridge
 11/11 Ballymun Kickhams..... (2-13) Mullingar Shamrocks (0-07) Mullingar
 11/11 Emmet Og..... (2-13) O'Mahonys..... (0-08) Longford
 25/11 Portlaoise..... (1-11) Emmet Óg Killoe..... (2-05) Portlaoise
 25/11 Ballymun Kickhams..... (1-08) Sarsfields..... (0-05) Newbridge
 9/12 Ballymun Kickhams..... (0-11) Portlaoise..... (0-08) Mullingar

AIB LEINSTER CLUB SHC

4/11 Oulart-The Ballagh (1-13) Kilmacud Crokes (1-12) Parnell Park
 4/11 Kilcormac/Killoughey (1-11) Mt. Leinster Rngs..... (0-09) Carlow
 4/11 Rathdowney/Errill (1-12) Clonkill (0-12) Portlaoise
 18/11 Kilcormac/Killoughey (2-12) Rathdowney Errill (0-14) Tullamore
 2/12 Oulart-The Ballagh (1-11) Ballyhale Shamrocks..... (1-10) Wexford
 9/12 Kilcormac Killoughey (1-12) Oulart-The Ballagh..... (0-11) Kilkenny

AIB LEINSTER CLUB IFC

21/10 C'town-Finea/Coole W'hall.. (4-10) St. Brigids (3-09) Croghan
 27/10 Emo (1-16) Starlights (2-10) Portlaoise
 28/10 Cuala (0-11) St. Marys..... (0-07) O'Toole Pk
 4/11 Monasterevin (2-09) Fighting Cocks (0-03) Carlow
 4/11 O'Connells (2-13) Emo (0-12) Portlaoise
 4/11 Na Fianna (1-13) Castletown-F/C/W (1-07) Ringtown
 4/11 Cuala (3-21) Avondale..... (0-05) Parnells
 18/11 Monasterevin (1-14) Cuala (0-10) Newbridge
 18/11 O'Connells (2-10) Na Fianna..... (2-09) Castlebellingham
 2/12 Monasterevin (0-04) O'Connells (0-03) Drogheda

AIB LEINSTER CLUB IHC

28/10 Kiltale (0-17) Confey..... (0-14) Kildare
 4/11 O. Plunketts/E. Ruadh (0-15) Glenealy (0-10) Arklow
 11/11 Oylegate/Glenbrien (3-12) Kiltale (2-13) Navan
 25/11 Clara (KK) (1-12) O.Plukketts/E. Ruadh (0-08) Blakestown
 2/12 Clara..... (3-20) Oylegate Glenbrien..... (0-05) Kilkenny

AIB LEINSTER CLUB JFC

13/10	St. Fintans..... (4-11)	Kilcavan..... (1-09)	Wexford
14/10	Castleknock..... (5-15)	Ballinabranna..... (0-07)	Bagenalstown
14/10	Ratoath..... (1-07)	Kilcormac/Killoughey ... (0-06)	Kilcormac
14/10	Clogherinkoe..... (2-08)	Newtowncashel..... (1-09)	Newbridge
28/10	Castleknock..... (3-17)	Kilmacanogue..... (0-05)	Blakestown
28/10	Clogherinkoe..... (1-13)	Glen Emmetts..... (1-08)	Newbridge
28/10	St. Fintans..... (1-13)	Kilbeggan Shamrocks.... (1-09)	Bellefield
28/10	Ratoath..... BYE		
11/11	St. Fintans..... (3-07)	Clogherinkoe..... (1-10)	Clane
11/11	Castleknock..... (3-09)	Ratoath..... (1-03)	Ratoath
25/11	Castleknock..... (1-10)	St. Fintans..... (1-05)	Parnell Pk

