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CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

COMHAIRLE NA MUMHAN





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# Comhdháil na Mumhan 2011

## **A Chara,**

Tionófar an 107ú Comhdháil na Mumhan san Ostán Ballykisteen Hotel and Golf Resort, Co.Thiobraid Árann, ar an Aoine 4ú Marta, 2011, ag tosnú ar 19:30. Tá sé ceadaithe ag gach Condae 6 Teachtaí chomh maith leis an beirt bhall a bhí ar Chomhairle na Mumhan anuraidh, a bheith i láthair ag an gComhdháil,

**Mass is at 18:15 hrs followed by Convention meal.**

## Clár na Comhdhála

1. Glacadh le Bun-Ordaithe
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh ar 5/3/2010
4. Tuairisc an Rúnaí
5. Tuairisc an Chuntasóra agus Cuntaisí Chomhairle na Mumhan
6. Tuairisc na gCoistí Scol is na Fó-Choistí eile
7. Óraid an Chathaoirligh
8. Togha na nOifigeach -
  - Cathaoirleach
  - Leas-Chathaoirleach
  - Cisteoir
  - Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí
  - Cuntasóir
9. Na Ruin agus na Fo Dhliithe
10. Aon Ghnó eile

## Bun-Órdaithe (Standing Orders)

In order that the proceedings of the Convention are carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

1. The Proposer of a resolution or an Amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes, but not more than 5 minutes.
2. A Delegate speaking to a resolution or an Amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes, but not more than 5 minutes.
3. The Proposer of a resolution or an Amendment may speak a second time for 3 minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment .
4. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A Delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move "that the question be now put" after which when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.



## Ainmniúcháin (Nominations)

- Cathaoirleach:** **Seán Breathnach** (Ciarraí) *Nominated by: Ciarraí, Luimní, Tiobraid Árann, An Clár agus Chorcaí*
- Leas-Cathaoirleach:** **Roibéard an tSeacha** (an Clár) *Nominated by: An Clár, Ciarraí, Chorcaí, Luimneach*
- Cisteoir:** **Diarmuid Ó Murchú** (Ciarraí) - *Nominated by: Ciarraí*  
**Séamus Mac Fírhisig** (Corcaigh) - *Nominated by: Chorcaí (withdrawn)*  
**Micheál Mac Gearailt** (Luimneach) - *Nominated by: Luimneach*
- Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí:** **Éamon Ó Donnghaile** (Tiobraid Árann) - *Nominated by: Tiobraid Árann*  
**Seán Mac Sheain** (Port Láirge) - *Nominated by: Port Láirge*
- Cuntasoirí:** **Tender Process** (Management and Finance Committee) - *decision at Full Council meeting*

## Na Rúin (Motions)

No motions relevant to Provincial Convention were received from Counties in accordance with Rule 3.29 TO 2010.



Munster GAA Officers 2010



# Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

## Minutes of Annual Convention 2010

### SAN OSTÁN: Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel ar 5ú Márta, 2010

The Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Gormáin, (Port Láirge) presided at the 106th Annual Convention of Comhairle na Mumhan CLG held in the The Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, County Kerry on Friday, 5th March 2010.

The following members of Comhairle na Mumhan CLG were also present:

**Seán Breathnach**  
Leas-Cathaoirleach

**Micheál de Paor**  
Cisteoir

**Séamus Mac Fírbhisigh**  
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

**Padraig Mac Gearailt**  
Rúnaí na Comhairle

**Eanna Mac Dubhain**  
Leas-Rúnaí na Comhairle

**Liam Mac An Airchinnigh**  
Uachtarán Oinigh

#### Baill den Chomhairle

An Clár:	<b>Roibeard an tSeaca</b> <b>P. S. Mac Dubhain</b>
Ciarraí:	<b>Teidí Ó Suilleabháin</b> <b>Liam Ó Conchúir</b>
Corcaigh:	<b>Proinsias Ó Murchú</b> <b>Piaras P. Ó Murchú</b>
Luimneach:	<b>Ruairí Ó Cadhla</b> <b>Micheál Ó Riordán</b>
Port Láirge:	<b>Tomás Ó hAonghusa</b> <b>P. S. Ó Riain</b>
Tiobraid Árann:	<b>Dónal Ó Seancháin</b> <b>Seán Ó Riain</b>

**Liam de Róiste**  
Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe

**Dónal Ó Caoimh & Tomás S. Mac Aogáin**  
Comhairle Iar-Bhunscoileanna na Mumhan

**An Br. S. L. Ó Duidhíorma**  
Coiste na mBunscoileanna

**Deasún Ó Cuilleánáin**  
Colaistí Triú Leibhéil

The following County Delegates were in attendance:

**An Clár:**  
Micheál Ó Néill (Cathaoirleach)  
Pádraig Mac Gearailt (Rúnaí)  
Seán a'Chnoic (Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
Bearnard Ó Cathain (Cisteoir)  
Pádraig Ó Freaghaile  
Sean Ó Suilleabháin

**Ciarraí:**  
D. Ó Conbhuí, (Cathaoirleach)  
Peadar Twiss (Rúnaí)  
Pádraig Ó Suilleabháin (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Micheál Mac Carthaigh  
Bernie Uí Reen  
Sean Ó Cearúill

**Corcaigh:**  
Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin (Cathaoirleach)  
Roibeard Ó Riain (Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
Derek Ó Conghaille  
Donal Ó Mornáin  
Sean Midleton  
Séamus Ó Murchú

**Luimneach:**  
Liam Ó Leannacháin (Cathaoirleach)  
Sean Ó Galbhán  
Eoin Ó hAodha (Cisteoir)  
Liam Ó hEachthairn  
Oilibhear Ó Meachair  
Donncha Mac Thomáis

**Port Láirge:**  
Tomás Ó Cuinneagáin (Cathaoirleach)  
Antóin Breathnach  
Séamus Ó Brion  
Eamonn Ó Cuinneagáin  
Pádraig Mac Grainne  
Pádraig Breathnach

**Tiobraid Árann:**  
Barra Ó Briain (Cathaoirleach)  
Tadhg De Floid (Rúnaí)  
Diarmuid Ó Rinn  
P. S. Ó Meachair  
Maitiú Ó Riain  
Micheál Mac Shithigh

**Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael:**  
Cristóir Ó Cuana (Corcaigh)

**Iar-Oifigí den Chomhairle:**  
Dónal Ó Niallín (Tiobraid Árann)  
An tAthair Séamus Gairnéar (Tiob. Árann)  
Nollaig Breathnach (An Clár)  
Gearóid Ó hCí (An Clár)  
Sean Ó Ceallaigh (Ciarraí)  
Simón Ó Maolrunaí (An Clár)  
Domhnall de hÓr (Corcaigh)

**Daoine Eile i Lathair:**  
Caoimhín Breathnach, Rúnaí,  
Fo-Coiste na Réiteoirí;  
S. S. de Lonndra, Cathaoirleach,  
Fo-Choiste na Réiteoirí;  
Tadhg Ó Broin, Cumann na mBunscoileanna;  
Eamon de Brún,  
Cumann Camogaíochta na Mumhan;  
Liam Ó Rinn, Fo-Coiste Cultúrtha;  
Derry Ó Murchú, Fo-Coiste Cultúrtha;  
Éamon Ó Maolrunaí, Cathaoirleach,  
Comhairle Iar-Bhunscoileanna na Mumhan;  
Séamus Mac Ionnrachtaigh,  
Coiste Scór na Mumhan;  
Tomás Ó hEaluithé, Coiste Scór na Mumhan;  
Diarmuid Mac Gabhain, A.S.A.P. Officer;  
Séan de Lonndra, Fó-Choiste Oiliúna  
agus Forbartha na gCluichí;  
Pádraig Ó Sé, Games Manager;  
Seosamh Mac Artáin, Games Manager;  
Donal Ó Mathúna, Cathaoirleach,  
Cumann Peil na mBan;  
Sean Ó Costegáin, Tiobraid Árann;  
Séamus Ó Muíneacháin, Luimneach;  
Proinsias Tiúit, Munster Inter-Firm GAA;  
Séan Ó Costagain, Tiobraid Árann;  
Seoirse Hatchell, Corcaigh;  
Eileen de Lonndra, Port Láirge;  
Séan de Lonndra, Port Láirge;  
Mairtín Ó Cinnaolaigh, Maigh Mhean;  
Eileen Uí Cinnaolaigh, Maigh Mhean;  
Pádraig Mac Taidhg, Leas-Rúnaí, Ciarraí;  
Sean Mac Gearailt, Kerry's Eye;  
Tomás Mac Colaim,  
Comhairle Iar-Bhunscoileanna na Mumhan;  
Tomás Ó Dubhain, An Clár;  
Mairtín Ó Murchú, Irish Examiner;  
Doimín Breathnach, Irish Examiner.



## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

### Aifreann na Comhdhála

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach búiochas leis An tAthair Séamus Gairnéar as Aifreann na Comhdhála a rá le chéile do na Theachtaí agus ar son anamnacha na nGael a fuair bás í rith na mbliana seo caite.

### Fáilte

Chuir Diarmuid Ó Conbhuí, Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chontae Ciarraí, fáilte is fiche don chontae roimh Oifigí, Iar-Oifigí agus Baili den Chomhairle agus roimh na Theachtaí uilig. He wished the delegates well in their decision making. He stated that in the 110 year history of Comhairle na Mumhan this was the first time the Convention was held in Listowel.

### 1) Glacadh le Bun-Ordaithe

Glacadh le Bun-Ordaithe na Comhdhála ar moladh: Micheál Mac Carthaigh (Ciarraí), Liam Ó Conchúir ag cuidiú leis.

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin informed the Convention that the Management and Finance Committee of the Council were recommending that the following act as tellers for the election to the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach; Proinsias Ó Murchú, Corcaigh, Teidí Ó Suilleabháin Ciarraí, Ruairí Ó Cadhla Luimneach.

**Ar Mholadh:** Piaras P. Ó Murchú.  
**Cuidithe:** Pádraig Ó Suilleabháin.

### 2) Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh 6/3/2009

Glacadh le miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh, dár dháta 6ú Marta, 2009, in Ostán Woodlands House Hotel Adare ar moladh Liam Ó Conchúir (Ciarraí), Teidí Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí) ag cuidiú leis.

### 3) Cursaí ag eirí as na Miontuairiscí

Ruairí Ó Cadhla (Luimneach) raised the issue of Council Grant allocations not being listed in The Annual Convention Booklet. An Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Gormáin stated that this was an oversight and could be rectified if necessary in future Convention Booklets.

Ruairí Ó Cadhla (Luimneach) also raised the fact that there were omissions in the attendance register for the previous convention. Pádraig Mac Gearailt, Runaí accepted this.

### 4) Tuairisc An Rúnaí

Glacadh le Tuairisc an Rúnaí ar mholadh: Ruairí Ó Cadhla (Luimneach), Seán Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann) ag cuidiú leis.

Tomás Ó hAonghusa commented on the Interprovincial Competitions, stating that points raised in the Secretary's Report with regard to this competition should be taken on board. In particular the possibility of playing these games in conjunction with the Club Championship finals, football in Croke Park and hurling in Thurles.

Nollaig Breathnach agreed with this and added that proper times and local venues should be found for these competitions. He stated that they were viable and that players were proud to win an interprovincial medal.

Sean Ó Ceallaigh agreed and added that it was time to really get behind these competitions.

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin in reply stated that while he was for these competitions we had to face the facts that the public no longer saw them as relevant and even from a player point of view we had to play players who were only substitutes on their respective County teams.

He congratulated the Runaí Pádraig Mac Gearailt on a comprehensive report.

### 5) Tuairisc an Chuntasóra agus Cuntaisi Comhairle na Mumhan

Micheál de Paor, Cisteoir, stated that once again we had a full audit and that he was happy to report that we were given a clean audit. He highlighted a number of important points as he went through the 2009 accounts.

He attempted to explain the Accounts in as easy a way as possible for everyone to understand.

Income,	2009	2008
excluding contra	€7,625,675	€7,923,858

Contra income of €2,128,924 is excluded because it is insurance and gate money that comes into the Council to be forwarded to Croke Park. Income is down €298,183 on the previous year and this is due to Central Council funding being down €504,475.

Delegates were advised to study the pie charts on page 49 and page 50, which explains the sources of income, gate receipts and where the money was spent in percentage terms.

The delegates were advised that 64% came from games in Munster and 24% Central Council funding, totaling effectively 88% direct from games.

Expenditure,	2009	2008
excluding contra	€7,041,317	€7,230,707

Distribution of surplus:

Revenue Reserves	€584,358	€93,151
Development Fund	-	€600,000

Expenditure was down €189,390 for the year.

### Balance Sheet

The changes to fixed assets were as follows: -

Additions to office equipment	€5,361
Depreciation to premises	€16,000
Depreciation to office equipment	€19,156
Impairment charge premises	€84,000

The impairment charge of €84,000 for premises is done to state the valuation of the premises more realistically. Due to the present economic conditions, if this charge was not provided for, you would end up showing a big loss on sale of the premises.

### Current Assets

Stocks	€1,750
Debtors	€585,851
Loans	€266,618
Deposit Scheme Croke Park	€7,249,502
Cash at bank	€1,695,036
Cash on hands	€10,005
Total	€9,808,762

### Current Liabilities

Bank overdraft	€392,395
Creditors	€1,944,748
Term Tickets	€79,480
	€2,416,623

Net Current Assets	€7,392,139
GAA Credits	€635
Fixed Assets	€720,946
	€8,113,720

Represented by: -

Revenue Reserves	€7,513,720
Development Fund	€600,000
	€8,113,720

It can be said that the Council is in a sound financial position.

Finally, he thanked Jimmy O'Gorman, Sean Walsh, Jim Forbes, Kathleen O'Connell, Nuala Nealon, Daniel Nelligan, Enda McGuane, Pat Fitzgerald and all the other people who assisted us with our work during the year.



## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

An Cathaoirleach complimented Micheál de Paor, Cisteoir, agus Eanna Mac Dubhain, Leas-Rúnaí, on a job well done.

The accounts were approved.

**Ar Mholadh:** Teidí Ó Suilleabháin.

**Cuidithe:** Piaras P. Ó Murchú.

### 6) Tuairiscí na gCoistí Scol agus na Fó-Choistí eile:

Sub Committee reports were adopted by convention.

**Ar Mholadh:** Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin.

**Cuidithe:** Micheál Mac Carthaigh.

Tadhg Ó Broin, Cathaoirleach, Cumann na mBunscoileanna, pointed out that a copy of their Annual Report had been distributed to the delegates and outlined some of the areas covered in this report. He stated that the concept of Go Games had been adopted by Cumann na mBunscoil for the younger age groups and that the policy of the schools was to have maximum participation while achieving skill development for the young players.

The following reports were considered by Convention:

#### a) Munster Coaching and Games Development committee

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin acknowledged the presence at convention of Pádraig Ó Se agus Seosamh Mac Artáin, Provincial Games Managers.

Barra Ó Briain acknowledged the important

work being done in this area and stressed the importance of having the right personnel in place within counties to develop our games and assist our volunteers.

#### b) Coiste Iar-Bhunscoileanna na Mumhan

#### c) Colaistí Tríú Leibhéal

#### d) Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe

Liam De Róiste, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe, thanked the Officers of the Council for their tremendous support and gave a special mention to the Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin and the Leas-Cathaoirleach Sean Breathnach who he said had been especially helpful.

#### e) Munster Referees' Workgroup report

#### f) Munster PR & Marketing Committee report

An Cathaoirleach complimented this sub-committee on the work done to promote our games last year and stated that he had no doubt that they would again be active this year.

#### g) Physical Development Workgroup report

Sean Ó Riain stated that the signposting initiative had been very successful and that 460 signs approx. had been erected throughout the province. He acknowledged the support of Foras na Gaeilge in this project.

#### h) Coiste Cultúra report

#### i) Fo Choiste Scór report

#### j) Munster GAA Inter-Firm report

#### k) Football Review committee report

#### l) Munster Major Grounds and Safety workgroup report

Pádraig Mac Gearailt, Runaí, acknowledged the progress made in this area of operation in the past year and added that all counties must become pro active in ensuring that we take event management very seriously including the training of local voluntary stewards. It was an area that as a Council we must continue to pay serious attention to.

#### m) Alcohol and Substance Abuse report

#### n) Munster Referees' Committee report

S. S. De Lonndra thanked the Council Officers for their support over the last three years and stated that referees from the Province were now better equipped than ever before with more training and support than ever. He thanked his efficient secretary Caoimhín Breathnach for his work. He also thanked the office staff for their support.

#### o) Planning & Physical Development workgroup

Seán a'Chnoic, apologised for the absence of Taghd Ó Riain stating that he had a previous engagement and could not attend. He added that this committee were in the process of developing a check list for clubs to evaluate their current position and that the updating of trustees was also a priority. He emphasised the importance of the role of County Development Officers in support of clubs. He wished the new Cathaoirleach Sean Breathnach well.



Top table at Comhdháil na Mumhan 2010



## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

### 7) Óráid an Chathaoirligh (Séamus Ó Gormáin)

#### A Chairde Uilig,

Tonight for the final time, it is my immense honour and privilege to address you and Annual Convention in my role as chairman of this great Munster Council.

It borders on the incredulous that all of three years have passed since I assumed the chair in the immediate aftermath of Sean Fogarty's completion of his term. So much water has flowed under so many bridges in that time, but I am more than happy to reflect on those three years,

I am happy in the personal knowledge that I have given my all in striving to lead the Council by example and to further all of the ideals and beliefs that are sacrosanct to it.

I fully recognised just how major a challenge it was on becoming chairman, but with the united support and co-operation of every sector that goes to make up this provincial body, I believe that we have worked harmoniously and well and that very significant progress can be reported here tonight as I prepare to step aside and hand over the reins of office to my successor.

It is heart-warming for me to be taking my departure at a time when the Council is in such a healthy and vibrant state, and while many more major challenges lie ahead we are sufficiently well equipped and structured to ensure that each and every one of them are not only met but are successfully taken on, and overcome.

In my previous addresses I have always reflected on the year immediately past, and so tonight most of my observations and comments will relate to the Munster Council activities of 2009.

There have been many highlights, but for me personally the celebration of the Association's 125th birthday takes priority, and most especially the outstanding way in which this Council marked and celebrated that great landmark.

Among them we had that historic torch run from the Michael Cusack cottage in Carron in Clare to Liberty Square in the heart of where it all began in 1884 - the famous town of Thurles.

Not even the worst misbehavior of the mercurial weatherman could mar the day, and despite the atrocious elements our

clubs turned out in massive strength to make it the unforgettable occasion that it turned out to be.

May 10th marked another super occasion, Lá na gClub, when the units that matter most in our Association - the ordinary clubs - were able to showcase their facilities at their most resplendent best. A wonderful day, the memories of which will remain with me for all time. So much so in fact that I would encourage the hierarchy within Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to strongly consider staging many more Lá na gClubs in the future.

This Council also honored the winning provincial senior hurling and football championship captains of the past quarter of a century, as well as picking the best teams in both codes over that time span. Something I can say with certainty that was greatly appreciated by the players.

The distribution without charge of tens of thousands of county flags on championship days was another Council innovation and one that was also an instant hit with the general public.

Making available as many special family admission tickets to our championship games as we did also had the overwhelming approval of our valued supporters.

On the playing fields too there were a multiplicity of highlights, not least among them the returning of 'Sam' to the Kingdom for a record 36th time. And how can I or any other Munster man and woman ever forget the joy of Clare winning both the Munster and All-Ireland Under 21 hurling titles for the very first time to restore pride and confidence throughout the Banner once more. There was also Cork's magnificent haul of three All-Ireland titles; intermediate hurling, junior and under 21 football.

On the club scene it was glory too for Limerick's famed Blackrock who went all the way in the junior grade in both Province and All-Ireland, and who can or will ever forget the Munster final victory of the senior footballers from Kilmurray/lbrickane.

These stalwarts from the west coast of Clare have since gone on to defeat highly fancied Portlaoise in the All-Ireland semi-final, and in twelve days time will proudly step onto the hallowed sward of Croke Park to do battle with St. Gall's from Belfast in the final. What a day that will be not just for the Banner but for all of Munster; and to the

men in red and green I say: go out there lads on the day and do what you have been doing to-date throughout this gloriously unforgettable club campaign.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

2009 was another outstanding year on the inter-county championship front with the major honours going to Tipperary in hurling and Cork in football. Worthy champions both, and while unsuccessful in their subsequent bids for All-Ireland glory the certainty is that both will be there or thereabouts when this year's silverware is being handed out.

To all of our other provincial champions my sincere congratulations on victories spectacularly achieved.

#### SACROSANCT

On the subject of the championships we are hearing more and more calls for the abolition of the provincial senior hurling campaigns, but speaking only on Munster's behalf, my clear and unequivocal declaration to all of these people is: HANDS OFF!

#### THE MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

For me, and my views have already been well documented on this one, the Munster hurling championship is part of what we are, and its retention is sacrosanct as far as I am concerned.

Try to imagine the hurling year without those countless clashes that have illuminated venues such as Semple Stadium, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, the Gaelic Grounds and Killarney. It is too outrageous to even contemplate, so my message tonight to the would-be abolitionists, is to forget that nonsense and move closer to reality.

#### THE GPA

In my reference to the games, it is perhaps appropriate that I should now refer to the emergence of the Gaelic Players Association - more commonly known as the GPA.

I would fully accept that there was a certain measure of skepticism in several quarters about them when they first arrived on the scene, but for me personally I welcome their presence and most especially the recent constructive and co-operative talks that have culminated in them coming in officially under the GAA umbrella.

## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

*Delegates at Comhdháil na Mumhan 2010*



We are honored with the presence here tonight of the Úachtarán Christy Cooney, and I want to place on record my thanks to him for the leading and skilful role he has played in helping to bring that situation to where it is. Also the Ard Stúirthóir, Pádraig Ó Dúfaigh, who has equally played an important part in all of it. My hope is that all matters relating to the Association and the GPA will meet their October 2010 target date and that it can be constructive progression all the way thereafter.

One final word however:- This Association was born, bred and nurtured under the ethos of amateurism, and that must always remain the position. There cannot ever be a situation of pay for play or any other side door method that would blow away our proud record of being the greatest amateur sports organisation in the world.

### CHALLENGES

Referring to our players, I want to voice my concern at the deepening economic crisis nationwide and the potential of its impact on club survival. Already we have seen the loss through emigration of many of our players all over the country, and for rural clubs in particular this could spell the most serious challenge they will have faced in a generation.

Trying to keep our unemployed at home and playing our games is a whole lot easier said than done, but unless some action is taken in this regard to redress the situation, then the player drain is set to continue to the disadvantage of the clubs and the Association as a whole.

I don't have to overstate the importance of our clubs who have successfully overcome difficult challenges in the past. It's fair to say however that none has the potential to

wreak the level of havoc our current economic problems have.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Early last year a major development was the national launch of our Strategic Vision And Plan for the period 2009 to 2015. Essentially this represents a blueprint for the clubs to identify the right initiatives which can further assist them to deliver maximum support where needed. The plan, launched by our own Council last October; will underpin our commitments to the Gaels of Munster and will help clubs achieve their goals as well as further enhancing our games. Most importantly the plan will fully recognise the key role of the GAA volunteers.

While it is a tool to identify needs, structures and mechanisms for the delivery of best results for our Association at Provincial level, we recognise that it is the hard work done by our volunteers at all levels, supported by the staff of the Provincial Council and the Counties, that can turn this plan into a working live and productive document.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

In recent times we have learned of the specific financial arrangements emanating from our historic decision to make Croke Park available to the rugby and soccer sporting bodies on certain occasions. The smooth and non-acrimonious way that deal was finalised is to the eternal credit of our Association, so I am much more than happy to see that it has now benefited us to the financial extent that it has.

The GAA's total income from these sources amounted to €35.6 million, and this has enabled our Council in turn to allocate a total of €7.3 million among our six counties

in the Province. All of this might not have to come to pass as readily as it did without the united backing for it from Munster Council, and I can only try to imagine the benefits that will accrue in general in the future.

### RETIRING

Tonight marks the retirement of no fewer than ten County Board representatives and I want to proudly salute and thank each and every one of them for their monumental contributions to this Council over the years.

Alphabetically, from Clare, we have P.J. McGuane; from Cork, Frank Murphy; from Kerry, Teddy O'Sullivan; from Limerick, Rory Kiely and Mike O'Riordan; from Tipperary, John Ryan; and from my own county of Waterford, Tommy Hennessy and Paddy Joe Ryan. From the Vocational Schools, T.J. Egan and, from the Secondary Colleges, Donal O'Keefe. To one and all missioners: thanks for services so sterling rendered.

### UACHTARÁN

Honoured as we are to have Christy Cooney here tonight, all of us felt a real sense of personal pride when his election as Uachtarán became official in his native county of Cork at last year's Congress. As a former vice-chairman and chairman of this Provincial Council we had all come to know and appreciate the administrative genius of the man, and his elevation to the highest post in our Association was a very fitting tribute to him. Since then he has more than justified the confidence placed in him and I know that he will continue in that vein through to the completion of his presidency.

On a personal note, I want to thank him for all the advice, support and assistance he has provided for me since I became Munster Council chairman.



## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

### MY OFFICERS

Finally, to my own valued and respected officers serving on this Council. I could not have asked for better. The Chief Executive, Pat Fitzgerald, has been a chairman's dream - efficient, conscientious and a tireless worker. The post, believe me, is in ultra safe hands.

The Deputy CEO, Enda McGuanne, has been with us just a few short months but in that time has well and truly proven himself as an official of ability and integrity. Another huge plus to this Council.

The Cisteoir, Michael Power, and all I can say with complete honesty is that I continually marvel at his phenomenal workrate. He brings all the expertise of his own accountancy profession to bear, and in only his second year in the job has impacted in a hugely positive way.

Our PRO, Jim Forbes, is just about the most meticulous holder of this key post I have ever known. Nothing is too great a task for him, and he couples efficiency with kindness and sincerity. Thank you Jim for all that you are doing for this Council.

My thanks also to the representatives from all of the six counties in the province, Individually and collectively they have been superb to me. So too the various County Board Officers.

Last but not least, the man to whom the chairmanship is about to be entrusted and about whom this convention is really all about tonight. Sean Walsh has provided me with all the support and back up that any vice-chairman could ever provide and he has been veritable rock to me throughout each and every day of my term. I wish him sincerely the very best over the next three years, confident in the knowledge that he will not be found wanting in any respect.

### CONCLUSION

To conclude, tonight for me an historic journey is drawing to a close. A journey I was so very proud to undertake, and a journey I'm equally proud to have completed.

When I accepted the chain of office I did so with the promise to give the job and the challenge, my very best shot, and as I prepare to take my departure I am happy in the knowledge that I have done just that.

I have striven to be fair, objective, and impartial at all times, and while it is for



*Séamus Ó Gormáin, outgoing Chairman, Munster Council GAA, pins the badge of office onto the lapel of his successor, Sean Walsh, making the changeover official.*

others to determine the success or otherwise of my chairmanship I am personally satisfied that it was a one hundred per cent effort all the way.

I was fortunate in the support I had throughout from my own wife Anne and my family and that support so often lightened the load of office.

It has been much more than a pleasure to have served as chairman of this great Munster Council. In truth it has been a privilege, and I hope that I have maintained the sky high standards set for me by all of my illustrious predecessors.

I will retain the fondest of memories of the last three years, and my thanks to all of you for affording me the opportunity to have been your chairman in that time.

***Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.***

An Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Gormáin, received a standing ovation from those

present in appreciation of his contribution to the Council and the Association.

D. Ó Conbhuí (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Ciarraí) then spoke of the appreciation felt by every member of our Association within the Province toward the Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin. He then made a presentation to Séamus Ó Gormáin on behalf of Coiste Ciarraí.

Tomás Ó Cuinneagáin (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Port Láirge) then spoke of the proud moment all Waterford felt when Séamus Ó Gormáin became Cathaoirleach. He added that Jimmy had served both as a player and as an administrator; from Toureen a small club, then to Lismore.

Then he took up the whistle and became involved in administration both at club and divisional level. He then went on to represent Port Láirge at Munster Council level. So truly, Séamus Ó Gormáin has given sterling service at all levels of the Association. Port Láirge would make a presentation to Jimmy at a later date, he added.



## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

### 8) Togha na nOifigeach

**Cathaoirleach:** Sean Breathnach (Ciarraí).

**Ar Mholadh:** Liam Ó Conchúir.

**Cuidithe:** Sean Ó Cearúill.

An Cathaoirleach Seamus Ó Gormáin then presented the Medal of Office to the new Cathaoirleach Séan Breathnach.

D. Ó Conbhuí (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Ciarraí) congratulated Sean Breathnach on his election and stated that it was a great honour for him, his family, his club and Kerry. He wished him well in his term.

### 9) Óráid an Cathaoirleach Nua: (Sean Breathnach)

A athair dhilís, Uachtarán Cumann Luth Chleas Ghael, Iar-Uachtarán, an t-Oifigeach agus an Iar-Oifigh Comhairle Mumhan, teachataí ó na contae, a dhaoine uaisle agus a chairde go léir.

Tugann sé misneach, neart agus fuineamh domsa, a bheith anseo i lár mo mhuintir féin i gCiarraí Thuaidh chun tosú a dhéanamh ar mo thréimhse mar Chathaoirleach Chomhairle na Mumhan. Ní h-amháin gur onóir mór é, dom féin agus do mo chlann, ach, is onóir mór é comh maith do mo chumann, Mhaigh Mheáin, do Chiarraí Thuaidh agus do Chiarraí mar iomlán. Cuirim fáilte fé leith roimh mo chlann agus roimh muintir Maigh Mheáin atá bailithe anseo anocht chun tachaíocht a thabhairt dom agus mé ag tosnú ar an obair tábhachtach atá romhainn ar son Cumann Lúthchleas Gael i gCúige Mumhan.

I am deeply privileged to accept the honour which you are bestowing upon me tonight. To accept the position of Chairman of the Munster Council is not only a great honour for myself, but indeed, for my family, my county - Kerry, and especially for my club - Moyvane. I extend a very warm welcome to each and every one of you here to Kerry tonight and in particular to my home district of North Kerry (what we North Kerry natives like to consider the home of football in Kerry!).

I am extremely conscious that I am following a line of excellent administrators who have held the position of Chairman of the Council since its foundation in 1901. I am currently the fifth Kerry man to hold the position following, James McDonnell, Listowel native Frank Sheehy, the popular Michael O'Connor and of course an Iar-Uachtarán Seán Ó Ceallaigh. I sincerely hope

that the administrative positions that I have held to date, as Chairman of my club for 12 years, 10 years as development officer in Kerry, Chairman of Kerry for 10 years and the last 3 years as Vice Chairman of the Council, have sufficiently equipped me with the necessary skills for the position of Chairman of the Provincial Council for the next 3 years.

Having served the apprenticeship I am very much looking forward to the role of Chairman and I am particularly looking forward to working with my fellow officers, delegates from the counties and sub-bodies, and the excellent group of officers from the counties over the next 3 years.

As I have said previously, I am extremely proud for my club Moyvane, for me that's where it all started. I also consider myself very lucky that during my terms as Chairman of Moyvane and Kerry that I had the opportunity to work with excellent officers who were a huge help and influence to me. I have always believed that the success of any chairman depends on the quality officers that work with them and to that end I have been very lucky in both my club and my county.

I was exceptionally fortunate during my tenure as chairman of Moyvane to have Teddy Keane as my very efficient secretary. And I was once again blessed as Chairman of Kerry to have two of the GAA's finest administrators as secretaries, namely: Tony O'Keeffe and Eamon O'Sullivan and of course, Mr. McKenna, who, from time to time, has had more than a watching brief.

To you and all the officers that I have had the privilege of working with I say 'thank you' for the help, support and guidance that you have given which afforded me the opportunity to accept the honour of becoming the Chairman of the Munster Council.

Tonight Jimmy O'Gorman's term as Chairman of the Council comes to an end. Having observed you for the last 3 years Jimmy, I acknowledge that you brought many exceptional qualities to the position of chairman: honesty, integrity and above all your deep sense of fair-mindedness which endeared you to everybody on the Council, as you conducted your meetings in a gentlemanly manner that became your trademark. As you step down tonight you can be rightly proud of your stewardship over the last 3 years. You take with you tonight the respect of everybody that you

came in contact with as you enhanced the Council at every opportunity and particularly during the past 12 months as we celebrated the last 125 years of the Association. Your wife Ann and family can and are justifiably proud of your contribution to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael thus far and we wish you and your family the very best of good wishes for the years ahead. Go raibh míle maith agat, Jimmy.

As I start my term as Chairman, I am acutely aware that we as an Association will face many challenges over the coming years. In order to face these challenges we must look towards fulfilling our strategic Vision and Action Plan 2009-2015. This will place us a Council in a position of strength which will in turn, enable us to give support and guidance to all our members and clubs.

The success of our Strategic Vision and Action Plan is heavily reliant on the committee system which is currently in place within the Council. To this end I intend to make a number of proposals to the full Council at a forum to be held in Killarney next weekend. I aim to outline enhanced terms of reference for some committees, and will also propose structural changes to other committees in order to meet the requirements of the Council.

More importantly however, I envisage changes that allow the committees to have the support systems and personnel are in place to help them deliver what the counties require, particularly in the area of club and county units that require our assistance.

I will also be suggesting the setting up of a new workgroup to look at the whole area of 'urbanisation' to help us link up with the National Committee to see that the aims and aspirations of the Association in this area can be met. The significant shift in population over the last twenty years has produced many challenges for the Association. The continued growth in urban areas aligned to the decline in rural Ireland threatens the very existence of some of our rural clubs.

As such the committee will have a wide ranging brief linking up with all facets of the Association in the province. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members that have agreed to work on the various committees, fully knowing their workload will be increased, I wish them well in their deliberations.



## Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deiridh

Over the next few weeks we will be producing a budget for the Council for the next three years. This budget will reflect our commitment to the clubs of the province, as the council has done for many years, while remaining mindful of the fact that some major developments by some counties will also require our support. This budget will also reflect our continued support for our much increased games development programme in all counties of the province to ensure that all targets set out can be achieved.

