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Ar dtus ba mhaith liom mo fhior buiochas a ghabhail do gach einne a chabhraigh le Choiste Chontae Liatroma CLG I rith 2008, bliain a raibh níos mo dul chun cinn. Gabhaim buiochas do na hoifigi, na himreoiri agus gach ball den bainistíocht a chabhraigh linn I rith na bliana. Taimid ag feachaint siar agus ag breathnu ar aghaidh.

On behalf of Coiste Chontae Liatroma CLG it is with great pleasure that I again have this opportunity to review the past year and look forward 2009. The past year was a year of continued progress. We look forward to a new season in which we hope to meet our challenges with relish and perhaps the recent progress will bear fruition in shape of silverware to celebrate as the season unfolds.

County Senior Football

Our County Senior team commenced its competitive year in January in the FBD Connacht League. A promising set of results set the team in a positive frame of mind headlining into Roinn 3 of NFL 2008. In what proved to be a most competitive league campaign the team mixed home wins over Sligo and Down with losses on the road in Longford, Wexford, Down and crucially in the last game in Limerick. The crucial loss of an eight point lead in the refixed Fermanagh home game was probably the team's ultimate undoing at a cost of Roinn 3 and Qualifier status for the championship.

With the League complete attention turned to Gaelic Park, New York and Connacht Championship. As plans progressed for the trip, the team prepared assiduously and come May 11 the challenge of the exiles was dealt with professionally and a tilt with Galway in the Provincial Semi Final was secured. Again the team arrived in Salthill in an excellent state of preparedness. Unfortunately, after a bad start, we fell short again by a slender margin and a Connacht Final place disappeared from a team which has been knocking on the door for the past three to four years. The team faced Clare in the first round of the Tommy Murphy Cup and negotiated the hurdle admirably in Ennis. Our interest in the competition ended in Aughrim at the hand of Wicklow one week later and county football came to close on the last Saturday of July.

With defeat came the end of the Des Dolan era. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Des for his efforts on behalf of Leitrim over the past four years. Over that period Pat Prior had been a constant selector and I thank him for his dedication. This year they were joined by Brian Breen and Noel Moran as selectors and George Dugdale as team trainer. The freshness and input of the new men in 2008 was very well received and gave great impetus to the set up. The enduring legacy of the Des Dolan era has to be the fact that the team is a solid unit with the ability to compete with all comers as proved by championship performances over this period. It is fair to say that in the search for a new management team the interest expressed in the position is a fair indication of the team's worth and a tribute the work carried out over the past number of years.

We are delighted to have secured the services of Mickey Moran and John Morrison, in addition to the selection of Martin McGowan as selector for 2009. Men of vision and positivity, we look forward to the fruits of their undoubted positive influence on the set up over the coming season. If the manner in which the new team management has thrown itself into its task in hand in the period up to the end of October has been anything to go on then we can look forward to an exciting new era.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank once again the many who have assisted behind the scenes in the preparation of the team in 2008. Team Co ordinator John Keenan, Kit Man Peter Flynn, Doctors Declan Loftus, Kieran Greene and Mel Gorman, Physio Keith Fox and video man Brian Blake all take a bow.

Once again I applaud the efforts of the players whose dedication and efforts have been beyond question over the past season. We look forward to their continued dedication and rewards aplenty under new management in 2009.

The Big Apple

The biggest organisational headache facing us in early 2008 was the logistical planning and execution of the trip to New York in May. Thankfully it was an extremely successful trip and there are many to whom we are indebted in this regard. I return my thanks to Paddy Gormley, formerly Aughnasheelin, Jimmy Naughton, formerly Roscommon, and Runai CLG Nua Eabhrach Larry McCarthy for their input into the organisation of our six day stay stateside. To Mena Beirne, formerly Mohill and Seamus Clarke, Gortletteragh, we are indebted for their sponsorship of meals during the trip and I thank Mike Carty, Frank Dwyer and Terry Connaughton for the welcome and courtesy we received in their premises. To the staff of Hilton Hotel, Pearl River and Milford Plaza, Manhattan, I say thanks for the excellence of service.