AIB LEINSTER CLUB JHC

21/10	Maynooth..... (0-11)	St. Sylvesters..... (0-09)	Clane
21/10	Lusmagh..... (4-21)	Clonguish Gaels..... (0-11)	Lusmagh
28/10	Rathmolyon..... (2-11)	Eire Og,WW..... (0-11)	Trim
4/11	Rathmolyon..... (3-13)	Crookedwood..... (2-04)	Trim
4/11	Naomh Eanna..... (1-14)	Maynooth..... (1-11)	Clane
4/11	Colt..... (1-16)	Pearse Og..... (2-07)	Colt
11/11	Thomastown..... (0-17)	Lusmagh..... (0-07)	Lusmagh
17/11	Rathmolyon..... (1-11)	Colt..... (1-08)	Trim
18/11	Thomastown..... (1-24)	Naomh Eanna..... (1-10)	Gorey
2/12	Thomastown..... (2-13)	Rathmolyon..... (1-07)	Navan

LEINSTER CLUB SPECIAL JH COMPETITION

28/10	Knockbridge..... (w/o)	Southern Gaels..... (scr)	Knockbridge
28/10	Knockbridge..... (1-13)	Timahoe..... (0-07)	Dowdallshill
28/10	St. Patricks..... (6-08)	Wolfe Tones..... (1-11)	Stamullen
28/10	Clanna Gael/Fontenoy ... (1-12)	Killavilla..... (1-09)	O'Toole Pk
11/11	Clanna Gael/Fontenoy ... (4-18)	Sallins..... (0-06)	O'Toole Pk
11/11	Knockbridge..... (5-14)	St. Patricks..... (1-04)	Drogheda
25/11	Clanna Gael/Fontenoy ... (2-09)	Knockbridge..... (2-06)	Darver



Clanna Gael Fontenoy - Leinster Special Junior Club Hurling Champions 2012

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COMORTAS PEIL

COMORTAS	BUATHOIRI	NEASOIRI
Colleges SF "A"	St. Mary's Edenderry	Colaiste Eoin
Voc. Sch. SF "A"	Gallen CS Ferbane	Col Bhride Carnew
Colleges SF "B"	Ardscoil Ris	Portlaoise CBS
Voc. Sch. SF "B"	Ratoath College	Col Chill Mhantain
Schools SF "C"	St. MacDara's CC	Gaelcholaiste Ceatharlach
Schools SF "D"	Col. Lorcaín Castledermot	Col. Pobal Rathcairn/ St. Fintina's Longwood

Jun. F "A"	St. Pat's Navan	Clonkeen College
Jun. F "B"	In Progress	
Jun. F "C"	Old Bawn CS	Ardee CS
Jun. F "D"	Mercy Kilbeggan	Moyle Park College
Voc. Sch. Jun. F "A"	Cnoc Mhuire Granard	Gallen CS Ferbane

Juv. F "A"	St. Pat's Navan	St. Declan's CBS
Juv. F "B"	St. Mary's Enniscorthy	St. Fintan's HS
Juv. F "C"	Ardsc Rath Iomghain	Drimnagh Castle CBS
Juv. F "D"	Bush PP	Hartstown CS
Inter County SF	Cill Dara	Ath Cliath

IOMÁINT

Colleges SH "A"	St. Kieran's College	Kilkenny CBS
Colleges SH "A" Lge	St. Kieran's College	St. Brendan's Birr
Colleges SH "B"	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge	Colaiste Eanna
Colleges SH "B" (Rest of Leinster)	St. Joseph's R'bridge	Cistercian Roscrea

Voc. Sch. SH "A"	St. Fergal's Rathdowney	Borris VS
Schools SH "C"	Boyne CS	St. MacDara's CC

Jun. H "A"	Kilkenny CBS	St. Kieran's College
Jun. H "A" Shield	Castlecomer CS	Colaiste Eoin
Jun. H "B"	St. Mary's Enniscorthy	Heywood CS
Voc. Sch. Jun. H "A"	St. Fergal's Rathdowney	Abbey CC Ferrybank

Juv. H "A" League	St. Kieran's College	Kilkenny CBS
Juv. H "A" Dr. Barry Cup	Good Counsel	St. Kieran's College
Juv. H "A" Power Cup	St. Brendan's CS Birr	Castlecomer
Juv. H "A" Group Comp	Dublin North	Offaly Schools
Juv. H "B"	Col Mhuire Mullingar	Col Mhuire Johnstown

