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**\* Standing Orders**

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council one hour before the start of the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
9. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
10. No motion shall be discussed for more than 30 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 30 minutes have elapsed.
11. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
12. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes

are proposed a two - thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.

13. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
14. In the event of the proposition “That the question be put”, and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or ‘Put the question’.
15. In the event of the proposition “That the AGM, move to next business “ and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
16. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
17. The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
18. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with other officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
19. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
20. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM or General Meeting. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting February, 26<sup>th</sup>. 2005**

The Annual General Meeting of Cumann na mBunscol was held in the City Hotel, Armagh on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>. February. The meeting was chaired by Jim O' Reilly and he welcomed all the delegates and especially Seán Mc Cann ( Oifigeach Gaelach, Coiste Contae Árd Mhacha ), Eibhlin Ward & Pat Morrissey ( Hertfordshire & London ), Lisa Mitchell ( Liathróid Láimhe ), Jimmy D'Arcy ( Coaching Games & Development ) and Alison Mc Cormack ( Camogaiocht ). He thanked Árd Mhacha and in particular Kathleen Woods, Malachy McGeeney and Paul Duggan for their hospitality. He also thanked Seán Ó Ceallaigh for his attendance at our function the previous night. He congratulated the national committee for all the excellent work that they had done over the year. Apologies from Catherine Byrne, Liam Mulvihill, Pat Daly, Moira Graham, Jerry Grogan, Pat Trainor, Richard Bowles and Éamonn Mullen. Jim also congratulated Richard Bowles on the recent birth of his baby daughter Clare and he wished Pat Trainor and Jerry Grogan a speedy recovery from their recent illnesses. He also sympathised with Éamonn on recent bereavment.

**The adoption of the Standing Orders** was proposed by Bernie Ryan ( Sligo ) and seconded by Kevin Wrafter ( Offaly).

**G.M. Minutes** were read by Jim and the following suggestions were made;

- Any relevant material in relation to **website** should be sent to Margaret.
- We should show our appreciation to **Allianz** for €300,000 sponsorship money by submitting Allianz PR material in September.
- County secretaries should distribute details concerning **Roadstone Awards** to schools in their county.
- Our **PRO** Jerry Grogan was still acting as PRO and Jim urged counties to forward PR material to Jerry.
- It was fantastic to see so many attend the **Handball** Exhibition Games in Croke Park. One county expected All-Ireland medals and they had to be informed that it was an Exhibition Game.
- Details of the O' Neill's competition 2005 could be obtained in this booklet and on our website.
- Jim thanked Cumann na mBunscol An Mhi for inviting the chairman and secretary to their 25<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary dinner. He also congratulated them on reaching their 25<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary.
- **The adoption of the GM minutes** was proposed by Tom Ryan (Dublin) and seconded by Gerry O' Meara (Leinster).

**Raffle:** A raffle took place and John Burns from Meath won a beautifully framed picture.

### **Correspondence:**

- A letter from Hertfordshire Primary Schools' Board requesting affiliation with Cumann na mBunscol.
- A letter from Liam Mulvihill refusing permission for the Allianz Exhibition Games to be played on day of Allianz League Finals.
- A letter of appraisal for Cumann na mBunscol from Eamonn Mullen thanking the national executive for their friendship over the years. He also congratulated teachers on the wonderful work that they are doing in the schools to promote Gaelic Games. He wished Paul Duggan well as his successor in the role of Development Officer.

### **Chairman's Address:**

Jim O' Reilly said that it was his fourth year as cathaoirleach and it was a great honour for him to be able to serve Cumann na mBunscol.

- He thanked Cumann na mBunscol Árd Mhacha on hosting the AGM and he praised them for the wonderful hospitality that they showed to delegates on their arrival in the hotel.
- Most of what he was going to say was covered in great detail by our very efficient rúnai, Margaret, in her excellent report. However it was important that he should highlight the main activities undertaken in the past twelve months.
- He thanked Roadstone for their help and sponsorship on the Annual Awards' night last November. In ways it was the end of an era as it was Michael Grogan's last awards night as Managing Director. His personal interest in the scheme helped to drive the night to its present heights. Our sincere thanks to Ronnie Delany who acted as liaison between ourselves and Roadstone. Mile buiochas freisin do Marty who not only was M.C. on the night but also put the night together. Thanks to all the adjudicators and a sincere congrats to everybody who was nominated on the night.
- The INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens continues to provide six great days out for 240 primary school children from all over Ireland. After nine years at the helm, Timmy Maher has stepped down as National Organiser. Jim has seen not only Timmy's commitment over the last four years but also that of his wife Neasa and family. Our sincere thanks to all the Dublin teachers who give freely of their time putting up goal-posts for games etc. Mile buiochas freisin to Jerry Grogan who has a full page in the programme for these games. He would also like to thank INTO President, Austin Corcoran, who attended on all six Sundays. Words couldn't express his thanks to Moira Graham ( Croke Park ) who provides us with invaluable support. He expressed his thanks also to John Carr and Catherine Byrne who increased the INTO sponsorship again this year.
- Two days of handball ably organised by Malachy McGeeney took place again this year. Though not having the same following as other codes, the families and players showed great enthusiasm on both days. It would be great if more teachers accompanied their pupils on their big days.
- This year a project and colouring competition sponsored by O' Neills was launched. We were very happy with the response to these competitions and we look forward to greater entries this year. Our sincere thanks to Tom Ryan who co-ordinated last year's event with great efficiency.
- In December we met Allianz to renew our sponsorship. We are delighted to accept a three year deal worth €300,000. A special word of thanks to Caroline Meany in Allianz who gave us great help. Jim asked each county to get the Allianz logo or Allianz name in newspapers and submit it for PR. It was a case of no Allianz publicity, no money. Thankfully Allianz are back on board again. However, each unit ( County & Provincial ) must make the effort of including our sponsor's name and logo on all PR material. A meeting for PROs will be held sometime after the AGM.
- Since 1<sup>st</sup>. January, 2005 it is compulsory for all players under the age of 18 years to wear helmets with facial guards. He was aware that most schools will not field a team unless all players are wearing their helmets. However, it's important to note, and thanks to Gerry Mc Donnell for bringing it to our attention at the Munster AGM, that only helmets with CE mark will be approved by the GAA. This information should be circulated to all schools who play hurling and/or camogie. Failure to abide with this directive could lead to legal problems in the future.

- The Go Games will be launched shortly and Jim believed that this was the way forward for primary school children. While the main inter-schools' competitions will remain as an important showcase for us, the Go Games provide more activity for younger players.
- Jim concluded by thanking all his fellow officers for their great dedication over the last twelve months. He also thanked officers at provincial and county level and also those people at the coalface, the primary school teachers of Ireland who promote Gaelic Games in our schools.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Its adoption was proposed by Martin Short ( Antrim ) and seconded by Tony Kieran ( Armagh )

### **Matters Arising**

- **Allianz Sponsorship** was discussed in great detail and Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta was congratulated on securing sponsorship for another three years. If any county has difficulty getting the Allianz logo into their local newspapers, they should contact their local Allianz rep. for advice and help. A Sciath na Scol photo with the Allianz logo on it won a national award in photography.
- Jim thanked everyone who had helped to make the **Roadstone Awards** such a success story. A special thanks to Mary Hanafin T.D.( Minister for Education & Science ) and Sean Ó Ceallaigh ( Uachtarán C.L.G. ) for attending the banquet.
- Jim thanked Tom Ryan for organising the mini-games in Croke Park on the day of the **All-Ireland Camogie Final**. He also congratulated Tom on organising the pleasant function in Croke Park for the **O' Neill's Presentation**.
- Jim urged counties to keep a record of all their **All-Ireland tickets** for fear of them being sold on the black-market.
- An Coiste Náisiúnta would be meeting with the **Schools' Work Group** in Croke Park on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>. March to discuss how Croke Park could best help Cumann na mBunscol.
- Counties were urged to have a **Coiste Gearáin** because when there is a problem, everyone has the right to appeal. Also what happens at county level stays at county level. We always have problems with the Mini-Sevens over the age requirements.
- P.J. Fitzpatrick ( Clare ) Bhi athas an domhain ar P.J. go raibh camáin agus sliotair ins na málai **Buntús**. The principal was involved and it was an insult to Cumann na mBunscol when they had been excluded. John Burns ( Meath ) felt that there should be more hurleys and sliotars in the Buntús bags.
- Paddy Corbett ( Mayo ) felt that there was no need for Cumann na mBunscol to use the services of **Odyssey Internet Portals** for the development of websites. Paddy felt that there was enough talent amongst our own ranks to help counties in the development of county websites. Paddy offered help to any county who wished to avail of his expertise.
- Ann Connaughton ( Roscommon) proposed the affiliation of Hertfordshire Primary Schools' Board to Cumann na mBunscol and this proposal was seconded by Frank Reidy ( Meath )

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was deferred until G.M. in September, 2005 as our treasurer Pat Trainor was still very sick in hospital. Martin Short ( Antrim ) thanked everyone for their well wishes and asked everybody to pray for a speedy recovery for Pat.

### **Development Report:**

➤ Éamon Mullen was complemented on his Development Report. It was very detailed and it was a testament of his great work on the National Executive as Development Officer.