Having delivered €5.6million to the clubs and counties of the province over the past 3 years shows the value of the provincial councils and the provincial system to both club and county. I would like to suggest a word of caution in relation to the level of development that has taken place over the last 3 years and where we find ourselves in relation to the economy. Over €20million was spent by the clubs and counties of the province in 2009 alone.

We must ensure that nothing must deflect us from our core responsibility to games and to the development of games at all levels of the Association. Investment in bricks and mortar must not take place to the exclusion of games development.

While every club and county can be justifiably proud of what they have achieved in relation to physical development, we must be mindful of the fact that we are now in very much changed times, where the ability to raise funds at both club and county level has been seriously curtailed. This, coupled with Government cutbacks in grant aid, means that any contribution from the Council will become very important and very welcome for clubs and counties that require essential development in the coming years.

It is a well known fact that during times of recession in the past, people still maintained their level of attendance at our games, a fact reflected by our attendance records at last year's championships. We must ensure that we continue to give value for money to those attending our games with a particular emphasis being placed on families who wish to attend. Families supported us in the good times and we must now aim to ensure that the price structure for those families reflects the current difficult times we are now facing.

Next weekend we will be having discussions in relation to the promotion of our

Championships for the coming year. I have no doubt that our PR & Marketing Committee, under the chairmanship of our excellent PRO Jim Forbes will once again come up with innovative ideas for the promotion of our games while simultaneously providing value for our patrons who wish to attend the championships.

As already stated by our Iar-Cathaoirleach, Jimmy, due to the five year rule, tonight sees the departure of a large number of delegates from the Council. While the five year scale is working to bring extra officers into the system at all levels, tonight it deprives the Council of a core of very experienced delegates that have served this Council with dedication over a long number of years. I am under no illusions, that this is very much a new Council that I will be chairing from tonight onwards.

I would like to extend a word of thanks to you all for your contribution to the Council and also to thank you personally for the courtesy and respect you have shown to me and the advice you have offered from time to time over the past three years.

I would also like to thank Pat O'Shea and Joey Carton, our very hard-working provincial games managers, whom I have worked closely with over the last 3 years on the Coaching and Games Committee.

I would also like to add that the appointment of the provincial games managers as secretary to the Committee has given it new impetus over the last number of years. I wish tonight to thank them for their total commitment to the entire Games Development Programme.

To Uachtarán, Críostóir Ó Cuana I extend a very warm welcome and I want to thank you sincerely for taking the time out of your very busy schedule to be with us tonight.

I thoroughly enjoyed my two years on National Coaching and Games under your chairmanship and I am very much looking forward to spending the next two years on management with you. I wish to assure you of my continued support and that of the Council and I want to extend my very best wishes to you for your remaining two years as Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

To my wife Patricia, without whose support none of this would be possible, I say a huge thank you (Jimmy has told me to say I will see you in three years).

Ar mo shon féin, ó mo chlann, agus ó mo Chumann Mhaigh Mheáin, ba mhaith liom le rá arís - mo bhuíochas a thabhairt do no tachtar ó na contae as ucht an onóir a thugann said dom anocht mar Cathaoirleach Comhairle na Mumhan.

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.*

### LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Two candidates were nominated for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach:

**Roibeard an tSeaca (An Clár)**  
**Ar Mholadh:** Micheál Ó Néill.  
**Cuidithe:** Sean a'Chnoic.

**Séan Ó Costagáin (Tiobraid Árann)**  
**Ar Mholadh:** Barra Ó Briain.  
**Cuidithe:** Sean Ó Riain.

Ballot papers were distributed for the election to the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach, Comhairle na Mumhan. The appointed tellers collected the votes and completed the count.

#### Result:

Electorate: 52  
Valid Pole: 52  
Roibeard an tSeaca: 34 votes  
Séan Ó Costagáin: 18 votes.

An Cathaoirleach, Seamus Ó Gormáin declared Roibeard an tSeaca elected.

Roibeard an tSeaca then thanked the convention for the support he had received and stated that he looked forward to working with the Council in the coming years.

Séan Ó Costagáin thanked those who nominated and supported him and wished Roibeard an tSeaca and the Council well for the future.

### CISTEOIR

**Michéal De Paor (Tiobraid Árann)**  
**Ar Mholadh:** Barra Ó Briain  
**Cuidithe:** Diarmuid Ó Rinn.

Michéal De Paor thanked the members for their support and promised to continue the work on behalf of the Council.

### OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ

**Séamus Mac Fírbhisigh (Corcaigh)**

**Ar Mholadh:** Piaras Ó Murchú  
**Cuidithe:** Roibeard Ó Riain.



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Séamus Mac Fírbhisigh thanked the members and stated that we must continue to promote our games and activities at every opportunity. He thanked the Press for their coverage and the County PROs for their support.

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin congratulated the Officers on their election and wished them well in the coming year.

### 10) Óráid an Uachtarán

**An Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Gormáin, then invited Uachtarán CLG, Criostóir Ó Cuana, to address Convention.**

Criostóir Ó Cuana then addressed Convention.

Criostóir expressed his delight at being invited to address convention of Comhairle na Mumhan. He complimented the wonderful work of the Council and in particular the work of outgoing cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin whom he described as an outstanding leader of the GAA in the Province and at central level.

He wished Sean Breathnach well and added that he looked forward to working with him on Management. He wished the new leas-cathaoirleach Roibeard an tSeaca success in his new role and stated that he would bring enthusiasm and skills to the role.

Criostóir complimented the Runáí Pádraig Mac Gearailt on his report and stated that important issues had been raised which he felt deserved further examination. Criostóir noted that the Council was in tip top shape financially and congratulated Micheál de Paor, Cisteoir and Eanna Mac Dubhain, Leas-Runáí, on their work.

He congratulated the Council on the initiatives introduced which included an emphasis on family tickets which he stated was very important for the Association. He noted that this had kept our attendances up and stated that we must keep working to ensure that we keep our games attractive to our patrons and give value for money.

Criostóir Ó Cuana reminded everyone of the importance and relevance of Go Games as a policy for the Association and noted

that Cumann na mBunscoil had endorsed this concept.

He noted that there was some concern as to the future of the inert provincial competitions and stated that this was now a matter for counties as it would be decided at the next Central Council meeting. He expressed the belief that the proposal to play one in Croke Park and the other in Thurles on St Patrick's Day may not be adopted as this was now accepted as a club day and Croke Park was seen as the appropriate venue for these club finals.

He asked counties to recognise the importance of fixture planning and added that he had visited over 125 clubs since he had been elected and the overwhelming topic of debate was club fixtures. He acknowledged that all clubs are not blameless in this area also.

Criostóir congratulated the Council on the launch of the Munster GAA Strategic Plan and added that he looked forward to the launch of the six County Plans over the coming months as well as Club Plans within the province. He believed that these plans can only make our Association stronger.

He noted that there had been concerns within the province on Infra-Structural grants which had been promised, and added that there was never any doubt that this money would be forthcoming however Coistí Banistí had agreed that procedures and good governance had to be put in place so that value for money was ensured.

He paid tribute to the outgoing members of the Council who were retiring under the five year rule and noted the service and commitment of these members.

Criostóir then wished the Council every success for the future and concluded his address.

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin then made a presentation to Criostóir Ó Cuana as Uachtarán on behalf of the Council.

### 11) Na Ruin agus na Fo Dhlithe

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin informed the Convention that the two

motions received from Condae an Clár were being ruled out of order for the following reasons:

#### a) Motion 1:

Dealing with Munster Championship Quarter Finals was a matter for Annual Congress.

#### b) Motion 2:

Dealing with the development of an all weather facility was a matter for the Management and Finance Committee and ultimately, was a Council policy decision.

### Na Fo Dhlithe

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin outlined to the Convention that these bye laws had been circulated to the counties and discussed by the full Council and looked for a proposer for the amended byelaws.

**Ar Mholadh:** Liam Ó Conchúir.

**Cuidithe:** Séamus Mac Fírbhisigh.

### 12) Aon Gnó Eile

An Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Gormáin, then made presentations on behalf of the Council to all retiring members while Séamus Mac Fírbhisigh, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí, cited details of each members service.

Presentations were made to:

P.S. Mac Dubhain (An Clár)  
Teidí Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)  
Proinsias Ó Murchú (Corcaigh)  
Ruairí Ó Cadhla (Luimneach)  
Micheál Ó Riordán (Luimneach)  
Tomás Ó hAonghusa (Port Láirge)  
P.S. Ó Riain (Port Láirge)  
Seán Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)  
Dónal Ó Caoimh agus Tomás S. Mac Aogáin (Comhairle Iar-Bhunscoileanna na Mumhan)

Sean Breathnach then made a presentation to Séamus Ó Gormáin and a bouquet of flowers to his wife Ann on behalf of the Council.

An Cathaoirleach Séamus Ó Gormáin made a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to the wife of Sean Breathnach, Pádraigín.

**Scór an Crinniu ansin.**



# Clár na gCluichí 2011

## Games Programme 2011

### GAA Munster Senior Hurling Championship 2011

Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams	Venue
Q/Final		29/5		Corcaigh v Tiobraid Árann	Semple Stadium
S/Final		12/6	18/6	Luimneach v Port Láirge	Semple Stadium
S/Final		19/6	26/6	Tiob. Árann / Corcaigh v An Clár	if Corcaigh v An Clár (Thurles) if Tiob. Árann v An Clár (Luimneach)
Final		10/7	17/7	TBC v TBC	TBC

### GAA Munster Senior Football Championship 2011

Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams	Venue
Q/Final (1)		22/5		Corcaigh v An Clár	Pairc Uí Chaoimh
Q/Final (2)		22/5		Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann	Killarney
S/Final (1)		4/6	11/6	Luimneach v Ciarraí / Tiob. Árann	Luimneach
S/Final (2)		5/6	11/6	Port Láirge v Corcaigh / An Clár	if Corcaigh v An Clár (P. Uí Chaoimh) if Port Láirge v An Clár (Inis)
Final		3/7	9/7	TBC v TBC	TBC

### Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship 2011 (Extra time in all games including Final)

Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams	Venue
Q/Final		29/5		Corcaigh v Tiobraid Árann	Semple Stadium
S/Final		12/6	18/6	Luimneach v Port Láirge	Semple Stadium
S/Final		19/6	26/6	Tiob. Árann / Corcaigh v An Clár	if Corcaigh v An Clár (Semple Stad.) if Tiob. Árann v an Clár (Luimneach)
Final		13/7	20/7	TBC v TBC	TBC



## Clár na gCluichí 2011

<b>Munster Junior Football Championship 2011</b> (Extra time in all games including Final)							
Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams			Venue
Q/Final		22/5		Corcaigh	v	An Clár	Pairc Uí Chaoimh
Q/Final		22/5		Ciarraí	v	Tiobraid Árann	Killarney
S/Final		4/6	11/6	Luimneach	v	Ciarraí / Tiobraid Árann	Luimneach
S/Final		5/6	11/6	Port Láirge	v	Corcaigh / An Clár	if Corcaigh v An Clár (P. Uí Chaoimh) if Port Láirge v An Clár (Inis)
Final		6/7		TBC	v	TBC	TBC

<b>Cadbury Munster Under 21 Football Championship 2011</b> (Extra time in all games including Final)							
Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams			Venue
Q/Final (A)		9/3		Tiobraid Árann	v	Port Láirge	Port Láirge venue
Q/Final (B)		9/3		Luimneach	v	An Clár	Luimneach venue
S/Final		23/3		Corcaigh	v	Winners (A)	if Corcaigh v Tiob. Árann (Corcaigh ven.) if Corcaigh v P. Láirge (P. Láirge ven.)
S/Final		23/3		Ciarraí	v	Winners (B)	if Ciarraí v Luimneach (Luim. ven.) if Ciarraí v An Clár (Ciarraí venue)
Final		6/4		TBC	v	TBC	TBC



Captains John Conlon (Clare) and Padraic Maher (Tipperary) photographed at Killaloe Bridge to publicise the 2010 Bord Gáis Energy Munster GAA Hurling U-21 Final.



## Clár na gCluichí 2011

### Bord Gáis Munster Under 21 Hurling Championship 2011 (Extra time in all games including Final)

Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams	Venue
Q/Final (A)		1/6		Port Láirge v Tiobraid Árann	Thurles
S/Final		20/7		Corcaigh v Winners (A)	if Corcaigh v Tiob. Árann (Thurles) if Corcaigh v P. Láirge (P. Láirge ven.)
S/Final		21/7		Luimneach v An Clár	Inis
Final		3/8		TBC v TBC	TBC

### ESB Munster Minor Hurling Championship 2011 (Extra time in all games including Final)

Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams	Venue
Q/Final (A)	7pm	27/4		Port Láirge v Tiobraid Árann	Port Láirge venue
Q/Final (B)	7pm	27/4		Luimneach v Corcaigh	Luimneach venue
Q/Final (C)	7pm	27/4		Ciarraí v An Clár	Ciarraí venue
Play-Off (1)	7pm	30/4		Losers Q/Final (B) v Losers Q/Final (C)	TBC
Play-Off (2)	7pm	7/5		Winners Play-Off (1) v Losers Q/Final (A)	TBC
Semi-Final	7.30pm	24/6		Winners Q/Final (A) v Winners Q/Final (B)	TBC
Semi-Final	7.30pm	24/6		Winners Play-Off (2) v Winners Q/Final (C)	TBC
Final		10/7		TBC v TBC	Senior Final venue

### ESB Munster Minor Football Championship 2011 (Extra time in all games including Final)

Stage	Time	Date	Replay	Teams	Venue
Q/Final (A)	6.30pm	13/4		Tiobraid Árann v Luimneach	Luimneach venue
Q/Final (B)	6.30pm	13/4		Port Láirge v Ciarraí	Ciarraí venue
Q/Final (C)	6.30pm	13/4		Corcaigh v An Clár	Corcaigh venue
Play-Off (1)	7pm	16/4		Losers Q/Final (B) v Losers Q/Final (C)	TBC
Play-Off (2)	7pm	23/4		Winners Play-Off (1) v Losers Q/Final (A)	TBC
Semi-Final	7pm	18/5		Winners Q/Final (A) v Winners Q/Final (B)	TBC
Semi-Final	7pm	18/5		Winners Q/Final (C) v Winners Play-Off (2)	TBC
Final		3/7		TBC v TBC	Senior Final venue



# Cluichí 2010

Games 2010

## Munster Inter-County Championships 2010

Iomáint Shinsir							
Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	30/5/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh	3-15	0-14	Tiobraid Árann	Barra Ó Ceallaigh (Iarmhí)
S/Final	7/6/2010	Stáid Semple	Port Láirge	0-22	1-15	An Clár	Brian Ó Gaibhin (Uíbh Fhailí)
S/Final	20/6/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh	2-19	0-12	Luimneach	Seamus Ó hEoghain (L. Garman)
Final	11/7/2010	Dúrlas	Corcaigh	2-15	2-15	Port Láirge	Seán Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
Final Replay	17/7/2010	Dúrlas	Port Láirge	1-16	1-13	Corcaigh	Brian Ó Gaibhin (Uíbh Fhailí)

Peil Shinsir							
Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	16/5/2010	Stáid Semple	Tiobraid Árann	2-06	2-18	Ciarraí	Daithí Mac Ualghairg (Ath Cliath)
Q/Final	23/5/2010	Dún Garbháin	An Clár	0-09	1-10	Port Láirge	Aodáin Ó Mongáin (Ciarraí)
S/Final	6/6/2010	Dún Garbháin	Luimneach	1-17	1-09	Port Láirge	Syl Ó Dúghaill (Loch Garman)
S/Final	6/6/2010	Cill Áirne	Ciarraí	0-15	0-15	Corcaigh	Pádraig Ó hAodha (An Dún)
S/Final Replay	13/6/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Ciarraí	1-15	1-14	Corcaigh	P. Mac an Déanaigh (Muineacháin)
Final	4/7/2010	Cill Áirne	Ciarraí	1-17	1-14	Luimneach	Pádraig Ó Sionnaigh (Iarmhí)

Iomáint Fé 2 I							
Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	2/6/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh	1-16	1-03	Port Láirge	Deaglán Ó Drisceoil (Luimneach)
S/Final	14/7/2010	Páirc na nGael	Luimneach	1-12	1-15	An Clár	Cathal Mac Allistir (Corcaigh)
S/Final	14/7/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Tiobraid Árann	2-17	0-21	Corcaigh	Gearóid Ó hEochaidh (An Clár)
Final	28/7/2010	Dúrlas	Tiobraid Árann	1-21	1-17	An Clár	Cathal Mac Allistir (Corcaigh)



## Cluichí 2010

### Iomáint Idirmheánach

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	30/5/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Tiobraid Árann	1-12	1-18	Corcaigh	Seán Mac Mathuna (An Clár)
S/Final	7/6/2010	Stáid Semple	An Clár	0-13	1-13	Port Láirge	Nollaig Ó Coscair (Tiob. Árann)
S/Final	20/6/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh	1-24	3-17	Luimneach	Seamus De Róiste (Tiob. Árann)
Final	22/7/2010	Dún Garbháin	Port Láirge	0-13	0-15	Corcaigh	Micheál Ó Conchúir (Luimneach)

### Peil Soisir

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	16/5/2010	Staid Semple	Tiobraid Árann	0-09	1-13	Ciarraí	Muiris Ó Condúin (Port Láirge)
Q/Final	23/5/2010	Dún Garbháin	Port Láirge	0-13	1-08	An Clár	Brian Mac Toirill (Tiobraid Árann)
S/Final	6/6/2010	Cill Áirne	Ciarraí	1-12	0-09	Corcaigh	Micheal Mac Cana (An Clár)
S/Final	6/6/2010	Dun Garbháin	Port Láirge	1-05	0-09	Luimneach	Deirc Ó Mathuna (Tiob. Árann)
Final	6/7/2010	Caisleán Nua Thiar	Ciarraí	3-11	1-06	Luimneach	Micheal Mac Cana (An Clár)



Munster GAA Senior County team captains 2010



## Cluichí 2010

### Iomáint na Mionúir

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	28/4/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh	2-31	4-22	Tiobraid Árann	Mi. Ó Conchúbhair (Luimneach)
Q/Final	28/4/2010	Páirc Breathnach	Port Láirge	1-21	0-16	An Clár	Colm Ó Liatháin (Corcaigh)
Q/Final	28/4/2010	Cill Mocheallóg	Luimneach	2-13	1-13	Ciarraí	D. Mac An tSionnigh (An Clár)
S/F Play-Off 1	1/5/2010	Inis	An Clár	1-21	2-07	Ciarraí	Diarmuid Ó Conaill (Corcaigh)
S/F Play-Off 2	5/5/2010	Inis	An Clár	0-17	1-13	Tiobraid Árann	Deaglán Ó Drisceoil (Luimneach)
S/Final	25/6/2010	Páirc na nGael	An Clár	1-17	2-12	Luimneach	Daithí Copps (Corcaigh)
S/Final	26/6/2010	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh	0-24	2-18	Port Láirge	Tomás Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
S/Final Replay	7/7/2010	Páirc Breathnach	Corcaigh	1-13	2-17	Port Láirge	Séamus De Róiste (Tiob. Árann)
Final	11/7/2010	Stáid Semple	Port Láirge	1-11	1-16	An Clár	Daithí Copps (Corcaigh)

### Peil Fé 21

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	10/3/2010	Cuar an Chláir	Luimneach	1-10	0-10	An Clár	Pádraig Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)
Q/Final	13/3/2010	Pc. Aibhistin De Staic	Ciarraí	0-19	1-08	Corcaigh	Ruairí Ó hIc (An Clár)
S/Final	18/3/2010	Dúrlas	Luimneach	2-05	0-16	Tiobraid Árann	Micheál Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)
S/Final	20/3/2010	Dún Garbháin	Ciarraí	1-18	0-03	Portláirge	Micheál Ó Miach (Luimneach)
Final	31/3/2010	Pc. Aibhistin De Staic	Tiobraid Árann	1-07	1-06	Ciarraí	Conchúr Ó Laighin (Corcaigh)

### Peil na Mionúir

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	14/4/2010	Pc. Aibhistin De Staic	Ciarraí	1-12	2-07	Tiobraid Árann	Ruairí Ó hIc (An Clár)
Q/Final	14/4/2010	Cill Mocheallog	Luimneach	3-10	2-04	Port Láirge	Diarmuid Ó Loingsigh (Ciarraí)
Q/Final	14/4/2010	Inis	Corcaigh	1-09	0-09	An Clár	Ciath Ó Briain (Tiobraid Árann)
S/F Play-Off 1	19/4/2010	Inis	Port Láirge	1-06	4-10	An Clár	Pádraig Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)
S/F Play-Off 2	24/4/2010	Dúrlas	Tiobraid Árann	1-08	1-03	An Clár	Mairtín Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)
S/Final	12/5/2010	Caisleán Nua Thiar	Ciarraí	2-15	0-07	Luimneach	Conchúr Ó Laighin (Corcaigh)
S/Final	12/5/2010	Dúrlas	Tiobraid Árann	2-09	2-12	Corcaigh	Ruairí Ó hIc (An Clár)
Final	4/7/2010	Cill Airne	Ciarraí	1-7	1-8	Corcaigh	Ciath Ó Briain (Tiobraid Árann)



## Cluichí 2010

### Waterford Crystal Cup 2010 - Senior Hurling Competition

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Prelim. Rd.	17/1/2010	Páirc Uí Rinn	UCC	1-12	1-07	Cork	Deaglán Ó Drisceoil (Luimneach)
Prelim. Rd.	17/1/2010	Pc. Aibhistin De Staic	Ciarraí	1-15	3-15	Univ. of Limk.	Colm Ó Liatháin (Corcaigh)
Prelim. Rd.	17/1/2010	Miliuch	An Clár	0-15	1-09	Waterford IT	Cathal Mac Allistír (Corcaigh)
Prelim. Rd.	17/1/2010	Kilmacthomasín	Port Láirge	1-26	1-13	Cork IT	Seán Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
Q/Final	23/1/2010	Pc. Aibhistin De Staic	Port Láirge	2-13	3-05	Tralee IT	Colm Ó Liatháin (Corcaigh)
Q/Final	24/1/2010	Cill Mocheallóg	Luimneach	2-09	0-19	UCC	Micheál Ó hUdáin (Port Láirge)
Q/Final	24/1/2010	LIT Grounds	Limerick IT	2-18	3-22	Univ. of Limk.	Nollaig Ó Coscair (Tiob. Árann)
Q/Final	26/1/2010	Buireas Uí Luíoch	Tiobraid Árann	1-12	0-17	An Clár	Daithí Copps (Corcaigh)
S/Final	30/1/2010	Buttevant	Univ. of Limk.	2-14	4-16	UCC	Seán Mac Mathúna (An Clár)
S/Final	31/1/2010	Baile Uí Dhuibh	An Clár	0-08	1-17	Port Láirge	Seán Ó Seasnáin (Corcaigh)
Final	7/2/2010	Dún Garbháin	Port Láirge	1-09	0-11	UCC	Donn. Mac Risteard (Luimneach)

### McGrath Cup 2010 - Senior Football Competition

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Prelim. Rd.	16/1/2010	Pc. Seán Uí Treasaigh	Tiobraid Árann	2-09	1-09	Univ. of Limk.	Ruairi Ó hIc (An Clár)
Prelim	16/1/2010	Kerins O'Rahilly's, Tralee	Ciarraí	2-11	1-10	Tralee IT	Conchúr Ó Liathain (Corcaigh)
Prelim	16/1/2010	Cill Mocheallóg	Luimneach	3-09	0-06	Waterford IT	Brian Mac Toirill (Tiobraid Árann)
Q/Final	17/1/2010	Cill Áirne	Port Láirge	3-05	2-12	Ciarraí	Deirc Ó Mathúna (Tiob. Árann)
Q/Final	17/1/2010	Dr. Morris Park	Tiobraid Árann	2-13	2-06	Limerick IT	Muiris Ó Condúin (Port Láirge)
Q/Final	17/1/2010	Foynes	Luimneach	0-11	2-08	Cork IT	Ciath Ó Briain (Tiobraid Árann)
Q/Final	17/1/2010	Cuar an Chláir	An Clár	0-09	0-12	UCC	Diarmuid Ó Loingsigh (Ciarraí)
S/Final	22/1/2010	CIT Grounds	Cork IT	1-10	1-12	UCC	Micheál Ó Miach (Luimneach)
S/Final	24/1/2010	Cill Áirne	Tiobraid Árann	1-09	0-13	Ciarraí	Micheál Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)
Final	30/1/2010	Pc. Aibhistin De Staic	Ciarraí	1-11	0-09	UCC	Muiris Ó Condúin (Port Láirge)



## Cluichí 2010

### Munster Club Championships 2010

#### Iomáint Shinsir na gClub

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	31/10/10	Inis	Croisín	0-14	2-11	Cill Mocheallóg	Cathal Mac Allistír (Corcaigh)
S/Final	14/11/10	Cill Mocheallóg	Na Sairsealaigh, Durlas	2-10	0-11	Cill Mocheallóg	Micheal Ó hUaidín (Port Láirge)
S/Final	14/11/10	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Sairséalaigh	2-15	0-22	De La Salle	
Final	28/11/10	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	De La Salle	0-09	0-08	Na Sairsealaigh, Dúrlas	Sean Ó Seasnain (Corcaigh)

#### Peil Shinsir na gClub

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	7/11/10	Dr. Crocaigh	Dr. Crocaigh	2-13	1-03	Móin a' Lín	Conchúr Ó Laighin (Corcaigh)
Q/Final	7/11/10	Dún Garbháin	An Straidbhaile	0-07	0-04	Dún Beag	Deirc Ó Mathúna (Tiob. Árann)
S/Final	21/11/10	Páirc Uí Rinn	Raonaithe Nemo	1-12	1-05	An tSráidbhaile	Pádraig Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)
S/Final	21/11/10	Caiséal	Dr. Crócaigh	2-11	0-09	Eatharlach	Ruairí Ó hIc (An Clár)
Final	30/1/11	Mala	Dr. Crócaigh	1-13	1-15	Raonaithe Nemo	Deirc Ó Mathúna (Tiob. Árann)

#### Iomáint Idirmheánach na gClub

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	30/10/2010	Droichead Abhann Uí gCearnaigh	Buirios Uí Chéin	2-14	3-10	Cill An Aonaigh	Colm Ó Liathain (Corcaigh)
Q/Final	31/10/2010	Baile Dubh	Baile Dubh	2-09	2-11	An tÓspidéal / Cathair Fuiséog	Geróid Ó hEochaidh (An Clár)
Semi-Final	7/11/2010	Beal Atha Grean	Baile Mhairtealaigh	0-15	0-09	An tÓspidéal / Cathair Fuiséog	Seán Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)
Semi-Final	7/11/2010	An tAonach	Ruan Mhór	0-11	2-13	Buirios Uí Chéin	Daithí Copps (Corcaigh)
Final	21/11/2010	Páirc na nGael	Baile Mhairtealaigh	2-14	0-08	Buirios Uí Chéin	Mí. Ó Concubhair (Luimneach)



## Cluichí 2010

### Peil Idirmheánach na gClub

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	7/11/10	Lios Dun Bhearna	Naomh Breacain	1-13	1-11	Cill Sioláin/Cill Cais	Micheál Ó Miach (Luimneach)
Q/Final	7/11/10	Brú na Deise	Galbhaile	1-05	2-07	Gníomh Go Leith	Micheál Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)
S/Final	14/11/10	Dun Garbhain	Clash Mhór	0-08	0-10	Naomh Breacain	Pádraig Mac Sithigh (Ciarraí)
S/Final	14/11/10	Gníomh Go Leith	Gníomh Go Leith	0-12	1-08	Baile Nuis	Brian Mac Toirill (Tiobraid Árann)
Final	28/11/10	Páirc na nGael	Gníomh Go Leith	1-11	0-07	Naomh Breacain	Micheál Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)

### Iomáint Soisir na gClub

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	13/11/10	Cloughdub	Eimhin	1-15	0-07	Cill Garbháin	Diarmuid Ó Ciarbháin (Corcaigh)
S/Final	21/11/10	Cill Mocheallóg	Maoilinn	2-15	1-10	Eimhin	Seán Mac Mathúna (An Clár)
S/Final	21/11/10	Páirc Breathnach	Baile Dhuim	2-13	3-13	Naomh Pádraig	Diarmuid Ó Conaill (Corcaigh)
Final	12/12/10	Mala	Naomh Pádraig	0-09	5-18	Maoilinn	Micheál Ó hUaidín (Port Láirge)

### Peil Soisir na gClub

Babhta	Dáta	Ionad	Foireann	Scór	Scór	Foireann	Réiteoir
Q/Final	13/11/10	Tulach an Iarainn	Tulach an Iarainn	1-15	2-07	Cill Fhionnurach	Rd. Ó Maolomhnaigh (Luimneach)
Q/Final	21/11/10	Carraig Tuathail	Cluain Uamha	2-04	1-12	Naomh Mhuire	Muiris Ó Condúin (Port Láirge)
S/Final	28/11/10	Cill Mocheallóg	Brú Rí	1-08	0-06	Tulach an Iarainn	Mairtín Ó Coileáin (Corcaigh)
S/Final	28/11/10	Caherciveen	Eire Óg, An tAonach	1-04	3-20	Naomh Mhuire	Ml. Mac Concharraige (An Clár)
Final	12/12/10	Mala	Naomh Mhuire	2-12	0-04	Brú Rí	Ruairí Ó hIc (An Clár)



Munster GAA Senior County team managers 2010



## Tuairisc an Rúnaí

### Secretary's Report

*Is mór an phribléid dom Thuairisc an Rúnaí a chur ós comhair Chomhdháil Comhairle na Mumhan CLG don bhliain 2010. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil do gach éinne a raibh páirteach le hobair an Chomhairle I rith 2010. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.*

This year, it is my privilege once again to present this Annual Report to you, the Gaels of Munster for 2010. A year, which again, saw challenges for the Council, our Counties and Clubs, on and off the field.

The deterioration in the economic state of our country forced many of our young players to take the emigration route and seek their livelihood on foreign shores, so our clubs and Counties are once again facing the prospect of some of their most dedicated players departing, this is particularly difficult for our small rural clubs.

With no improvement imminent in this situation it is something we all will have to live with for the foreseeable future. The onus is on all of us to assist in developing a network of GAA contacts which might open some door for these young members and give them a chance to stay at home and enjoy the participation and involvement of our games.

This should happen from top to bottom within our Association, starting in our clubs, through County, Province to National level. While we cannot provide direct employment for these members we should seek and be able, (through GAA like-minded people in business) to identify some opportunities in employment which might in some way lessen the exodus and give them another option.

I stress that this initiative would only identify opportunities and introduce the skill match to the position available, the person looking for employment would then have to sell themselves as the right person for that job.

Clubs should start this process by identifying skills and matching these with GAA like-minded people in business in the area. Counties should tap into this by setting up a similar structure with club and inter-county players in mind. Provincial and National Association leaders should identify business people who might be willing to coordinate this project.

Some might say that we are in the business of playing our games, and yes we are, but I believe that we should at this time do everything we can to bring GAA minded people together; to create a task force to give some kind of hope to our members who are being forced to take the emigrant trail even though it would not be their first option.

Some might say that this is a task for the GPA however the GPA caters for the inter-county player and this problem is most acute at club level so we must take a lead ourselves.

2010 again saw difficulties in the relationship between one of our counties, Limerick and its senior hurlers. Over the last couple of years unfortunately, this has become a feature of our inter-county scene. Hopefully,

with an agreement between the GAA and the GPA close to completion, this scenario will no longer be a problem.

Other challenges included the balance between staging games on days and at times to suit our patrons while accommodating TV audiences with live viewing.

In my last two reports I made observations and recommendations most of which I believe, fell on deaf ears, however, it is my responsibility as CEO/Secretary to outline my thoughts and views in a positive sense which I hope will contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Council. Previously, I added these comments at the conclusion of my report and on this occasion I will commence with a few thoughts which I believe must be given consideration by the Council and the counties of the Province.



Action from the AIB Munster Senior Club Hurling final between De La Salle and Thurles Sarsfields



## Tuairisc an Rúnaí

### Club Support

The health of our Games and our Association is dependent on a healthy, vibrant and indeed dynamic club structure. Inclusive and open, committed and dedicated, willing to adapt and learn, these are the qualities which all clubs must strive toward if they are to meet the challenges of today's Ireland.

In all clubs there are leaders with these qualities, however too often it is left to these few leaders to carry the burden and the workload which in turn can create an exclusive structure which inhibits new volunteers from being involved, leading to stagnation.

This Association has been built on unselfish volunteerism by people with club, and community/parish pride. Today, more than ever we need this person, welcomed, nurtured, and supported from all levels but particularly at local club level.

So what is a dedicated volunteer? For many years I travelled around Ireland assisting clubs to restructure, to reinvigorate, to look at new ideas and plan for the future. Sometimes I have listened to members extol their own virtues and praise their role while commenting negatively on the solid contribution of others. Sometimes I listened to members who felt they were making a great contribution by merely attending their local committee meeting while never volunteering for any work no matter how small a commitment it might entail.

A committed volunteer is someone who does what he/she can in a positive manner to share in some way the burden of work necessary to run a club. A Leader is someone who recognises this contribution no matter how small it may seem in proportion to his/her own.

What can be done to help our clubs? Firstly, a club must recognise for itself that it needs help. It must engage with its supporters and members / players, it must identify what are the obstacles (internal) to its success.

It must be prepared to make whatever changes it identifies to improve their position for the better; in some cases this might mean a radical move, eg. where officers are in positions for a very long time, relinquishing those positions and forcing others to come forward. Stepping down from a position does not mean that their voluntary services are no longer required, there are plenty of responsibilities to be shared around.