Many supporters travelled stateside for the trip and it proved memorable for all concerned, I'm sure. On behalf of all concerned I thank the entire panel of players who approached all aspects of the trip with professionalism and it was joy to have been involved with them on this adventure to which their contribution and approach was an absolute credit.

County Under 21 Football

We had new management team in place for this grade in 2008. Headed by Liam Higgins and including Pat McWeeney, Michael Maguire and John Russell the team management set about its task in most professional and unobtrusive manner. Securing the Hastings Cup Shield versus Westmeath in February gave the team great confidence facing into the Connacht Championship clash with Mayo in Castlebar. The team was excellently prepared and gave its all. However, while still within touching distance of its opponents, approaching the final ten minutes, Mayo hit a scoring burst to give them flattering victory margin which did not fairly reflect the effort made by the team over the hour.

I wish to thank this management team for its professional approach to the task in hand which is not the most glamorous given the unseasonable preparation timeframe that attaches itself to this competition. Pdraig Higgins was most willing Kit man for this team and carried out his duty with smile.

Junior Football

Martin McGowan and James Holahan took charge of the Junior Squad. With the proximity on the New York game, it was decided to go with a squad separate to the Senior Panel. This proved to be a success. Prepared without fuss the players responded excellently to the set up and having dealt with the Sligo challenge face Roscommon in Salthill in mid May in the provincial decider. Following a super performance the team fell just short after a period of extra time that was required to decide the issue. Indications of the depth of talent within the county were very much in evidence following the decision not to include any senior panelists.

County Senior Hurling

Under the guidance of the reappointed Kevin Glancy, the County Senior Hurling continued to improve over the period of its competitive season. While results were hard to come by in the NHL, there was nonetheless a rising graph in performance. Competing again in the Leinster Hurling Shield the gap to the Nicky Rackard was spent productively engaged in match practice. This rising graph proved to have substance as the team qualified for the concluding stages of the Nicky Rackard for the first time before departing the competition in Parnell Park against a stronger Fingal selection.

I congratulate Vincent McDermott on his selection on the Rackard Cup Awards Team, the equivalent of an All-Star in the grade.

In 2009, the team will compete in the newly inaugurated Lory Meagher Cup for Tier 4 teams and we look forward to its continued progress.

I thank the Officers of Coiste Iomana Paddy Phelan, Michael Dorrigan and Martin Cunniffe for their continued dedication and application to the caman and sliotar this year as always.

Club Football Competitions

Given the timeframe that attached itself to Inter County Competitions, it had been identified by CCC Liatroma that the Clubs Competitions would prove challenging to administer in 2008. It would demand

a lot of cooperation on all sides. Following a consultative process involving all clubs, the consensus opinion was that the Club Championships should not commence until Liatroim had departed Inter County activity for the season. The Master Plan was completed accordingly.

The weather hasn't been kind in 2008 with the postponement of more games in this single season than in the previous three seasons cumulatively. The loss of three additional weekends due to the rescheduling of NFL Round 8, qualification for the Connacht Junior final and progress to the semi final of Corn Tomas O Murchu proved costly to the Club Calendar and have resulted in the Club Leagues at Roinn 1 and 2 having end of November final dates. Many counties play a number of League games without county senior players. This option should still be a consideration for our structures also. One has to question how much a County Player can offer his club when he is expected to play in all leagues games at a time when he is training and preparing for Inter County Championship. Likewise, the extended club season due to the fact that these players are expected to be available for all these league games affords him very little break and is a hidden contributory factor to burnout. He cannot be all things to all men. A typical senior inter county player enjoying regular outings on the county senior team can look forward to no break from competitive fare in our system. The very fact that our leagues do not have championship status attached should allow some sense to prevail.

Leagues/Shields:

All our leagues were ultra competitive in 2008 with critical decisions remaining in the balance until the last games played in all divisions. It was a much improved programme with a much reduced number of concessions that had particularly blighted the lower divisions of the 2007 Leagues. At the time of writing the Roinn 1 Final has not been decided but a local derby is lined up with Glencar/Manorhamilton hoping to complete a double versus last year's beaten league finalists Melvin Gaels. Aughawillan claimed Roinn 2 with an exciting victory over neighbours Sean O Heslins following an exciting and competitive competition.