### **Mini-Sevens:**

- Timmy Maher said that it was his ninth year as co-ordinator and he was stepping down as national coordinator.
- The Mini-Sevens have been in operation for 20 years and there is no chance of it becoming stale as we have a different group of children participating every year.
- He was still very concerned about children playing twice in Croke Park. This matter should be detected at local level and not at national level.
- Participation in the Mini-Sevens should be spread out and it shouldn't be giving the same child several chances to play in Croke Park.
- Timmy thanked everybody for their huge contribution to the Mini-Sevens and Jim thanked Timmy for all his marvellous work as national coordinator over the years.
- Paddy Conroy ( Clare ) wondered if anything could be done about age advantage for smaller schools. Paddy was advised to put it forward as a motion at next year's AGM.
- Jim O' Reilly offered to act as national co-ordinator until a replacement was found

### **Public Relations Report:**

➤ There was no PR Report as our PRO Jerry Grogan was out on sick-leave. Everyone wished Jerry a speedy recovery.

### **Go Games Presentation:**

A presentation on the Go Games was made by Jimmy D'Arcy from Croke Park. After the presentation a Question and Answer session ensued.

Michael Hanley ( Down ): Are the Go Games not similar to what we're doing already in our schools?

Jimmy D'Arcy: The Go Games are conditioned 7-a-side to a maximum of 11-a-side mini-games with no subs whereas the current practice in larger schools is 15-a-side with subs. A study found that children in the mini-games worked harder, had more touches on the ball and expressed a greater level of enjoyment and perceived competence as compared with participation in 15-a-side games.

Michael Hanley ( Down ): Are we expected to promote these games?

Jimmy D'Arcy: Yes and you'll be invited to a launch in September, 2005.

Michael Hanley ( Down ): Will schools in the 32 counties receive equipment?

Jimmy D'Arcy: Yes in September, 2005.

John Byrne ( Meath ): We seem to be phasing out juvenile games under 12yrs. Is there a formal plan to implement this?

Jimmy D'Arcy: Croke Park will need to look at how it's going to be implemented. It's still in its infancy stages in Dublin.

John Byrne ( Meath ): It's really only a training schedule and it won't replace our present system.

Jimmy D'Arcy: If these games are played, it's hoped that they won't be eroded by competition. Croke Park were looking at parallel structures.

Bernie Ryan ( Sligo ): Will there be county coaches to demonstrate these games for teachers?

Jimmy D'Arcy: There will be a county launch and a DVD will also be made available.  
P.J. Fitzpatrick ( Clare ) : These Go Games would need to be researched and piloted before being implemented.

Tom Ryan ( Dublin ) Under 8, 9, 10 and 11 Go Games were already being implemented in Dublin. These games would be reviewed and modified accordingly.

Michael Weed ( Donegal ) : Any recommendations on what goal-posts should be used?

Jimmy D'Arcy: 10' x 6' goal-posts for the first two stages.

Martin Short ( Antrim ) : Any idea on what equipment we'll receive?

Jimmy D'Arcy: Nothing definite as the finished product was not in place yet.

### Election of Officers

Eamonn Mullen, our Development Officer was stepping down. Eamonn was unable to attend so a letter from Eamonn was read out to delegates. Eamonn thanked members of the National Executive and sub-committees for all their help. He enjoyed his role as Development Officer on the Coiste Náisiúnta but he felt that it was time for him to step down. P.J. Fitzpatrick ( Clare ) thanked Eamonn for all his hard work and help over the years. Paul Duggan ( Armagh ) was welcomed to the top table as Eamonn's successor.

All officers were proposed en bloc by Robert Hanley ( Limerick ) and seconded en bloc by Liam Weir ( Munster ).

Uachtarán-----	Malachy Mc Geeney ( Armagh )
Cathaoirleach-----	Jim O' Reilly ( Cork )
Leas Cathaoirleach-----	Tom Ryan ( Dublin )
Secretary-----	Margaret Cunningham ( Waterford )
Assistant Secretary-----	Richard Bowles ( Galway )
Treasurer-----	Pat Trainor ( Antrim )
PRO-----	Jerry Grogan ( Dublin )
Development Officer-----	Paul Duggan ( Armagh )
Delegate Central Council-----	Timmy Maher ( Dublin )

### Motions

1. That Coiste Naisiunta in consultation with Provincial and Co. Treasurers of Cumann na mBunscol, explore the possibility of drawing up a standard type for annual financial supports.

Co. Thiobraid Árann  
**Accepted**

2. Constitution Section F, Sub-section ( d ) be amended to read :  
That the national A.G.M of Cumann na mBunscol be held in Dublin, or at a suitable central location.

Co. Thiobraid Árann  
**Lost**

3. To be included in the Mini-Sevens Rules:  
Any school entering an overage player in the Mini-Sevens games **may** be disqualified from entering that competition in their own county in the following year.

Uladh  
**Carried**

**The Mini- Sevens Coordinator should send out correspondence in relation to the above motion for Mini-Sevens 2006.**

**4. Constitution Section : National Handball Skills Programme Section 5 (1 ) be changed to read:**

That the current Under 11 age group in handball should be changed to an Under 12 age group on 1<sup>st</sup>. July.

Uladh

**This motion would need to be discussed in detail by Provincial Handball Reps. and then submitted as a motion at our AGM in 2006.**

**Handball Report:**

- Malachy welcomed Lisa Mitchell ( Handball Officer ) from Croke Park to the meeting.
- The Munster Finals in handball would take place in Cork next Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>. March, 2005.
- The Ulster Finals in handball would take place in Belfast next Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>. March, 2005.

**Handball Presentation by Lisa Mitchell ( Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann:**

Lisa stated that there were 175 handball clubs in the country and Ireland had won 34 world titles in handball. Former Cumann na mBunscol pupils have won world titles in handball.

She emphasised the following advantages of playing handball:

- It was easy to teach and set up time was minimal
- Low cost – a ball and a wall
- It's not dependant on the weather
- It's not time consuming
- It provides a solid foundation for other sports
- Setting children up for sport for life – up to 70yrs. of age
- Handball is ranked as NO. 1 in fitness
- Opportunity for Cumann na mBunscol children to play in Croke Park
- Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann are willing to organise coaching sessions in counties and schools. Schools should notify Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hEireann if they are willing to avail of these coaching sessions.
- Mini-Handball Kits will be sent out to all schools in the near future
- A DVD on Handball Skills is also available

**Address of Invited Guests**

**Seán Mc Cann ( Irish Officer Coiste Contae Árd Mhacha ):**

Chuir Seán fáilte roimh gach einne and he apologised for the absence of his chairman and secretary due to other engagements. He welcomed all delegates to Armagh and especially delegates from London and Hertfordshire schools. Mhol sé an obair crua a dhein Malachy ins na bunscoileanna Árd Mhacha. It was a great privilege for Armagh to host the AGM. It was the final year of Malachy's presidency and he praised Malachy on his tremendous work over the years. His great work is deeply appreciated throughout Armagh and the whole country. Dermot Marsden and Óisín Mc Conville

won All-Ireland skills competitions in Croke Park. This competition was a predecessor to the Mini-Sevens.

**Kathleen Woods ( Cathaoirleach Árd Mhacha ):** There was a special surprise for Malachy. Kathleen Woods ( Cathaoirleach Árd Mhacha ) presented Malachy with a beautiful photo of Armagh supporters at the All-Ireland. The secretary Margaret Cunningham was also presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Kathleen also thanked Paul Duggan for all the great work he had done in preparation for the AGM. Paul also organised the crannchur for delegates which was a resounding success.

Many thanks also to Seán Ó Ceallaigh ( Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael ) and John Campbell ( Vice-Chairman of Armagh Co. Council ) who welcomed and mingled with delegates on the eve of the AGM.

**AOB:**

P.J. Fitzpatrick ( Clare ) questioned a letter from Croke Park stating that only Mycro helmets were feasible for use in our games. P.J. felt that our games could not be implemented if we followed the directives of this letter.

This concluded the A.G.M.

## **Minutes of General Meeting September, 24<sup>th</sup> 2005.**

The General Meeting of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta was held in St. Patrick's College of Education, Drumcondra on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>. September, 2005.

Cathaoirleach Jim O' Reilly welcomed all delegates.

The minutes of the AGM 2005 were distributed: The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Tom Ryan ( Dublin ) and seconded by Dan O' Flaherty ( Wexford )

### **Correspondence :**

- 1) Letter from Joan O' Brien ( Dairygold ) expressing a desire to sponsor the Mini-Games in Leinster, Ulster and Connacht in a similar fashion to the Primary Game in Munster. The Provincial Councils should negotiate with Dairygold in relation to this matter.
- 2) A request from the main GAA site to reband our website under their umbrella.

### **Matters Arising:**

There was a lengthy discussion on Dairygold sponsorship. It costs about €40,000 to run the Calvita Primary Game. Munster receives €20,000 from Dairygold to run this series. The Munster Senior Council pays the remaining €20,000 to subsidise the Calvita Primary Game. Teachers have to devote a lot of their time in promoting these games. Dairygold get extremely good value for their sponsorship money as the following requirements are made:

- 1) The Calvita logo has to be on display at every match.
- 2) Primary Game photos have to appear in the match programmes.
- 3) Details of the Primary Game times have to appear on the tickets.

Each province will have different needs and will approach Dairygold in different ways. Leinster have numerous promotions which they would like to discuss with Dairygold. The costing will vary from province to province.

Some delegates felt that the Calvita Primary Game was a useful and very worthwhile vehicle to promote Cumann na mBunscol and Gaelic Games. It provided great encouragement for younger players to train hard as they would be playing before an audience of 50,000 people.