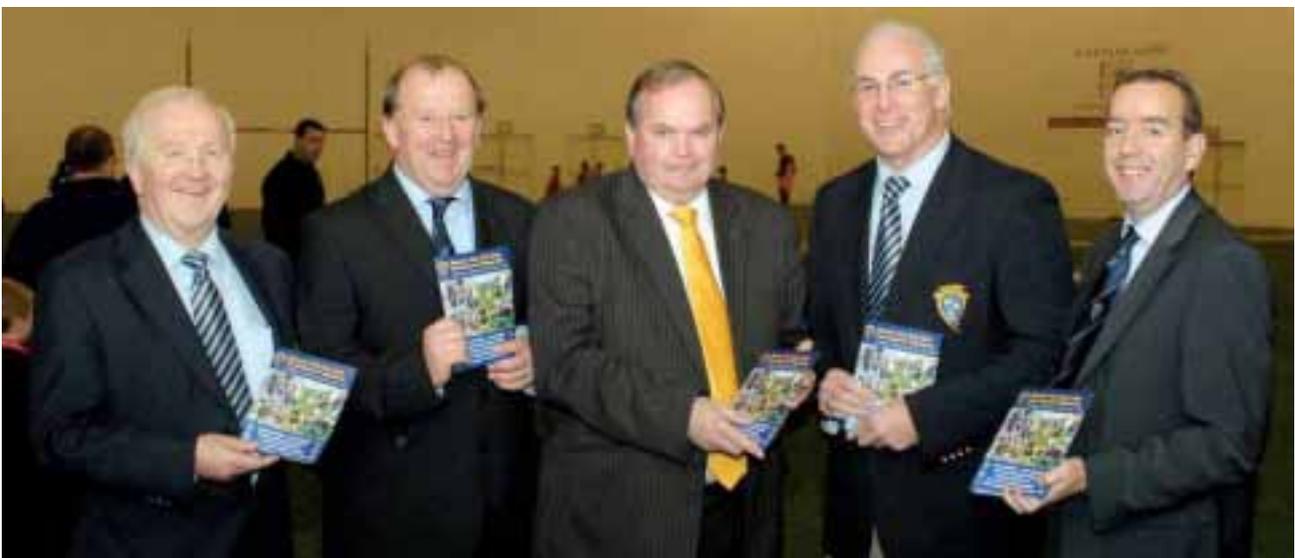
In many cases this genuine engagement with members / players and supporters will reap a reward, provided it is seen as genuine engagement. The external challenges must also be faced up to, identification, measurement and finding alternatives are the tools necessary to meet these challenges.

County and Divisional Committees have a serious responsibility in this area. Making fixtures, managing county / divisional teams and attending meetings or functions while important, are not as important as providing the supports necessary for a club who wish

to develop and improve. Newly-trained Facilitators in every County can provide the framework for our clubs who wish to engage in this process, and help themselves. As a Province, we too have a responsibility, through supporting these Facilitators and engaging with County Development Officers, I assure you, we will play our part and my sincerest wish is that all clubs will engage with this process and make this year 2011, a year of renewal and 2012 a year in support of the dedicated and committed volunteer:

2011 is a real opportunity for this process. Why? Because, every cloud has a silver lining. Currently, the darkest cloud of all, is the cloud of unemployment, which means that in every parish / community there are members / supporters who have been made redundant and have spare time on their hands. These supporters need to be given a real opportunity to become involved, welcomed and cherished, given training and support. Allowed to grow as volunteers and not pressured into chores and tasks that might seem as if we have no real interest in their future involvement, except to use them.

In 2011 a very important initiative at Provincial level "The Club Nursery Programme" or as it is known "The Club Child Development Programme" commences. I will again refer to this Project later, it is a real attempt by our Association in the Province to invigorate our under-age units and give the necessary support, training and advice to our volunteers at club level.



Launch of the Munster GAA Club Child Development Programme at Mallow GAA Complex in November 2010.



## Tuairisc an Rúnaí

For the last thirty years or so, a vast amount of development of facilities has taken place at local level within our Association. These facilities are much needed, however I believe that for the next ten years at least, we must put the emphasis on, and prioritise the development of our games and the structures at local level.

In the Province we have always generously supported these physical development projects and 2010 we made significant contribution to this area through our Club Development Grant process. We need to look at how this budget can be retained if possible, but maybe, put a different emphasis on its distribution by rewarding clubs who commit to developing their structure and games within a recognised framework.

### Live TV Games

Munster GAA is committed to allowing as many as possible of our games be shown live on free-to-air TV, which in reality means RTÉ, TV3 or TG4. This was controlled by a three-year contract which was agreed between the Association and the TV companies and ended in 2010. The provisions within this contract generated serious difficulties for this Council in 2010 and indeed meeting our commitment within the contract proved both difficult and divisive. I stated at the outset, the balance between allowing games to be shown live, while staging games on days and at times to suit our attending patrons can be difficult to achieve.

We had to make calls such as: allowing our Munster Hurling semi-final Clare v Waterford to be played on a Bank Holiday Monday; playing replays on Saturday evenings, even where we had no game of significance on the following day; and bringing forward by one week the meeting of Tipperary and Kerry in the Senior Football quarter final. We also delayed the Munster Senior Hurling quarter final Cork v Tipperary to accommodate the showing of the extra-time in another live television fixture.

In making these decisions drew the wrath of many, including Inter-County players, officials and supporters who criticised us, which was their right. Much of the Media added to this criticism, and we must accept this, however I found it a bit galling to find our TV companies and their sister radio stations jumping on the bandwagon and without consideration or examining the reasons, having a cheap shot at the Council and its Officers.

The new contract, which commences in 2011, will also have problems for the Council, however, hopefully we will never find ourselves in this situation again. TV games, do a lot to promote and enhance our sports, but the player, and the attending patron is, and must be our first priority.

To state that our broadcasters pay well for our games does not in my view reflect the true situation as advertising revenues accrued, combined with reasonable programme making costs and high viewing figures make our games a most attractive proposition for any TV company and advertiser; and subsequently it is the responsibility of the broadcaster to make the package attractive and enhance their own promotion of the live broadcasts.

It is important that our broadcasters put a promotional (magazine) programme in place weekly, giving a positive view of upcoming fixtures, especially those being televised live the following weekend. Also a more balanced viewpoint from within panels (pundits) on our TV programmes would be welcomed.

### Officer Elections

I have for the past two reports raised the issue of rotation between the Counties of the vice chairperson position of the Council. I know that there are opponents to this proposition within some counties and maybe within Council itself. I believe that while it cannot be put in rule or bylaw, it is in the best long term interest of this Council that an agreement be reached between the six counties for such a system.

It could work, as a county which would be due to take up the position when it next comes vacant would have time to consider a candidate worthy and capable of the honour. Such an agreement would entail the Management and Finance Committee of the Council working with the Officers of that County to identify the suitable candidate.

If the Council Officers were not satisfied that a county had taken the proper course then an election could take place.

The argument that democracy would be damaged by such a system does not hold up, as for years, it is through negotiation outside of the Council Convention that candidates have found their support sometimes and I stress only sometimes, binding their counties to agreements which have other consequences.

This Province has too small an electorate for true democracy to take its proper course. Leadership needs to be taken on this issue, as if not, we will find ourselves in a cycle affecting not just the next vice chair election but others that follow later. County Officers must show leadership in this by rejecting deals by individual candidates which bind them to future support of individuals or counties, otherwise Council elections will have no relevance and the image and future of the Council itself will be threatened.

The positions of Treasurer and PRO are also very important ones. They are valuable members of the Council Management Team alongside the vital importance of their individual functions. Treasurer of a Provincial Council is not just an important role, it is a responsible one. Managing and overseeing gates and financial controls, measuring and evaluating everyday spending is just a small part of this; assisting in the preparation and presentation of the Annual Accounts, while assisting the development of budgets is probably the most critical and demanding part of the position. In that regard the next year will be very demanding with the building of our new headquarters, we must ensure that we not only get the building we need but also the best value for money must be a priority.

I must comment on the motion we put forward last year to Annual Congress, and express my disappointment, no - dismay, at the way in which this motion was received and treated on the floor of Congress. It was a genuine motion, Counties were allowed make exemptions from the five-year rule for the position of County Treasurer without difficulty, however someone, somewhere saw fit to undermine this Provincial Council's justifiable attempt to increase the time-span of the Provincial Treasurer from three years to five. Not a level playing field there...

In the modern era, a good PRO is vital to getting a positive message across; working constantly to enhance the image of the Council while at the same time getting our message to our patrons and the public at large. Something rarely acknowledged is the need for this Officer to be available at all times to transmit information to the media on changes to fixtures and venues. Whether it be Saturday morning/evening Sunday morning or indeed other unsocial times, these messages must be relayed immediately to the media so that our patrons can be made aware of alterations to our games and kept up to date with all the relevant information.



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### Mick Mackey

Growing up on the Limerick / Tipperary border (Limerick side), I heard many stories on the exploits of Mick Mackey. These tales, some embellished no doubt, all agreed that Mick, while second only to Ring, was indeed a master of his art and a credit to his family, club, county, and the game itself. We now have four All Ireland Senior Championship competitions. None named after this Master Hurler despite a proposal from the committee which recommended this structure. Mick Mackey, the forgotten giant, deserves better than this. Maybe it is time to bite the bullet at Provincial level and name our Senior Hurling Championship Cup after this great sportsman.

### New HQ

At the time of writing, tenders have been distributed for the building of our new Headquarters in Castletray. It has been a long drawn out slow process, since we first took steps to provide the Council with an adequate and appropriate building to serve the Council needs into the future. No stone has been left unturned as the officers and the Council first sought and then planned this new development. The building will provide space for the Council and our sister Associations along with the Handball Council which will make for an even closer relationship than exists currently. We are confident that the development will be completed by spring 2012 and that the building will be both iconic and practical to serve this Council for many years.

### Munster Senior Championships 2010

Munster Championship season 2010 kicked off at the splendid Adare Manor Hotel with the launch of our championships and ticket packages on May 10th. This event also saw the launch of a unique deal for our patrons where each patron on purchase of a match programme was entered in a free draw for a Toyota car. The winning number drawn at each game was then entered in the final draw which took place at the Munster Hurling Final.

Thanks to Toyota Ireland for their generous sponsorship of a Toyota Auris as the winning prize and to Killarney Hotels who sponsored a number of weekend breaks for the other remaining ticket holders who were drawn at previous games.

### Senior Football

**Sponsors:** Ulster Bank, SuperValu, Vodafone

On May 16th in Semple Stadium, Thurles, Tipperary faced All Ireland champions Kerry in the Munster Senior Football Championship quarter final. This game, shown live on RTÉ, provided a good test for the All Ireland champions, however early in the second half their superiority shone through and they emerged winners on a scoreline of: Kerry 2-18, Tipperary 2-06.

The following week saw Clare footballers travel to Dungarvan to play Waterford. The home side having secured promotion in the League and, having been narrowly defeated in the Division 4 League final, were eager to show their new-found confidence and secure a Munster championship victory over

Clare whom they had previously defeated in 2008. Victory was achieved by Waterford after a tight, hard fought contest on a scoreline of: Waterford 1-10, Clare 0-09.

June 6th saw the much-anticipated clash of Kerry and Cork in the Munster Senior Football semi-final in Killarney. After the drawn game and replay in 2009 the followers of these counties and throughout Ireland were eager to see if the All Ireland Champions Kerry could shake of their close neighbours and rivals in Munster. Almost 36,000 attended and the atmosphere was typical of a Kerry v Cork clash with fans in great voice from the throw in. While Cork played with resolve and Kerry kept in touch, at the break only two points separated the sides.

The second half provided much entertainment, with Cork going four points clear on three occasions only to be hauled back by a never say die Kerry outfit. Cork missed two good goal chances in the last quarter and ultimately paid the price when in the dying minutes the teams exchanged points and finished level on 15 points each.

The saga of the date and time for the replay can be attributed to the aforementioned TV contract, eventually it was decided to hold the game on Saturday evening in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Twenty three and a half thousand spectators made their way to Cork for the replay, on a Saturday evening showing the serious attraction these two teams are, when they meet.

The first half again saw Cork take the game to Kerry and when the sides took the half time break it was on a scoreline Cork 1-06, Kerry 0-05. An early goal for Kerry in the second half didn't knock Cork off their stride and one felt that maybe this was Cork's day, however the signs were ominous as though they dominated possession especially around the middle of the field they failed to put distance between them and their rivals.

At the full-time whistle the sides were again locked together on a scoreline of 1-12 apiece and the fans were again thinking of another trip to Killarney for a second replay. However extra-time was next on the agenda and both teams lined up in an attempt to break the deadlock. It was remarkable that it was in the seventh minute of this extra-time that Kerry struck the front for the first time but Cork did not wilt and as we faced the end of the second period it looked as if a second replay was on the cards. However it was not to be and Kerry



Munster Championships Toyota Auris Car Draw in Killarney.



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overcame the challenge by a one point margin: Kerry 1-15, Cork 1-14. This was Kerry's first victory in Pairc Uí Chaoimh in 5 years and their first replay victory at this venue in thirty-four years.

In the other semi-final on June 6th, Limerick travelled to Dungarvan to play Waterford. This was expected to be a difficult challenge for the Shannon-siders and may have been, but for the dismissal of one of the Waterford players in the thirteenth minute. The game, though played with passion, never really stepped up the gear or momentum to give warning that whoever won would pose a serious challenge to the winners from the other semi-final and while Limerick led at the break by four points Limerick 1-8 Waterford 1-4 they had not taken full advantage of their numerical superiority.

Immediately on resumption Waterford opened the scoring with a point however Limerick replied quickly. However, it took another fifteen minutes before they raised their next flag, again a minor. In the end the score line of Limerick 1-17 Waterford 1-09 did not do justice to the Waterford effort.

The final, set for Killarney on July 4th, between Kerry and Limerick brought back memories of recent deciders between the two, where tough and close fought battles were the order of the day. On this day however Limerick started well with midfield and the inner forwards getting the upper hand leading to the visitors scoring the first four points without reply from their rivals.

However Kerry slowly started to stem the tide and got scores more easily than their opponents showing their accuracy and potency in the process. For the rest of the first half both contestants traded scores and at the interval a lead of three points for the visitors did not reflect their possession during the half.

The second half saw Kerry regain control and half way through it seemed as if the result was beyond doubt, however Limerick's persistence and some plucky spirited performances meant that they kept their fans believing in the dream right up to the end. The final score of Kerry 1-17 Limerick 1-14 meant that Kerry lifted their 73rd Munster title and Limerick were left to ponder once again what they need to do to cross the line. All in all, this was a lively competitive Munster Senior Football Championship, good football, and keenly contested fare kept the fans happy.

One observation though, I usually do not single out any player but it must be said that how anyone looking at our championship games and examining the performances of John Galvin of Limerick could believe he was not worthy of an All Star is beyond belief and certainly brings a question mark into the voting structure for these awards.

<b>No. of Games:</b>	6
<b>Total No. of Scores:</b>	170
<b>Actual Scores:</b>	11 goals / 159 pts
<b>Average per Game:</b>	1.85 goals / 26.5 pts

### Senior Hurling

**Sponsors:** Guinness, Centra, Etihad Airways

The meeting of reigning champions Tipperary, and Cork in the Munster Senior Hurling quarter final for the second year in a row was the main early season talking point throughout the hurling fraternity in hurling circles across the country. Pairc Uí Chaoimh was the venue this time and Tipperary were looking to make it three Munster titles in a row. Cork, recovering from past difficulties, were determined to show that they were a force to be reckoned with and that their team-building was at an advanced stage.

A crowd of almost 37,000 descended on Cork on May 30th to see this showdown. After early exchanges Tipperary lead by three points after ten minutes and one wondered if the Champions were going to have it easy. Cork had other ideas and two important sectors, their half-back line and the full forward line became dominant and started to take complete control.

Two Cork goals had the Rebels fans in ecstatic form and the players responded to put on a fifteen man show. Tipperary had not won the last two Munster Championships without effort and despite their inability to breach the Cork defence and raise a green flag they kept pace until half time by putting over the minors. Cork led at the break by two points on a scoreline of: Cork 2-05, Tipperary 0-09.

The second half began with a Tipperary point and those present braced themselves for another Munster Hurling epic. However Cork were not in a mood for such and began again to control the important sectors. The next minutes saw Cork score five points without reply and the signs were ominous for the champions. The next period saw a relatively see-saw battle however when Cork shot home their third goal around the sixtieth minute, the game was effectively over.

A hard-fought contest, where Tipperary were firm favourites and Cork rated as poor second best, showed that in Munster Senior Hurling Championship fare, any team on any day can provide the upset and lift the honours. This game served as a serious wake up call for Tipperary. It hurt their pride, but they learned a lot which they put to use in latter rounds of the All Ireland Series, including that epic against Galway and the final against Kilkenny. Cork, while making progress, have more to do.

The first semi-final between Clare and Waterford was played at Semples Stadium on Monday, June 7th. I have referred to the reason for this earlier so I will concentrate on the game itself except to mention that the attendance for this encounter was extremely disappointing. The pundits made Waterford firm favourites, however Clare, with a new management team and fresh from their All Ireland Under 21 success of the previous year, were confident that they could make a mark in this game and maybe defeat the Decies who were managed by former Clare great Davy Fitzgerald. The first half saw this young Clare team take the game to the Decies men and indeed when Clare scored the only first half goal a couple of minutes before the break they went six points up. However, a lack of discipline led to two late frees which were converted by the Waterford men.

The second half saw Waterford with the wind at their backs steadily take control and some brilliant individual displays and scores from them showed that they were still a force to be reckoned with. Clare however did not relent easily and continued to contest fiercely every ball. In the end the craft and experience of Waterford told and they ran out winners by four points: Waterford 0-22, Clare 1-15.

The second semi-final, between Cork and Limerick at Pairc Uí Chaoimh, was marred by the dispute on Shannonside where players on the 2009 panel refused to play under the manager Justin McCarthy, in support of players who were dropped from the previous year's panel. This lengthy dispute which had dragged on from the previous year had meant that the Limerick squad was young, inexperienced and with no success behind them, were not expected to stay the pace with this Cork outfit who had demolished Tipperary in the quarter final. The crowd of 13,638 reflected this fact, even though it was a greater attendance than that of Waterford v Clare earlier.



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The Limerick lads were first to score, and one hoped that the expected rout would not occur; and in fact Limerick led for the first seven minutes until the guile of Cork drew them level. Then, a penalty for Cork which raised a green flag put Cork on the road and they never looked back. Limerick suffered a red card just before the break and this was a disaster for them. With a half-time score of: Cork 1-10, Limerick 0-6, and the visitors with fourteen men, this held ominous signs for the Limerick supporters.

In the second half Cork started well and in the first ten minutes had outscored the Limerick men by four points to one. The numerical advantage took its toll and Cork began to pull away to run out easy winners Cork 2-19, Limerick 0-12.

Cork progressed to a Munster Final meeting with Waterford and Limerick were left to ponder another year without a victory in Munster. In the last decade Limerick have only won a couple of Munster Championship games, a sad reflection on a County which prides itself on a strong Hurling tradition.

Munster Hurling Final day is always special to hurling folk, not just in Munster but to the hurling fraternity everywhere. Sunday, July 11th, in Thurles was no different. The red & white of Cork and the blue & white

of Waterford provided a truly gritty no-nonsense Munster Hurling final.

The first half, though low scoring, was an example of close marking and tactical play from both sides as neither wanted to allow the other get the upper hand. The half-time score of Waterford 0-7, Cork 0-6, did not reflect the intensity or quality of the game but did show that, with a few honourable exceptions, the defences of both teams were on top.

The second half began with Waterford scoring three points without reply to take a four-point lead. Cork were not to be pushed aside however, and in the sixty-third minute struck with a vengeance for the first of their goals. Within two minutes they had added another and one wondered if Waterford would bow down. But the experience and determination of the men from the Decies came into play and they continued to fight for every ball and were rewarded with a late goal to earn a replay and another chance to lift the crown.

The replay, played on the following Saturday evening, saw the spectacle of a Munster Senior Hurling Final under lights for part of the second half and extra-time. It was a wet, blustery evening and both sides, with only six days to recover from the first encounter;

were looking for that bit extra to get them over the line. The first half, with the wind favouring Cork, saw the backs from both sides on top, similar to the drawn game. In that first half Cork missed goal chances, Waterford however, with a tally of no wides in this half led by four points at the break on a scoreline of: Waterford 0-8, Cork 0-4.

The second half started as the first half had finished with neither side prepared to give an inch, however the game opened up somewhat when Cork found the net after forty-six minutes. Waterford rallied and put over four points without reply and the game was evenly balanced on a knife edge right through to the end of the second half which ended up all square again.

Extra-time beckoned and one wondered what it would take to separate these sides. Throughout the first period it seemed as if we may be in line for another sequel like the Tipperary v Limerick battles of a few years ago but in the final period a Waterford goal and a saved Cork penalty which was deflected over the bar gave the Decies the honours and another Munster title.

A final score of Waterford 1-16, Cork 1-13, in the prevailing conditions proved to be good entertainment for those who had made the journey and paid their entry fee.

### Comhairle na Mumhan - 2010 Munster Senior Championships

DATE	CODE	VENUE	TEAMS	ATTENDANCE
30/05/2010	Hurling	Pairc Uí Chaoimh	Tiobraid Árann v Corcaigh	36,827
07/06/2010	Hurling	Staid Semple	An Clár v Port Láirge	11,028
20/06/2010	Hurling	Pairc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh v Luimneach	13,638
11/07/2010	Hurling	Staid Semple	Corcaigh v Port Láirge (Final)	35,975
17/07/2010	Hurling	Staid Semple	Corcaigh v Port Láirge (Replay)	22,763
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120,231</b>
			<b>Average over five games</b>	<b>24,046</b>
			<b>Comparable average figure 2009</b>	<b>27,361</b>
16/05/2010	Football	Staid Semple	Tiobraid Árann v Ciarraí	5,080
23/05/2010	Football	Dún Garbháin	Port Láirge v an Clár	2,269
06/06/2010	Football	Cill Áirne	Ciarraí v Corcaigh	35,786
06/06/2010	Football	Dún Garbháin	Port Láirge v Luimneach	3,700
13/06/2010	Football	Pairc Uí Chaoimh	Corcaigh v Ciarraí (Replay)	23,486
04/07/2010	Football	Cill Áirne	Ciarraí v Luimneach (Final)	23,854
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,185</b>
			<b>Average over six games</b>	<b>15,697</b>
			<b>Comparable average figure 2009</b>	<b>16,020</b>



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### Bord Gáis Fé 21 Hurling Championship

The Munster Under 21 Hurling championship is always something special. 2009 saw Clare annex the title and go on to All Ireland success. The campaign began in Pairc Uí Chaoimh with Waterford taking on the home side in the quarter final. This was a one-sided affair with Waterford never really coming to grips with this strong Cork outfit.

In the first half Waterford only managed one point while Cork despite shooting twelve wides notched up seven points. The second half began frantically and soon one player from each side were taking the long walk to the dressing rooms. Cork continued to dominate and the game finished on a scoreline of: Cork 1-16, Waterford 1-03.

The semi-finals on 14th of July saw All Ireland Champions Clare pitted against near neighbours and rivals Limerick in the Gaelic Grounds while Tipperary took on a fancied Cork side in Pairc Uí Chaoimh. The game between the Banner and the Shannon-siders was a ding dong battle with the sides level at half time and on five occasions during the second half. In the end, Clare slipped through on a scoreline of: Clare 1-15, Limerick 1-12.

The other semi-final, between Cork and Tipperary, did not disappoint and proved to be a thriller with all the ingredients that make hurling unique. Skills, scores, and tight fought battles, marked this one, as a typical game between Cork and Tipperary. Early on, Tipperary took the lead however Cork scored seven unanswered points between the forty fourth and fifty seventh minute to lead by three going into the dying minutes. A goal from a twenty metre free leveled the sides and extra-time was again required.

In the first period of extra-time Tipperary outscored the locals by five points to one and never relinquished the lead to go on to the final and a meeting with Clare on a scoreline of: Tipperary 2-17, Cork 0-21.

The final, played at Semple Stadium, got off to a blistering start from the visitors who notched up one goal and three points inside the first three minutes. Tipperary got themselves off the mark and slowly came into the game eventually coming level after twenty minutes on a scoreline of: Clare 1-6, Tipperary 0-9. When the interval arrived Tipperary had a three point advantage.

The second half saw lively exchanges and

Clare were never out of the frame, keeping in touch but failing to overhaul the home side. The game ended at: Tipperary 1-21, Clare 1-17. The 2009 All Ireland Champions were dethroned and the new champions went on to annex the All Ireland title. One interesting statistic from this game was that Tipperary scored one goal and eighteen points from play.

<b>No. of Games:</b>	4
<b>Total No. of Scores:</b>	130
<b>Actual Scores:</b>	8 goals / 122 pts
<b>Average per Game:</b>	2 goals / 30.5 pts

### Cadbury's FÉ 21 Football Championship

The Munster Under 21 Football Championship, which was due to commence with a Clare versus Limerick game in the Gaelic Grounds, nearly did not get off the ground as severe frost made the Ground unplayable and my thanks to both counties and team management and players for agreeing to a late switch to Cooraclare.

Despite this late switch of venue a reasonable attendance watched this entertaining encounter which was played under lights, with both sides braving the elements and playing with passion and spirit. In the end Limerick emerged victorious on a scoreline: Limerick 1-10, Clare 0-10.

The following Saturday, Cork travelled to Austin Stack Park to face Kerry. Cork, as champions of the year previous, were favourites to retain their crown but Kerry are never easy to beat and especially on home turf. And so it proved as Kerry were simply too strong for the reigning champions and ran out winners: Kerry 0-19, Cork 1-08.

On the 18th of March, Limerick travelled to Semple Stadium to play Tipperary in the first semi-final. After defeating Clare in the first round they fancied their chances to advance to their first final in many years. The Tipp boys proved too strong for the visitors however and, despite Limerick hitting two goals, the accuracy and teamwork of the locals prevailed on the evening. Final score: Tipperary 0-16, Limerick 2-05.

The second semi-final pitted Kerry against Waterford in Dungarvan. This Kerry outfit, having disposed of champions Cork in the quarter final, were hot favourites to progress to another Munster Final and so it proved as they came out easy winners on a scoreline of: Kerry 1-18, Waterford 0-03.

The final, between Tipperary and Kerry, was set for Austin Stack Park, Tralee, and to beat Kerry in a Munster Final especially on home ground is a lot to expect of any team but this Tipp bunch, having suffered a final defeat the year previous, were determined to make amends and take the honours.

The game started at a slow pace with tactics having a major influence, defenders on top and scores hard to come by. Tipperary had wind advantage and only scored one point in the first quarter. A Tipperary goal in the twenty-fifth minute allowed the visitors go in at the break with a two points advantage: Tipperary 1-4, Kerry 1-2.

The second half saw Kerry draw level on thirty-eight minutes and take the lead which held ominous signs for the Tipp boys, however they were level again on forty-seven minutes and now Tipperary realised that they could actually win and claim the prize. Going into a two point lead with minutes remaining, memories of the 2009 final must surely have been on the minds of the Tipp lads and this strengthened their determination not to let it happen again.

When Kerry pointed from a free in the fifty-ninth minute only one point divided the sides and one wondered if Tipperary could hold out. Hold out they did, and the scenes at the final whistle were similar to after an All Ireland Senior Final with Tipperary supporters openly expressing their joy and excitement. While this game may not have been a classic, it was a classic win for the Tipperary boys. Final score: Tipperary 1-07, Kerry 1-06.

<b>No. of Games:</b>	5
<b>Total No. of Scores:</b>	109
<b>Total Scores:</b>	7 goals / 102 pts
<b>Average per game:</b>	1.4 goals / 20.4 pts

### ESB Minor Hurling and Football Championships

Our ESB Minor Hurling and Football championships 2010 were run under the same format as the years previous with the losers in the quarter final getting a second chance through a losers group. Games in both Hurling and Football were competitive and provided great entertainment for the loyal followers.

I have commented previously on the restrictions placed on Provincial Councils on the manner in which we run these competitions with regard to the time space



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provided under rule and again I must highlight this unfortunate dilemma we find ourselves in. This rule was brought in under the banner of Player Welfare, however in my view it works in the opposite direction, where we have to ask some of our players (usually those from the weaker counties) to play too many games in too short a period of time.

When one considers that the time of year involved is the time when many of these players are preparing for their Leaving Certificate this further compounds the problem. The argument for playing these competitions on a straight knockout basis, while solving the issue highlighted above, gives less chance to the players from these affected counties and diminishes their involvement greatly. The possibility of separating the finals from their senior counterparts could only work if the National finals were also separated as the time scale would still be the same to meet All Ireland quarter final deadlines.

The **Minor Football Championship** began on April 14th when Kerry took on Tipperary in Austin Stack Park, Limerick faced Waterford in Kilmallock and Cork travelled to Ennis to play Clare. Tipperary fresh from their Fé 21 victory over their rivals were more than hopeful of creating another upset, however Kerry were in no mood for a double hit and after a competitive game won on a scoreline of: Kerry 1-12, Tipperary 2-07.

At Kilmallock, Limerick overcame the challenge of Waterford on a scoreline of: Limerick 3-10, Waterford 2-04. In Ennis the home side provided sterner opposition for Cork and, after a gritty display, the visitors came out on top: Cork 1-09, Clare 0-09.

Waterford then faced Clare in Ennis and this turned out to be a fairly one-sided affair, with the locals showing their scoring prowess against a disappointing Waterford side: Clare 4-10, Waterford 1-06. The next game saw Clare face Tipperary, who had shown good promise against Kerry. This game, played at Semple Stadium, was hard fought and competitive with little scores but plenty of action, however Tipperary proved too good for the visitors.: Tipperary 1-08, Clare 1-03.

The semi-finals paired Kerry against Limerick and Tipperary against Cork. Kerry proved far too strong for the Limerick boys: Kerry 2-15, Limerick 0-07. In the second semi-final it was a different matter with Tipperary putting it

up to the Cork lads. Eventually Cork supremacy showed and they came out on top: Cork 2-12, Tipperary 2-09.

The Final now meant that the Cork lads had to travel to Killarney to take on the Kerry lads their closest rivals and neighbours. A game which saw little scores in the first half through tough dogged defending by both sides and in particular Cork who were playing against the wind the half-time score of Kerry 0-04, Cork 0-03, told the story. The second half saw Kerry up the tempo a little and with seven minutes to go led their opponents by two points, a missed goal chance and a disallowed goal both for Kerry, seemed to spur on the visitors and when they hit the net themselves, with time almost up, to go one point clear; one expected a Kerry response. That response came in the form of a barrage of Kerry attacks only to be subdued by a sterling Cork defence: Cork 1-08, Kerry 1-07.

<b>No. of Games:</b>	8
<b>Total No. of Scores:</b>	160
<b>Actual Scores:</b>	24 goals / 136 pts
<b>Average per Game:</b>	3 goals / 17 pts

The **ESB Minor Hurling Championship** began on April 28th with games in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, Walsh Park and the Gaelic Grounds. Cork took on their great rivals Tipperary in a thriller in Pairc Uí Chaoimh. The fans were treated to action galore, scores aplenty and hard fought battles in many sectors of the field as both sides served up an entertaining encounter typical of many meetings between the two counties in this grade.

A late Cork point took this game to extra-time as in 2009. An early Tipperary goal in the first period of extra-time put the Rebels on the rack but some fine points from the inner Cork forward line kept them in touch and finally they overcame the challenge of the Tipp boys to reach the semi-final stage.

In Walsh Park, Waterford played hosts to Clare and were expected to produce the goods on home turf. Clare on the other hand had belief in their lads so a keen contest was expected. On the evening Waterford showed more commitment and hunger and came out on top: Waterford 1-21, Clare 0-16.

The third game, played in Kilmallock, saw Kerry enter this competition following a break of a few years. They showed plenty of promise and shook the Limerick lads for

most of the game. Limerick could count themselves lucky to have survived this test which is a tribute to the work being done at underage hurling level in Kerry. Final score: Limerick 2-13, Kerry 1-13.

The first game in the losers' group featured Clare and Kerry in Ennis, and Clare having learned the lessons of their defeat by Waterford were in no mood to slip up. Kerry put up a fighting performance but were no match for this improved Clare outfit: Clare 1-21 Kerry 2-07. This gave Clare a crack at Tipperary and the belief was that the narrow defeat of Tipperary by Cork would serve as a wakeup call for what was seen as a very good Tipperary outfit. In a close fought contest where nothing was easily won and every player gave their all Clare came out on top by the narrowest of margins. Clare 0-17 Tipperary 1-13.

The semi-finals, matched Limerick with Clare and Waterford with Cork and these games were played following the completion of the Leaving Certificate examination. In the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick met an improving and confident Clare team fresh from their victory over Tipperary. A closely contested and competitive game where Clare emerged victorious on a scoreline of: Clare 1-17 Limerick 2-12.

The other semi-final, between Cork and Waterford, played at Pairc Uí Chaoimh was a thriller, with both teams showing skill, endeavour and determination. Minor Hurling at its best, only the partisan supporters wanted it to end and a winner emerge.

The early exchanges saw Waterford hit the net after only three minutes and though dominant throughout the first half only held a three point lead at the break. The second half saw Cork step up the tempo and they were level at the three quarter mark and then drew ahead with some well taken points. Nearing the finish with victory in sight Cork conceded a free close to goal and Waterford took advantage cracking the ball to the net and taking the game to extra-time.

The first period of extra-time saw the locals shade the exchanges over their opponents and as the second half of extra time progressed it seemed as if the visitors had given their all and would come up short, however the Cork defence unable to contain the pressure were forced into errors which allowed the visitors back into contention and with two late scores force a replay: Cork 0-24, Waterford 2-18.

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The replay, which was played four days before the scheduled final, in Walsh Park was again an entertaining and competitive affair. In the end, Waterford came out winners on a scoreline of Waterford: 2-17 Cork 1-13. My thanks to the players and officials of Waterford and Cork for the cooperation they showed in the organisation of this replay despite the many difficulties we encountered in finding a suitable date.

The final between Waterford and Clare, played with the Senior Final at Semple Stadium on July 11th, was again a competitive encounter. The first half saw the teams level on four occasions and indeed at the break they were still inseparable on a score of six points apiece. Waterford edged ahead by the narrowest of margins but the decisive score of the game came in the eighth minute of the second half when Clare scored a cracking goal. They never gave up this lead and had a winning margin of five points: Clare 1-16, Waterford 1-11.