Eslin made up for championship disappointment with victory over Annaduff in the Roinn 3 Final while Annaduff celebrated their double promotion with victory over Ballinaglera in the Roinn 4 decider. Glencar/Manorhamilton added to their growing list of 2008 honours with victory over Bornacoola in the Roinn 5 showpiece.

The Shields A and B gave match practice to squads at a time when club activities would have been dormant. More spread out this year than in 2007, the competitions still proved a success with victories for Gortletteragh and Cloone over Glenfarne/Kiltyclogher and St Mary's respectively. Shield C commenced but proved surplus to requirements in 2008 as League games at this level took priority.

Championships:

Our club championships commenced on the first weekend of August, in accordance with the dates as outlined in the Master Plan. Late, yes but in accordance with the consensus wishes of clubs as outlined earlier. The competitions were exciting and contained a degree of controversy as the concluding stages were reached. Nonetheless, the Senior Competition was concluded only one week behind schedule, but we still declared our champions on a date that was not preceded by any other Connacht County. The standard of play and sportsmanship was excellent on both counts in all championships. The Fenagh Cup rests in Manorhamilton for the next twelve months following a well merited victory over Bornacoola in the SFC Final on October 5.

On the same date Aughnasheelin completed a memorable victory for the cub in the Intermediate decider over a gallant Drumkeerin. Two weeks later an experienced Allen Gaels withstood a late Eslin rally to claim JFC A honours.

The JFC B Competition became deadlocked and following a series of play offs to decide semi final pairings, Kiltubrid emerged with championship honours on November 25 following a one point victory over the Senior Champions.

If at first you don't succeed then try, try again. St Osnat's celebrated their tenth birthday with JFC C victory over Drumreilly on November 2 following defeat in the previous three finals. Surely this was a red letter day for our youngest club.

As I pen this report the Under 21 Championship is up and running and facing mid December conclusion if all goes to plan.

Coiste Cheannais na gCluichi/Coiste Eisteachta

CCC Liatroma met regularly over the season in carrying out its duties. The task of the committee was helped considerably by the realisation by clubs that in order that Club Competitions may be pressed into an overloaded calendar then there is little room for manoeuvre. Nonetheless many requests for consideration were received during the course of the year and dealt with impartially and with an eye always kept closely on the bigger picture. Some were accommodated and some just could not be planned in. We can be sure that the same will prevail in 2009. I take this opportunity to thank the committee led by Cathaoirleach Tom Guckian and including Pat Feely, Michael McGowan, Andy Duffy and Seamus Prior for their work over the past season.

Coiste Eisteachta has a difficult portfolio by any stretch of the imagination and has carried out its duty with fairness and impartiality over the past year. The competition committees found themselves in the eye of a storm towards the concluding stages of the senior championship but, following a series of objections and appeals, their original decisions stood and competitions resumed. I thank Coiste Eisteachta for all its efforts over the past year.

Club Hurling

While the number of games in the Club Championship numbered just three, the competition proved very interesting. In the semi finals St Marys accounted for Ballinamore and Glencar/Manorhamilton had took the spoils in their joust with Gortletteragh. St Marys thwarted the Northern team in their quest for a notable championship double and in doing so claimed the Liatroim Hurling Crown for the tenth successive season, a remarkable level of consistency. However the margin of victory in the final suggests that standards have evened off and the chasing pack are getting closer to really threatening the St Marys era of unprecedented dominance of the competition.

Coiste na nOg

Under the stewardship of Cathaoirleach Dan Gallogly and Runai Attracta Ni Raghallaigh, Coiste na nOg has had very successful year. All competitions ran smoothly and the young players of the future have had an enjoyable range of activities. There have been reservations about the use of score difference in underage competitions which tends to prevent maximizing player use in the cases of games in which the match result is beyond question. It is expected that Congress 2009 will address this issue, particularly in the lower grades. It is questionable what value Under 12 Competition has with or without this regulation in vogue. Recent expert opinion suggests very strongly that Under 12 activities should be organised around Blitz like match days where enjoyment is top of the agenda and expression of developing skills takes much higher precedence than match results. I would suggest that all parties with an interest in the future of the game at this level should think seriously about taking the brave step of removing the word competition from Under 12 and maximize the undoubted interest there is in the game at the youngest level. Figures recently released have shown that Liatroim participation in VHI Cul Camps has been highest in the country per head of population in the respective age group. Maximizing this interest can be only be harnessed properly by reducing competition and increasing participation in activities.