### **Chairman's Address:**

This year had been overshadowed by the unexpected death of our esteemed treasurer Pat Trainor. Pat's untimely death has left a void in our organisation. He is greatly missed not only by members of his family but also by the organisation as a whole. Pat's role as treasurer will not be filled until our next AGM. Tom Ryan is acting as treasurer in the meantime.

The Go-Games were launched recently. County launches will take place in October. The Go-Games have been greatly researched and it has been established that children on smaller teams have a better chance of getting a touch of the ball. We'll still be able to continue with our league matches.

The National Handball Exhibition Games were held in Cavan this year and Jim thanked Malachy for all his hard work.

Timmy has retired from his role as Mini-Sevens co-ordinator. Jim thanked Timmy for his many years of dedicated service. He also thanked the INTO for their

sponsorship over the years.

He urged all counties to advertise Allianz as we were receiving €100,000 per year in sponsorship.

The Roadstone Awards banquet will take place on 10<sup>th</sup>. December. The tickets will cost €60.00 and accommodation in the BerkeleyCourt Hotel will cost €130.00 per room. President Mary McAleese will be in attendance to present the Pat Trainor Memorial Award.

The O' Neill's Awards are now in their second year. The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup>. September and all entries should be sent to Tom Ryan.

### **Primary Schools' Report:**

The newly elected GAA President usually appoints a Primary Schools' Workgroup to study the needs of Primary and Secondary Schools.

The last report was the Jack Boothman Report and a few changes have occurred since then. It was requested that a copy of the Primary Schools' Report be made available at our next AGM. The secretary was also asked to e-mail the Wish List which the National Executive had submitted to the Primary Schools' Workgroup.

### **Coaching Grants:**

It was felt by delegates that schools were not benefiting from the €10,000 coaching grant which was made available to counties three years ago. Each county had its own system in distributing this grant. In Waterford, the juvenile clubs applied for a grant for coaching in the schools but less than 50% of the schools were benefiting from this grant. In one school in Waterford, the Parents' Association were paying for a coach to visit their school every fortnight. Their local juvenile club applied for a grant for two schools in the parish but they were refused the grant because the third school in the parish was unable to get a coach. Delegates were urged that they should be more active and attend all Co. Board meetings and Coaching Games & Development meetings to ensure that we benefit from the various Coaching Games & Development Grants. It's up to our delegates at national and county level to pursue our interests.

Peter Horgan (Croke Park) informed the meeting that every county has to submit a project to Croke Park and on the strength of this application, a grant is given. They send in requisition forms to prove what they did in order to get the balance of this money. The counties have to put an equal amount of money with this grant money and it may be used for Go-Games, coaching, equipment and transport.

Some delegates requested that the secretary write to Pat Daly in Croke Park for a brief written summary of what grants Cumann na mBunscol schools are entitled to. Others felt that the national secretary should automatically be e-mailed the minutes from the Coaching Games & Development meetings.

### **Handball:**

The National Handball Exhibition Games were played in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan where three alleys were made available. Malachy was disappointed with some counties who didn't notify him that they were unable to attend. It deprives other schools of the opportunity of replacing them on the day. The whole programme has to be restructured as a result of their absence. It was requested that the medals be distributed earlier. This was possible if counties would submit their forms on



## SECRETARY'S REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25<sup>TH</sup>. FEBRUARY, 2006

### ➤ ADMINISTRATION:

An Coiste Náisiúnta met on several occasions since the AGM in Armagh. The meetings to a large extent concentrated on Allianz, the Roadstone Awards, Primary Schools' Report, the Go – Games, Tosach Maith, the Website, Handball, the O' Neill's Competition and the Mini – Sevens.

### ➤ ALLIANZ:

- We would like to thank Allianz for renewing their sponsorship with us for three more years. We are delighted to accept a three year deal worth €300,000. A special word of thanks to Caroline Meany, Damien O' Neill and Michael Nolan in Allianz who gave us great help. Counties should show their appreciation by advertising the Allianz logo whenever possible. As a means of encouragement, Allianz projects were entered into the PR category of the Roadstone Awards. There will be no grants for counties who didn't make a PR submission.

### ➤ ROADSTONE:

- The Roadstone Awards took place in the Berkeley Court Hotel on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>. December, 2005. It was a resounding success.
- Eamonn Mullen has stepped down as Roadstone co-ordinator and he was succeeded by Paul Duggan who did a marvellous job on the night of the Awards.
- We would like to thank Eamonn for his long service to Cumann na mBunscol and we acknowledge his huge contribution over the years. His honesty and integrity shone through on many occasions even in difficult times. He made a great impression as delegate to Central Council and it is very sad to see him moving on.
- Many thanks to Marty Morrissey, David Roche and Ronnie Delany who met with the National Committee on numerous occasions to discuss the Roadstone Awards.
- A new category was introduced in memory of Pat. It was called the "Pat Trainor Memorial Award." County committees nominated a Cumann na mBunscol officer who had done trojan work in the promotion of Gaelic Games.
- Congratulations to Michael Hanly, County Secretary of Cumann na mBunscol an Dúin, on winning this prestigious award.
- We invited President Mary McAleese as Guest of Honour and she presented the Pat Trainor Memorial Award to Michael Hanly.
- **Pat Trainor** is greatly missed by all members of the Coiste Náisiúnta, Coiste Uladh and Coiste Aontroim. Pat made a huge contribution to Cumann na mBunscol over the years not only in his role as Treasurer but in many other positions as well. He was a trojan worker and he was very organised in whatever job he undertook. Even though he was a very responsible individual, Pat also had a very humorous side to him and he often kept members entertained with his various jokes and funny stories. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Ann and family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.
- Unfortunately Roadstone have decided to terminate their sponsorship of the awards after a long association of eight years with Cumann na mBunscol.

- A special word of thanks to Roadstone for their sponsorship of the event, especially Managing Director, Mr. Frank Byrne and former Managing Director, Mr. Michael Grogan. The Roadstone Awards have grown into a fantastic social occasion and the stature of the awards ceremony is largely due to the contribution of Roadstone.
- We are actively seeking a new sponsor for this prestigious event and hopefully the awards ceremony will continue to flourish.

➤ **PRIMARY SCHOOLS' REPORT:**

- Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta attended a meeting in Croke Park on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>. March. We prioritised our wish list for the Primary Schools' Workgroup and they provided us with a detailed account of their report. A preliminary copy of this Schools' Report was e-mailed to the each county secretary as requested at the General Meeting.

➤ **GO – GAMES:**

- The National Launch for Go Games was on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Provincial and County Launches on the “Go Games” took place in October, 2005.
- Schools received O’Neill’s vouchers instead of equipment
- The “Go Games” were up and running in Dublin.
- The Go –Games are club orientated.
- The clubs hope to work with schools in promoting Go Games rules and skills.
- It is planned to promote the Under 8’s games first.
- Pat Daly suggested that Mini-Sevens be played as a Go-Game.
- Cumann na mBunscol felt that they should have been more informed as to what was happening as a matter of courtesy
- Cumann na mBunscol would continue running their school leagues.

➤ **TOSACH MAITH:**

- Cumann na mBunscol produced a package called “Tosach Maith” to counteract obesity.
- The possibility of such an initiative would promote physical activity and health through Gaelic games.
- It targeted the 4-8 year olds.
- The package is presently with a number of potential sponsors.
- It is essential that we be seen to be at the forefront of the battle with obesity. Hopefully a sponsor will be found to promote the package.
- When seeking sponsorship we should make the sponsors aware of the numbers participating in our games and the number of hours spent by teachers in the promotion of our Gaelic Games.

➤ **WEBSITE;**

- GAA website: the move of [www.scoilsport.org](http://www.scoilsport.org) to the GAA website would be a slow process.
- A massive amount of time would be needed to upload it and format pages.

➤ **HANDBALL:**

- Dates for 2006: County Finals to be played by January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Provincial Finals to be played by February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Girls' All-Ireland Display in Croke Park on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Boys' All-Ireland Display in Croke Park on March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Meal Allowance in 2006 for Regional Finals would be €8 per player
- Travel Allowance would be 50c per mile for Regional Finals.

➤ **O' NEILL'S COMPETITION:**

- The O'Neills Competition had been a great success. Tom Ryan is to be congratulated for his contribution to this venture. The closing date for next year's competition will be June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.
- Application forms may be downloaded from our website [www.scoilspport.org](http://www.scoilspport.org)
- All projects to be sent to

Mr. Tom Ryan, 192 Gracepark Rd., Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

Phone: 01 8374319(H), 01 8477762(S), 087 2857669(M), E-mail: tomryan@gaa.ie

➤ **MINI – SEVENS:**

- Timmy Maher stepped down as national co-ordinator after many years of dedicated service. We would like to thank Timmy for all his hard work and commitment over the years. His contribution was immense and he'll be a hard act to follow.
- Jim O' Reilly agreed to act as Mini-Sevens co-ordinator for 2005-2006.
- The national coordinator is elected at National Committee level and not at our AGM
- Moira Graham is liaison officer for the Mini-Sevens
- Jim's first year with the Mini-Sevens was very successful due to the great support which he received from the Dublin helpers.
- Details on Mini-Sevens are now available on our website [www.scoilspport.org](http://www.scoilspport.org)
- Jim was disappointed that the Mini-Sevens rules weren't strictly adhered to as he discovered three girls from the same school on the Camogie team and two boys from the same school on the Hurling team.
- These problems should have been resolved at regional level.