ÁTH CLIATH

Juv. H "A"	Colaiste Eoin	Ardscoil Ris
Juv. H "B"	Templeogue College	St. Declan's CBS
Juv. H "C"	Sc. Chaitriona	Malahide CS
Juv. H "D"	Col Choilm	Marian College
Juv. H "E"	Gaelcholaiste Reachrann	St. Finian's CC

Tom Quinlan Cup	Ardscoil Ris	Colaiste Eanna
Tom Quinlan Shield	Templeogue College	St. Kevin's CBS
Tom Quinlan Plate	Colaiste Chillian	St. Paul's CBS

Jun. H "A"	Ardscoil Ris	Scoil Aodhain
Jun. H "A" Shield	Colaiste Eanna	Clonkeen College
Jun. H "B"	St. Declan's CBS	Templeogue College
Jun. H "C"	Malahide CS	Old Bawn CS
Jun. H "D"	Rosary College	Col de hÍde

Sen. H "A"	Colaiste Eanna	St. Colmcilles
Sen. H "A" Shield	Templeogue Col	Ardscoil Ris
Sen. H "B"	St. MacDara's CC	Terenure College
Sen. H "C"	Malahide CS	Confey College
Sen. H "C1"	Portmarnock CS	St. Vincent's CBS

Juv. F "A"	St. Declan's CBS	Ardscoil Ris
Juv. F "B"	St. Fintan's HS	Col Choilm
Juv. F "C"	Drimnagh Castle CBS	Oatlands College
Juv. F "D"	Hartstown CS	Col de hÍde
Juv. F "E"	Luttrelstown CC	Palmerstown CS

Jun. F "A"	Clonkeen College	Ardscoil Ris
Jun. F "B"	St. David's CBS	Colaiste Eanna
Jun. F "C"	Old Bawn CS	St. Kevin's CBS
Jun. F "D"	Moyle Park College	Donahies CS
Jun. F "E"	PS Neasain	Rosary College

Sen. F "A"	St. Benildus College	Salesian College
Sen. F "B"	Ardscoil Ris	Colaiste Eanna
Sen. F "C"	St. MacDara's	St. Paul's College
Sen. F "D"	St. Mark's CS	HFCs Rathcoole
Sen. F "D1"	Col de hÍde	Killinarden CS

LAIGHEAN THUaidH

PEIL

Colleges SF "B"	Sc. Mhuire Clane	Moyne CS
Schools SF "C"	Boyne CS	Dundalk DLS
Schools SF "D"	Col Pol Rathcairn/ St. Fintina's Longwood	Athboy CS

Sch SF League "A"	Moate CS	St. Mary's Edenderry
Sch SF League "B"	O'Carolan Nobber	Killina Pres Sec School

Jun. F "A"	St. Pat's Navan	St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge
Jun. F "B"	St. Mary's Edenderry	Boyne CS
Jun. F "C"	Ardee CS	Ratoath College
Jun. F "D"	Mercy Kilbeggan	Col Pobal Rathcairn/ St. Fintina's Longwood

Juv. F "A"	St. Pat's Navan	Col Mhuire Mullingar
Juv. F "B"	St. Joseph's Drogheda	Sc. Dara Kilcock
Juv. F "C"	Col na hInse	Gallen CS Ferbane
Juv. F "D"	Bush PP	Tullamore College
Juv. F "D1" 11 a side	Ardsc Chiarain Clara	Col Pobal Rathcairn/ St. Fintina's Longwood

IOMÁINT

Sch SH "C"	Boyne CS	Sc. Mhuire Clane
Sch SH "C1"	Athboy CS	Moate CS

Jun. H "B"	Heywood CS	Col Mhuire Johnstown
Jun. H "C"	Boyne CS	Killina Pres Sec School
Jun. H "D"	Ratoath College	Ardsc Chiarain Clara