Coiste na nOg administered the County Minor Team, under the Management of Derek Kelleher. The Minor Team was well prepared but unfortunately did not qualify for the knockout stages of the Connacht MFC.

Scoileanna

Cumann na mBunscoil had successful calendar of events which in the main ran quite smoothly. Culminating with finals days in June in advance of the school holidays, the children had plenty of activity to keep them exercised in Summer term. I thank Cathaoirleach Deasuin O Duill and Runai

Stiobhanai Ni Cheallaigh for their dedication to this branch of activity this year as indeed over many previous years.

Handball

Development has continued apace in the promotion of Handball over the past year. Operating away from the limelight the dedicated officials have continued to progress the game and indeed the facilities and the sport is growing. Our gratitude to the Coiste led by Cathaoirleach Martin O Logain, Runai Regina Ni Mhathuna for the excellence of their dedication over the past season.

Teanga agus Cultur-Cursai Scor

As ever Coiste Scor has promoted and brought to healthy fruition a successful campaign. While Craobh na hEireann has been just beyond the grasp of our nine finalists in Scor na nOg and Scor Sinsir combined, nonetheless Coiste Scor can be justifiably proud its contribution to current Liatroim dominance of Scor Connacht at both levels.

The activities in this domain extend beyond Scor and we are extremely grateful for the efforts of Oigfigeach Cultur agus Teanga Sean O Suilleabhain and Runai Maire Ni Mhuilbhigh. I wish to record our heartfelt gratitude to Cisteoir over many a year Sean O Meiscil who has recently vacated this position and welcome Martina Ni Haicead aboard as Cisteoir Scor nua.

Referees

The dedication of our referees has once again been tremendous. The most unenviable job in GAA circles and again our dedicated troupe has come up trumps. While calls for new referees have been largely unheard, the present group has made steady progress over the season. The advent of referee assessment during this year's championship has been a big plus and can only help standards to improve from what I believe are currently at an already high level. Respect for the referee is paramount and in this regard, I believe that 2008 has been, in the main, notwithstanding a small number of isolated incidents, a very good year for refereeing and our officials should be pleased with what has been an excellent campaign for them and Club Officials and Players have played their part in what was a quiet year on the discipline front and have shown much improved levels of respect and co operation with match officials.

Our congratulations to all referees who have been chosen to officiate at Inter County Fixtures during the past season and indeed in games at the concluding stages of Provincial Club Competitions. I thank Coiste na Reiteoiri and Referees' Administrator Seamus Mac an Phiora for their efforts over 2008.

Coaching and Games Development

The continued development of our games has been the remit of Coiste Oiluna under Oifigeach Oiluna Martin Mac Gabhann and Coaching and Games Administrator Tomas O Cianain. Tremendous strides have been taken and challenge going forward is to build on this great effort to ensure that our club and indeed county teams in the future have what it takes to compete at the highest levels. The figures mentioned earlier in relation to the Summer Camps are concrete evidence that interest in the games is increasing and we look forward to a continuation of this trend into the future. All of the best ideologies in currently in the GAA world are being promoted assiduously by the Coiste and the Games Administrator. The recent appointment of Mickey Moran and John Morrison has a tremendous string to the bow of the Coaching Committee and we look forward to the outstanding expertise currently in our midst being harnessed at all levels. As Mairtin steps down from his position to take on the role of Senior Selector, I thank him for his input in Coaching over the past two years and look forward to his successor continuing the good work, which I'm sure will be the case.