As I leave office after five years as secretary, I wish to express my thanks especially to the staff in Croke Park, the INTO, Allianz, Roadstone and all the county and provincial committees, particularly the secretaries. The latter are the people who make things tick. Their commitment to the development of sport must be commended. I hope the work of the many people who I met and worked with at national level will be rewarding and fruitful over the next few years. I enjoyed my job as secretary which was a very demanding but worthwhile experience. I must congratulate all the secretaries and PROs who embraced the e-mail. It was a slow process but very worthwhile as advanced technology enables express delivery of all information via e-mail and website use. I made friends with people from the four corners of Ireland as well as our Cumann na mBunscol officers in London and Hertfordshire. I wish the incoming secretary, Paul Duggan, the best of luck in his new office and I'll be available at any time to lend a helping hand.

Margaret Cunningham

( Rúnai )

# Cumann na mBunscol

## An Coiste Náisiúnta

### *CONSTITUTION:*

**Cumann na mBunscol is a National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees.** This promotional work is professionally co-ordinated by Primary School teachers in 2,800 schools throughout the County and attract an annual participation level of 100,000 school children. A wide range of activities for all children is provided with equal opportunities for boys and girls to participate. Activities include boys' and girls' football, hurling, camogie, rounders, athletics, handball, mini-sevens, inter-class leagues, quizzes, projects, skill awards schemes and blitzes.

(A) The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as "Cumann na mBunscol". The National logo of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be the "Scoilspórt logo".

All business pertaining to "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be carried out under this name and/or under the "Scoilspórt logo".

(B) Schools with G.A.A. affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.

( C ) The aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:

(1) To promote and foster our national games., Boys' Football, Girls' Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas.

(2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.

(3) To endeavour to have our national games accepted as part of the curriculum in primary schools by the Department of Education & Science.

(4) **To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.**

( D ) The function of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:-

(1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas.

(2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the Department of Education & Science, the G.A.A. and other relevant bodies to promote the aims and interests of "Cumann na mBunscol".

(3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:

- a. Making submissions and requests to state agencies for financial assistance, grants and special concessions.
- b. Making submissions and requests to the G.A.A. for grants and financial assistance.

- c. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
  - d. Using the "ScoilSport logo" in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.
  - e. Making special arrangements with sports companies so that sports goods may be purchased collectively at special reduced rates.
- (4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.
  - (5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by
    - (a) Coaching
    - (b) Seminars
    - (c) Publications.
  - (6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.
  - (7)
    - (a) To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in both Boys' and Girls' Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.
    - (b) To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.
  - (8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in Croke Park.
  - (9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of "Cumann na mBunscol" while organising and promoting the games.

**( E ) The philosophy of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:-  
To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.**

**( F ) Constitution:**

"Cumann na mBunscol" shall be constituted as follows:

- (1) Annual General Meeting
- (2) Ordinary General Meeting
- (3) Special General Meeting
- (4) National Committee
- (5) Provincial Councils
- (6) County Schools Committees**
- (7) Associate Members**
- (8) Members

**\* Annual General Meeting:**

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of

- (1) The National Officers.
- (2) Two delegates from each county**
- (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
- (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area ( non-voting ).**

(d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

**The Business of the AGM Shall be:**

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates.
- (2) Minutes.
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson.
- (6) Secretary's Report.
- (7) Treasurers' Report.
- (8) Other Reports as necessary.
- (9) Elections
  - President.
  - Chairman.
  - Vice-Chairman.
  - Secretary.
  - Assistant Secretary
  - Treasurer.
  - P.R.O.
  - Development Officer.
  - Delegate to Central Council.
  - (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
  - (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
  - © Provincial Delegate Munster.
  - (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.
- Motions.
- (11) Addresses of invited Speakers.
- (12) A.O.B.
- N.B. Provincial Delegates will be elected only in the absence of a delegate from that province been elected to the National Committee.

**\* Ordinary General Meeting:**

- 1. A general meeting of Cumann na mBunscol will be held annually in September.
- 2. The National Officers shall choose a suitable venue for the meeting.
- 3. The General Meeting shall consist of:
  - (a) The officers of Cumann na mBunscol
  - (b) Two delegates from each County**
  - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council

**( d ) Two delegates from each affiliated area ( non-voting ).**

4. The business of the Ordinary General Meeting shall be:-
- (a) Welcoming of delegates
  - (b) Minutes
  - (c) Matters arising from minutes
  - (d) Correspondence
  - (e) Reports on current business
  - (f) Financial Report
  - (g) Mini-Sevens Report
  - (h) Special Business
  - (i) Addresses of Invited Speakers
  - (j) A.O.B.

**N.B.** Every third year the Ordinary Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the 'Mini-Sevens'. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years 'Mini-Sevens'.

**\*Special General Meeting:**

1. A special General Meeting may be called at the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coisti stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.
3. The Special General Meeting shall consist of
  - (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
  - (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
  - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.

**( d ) Two delegates from each affiliated area ( non-voting ).**
4. Business of Special General Meeting.  
The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.

**\* Officers and National Committee:**

1. All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
2. All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office. A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.
3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business.
4. The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem. These sub-committees to be endorsed by the AGM or GM.
5. **The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.**
6. The Cathaoirleach shall preside at all meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.

7. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
8. In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
9. All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
10. The Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.
11. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
- 12.. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
13. **The Treasurer shall be responsible for**
  - (a) The maintenance of proper financial records.
  - (b) The lodgement of all income into the Bank Account of Cumann na mBunscol.
  - (c) The issuing of all cheques.
  - (d) An annual audit of the accounts.
  - (e) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
14. **The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:**
  - (a) Take every available opportunity to publicise Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that the organisation has a high profile.
  - (b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.
  - (c) Prepare a newsletter and distribute it to all affiliated areas.
  - (d) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Naisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol.
  - (e) Ensure that all suitable G.A.A. promotional material be available to all schools.
  - (f) Meet with the Four Provincial P.R.O.'s within a few months of the A.G.M. to formulate a coherent P.R. policy for the current year.
15. **The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:**
  - (a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses and issuing publications.
  - (b) Identify weaknesses and with the help of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies seek to rectify them.
  - (c) Examine applications made by County Committees for development grants and make recommendations there on to the National Committee.
  - (d) Meet with the Four Provincial Development Officers within a few months of the A.G.M. to formulate a coherent development policy for the current year.

16. The delegate to Central Council will in consultation with the other officers promote the interests of Cumann na mBunscol at Central Council and endeavour to promote Primary School games at all times.
17. **The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.**
18. A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.

\* **Provincial Councils.**

1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".
2. A General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually.
3. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the officers and two delegates from each county.
4. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
6. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coisti Naisiunta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.
7. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting, General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
8. A report of yearly activities and statement of accounts must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
9. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Naisiunta to the Provincial AGM.

\* **County Schools Committees:**

1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually.
3. All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
4. Elections will be held at this meeting and Officers and a Committee will be appointed to run the affairs of Cumann na mBunscol in that affiliated area between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in their County.

6. This Committee shall adjudicate on all activities of Cumann na mBunscol within the County.
7. Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearan' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearan will be final.
  - (a) An Coiste Gearan should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearan' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
8. A comprehensive report of yearly activities together with a statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
9. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
- 10. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.**
- 11. Each County Coiste adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following: Cumann Luthchleas Gael, I.N.T.O., Sports Council Code of Ethics in Sport and Children First.**
- 12. When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.**
- 13. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.**

**Associate Membership:**

- (a) **Other affiliated areas may be accepted as associate members of Cumann na mBunscol provided that they have a properly constituted committee set up in accordance with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.**
- (b) **Associate membership will entitle areas to send two delegates in a non-voting capacity to the Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.**
- (c) **Associate units will be entitled to receive all new documentation together with any new promotional material issued by Cumann na mBunscol.**

**\* *Standing Orders:* Updated on 24.3.98**

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that

body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.

4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 14 days before AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one week before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.  
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
15. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
16. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
19. The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
20. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
21. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.

22. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM or General Meeting. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.

### **\* *National Mini-Sevens:***

1. The National Mini-Sevens will be run each year culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final and Semi-Final days.
2. At the first meeting at the National Committee after the General Meeting, a National Co-Ordinator will be appointed. Counties may submit the names of interested candidates to the National Committee for consideration.
3. The National co-ordinator will, in consultation with the National Committee, be responsible for the running of the 'Mini-Sevens' from regional level to completion on All Ireland Final Days.
4. **All grievances and complaints at County level will be dealt with at County level.**
5. **All grievances and complaints, after the County stages have been completed, will be made in writing to the National Co-Ordinator and will be dealt with by the National Committee.**
6. Failure to comply with rules and bye-laws will result in immediate suspension from that year's series.
7. The rules and by-laws including organisation, playing rules, age limits and rules governing stages of the games will be considered every three years.
8. A sub-committee will be set up by the National Committee and all affiliated areas will be asked to make submissions on all aspects of the Mini-Sevens to the sub-committee.
9. The sub-committee will examine all submissions and will put recommended changes or additions to the rules or the organisation of the games to the National Committee.
10. The National Committee will examine all recommended changes and additions to the rules or the organisation of the games and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration.
11. All new proposals will be circulated to affiliated areas at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
12. Amendments and agenda to the proposed changes which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and adopted at a meeting of that body must reach the National Secretary not later than one week before the Annual General Meeting.
13. The Annual General Meeting will consider all new proposals, together with amendments and agenda and accept or reject them according to usual procedure. (A change of rule will need a 2/3 majority).
14. All adopted changes or additions will come into effect for the following years games.