Juv. H "B"	Col Mhuire Mullingar	Mountrath CS
Juv. H "C"	Col Naomh Cormac	Col Choilm Tullamore
Juv. H "D"	Moate CS	Ashbourne CS

LAIGHEAN THEAS

PEIL

Colleges SF "B"	Portlaoise CBS	St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy
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Sch SF "C"	Gaelcholaiste Ceatharlach	Heywood CS
Sch SF "D"	Col Lorcaín Castledermot	Col Chroabh Abbain
Sch SF League	Colaiste Eoin	Ardsc na Tríonoide Athy

Jun. F "A"	Good Counsel	St. Peter's Wexford
Jun. F "B"	Portlaoise CBS	St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy
Jun. F "C"	Ardsc Rath Iomghain	Heywood CS
Jun. F "D1"	Bridgetown VC	Col Chraobh Abhann
Jun. F "D2"	St. Farnan's Prosperous	Col Mhuire Johnstown

Juv. F "A"	Good Counsel	St. Peter's Wexford
Juv. F "B"	St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy	Ardsc na Tríonoide Athy
Juv. F "C"	Ardsc Rath Iomghain	Wexford CBS
Juv. F "D"	Athy CC	Avondale CC
Juv. F "D" 11 a side	Enniscorthy VC	Carlow VS

IOMÁINT

Sch SH "C"	Grennan College	Naas CBS
Sch SH "C1"	Col Chill Mhantain	Col Eoin Hacketstown

Jun. H "B"	St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy	Gorey CS
Jun. H "C1"	Naas CBS	Wexford CBS
Jun. H "C2"	St. David's Greystones	Tullow CS

Juv. H "B"	Col Mhuire Johnstown	Borris VS
Juv. H "C1"	Pres DLS Bagenalstown	Naas CBS
Juv. H "C2"	Grennan Col Thomastown	New Ross CBS
Juv. H "D"	Enniscorthy VC	Kilkenny City VS

HANDBALL - BOYS

COLLEGES - 60 X 30

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

COLLEGES - 40 X 20

U-19 Singles	Col Bhride Carnew	Clonkeen College
U-19 Doubles	Sc. Chaitriona	St. Kieran's College
U-17 Singles	St. Peter's Wexford	St. Ciaran's CS Kells
U-17 Doubles	St. Kieran's College	O'Carolan College Nobber
U-15 Singles	St. Ciaran's CS Kells	Col Eamann Ris Callan
U-15 Doubles	St. Ciaran's CS Kells	St. Peter's Wexford
First Yr Singles	Castlecomer CS	Gonzaga College
First Yr Doubles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Wexford VC

HANDBALL - GIRLS

COLLEGES - 60 X 30

U-19 Singles	Loreto Kilkenny	Sc. Aireagail Ballyhale
U-19 Doubles	No Competition	
U-16 Singles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Castlecomer CS
U-16 Doubles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Castlecomer CS
First Yr Singles	Grennan College	Wexford VC
First Yr Doubles	Castlecomer CS	Bridgetown VC

COLLEGES - 40 X 20

U-19 Singles	No Competition	
U-19 Doubles	No Competition	
U-16 Singles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Castlecomer CS
U-16 Doubles	Col Chiarain Leixlip	Castlecomer CS
First Yr Singles	Grennan College	Wexford VC
First Yr Doubles	Castlecomer CS	Grennan College