**No. of Games:** 8  
**Total No of Scores:** 326  
**Actual Scores:** 24 goals / 302 pts  
**Average per Game:** 3 goals / 37.75 pts

### Intermediate Hurling and Junior Football

Our Junior Football and Intermediate Hurling Championships provide a curtain raiser to our Senior Championship competitions. In 2010 our games were of a higher standard than in the couple of years previous, however there is a serious need to look at the eligibility of players for these competitions as the reality is they are now in the main for second string senior players, with notable exceptions of Cork in Hurling and Football and Kerry in Football.

The use of these senior players makes a mockery of these official competition names i.e. Intermediate Hurling and Junior Football, hence it is time to revamp them and make use of these championships in a developmental manner. Let's say 'Developmental Senior Championship', with players restricted to over twenty-two years of age and under twenty-five, who have not played inter-county Hurling or Football championship in the previous two years.

If we do not act to amend in some way these competitions we are in danger of losing the competitions at Provincial level altogether.

## Underage Attendances

Grade	Total Attendance	No of Games	Average Attendance	Averages 2009
Under 21 Football	6,662	5	1331	774
Under 21 Hurling	23,819	4	5954	4733
Minor Hurling *	16,272	8	2034	2396
Minor Football *	9631	7	1375	743

\* DOES NOT INCLUDE FINALS



Sean Walsh, Chairman Munster GAA Council, presents the Munster Intermediate Hurling Cup for 2010 to Cork captain Mark Harrington.

This year, Cork annexed the Intermediate Hurling crown after a close encounter with Waterford in the final. In Junior Football Kerry disposed of Limerick rather easily in the final at Newcastle West.

### INTERMEDIATE HURLING

**No. of Games:** 4  
**Total No. of Scores:** 132  
**Actual Scores:** 7 goals / 125 pts  
**Average per Game:** 1+ goals / 31+ pts

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

**No. of Games:** 5  
**Total No. of Scores:** 103  
**Actual Scores:** 8 goals / 95 pts  
**Average per Game:** 1.6 goals / 19 pts

### Waterford Crystal and McGrath Cups

In this report as in other years I am going to refer to the 2011 competitions. At the outset let me comment on the non-participation of Limerick in the Waterford Crystal Competition. Munster Council put a lot of effort into providing games for our counties at the beginning of each year. This is not done for financial reasons for the Council but were initiated to avoid counties from having to search for opposition in challenge games.

The inclusion of College teams was a welcome addition to these competitions



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and while it is well understood that these competitions only serve many counties as a developmental opportunity, the competitions nonetheless provide competitive fare at a time when panels are being put together and Allianz League preparation is beginning.

It is the right of any County not to participate and that point is not at issue, in fact over the last few years other counties have opted out for reasons of holidays and because of internal reasons a panel could not be put together; however the case of Limerick this year is very different from those others mentioned as they played many challenge games during the period concerned. The Management and Finance Committee of the Council and indeed the Council itself have strongly supported Limerick in recent times in particular in its recent refurbishment of the Gaelic Grounds and feel a little disappointed that the scenarios as outlined were allowed to happen.

Last year, the weather severely disrupted these competitions; thankfully 2011 has been a little bit better. This year our games were of seventy minute duration to bring them into line with Allianz League and Inter County Championship games. The inclusion of college teams adds a special dimension to these competitions.

The competitions themselves commenced with the **McGrath Cup** on January 9th. Most of the games were both entertaining and competitive. The early rounds saw Cork, Kerry and Tipperary progress and, after the quarter finals were completed, Kerry were drawn against old rivals Cork while Clare took on Waterford. The Kerry v Cork semi-final in Dr Crokes Grounds, Killarney, provided a lively, skilful and competitive game which saw Kerry come out on top.

In the other semi-final Clare overcame the Waterford challenge by a one goal margin and so qualified for a final meeting with Kerry. Again Dr Crokes provided the venue for this encounter and while Kerry led from early on they never managed to dominate the Clare lads who battled on bravely. In the end Kerry came out on top by a one goal margin.

The **Waterford Crystal Cup** began with Clare seeing off UCC and CIT overcoming the challenge of Kerry. The meeting of All Ireland champions Tipperary and WIT at

Clonmel provided the game of the round and it did not disappoint. Following a close, keenly contested game WIT came out on top by the narrowest of margins.

Clare overcame LIT and the game between UL and WIT ran into venue difficulties with weather. Eventually we fixed the game for Newtownshandrum on Saturday evening. Unfortunately fog forced the abandonment of this game with ten minutes still to be played. With the Fitzgibbon Cup commencing the following week WIT had to make a decision to withdraw. They made this decision after careful consideration of all their options and the Council respect this decision as their only option in the circumstances.

The semi-finals produced a meeting of Clare and Waterford at Sixmilebridge. Waterford manager Davy Fitzgerald found himself in his own local club managing a team in opposition to his own county and against some of his former teammates. This added spice to this tie and Davy was the one happiest of all after the game as Waterford emerged victorious with a late minor. Cork saw off the challenge of UL in Páirc Uí Rinn and we now had a final with the two Munster finalists of 2010 competing.

This final was played in atrocious weather conditions and it is a tribute to Cork GAA that the pitch was playable and stood up to the torrential rain both before and during the game. Waterford, with more experienced players on view, emerged with the honours to capture this magnificent trophy for the second year in a row.

### AIB Munster GAA Club Championships

The 2009 Munster Club Championships provided great games and entertainment and great value for our patrons. Blackrock of Limerick also went on to annex the All Ireland Junior Hurling Club Championship and congrats to them. The 2010 club championships were no different with all clubs competing for honours in the true spirit of which the competitions were set up.

In **Senior Hurling** the 2008 Munster champions De Le Salle emerged from Waterford determined not to be remembered as a one-trophy team. In Tipperary, Thurles Sarsfields the runners-up in 2009 felt they could go one step further this year; In Limerick, Kilmallock who

regained the county title after a long spell believed that they too could make the breakthrough. From Cork we had Sarsfields and anyone who would not give them their due respect would get a rude awakening. Clare provided Crusheen, newcomers on the block, but determined to show they were as good as anybody else.

The scene was set for a truly great championship and that was what we got in ample measure. Good hurling, close encounters, plenty of good scores and passion/pride of place to the fore.

Crusheen took on Kilmallock in Ennis and the visitors were lucky to overcome the locals after a competitive encounter. Next on the list Kilmallock were at home to Thurles Sarsfields. A large attendance saw the locals almost reach the decider only to falter through their inability to convert their chances into scores. For the second year in a row Thurles Sarsfields were to contest a Munster Senior Club Hurling Final.

In the other semi-final Sarsfields of Cork played host to De Le Salle in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Tight to the finish, the Waterford lads emerged victorious, but not without a battle. The final, set for Páirc Uí Chaoimh promised much, but sadly, the weather took its toll and on reflection it spoiled what should have been a tremendous occasion.

The game was low scoring, but high on intensity, neither side were willing to give up the prize easily. In the end the De Le Salle boys made more of their chances than the Thurles boys and so emerged with a one point victory.

In the **Senior Club Football Championship** we had big guns from every county. Dr Crokes of Kerry easily shook off the challenge of Monaleen of Limerick while Stradbally of Waterford defeated Doonbeg of Clare in a very low scoring game in Dungarvan. Nemo Rangers of Cork, no strangers to this competition or indeed the All Ireland Club Championships, then overcame the Waterford lads but not as easily as might have been predicted.

Dr Crokes travelled to Cashel to take on Tipperary champions Aherlow, and squeezed past this hurdle after extra-time. Aherlow to their credit were unlucky and might have had victory on another day, but it is always hard for the real underdogs to make the breakthrough and they suffered this faith that day.



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The Final between Nemo Rangers and Dr Crokes, set for early December, had to be postponed due to severe frost. The rescheduled game also ran into difficulties with a return to frosty weather which ruled out The Gaelic Grounds as the venue due to shadowing in front of the stand. This is a problem in many of our stadia and hopefully someone somewhere will come up with a solution to this.

Having moved the game on the Saturday prior to the fixture, to Mallow GAA Complex, I must express my thanks to the Clubs concerned for their co-operation but also I must make comment on the outstanding support and backup given voluntarily by members of the host club at such short notice. I defy any club to put in place an event plan and execute it in such a thorough and professional manner as Mallow GAA club did for this game. Thanks again.

The game itself could truly be described as a game of two halves. Nemo in the first seemed to have put Dr Crokes to the sword by half time, however the pride of Kerry showed a different approach in the second half and only when time ran out for them did they fall short within a score of grabbing a sensational result. Nemo Rangers 1-15, Dr Crokes 1-13. My thanks also to local radio stations who's invaluable service in letting the patrons know of the game changes meant we had a tremendous attendance at the rescheduled venue.

The **Intermediate Club Hurling Championship** is a cracker of a competition and this year Borrisokane of Tipperary contested the final against Ballymartle of Cork. These two fine clubs will surely make a positive impression in senior ranks within their respective counties in 2011. On the day Ballymartle took the honours with a

powerful performance which proved their worth in this grade.

In the **Intermediate Club Football Championship**, Gneeveguilla of Kerry defeated St Breckans of Clare in the final. This too was a tremendous performance from the Kerry lads.

The **Junior Club Hurling Championship** always provides tremendous entertainment and a chance for small clubs to show their wares on a big stage. Meelin of Cork showed a level of class, skill and endeavour, in this year's campaign which could not be matched by any of their rivals. St Mary's of Tipperary who reached the final could not keep pace with this Meelin outfit who sported excellent hurlers in all sectors of the field.

In **Junior Club Football**, St Mary's, Caherciveen had the same influence as Meelin in Junior Hurling. A strong team with great players spread throughout the field this team could not be stretched by any of their opponents and overcame the challenge of Bruree of Limerick at the final stage in a similar fashion to their hurling counterparts.

### Inter County / Inter Club Championships Roll of Honour 2010

Grade	Team
Inter-County Senior Hurling	Port Láirge
Inter-County Senior Football	Ciarraí
Inter-County Intermediate Hurling	Corcaigh
Inter-County Junior Football	Ciarraí
Inter-County Fé 21 Football	Tiobraid Árann
Inter-County Fé 21 Hurling	Tiobraid Árann
Inter-County Minor Hurling	An Clár
Inter-County Minor Football	Corcaigh
Waterford Crystal Cup 2010	Port Láirge
Waterford Crystal Cup 2011	Port Láirge
McGrath Cup 2010	Ciarraí
McGrath Cup 2011	Ciarraí
Inter-Club Senior Hurling	De Le Salle (Port Láirge)
Inter-Club Senior Football	Nemo Rangers (Corcaigh)
Inter-Club Intermediate Hurling	Baile Mhairtealaigh (Corcaigh)
Inter-Club Intermediate Football	Gníomh Go Leith (Ciarraí)
Inter-Club Junior Hurling	Meelin (Corcaigh)
Inter-Club Junior Football	Naomh Mhuire (Ciarraí)

### Referees

Referees were never under such a spotlight as they are today. At inter-county level TV pundits have the benefit of the action replay and not having to make on the spot decisions. Fans have the benefit of this analysis also. We are lucky that we have a very good calibre of referee in this Province. Yes, errors have been made by referees, they are human too, I believe that we (from Club to National level) have a responsibility to work to eliminate the current culture of challenge and abuse of our referees. Yes, we all have been guilty at different times of this offence, but we need to take stock of where this will take us, if we do not stop the current level of abuse especially at Club level.

We expect our young players to respect authority and accept decision making however how many times do we hear of instances where match officials are challenged and indeed abused by officials in charge of our underage teams. The use of umpires needs to be examined and improved, while training is important the referee needs to ensure that the umpires he uses are up to the important job they do, and have faith in their judgement and decision making. It is also vital that they are his eyes and ears so that he can be more aware of what is going on around him.



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### Discipline

Thankfully we have improved significantly in the area of discipline both on and off the field with the exception of the area I have referred to above. However the area of accepting disciplinary punishments while improved, requires even further improvement.

There is one area where a lot of improvement is required. I refer to the area of appeals on County and Divisional Committee decisions. I acknowledge that procedures in these committees need improvement however we seem to have a handful of hardy annuals who are constantly challenging decisions at every level, sometimes with

flimsy technical appeals, which have no chance of success as they have no basis in rule except to suit their own purpose.

These appeals waste the valuable and personal time of dedicated voluntary officials who could be doing more important and valuable work for our Association.

I respect the right of any unit or member to appeal any decision and I am not stating that all appeals fall into the above category but the clubs responsible for this constant challenge are not concentrating on their primary role which is to deliver a positive and meaningful involvement to the players and members within their catchment area.

### Annual Awards

This year we again had Bord Gáis as sponsors of our Annual Awards and I would like to thank them for their interest and support. The Malton Hotel, Killarney, hosted the night and once again it was a thoroughly enjoyable and social function. The hotel provided an excellent meal for this function and most of those present enjoyed this hospitality into the early hours. This year we changed the format and style of our night and this met with genuine approval from those present. Terrible weather conditions affected some of those travelling but those who braved the elements were treated to a night to remember. To the many worthy Award recipients, we salute you and thank you for your positive contribution to our games and our Association.

### Inter County Championship Final Referees 2010

Referee	Grade
Sean Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann)	Iomáint Shinsir
Briain O Gaibhin (Uibh Fháilí)	Iomáint Shinsir (ath imirt)
Pádraig Ó Sionnaigh (Íarmhí)	Peil Shinsir
Micheál Ó Concubhair (Luimneach)	Iomáint Idirmheanach
Muiris Ó Condúin (Port Láirge)	Peil Shoisir
Cathal Mac Allistir (Corcaigh)	Iomáint Fé 21
Conchúr Ó Laighin (Corcaigh)	Peil Fé 21
Daithí Copps (Corcaigh)	Iomáint na Mionúr
Caith O Briain (Tiobraid Árann)	Peil na Mionúr
Muiris Ó Condúin (Port Láirge)	Corn Mhic Craith (2010)
Conchúr Ó Laighin (Corcaigh)	Corn Mhic Craith (2011)
Donnacha Mac Risteard (Luimneach)	Waterford Crystal Cup (2010)
Micheál Ó Concubhair (Luimneach)	Waterford Crystal Cup (2011)

### Inter Club Championship Final Referees 2010

Referee	Grade
Sean Ó Seasnáin (Corcaigh)	Iomáint Shinsir na gClub
Deirc Ó Mathúna (Tiobraid Árann)	Peil Shinsir na gClub
Micheál Ó Concubhair (Luimneach)	Iomáint Idirmheanach na gClub
Micheál Ó Coilleáin (Corcaigh)	Peil Idirmheanach na gClub
Micheál Ó hUaidín (Port Láirge)	Iomáint Shoisir na gClub
Ruairí Ó hÍcí (An Clár)	Peil Shoisir na gClub

### PLAYING AWARDS

- MINOR HURLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Niall Arthur** (Clare)
- MINOR FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Brian Hurley** (Cork)
- UNDER 21 HURLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Seamus Hennessy** (Tipperary)
- UNDER 21 FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Peter Acheson** (Tipperary)
- INTERMEDIATE HURLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Eoin Conway** (Cork)
- JUNIOR FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Michael O'Donoghue** (Kerry)
- CAMOGIE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:  
**Patricia Jackman** (Waterford)
- LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Geraldine O'Flynn** (Cork)
- HANDBALLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Padraig O'Carroll** (Limerick)
- SENIOR FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Colm Cooper** (Kerry)
- SENIOR HURLER OF THE YEAR:  
**Michael Walsh** (Waterford)

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

- COACHING & SCHOOLS GAA:  
**Tom Colum** (Tipperary)
- MEDIA AWARD:  
**Michael Dundon** (Tipperary Star)
- REFEREEING AWARD:  
**Batt Moriarty** (Kerry)
- SPECIAL MERIT AWARD:  
**Dr. Con Murphy** (Cork)
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE GAA:  
**Gerald McKenna** (Kerry)
- CLUB OF THE YEAR:  
**Thurles Sarsfields** (Tipperary)
- MANAGER OF THE YEAR:  
**Davy Fitzgerald** (Waterford)
- HALL OF FAME (FOOTBALL):  
**Declan Barron** (Cork)
- HALL OF FAME (HURLING):  
**Mick Roche** (Tipperary)

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*Sean Walsh, Chairman Munster GAA Council, presents the Dr. Con Murphy with his Bord Gáis Munster GAA Special Merit Award.*

### Concession entry to our games

The lack of understanding of the concessions which allow subsidised entry to our games still causes problems at our gates. Student concessions are only available to those who produce a valid current student ID with a cessation date and a proper photograph displayed. Colleges are aware of the conditions which operate on this concession. The practice of arriving and expecting entry without this ID is not acceptable and is causing difficulties for our gate personnel. We are currently attempting to put in place a verification system with our colleges to identify bona fide students, which would eliminate some of the current problems.

In the case of the OAP concession this is only available where the person has photographic identification with age proof to show the official on gate duty. Difficulties arise when we allow one person through because they look the age and then stop someone who does not look the age. So please do not take offence when asked for this identification as none is intended.

The greatest difficulties arise with the under 16 free entry to non-ticket games. This concession is only for young persons who are under the age of 16 on the day of the game. This is a very difficult concession to manage and we are entitled to look for proof of age.

### Managing our Games

We are committed to ensuring safety and convenience for our patrons while at the

same time training our match day personnel to the highest possible standard. This process began in 2009 with a FETAC accredited course for our Stewards in Cork. Further courses were planned for last Autumn, however weather caused the cancellation of the courses and at the time of writing we have not been able to secure alternative dates for these courses.

At this point I must express my frustration and that of our Club and County Grounds Safety Committee with the inability of those charged with putting on these courses to meet the requirements of the bodies seeking to train their stewards and improve standards.

Stewarding has improved but we recognise that it has room for further improvement. It must be remembered that these stewards give of their time voluntarily and only if they have travelled a distance from another county do they receive any small recompense. This involves leaving home in time to be present in the stadium at least two hours prior to the first scheduled game.

### Council Sub Committees

A new Council sub-committee structure was put in place by the Council on the recommendation of Cathaoirleach Sean Breathnach and the Management and Finance Committee of the Council in 2010. These sub committees are charged with the delivery of our Provincial Strategic Plan while at the same time delivering other objectives as set out within their terms of reference.

In most instances new officers are in place on these sub committees and I believe that we are fortunate with the volunteers who have accepted this challenge. The next three years will see these subcommittees work to enhance the work of the Council and the GAA throughout the Province the support and the backup needed will be provided.

### Provincial & County Strategic Plans

The Provincial Strategic Plan which was launched in 2009 is now one year into its lifespan. I stated at its inception that it must be more than just a document, it must be a living breathing working model which we review and adapt to suit the challenges we face during its lifetime.

I believe that our Plan is such a document and we are ensuring that the targets set are being worked on by every Council sub-committee. Joey Carton our Games Manager and Strategic Plan coordinator has worked with the Council Officers and Officers of these sub committees to assist in the delivery process, and an in-depth review of our Plan took place this February.

At County level, we are disappointed that despite support available, some counties have not yet completed their own Strategic Plan. It is important that every county identify their own priorities and while working in line with the National and Provincial Strategic Plans put together a Plan which contains priorities, targets and timeframes which every unit within that County can work towards.



*Tom McGarry receives his FETAC accredited Sports Stadium Steward Training.*



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### Club Child Development Programme (Club Nursery Programme)

As part of our Provincial Strategic Plan we committed the Council to a programme to assist clubs with their underage coaching and administration structures. I am happy to say that this programme was launched toward the end of 2010 and commenced in February this year. John Landers, Denis Bohane and Pat O'Shea are coordinating this project. It is vital that club officials county officials and our full time staff commit to ensuring that this is a huge success.

Clubs participating in this initiative will find that this Council and their County Committee are making a serious effort to assist them in developing a sound underage structure and give their volunteers the support and expertise they need. For the first time a co-ordinated, structured programme will be on offer to clubs which will encompass Coaching, Administration, Club School Link, Volunteer recruitment, Parental involvement and PR. This is a real opportunity for clubs who are serious about improvement and a chance for them to get real help.

With the current level of unemployment in every community, clubs should make a serious effort to recruit former players and supporters with time on their hands, to play a small but important part in the underage section of the club and backup for the coaching of young players within the club.

### Schools

Very often the first introduction to our games especially in urban areas is through our primary school sector. We are fortunate to have such dedicated teachers who voluntarily dedicate their time and expertise into delivering a meaningful and enjoyable experience of involvement to our new young recruits.

This is a sector where clubs should target parents to support and indeed where time allows, assist teachers with coaching, transport to games and any other help required. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals teaching in our Primary Schools who's love of our games is passed on to another generation.

Any successful club will have a positive role within their local Primary school. The Primary Game which is a very important part of our Senior championship programme continues



Children from Kilshannig and Mallow at the launch of the Club Nursery Programme.

to capture the imagination of young boys and girls who dream of wearing their county jersey one day.

It is important that we continue to provide this opportunity to them as this is the platform on which we can inspire very young players to train harder; get more proficient in the skills of our games and as stated previously aspire to becoming the star of the future.

It is important however that these games while having a competitive edge as all games played by children will have, do not exceed their remit by becoming too competitive. They are intended to be participation and enjoyment orientated so the onus is on those in charge to ensure that this principle is protected.

We too often witness at underage level mentors behaving in front of our young players in a manner which is unacceptable. We then wonder why, as they reach teenage years and adulthood, these players are unable to accept the discipline needed in a team game. I thank the Daily Star newspaper for their continued sponsorship of these games.

At Second level we have good competitive and successful schools. We continue to reach and indeed win All Ireland titles in both codes and different grades. My concern is and has been that we need to do more for the average club player attending these

successful schools. I believe that clubs within a school catchment area have an important role here. Whether it is through direct assistance / support or by getting a club member with time on their hands to offer to assist with running internal first year or other class leagues they must take a more hands on involvement in their local second level schools.

The Post Primary GAA structure at Provincial level and indeed within our Counties must work immediately to implement in full the agreed structures which were passed some years ago at national level and which work well where they are being operated currently. It is the activity that really matters, not the personnel who organize it.

At third level we have great GAA colleges within the Province. We have Third Level GAA Development Officers in our colleges and my worry is that instead of developing structures around the GAA activity in the colleges and concentrating on getting maximum playing involvement from students we have allowed these officers become effectively full time secretaries within the College system. We need to look again at their role, assist them to develop good structures around the GAA activity in the college, and point them in the direction of maximizing involvement for students in our activities.



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### Ladies Football / Camogie / Handball

Munster GAA has a strong relationship with our sister Associations and with handball which serves the GAA community well. This will be further enhanced when in 2012 our new Headquarters will house the offices of all three Associations.

For the last three years Munster GAA have financially supported a Coaching and Development initiative by the Munster Camogie Council. Our commitment was for a three year period, now we have a proposal from Munster Ladies Football of a similar nature which deserves our support.

In handball through our Coaching personnel Coaching committee and other committees we have provided supports which have enhanced the work of the Munster Handball Council. This we will continue to do and improve on.

Camogie, Ladies Football and Handball have through active participation in our Coaching and Games Development Committee an opportunity to participate in policy and initiatives aimed at improving our games promotion and development in all our Associations. Co-operation at every level is important for our Associations so as to provide the best available expertise and guidance to our units. This I believe is happening and we must continue to strengthen our links and work closely to identify how we all achieve our goals

### Development Grants

Munster Council having reviewed the development grants following the completion of a three-year cycle decided to continue with the level of finance as was previously set aside dependant on Council finance being available.

We did decide to alter the structure of grant dispersal in category five. This change met with universal approval and I must compliment Enda McGuane, Deputy CEO, for spearheading this initiative.

Our clubs have since the founding of our Association provided facilities in every parish and community in Ireland. We are proud of what our Association has achieved as it has helped communities develop their identity and gain a spirit and pride not achievable through any other Association or activity.

The last ten years has like many other areas of our country seen vast improvements in

the physical infrastructure at club level. I believe that it is time now to put more emphasis on developing our games and structures. We need to ensure that our young players are given the proper guidance and that their involvement is enjoyable, yet challenging.

Providing good facilities while important is only one element in the delivery of a good programme of involvement for our members and players. All GAA Officials must realise that with all the other alternative attractions available to our young potential players and where parents have not the same loyalty as heretofore we must make sure that these young players get the training and coaching they yearn for and deserve.

Help is available from the County and Province but Club officials must recognise that looking for help is not a sign of weakness. Unless some of our clubs review their current position and take up the offer through the Club Child Development Programme as outlined within this report they will lose their relevance within their catchment area and ultimately not survive.

### Council Officers completing their terms of Office

This Convention sees the loss to the Council of two great Officers and one former Cathaoirleach. Both, specialists in their own fields. Both have given sterling service and have put personal and county loyalty to the background as they toiled on behalf of, and represented this Council.

I speak of Jim Forbes as PRO and Michael Power as Treasurer. It has been a privilege to work with them over the last three years and the Council staff will miss their input and advice. These two positions require people who are prepared to work tirelessly in the background often at unusual hours to fulfil their role and mandate.

Michael was invaluable to our staff with his expertise in accounting and his assistance with taking gates and devising control procedures which will stand the Council in good stead for years to come. Jim, was a revelation in terms of his ability to get the message out to our patrons and his uncanny knack of coming up with ideas and initiatives which enhance our activities and image.

Together they contributed handsomely to the management team of this Council.

Last year Jimmy O'Gorman stepped down as Council Cathaoirleach, however he continued as Iar-Cathaoirleach to serve on our Management Committee. This he did, and contributed positively to all our activities and decision making. This year he steps down from Council activity but I am sure his GAA involvement will not end here as he still has a lot to offer.

Also, this year we lose three other valuable Council members; Des Cullinane and Willie Roche through the five year rule, and Oliver Mann to High Office in the Limerick County Committee. All three have made a positive contribution to the workings of the Council.

To all of you, I say thanks.

### Financial Matters

As I did in previous years I will leave the financial report to my Deputy, Enda McGuane and our Cisteoir, Michael Power. Financially, this Council is in good order; the Officers make a conscious effort to ensure that the budgets and spending are kept within reason while not engaging in penny pinching.

With our gates holding firm during 2010, albeit with the help of replays, we can continue to plan for a bright future for our Council which ultimately means that we can continue to support clubs and units with proper plans and projects.

A word of caution, however; the economic climate of our country continues to decline and the financial worries of our patrons is a matter for concern. We have produced many initiatives in the past which help our patrons to avail of discounts and in 2011 we intend to enhance even further these concessions to take account of the financial circumstances of our loyal supporters.

### Player Issues - GPA

2011 again saw further disputes at County level between players and a County Board. This disappointing feature of our Association is relatively new and does nothing to improve the status or image of our Association with our young club players who we expect to be the next stars of our games.

Also the volunteers at club and every level who give so much time and so much of their expertise to developing our players from cradle to adulthood must be wondering what it is all about.



## Tuairisc an Rúnaí

In the modern era the media have serious interest in the profile of our games and players and pay scant attention to the work and efforts of these volunteers.

### Croke Park Staff

I would like to put on record my thanks to Paraic Duffy and his Croke Park team for the backup and assistance given to staff and members of this Council during the year.

It is important that at all levels of our Association we work together to achieve our best results. Paraic has put much time into meeting and listening to Provincial and County Officials and this will pay rich dividends in time to come.

### Sympathy

As with every year; the Association in the Province has lost many of its members over the past twelve months. I usually do not recall individually any of those who passed away for fear of omitting anyone, however the passing of a few must deserve mention.

I refer to our former Uachtarán, Liam Mac Airchinnaigh, former Cathaoirleach Micheál Ó Freaghaile agus P.S. Ó Riain - all great Gaels who contributed handsomely to the welfare of this Council. On behalf of the Council I wish to convey the sympathy and condolences to all the bereaved relatives and friends of those who passed away during 2010.

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas síoraí dá n-anamnacha go léir.

### Buíochas

In concluding my report, I wish to thank the following:

- ◆ My fellow Officers on the Council Management Committee and particularly the Cathaoirleach Sean Breathnach. Sean is a believer in getting things done properly and I hope that we have succeeded in 2010.
- ◆ The members of the Council and the members of all the Council sub-committees for the assistance and co-operation which I received from them throughout 2010.
- ◆ To the County Officers in the six County Committees in Munster and particularly the County Secretaries and Treasurers with whom I have most contact and dealings in the course of our work.
- ◆ To the Referees, Linesmen, Fourth Officials, Umpires and Assessors for the manner in which they officiated at our games in 2010.
- ◆ To the Event Controllers, Safety Officers, and Chief Stewards in our stadia.
- ◆ To the several Stilesmen, Stewards, Groundsmen, Catering personnel who have helped us during the year in ensuring that access to our games, at whatever level, is safe and efficient. Also to the Event Controllers in the major venues and to the Gardaí, Health Board personnel, and many others who make our games safe for patrons.
- ◆ To the officers and members of the schools bodies for the ongoing work they do in support of our games in the various levels of schools.
- ◆ To all the Players at every grade, who provided the 'Key Ingredient' of the Association in Munster in 2010, as in every other year. The popularity of the games for the patrons attending the games and for those watching or listening to media coverage is testament to the level of excellence you have achieved in your chosen sport and the commitment and passion you have shown for our games and Association.
- ◆ To the media personnel, national and local, for the excellent coverage which our games receive at every level throughout the year. A particular word of thanks to RTÉ, TV3 and TG4 for the TV fees received during 2010 and to all RTÉ, TV3 & TG4 personnel with whom I have had direct contact in relation to the televising or broadcasting of our games.
- ◆ To the Sponsors who provide generous sponsorship to the Council and some of its sub-committees including:
  - ULSTER BANK / SUPERVALU / VODAFONE
  - GUINNESS / CENTRA / EITHEAD AIRLINES
  - THE DAILY STAR
  - AIB BANK PLC
  - WATERFORD CRYSTAL
  - BORD GÁIS
  - CADBURY'S
  - ESB
  - MARTIN DONNELLY
  - TOYOTA
  - KILLARNEY HOTELS
- ◆ To the Uachtarán, Ard Stiurthóir and all the staff in Páirc an Chrócaigh for their co-operation and assistance received during 2010
- ◆ I want to acknowledge the contribution made to the work of the Council by all of my colleagues on the staff of Comhairle na Mumhan; Enda, Kathleen, Nuala, Joey and the two Pats.
- ◆ Also, not forgetting Gillian who worked on placement during the summer months and Frankie our ticket van driver who is now better known in Munster than any local TD.

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh!*

Mise le meas,

**Padraig Mac Gearailt**

CEO / Runaí, Comhairle na Mumhan



Action from the the 2010 Munster Senior Hurling Final - Waterford v Cork.



# Financial Overview 2010

## Introduction

Despite the deepening of the recession, 2010 was a sound year for the Council in a financial sense mainly due to the two replays in the Senior Championships (Cork v Waterford and Cork v Kerry). The Council underwent its third full audit in 2010 and another unqualified opinion was delivered. It is worth noting that the scope of the audit will expand to encompass all bodies and committees operating under the auspices of the Council, particularly where gate receipts are involved.

Overall income (before contra income) net of direct costs and Central Council Funding was down by €161,742. The table below illustrates monies payable to the 6 Munster Counties in 2010.

It is clear that as the recession continues to deepen income from gate receipts and Central Council funding will continue to decline. Therefore it is of paramount importance that the Council continues to focus on achieving value for money in all its aspects of its operations. This can only be achieved through continuous critical evaluation of every cost and expenditure by associated with Munster GAA's activities.

The following is a brief analysis of the items on the revenue account of the financial statements:

## Revenue

Gate Receipts were down in 2010 however overall attendance figures were up slightly on 2009 figures to 327,846. This reflects the success of the various discount schemes employed by the Council, these saw over

18,000 children availing of €5 tickets for our ticketed championship games. No other code can match the entertainment and value for money of these tickets! Once again in 2011 Munster GAA will endeavour to maximise the value for money for patrons in relation to admission costs while also ensuring that it continues to develop our games across the Province.

It is worth noting that attendances at Senior Hurling championship matches were down for the third year running. This can be mainly attributed to the draw and associated venues as well as some internal county issues. It must also be acknowledged that the attendance at the Senior Hurling semi-final on bank holiday Monday was disappointing. However it was definitely an avenue worth exploring as we continuously seek to reflect the changing lives of our patrons and maximise attendances.

Gate Receipts remains the Council's major source of income, down slightly at 57% of total income. The Senior Hurling championship accounted for 51.2% of total Gate Receipts; this reflects a decline of 15.8% from the 2008 percentage.

Gate receipts from the U21 and Minor championships showed increases of 20% and 7% respectively, excluding replays. This increase is due to the venues and timings of these fixtures which have made them more attractive for patrons.

The Council has distributed €5,805,000 to Physical Development projects across the Province over the last four years. Central Council income shows an increase, however this is as a result of a streamlining of cash flows rather than an increase in funding.

Commercial Income from Central Sponsors (€250,000) and TV companies (€350,000) remained steady. At first glance this might seem to be positive, given the current recession. However closer examination of these figures reveals that Croke Park pays Munster GAA €50,000 per televised match and approximately €27,777 per sponsor as its share of the centrally negotiated sponsorship deals. These figures do not include the value of complimentary tickets associated with these arrangements.

Viewed from a Munster perspective and based on the actual commercial value of the Munster Championships in both codes these figures are a mediocre return for the province. It further highlights the need for the Council to develop alternative commercial income streams. These could operate parallel to the sponsorships agreed at national level and will capitalise upon the unique brand which is the Munster Championships. The revenue from these arrangements can then be reinvested back into the province through the Counties.

Financial Income shows a decrease for 2010 and this is due to the rate of interest earned currently. Based on the Council's recently agreed investment strategy, as part of the New HQ development this figure will increase considerably in 2011.

It is worth noting that the proposed investment strategy will ensure that normal council funding activities are not impaired by the costs of the New HQ.

Other Income for 2010 shows a decrease which is due to the completion of the Signage scheme.