**\*National Handball Skills Programme:**

1. The National Handball Skills Programme will be run each year culminating in the alleys at Croke Park in May/April as a National handball skills day/days.
2. At the first meeting of the National Committee after the General Meeting, a National Co-Ordinator will be appointed. Counties may submit the names of interested candidates to the National Committee for consideration.
3. The National Co-Ordinator will, in consultation with the National Committee, be responsible for the running of the Handball skills programme from regional level to completion on National Handball skill days.
4. Singles and doubles games will be organised for both girls and boys on a non-competitive basis.
5. There will be two sections according to age
 

(1) Under 11	1st Jan
(2) Under 13	1st Jan
6. **All grievances and complaints at County level will be dealt with at County level.**
7. **All grievances and complaints after the County stages have been completed will be made in writing to the National Co-Ordinator and will be dealt with by The National Committee.**
8. Failure to comply with rules and by-laws will result in immediate suspension from that year's series.
9. The rules and by-laws including organisational, playing rules, age limits and rules governing the staging of the skills programme will be considered every three years.
10. All aspects of the skills programme will be considered by a sub-committee set up by the National Committee and submissions will be sought from each affiliated area as with the 'Mini-Sevens'.
11. All proposed changes will be put to the Ordinary General Meeting and will be dealt with in the usual manner.
12. All adopted changes or additions will come into effect for the following years skills programme.

**\* Grievances and Complaints:**

1. Grievances and complaints in regard of matters within an area will be settled within that area.
2. **Each County will have a constitutionally elected Coiste Gearan to deal with appeals arising from decisions of the County Coiste.**
3. **Complaints, Objections and Counter Objections:**  
**Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 4 school days of the game. The Runaí informs the other party who also has 4 school days to respond in writing.**  
**The matter can then be dealt with by the Coiste Contae. The decision will then be conveyed to both parties. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the**

**Coiste may appeal in writing to the Runáí Chontae Cumann na mBunscol within 4 school days. This appeal will be heard by the Coiste Gearán.**

4. **Coiste Gearán: This is an appeals body.**  
**A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán may call all interested parties. A quorum of 3 is necessary to hear all appeals. The decision of the Coiste Gearán is final and binding.**
5. Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee. The decision of the National Committee will be final.
6. Sanctions will be taken against any area or member who brings the organisation into disrepute.

**\*Sanctions:**

1. Misuse of organisational funds.  
Automatic Disassociation.
2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'.  
Automatic Disassociation.
3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts.  
Withholding of grants.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report.  
Withholding of grants.
5. Failure to hold an A.G.M.  
Withholding of all monies due to that County Coiste.
6. Failure of Counties to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements. Withholding of sponsorship monies.

## *Patrick A Trainor*

*14th December 1940 - 10th April 2005*



Patrick Trainor was born in North Belfast in December 1940 to Lottie and Eneas Trainor. He was the eldest of seven children, three boys and four girls. Pat or Paddy attended St. Marys Barrack Street and later St. Joseph's Teacher Training College, creating the foundation stones for over 35 years in education. He taught in Holy Child Primary School for his entire teaching career, his contribution to the lives of countless individuals in West Belfast cannot be underestimated and I am confident they all remember him fondly even if it is with a healthy combination of fear and respect.

Pat met Ann Mc Manus, a friend of the family, in the 50's and as they both hailed from Ardoyne they married in the Holy Cross Church on the Crumlin Road in 1965. They would have been married 40 years on 20th April 2005, a true testament to their love and devotion to each other. With six children of their own, three boys and three girls, and at the time of writing nine grandchildren - the clan is growing strong. As a young father his mantra would have been education, education, education!

It was clear early on that Pat wasn't content with just teaching. After all there were boards to be sat on, committees to which to contribute and decisions to be made. In the early sixties he was instrumental in creating an Irish Language Society that aimed to promote the Irish language in West Belfast. Around the same time he was a founding member of the hugely successful and still expanding Belfast Teachers Credit Union sitting on its board right up until 2005, where he was President for much of this time.

In his earlier days and certainly prior to a nasty broken ankle, Pat played a reasonable level of hurling and football for Pearses and then subsequently Eire Og culminating in an Antrim Junior Hurling Championship trophy in 1967. With active participation on the pitch curtailed, Pat diversified into scuba diving where he qualified as a club diver, his love of the outdoors didn't stop there as he was a regular participant in the annual Mourne Wall Walk. He found other ways of getting into the Kingdom of Mourne too as he assisted with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme through his weekly youth work.

Pat's true love though was Gaelic Games. Throughout this time Pat was actively promoting Gaelic games in Holy Child. Very soon he became officially involved with Cumann na mBunscol for the Belfast area, this quickly expanded to cover the rest of

the county. At one time there were 10 primary schools playing Gaelic games in Co. Antrim now there are nearly 100. It is no coincidence that Antrim Minors were only narrowly beaten in this years Hurling Semi-Final by Limerick, Pat would have believed that success begins at grass roots - Cork beware! Officiating at county level wasn't enough for Pat and he soon became involved at National level where he ultimately took on the responsibility of Treasurer of the National Committee. This was a role that Pat loved, not content with a half hearted contribution to any of his extra curricular activities, he embraced them 100% as if they were a full time vocation - luckily for the last 10 years Pat had been retired.

It was no coincidence that whether it was Belfast Teachers' Credit Union, Cumann na mBunscol (National or County level), the Ulster Sub Aqua Club where he was Club Secretary for a number of years or the Antrim (GAA) Disciplinary Committee, Pat impressed all with his appetite for accounting and administration. Whether in a boardroom or at his desk, he was meticulous and thorough in his undertakings, respected by all and always displayed dynamism and forward thinking that belied his age. Not one to enforce his views on others, it was through the respect that he commanded and an open mind that he went about business, making a positive contribution to the many committees on which he sat.

Pat spent most of the last three months of his life in hospital. Throughout this period we were all given a lesson in humility and fortitude by two truly selfless, courageous and amazing individuals - Pat and Ann. During this time we were fortunate enough to witness their love and devotion to each other. We thank Mum for all she did for Dad, it meant so much to him and to us. To Dad we all miss you and love you, thanks for being such a great Dad.

# HANDBALL REPORT

The county, regional and national handball exhibitions were very enjoyable and successful. The feedback from all venues was very positive. Fourteen counties were represented at the national exhibitions which were held in Kingscourt, County Cavan, as the Croke Park alleys were not available. Many thanks to the Kingscourt club for all their assistance, and to all those who refereed the games.

The exhibitions by three of the top Irish handball players who won both world championship and all Ireland titles were received with tremendous enthusiasm by everyone present. My sincere thanks to Sibeal McKenna who won the 2002 all Ireland ladies singles 40 X 20 title and in 2005 won the senior doubles 40 X 20 doubles with her sister Fiona Shannon. Fiona, who is the current world ladies open singles champion, defeated her sister Sibeal in the final of the ladies open at the FBD Irish Nationals. Michael Finnegan, a world champion in the men's double grade along with Paul Brady and an all Ireland medal winner in 2003 & 2004 was also a welcome guest. The champions spent a good deal of time signing autographs and talking to the children, teachers, and handball coaches. Many thanks to those who helped organise the exhibitions at county and regional level. Once again I am indebted to PJ Fitzpatrick, John Finch, Paul Kinsella, and Paddy Corbett. The exhibitions will return to Croke Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> March (girls under 11, and under 13 singles and doubles) and the 25<sup>th</sup> March (boys under 11 and under 13 singles and doubles). The under elevens are requested to register at 10:15am and the under thirteen's at 12:30pm.

I would like to congratulate all those who participated in our exhibitions, and hope that we will see some future All - Ireland and world champions in action in Croke Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks to those counties who returned their completed entry and expenses form on time. If all counties return their forms on time, the county medals will be available within a matter of weeks.

The committee of Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta thank Lisa Mitchell for her help in staging what was, without doubt, the most successful and enjoyable exhibitions to date.

We would like to wish Lisa every success in her future career.

Maolseachlainn mac Geibheannaigh

# Development Report

## Primary Schools' Report

A delegation from An Cóiste Náisiúnta attended a meeting in Croke Park in March and presented a prioritised list of recommendations to the Schools' Workgroup. The final report was circulated to each county secretary as requested at the General Meeting.

## Roadstone Awards

The Eighth Annual Roadstone Awards took place in The Berkeley Court Hotel on December 10<sup>th</sup> with President Mary McAleese as Guest of Honour. Special guests were Uachtarán CLG Seán O'Ceallaigh, former Presidents Joe McDonough and Seán McCague and incoming President Nicky Brennan. President McAleese graciously accepted our invitation to present the inaugural Pat Trainor Memorial Award to Co. Down's Michael Hanley. The late Pat Trainor's family were present on the night. This award is a fitting and memorable tribute to our former National Treasurer. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. A large attendance enjoyed a wonderful night. Congratulations to all the award winners and nominees. There is no doubt that Marty Morrissey contributes immensely to the success of the night. Thanks to Marty and his panel of assessors, Helen O'Rourke, Joe McDonough, Jarlath Burns, Martin Breheny and Jim O'Sullivan who contribute so much to this highlight of our year. Thanks also to Ronnie Delany and David Roche for their immense contribution to the smooth running of the night. A special word of thanks to Roadstone for their sponsorship of the event, especially Managing Director Mr. Frank Byrne. Unfortunately Roadstone have decided to terminate their sponsorship of the awards after a long association with Cumann na mBunscol. Since the inception of the awards the ceremony has grown into a fantastic social occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The stature of the awards ceremony is largely due to the contribution of Roadstone. We are eternally grateful for their sponsorship over the years. We are actively seeking a new sponsor for this prestigious event in the annual GAA calendar. Hopefully the awards ceremony will continue to flourish.