Cluichí Liathróid Láimhe Laighean 2012

40x20

MS. Galen Riordan (Wexford)
 MD. Galen Riordan / Padraig Foley (Wexford)
 U21S. Patrick Funchion (Kilkenny)
 U21D. Patrick Funchion / Peter Funchion (Kilkenny)
 JBS. Brendan Burke (Kilkenny)
 JBD. Malachy Whelan / Darren O'Toole (Wexford)
 JS. Pat O'Donnell (Wicklow)
 JD. Niall O'Connor/Paul Moran (Kildare)
 IS. Gary McConnell (Meath)
 ID. Miley Cash / Mikey Berry (Wexford)
 SS. Gavin Buggy (Wexford)
 SD. Michael Gregan / Johnny Willoughby (Wicklow)
 O35AS Gavin Buggy (Wexford)
 O35AD Gavin Buggy / Tony Breen (Wexford)
 O35BS Stephen Barcoe/Canice Quigley (Kk)
 O35BD Stephen Barcoe (Kilkenny)
 MAS. Michael Walsh (Kilkenny)
 MAD. Michael Walsh / D J Carey (Kilkenny)
 MBS. Sean Ryan (Offaly)
 MBD. Joe Lynch / Christy McGovern(Meath)
 SMAS. Billy Bourke (Kilkenny)
 SMAD. Egin Jensen / Frank Daly (Dublin)
 SMBS. Mick Armstrong (Wexford)
 SMBD. Chris Dunne / Paul Dowling (Kilkenny)
 GMAS. Michael Dowling (Kildare)
 GMAD. Martin Lalor / Philly Parsons (Kilkenny)
 GMB. Eamonn Purcell (Kilkenny)
 GMBD. Eamonn & Jimmy Purcell (Kilkenny)
 EMAS. Billy Mullins (Offaly)
 EMAD. Johnny Brennan /Joe Hennessy (Kilkenny)
 EMBS. John Kelly (Louth)
 EMBD. Eamonn Sunderland / Michael Doyle (Carlow)
 DMAS. Eugene Kennedy (Dublin)
 DMAD. John Rossiter / Andy Ryan (Carlow)
 DMBS. Michael Dalton (Kilkenny)
 DMBD. Michael Dalton / Jim Dooley (Kilkenny)
 RMS. Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny)
 RMD. Paddy Reilly / Seamus Reade (Kilkenny)
 LMS. Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
 LMD. Ciara Mahon / Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
 LJBS. Rachel Hogan (Kilkenny)
 LJBD. Rachel Hogan / Marie Walshe (Kilkenny)
 LJS. Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath)
 LJD. Niamh Egan / Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath)
 LSS. Anna Spence (Kildare)
 Del Cup Eddie English/Brendan Hosey (Kilkenny)

Martin Mullins (Carlow)
 Dan O'Leary / Martin Mullins (Carlow)
 Peter Funchion (Kilkenny)
 Eoghan Hennessy/Padraig Maher (Kk)
 Peter Flanagan (Meath)
 Peter Flanagan/ Eugene O'Reilly (Meath)
 Jerome Willoughby (Wicklow)
 Ciaran Neary/Ger McGrath (Kilkenny)
 Nicholas Anthony (Kilkenny)
 Nicholas Anthony / Brian Manogue (Kk)
 Johnny Willoughby (Wicklow)
 Gavin Buggy/Paul Lambert (Wexford)

Michael Clifford / Eddie Burke (Kilkenny)
 Brendan Hosey/Canice Pratt(Kk)
 Justin Heffernan (Wexford)
 Tom Sheridan (Meath)
 Tom Sheridan / John Leahy (Meath)
 Christy Donnelly (Dublin)
 Colm Love / Ollie Falsey (Kilkenny)
 Egin Jensen (Dublin)
 Billy Bourke / Billy Walsh (Kilkenny)
 Paul Dowling (Kilkenny)
 Eamonn Holohan/Tom Dooley (Kilkenny)
 Robert McCarthy (Westmeath)

Andy Mulligan (Westmeath)
 Richie Culleton / John Bail (Wexford)
 Tony Breen (Wexford)
 Billy Mullins / Jim Guilfoyle(Offaly)
 Gerry Murphy (Kilkenny)
 Joe Anthony/Gerry Murphy (Kilkenny)
 John Rossiter (Carlow)
 Garrett Somers / Ned Buggy (Wexford)

Jim Doyle (Wexford)
 John Molloy / Eddie Flynn (Dublin)
 Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny)