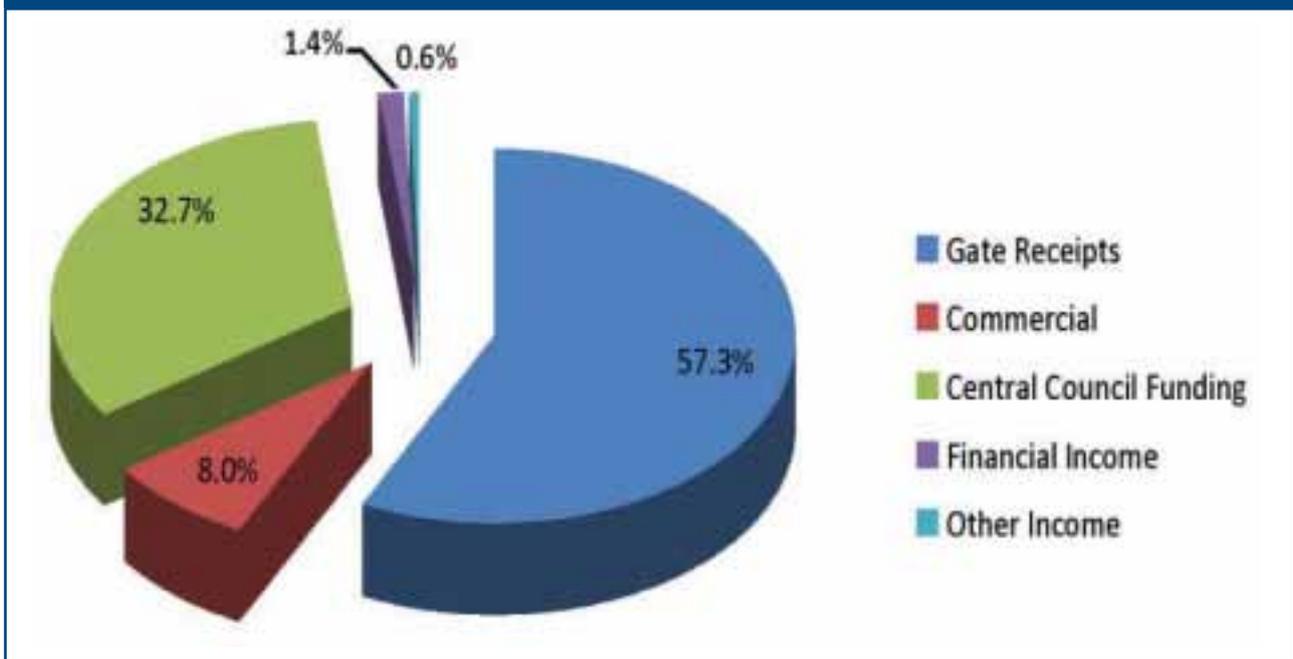
## Monies Payable to the 6 Munster Counties in 2010

Area	Clare	Limerick	Tipperary	Cork	Kerry	Waterford	TOTAL
Team Expenses & Field Rent	€67,853	€59,807	€281,940	€304,604	€239,913	€105,065	€1,059,181
Projects	€58,790	€54,250	€58,160	€53,000	€57,410	€58,020	€339,630
Coaching Personnel	€121,602	€120,669	€154,082	€174,317	€177,949	€131,994	€880,613
Physical Development	€232,507	€343,793	€245,695	€444,721	€270,735	€70,697	€1,608,149
<b>COUNTY TOTALS</b>	<b>€480,752</b>	<b>€578,519</b>	<b>€739,877</b>	<b>€976,642</b>	<b>€746,007</b>	<b>€365,776</b>	<b>€3,887,573</b>

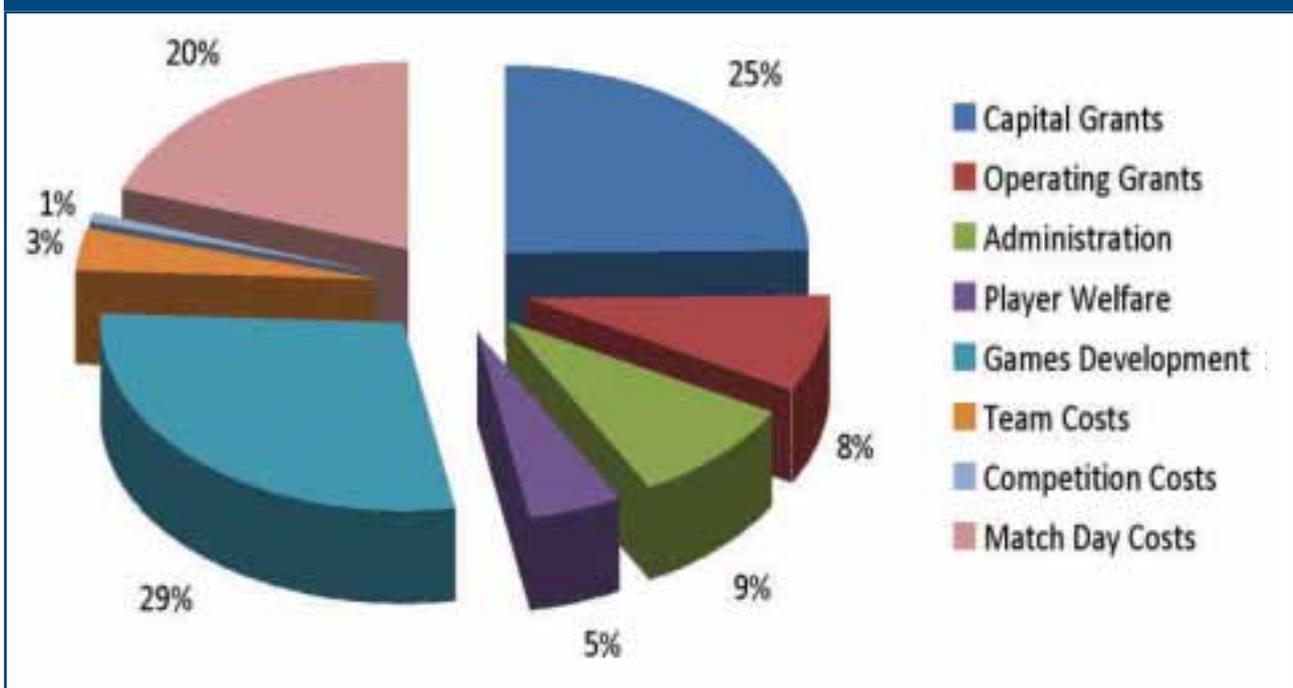


## Financial Overview 2010

### Sources of Revenue 2010



### Utilisation of Revenue 2010



## Financial Overview 2010

### Costs

Careful management has resulted in Match Day Costs stabilising and staying steady at 28% of Gate Receipts in 2010. However this is an area where, with discussion and agreement between relevant parties, further savings can be achieved and shared with units. It is worth pointing out that Munster GAA pays 5% more in field rent than any of the other provincial councils and the Council also provides direct grant aid and other financial assistance to the Major Stadia.

Team Costs to the Council include match allowances and gear grants to County, Club and College teams participating in Munster competition as well as the cost of the Munster Interprovincial teams. These costs are down as there was no Interprovincial Championship in 2010.

Administration costs increased slightly in 2010 this reflects increased committee activity following a restructuring of the Council in 2010. The figure for Games Development for 2010 shows a marked increase this reflects a rebalancing of figures

following the first full year of merit based funding making comparisons difficult.

Capital Grants decreased in 2010, however the figure for Physical Development grants to clubs was maintained. Due to a decline in applications and the new system of calculating grants the 171 Clubs applying for Category 6 Grants (Other Clubs Development) received funding totalling 10.96% of expenditure. However, as highlighted in the 2009 financial overview, given the current economic climate the level of investment in capital projects should be reviewed on an ongoing basis and is very dependent on gate receipts. Full details of the Physical Development Grants paid in 2010 follow this review.

### Balance Sheet and Financial Management

Reflecting the current property market the Council Offices were revalued at year-end and an impairment charge of €111,000 is carried in the accounts. Throughout 2010 efforts have been made to streamline the

Councils financial management procedures, as a result the Balance Sheet figure for Creditors has been reduced substantially.

This, combined with the completion of the site purchase and capitalisation of development costs incurred to date, has resulted in an overall increase in Net Current assets in the Balance Sheet.

The Councils operations have been managed tightly and this is reflected in a year-end surplus of €1,194,094 with €700,000 being transferred to the development fund for use in the construction of the new Council HQ.

### Conclusion

The Council continues to meet with clubs seeking to borrow money and seeking to sell property. This process focuses on the clubs financial status, facilities, playing and membership levels, business plan and other criteria relevant to each application. However, over the last twelve months the majority of these meetings have related to restructuring of existing borrowings and related financial arrangements rather than new projects.

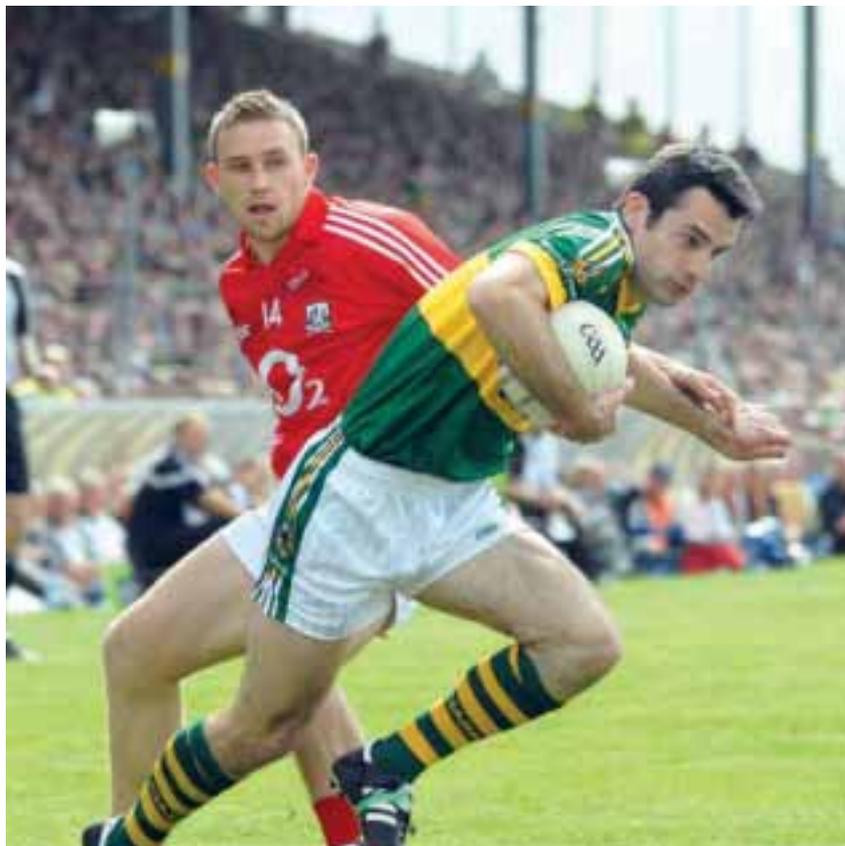
From a financial perspective one very clear issue is emerging at both club and county level across the province and this is the costs associated with team preparation. During the Celtic Tiger years a large industry has developed around this area of our games; however a large question mark hangs over the value for money being attained by some units and the necessity for some of the expenditure.

Many clubs are expending relatively large sums of money in an effort to keep up with their neighbours, which are completely at variance with the adult playing resources at their disposal and the clubs ability to generate income.

A more prudent and long term approach would be to divert this expenditure into the development of areas such as club structures, underage coaching and skills development among existing club coaches. This will establish the real foundations for long term success: "Mol on Óige agus tiochfaidh siad!"

**Michéal de Paor**  
Cisteoir

**Eanna Mac Dubhain**  
Leas-Runaí



Action from Kerry v Cork in the Munster Senior Football Championship 2010



## Financial Overview 2010

### Physical Development Grants paid in 2010

<b>CLARE (An Clár)</b>			
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Sixmilebridge	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Connolly NS	5,000		€5,000
Stonehall NS	260		€260
Banner	1,211	2,087	€3,298
Clonlara	1,160	1,999	€3,158
Clooney/Quin	1,692	2,917	€4,609
Cooraclare	466	803	€1,269
Ennistymon	1,993	3,436	€5,429
Feakle	1,753	3,022	€4,776
Kilmaley	4,168	7,185	€11,353
Kilmihil	6,351	10,947	€17,298
Kilmurry/Ibrickane	3,053	5,263	€8,316
Naomh Eoin	2,431	4,190	€6,620
O' Curry's	763	1,315	€2,077
Ogonnoloe	2,534	4,368	€6,902
Ruan	722	1,244	€1,966
St. Breckans	2,115	3,645	€5,759
St. Joseph's/Doora Barefield	5,905	10,179	€16,085
St. Joseph's/Miltown Malbay	4,197	7,235	€11,432
Shannon Gaels	2,537	4,374	€6,911
Sixmilebridge	1,975	3,404	€5,379
Tulla	1,369	2,359	€3,728

<b>WATERFORD (Port Láirge)</b>			
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Clashmore/Kinsalebeg	8,794	5,863	€14,656
Abbeyside/Ballinacourty	4,531	7,810	€12,340
Ardmore (St. Declan's)	638	1,099	€1,737
Ballygunner	2,258	3,893	€6,151
Brickey Rangers	634	1,093	€1,726
Clashmore/Kinsalebeg	976	1,683	€2,659
De La Salle	2,027	3,495	€5,522
Erins Own	483	832	€1,315
Ferrybank	421	726	€1,147
Gaultier	1,640	2,827	€4,467
Michael McGrath (Tramore)	1,579	2,721	€4,299
Mount Sion	1,907	3,288	€5,195
St. Mollerans	705	1,215	€1,921

<b>KERRY (Ciarraí)</b>			
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Beaufort	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Firies	10,000	6,000	€16,000
John Mitchels	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Na Gaeil	10,000	6,000	€16,000
St. Marys, Caherciveen	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Templenoe	10,000	6,000	€16,000
St. Michael's College	5,000		€5,000
Knockanure NS	1,845		€1,845
Abbeydorney	1,750	3,017	€4,767
Austin Stacks	743	1,280	€2,023
Ballymacelligot	4,508	7,771	€12,280
Castlegregory	232	400	€632
Castleisland Desmonds	7,537	12,992	€20,529
Clonmacon	937	1,614	€2,551
Cromane	484	835	€1,319
Crotto O' Neills	2,329	4,015	€6,344
Currow	1,520	2,620	€4,139
Derrynane	563	970	€1,533
Dr. Crokes	9,081	5,686	€14,767
Dromid Pearses	857	1,478	€2,335
Foilmore	1,196	2,061	€3,257
Fossa	242	417	€659
Glenbeigh/Glencar	2,231	3,846	€6,078
John Mitchels	5,620	9,687	€15,306
Kenmare	2,900	4,998	€7,898
Kerins O' Rahillys	1,448	2,496	€3,944
Kilcummin	2,153	3,711	€5,865
Laune Rangers	3,079	5,308	€8,387
Legion	2,104	3,628	€5,732
Listry	1,447	2,495	€3,942
Miltown/Castlemaine	767	1,323	€2,090
Rennard	598	1,030	€1,628
St. Marys, Caherciveen	4,272	7,364	€11,636
Scartaglen	588	1,013	€1,601
Skellig Rangers	744	1,283	€2,027
Spa	1,811	3,122	€4,934
Tarbert	1,443	2,487	€3,929



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### Physical Development Grants paid in 2010

<b>CORK (Corcaigh)</b>			
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Kilmichael	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Kiskeam	9,955	6,000	€15,955
Youghal	12,500	-	€12,500
Scoil Christ tSeáin	4,360		€4,360
Aghabullogue	1,814	3,127	€4,941
Fermoy	5,949	10,255	€16,204
Aghada	3,098	5,339	€8,437
Ballinacurra	888	1,530	€2,418
Ballincollig	1,679	2,893	€4,572
Ballinhassig	2,056	3,544	€5,600
Ballydesmond	487	840	€1,327
Ballygarvan	2,519	4,343	€6,862
Ballygiblin	423	729	€1,151
Ballyhea	1,332	2,296	€3,627
Bandon	4,990	8,602	€13,592
Belgooly	1,843	3,177	€5,020
Bishopstown	790	1,362	€2,152
Blarney	1,885	3,249	€5,133
Boherbue	1,097	1,891	€2,989
Carbery Rangers	781	1,346	€2,127
Carrigaline	2,749	4,739	€7,488
Carrigtwohill	1,149	1,980	€3,129
Castlehaven	748	1,289	€2,038
Castlelyons	2,889	4,979	€7,868
Charleville	10,000	17,319	€27,319
Cobh	394	678	€1,072
Cloughduv	2,430	4,189	€6,619
Clonakilty	3,760	6,481	€10,240
Courcey Rovers	141	243	€385
Crosshaven	572	986	€1,558
Dohenys	2,183	3,764	€5,947
Doneraile	9,138	15,751	€24,888
Donoughmore	443	763	€1,206

<b>CORK (Corcaigh)</b>			
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Eire Óg	974	1,679	€2,654
Erins Own	4,831	8,328	€13,160
Gleann na Laoi	2,937	5,063	€8,000
Inniscarra	2,650	4,568	€7,218
Ilen Rovers	1,521	2,622	€4,143
Kanturk	449	773	€1,222
Killavullen	484	834	€1,317
Kilmeen/Kilbree	457	788	€1,246
Killeagh	5,295	9,127	€14,423
Kilmurry	738	1,273	€2,011
Kilshannig	1,969	3,394	€5,363
Kilworth	1,527	2,633	€4,160
Kiskeam	403	694	€1,096
Knocknagree	2,342	4,036	€6,378
Liscarroll	704	1,213	€1,916
Lisgould	278	480	€758
Macroom	1,164	2,007	€3,171
Mallow	955	1,646	€2,601
Naomh Aban	3,981	6,862	€10,842
Na Piarasigh	10,000	20,000	€30,000
Newcestown	6,175	10,645	€16,820
Newmarket	210	363	€573
O' Donovan Rossa	2,863	4,935	€7,799
Passage West	785	1,353	€2,138
Rockchapel	747	1,288	€2,034
St. Catherines	1,617	2,787	€4,404
St. Finbarrs	2,505	4,317	€6,822
St. Michaels	1,279	2,205	€3,484
Seandun Division	2,816	4,854	€7,670
Shamrocks	1,552	2,676	€4,228
Valley Rovers	227	392	€619
Watergrasshill	2,653	4,574	€7,227



## Financial Overview 2010

### Physical Development Grants paid in 2010

LIMERICK (Luimneach)			
CLUB	MC	AC	TOTAL
Banogue	5,700	3,800	€9,500
Athea	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Ballinacurra Gaels	9,504	6,000	€15,504
Glenroe	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Kildimo	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Askeaton	1,026	1,768	€2,793
Ballinacurra Gaels	667	1,150	€1,817
Ballybrown	843	1,454	€2,297
Banogue	881	1,519	€2,401
Castletown/Ballyagran	331	571	€903
Doon	2,185	3,767	€5,952
Feenagh/Kilmeedy	1,369	2,359	€3,728
Galbally	613	1,056	€1,669
Galtee Gaels	673	1,160	€1,832
Garryspillane	3,623	6,245	€9,868
Gerald Griffins	1,023	1,764	€2,788
Kildimo	760	1,310	€2,071
Kileedy	1,174	2,024	€3,198
Monaleen	1,110	1,914	€3,024
Mountcollins	4,418	7,615	€12,033
Mungret	2,371	4,087	€6,458
Murroe-Boher	508	876	€1,384
Newcastle West	7,068	12,183	€19,251
Pallaskenry	457	788	€1,246
St. Mary's/Rathkeale	1,094	1,886	€2,980
St. Patrick's	10,000	20,000	€30,000
South Liberties	3,365	5,800	€9,165
Tournafula	4,629	7,979	€12,609

TIPPERARY (Tiobraid Árann)			
CLUB	MC	AC	TOTAL
TIPPERARY			
Kildangan	10,000	5,000	€15,000
Kilsheelan/Kilcash	7,500	5,000	€12,500
Lattin/Cullen	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Loughmore/Castleiney	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Moneygall	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Sean Treacys	10,000	6,000	€16,000
St. Mary's Clonmel	10,000	6,000	€16,000
Mount Buis NS	2,400		€2,400
Ballina	1,720	2,966	€4,686
Ballybacon Grange	1,012	1,744	€2,756
Ballylooby Castlegrace	1,603	2,763	€4,365
Boherlahan/Dualla	1,343	2,315	€3,659
Carrick Davins	6,537	11,268	€17,806
Clonmel Commercials	1,830	3,154	€4,984
Durlas Óg	2,937	5,063	€8,000
Galtee Rovers St Pecaun	956	1,649	€2,605
Golden/Kilfeacle	941	1,623	€2,564
Holycross-Ballycahill	2,079	3,584	€5,664
J. K Brackens	2,540	4,378	€6,917
Killruane	2,700	4,654	€7,354
Kilsheelan/Kilcash	1,354	1,354	€2,709
Knockshegowna	506	873	€1,379
Moyle Rovers	10,000	20,000	€30,000
Moyne/Templetouhy	6,309	10,874	€17,183
Newcastle	2,587	4,459	€7,045
Portroe	2,234	3,851	€6,084
Rockwell Rovers	3,582	6,175	€9,757
Silvermines	2,279	3,928	€6,207
St. Mary's Clonmel	714	1,231	€1,944
Templederry Kenyons	2,748	4,737	€7,486
Thurles Gaels (KRF)	2,214	3,816	€6,030
Toomevara	1,309	2,256	€3,564
Upperchurch	1,502	2,589	€4,091



**NÓTA:** A list of the Pitch Sanding grants paid in 2010 can be found in the Coaching and Games Development Sub-Committee Report.

Left: Action from Meelin v St. Patrick's in the 2010 Munster Junior Club Hurling Final which was played in Mallow.



# Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2010

## Independent auditors' report to the officers of Comhairle na Mumhan, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

We have audited the financial statements on pages 44 to 49 of this Annual Report. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies on page 47.

### Respective responsibilities of Council officers and auditors

The Council officers' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) are set out in the Statement of Council Officers' Responsibilities as set out in note 12 of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Council officers as a body and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. We state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Council officers in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of its income and expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Generally Accepted Practice in Ireland.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Council. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
Limerick

7 February 2011



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## Financial Statements

<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - Year ended 31 December 2010</b>			
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
		€	€
<b>Income</b>			
Gate receipts		4,778,179	4,900,372
Commercial income		679,375	647,105
Central Council funding		2,726,928	1,854,772
Financial income		117,129	153,107
Other income		34,478	70,319
Contra income		69,790	2,128,924
<b>Total income</b>		<u>8,405,879</u>	<u>9,754,599</u>
<b>Direct costs</b>			
Match day costs		1,374,398	1,393,094
Competition costs		68,316	53,400
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,442,714</u>	<u>1,446,494</u>
		<u>6,923,165</u>	<u>8,308,105</u>
<b>Indirect costs</b>			
Team costs		240,036	283,656
Games development		2,014,708	1,264,789
Player welfare		349,114	361,001
Administration costs		634,730	623,970
Other costs		27,063	82,187
Contra costs		69,790	2,128,924
		<u>3,335,441</u>	<u>4,744,527</u>
<b>Operating surplus on ordinary activities</b>			
Impairment of fixed assets		(111,000)	(84,000)
<b>Surplus before funding activities</b>	2	<u>3,516,724</u>	<u>3,479,578</u>
<b>Funding activities</b>			
Operating grants		584,404	507,782
Capital grants		1,738,226	2,387,438
		<u>2,322,630</u>	<u>2,895,220</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	10	<u>1,194,094</u>	<u>584,358</u>
<b>Distribution of surplus</b>			
Transfer to development fund	10	700,000	-
Transfer to revenue reserves	10	494,094	584,358
		<u>1,194,094</u>	<u>584,358</u>

Income and operating loss arose solely from continuing operations. There were no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the income and expenditure accounts.

**On behalf of the Council:** Chairman: SEÁN BREATHNACH Secretary: PÁDRAIG MAC GEARAILT Treasurer: MICHEÁL DE PAOR



## Financial Statements

<b>BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2010</b>			
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
		€	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	1,294,656	720,946
Financial assets	5	635	635
		1,295,291	721,581
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock		1,750	1,750
Debtors	6	978,841	585,851
Loans	7	226,148	266,618
Loans and deposits scheme - Croke Park		7,358,244	7,249,502
Cash at bank		892,802	1,695,036
Cash on hands		-	10,005
		9,457,785	9,808,762
<b>Creditors - amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(1,445,262)	(2,383,783)
<b>Net current assets</b>		8,012,523	7,424,979
<b>Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	9	-	(32,840)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		9,307,814	8,113,720
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Revenue account	10	8,007,814	7,513,720
Development fund	10	1,300,000	600,000
<b>Total reserves</b>		9,307,814	8,113,720



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<b>BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2010</b>				
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	
		€	€	
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	(a)	<u>290,318</u>	<u>(293,264)</u>	
<b>Return on investments and servicing of finance</b>	(b)	<u>117,129</u>	<u>141,219</u>	
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>	(c)	<u>(718,549)</u>	<u>101,756</u>	
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash balances</b>		<u>(311,102)</u>	<u>(50,289)</u>	
<b>(a) Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Operating profit		3,627,724	3,563,578	
Profit on disposal of investments		-	(11,887)	
Interest on deposit and loan scheme		(114,312)	(138,838)	
Deposit interest		(2,817)	(2,381)	
Depreciation charges		33,839	35,156	
Operating grants and donations		(584,404)	(507,782)	
Capital grants		(1,738,226)	(2,387,438)	
(Increase) in debtors		(392,990)	(219,674)	
Decrease/(increase) in loans		40,470	(111,253)	
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		<u>(578,966)</u>	<u>(512,745)</u>	
		<u>290,318</u>	<u>(293,264)</u>	
<b>(b) Return on investments and servicing of finance</b>				
Interest on deposit and loan scheme		114,312	138,838	
Deposit interest		<u>2,817</u>	<u>2,381</u>	
		<u>117,129</u>	<u>141,219</u>	
<b>(c) Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>				
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(718,549)	(5,361)	
Receipts from sale of investments		-	107,117	
		<u>(718,549)</u>	<u>101,756</u>	
<b>(d) Analysis of changes in net cash</b>				
	Cash and bank overdraft	Loans and deposit scheme Croke Park	Total	
	€	€	€	
Balance at 1 January	1,312,646	7,249,502	8,562,148	
(Decrease)/increase in cash	<u>(419,844)</u>	<u>108,742</u>	<u>(311,102)</u>	
Balance at 31 December	<u>892,802</u>	<u>7,358,244</u>	<u>8,251,046</u>	



## Financial Statements

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 1. Accounting policies

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Council are as follows:

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland. Accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements are presented in euro.

##### Historical cost convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### Income and expenditure

Income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Income from gate receipts is recorded net of commission incurred in earning this income.

##### Tangible assets

Tangible assets other than land are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation adjusted for any permanent diminution in value.

Depreciation is calculated in order to write off the cost of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives.

Rates used by reference to which depreciation has been calculated are as follows:

Office equipment	20% reducing balance
Buildings	2% reducing balance
Trophies	Nil

The cost of fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

##### Financial assets and investments

Financial fixed assets and investments are stated at cost. Provision is made, where necessary, for any permanent diminution in value.

##### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable represents expected sales proceeds net of selling costs.

#### 2. Operating surplus before funding activities is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2010	2009
	€	€
Wages and salaries	442,194	460,853
Social welfare costs	45,249	47,158
Staff costs	487,443	508,011
Depreciation	33,839	35,156
Impairment of fixed assets	111,000	84,000

#### 3. Employee information

The average number of persons employed by the Council during the year was 11 (2009: 11).



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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

#### 4. Tangible assets

	Land	Construction In progress	Premises	Office equipment	Ticket van	Trophies	TOTAL
<b>Cost</b>	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 January 2010	-	-	975,074	95,778	-	4,676	1,075,528
Additions	543,000	145,544	-	1,364	28,640	-	718,548
At 31 December 2010	543,000	145,544	975,074	97,142	28,640	4,676	1,794,076
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>							
At 1 January 2010	-	-	275,074	79,508	-	-	354,582
Charge for year	-	-	14,000	12,503	7,335	-	33,838
Accelerated depreciation	-	-	111,000	-	-	-	111,000
At 31 December 2010	-	-	400,074	92,011	7,335	-	499,420
<b>Net book value</b>							
At 31 Dec. 2010	543,000	145,544	575,000	5,131	21,305	4,676	1,294,656
At 1 January 2010	-	-	700,000	16,270	-	4,676	720,946

The premises was valued at €575,000 on 25 January 2011 at open market value by John Stapleton & Co Limited, IAVI Auctioneers, Valuers & Property Managers, Mungret Street, Limerick. The Council considers that there is a permanent impairment in value and have provided accelerated depreciation to write down the premises to the open market value.

#### 5. Financial fixed assets

	2010	2009
GAA credit scheme	€635	€635

#### 6. Debtors

	2010	2009
Debtors	€978,841	€585,851

#### 7. Loans

	2010	2009
	€	€
Croke Park Loan Fund	150,000	150,000
McDonagh Park, Nenagh	-	8,000
Fitzgerald Stadium, Kerry	76,148	101,548
South Tipperary GAA Board	-	7,070
	<u>226,148</u>	<u>266,618</u>
Loans due within one year	25,400	39,470
Loans due after more than one year	<u>200,748</u>	<u>227,148</u>
	<u>226,148</u>	<u>266,618</u>



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### 8. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2010	2009
Bank overdraft	-	€392,395
Creditors and accruals	€1,412,422	€1,944,748
Term tickets	€32,840	€46,640
	<u>€1,445,262</u>	<u>€2,383,783</u>

### 9. Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

	2010	2009
Term tickets	-	€32,840

### 10. Movement on reserves

	Dev. Fund	Revenue A/C	TOTAL
Balance at 1 January	€600,000	€7,513,720	€8,113,720
Surplus for year	-	€1,194,094	€1,194,094
Balance at 31 Dec.	€600,000	€8,707,814	€9,307,814

### 11. Taxation status

The Comhairle na Mumhan is exempt from taxation under Section 235 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

### 12. Council Officers responsibilities

The Council's officers are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

The Council's officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the income and expenditure of the Council for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Council's Officers' are required to:

- ◆ Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that Comhairle na Mumhan, Cumann Lúthcleas Gael will continue in operational existence.

The Council's officers confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Council's officers are responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### 13. Related party transactions

The following amounts were received from other affiliated bodies of the Gaelic Athletic Association:

	2010	2009
Central Council GAA	€2,726,928	€1,854,772

Payments and charges to officers of the Board during the year amounted to €151,221 (2009: €235,665).

An amount of €6,510 (2009: €6,093) was paid to Castlesigns Limited for signage.

A director and shareholder of Castlesigns Limited is a county delegate to the Council.

### 14. Capital commitments

The Munster Council has approved capital expenditure, in respect of its new headquarters in the amount of €2,800,000.

The capital expenditure has been authorised by the board but not contracted for.

### 15. Events since balance sheet date

There were no events since the balance sheet date that have an effect on the results as at 31 December 2010.

### 16. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 3 February 2011.



## Financial Statements

### Detailed Accounts Schedules - Not forming part of the Financial Statements

<b>REVENUE - Year ended 31 December 2010</b>			
	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
		€	€
<b>Revenue</b>			
Gate receipts	1	4,778,179	4,900,372
Commercial revenue	2	679,375	647,105
Central Council funding	3	2,726,928	1,854,772
Financial income		117,129	153,107
Other income	4	34,478	70,319
Contra income	5	69,790	2,128,924
		<u>8,405,879</u>	<u>9,754,599</u>
<b>Direct costs</b>			
Match day costs	6	1,374,398	1,393,094
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<b>Operating surplus on ordinary activities</b>		3,627,724	3,563,578
Impairment of fixed asset		<u>(111,000)</u>	<u>(84,000)</u>
<b>Operating surplus before funding activities</b>		<u>3,516,724</u>	<u>3,479,578</u>
<b>Funding activities</b>			
Operating grants payable	13	584,404	507,782
Capital grants payable		1,738,226	2,387,438
		<u>2,322,630</u>	<u>2,895,220</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<u>1,194,094</u>	<u>584,358</u>
<b>Distribution of surplus</b>			
Transfer to revenue reserves		1,194,094	584,358
		<u>1,194,094</u>	<u>584,358</u>



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### 1. Gate receipts

	2010	2009
Senior hurling championship	€2,404,245	€2,809,220
Senior football championship	€1,593,502	€1,439,388
Senior club championships	€123,995	€142,857
Waterford Crystal cup and McGrath cup	€48,683	€43,941
U21 championships	€228,005	€186,333
Minor championships	€139,535	€106,032
Other competitions	€153,574	€125,961
Term tickets amortised	€86,640	€46,640
	<u>€4,778,179</u>	<u>€4,900,372</u>

### 2. Commercial revenue

	2010	2009
Media coverage	€350,000	€300,000
Championship sponsorships	€250,000	€250,000
Other commercial revenue	€79,375	€97,105
	<u>€679,375</u>	<u>€647,105</u>

### 3. Central Council funding

	2010	2009
Club and urban development grants	€1,010,000	€771,805
Third level bursaries	€24,000	€12,000
Games development including hurling and football development grants	€1,692,928	€1,070,967
	<u>€2,726,928</u>	<u>€1,854,772</u>

### 4. Other income

	2010	2009
Affiliation fees	€1,343	€1,284
Tournament fees	€640	€490
Fines	€6,900	€2,300
Appeals	€900	€100
Coaching conference income	€6,050	-
Signage grant	€17,500	-
Signage income	-	€56,156
Ticketmaster revenue share	-	€8,862
Scor income	€255	-
Donations and other income	€890	€1,127
	<u>€34,478</u>	<u>€70,319</u>

### 5. Contra income

	2010	2009
County players injury scheme	€600	€2,061,734
Central Council games/ticket sales	€69,190	€67,190
	<u>€69,790</u>	<u>€2,128,924</u>

### 6. Match day costs

	2010	2009
Venue rental and expenses	€1,129,478	€1,123,399
Match officials	€38,675	€54,660
Security	€183,598	€184,421
Ticketing costs	€22,647	€30,614
	<u>€1,374,398</u>	<u>€1,393,094</u>



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### 7. Competition costs

	2010	2009
Medals and trophies	€68,316	€53,400

### 8. Games development

	2010	2009
Personnel	€1,860,186	€1,075,328
Hurling and football projects	€38,685	€79,412
Coaching courses	€27,356	€6,942
Other development projects	€88,481	-
VHI Cúl camps	-	€103,107
	<u>€2,014,708</u>	<u>€1,264,789</u>

### 9. Player welfare

	2010	2009
Players injury scheme	€282,714	€290,501
Third level bursaries	€66,400	€70,500
	<u>€349,114</u>	<u>€361,001</u>

### 10. Administration costs

	2010	2009
Salaries and pensions	€290,012	€292,464
Rates and insurance	€18,028	€17,526
Depreciation	€33,839	€35,156
Professional fees	€20,012	€16,940
Conference and travel	€215,205	€204,526
Office administration and sundry	€49,812	€52,707
Financial costs	€7,822	€4,651
	<u>€634,730</u>	<u>€623,970</u>

### 11. Other costs

	2010	2009
Scor expenses	€11,990	€4,603
Affiliation fees	€1,464	€2,000
125 Year Celebrations	€9,564	€51,396
Club Voice Day	€4,045	€24,056
Sundry	-	€132
	<u>€27,063</u>	<u>€82,187</u>

### 12. Contra costs

	2010	2009
County Public & Employers Liability insurance	€600	-
County players injury scheme	-	€2,061,734
All-Ireland Series tickets	€69,190	€67,190
	<u>€69,790</u>	<u>€2,128,924</u>

### 13. Operating grants payable

	2010	2009
All-Ireland finalists grants	€40,000	€60,000
Munster finalist grants	€178,280	€158,380
Gaeltacht scholarships	€27,440	€30,030
Special grants	€61,900	€41,720
Grants to sub bodies	€234,552	€168,904
Post Primary Schools development	€42,232	€48,748
	<u>€584,404</u>	<u>€507,782</u>

# Club & County Support Committee

## Committee Members

### Cathaoirleach:

Eamon Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)

### Runáí:

Éibhear Ó Déaghaidh (Luimneach)

### Council Representative:

Bernie Uí Rinn (Ciarraí)

### Coiste:

Sean Ó Fáil (An Clár)

Gearóid Ó Gealbháin (Ciarraí)

Séamus Ó Murchú (Corcaigh)

Liam Ó Suilleabháin (Luimneach)

Brendán Ó Toibin (Port Láirge)

Michaél de Burca (Tiobraid Árann)

Diarmuid Mac Gabhann (ASAP) (Corcaigh)

## Committee Terms of Reference

### Committee & Officers

1. To provide support for Co. Development Officers and County Development committees.
2. To provide a two-way link with the National Committee.
3. To Liaise with Games Managers at Provincial level.
4. To liaise with all Provincial Committees and sub-committees.