## Go-Games

The National Launch of Go-Games took place in Croke Park on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Provincial and County launches followed the national launch. Each county had a Go-Games coordinator appointed. Vouchers were to be given to each school at the various venues for the county launches. We encourage the promotion of Go-Games skills and rules. However it is left to the discretion of each County Committee to decide how Go-Games are to be implemented at county level.

## Tosach Maith

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta produced a package entitled Tosach Maith aimed at counteracting the alarming rise in obesity in our children. Its aim was to encourage physical activity and healthy bodies through participation in Gaelic Games, specifically targeting 4-8 year olds. Each school would receive a skills pack for coaching generic skills. The package is presently with a number of potential sponsors. It is essential that we be seen to be at the forefront of the battle with obesity. Hopefully a sponsor will be found to promote the package.

## Provincial Development

Provincial Development Officers were invited to a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September with the Cóiste Náisiúnta where a report was given on events within each province. It is encouraging to note the development of our games in each province. The exhibition games continue to be a marvellous pedestal for Cumann na mBunscol in each province.

In *Connacht* a marvellous growth in hurling competitions was reported in Mayo with 39 teams competing. The success was acknowledged as being due to the work of the hurling GPO Adrian Hession. It was also reported that the first representative game for young

Connacht hurlers took place at the Galway v Antrim game in Salthill. Tribute was paid to John Tobin for his work in acknowledging the value of Cumann na mBunscol and for his summer course in Coaching and Child Development. The cooperation with Sligo IT in providing coaches is to be highly commended.

*Coiste Laighin* were extremely busy as usual in promoting all aspects of our games. Gerry O'Meara presented a detailed account of activities. The promotion of wheelchair hurling is to be commended, as is the Young Whistlers programme in Dublin. The indoor hurling blitz is continuing to grow. Finals day in Croke Park is a wonderful advertisement for our games and activities.

In *Munster* it is reported that indoor hurling is growing in popularity and that the promotion of handball will undoubtedly improve with the foundation course for tutors as there is a feeling that teachers do not have the necessary skills to coach handball. It is hoped that greater cooperation between club coaches and schools will have mutual benefit for all. The Calvita Primary Game continues to be a major source of publicity for our activities. Credit to those involved in the administration and facilitation of the Calvita Primary Game. The launch of The Primary Game in Fermoy Golf Club was a highly successful event with a number of inter-county players in attendance.

In *Ulster* exhibition games are becoming a major showpiece and there was much coverage given to the exhibition game between Derry and Antrim in the Ulster hurling championship. The Ulster Council provided a complete skip for children who played at half time during the Ulster Final in Croke Park. Indoor games are still very popular with more schools participating. The handball regional finals were very successful in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan. Quiz activities are also attracting large entries from all counties. Girls' competitions are growing with a considerable increase in participating schools.

Calvita offered to extend their sponsorship of exhibition games to all provincial units. Each province was left to discuss this proposal.

Once more coaching in schools is an area of great concern. It is important that the Cumann na mBunscol representative on the County Board actively pursues the need for regular and appropriate coaching in our schools. The rep. must also be an active member of the Coaching and Games Development Committee. Suitably qualified coaches must carry out coaching. The issue of gender may be used as an excuse for failing to have regular or constant coaching in our schools. Any shortcomings with coaching may be addressed with greater cooperation with local clubs. Each club should be encouraged to appoint a schools' liaison officer.

Perhaps each *Cóiste* could undertake to set up their own website. Those websites already in existence provide amenable and valuable access for many of our schools. The website could provide the mechanism for downloading pertinent information. Links could be established to all county and provincial units. Advanced technology is enabling express delivery of all information via e-mail. This is to be commended. Surely a body such as Cumann na mBunscol would embrace the benefits of e-mail and website use?

We face many challenges. There exists concern over the failure to attract new or younger committee members. It is incumbent upon us all to try and reinvigorate the passion of those who promote our games. Altruism is often scorned. We must try to have Cumann na mBunscol play a proactive role in the life of our children and schools' body. Thank you for your invaluable work in promoting our games.

Thank you to my fellow officers on the National Committee for their support during this past year.

Paul Duggan

## Mini - Sevens Report 2005

Once again this year 240 boys & girls got the opportunity to display their skills in Croke Park on the occasions of the All-Ireland Hurling & Football Semi-finals and finals. All 32 counties were represented as usual and this factor remains the strength of the Mini-Sevens. There are no strong or weak counties, all are represented.

The G.A.A as an organisation can be very proud of providing such a wonderful opportunity for our young boys & girls.

As in every other year, many cards and letters were again received this year from players, referees, umpires, linesmen and their parents thanking Cumann na mBunscol, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the INTO for the wonderful time that they had in Croke Park each Sunday during August and September.

As well as players, 20 boys and girls participated each Sunday as umpires, linesmen, runners and flagbearers. We had many written requests from parents and children seeking an opportunity to partake in these roles.

For the sixth year running we had young people refereeing the mini - games and this has proven to be an outstanding success. The referees have come through the "Young Whistlers" scheme organised by Cumann na mBunscol, Átha Cliath. We hope that the experience of refereeing in Croke Park will encourage these young people to continue refereeing in to the future and that it will give them a positive image of the role of the referee in our games. The "Young Whistlers" are now very much an accepted part of Mini-Sevens days in Croke Park.

Arís I mbliana ritheadh comórtas ar TG4 agus b'e an duais ná an buaitheoir a bheith mar maor 'sna Mini-Sevens ag Cluiche Cheannais Peile na hÉireann. B'é Ronan O Flatharta as Baile an Fhirtéiriigh, Co. Chiarraí a bhuaigh i mbliana agus bhí an-lá ar fad aige i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Everybody concerned was very appreciative of the attendance of Uachtarán C.L.G. Mr. Seán Kelly in Clonliffe College on the mornings of the All-Ireland finals and of the considerable amount of time he spent with us, taking photographs and chatting with the participants. We thank him for that and for the considerable amount of time he spent with us.

The I.N.T.O was represented on each of the six Sundays by its President, Ms Sheila Nunan. Each Sunday, she emphasised the organisations commitment to the series and she was very appreciative of the work being done for Gaelic games by Primary school teachers throughout the country.

I would like to thank Sheila for her support each Sunday.

A word of thanks also to Mr. John Carr, General Secretary of the I.N.T.O whose commitment to the concept of the Mini-Sevens is well known and we thank him for all his help and assistance over the years. Thanks also to Catherine Byrne of the I.N.T.O for her help throughout the year and to all involved with the In-Touch magazine. As Catherine is retiring this year, I would like to thank her for all her support in the past and wish her well in the future.

.Dhein Máire Ní Graham sár-obair arís I mbliana, mar atá déanta aici le blianta fada anuas agus táimid thar a bheith buíoch di.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a gabháil don fhoireann ar fad i bPáirc an Chrócaigh a chabhraíonn linn i gcónaí agus go háirithe iad siúd a thugann tacaíocht dúinn gach Domhnach.

Táimid thar a bheith buíoch do Liam Ó Maolmhichíl de bharr an méid suime atá aige sa scéim I gcónaí.

Bíonn an-cóibriú againn ón Artane Boys Band. Is breá leis na páistí siúl amach taobh thiar den banna cheoil cháiliúil sin. Is minic a deireann páistí linn gurb é sin an rud ba mhó a thaitnaíonn leo ar an lá.

Tá buíochas ar leith ag dul dos na múinteoirí ó Chumann na mBunscol, Átha Cliath a bhíonn ann gach Domhnach ag feachaint chuige go mbíonn gach rud in oiriúint dos na páistí.

Tá buíochas freisin ag dul do oifigigh Chumann na mBunscol, Coiste Náisiúnta go mór mór Malachy McGeeney agus Jerry Grogan. Bhí sár obair Jerry le feiscint arís i mbliana tríd an méid Poiblíocht a fuairamar don scéim 'sna nuachtáin, irisleabhair agus 'sna cláracha gach Domhnach.

Míle buíochas mar sin, do gach éinne a raibh baint acu leis na Mini-Sevens na bliana seo agus táimid ag súil le 2006 nuair a bheidh an seans iontach seo ar fáil arís do pháistí na tíre.

The attached table shows the number of schools that took part in each discipline throughout the 32 counties. I would like to thank the host counties who organised the Regional festivals. They were, as usual, well organised and very skilful players were selected in all disciplines. I would also like to thank Timmy Maher for his excellent work as Mini-Sevens Coordinator over the last eight years and wish him well in his new role as chairman of his local club.