Marie Walshe (Kilkenny)
 Ellen O'Connor / Aileen Quinn (Kildare)
 Una Wrynn (Kildare)
 Cliona Daly/Aine Gorman (Dublin)
 Shauna Hilley (Wicklow)
 Aaron Geoghegan/ Danny Deane(Carlow)

40x20 (Boys)

U12S. Ciaran Cooney (Kilkenny)
 U12D. Todd Hynes / Colm Parnell (Wexford)
 U13S. Conor Murphy (Kilkenny)
 U13D. Anthony Butler / Adam Walsh (Wexford)
 U14S. Shane Dunne (Kilkenny)
 U14D. Daniel Kavanagh / Daniel Browne(Wexford)
 U15S. Oisín Foley (Wexford)
 U15D. Padraig Cooney / Niall Walsh (Kilkenny)
 U16S. J J English (Kilkenny)
 U16D. Emmett Landy / Brian Mahon (Kilkenny)
 U17S. Brendan Hyland (Kilkenny)
 U17D. William Quayle / Wayne Kinsella (Wicklow)

James Creane (Wexford)
 Eoin Brennan / Jack Hayes (Kilkenny)
 James Stewart (Meath)
 Cathal Barry / Eoin Regan (Kilkenny)
 Danny McWilliams (Wexford)
 Marc Purcell / Roy Cullen (Kilkenny)
 Sean Carey (Kilkenny)
 Rowan White / Stevie Lawlor (Wexford)
 Daniel Curry (Wicklow)
 Robert Fox / Dylan Sheridan (Meath)
 Nicky Lawlor (Wexford)
 Ronan Egan / Eoin Doyle (Kilkenny)

40x20 (Girls)

U12S. Leah Doyle (Kildare)
 U12D. Mollie Dagg / Niamh Masterson (Kildare)
 U13S. Sorca Tiernan (Kildare)
 U13D. Margaret Purcell / Sorca Delaney (Kilkenny)
 U14S. Hannah Dagg (Kildare)
 U14D. Holly Hynes / Roisin Walsh (Wexford)
 U15S. Chloe Cash (Wexford)
 U15D. Eilís Regan /Aoileann Hennessy (Kilkenny)
 U16S. Kirsty Maher (Kilkenny)
 U16D. Derdrie Purcell / Denise Love (Kilkenny)
 U17S. Kate Dagg (Kildare)
 U17D. Aishling Maher / Mary Buggy (Kilkenny)

Cora Doyle (Wexford)
 Eva Creane / Emir Phelan (Wexford)

 Emma Goff / Emma Kiely (Wexford)
 Lauren Farrelly (Meath)
 Aine Dunne /Caoimhe O'Shea (Kilkenny)
 Saoirse Sunderland (Kildare)
 Courtney Browne / Saoirse Colfer (Wex)
 Aine O'Keefe (Kildare)

Under 12 / 13 Team 6

Kilkenny: Michael Carey, Ciaran Cooney, Conor Murphy, Aidan Barry, David Blanchfield, Eoin Brennan, Colin McKenna, Conor Condon.
Wexford: Adam Walsh, Anthony Butler, Todd Hynes, Colm Parnell, Patrick Boland, Kieran Power,

Under 13 / 14 Team 6

Kilkenny: Sean Carey, Jack Crehan, Dylan Caulfield, Dion Bourke, Mark Purcell, Roy Cullen, James Cullenton, David Doyle
Wexford: Thomas Hall, Danny McWilliams, Liam Rossiter, Steven Lawlor, Keith Armstrong, Kenneth Riordan,

Under 16 / 17 Team 4

Wexford: Bryan Keogh, James Kelly, Liam Shannon, Nicky Lawlor
Kilkenny: Conor Lyons, Paul Clifford, Alan Funchion, Darragh O'Shea

Junior (B) Inter Club Kells, Kilkenny
Junior Inter Club Crinkle, Offaly
Intermediate Club Clogh, Kilkenny
Open Inter Club Kells, Meath