5. Make advice material available to clubs through website.
6. Develop and provide a Club Development Course and make available to Third Level Colleges

### Information Technology

7. Work with other subcommittees to sign up at least 50% of clubs on online membership registration system by end of 2011. Complete programme delivery by 2012.

### Club Planning / Officer Training

8. To contribute to the development, delivery and coordination of the Comhairle Programme for all County Officers and Clubs and Club Officers within the Province.
9. Pilot Club Planning Programme in all counties.
10. Develop a template to assist Clubs evaluate their current position.
11. Identify and train Club Development Facilitators in all counties.
12. In conjunction with Croke Park develop feedback process for National Volunteer Forum.
13. Assist in rolling out of Planning Guidelines in every club.
14. By the end of 2011 have a five year

Club Plan in place in 50% of clubs covering all areas of activity.

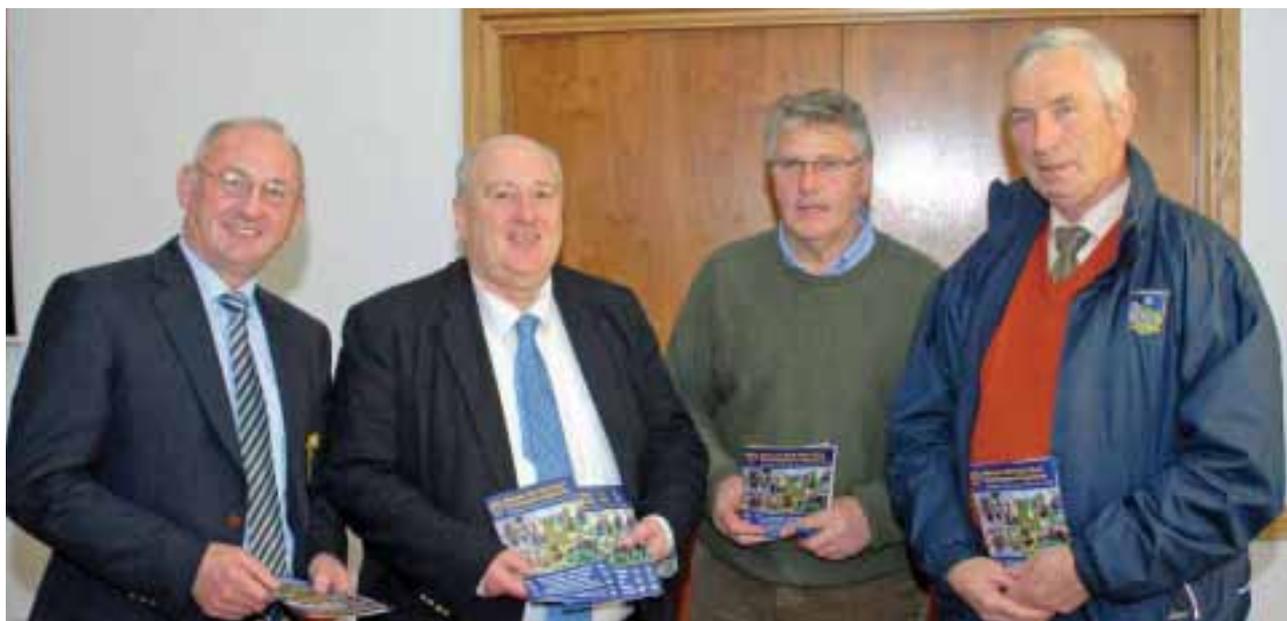
15. Club Officer training programme in place in all counties for all officer roles by January 2011.
16. In conjunction with Croke Park have 50% of club and County Officers trained in inclusion.
17. Assist in roll out of Club Maith programme in all clubs in conjunction with County Development Officers by 2011.

### ASAP

18. Assist in the roll out of Alcohol and Substance Abuse policy in all clubs.

### Volunteerism

19. Pilot Club Volunteer Recruitment Toolkit in conjunction with Croke Park in 2011.
- 20) In conjunction with Croke Park hold pilot workshop "attracting and retaining the best" in all counties.
- 21) Organise seminar on Volunteerism in 2011: Pilot "One Year Volunteer commitment Scheme" in all counties in conjunction with Croke Park with 50% of clubs participating in 2011. Make Promotional package available in all counties.



At the launch of the Child Club Development Programme: John O'Sullivan (Clare), Michael Power (Munster Council Treasurer), John Landers (Chairman Organising Committee) and Oliver Mann (Limerick Delegate Munster Council).



## Club and County Support Committee

### Current Work Plan

Our first task was to meet the committee and discuss the responsibilities already assigned to the Development Officers in each county. We then worked with them to ensure they got a County Development Committee up and running in each county to help spread their workload.

Through our Chairman Eamon O'Sullivan we provided an update at each meeting for the committee members on what was happening at National Committee level.

We provided guidance and support to each of the Counties on issues such as:

- Club Trustees
- The new Online Registration System
- Club Activity Checklist
- Insurance
- Membership Cards
- Club Planning

A huge amount of this committee's workload revolves around delivering facilitated programmes in counties and clubs, therefore a key priority of ours for the last 12 months has been to get a team of newly trained facilitators in each county.

A total of 31 people from the six counties in Munster completed the new facilitator training programme in September. These facilitators have begun working on the new Club Planning Programme in Clubs and they will also help facilitate the Club Officer Training Programme in counties this February.

It is important that we get these people working in clubs over the coming months and where necessary we will be offering training to those counties that require more facilitators to help deliver their targets.

Through the work of our committee, the updates from the National Committee, the work of other Provincial Committees and the County Development Committees we are confident that we have addressed all the relevant issues and we will continue to further enhance this support to Counties and Clubs during the coming year.



Meelin (Cork) - Munster Junior Club Hurling Champions 2010

### Proposed Work Plan for next 12 Months

- ◆ Complete Club Officer training in each county by March 2011: Course will be offered to all Club Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers and PROs.
- ◆ Get new Club Planning programme offered to all clubs in each county: complete the programme in 20% of clubs in each county by the end of 2011.
- ◆ Provide extra facilitator training to Counties who require this.
- ◆ Provide a link to the workings of the National Committee through our Chairman Eamon O'Sullivan.
- ◆ Organise a seminar on Volunteerism.
- ◆ Establish a committee to develop and make available a Club Development Course to Third Level Colleges.
- ◆ Work to meet the targets as set out in the Provincial Strategic Plan.

### Acknowledgements

On behalf of Eamon O'Sullivan and myself I would like to thank all our committee

members for their commitment to the programme of work over the past 12 months. I would in particular like to thank the Council Officers for their support and also to Nuala and Kathleen in the office for all their assistance.

### Meetings Held

29/3/10	Comhairle na Mumhan 9 attended
24/5/10	Kilmurry Lodge 8 attended
2/7/10	Comhairle na Mumhan Officers met Council Officers
27/7/10	Portlaoise Officers met Croke Park on training
11/9/10	Croke Park Facilitator Training
27/10/10	Kilmurry Lodge 8 attended
13/1/11	Comhairle na Mumhan 9 attended

Mise le meas,

**Éibhear Ó Déagaidh**  
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# Coaching and Games Development Sub-Committee

Is mór an chúis áthais dom an tuarascáil seo ar bhliain an ghnóthach a chur os bhur gcomhair:

## Committee and Meetings:

The members of the committee for the past year were as follows:

Seán Breathnach (Cathaoirleach),  
 Seán De Laoindre (Leas-Cathaoirleach),  
 Padraig Ó Se (Rúnaí),  
 Seosamh Mac Artain (Bainisteoir na gCluichí),  
 Michéal Mac Cárthaigh (Ciarraí),  
 Pádraig Mac Gráinne (Port Láirge),  
 Nicolás Ó Maoronagh (Tiobraid Árann),  
 Donnacha Ó Ceochain (Corcaigh),  
 Eamon Ó Fionnasa (An Clár),  
 Gearóid Mac Philib (Luimneach),  
 An Br Dormer (Bunscoileanna),  
 Dónal Ó Caoimh (Coláistí),  
 Liam de Róiste (Liathróid Láimhe),  
 William Harmon (Peil Gael na mBan) agus  
 Deirdre Ní Murchú (Camoige).

## Summary of Responsibilities

The Munster Coaching & Games Development Committee shall implement the Association's plans to maximise playing numbers, increase playing standards and ensure that the Association's games are sufficiently competitive and enjoyable for all who want to participate

## Terms of Reference

1. Overseeing the implementation of the GAA Grassroots to National Programme (GNP). In this context, it will have specific responsibility for the following:
  - a. Ensuring the Games Development Plans are prepared by County Games Development Committees
  - b. Monitoring the implementation of these plans and evaluate their effectiveness in terms of maximising participation, optimising playing standards and ensuring value for money
2. We will ensure that (in line with the National Games Development Player Pathway) the development of our games remains a key objective of the Council. We aim to provide every player in the province with the opportunity to play meaningful games in a safe and enjoyable environment.
3. To ensure that the seven key strategic objectives are implemented consistently through all units of the Association in 20011.
4. Work in developing key national objectives linked to merit based funding throughout the Association for the following years.
5. Continued development of a holistic education programme for tutors and coaches for all codes within the Association by 2012.
6. We will take into account the ever increasing urbanisation and rural depopulation issues affecting our units, and ensure that all of our units adjust to meet these challenges.
7. The Games Development activity in the province will be delivered via an annual detailed Games Development Plan in each of the counties. The execution of these plans will be the responsibility of the County Coaching and Games Development Committee/County Coaching Officer and Games Development Team in each county under the management of the County Games Development Manager:
8. The delivery of Go Games Programmes in the Primary Schools and clubs of the province.
9. The delivery of Super Touch Programmes in the Post Primary Schools and Clubs of the province.
10. The implementation of the U Can Awards in Primary Schools in the province.
11. Promoting and delivering GAA Cúl Camps in all clubs
12. The delivery of Schools of Excellence and Development Squad Programmes in every region of the province
13. Rolling out the new GAA Coach Education System and achieving Coach Education Targets for Foundation and Award 1 Levels at both club and school levels
14. Introducing, in consultation with the National Coaching and Games Development Committee, new personnel structures, suited to the needs of the province
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16. Setting up representative groups to oversee underage games programmes in each county
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24. Piloting initiatives to develop hurling and football in weaker areas
25. Ensuring that there is accountability and full responsibility for all areas within the games development budget
26. Oversee the implementation of the Care for All Foundation
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29. Organisation of regular meetings with County Games Managers and Games Development Administrators other representatives from Third Level Colleges, to review games development, competitions and other relevant matters within the sector
30. Prepare a summary report on its activities for inclusion in the annual Convention Booklet.
31. Organise and oversee the running of the Munster Club Child Development Programme.

### Current Work Plan

During the year the committee met on eight occasions and was responsible for overseeing the following busy schedule of activities.

### Post Primary Schools Football Project

This project, which was initiated by the football development committee, was organised in the following four counties in 2010: Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford. The project involved coaches visiting three post primary schools and providing key coaching inputs for students. The purpose of the project was to increase awareness and improve the standard of Gaelic Football. This we feel was achieved. The counties involved are very happy with the progress to date. One contributing factor to the success of the project is the excellent calibre of coaches involved. For the project to develop all stake holders (School, Clubs and Co Boards) must continue to support the initiative.

### Croke Park Activity Days

As in previous years the province has been fortunate to be allocated two activity days in Croke Park. The Munster Coaching & Games Development Committee decided that each underage club should at some stage get the opportunity to play on the hallowed ground. We have decided to concentrate on Under 12 players.

This year 48 clubs from around the province travelled to Croke Park to participate in mini blitzes. In addition to playing on the field all clubs received a tour of the Croke Park Museum. Many photos and fond memories with tears and smiles from adults and children alike made for a wonderful occasion. In all 960 children, 48 young



Action between Paul Geaney (Kerry) and Barry Duggan (Clare) in the 2011 McGrath Cup Final at Dr. Croke's grounds Killarney.

whistlers and 144 coaches availed of the experience. The feedback directly and indirectly was very positive. The local papers were filled with articles and team photos with the Hogan Stand in the background. A big thank you to all who helped make the day a memorable one especially the County Games Managers, Joe Redington and the two Provincial Hurling Administrators. It is hoped in 2011 to continue this initiative as well as running a similar initiative in some of the major stadia we have in the province.

### Underage Inter County Blitzes

Responsibility for all underage inter county and inter divisional competitions rests with the Provincial Coaching and Games Development Committee. With the exception of the Under 16 Inter Divisional Hurling Championship all such tournaments are organised by different County or Divisional Committees within the Province. The following is a list of Underage Competitions with the host county in 2010.

<b>HURLING</b>	<b>HOST</b>
Under 14	Waterford
Under 15	Carrigdown
Under 16	Tipperary
Under 17	Cork
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<b>HOST</b>
Under 14	Waterford
Under 15	Cork
Under 16	Limerick
Under 17	Munster

All hurling competitions as agreed were played on the same day of August 28th. All football competitions were played on July 17th except for the Under 17 competition which ran on four consecutive Monday nights in October. Playing all competitions on the same date had minimal disruption on internal county fixture programmes. It also ensured that all players were playing in the correct age group.

A special word of thanks to Kevin Walsh and his panel of referees for their help and cooperation and for making the running of the competitions so much easier.

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### VHI G.A.A. Cúl Camps

The fourth year of National Summer Camps resulted in an increase of 2078 from the previous year in our numbers and the provision of an even better service. A special word of thanks to our County

Co-ordinators and the vast number of Club Co-ordinators who made the camps such a success.

In addition to the local visits the Officers of Munster Coaching and Games Development Committee visited a number of camps in each county and reported positively on their observations. While we increased our numbers again in 2010, I feel that we are closely reaching saturation point

and would discourage setting targets that may be unattainable (particularly in the present economic climate).

The following are the attendance number for the Munster VHI Cúl Camps in 2009 and 2010.

#### MUNSTER VHI CÚL CAMPS

Contae	Att. 2009	Att. 2010
An Clár	3147	3055
Corcaigh	8100	9400
Ciarraí	3704	4030
Luimneach	2993	2798
Port Láirge	2590	2479
Tiobraid Árann	4100	4950
<b>iomlán</b>	<b>24,634</b>	<b>26,712</b>

It was indeed a tremendous achievement to increase our numbers in the province again this year especially in light of the current economic climate. With numbers attending Cúl Camps declining in all other provinces it was heartening from a Munster perspective to see the increase. The increase we feel is a direct result of the fantastic work and promotion that the GDAs and CGDM have done on the ground in counties.

The success of the camps in Munster on a national scale resulted in a dividend of €106,958 accruing to the Province.

This will be distributed to the counties (only to be used on Coaching and Games Development Projects) as follows:

Proposed Allocation of 2010 Munster Summer Camp Dividend (€106,958)							
Contae	Clare	Cork	Kerry	Limerick	Tipperary	Waterford	Total
<b>Lump Sum</b>	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€60,000
<b>Per Capita</b>	€5,493	€16,525	€7,231	€5,031	€8,220	€4,457	€46,958
<b>Total</b>	€15,493	€26,525	€17,231	€15,031	€18,220	€14,457	€106,958



Bord Gáis Energy Munster GAA Awards winners 2010



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### Munster Under 17 Football Competition

To provide counties with the opportunity to prepare for the 2011 Munster Minor Championship the football development committee organised and ran a special Under 17 Football competition for the following four counties Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford. The competition was run on Monday nights under floodlights during the month of October.

The purpose of the competition was to give the four counties involved a earlier opportunity to prepare their teams for the next years minor championship. Played on a round robin format all counties received four games. The feedback from all concerned was indeed very positive.

### Poc Fada na Mumhan

This year, Poc Fada Competition was again held in Thurles Racecourse on Saturday, July 11th. Munster Coaching and Games Development Committee took responsibility for organising the Senior and Under 16 Competitions.

With each county having run their own internal competitions during the month of June winners were sent forward to represent their county.

The senior competition covered a full length of the course plus two furlongs while the Under 16 and Camogie Competitions covered three quarters of the course. Donie Nealon acted as official judge for all competitions. A special word of thanks to the following:

- Donie Nealon from the National Committee for his advise and assistance at all times.
- The 12 young players from the Durlas Oig club who acted as markers for the Senior and Under 16 Competitions respectively.
- Our full time employees who travelled from the six counties.
- Tipperary Coaching and Games Development Committee (in particular Dinny Maher and Nicholas Moroney) for providing additional scorekeepers on the day
- Pierce Moloney (owner of Thurles Racecourse) for the generous use of his facilities.
- Martin Donnelly our sponsor and his representative Christy Ryan.

- All of the County Coaching Officers for their cooperation in running their own county competitions on time.
- Morgan Conroy and the Munster Camogie Personnel for their efficient running of their own competition

The results for 2010 were as follows:

#### Senior Men

Winner	Seamus Coffey	Cork
Runner Up	Brendan McNamara	Clare

#### Under 16

Winner	Seamus Barry	Waterford
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### Coach Education in Munster 2010

The members of our Coach Education Workgroup for 2010 were as follows:

Pat Moore (Port Láirge),  
 Joe Redington (Luimneach),  
 Tom Quealy (An Clár),  
 Brian Lotty (Corcaigh),  
 Pat Moroney (Tiobraid Árann),  
 Noel Hartigan (Limerick) and  
 Paudie Butler (National Hurling Director).

The committee had a busy schedule in 2010 in implementing the Coach Education Programme. We would like to congratulate John Landers who acted as Chairman of the National Committee for the delivery of the new program. The following is a summary of initiatives carried out by the committee this year.

### Training New Foundation Award Tutors

As part of the ongoing Tutor Training program 14 new Foundation Award Tutors were trained in Munster in 2010. The training course took place in Cork in Na Piarasigh GAA complex during February, March and April and completed in September. This brings the number of tutors in Munster trained to present Foundation Award Courses to 111. Joe Redington, Paudie Butler, Brian Lotty, Pat Moroney, Tomas Quealy, Noel Hartigan presented or facilitated parts of the course.

### Award 1 Assimilation

In January and February 2010, a total of 19 tutors completed the Award 1 Assimilation and are now trained to present the Award 1 Child, Youth and Adult Coaching Courses. The course was held in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and in Colaist Gobnaid, Ballyourney, Co. Cork. There are currently 78 Munster tutors trained to present Award 1 courses in Child, Youth and Adult Streams.



Gerald McKenna - recipient of the Distinguished Service to the GAA Award at the 2010 Bord Gáis Energy Munster GAA Awards.

Pat Moore, Joe Redington, Paudie Butler, Brian Lotty, Pat Moroney, Tomas Quealy, Noel Hartigan presented or facilitated parts of the course.

### Pilot Course

Munster hosted the Pilot Award 2 Adult Hurling Coaching Course in October and November 2010. It was held in Mallow GAA complex and in Mary Immaculate College. 13 coaches attended the course and will complete their assessment in Spring 2011. Paudie Butler, Noel Hartigan, Pat Moroney, Joe Redington, Brian Lotty and Pat Moore presented or facilitated parts of the course.

### Provincial Primary Teachers Courses

Two Primary Teacher Courses were held in Mary Immaculate College in July 2010 - one aimed at introductory level and the second course was aimed for teachers with coaching experience. The introductory course included online discussion page, information page and assessment logging. Introductory course participants received Foundation Award certification and the participants on the second course receive Award 1 Child certification. A big thank you to Richard Bowles for the organisation and delivery of the courses.

### Foundation Award Courses 2010

In 2010 a total of 137 Foundation Coaching Courses were presented in Munster with 1587 participants in Hurling courses and 1535 in Football Courses. There are now 3379 Foundation Award Hurling coaches and 3394 Foundation Award Football coaches registered in Munster. There were 20 Award 1 Courses in 2010 with 198 certified as Award 1 Hurling coaches and 200 certified as Award 1 Football Coaches. See the table overleaf for a county by county breakdown of the figures.



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	FOUNDATION						AWARD I					
	Courses		Hurling Coaches		Football Coaches		Courses		Hurling Coaches		Football Coaches	
	2010	Total	2010	Total	2010	Total	2010	Total	2010	Total	2010	Total
<b>Clare</b>	20	26	239	386	159	267	1	2	0	0	0	17
<b>Cork</b>	34	59	401	903	440	992	3	4	74	74	74	74
<b>Kerry</b>	20	48	58	73	223	553	2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Limerick</b>	25	54	278	880	267	763	6	7	40	66	42	42
<b>Tipperary</b>	20	33	346	574	240	363	11	11	84	84	84	84
<b>Waterford</b>	18	34	265	563	206	456	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1587</b>	<b>3379</b>	<b>1535</b>	<b>3394</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>217</b>

**Note:** These figures are subject to change as some courses in 2010 have not yet been verified.

### Munster Coaching Conferences

At the January meeting of the Munster Coaching and Games Development Committee it was agreed to alternate every second year between Provincial and County Coaching Conferences. In light of this decision Munster Coaching & Games Development Committee organised and ran very successful Coaching Conferences in Mallow GAA Club on Saturday March 27th. In total 237 coaches attended the conference travelling from all six counties in the province. The guest speaker was Kerry football legend Eoin Liston who gave a very informative talk at how to develop the whole player. Other people who contributed to the event were Cian O'Neill, Gerry Fitzpatrick and Ian Minihan who gave a very insightful look at the success of Newtownshandrum GAA Club. A number of practical sessions covering individual and team aspects were delivered expertly by some of our full time Games Development Administrators. The overall feedback was very positive.

In addition to the Munster Coaching Conference all counties organised numerous Coaching Workshops on different topics throughout the year.

### Coaching Academies

The area of elite performance is crucial to the development of our game. Players with potential need to be identified and brought

together for special training. After all these are our future inter county adult players. However there is a need to exercise control and ensure that we do not become over selective at too young an age.

In Munster we encourage every Division to produce Schools of Excellence Squads (Under 14 and 15) in both hurling and football. At Development Squad Level (Under 16 and 17) each county is encouraged to produce at least two squads.

### Local Support Committees

As part of the improved back up and support structures for the newly appointed Games Development Administrators (GDAs) all counties were asked to appoint Local Support Committees.

These committees consist of interested individuals representing key local groups to support the projects, initiatives and developments of the divisional Games Development Administrators. All counties have appointed at least three members to each divisional committee and they meet regularly with the GDAs.

### Garda Vetting

As part of national policy and in adherence with the code of best practice in relation to child protection the GAA instructed all counties to vet all coaches, members, parents etc who are involved with underage

teams in clubs and schools. The process was met with trepidation in some quarters due to privacy concerns but when those fears were alleviated then the initiative got going. Each county appointed a County Coordinator who collected the completed forms. These forms were then forwarded to Gearoid Ó Maoilmhichill the National Children's Officer in Croke Park who in turn sent them to the Garda Department dealing with the process. Individuals were then sent clearance certificates directly.

All counties found the process slow. One or two individuals in clubs held the whole process up by not returning forms on time. While the process is still ongoing great progress has been made. I would especially like to thank the County Co-ordinators for the professionalism and patience in dealing with this matter.

### Primary Go Game

The Primary Go Game had another successful year in 2010. 'The Star' newspaper has proved an excellent sponsor and hope that this relationship will continue into the future. The Primary Go Game gives children a fantastic opportunity to perform in some of the best stadia in the country during the summer time in front of large attendances.

A special word of thanks to Tim O'Byrne, Brother Dormer, Joe Lyons and the committee of Munster Cumann na mBunscol for their help and assistance.



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Thanks also to Munster Council C.E.O. Pádraig Mac Gearailt for all his help and in particular for providing the participants with the best of accommodation at all the matches.

### Pitch Sanding

The pitch sanding scheme which is administered by our committee is proving very worthwhile and not alone provides our clubs with better playing surfaces but also assists our Post Primary Development Officers in completing their very busy schedule of games. Each year two clubs are nominated from each county to take part in the scheme over a three year period. Therefore at any one time there are 36 clubs benefitting from the grants. However some clubs are only claiming in the first year and as a result all of the grant allocation is not being spent. I would strongly suggest that we consider replacing any club that misses out on a year in order to make sure that we spend all of our allocation.

The following is a schedule of the grants paid to clubs in 2010:

Pitch Sanding Requirements 2010		
Club	County	Grant
Clarecastle	Clare	€2,000.00
Meelick	Clare	€2,000.00
Sixmilebridge	Clare	€2,000.00
Ballygiblin	Cork	€2,000.00
Ballyhea	Cork	€2,000.00
Carrigaline	Cork	€2,000.00
Cloughduv	Cork	€2,000.00
Mallow	Cork	€2,000.00
Valley Rovers	Cork	€2,000.00
Castleisland Desmonds	Kerry	€2,000.00
Legion	Kerry	€1,540.00
Miltown	Kerry	€2,000.00
Moyvane	Kerry	€2,000.00
Na Gaeil	Kerry	€2,000.00
Tarbert	Kerry	€2,000.00
Ahane	Limerick	€1,775.00
Castletown/Ballyagran	Limerick	€1,747.87
Doon	Limerick	€1,802.47
Dromcollogher	Limerick	€2,000.00
Kildimo	Limerick	€2,000.00
Old Christians	Limerick	€2,000.00
Arravale Rovers	Tipperary	€2,000.00
Ballybacon/Grange	Tipperary	€2,000.00
Galtee Rovers	Tipperary	€2,000.00
Golden/Kilfeacle	Tipperary	€2,000.00
J K Brackens	Tipperary	€2,000.00
Templederry	Tipperary	€2,000.00
Abbeyside/Ballinacourty	Waterford	€2,000.00
Dunhill	Waterford	€2,000.00
Erin's Own	Waterford	€1,884.00
Tallow	Waterford	€1,676.85
<b>Total</b>		<b>€60,426.19</b>

### Games Programmes

While considerable energy and resources have in recent years been devoted to coaching it is vital that we do not forget the whole area of games. The Munster Strategic Plan places particular emphasis on games, fixtures and planning. We in Munster must ensure that these objectives are delivered and that all of our players in the Province receive a proper and appropriate games programme. In 2011 we hope to place even greater emphasis on this area of our activity. With this in mind The Munster Coaching and Games Development Committee organised a meeting with representatives from County Overseeing Body on underage fixtures in each county in on three occasions during the year with a view to assessing the strength of the games programme in each county.

### Og Iomáint & Og Peil

The annual residential Coaching Camp for Under 14 players in the province took place again this year. All counties sent panels of 20 players and at least 3 Coaches/Mentors. The venue was Cork Institute of Technology.

Óg Iomaint took place on August 11th and 12th. With the exception of Kerry all counties were represented by second string panels (i.e. players who did not represent their county in the Tony Forristal Competition). This concept proved very beneficial as it gave more players the opportunity to represent their county and also receive top class coaching to further develop their ability. In total 130 players and 20 coaches availed of the two day camp.

Óg Peil took place on June 30th and July 1st. The schedule covered all major aspects of player and team development. 120 players and 18 coaches attended the camp.

The players and coaches that attended both camps from the various counties were exposed to top class coaching and mentoring. The feedback from all involved was very positive.

A big thank you to C.I.T. for the use of their facilities and also to

Pat Culhane and Keith Ricken for the smooth running of the event.

### Games Development Projects

With the increase in personnel spending came a reduction of spending on projects to €454,000. In 2010 we provided €23,000 to all counties for expenditure on projects and a further €30,000 for academies. The balance was used for various Provincial Projects such as The Primary Game, Primary Teachers Course, Óg Iomaint/Peil, Provincial Go Games, Tutor and Staff Training.

While we envisage a further reduction in our project budget for 2011 the increase in personnel and development of new structures enables to deliver on all of our projects in the counties with a minimum of expenditure.

### Handball

Thanks to the efforts of Willie Roche who is the handball representative on our committee we have developed a very good working relationship with the Handball Committee. Once again this year we have provided funding for their special coaching programme for elite players which was delivered at various venues.

There is no doubt that Handball is benefiting from the close connection with Coaching and Games Development and this is being reflected in a general raising of standards as evidenced by the results in all of the various competitions.

### Munster Twinning Partnership with North America

Much Progress has been made in the past year in relation to our twinning partnership with North America GAA. In the early part of the year we sent Coach Education and Referee Tutors to Chicago to conduct tutor training courses. This has proved very beneficial as now we have tutors trained in both the coaching and refereeing field in every city and division of North America who can run courses and qualify new coaches and referees. The Council also visited later in the year to assess progress in the agreed action plan. In October Pat Fitzgerald ran a Training and Development Course for the officers of NACB which proved very worthwhile.

Over the coming years a number of



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initiatives have been outlined to increase the numbers playing our games and to develop the playing standards in a safe and enjoyable environment. Munster GAA has agreed to help develop the following areas:

- GDA and GPO Development
- Coach Education Development
- Referee Education Development
- Club Planning & Development
- Hurling Development
- Promotional Development

### Referees' Committee

One of the briefs of Coaching and Games Development is the promotion of young referees. This has been actively encouraged throughout the past year with the Referees' Committee nominating referees for all the major underage inter-county tournaments in the province.

All of the county committees have also organised 'Young Whistlers' courses within their respective counties. These courses have proven to be very successful and beneficial. We are particular grateful to Kevin Walsh and his Provincial Referees Committee for all their help and assistance over the past year.

### Ladies Football & Camogie

While we are not directly involved with either the Cumann Peil Gael na mBan na Mumhan nor Comhairle Camogaíochtaí na Mumhan we have been keeping in line with the National Coaching and Games Development Committee added a representative from both associations to the Munster Coaching and Games Development Committee. William Harmon and Deirdre Murphy represent Ladies Football and Camogie respectively at Provincial level. Both keep the committee informed on all activities.

### Proposed Work Plan for the next 12 months:

Over the next 12 months the Munster Coaching & Games Development Committee plan to develop the associations overall objective to maximise playing numbers, increase playing standards and ensure that our games are sufficiently competitive and enjoyable for all who want to participate. With this in mind we are proposing the following plan for 2011:

1. The delivery of the Go Games Programmes in 60% of Primary Schools and 70% Clubs of the province.
2. The delivery of Go Games Coaching Programmes in 80% of Primary Schools and 90% clubs of the province
3. The delivery of Super Touch Programmes in the 40% Post Primary Schools and 20% Clubs of the province
4. The implementation of the U Can Awards in 30% Primary Schools in the province
5. Promoting and delivering GAA Cúl Camps in all 80% clubs in the province.
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### Acknowledgements

2010 will mark the end of their involvement on the committee for two of our coaching officers. Pat Grant from Waterford and Gerry Phillips from Limerick step down after giving fantastic service over the past number of years. I would like to thank both for the valued contribution they made to the committee and I would sincerely wish both Pat and Gerry every good wish for the future.

### Buíochas

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabhail do ghach éinne a thug cabhair dom i mbliana.

Thanks to my fellow officers Robert Frost, John Landers and Games Manager Joe Carton for all their efforts in 2010. To the 6 coaching officers for their commitment and tireless efforts in ensuring coaching & games is well served at county level. To the other members of the committee who represent their own individual groups for their continued efforts to further enhance the workings of the committee. To C.E.O Pat Fitzgerald and Deputy C.E.O. Enda McGuane for their continued support and advice.