Jim O' Reilly

## Number of Schools which took part in the INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens 2005

<b>Condae</b>	<b>Peil</b>	<b>Peil Na mBan</b>	<b>Iomáint</b>	<b>Camógaíocht</b>
Leitrim	20	19	15	12
Galway	101	65	66	49
Sligo	60	58	24	20
Antrim	45	30	30	45
Fermanagh	22	21	15	10
Derry	23	12	10	17
Louth	50	48	12	6
Monaghan	28	28	3	8
Cavan	52	40	10	17
Donegal	103	91	8	4
Wexford	54	42	48	30
Carlow	24	18	20	16
Westmeath	18	16	8	6
Meath	55	47	21	11
Kildare	36	22	14	14
Laois	12	10	6	4
Waterford	27	24	26	20
Offaly	23	11	18	11
Cork	83	73	44	35
Kerry	78	52	14	4

<b>Condae</b>	<b>Peil</b>	<b>Peil Na mBan</b>	<b>Iomáint</b>	<b>Camógaíocht</b>
Armagh	51	32	18	28
Longford	28	18	7	5
Clare	16	12	28	25
Roscommon	9	4	8	7
Mayo	143	114	4	0
Tipperary	50	42	60	46
Tyrone	48	25	7	7
Down	18	12	18	10
Kilkenny	27	8	40	24
Dublin	115	45	81	40
Limerick	21	15	20	28
Wicklow	16	11	11	5

# NOMINATIONS 2006

## Uachtarán:

Paul Hart ( Árd Mhacha )

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## Cathaoirleach:

Margaret Cunningham ( Port Láirge )

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## Leas Cathaoirleach:

Liam Weir ( Corcaigh ), Pat Mc Givern ( Tir Eoghain )

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## Secretary:

Paul Duggan ( Árd Mhacha )

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## Assistant Secretary:

Liam Weir ( Corcaigh ), Noeleen Rooney ( Longfort ),  
Pat Mc Givern ( Tir Eoghain )

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## Treasurer:

Br. James Dormer ( Luimneach )

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## PRO:

Ciarán Byrne ( Cill Mhantáin )

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## Development Officer

Richard Bowles ( Gaillimh )

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## Delegate Central Council:

Jim O' Reilly ( Corcaigh )

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## • MOTIONS 2006

1 . That every county nominate a Handball Coordinator.

Maigh Eo

2. That a suitably designed jersey be presented to all Provincial Handball representatives who participate in the National Handball Exhibition Day in Croke Park.

( An Clár agus Coiste na Mumhan )

3. That the doubles teams participating in the Cumann na mBunscol handball competitions ( County & Provincial ) must come from the same school.

( An Clár agus Coiste na Mumhan )

4. Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta seeks representation on the Committee of the Irish Handball Council.

( Árd Mhacha )

<b>Roadstone Awards 2005 Results</b>		<b>Name of Recipient</b>
<b>Cat. 1: Best Hurling/Camogie Promotion:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. St. Colman's P.S., Lambeg, Co. Antrim Eamonn Ó Faogáin</b>	<b>Sarah Henry 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Wexford John Ormonde</b>	<b>John Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayo Paddy Corbett</b>	<b>Gerry O'Meara 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Cat. 2: Best Football Promotion:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Sligo John Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mayo Paddy Corbett</b>	<b>Gerry O'Meara 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>. Armagh Kathleen Woods</b>	<b>Gerry Hussey 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Cat. 3: Best Handball/ Rounders Promotion of the Year</b>		<b>Malachy McGeeney 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>Armagh Paul Duggan</b>	<b>Gerry Hussey 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Cat. 4: Assessors' Merit Award</b>	<b>Kerry Tom Roche</b>	<b><u>Seamus Fitzgerald</u></b>
	<b>Wicklow Ciarán Byrne</b>	<b><u>Kathleen Woods</u></b>
	<b>St. Oliver's N.S., Killarney Rory D'Arcy</b>	<b><u>Nora Kearins</u></b>
	<b>London Eneas Mc Nulty</b>	<b><u>Gerry O' Meara</u></b>
<b>Cat. 5: County Website/Publication of the Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Antrim Martin Short 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dublin Maoiliosa Ó Dubhthaigh 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wicklow Jim O' Riordan</b>	<b>Joe Lyons &amp; Ciarán Crowe</b>
<b>Cat. 6: Annual Fixtures/Information Booklet of the Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Dublin Gerry O' Meara</b>	<b><u>Martin Short</u></b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Sligo Eamonn Mullen</b>	<b><u>Gerry O' Meara</u></b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>. Galway Richard Bowles</b>	<b><u>Aisling Tighe</u></b>
<b>Cat.7: Public Relations of the Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Armagh Malachy Mc Geeney</b>	<b>Paul Duggan 1<sup>st</sup></b>

**O'NEILL'S PROJECT 2005  
SECTION A WINNERS**

<b>County</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>Lisnagry N.S.</b>	<b>Limerick</b>
<b>ULSTER</b>	<b>St. Patrick's P.S.</b>	<b>38 St. Patrick's Rd., Downpatrick, Co. Down</b>
<b>Derry</b>	<b>New Row P.S.</b>	<b>43 New Row, Castledawson, Co. Derry BT 45 8 AP</b>
<b>Down</b>	<b>St. Joseph's P.S.</b>	<b>34 Chapel St., Poyntzpass, Newry, Co. Down BT 35 6 SY</b>
<b>Armagh</b>	<b>St. Joseph's P.S.,</b>	<b>28 Convent Hill, Bessbrook, Co. Armagh BT 35 7AW</b>
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain</b>	<b>Cappoquin, Co. Waterford</b>
<b>Waterford</b>		
<b>Waterford</b>	<b>Bunscoil Gleann Sidheain</b>	<b>Cappoquin Co. Waterford</b>
<b>Limerick</b>	<b>Sc Iosagain CBS</b>	<b>Sexton St. Limerick City</b>

<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>St. Anne's N.S.</b>	<b>Ardclough, Straffan Co. kildare</b>
<b>Kildare</b>	<b>Churchtown N.S.</b>	<b>Athy Co. kildare</b>
<b>Wexford</b>	<b>Murrinstown N.S.</b>	<b>Co. Wexford</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>St. Fiachra's S.N.S.</b>	<b>Montrose Pk. Dublin 5</b>
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>St. Patrick's De La Salle</b>	<b>Cootes Lane, Kilkenny</b>
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>St. Clare's N.S.</b>	<b>Manorhamilton Co.Leitrim</b>
<b>Leitrim</b>	<b>St. Clare's N.S.</b>	<b>Manorhamilton Co.Leitrim</b>
<b>Sligo</b>	<b>St. Brendan's N.S.</b>	<b>Cartron Point Co. Sligo</b>

**O'NEILL'S PROJECT 2005  
SECTION B WINNERS**

County	School	Address
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<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>Piercetown N.S.</b>	<b>Drinagh, Co. Wexford</b>
<b>Kildare</b>	<b>Allenwood N.S.</b>	<b>Naas Co. kildare</b>

	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Down Paddy Campbell</b>	<b>Tony O Farrell 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>. Wexford Seamus Kavanagh</b>	<b>Margaret Cunningham 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Cat. 8: Small School of the Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Glenville N.S., Co. Cork Michael O' Donnell</b>	<b><u>Edward O' Riordan 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Doon CBS Primary School, Co.Limerick Joanne Breen</b>	<b>Liam Weir 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>.Tattygar P.S., Co. Fermanagh Liam McGee</b>	<b>Pat Coen 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Cat. 9: Large School of the Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. St. Mary's P.S., Portglenone, Co. Antrim Jim Brady</b>	<b><u>Máiréad Ó Callaghan 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday's Well Boys' N.S., Cork Tony O' Farrell</b>	<b>Peter Carney 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Patrick's Boys' N.S., Wicklow Andrew Cornyn</b>	<b>Pat Moore 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Pat Trainor Memorial Award</b>	<b>Michael Hanly ( Secretary, Co. Down )</b>	

Down	St. Malachy's P.S.	3 Chapel Rd. Camlough, Newry, Co. Down
Limerick	Doon CBS	Doon Co. Limerick
Galway	S.N. Chreachmhaiol	Craughwell Co. Sligo
Derry	New Row P.S.	43 New Row, Castledawson, Co. Derry BT 45 8 AP
Armagh	St. John's, Eglish	57 Eglish Rd., Annaghmore Co. Armagh
Leitrim	St. Clare's N.S.	Manorhamilton Co. Leitrim
Waterford	Villierstown N.S.	Cappoquin Co. Waterford
Dublin	St. Fiachra's S.N.S.	Montrose Pk. Dublin 5
Wexford		
Special Class	Sc. Na Mainistreach	Oldtown Rd., Celbridge. Co. Kildare



## Cumann na mBunscol/O'Neill's Schools' GAA Project

Cumann na mBunscol and O'Neill's have teamed up to give children the opportunity to focus on Gaelic Games in the context of their school. There are prizes to be won in every County and Province as well as nationally.