(C) Championships

U12	Finn Dempsey (Offaly)	Sean Faulkner (Louth)
U13	Kieran Faulkner (Louth)	Sean Mahon (Westmeath)
U14	Mark McCullough (Louth)	Aaron Blake (Offaly)
U15	Niall Mitchell (Westmeath)	Jordan Hart (Offaly)
U16	Sean Flannigan (Westmeath)	Paraic Heslin (Louth)
U17	Ronan Kelly (Westmeath)	Niall Kevin (Westmeath)

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MAS. Michael Walsh (Kilkenny)
MAD. Tommy Hynes / Paul Carthy (Wexford)
MBS. Noel Holden (Kilkenny)
MBD. Christy Donnelly / Adrian Benson (Dublin)
SMAS. John Ryan (Carlow)
SMAD. Egin Jensen / Frank Daly (Dublin)
SMBS. Paul Dowling (Kilkenny)
SMBD. Paul Dowling / Chris Dunne (Kilkenny)
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EMBD. John Kelly / Michael Teirnan (Louth)
DMAS. John Rossiter (Carlow)
DMAD. John Rossiter / Andy Ryan (Carlow)
DMBS. Sean Devlin (Louth)
DMBD. Joe Heslin / Sean Devlin (Louth)
RMS. Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny)
RMD. Paddy Reilly / Seamus Reade (Kilkenny)
LMS. Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny)
LMD. Ciara Mahon / Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)
LJBS. Amanda Kelly (Wexford)
LJBD. Denise Doyle / Megan Clifford (Kilkenny)
LJS. Rachel Hogan (Kilkenny)
LJD. Rachel Hogan / Claire Grace (Kilkenny)
LIS. Aoife McCarthy (Westmeath)
LID. Marie Walshe / Hazel Cuddihy (Kilkenny)

Martin Mullins (Carlow)
Corey Fay / Cian O'Dalaigh (Dublin)
Niall O'Connor (Kildare)
Jason & Corey Murphy (Wexford)
JR Finn (Wexford)
Diarmuid & Brendan Burke (Kilkenny)
Ger Anthony (Kilkenny)
Keith Kavanagh / James Gregan (Wicklow)
David Hope (Offaly)
David Hope / Noel Murphy (Offaly)
Darragh Ward (Kildare)
Darragh Ward / P J McGrath (Kildare)
John Morrissey (Kilkenny)
Christy Browne / Noel Winders (Kildare)
Tom Sheridan (Meath)
Tom Sheridan / Joe Lynch (Meath)
Billy O'Keeffe (Kilkenny)
Tom & Billy O'Keeffe (Kilkenny)
Paddy Donovan (Laois)
Christy McGovern / John Leahy (Meath)
Frank Maddock (Wexford)
Frank Maddock / Donal Doyle (Wexford)
Pechelli English (Wexford)
Jimmy Reilly / Anthony McConnell (M)
Paul Ruane (Kildare)
Paul Ruane / Niall Leavy (Kildare)
Tony Breen (Wexford)
Tony Breen / Ned Buggy (Wexford)
Miles Byrne (Wexford)
Billy Love / Gerry Murphy (Kilkenny)
Andy Ryan (Carlow)
Anthony Campbell / Dermot Howard (Kd)
Joe Heslin (Louth)

Dermot Howard (Kildare)
Tom Rossitor / Tom Donoghue (Wexford)
Mary Phelan (Kilkenny)

Shauna O'Carroll (Offaly)
Shauna O'Carroll / Serina Dempsey (Oy)

Marie Walshe (Kilkenny)

Galway Captain, Fergal Moore, raises the O'Keefe Cup in an historic sporting moment at Croke Park in July 2012



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GALWAY

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 2012



Galway Leinster Senior Hurling Champions 2012

Back L-R: Iarla Tannian, Fergal Moore (Capt), Conor Cooney, Niall Burke, Tony Óg Regan, Niall Donoghue, Joe Canning.

Front L-R: Andy Smith, Cyril Donnellan, David Collins, David Burke, James Skehill, Kevin Hynes, Johnny Coen, Damien Hayes.



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