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**Pádraig Ó Sé**  
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## Iar-bunscoileanna na Mumhan

### General Report on Activities - COLÁISTÍ

	Grade	Age	Winner	Games	Teams
<b>PEIL</b>	Corn Uí Mhorain	U15A	Clonmel CBS	5	6
	Corn na Banndan	U15B	PS Choire Dhuibhne	16	15
	Corn Mhic Craith	U15C	Hamilton High School, Bandon	29	30
	Corn An Fhruinnaigh	U16½A	St. Brendan's, Killarney	8	9
	Corn na gColaistí	U16½B	De La Salle, Macroom	11	12
	Corn na Carraige	U16½C	PS. Inbhéar Sceine	32	33
	Corn Uí Mhuirí	U18½A	St. Brendan's, Killarney	18	11
	Corn an Uachtaran	U18½B	Clonmel CBS	16	15
	Corn an Runaí	U18½C	PS. Inbhéar Sceine	32	30
	<b>IOMÁINT</b>	Corn an Fhaoitigh	U15A	Dungarvan CBS	9
Corn an Phiarsaigh		U15B	Clonmel CBS	11	11
Corn Solo		U15C	Castletroy CC	29	29
Corn an Riannaigh		U16½A	Thurles CBS	9	10
Corn an Chuinneanaigh		U16½B	Co. Christ Rí	15	14
Corn Iognaid Ris		U16½C	St. Joseph's, Tulla	27	27
Corn an Airtigh		U18½A	Ard scoil Rís	33	16
Corn Phadraig		U18½B	Clonmel CBS	19	11
Corn Mhic Ruairi		U18½C	St. Joseph's, Tulla	23	24
<b>TOTAL GAMES PLAYED</b>				<b>342</b>	

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	Grade	Age	Winner	Games	Teams
<b>PEIL</b>	Senior A	U18½	Clonakilty CC	8	7
	Senior B	U18½	Beara CS	27	21
	Junior A	U16½	St. Brogan's, Bandon	8	7
	Junior B	U16½	Beara CS	25	18
	First Year A		Boherbue CS	7	9
	First Year B		Col. Dun lascaigh, Cahir	5	7
	Intercounty A		Cork	1	2
	Intercounty B		Limerick	2	3
<b>IOMÁINT</b>	Senior A	U18½	Causeway CS	8	7
	Senior B	U18½	Clonakilty CC	17	16
	Junior A	U16½	Causeway CS	8	8
	Junior B	U16½	Nenagh VS	13	12
	First Year A		Roscrea CC	6	5
	First Year B		Clonakilty CC	7	6
<b>TOTAL GAMES PLAYED</b>				<b>142</b>	

There were 3 meetings of the Munster Post-Primary Committee during 2010.

# Munster 3rd Level Colleges Committee

## Secretary's Report

As can be seen from the information provided below the 2009/10 Academic Season was yet again another very successful one for Coláistí Tríú Leibhéil na Mumhan.

There were 11 Institutions which between them fielded a total of 82 teams and played over 392 official 3rd level competitive games. Although there is always room for improvement and in particular in the manner in which we facilitate competitions for our non-elite players, the year can certainly be described as a very successful year for the Munster colleges.

### Honours won

In Hurling, UCC had a very impressive year winning the Fresher A and B Championships, while they also had the honour of winning the Intermediate Hurling Championship. UL had successes in capturing the Fresher A Hurling League and the Munster Intermediate League while MICL captured the Fresher 2 Hurling Championship and Munster Junior Hurling League titles.

In Football, ITT won the Trench Cup and WIT won the Munster Junior Football League.

In Camogie, WIT had a wonderful double, winning the Senior League and Ashbourne Cup, with UL winning the Ashbourne Shield. ITT captured the Division 2 League.

Ladies Football also saw a good share of National Successes where MICL won the Lynch Cup and Division 2 League. CIT were successful in the Lynch Shield and UL won the Donaghy Cup.

Spare a thought though for CIT who reached the final in 9 competitions and only won the one!

### Annual Review

There was a lot of effort both on and off the field to secure these victories but the real success was the manner in which they were attained. For many years the eligibility and legality of some of the teams and indeed some of our competitions in GAA's third level sector were under scrutiny. This year the manner in which colleges went about their business and the transparency



Action from Waterford v Cork, 2010 Munster Senior Hurling Final

shown has put our games back on the pedestal which they belong.

Corcaigh IT had the honour of hosting the Ashbourne and Purcell Weekend (a first in merging the two competitions). The feedback from all involved that this weekend was a most enjoyable affair and that a good time was had by all involved.

The scheme implemented by Comhairle na Mumhan for the awarding of bursaries to students involved both here in Munster recognising talented players and administrators has continued to be very successful with many young players benefiting as a reward for their work with

their college clubs. Although there had been a few initial teething problems regarding the administrative side of things in its first year, 2009/10 saw another smoother transformation with most colleges reporting positively.

At National level there had been an acknowledgement that things had to be run more professionally, especially in to the way our non-elite games are presented.

The feedback from many of the Munster Colleges resulted in a marked improvement in the presentation of our games and in particular to those of the non-elite players but this still needs to be improved more.



## Munster 3rd Level Colleges Committee

There are still concerns too by all of the Munster Colleges around Eligibility and the credit system, Structures of competitions - in particular those for the non-elite / Grading of teams / relegation, Presentation of our games / re: venues, refereeing / other match officials, Presentation of Cups / Media Coverage / National Skills Day, Information / minutes of meetings / notification for games / Website / Administration support, The Games Promotions Officers - representation / voting / officership, the status and perception of 3rd level GAA and the wider GAA community, Grants Structuring and transparency and the GAA Bursaries and GPA Bursaries.

Quite often there seems to be an offence taken when feedback is given, but those in authority must rest assured that the intentions of all those working on the ground is for the betterment and continued success that the status of Gaelic Games has within the 3rd level sector of Ireland and beyond.

Last year we had outlined Proposed Work Plan for the next 12 months much of which was achieved this year. In particular there certainly seemed to be a greater effort by all our Colleges to increase the participation levels within their institutions. Indeed we welcomed Shannon College of Hotel Management into our competitions this year through their involvement in the Junior Football League Championship.

There certainly was a positive report of Increased visibility of the GAA on our Third Level campuses and our drive to recruit more student referees, coaches and team mentors was evident in the rise in the numbers of Coaching Courses undertaken by our colleges. It is the opinion of this Secretary that more needs to be done in the area of the non elite players and more internal, non-competitive, social GAA activities will need to get more attention by all our colleges.

Finally more too must be done to support the full time people in their roll and there must be an acceptance and acknowledgment that the hours worked by them during the academic year must be properly built into their contracts and that they would be allowed the rights of all members of the association when it comes to any voluntary work they wish to engage within the association. That said the GDA's must also be encouraging to delegate the huge work load and to be constantly encouraging staff and student involvement in all areas of their clubs.

### Acknowledgements

On behalf of Coláistí Triú Leibhéil na Mumhan I wish to acknowledge and thank sincerely the officers and administrators of An Comhairle na Mumhan for their generous financial support and commitment and for their positive encouragement of the

development of Gaelic Games in the third level sector.

I also wish to thank the officers of Comhairle Ardoideachais and their administrator for their support and co-operation. I would particularly like to thank our Chairman Des Cullinane who was the Munster representative on the CA. He along with Ciara Cregan (Treasurer) was very supportive in my role as Rúnaí to this committee over the last five years and their friendship and support is very much appreciated.

Thanks must go to the long list of referees who make themselves available to officiate at our games and to the many local GAA Clubs who put their grounds at our disposal, quite often in inclement weather conditions.

Finally, my greatest thanks to all the players, officers, full-time Games Promotion Officers and Sports Administrators of our various third level institutions. You're unselfish giving of your time, energy and enthusiasm ensures that our national games continue to be to the forefront of sporting life in the third level sector and that the Munster Colleges continue to lead the way both on and off the field.

Below is a summary of the games report for the Munster 3rd Level Colleges. It shows the number of official competitive games (excluding tournaments / practice games) played by each college and the numbers of teams entered by the various clubs.

Games Report								
College	Hurling Club		Football Club		Camogie Club		Ladies Football Club	
	Official Games	Teams Entered	Official Games	Teams Entered	Official Games	Teams Entered	Official Games	Teams Entered
UCC	26	5	24	5	8	2	8	2
MICL	10	3	8	2	5	1	15	2
LIT	15	4	6	2	4	1	6	1
UL	27	5	17	4	8	2	16	3
ITT	9	2	13	3	9	2	4	1
CIT	27	6	35	5	8	1	7	1
WIT	29	5	19	4	12	2	10	2
CCFE	?	1	?	1	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
TIPP INST	5	1	2	1	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>12</b>



## Munster Handball Committee

A Chairde,

Munster Handball had major success across all fronts again in 2010 including National and International. On the juvenile scene all counties had success in the championship as well as the colleges and team events.

In the Provincial Championship Adult and Juvenile grades in 40x20 and 60x30, all of the six counties competed and showed an increase in numbers of players in the grades (12 players per singles and doubles) and this gave us a very heavy programme of fixtures.

The juvenile championship had full entries in all grades and it was good to see a big level of entries in the girls' grades and this also showed an increase from the previous years. The juvenile championship winners were spread across all the six counties and there was no dominant county which proves that all the counties are now on an equal par.

The inter club championship in both codes and this has become a very competitive competition. The clubs have put a lot of effort in and we have high entries in all the divisions. Tipperary clubs Cashel and Ballina came through in the 60x30 while Cork's Liscarroll and Ballydesmond were on top in the 40x20. Broadford of Limerick with their new court now in full action came through in the Junior B.

Tipperary, Limerick and Cork dominated in the 60x30 while Limerick totally dominated Minor and the Intermediate grade. The Ladies Senior Singles and doubles in both codes returned to Kerry with Maria Daly having an outstanding year.

Seamus O'Carroll and CJ Fitzpatrick of Limerick took the Intermediate titles and Senior doubles in the 40x20 and 60x30. The girls from Ballydesmond, Catriona Casey and Aisling O'Keefe, won all four Minor titles and have become a very strong force in Ladies handball.

The International side of handball continued in December when the USHA Juniors were held in San Diego. In the boys Killian Carroll of Mallow won the 17 and Under title and reached the doubles final.

In the girls Catriona Casey of Ballydesmond won the G17 and Under title as well as the 19 and Under doubles. Both qualified for the team as National's winners.

The management team had Ashley Prendiville of Kerry as the ladies manager.

Development of the juvenile game is very important and the Liscarroll U13 and U15 caters very well for this and have an annual entry of 100 players.

The team events are also well contested and have become a very eagerly awaited competition every year. There was a major breakthrough for Tipperary winning the U16/17 team event in 60x30.

The Eileen Twomey tournament in Kerry has become a major event for girls and had an entry of almost 40 girls.

The schools competitions also have big entries and Clare hosted the boys and girls singles and doubles competition. The team events were hosted by Cork and Kerry.

Speaking of Clare, they did an outstanding job in hosting the Handball Féile. It was the biggest entry ever and extra divisions had to be created to cater for the big entry. There were wins for Tulla, Broadford, Mallow, Cashel and Friary/Abbeyside.

The part-funding provided by the Munster GAA Council Coaching and Games has been a great benefit with all counties holding development sessions and the coaching of tutors has been a real winner. Some counties had two levels in this, covering U13 and U15. Each session catered for 20 players and covered a total of 150 players.

A programme is in place again to continue this in 2011 with first session completed in Ballydesmond in January. Also in 2011 we will run Level 1 courses for our top coaches.

The Regeneration Programme in Limerick City has progressed to a high level. With 1100 children and 16 schools involved at primary and secondary school level it also includes youth clubs and Garda Diversion groups. Coaching is being done at all levels and competitions have been introduced.

Two new clubs were formed in 2010 and the third will be ready for early 2011. These clubs are now fully involved in the Limerick championships and the secondary school are participating in the Munster colleges.

A teachers' training course has been completed with 20 teachers now trained to coach the basic skills of the game.

Over the year we held 5 Munster Council meetings in Adare and all officers and delegates were present for all the meetings. Including these and other people in attendance we had an average of 21 people per meeting.

In competition we have 40 grades in both 60x30 and 40x20. Each grade has a singles and doubles. Each county is allowed two entries in the singles and two in the doubles.

As well as this we have inter-club and juvenile. We have close to 1600 games a year with up to 1200 players now involved.

This gives us a very heavy programme and this is increasing every year and especially in the women's grades.

One of biggest successes is our juvenile committee who do an outstanding job in organising our entire juvenile set up. Under Willie Roche and Brendan Falvey this has become a major gem in our crown.

The Munster Handball awards were evenly distributed among the counties and at National level Brendan Falvey of Kerry and Seamus O'Carroll of Limerick collected top awards.

The amount of successful tournaments run by Munster clubs is on a dramatic increase. They include the Senior 60x30 tournament in Hospital, 40x20 in Broadford, Ballydesmond doubles tournament, Junior A/B in Broadford as well as tournaments in Cullen, Liscarroll and Ballymac.

As I conclude my report I wish to thank all the officers and committee of Comhairle na Mumhan for your continued support of handball. The annual grant, medals and support of coaching and development are greatly appreciated.

To my fellow officers in handball a sincere thanks for all your help throughout the year and especially to Peter Dennehy, John Hedigan, Willie Roche, Brendan Falvey and Ken Conway.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in the GAA circle in Munster huge success in 2011.

Mise le meas,

**Donal Ó hAodha**  
Rúnaí



# Tuairisc Coisc na Réiteorí

## Terms of Reference

The Referees' Committee's Terms of Reference clearly outline its responsibilities, which cover the recruitment, training, classification and counselling of referees under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Council.

The committee consists of the Provincial Referees' Administrator/Secretary, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Co. Administrators of the six counties in Munster.

## Committee & Meetings

The Referees' Administration Committee during 2010 has been as busy as any other year to date. The committee is made up of representatives from each of the 6 counties in the province as follows:

### Honorary Chairman:

Willie Barrett (Tipperary)

### Vice Chairman:

Jimmy O'Gorman (Waterford)

### Provincial Administrator/Secretary:

Kevin Walsh (Clare)

### County Administrators:

John Motherway (Cork)

Joe Langan (Kerry)

Tom Bennis (Limerick)

Eddie Cunningham (Waterford)

John Lonergan (Tipperary)

Michael O'Regan (Clare)

### Council Representative:

Donal Shanahan (Tipperary)

The Committee had three significant changes in personnel at the beginning of the year: Willie Barrett succeeded Jim Joe Landers as chairman, Michael O'Regan replaced Kevin Walsh as Clare Administrator and Joe Langan replaced Bart Moriarty as Kerry Administrator. On behalf of the committee and the council I wish to congratulate and thank Jim, Joe and Bart for their contribution to the cause of refereeing in the province.

During the year we conducted 8 meetings due to recessionary times there were fewer meetings in 2010. The priority at our meetings centred on recruitment, recommendations, umpire training, refereeing standards, fitness levels,

assessment, assessors training, rule application and interpretation and all other matters associated with refereeing and raising the quality and standard of refereeing and of our referees throughout the province.

## Referee Education & Training

There were a number of Basic Level I and In-Service courses delivered in the province during the months of January-March.

The following is the break down by county.

<b>Cork</b>	8 In-Service	= 169 referees
	3 Basic Level I	= 58 referees
<b>Clare</b>	2 In-Service	= 43 referees
	1 Basic Level I	= 35 referees
<b>Kerry</b>	3 In-Service	= 60 referees
	2 Basic Level I	= 53 referees
<b>Limerick</b>	3 In-Service	= 58 referees
	1 Basic Level I	= 24 referees
<b>Tipperary</b>	3 In-Service	= 67 referees
	1 Basic Level I	= 40 referees
<b>Waterford</b>	1 In-Service	= 27 referees

Resulting from the 20 In-Service courses, we had a total of 424 referees who completed the course and from the 9 Basic Level I courses there was 210 new referees recruited.

In addition to the above we had a Provincial Referees' Workshop in May at the Mallow Sports Complex which was approved by Comhairle na Mumhan and was for the benefit of the new provincial referees who came onto the Munster panels this year. This workshop incorporated practical and on field coaching, which is a new initiative in the field of referee education and formulated the final segment of their provincial training.

This is an ongoing process and looking forward to 2011 we intend having another referees' academy for the purposes of enhancing our Munster panels, again the Co. Administrators must have the full support of their Co. Executive and have an obligation in making sure that the quality of nominated referees coming through for interview and inclusion as referee's in Munster fully meet the criteria and have reached the highest standard in their own county.

The committee continues to have a concern at the number of referees coming onto the Munster panels and this is particularly worrying where some counties are concerned as their representation on the Munster panels have somewhat weakened over the past few years. With this in mind it is most important that each county has a competent representative on both the Hurling & Football panels, up to this year it has been very clear that the ground work was not being done in some areas at foundation level in some counties.

The need for counties to continue to have a supply chain of club/provincial referees is even more important than ever now since the introduction this year of a retiring age of 50 years for inter-county referees. The knock-on effect of this is immediate from a Munster view as we had 8 of our senior intercounty referees retired. With this in mind it is most important that the age profile of club referees officiating at senior club level in their county is lowered and referees who show the best potential are fast tracked. With the cut-off age limit mentioned above our games require our top referees to be reaching and operating at the highest inter-county level by the age of 35 years.

## Appointments

In relation to appointments, this year saw a major change in this area. Here to fore our committee would make recommendations to the council for championship games but this year it was changed and the provincial administrator now sits in on the CCC and appointments of referees directly.

2010 was a very successful one from a refereeing perspective as all our referees, including those new to provincial level, acquitted themselves well and in general performed to the high Munster standard expected. Referees were appointed for the following competitions: Minor Hurling, Minor Football, Intermediate Hurling & Junior Football, U21 Hurling & Football Championships, Club Championships, Senior Hurling & Football, Intermediate Hurling & Football, Junior Hurling & Football, Munster U16 Hurling & Football, and The Tipperary Supporters' Club U16 Hurling All Ireland Inter-county competition.

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Again this year these competitions proved very successful and allowed us to introduce young referees to officiate at these games. This was another great opportunity to progress some of our new referees and it was of great benefit to them in their development.

The U16 Hurling All Ireland Inter-county finals culminated with the finals being played in Semple Stadium, Thurles with two newcomers taking charge of them and doing a great job. The U17 Football development tournament introduced this year was a great success, as it allowed these young players more opportunity to display their skills and it also afforded us the opportunity of giving our developing referees more games to referee and this will stand them in good stead facing in to 2011.

During the Minor Hurling & Football Championships and U21 Hurling & Football Championships a number of referees new to championship fare were appointed. The referees appointed to championships games during 2010 included six referees officiating at a higher level than last year. This resulted in the appointment again this year of two referees who were taking charge of their first Provincial Final in Minor Hurling & Minor Football.

In all competitions there were 96 games played and 48 referees were appointed to officiate in them.

### Assessment & Monitoring

This is an aid to refereeing which has proved to be invaluable in the coaching and development of our young referees who have come onto the Munster panel each year and indeed it is a very useful resource in the area of consistency and application for our established referees also.

Assessment has taken on a huge meaningful purpose now and is part and parcel of the development and progression of our referees. It is part of the criteria now which exists and consists of three segments: Assessment, Fitness and Rules; with assessment contributing 50% towards denoting their status and grade on panels.

Going forward these criteria will have to apply at club level also as the whole process of selection and nomination for intercounty refereeing on a provincial panel will be based on ability, potential and backed up by assessments at club.



*Bryan Sheehan (Kerry), Pdraig Hughes (Réteoir) and Graham Canty (Cork) - Munster Senior Football Championship semi-final 2010.*

Assessment is still not happening in some counties and this needs to be addressed. It is the responsibility of the Co. Administrators to ensure that assessment is happening in their county and their aspiring referees are afforded the best opportunity to progress and have the relevant paperwork (i.e. copies of assessment) available to verify this. In this regard the Co. Executive must be fully supportive of the Co. Administrator towards assessment.

There is no denying that refereeing is important and everyone agrees with this, but the time for paying lip service to all matters associated with refereeing has long past and it is time for counties to grasp the nettle and recognise that their referees are important to them and start treating them with respect and stop taking them for granted.

In each county where new foundation referees are trained suitable appointments and assessment is part of the criterion to help with their continued development. There is little to be gained from counties running referees' courses and then not appointing the trained referees to games. This, we are sad to report, is happening and it needs to change drastically and immediately.

The mindset in relation to refereeing also needs to change. Once referees have been trained the only way they are going to improve is by refereeing games and improving as they go, if this is not happening then the counties are working against the

grain and wasting everyone's time and effort.

Improvement of referee's performance will not happen if a mechanism like this one is not in place to inform the referee of his inconsistency and weaknesses and at the same time his strong points. Assessment does this and every county in the province should strive to be active in this regard.

Without effective assessment in counties the progression of its referees to intercounty status will be seriously hampered and in some instances their representation on the panels will dwindle downwards and this eventually can have a serious knock-on effect on the whole refereeing structure in a county. The whole aspect of refereeing has changed immensely over the past 5 years and it has moved on to a higher level and the type of training available to referees presently is second to none.

It is also the responsibility of the County Administrator to identify and train suitable people to act as assessors and thereby make a huge contribution to refereeing standards and quality of referees at club level and further afield.

Just like the referee and his career path, the assessor also has an opportunity to progress onto Provincial & National level.

The referees welcome this and look forward to receiving an assessment of their performance in games. We have an obligation to make sure this happens at all times going forward and in all counties.



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In relation to assessing it would not be possible for our referees to be developed without the help of our Assessors in Munster. Their contribution has been very fair and honest and the standard of refereeing has a very definite upward trend because of this. Looking forward to 2011, assessment will be even more important as it will have a direct bearing on appointments especially at National level and provinces will have to follow suit.

A new Assessment form was introduced this year with even more clarity and more transparency and a broader band of feedback on different aspects of rules and their application. I would definitely say that this has contributed hugely to the improvement of our referee's performances and this has been another good year for referees in Munster as was reflected by the number of them appointed to high profile games, such as Munster, Leinster and All Ireland Finals.

Just like referees, Assessors are now assessed and monitored also so that quality of feedback to the referees is accurate, positive, informative and constructive. Assessors are trained and up-skilled at two-yearly intervals. They like the referees must undergo a test on their knowledge of the rules and must attain 96% pass standard and in the interest of fairness this is the way it has to be.

I wish to thank all our Assessors who are playing a very important role in the development of refereeing by their accurate, positive and helpful feedback to our referees.

### Umpire Training

Umpires play a very important role in our association. They have an awful lot of responsibility and are a key part of the 3rd team in a game, namely the referee's team. The training of umpires was a Croke Park initiative and the umpires of all National panel referees received this training as it was carried out on a provincial basis. In Munster we delivered 8 courses and this resulted in 152 umpires availing of the training provided. Undoubtedly this proved to be of huge benefit as we had a controversial free year in Munster and all umpires carried out duties excellently. Unfortunately this training was not delivered to club referees, but going forward we intend to achieve this in 2011.



Thurles Sarsfields - 2010 Bord Gáis Energy Awards Munster GAA Club of the Year.

### Go-Games

The Go Games game continues to play an important role during the early stages of a referee's development and again this year the Go Games afforded some of our young aspiring referees the opportunity to be part of the big match day without any of the pressures associated with such games, and it clearly whet's their appetite for refereeing and over the past 7 years some of them have progressed on to refereeing provincial finals.

I believe that we must go a step further and sow the seeds in the minds of some of our younger people, for example we need to develop the Young Referee syndrome much more and have the Go Games refereed by some of our "Young Referees"

### Tutors

The training of referees, umpires and linesmen is very important as they all form an integral part of the team effort involved in match situations on an ongoing basis and tutors have a huge role to play in this.

In Munster we have four tutors who are responsible for the delivery of all the above training courses in the province, namely John Motherway, Muiris O'Sullivan, Pat Moore and Kevin Walsh, and currently we have two new tutors being trained, Willie Barrett

(Tipperary) and Denis Richardson (Limerick) and this will then reflect a tutor from each Munster County. The amount of work involved can be judged by the number of courses delivered in the province during 2010. Apart from the undersigned the other 3 tutors are also involved in the National Tutors workgroup and are doing tremendous work at this level which includes delivering courses in foreign fields.

### Appreciation

The Coiste na Réiteoirí is very appreciative of the support that the Council has again shown to us during 2010. It has been a real pleasure working with them and we look forward to 2011.

We again take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all our referees who were appointed at Provincial & National level and those who had charge of Provincial & All Ireland Finals very well done. To those who acted as 4th Officials and linesmen at our games during the year your help and co-operation was much appreciated.

The effort of our Tutors is also greatly appreciated by the council.

On behalf of the Council I express sincere thanks to my fellow colleagues on the Referees' Committee for their commitment and co-operation during the year:



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### Proposed Work Plan for next 12 Months

Monthly Meetings	Jan.-Dec.
Referees Fitness Test	March
Club Referee Umpire Training	Mar.-Apr.
Assessor Training	Mar.-Apr.
Assessment at Club Level	Feb.- Nov.
Provincial Referees Workshop	May
Club In-Service Courses	Jan.-Mar.
Club Referee Recruitment	Oct.- Feb.

In relation to the Strategic Plan, we are well ahead of target:

Provincial Referee target of 10% increase surpassed by 30%

Club Referee target of 15% increase surpassed by 25%

#### January

Provincial Referees' Course  
Referees' Committee Meeting  
Referee Tutors Meeting  
In-Service Courses - Club Referees

#### February

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Finalisation of Provincial Training Course  
Umpire Training  
In-Service Courses - Club Referees

#### March

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Munster Referees' Fitness Test  
Munster Assessors' Meeting  
Seminar - New Provincial Referees  
Club Referee Umpire Training

#### April

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Tutors' Meeting  
Club Referee Umpire Training

#### May

Referees' Committee Meeting  
- Championship Previews  
Assessors' Meeting

#### June

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Munster U16 F C Champ

#### July

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Assessors' Meeting

#### August

Referees' Committee Meeting  
All Ireland U16 H C

#### September

Referees Committee Meeting

#### October

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Meeting Referee Tutors (Review Progress & Development of Provincial Referees 2011)  
Review Progress of Club Assessment 2011

#### November

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Tutors' Meeting (Plan for 2012)  
Review Assessment at Provincial Level

#### December

Referees' Committee Meeting  
Review 2011 and plan for 2012

The academy of refereeing in the province is well-established and on track in keeping with the strategic plan and well ahead of schedule.

We hope by 2012 that refereeing will be carried to a new level with the help and co-operation of all the counties and their referee's administrators.

The target of every club having a referee we feel is achievable, but there is a lot of work to be done.

Wishing everyone success and the best of luck for 2011 and hope all our referees have a very successful, enjoyable and controversial free refereeing year ahead.

Go raibh maith agat!

Is mise le meas,

**Caoimhin Breathnach**

Rúnaí



Referee's group in attendance at the 2010 Bord Gáis Energy Munster GAA Awards



# Munster PR & Marketing Committee

The Committee is responsible for Publicity, Marketing and Publications

## Work Completed in 2010

1. Published high quality Information Booklets & Schedule of Fixtures booklets.
2. Published high quality match programmes for all Council games either directly or in consultation with equivalent sub-committees of County Committees in the province.
3. A template developed and used for all Club Championship Match programmes in the Province.
4. Developed and implemented strategies to maximise the attendance at Council games, both paying and non-paying (students) patrons.
5. Met all media in the Province to encourage better coverage of our games.
6. Car raffle and Family ticket Incentives given maximum publicity to encourage attendances at Championship games.
7. Developed and implemented across the Council committee structure a brand identity for the Council comprising of logo and name style used in all publications, correspondence and marketing images.
8. Liaised with other sub-committees on an ongoing basis on areas that impact on the overall image of the Council eg: IT sub-committee on website etc.; GAC sub-committee on optimum timing and grouping of fixtures; Coaching and Games Development sub-committee on style of coaching manuals, certificates etc.
9. Ran Media Training Course for all County Officers
10. Ongoing work on developing a strategy to market the Munster GAA brand.
11. Produced a Provincial and County Communications calendar via website for 2010 and 2011 and a fixtures programme for 2011.
12. Launched communications toolkits in counties, with assistance from Croke Park.
13. Club Newsletter produced for the Province.

## Proposed Work Plan for next 12 Months

- ◆ Develop a directory of Croke Park support available at Provincial and County level
- ◆ Develop workshops and focus groups for ongoing feedback on Provincial strategy
- ◆ Develop a further Training Plan for County & Club PROs
- ◆ Continue to work on developing strategies to market the Munster GAA brand
- ◆ Develop communications workshop in counties by 2011 with assistance from Croke Park. Achieve 25% club participation in 2011 increasing to 50% in 2012
- ◆ Develop on-line surveys for Council website to assist with feedback on service by Council
- ◆ Twice yearly produce service reviews and feedback forums at Provincial and County level
- ◆ Conduct audit on use of email solution in Clubs in the Province
- ◆ Investigate with the Deputy CEO the enhancement and utilisation of Munster GAA website
- ◆ Issue a minimum of 4 newsletters to clubs on Councils activities in 2011
- ◆ Continue to work on developing strategies to market the Munster & County GAA Coaching & Games

## Meetings

The Committee held eight meetings during the year. The venues varied from Mallow GAA Complex, Adare Manor, Áras Mumhan and Kilmurray Lodge Hotel. All Committee members were actively involved in the work of the Committee during the year.

## Buíochas le...

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and drive of our Chairman Jim Forbes who encouraged work and full participation for the past three years.



Munster Championships Toyota Auris Car Draw.

It was a pleasure to work with him all year. He inspired us all with his ideas and work ethic.

## Many thanks to:

- ◆ All the County PROs for the work and support given
- ◆ Ed Donnelly for all the work in updating the website
- ◆ To all our program editors who keep raising the standard
- ◆ All the Council Officers for their help and support all year

## Officers

**Cathaoirleach:** Seamus MacFírbhisig, Oifig Caidreamh Poiblí

**Runaí:** Máirín Ní Shéaghdha (Ciarraí)

**Baill:** Eibhlín Ní Chroiseáin (Luimneach), Seosaimh Ó Cléirigh (Port Láirge), Saibheastar Ó Conchuir (An Clár), Gearóid Ó Laighin (Corcaigh), Gearóid Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann) agus An tAthair Seamus Ó Gairnéir.

## Fo-Choiste IT:

Eamonn Ó Donnale (Tiobraid Árann) Aodán Ó Riain (Luimneach)

**Máirín Ní Shéaghdha** (Ciarraí) Runaí Eanáir 2011



# Munster Urban Development Committee

## Terms of Reference

The Munster Urban Development Committee (MUDC) was established in March 2010, the terms of reference are summarised below.

- ◆ To work in conjunction with the County Urban Development Committees, Munster Coaching and Games Development and the National Urban Development committee,
- ◆ To oversee the completion of the theme on urbanisation at county and provincial level as outlined in the Strategic vision and Action Plan 2009-2015,
- ◆ To undertake research in relation to the demographic and population trends in Munster and identify current inhibiting factors including improving participation rates; and reducing drop-out and identify factors which influence participation in our Association.
- ◆ In conjunction with County Urban committees the committee will identify best practice in the application of by-laws and the Parish rule to facilitate greater participation and the promotion of clubs in both Urban and rural areas

## Activities to Date and Future Plans

1. Since match 2010, the committee met on four occasions, namely, April, June, August and October 2010.
2. In order to avoid duplication of activities the committee is currently scoping the area of urbanisation and examining various reports and activities that have been or are currently being undertaken by units within the Association.
3. In June 2010, the Committee met with two members of the National Urban development committee who represent Munster. The plans of the National Committee were detailed at this meeting.
4. The secretary of both the MUDC and the National Urban Development committee held a preliminary meeting

with a University academic member to discuss the broad issues of physical activity within urban areas. It was agreed to explore the feasibility of working with the Universities and use their expertise to undertake a research study focusing on broad area of physical activity.

5. The Committee agreed that in order to identify suitable pilot projects research needs to be undertaken, this include identifying best practice in other countries of similar size and identifying what interventions were used to develop a particular sport in urban areas.
6. The Committee want to ensure that the decisions to fund a project are based on factual evidence. It was noted that the National Urban Committee's objective was to target population centres rather than particular projects.
7. The Committee will meet with the Munster Coaching Games and development Committee to discuss the broad area of urban development with a view to identifying what interventions have been both successful and unsuccessful to ensure that any past mistakes are not replicated.
8. The Committee will review the County Strategic Plans in relation to the urban activities as well as discussing current and proposed initiatives with the Games personnel in each county.
9. It was agreed to examine the possibility of providing non-competitive Gaelic games at Underage level during the October-March period and explore the possibility of playing games outside of school hours.
10. It was agreed to explore the issue of developing or further developing a model that will provide an opportunity for children who traditionally have little or no exposure to Gaelic Games.

## Challenges

1. The activities of the Urban Development Committee are interlinked with the activities of the

National Urban Development programme and Munster Coaching and Games Development. Thus, any plans for the Urban Development Committee cannot be implemented without reference to the aforementioned committees.

2. The funding and plans of the National Urban Development Committee are awaiting approval at national level. The availability of funding for urban projects over a medium term period of 3-5 years should be incorporated into budgets within this timeframe.
3. The decisions that Association make should be based on future projections and trends. Prior to the allocation of any funding the Association should conduct some research at national and provincial level to ensure that policy decisions are based on empirical evidence.
4. The measurement of success of Urban Development projects is not short-term, thus, it may be difficult to secure funding for longer-term initiatives that may not provide results over a 12-18 month timeline.
5. Even where funding is secured for longer-term projects, the ability of any initiatives to make an impact is dependent on regular monitoring and revision over a number of years.

## Acknowledgements

The advice and work of the following members must be acknowledged:

Pat Flynn, Chairperson (Waterford)  
 Kevin O'Driscoll (Cork)  
 Neil Ryan (Tipperary)  
 Pdraig Quinn (Clare)  
 Alan Cunningham (Clare) - Co-opted  
 Donal Murphy (Kerry)

In addition, Joey Carton (Waterford) has provided advice to the committee and acted as an interface with the Munster Coaching and Games Development Committee.