### Category A :

(Open to all children individual or group – max 5)

Project entitled :

**“Tell us about G.A.A. in Your County”**

### Category B : Individual Infant's – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

Or

Primary 1 - Primary 5

**“Colour the Poster”**

### Prizes :

#### Category A

##### National Winner

- 1 X 25 Track-suits & 3 Adult Jackets
- €500.00 Voucher

##### 4 Provincial Winners

- 4 X set of Jerseys, Togs & Socks in school colours
- €100.00 Voucher

##### 32 County Winners

- 32 X €100.00 Vouchers

#### Category B

##### National Winner :

- Set of Jerseys  
School Colours

##### 32 County Winners

- County Jersey

Entries, accompanied by completed entry form, to be sent to National Co-ordinator,

**Tom Ryan, 192 Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9**  
by **30<sup>th</sup> June, 2006**



## CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL

**O'NEILL'S SPORTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT  
"TELL US ABOUT G.A.A. IN YOUR COUNTY"  
SUBMISSIONS IN THIS CATEGORY SHOULD NOT  
EXCEED A3 SIZE**

**IT SHOULD BE A GROUP ENTRY WITH A MAXIMUM  
OF FIVE PUPILS**

**CLOSING DATE: 30<sup>th</sup>. June, 2006**

**SCHOOL:**

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**ADDRESS:**

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**PHONE NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

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**TEACHER CONTACT:**

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**NO. OF CHILDREN ON ROLL**

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**SIGNATURE OF TEACHER**

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**SIGNATURE OF PRÍOMHOIDE:**

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**NAMES OF CHILDREN INVOLVED IN PROJECT:**

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2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

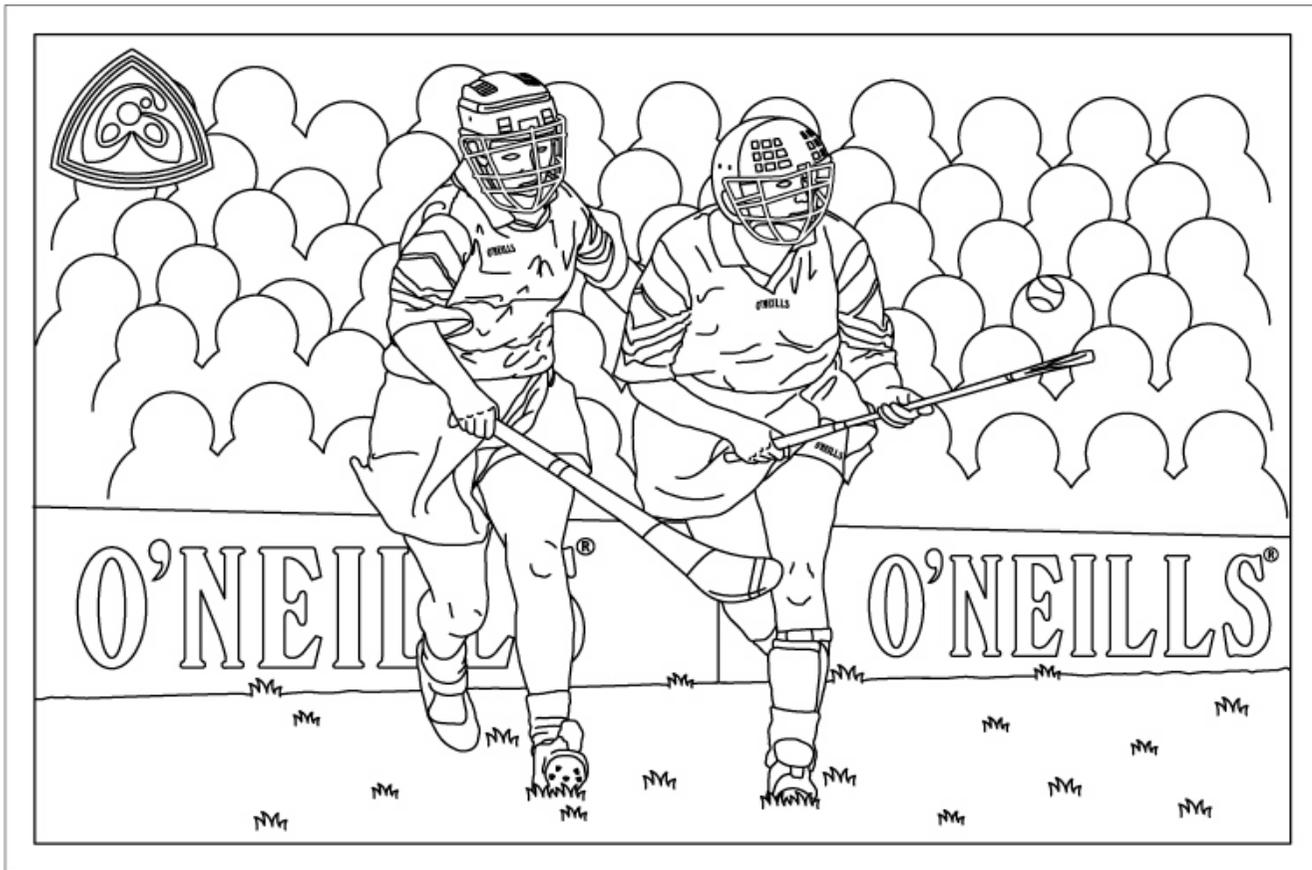
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**ENTRIES SHOULD BE POSTED TO**

**Mr Tom Ryan  
192 Gracepark Road  
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Dublin 9**

**Mobile: 087-2857669  
E-mail: tomryan@gaa.ie**



Allianz Ireland p.l.c.



Cumann na mBunscoil  
C/O Mrs Margaret Cunningham  
Knockateemore, Abbeyside  
Dungarvan  
Co Waterford

19th December 2005

Re: Public Liability Policy No: DN RPL 3282981  
Insured Name: Members ftb, Cumann na mBunscoil

Dear Mrs. Cunningham,

We confirm that the above mentioned Policy indemnifies Cumann na mBunscoil in respect of their legal liability for the organisation of, inter alia, GAA and athletics fixtures including coaching sessions at schools within the Republic of Ireland, subject always to the terms, Exclusions and Conditions of this Policy.

The Public Liability limit of indemnity is €2,600,000 any one occurrence and the current period of insurance is 05/12/05 to 04/12/06.

We trust this is in order.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David O'Rourke".

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**Allianz Northern Ireland**

Cumann na mBunscoil  
C/O Mrs Margaret Cunningham  
Knockateemore, Abbeyside  
Dungarvan  
Co Waterford

4th January 2006

Re: Public Liability: Policy No: BT RPL 0657690  
Insured Name: Cumann na mBunscol

Dear Mrs Cunningham ,

Thank you for renewing the above Policy .

As requested we confirm that the above Policy indemnifies Cumann na mBunscol in respect of their legal liability for the organization of ,inter alia,GAA and Athletic fixtures including coaching sessions at schools within Northern Ireland .

The Limit of Indemnity is Stg £2,000,000 any one accident.

The current period of policy cover is 5/12/05 to 4/12/06.

All subject to the Standard Policy Wording, Terms, Exceptions, Conditions and Endorsement Wordings therein and thereon.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Fitzsimons  
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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>2003</b>
National League	€74,000.00	€37,000.00
Allianz	€174,000.00	€114,726.00
Roadstone	€49,955.58	€22,136.84
Mini-Sevens GAA	€41,471.28	€24,279.99
Mini-Sevens INTO	€35,200.00	€16,000.00
All-Ireland Tickets	€158,315.55	€64,200.00
Bank of Ireland	€11,500.00	€11,500.00
Ard Chomhairle	€14,348.69	€6,350.00
Sports Council	€30,000.00	€30,000.00
Handball	€1,742.20	
O'Neill's	€5,421.00	
Surplus		
Surplus/(Deficit)		
Total	€595,954.30	€326,192.83

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>2003</b>
Grants to Counties	€166,040.00	€132,520.00
AGM Expenses	€4,720.00	€1,846.00
Roadstone	€75,496.69	€44,983.59
Mini-Sevens	€50,004.03	€28,178.81
Travel	€22,231.28	€13,174.47
All-Ireland Tickets	€160,320.00	€66,800.00
Meals & Accommodation	€13,879.53	€3,017.77
PR	€11,430.33	€3,415.00
Secretarial	€3,814.12	€665.74
Handball	€1,917.70	€100.00
Phone	€1,880.47	€595.90
Postage	€1,628.94	€619.34
Devel & Sponsorship	€34,080.00	€2,450.00
Scoilsport	€8,250.00	€8,300.00
Insurance	€9,334.77	€3,445.84
Video Postage	€0.00	€8,279.80
President's Dinner	€0.00	€2,540.00
Photoboards	€0.00	€1,393.92
Miscellaneous	€5,768.03	€1,169.00
Secretary's Honorarium	€5,200.00	€2,600.00
O'Neill's	€1,978.90	€0.00
Bank Charges	€58.88	€75.98
Due to Counties	€16,670.00	
	€1,030.63	€21.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>€595,734.30</b>	<b>€326,192.83</b>

## Cumann na mBunscol Playing Rules for Handball

- Age requirements:  
Under 11 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006  
Under 13 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006
- A child may represent his/ her school in singles or doubles but not in both.
- The server stands between the service and the short lines and strikes the ball with the hand to the front wall after bouncing it once. If the ball fails to reach the wall, the opposing side is awarded a score (mark)
- The ball must pass the second service line.
- For service in doubles, the server's partner shall stand in the service box facing the service with both feet on the floor until the served ball passes over the short line.
- In service the ball must pass over the short line to be in play.
- The receiver stands outside the short line. He/she must return the ball to the front wall after one bounce (or before the ball bounces). If the ball fails to strike the wall, the opponent is awarded a 'mark'
- Two shorts mean a point for the opponent(s).
- There are **NO** hands in and hands out
- Every rally is a point.
- The player(s) reaching eleven marks win the game.
- If the players win one game, each aggregate scores count.
- The order of service is decided by tossing a coin.
- After five aces, the service passes to the opposing player.
- Number Two ball is used.
- The recommended court size for both age groups is 40 x 20.
- It is not a knock out competition.
- The exhibitions are two games of 11 marks.
- It is not necessary to win by two clear points if the score is even at 10 each.
- If two or more children are playing in the same age group a round robin exhibition is recommended.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN INTER - SCHOOLS' COMPETITION**

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