**Michael Frain**  
 Rúnaí



## Coiste Cultúrtha

### Téarmaí Tagartha

1. Chun gach gné de chultúr agus teanga na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn.
2. Chun bainistiú a dhéanamh ar chúrsaí an ghrúpa oibre Scór agus a bheith mar idirghabhálaí idir an grúpa san agus An Comhairle.
3. Tionscnaimh a chur ar bun chun athbheochan a dhéanamh ar Scór ag leibhéal an Club.
4. Deimhin a dhéanamh de go bhfuil gach Oifigeach Cultúir/Gaeilge Chontae ina bhall den Choiste Cultúrtha.
5. Eolas maidir leis an nGaeilge agus ainmneacha na gClub a scaipeadh ar gach club i gCúige Mumhan.
6. Féachaint ar éifeacht na scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta agus iad a mheas agus moltaí a chur ar aghaidh chun feabhas a chur orthu.
7. Gníomhaíochtaí clainne agus pobail a chur chun cinn mar chuid lárnach den chumann.

### Plean Oibre Reatha

- A. Obair le Coiste Scór chun páirtíocht na gClub a fheabhsú. Rinneadh mion-suirbhé i ngach Contae agus tugadh na torthaí do rúnaí Scór an Chontae. Bhí ardú de 2% páirtíocht i Scór na nÓg agus Scór Sinsir i dtír gcinn de na gContaithe agus laghdú de 2% sna Contaithe eile. Tá dúshlán mór romhainn an sprioc do gach Chlub a bheith páirteach roimh bliain 2015.
- B. A chinntiú trí monatóireacht a dhéanamh orthu go gceapfaidh gach Club Oifigeach Gaeilge /Cultúr. Ón bpróiseas monatóireachta atá againn táimid sásta go bhfuil Oifigeach Gaeilge/Cultúr ag 83% de chlubanna. Tá trí Contaithe go bhfuil an sprioc beagnach bainte amach acu agus na cinn eile ag obair go dian chun an sprioc a bhaint amach.
- C. Scéim scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta a bhainistiú agus smacht a bheith againn orthu. Bhí sprioc de 400 againn. D'éirigh go hiontach leis an gclár seo agus sháraíomar an sprioc.

- D. Có-oibriú le Coiste Forbartha an Chúige chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an scéim um fhógraíocht dhátheangach i ngoirt na gClub i bhfeidhm. D'éirigh go han-mhaith leis an scéim seo go dtí seo.
- E. Obair lámh ar lámh le Raidió na Gaeltachta. Tionóladh cruinnithe rialta leis an gCeannaire Réigiúnach.
- F. Nascanna a fhorbairt idir sinn féin agus eagrais Ghaeilge / Cultúrtha eile ag leibhéal áitiúil, leibhéal an Chontae agus go náisiúnta. Tionóladh cruinnithe rialta le Foras na Gaeilge, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Glór na nGael, Conradh na Gaeilge, Oireachtas na Gaeilge agus Údarás na Gaeltachta. Bhí plé again le Cosite áitiúil Oireachtas na Gaeilge i gCill Airne.
- G. Forbairt níos mó a dhéanamh ar Thráth na gCeist as Gaeilge. D'éirigh go hiontach leis seo mar bhí páirtíocht níos fearr agus cé nar bhuaigh buaiteoirí craobh na hÉireann bhíodar mar neasoifir san comórtas.
- H. Obair go dlúth le Coiste na Gaeilge i bPáirc an Chróchaigh. Fuarthas é seo an-sásúil agus tátar tar éis cóip de "an tOifigeach Gaeilge sa Chlub", "An Slionnteoir agus an tAinmneoir" a sheachadadh ar gach club sa Chúige. Tá 80% de Oifigh Gaeilge / Cultúr Chontae sa Chúige tar éis freastal ar seimineáir náisiúnta.
- I. Nascanna le Coláistí Samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht agus Roinn na Gaeltachta a choimeád beo. Bíonn cruinnithe rialta le hionadaithe ón dá dream sin. Tugann an Comhairle, tríd an Coiste Cultúrtha, tacaíocht luachmhar do na Coláistí.
- J. Tar éis comóradh 125 bliain - táimid ag chinntiú go n-eagraíonn na clubanna ar a laghad oíche amháin Ghaeilge / Cultúir. D'éirigh thar barr ar fad leis seo go speisialta ar Lá Oscailte na gClub mar go raibh go leor eachtraí Gaeilge / Cultúrtha eagraithe.
- K. Deimhin a dhéanamh de trí mhonatóireacht go bhfuil an Club (tríd an Oifigeach Gaeilge / Cultúr) ag cothú nascanna láidre pobail. Bhí sé seo le feiscint go soiléir ar Lá Oscailte na gClub agus tá áthas orainn a thuairisciú go bhfuil an díograis céanna ann fós.



Waterford SH captain Stephen Molumphy is presented with the Munster Cup by Seán Breathnach.



## Coiste Cultúrtha

### Plean Oibre Molta don Bhliain seo Chughainn

Tá dúshlán mór ar an gCoiste agus go háirithe na hOifigí Gaeilge / Cultúr Chontae an Plean Gníomh Stratéiseach 2009-2015 a chur i gcrích. Tá dualgaisí an Choiste agus an Oifigí Gaeilge / Cultúr leagtha síos go beacht sa phlean - Oifigí Gaeilge / Cultúr i ngach Chlub, gach Club páirteacht i Scór, ócáidí Gaelacha / Cutúrtha agus oícheanta Gaeilge a eagrú. Níos mó inchur ag an bpobal agus tuismitheoirí a mhealladh isteach sa Chlub. Imeachtaí Cultúrtha / Gaeilge ar an suíomh idirlín ag leibhéal an Chlub, an Chontae agus an Chúige. Gaeilge i gcursaí cumarsáide agus scéim scoláireachtaí Ghaeilge a fhorbairt. Tá deireadh tagtha leis an scéim Comhartha Dhá Theangach do Chlubanna faoi scáth Fhoras na Gaeilge. Caithfear iarratas a dhéanamh don Fhoras i bpáirtíocht leis na húdaráis áitiúla chun síneadh ama a fháil don scéim seo.

Tá athas orm go éirigh leis an gCoiste le cabhair ón gComhairle suíomh idirlín a cruthaí mar chuid do idirlín Chomhairle na Mumhan (<http://munstergaa.ie/cultúr>). Beidh ar gach ball den choiste seo freastal ar Seimineár Náisiúnta Choiste na Gaeilge Páirc an Chróchaigh.

### Scoláireachtaí Gaeilge

Bronnadh scoláireachtaí ar dheagóirí idir bhuaicillí agus cailíní, chun freastal ar chursaí Gaeilge trí seachtaine sa Ghaeltacht ina gcuirtear béim ar scileanna peile is iománaíochta. Bhí na cursaí seo á reachtáil ag Coláistí Chorca Dhuibhne i gCiarraí, Coláiste na Rinne i bPort Láirge agus Coláiste na Mumhan i mBéal Átha an Ghaoraigh i gCorcaigh.

Tá an scéim seo i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na Boird Chontaetha, Comhairle na Mumhan agus na Coláistí Gaeilge. Thug an Comhairle 415 scoláireacht amach do dhéagóirí chun freastal ar na cursaí seo. Sheol an Cathaoirleach Séan Breathnach an scéim go hoifigiúil i bPáirc Uí Chaoimh ar ócáid an Chluiche Craoibhe Iománaíochta Corcaigh in aghaidh Tiobraid Árann. Tá an Coiste thar a bheith sásta leis an slí a reachtáladh na cursaí agus breis forbartha a rinneadh ar na cluichí. Bhronn Cathaoirleach Chomhairle na Mumhan an Fáinne agus Teastais ar na micléinn a d'fhreastal ar an gcúrsa speisialta i gColáiste Chorca Dhuibhne i mí Lúnasa.

Thug an Cathaoirleach agus mé féin cuairt ar na cursaí i mBéal Átha an Ghaoraigh, i gCorca Dhuibhne agus sa Rinn agus bhíomar ana shásta leis an slí a bhí na cursaí á reachtáil ó thaobh Comhairle na Mumhan de.

Bhí cúrsa piólótach i bhforbairt scileanna na gCluichí Gaelacha i gColáiste na Rinne i dtaca le Choiste Chontae Port Láirge.

### Cruinnithe

7 gcruinní ar fad in Oifig Chomhairle na Mumhan, Luimneach.

### Baill agus Tinreamh

Liam Ó Rinn - Cahtaoirleach (7),  
Diarmuid Ó Murchú (7),  
Micheál Mac Conmara (7),  
Tomás de Búrca (7),  
Diarmuid Ó Sé (3),  
Seamus Mac Ionrachaigh (6),  
Liam Ó hEachtairn (6),  
Liam Ó Laochdha (7),  
Donncha Mac Thomáis (6),  
Tomás Ó Cadhla (3),  
Seosaimhín Ní Cathail (3).

### Dátaí na gCruinnithe:

15 Feabhra, 26 Aibreán,  
24 Bealtaine, 28 Meitheamh,  
26 Iúil, 13 Méan Fomhair  
agus 8 Samhain.

### Diarmuid Ó Murchú Rúnaí



Uachtarán na hÉireann Mary McAleese acknowledges the applause of the Limerick and Kerry fans before the 2010 Munster Senior Football Final.



# Tuairisc Fo-Choiste Scór na Mumham

## Terms of Reference

Organise and promote Scór Sinsear (o/17) and Scór na nÓg (u/17) in each county, culminating in Provincial Finals in both. Encourage and assist in the further promotion of Scór in each county by introducing Scór na bPáistí to Primary Schools (Strategic Plan 2011). Monitor progress yearly having in mind full participation by 2015. Organise Scór Sinsear All-Ireland Finals í gCill Áirne (Munster Venue 2010). Organise Tráth na gCeist as Gaelige in each county leading to participation in All-Ireland Márta 17.

## Current Work Plan

Continue to promote Scór particularly Scór na bPáistí. Five counties now include Scór na bPáistí in their programme - Luimneach have to come on board.

## Participation Statistics

- A. Participation Records attached, Appendix 1  
Three counties, Ciarraí, Port Láirge agus Tiobraid Árann improved on their 2009 figures and are going the right way to achieve the 100% participation goal for 2015. However, the three remaining counties, Corcaigh, Luimneach agus An Clár have a mountain to climb and serious corrective action is needed to arrest

the decline in these counties.

- B. Champions - Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear attached, Appendix 2  
C. Venues & Fear a'Tí / Bean a'Tí attached, Appendix 3  
D. Tráth na gCeist as Gaelige - 7 teams participated in Comórtas Cheannais na Mumhan. Qualifiers for All-Ireland Final were An Chreatalach (An Clár) and Móin an Lín (Luimneach). The buaithéoirí on the day were Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, thus breaking the Cúige Mumhan dominance of the previous four years.  
E. Meetings attached, Appendix 4.

## Proposed work Plan for 2011

Same as in previous years with emphasis on increasing participation in each county both in Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear and introduce Scór na bPáistí to all counties.

## Sympathy

A traumatic year for Scór - three of our Coiste departed this life in 2010; Tom Cronin (Luimneach) R.I.P. Tom O'Connor (Ciarraí) R.I.P. Tom Healy (Ciarraí) R.I.P.  
All three gave a lifetime of service to Scór and will be sorely missed and their replacements have a huge task to maintain the high standards these people have set.

Many other Scór people suffered bereavements during the year; we extend our deepest sympathy to all.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh siad uilig.

## Officers 2010

### Cathaoirleach:

Séamus Mac Ionrachaigh (Luimneach)

### Leas-Cathaoirleach:

Séamus Mac Craith (Tiobraid Árann)

### Rúnaí:

Micheál Mac Conmara (An Clár)

### Cisteóir:

Tomás Ó Concubhair (Ciarraí)

### Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:

Diarmuid Ó Dúda (Corcaigh)

### Baill:

Séamus Mac Ionrachaigh (An Clár)  
Diarmuid Mac Gabhann (Corcaigh)  
Tomás Ó hEalaithe (Ciarraí)  
Tomás Ó Cróinín (Luimneach)  
Pádraig Mac Gearailt (Port Láirge)  
Máire Ní Siall (Port Láirge)  
Dónal Ó Madain (Tiobraid Árann)

### Comhairle na Mumhan:

Donncha Mac Thomáis (Luimneach)

Mise le meas,

**Micheál Mac Conmara**

Rúnaí Coiste

## Appendix I

### Club Participation 2010

Contae	Clubs	Scór na nÓg Participation	%	Scór Sinsear Participation	%
An Clár	42	10	23.8	4	9.5
Ciarraí	74	62	83.8	45	60.8
Corcaigh	164	51	31.1	34	20.7
Luimneach	69	17	24.6	11	15.9
Port Láirge	52	12	23.1	8	15.4
Tiobraid Árann	73	15	20.5	13	17.8



## Tuairisc Fo-Choiste Scór na Mumham

### Appendix 2

Buaitheoirí Scór na Mumhan 2010

\*Craobh na hÉireann

Scór na nÓg	
<b>Rince Fóirne</b>	Gleann Fleisce, Ciarraí*
<b>Amhránaíocht Aonair</b>	Kelly Ní Riain, Atháin, Luimneach
<b>Ceól Uirlise</b>	Sráid a'Mhuillinn, Corcaigh*
<b>Aithriseóireacht</b>	Brian Ó Murchú, An Tochair, Ciarraí*
<b>Bailéad Ghrúpa</b>	Na Gaeil, Ciarraí
<b>Tráth na gCeist</b>	An Bóthar Buí, Corcaigh
<b>Nuachleas</b>	Cill tSeile/Dromchaoin, Luimneach*
<b>Rince Seit</b>	An Bóthar Buí, Corcaigh*

Scór Sinsear	
<b>Rince Fóirne</b>	Spa, Ciarraí*
<b>Amhránaíocht Aonair</b>	Nóirín Ní Riain, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Tiobraid Árann
<b>Ceól Uirlise</b>	Gleann Fleisce, Ciarraí
<b>Aithriseóireacht</b>	Ray Ó Suilleabháin, Spa, Ciarraí
<b>Bailéad Ghrúpa</b>	Moyvane, Ciarraí
<b>Tráth na gCeist</b>	An Chreatalach, An Clár
<b>Nuachleas</b>	Abbeydorney, Ciarraí
<b>Rince Seit</b>	Borrisoleigh, Tiobraid Árann

**Note:** 6 All-Ireland titles (3 in 2009)

### Appendix 3

Venues & Fear a'Tí / Bean a'Tí		
<b>Scór na nÓg Semi-Final</b>	Ovens	Orlaith Ní hArnold
<b>Scór na nÓg Semi-Final</b>	Cappamore	Úna Ní Riain
<b>Scór na nÓg Final</b>	Mallow	Aoife Ní Bhráin
<b>Scór Sinsear Semi-Final</b>	Cappamore	Jacki Ní Chonchúr
<b>Scór Sinsear Semi-Final</b>	Millstreet	Antóin Mac Amhloibh
<b>Scór Sinsear Final</b>	Ballybunion	Aisling Ní Chuideagáin

**Note:** The number of cailíní who performed this job, 5 out of 6.

Cúige Mumhan also supplied the Fear a'Tí for Comórtaisí Cheannais Scór na nÓg 2010 - Séamus Ó Lonáin (Port Láirge).

### Appendix 4

Statistics for 2010 Meetings - 10					
Date	Venue	Attendance	Date	Venue	Attendance
20/1/10	Áras Mumhan	10	21/4/10	Áras Mumhan	10
31/1/10	Mallow	11	9/6/10	Kilmurry Lodge	9
24/2/10	Áras Mumhan	11	22/9/10	Áras Mumhan	9
9/3/10	Áras Mumhan	10	20/10/10	Kilmurry Lodge	9
21/3/10	Ballybunion	11	15/12/10	Kilmurry Lodge	13



# Munster GAA Inter-Firm

## General Report on Activities

In this, my fourth report to Convention, I again report on a successful year for Inter-Firm GAA in Munster. Overall we had a successful championship in 2010 with some very enjoyable and sporting games.

## Current Work Plan

### Championship

The Munster Inter-Firm GAA Council had four grades of championship, Junior Hurling, Junior Football, Senior Hurling and Senior Football with most counties in Munster taking part in the different grades of Championship. All games were played in a very sporting fashion.

### Junior-Hurling

The Munster Council decided to run this grade of championship this year, by running a competition to provide championship games, and accommodate winners and runners up from competing counties in Munster at this grade of championship.

The Munster Junior Hurling quarter final saw Bank of New York of Cork narrowly defeat by a goal the amalgamation of Merck Sharp & Dohme / Boston Scientific of Tipperary in a very high scoring game played in Ballyporeen.

Bank of New York of Cork then qualified to meet Analog Devices of Limerick in the first of the semi-finals which was played under lights in Knocklong. After a great competitive game played under tough conditions Analog Devices of Limerick narrowly defeated Bank of New York of Cork and qualified for the final. The other semi-final saw Limerick Prison Officers narrowly defeat UCC of Cork with just a goal separating the sides at the final whistle in a game which was also played under tough conditions in Mallow.

The final saw Analog Devices of Limerick fashion a good win to overcome the Limerick Prison Officers to take the title in a game played under lights in Staker Wallace GAA pitch, Martinstown, Co Limerick.

### Junior Football

This year the Munster Council decided to run this grade of championship as an extended competition at the quarter final stage with both counties meeting each other over two legs on a home and away basis

with aggregate scores to decide the outcome. The purpose of this was to ensure counties played more games at this stage before reaching the semi-finals.

The first quarter final saw CitiBank of Waterford narrowly defeat Merck Sharp & Dohme of Tipperary over the two games in Tipperary and Waterford. The other quarter final saw Clare Garda fashion a good win over the Limerick Prison Officers over the two games in Clare and Limerick.

Analog Devices of Limerick defeated Citi Bank of Waterford in the first semi-final. The other semi-final saw the Bailey Pub Group of Cork narrowly defeat Clare Garda in a game played in Knocklong.

The final between the Bailey Pub Group of Cork and Analog Devices of Limerick was a good competitive game throughout played under very tough weather conditions, and it resulted in the title going to the Bailey Pub Group.

### Senior Hurling

The Munster Senior Hurling Final between the Limerick Guards and the Cork Guards is due to be played in mid February.

### Senior Football

The Munster Senior Football Final between the Limerick Guards and the Cork Guards is also due to be played in mid February.

## Proposed Work Plan for next 12 Months

### January 1st – April 30th

Affiliations, Players Registration, team Insurance for clubs to take place in the counties of Munster.

### May 1st – July 31st

County Championships in Munster in Senior Hurling, Senior Football, Junior Hurling and Junior Football.

### August 1st- August 31st

Provincial championship draws in Munster.

### September 1st – October 31st

Provincial Championships in Senior Hurling, Senior Football, Junior Hurling and Junior Football take place.

### November 1st – December 15th

All Ireland semi-finals and All Ireland Finals to take place.

## Any Other Business

### Acknowledgements

I would like to thank all the Referees and Officials who officiated at our Hurling and Football Games during the year: I would also like to thank all the clubs in the Counties in Munster who made their pitches available to us throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Comhairle na Mumhan for the help and support we received from them during the year.

Finally, to all the Munster Council Officers, I would like to again express my thanks for the enormous effort, time, interest, help and support given to me in making 2010 a very successful year for Inter-Firm GAA in Munster.

### Financials

Income and Expenditure Accounts/Balance Sheet will be published at the upcoming AGM of the Munster inter-firm GAA council. A copy will be forwarded to the council following the AGM.

### Statistics

Provincial Council Meetings in Munster: Eight Provincial Council Meetings were held in Munster during the months of January, April, July, August, September and November 2010.

The Munster Council GAA Meetings are held in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork as this is the most suitable venue for all Officers, from all Counties in Munster attending the meetings.

### Participation Statistics

As outlined above in the different grades of championship Junior Hurling, Junior Football, Senior Hurling and Senior Football

### Officers

President: Tom Daly  
 Vice-President: Henry Cooney  
 Chairman: Peter Dennehy  
 Vice-Chairman: Aidan McMahon  
 Rúnaí: Francis Chute  
 Treasurer: Michael Mulcahy  
 Fixtures Secretary: Oliver Fitzpatrick  
 Central Council Delegates:  
 Michael O'Neill, Donal McCarthy

### Francis Chute

Rúnaí  
 January 2011



# Football Review Committee

The above committee was established in the Summer of 2007, by the then council chairman James O’Gorman. Sean Walsh, chairman, has reappointed the existing committee to continue with its work. The aim of the committee is to address the imbalance in football in Munster.

## Terms of Reference

1. Oversee second level schools football project in selected secondary schools.
2. Work with the provincial coaching and county coaching and games.
3. Work with provincial school representatives to increase participation and improve skill development at all levels.
4. Report to the management and finance committee and the provincial council on a regular basis.

## Current Work Plan

### Secondary Schools Project

Generally, the project was a success in its first year. However, difficulties arose in Limerick where the scheme only commenced after Christmas. However, three schools did participate in year one but Castletroy college opted out in year two to be replaced by Coláiste Chiarán, Croom. The blitzes between the schools proved to be troublesome, with some schools not participating at all. Year two commenced in September 2010, and as a result at this stage the coaches have first and second years to deal with.

John Phelan, St Declan’s reports as follows:-

*“Overall I am satisfied with the way the project is progressing. I was slightly disappointed with the overall standard of football in the area, but on reflection as there are so few boys from senior football clubs and many from non football clubs, intermediate and junior football clubs where in many cases underage coaching is non existent, this is quite understandable.*

*I have seen a noticeable improvement in the overall football standard of the boys. The first year blitzes, which the school participated were both very beneficial and enjoyable. It also gave many boys a chance of representing their school in football and participating in games situations, otherwise this opportunity would never arise for many of them. The feedback and interest created was very positive.”*

Transition year students are being used to assist coaching, managers and referees. St Flann’s and Clonmel High School were competitive in 15A football, which was won by Dingle. Castletroy won 15B and Rice college won 15C football. A number of the remaining colleges were active and competitive in their respective competitions.

The committee feels the scheme is worth pursuing and in the fullness of time benefits will be seen.

I would like to thank Pat Grant and Eoin Breathnach (Waterford), Nicholas Moroney and Denis Maher (Tipperary), Noel Hartigan and Gerry Phillips (Limerick), John Enright and Seán Chaplain (Clare) and Pat O’Shea.

## 3rd Level

The committee met with W.I.T. in 2009, and as a result a great effort has been put into football by all concerned. The college reached the semi-final of the 2010 Trench Cup, only to be beaten by eventual winners Tralee. W.I.T. reached the final of the league in the present season only to be again defeated by Tralee by two points. W.I.T. are hopeful of at least reaching the 2011 Trench Cup Final which will be played in Croke Park. There are a number of other third level colleges in Munster; the committee are anxious to challenge them to be more competitive at football.

In the current year the committee’s focus has been totally on the second level project.

## McGrath Cup

The committee are pleased that Cork and Kerry participated in the McGrath Cup in 2011.

## Under 17 Football Competition

This competition was played out on four successive Mondays in October, 2010, and all four counties; Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford played in four games. Tipperary won the competition proper and Clare the plate. The final between Tipperary and Limerick was a very competitive match played in Semple Stadium, Thurles. The respective minor managements, as a result, are focused much sooner for the Munster Minor Championship and this should help standards.

Sean & Nancy Darcy, Shannon Rovers, Tipperary, presented a cup to the Munster Council for the competition in memory of their son Daryl, who died tragically in a car accident.

The committee wishes that the competition will continue and prosper.

The committee is made up as follows:-

Chairman: John Landers - Munster Coaching  
Secretary: Michael Power - Munster Council

Members: Donal Fitzgibbon - Limerick,  
John Kiely - Waterford, Liam Hodnett - Cork,  
Pat Moroney - Tipperary, Noel Walsh - Clare,  
Tony O’Keeffe - Kerry.

## Thanks

Finally, thanks to Sean Walsh, Chairman; Robert Frost, coaching and games; Pat O’Shea; Pat Fitzgerald, Enda McGuane, John Landers, chairman of committee, and all committee members.

## Michael Power

Rúnaí

Secondary Schools Project - outline of progress to date		
Name of School	Average Numbers Attending	Name of Coach
Scoil Mhuire agus Íde, Newcastlewest	25	David Ward
St John the Baptist, Hospital	50	John Mullane
Coláiste Chiarán, Croom	20	Michael Crowley
Tramore C.B.S.	52	Tony Corcoran
St Augustine’s College, Dungarvan	28	Michael Phelan
St Declan’s Kilmacthomas	56	John Phelan
High School, Clonmel	40	Brian White
The Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary	26	Derry Peters
Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir	28	Colm O’Flaherty
Rice College, Ennis	20	Lawrence Healy
North Clare Colleges	16	Aiden O’Keeffe
West Clare Colleges	24	James Murrhy
<b>Total</b>	<b>385</b>	



# County & Club Grounds Safety Committee

## Committee

**Chairman:** Donal Fitzgibbon

**Secretary:** John Brett

**Council Representative:**  
Anthony Walsh (Waterford)

## Members:

Eamon Landy (Cork)  
John Lenihan (Kerry)  
Noel O'Sullivan (Waterford)  
John Sherlock (Tipperary)  
John Stapleton (Limerick)

## Terms of Reference

The work of this Committee in relation to our part in the Munster Strategic Vision and Action Plan was:

1. The development of a template to allow the assigning of positions and responsibilities to Stewards both in the Stands and Terraces Five days prior to Match Days .This Template to be used at all Major Venues by 2011.
2. All Munster Stewards to be FETAC Certified by end of 2011.
3. All local Voluntary Stewards at each venue to be also Fetac certified.
4. All Major Grounds to be assessed as regards their Safety and Operating Procedures.



Action from Bruree v St. Mary's Cahirciveen, in the 2010 Munster Junior Club Football Final.



Presentation of Steward Training Certificates - Clare

## Current Work Plan

A total of 64 Certificates were presented by Cathaoirleach Comhairle na Mumhan Sean Breathnach on November 17th to Munster Stewards who had successfully completed the Fetac Level 5 Stewarding Course.

We congratulate these Stewards for their commitment and dedication to our association and look forward to working with them in the future.

Thurles held a course also and we congratulate and thank them also. Their Certificate presentation will be held later.

The Template for the Control of Stewards on match days was implemented at all venues for 2010, based on the system which has been used in Killamey for some time.

Mick O'Loughlin was appointed by the council to control this in conjunction with the Committee. This system controls the positioning of Stewards and Bib Numbers on match days and is reviewed and updated as required in consultation with Match Venue concerned.

## Proposed Work for Future

Safety Audits are at present being conducted on all Major Grounds by Mick Slattery from Croke Park.

These Audits will have to be followed up and Plans put in place to carryout any work

that needs to be done at the various venues.

Put a plan in place in conjunction with County Development Committees to have Safety Audits done on all club facilities in particular all those applying for Munster Council and National Grants in the future.

## Statistics

There were 5 Committee Meetings held during 2010:

**April 15th:**  
at Áras Mumhan, 7 members present

**May 31st:**  
at Áras Mumhan, 5 members present

**July 12th:**  
at Áras Mumhan, 6 members present

**September 14th:**  
at Áras Mumhan. 7 members present

**November 17th:**  
at Mallow GAA Club. 6 members present

The Chairman and Secretary also met with An Rúnaí Comhairle na Mumhan on a number of occasions during the year:

They also met with the Comhairle to discuss issues and concerns of the Committee which arose during the year:

**John Brett**  
Rúnaí



# Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Programme (ASAP)

## Terms of Reference

This committee was established in accordance with a national initiative set up by the GAA to deal with alcohol and substance abuse issues that may confront the Association. In accordance with the existing provincial strategic plan the goal of the ASAP Programme is to help clubs to respond to alcohol and other drugs problems that are present in every community in the country by building a network of ASAP Officers throughout the clubs. The Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Programme has always been clear that it is not the GAA's job to sort out the Ireland's drug and alcohol problems. The vast majority of clubs will not have any problems, but every club must act to ensure that this remains the case as "Prevention" is the key word in tackling this issue.

## Current Work Plan

Since the inception of the Programme 30 County Officers have been appointed around the Country, including all 6 Counties in Munster. Over 1400 ASAP Club Officers have been appointed around the country, with a quarter of these in Munster Counties. These ASAP Officers have been developing localised policies and procedures to prevent problems from occurring in the first instance and giving guidance to clubs if an alcohol or other drug related problem does occur. There are over 600 Club Drug & Alcohol Policies completed nationally.

## National and Provincial Developments

One aspect of the Munster ASAP Officer's role is involvement in the Programme's development at a national level. Six ASAP National Meetings were held during 2010 bringing together all the Provincial and County Officers.

The purpose of these meetings was to review the programme's progress, to promote its development and set future strategy going forward.

### The following were the more notable developments in 2010:-

- ◆ **National Seminar**  
This Conference, which took place in March 2010 in Croke Park, was a major success with an attendance of up to 300 delegates.
  - The Presentations included such topics as Head-shops, Player Health & Lifestyle, Developing an Alcohol and & Drug Policy, arranging education events & how to talk people to about alcohol & drugs.
  - Presentations were delivered by the Munster & Ulster ASAP Officers and by a number of high profile people with expertise gained from both GAA involvement and healthcare work. Galway's Joe Connolly and Tipperary's John Leahy also addressed the delegates.
  - An Uachtarán CLCG Christy Cooney and Minister Pat Carey were also in attendance.

## ◆ Coach Survey Completed

During 2010 Coaches throughout the Association were surveyed on the area of substance abuse and how it affects the teams and individual players they coach. 347 coaches responded to the survey and the opinions gained were very informative. Some of the findings from the survey included:

- 52% of respondents had coached a team that had been affected by players use of alcohol or other drugs.
- 23% of coaches tried to deal with the problem
- 12% were happy with the outcome of their attempt to remedy the situation.
- 84% of coaches said they would be willing to undergo training in how to deal with alcohol and other drug related issues.

## ◆ United Nations Office of Drugs & Crime

One interesting development during 2010 was that the GAA's ASAP Programme attracted the attention of the United Nations Office of Drug & Crime (UNODC). A delegation of the UNODC, which is based in Iran, was in Ireland on a study mission looking at various drug prevention programmes. It seems that there is a rapidly growing drug problem in that country.

- After a presentation in Croke Park they were given a tour of the Stadium with the Player messages, developed by the ASAP programme, being displayed on the Stadium's big screen.
- They were very impressed with the GAA in general and with their ASAP Programme in particular and immediately started to consider how they would do something similar through their own structure of sports organisations. They were very impressed with the voluntary nature of the ASAP Programme

## ◆ Introduction of County Policies

Now that so many clubs are successfully operating Club Drug and Alcohol Policies we have begun the process of the introduction of County Policies. Most of the County ASAP Officers are currently developing County Policies with their



Munster Council delegates at Adare Manor Hotel, Co. Limerick for the launch of the 2010 Munster GAA Senior Hurling & Football Championships



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County Executives with a view to getting them adopted. To date 6 counties have completed this process.

### ◆ National Template & Website

These resources continue to be updated and developed. The ASAP website is updated on an on-going basis and the template which is contained in Manual form was again updated (4th Edition) in 2010. The website and the manual are the ASAP Programme's core resources and are essential to the Programme for they are the ultimate reference point in assisting Club and County Officers looking for guidance on the whole issue of substance abuse.

### ◆ Other Resources Introduced

In addition the Manual & website the ASAP Programme continues to develop other resources it uses to assist the programmes implementation:- ie ASAP Information Brochure, Educational DVD 'Club Matters', Posters, Pitch-side Signage

### ◆ National Co-ordinator HSE Secondment

At the time of writing Brendan Murphy's secondment from the HSE to the GAA as National Co-ordinator of the ASAP Programme is being reviewed. It is imperative to the rollout of this Programme, which is not yet completed, that the National Co-ordinator remains in place. The person in this position must have the appropriate experience in the area, so that as the programme is being implemented that the GAA has an individual, confidently knowledgeable on the subject, giving timely accurate advice.

### Progress Reports County by County

There are now six county officers appointed in Munster to date:

#### Waterford:

The Waterford ASAP officer continues to be Paddy Fitzgerald. All clubs in Waterford have appointed ASAP Officers and are in varying stages in adopting club policies.

#### Limerick:

Denis Martin is the Limerick ASAP. Denis continues to work getting ASAP Officers appointed. Clubs in Limerick continue to develop and adopt Club ASAP Policies.

#### Kerry:

Kerry's County Officer is Brian Surgue. A number of information nights were held during 2010. A recent review of the programme within the county shows that three quarters of the Clubs in Kerry have appointed ASAP Officers and a third of these clubs have adopted ASAP policies.

#### Cork:

A number of information nights have been held in Cork during 2010. Over half of the 165 clubs in Cork have appointed ASAP Officers and work continues on increasing this number. A large portion of these clubs have either completed or are in the process of adopting ASAP policies.

#### Tipperary:

The Tipperary County Officer is John Smith. Tipperary have 18 Clubs officers appointed with 5 clubs having adopted policies. The main objective in Tipperary for 2011 is to complete the Officer Appointments and adoption of Club policies.

#### Clare:

Des Crowe was appointed Clare's ASAP officer in 2010. A county Committee has been formed and a presentation on the programme was given by Joe Connolly and the Munster ASAP Officer at the recent Clare County Convention. A further information night is planned in the coming weeks.

### ASAP Programme's Provincial strategy for the short term

- To continue the process of providing information to clubs.
- To complete the process of appointing ASAP officers/contacts in each club.
- To liaise with each County officer and establish what clubs have adopted ASAP policies and to encourage those that haven't done so.
- To continue the process of the introduction of County ASAP Policies
- Look at the formal training of coaches in how to respond to drug and alcohol related problems among players.

### Conclusion

By taking deliberate actions now to prevent the spread of drug and alcohol use we are continuing in the tradition of our forefathers to provide safe and enjoyable places for people to meet, to take part in our games and to build the kinds of communities we want to live in.

Finally I would, on behalf of the Munster ASAP Committee would like to thank the Munster Council, in particular the Club & County Support Committee, for all their help and support throughout the year:

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Donnacha Ó Mairtín (Luimneach)

Pádraig MacGearailt (Port Láirge)

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