County Development

In its first full year of operation, the new facilities at Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada have been well worth the investment. Placed on a manageable financial footing going forward, attention now turns to the development of the Training Centre at Annaduff. The completion of the two sand based pitches will be a priority in 2009 and plans are at advanced stage. We look forward to reporting on their completion at next year's Convention, DV.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the National Infrastructure and Safety Committee under Cathaoirleach Donal Mac Airtin in Pairc an Chrocaigh for the manner in which they have received our presentations on our ongoing developments and the generous allocations of funding received and pledged towards our ongoing developments over the past year and indeed over the past number of years.

At the July meeting of Coiste Chontae Liatroma the clubs decided that the €250,000 from the NISC Counties Fund should go directly towards the County Training Centre and this move is appreciated by all concerned and a confident vote of confidence in the absolute need for this facility for the future development of future excellence.

On behalf of Coiste Chontae Liatroma I wish to acknowledge to contribution made by Oifigeach Forbartha Pdraig O Miachain towards all aspects of development over the past year. His efforts in the area of the Player Injury Scheme are well recognised in what is an all consuming brief by itself.

Club Development

Club Development has continued apace with very well attended course for Club Officials in January. Clubs are continuing to progress their facilities and we look forward to the completion of the facilities at Achadh na Sileann, Aislinne, Beal an Atha Moir and Droim Sean Bo in 2009. Achadh Easa CLG recently was awarded the Club Grounds of the Year accolade and has progressed towards Connacht adjudication. Officially opened in July, the facility is credit to all concerned.

The formulation of a 5 year Development Plan should be a priority for all clubs in the year ahead. The recent launch of the National Strategic Plan 2009-2015 will ensure that many valuable signposts will be erected in the near future. Clubs will be required to embrace the document and we look forward to clubs setting targets towards future development.

Finance

The year has been a good one financially, despite rising costs and the current economic climate. The Supporters Club Draw in March brought in record takings and the dedication of committee under the stewardship of Cathaoirleach Se Mac Raghnaill is to be greatly applauded and the sponsorship of all prizes was an added boost to the coffers.

In general I wish to thank all our sponsors over the past year particularly Masonite Ireland and Bush Hotel who sponsored the County Teams and Senior Football Championship and Supporters Club respectively.

Cisteoir Sean O Muilbhigh, in first year, has proved to be an excellent choice. A most demanding role has been carried out with a smile and in his report John will have acknowledged the financial contributions made many towards the finances of Coiste Chontae Liatroma. I take this opportunity to add my thanks at this stage also.

I must record the contribution made by Eamonn O Duigeannain towards the co-ordination of the fundraising and reporting of same with particular regard towards the presentation of figures/trends in conjunction with our developments.

Information Technology

One cannot overstate the impact that our progress in the whole area of IT has had on the delivery of streamlined systems of operation. If www.leitrimqaa.ie was book it would be a best seller. It is a resource of significant value and one on which we have become entirely dependent in the sharing of information regarding all things related to Liatroim CLG. A glance at the report of Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli Breandan O Duill gives an indication of how far we have come in such a short time. To coin a phrase: A lot done a lot more to do. There is no doubt that the world is moving at an increasingly faster pace. The good news is that we are well fit for the pace and for this we are extremely fortunate to an officer of the calibre of Breandan to keep us abreast with all the latest developments.

Ard Stiurthoir Nua

After 29 years Liam O Maolmhichil retired as Ard Stiurthoir in February. An era of unprecedented change in the GAA had been overseen by an excellent servant. We salute Liam and thank him for his unstinting service and wish him and his family health and happiness and a very happy retirement. Ard Stiurthoir Paraic O Dufaigh has overseen a seamless transition of power and has already proved to be an excellent replacement with the dynamism and vision to ensure that CLG will continue to prosper while meeting its challenges head on.

While on the subject of the Ard Stiurthoir, we were delighted to be informed that our own Feargal Mac Giolla was promoted to Operations Manager in the Office of the Ard Stiurthoir during the year. This is tremendous honour and achievement for the affable Feargal and we wish him the best of luck in his new role going forward and I thank Fergal for his assistance over the past year.

Our thanks to Ard Comhairle delegate Seamus O Miochain for his dedication to duty on our behalf over the past year.

Pairc an Chrocaigh

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working staff in Pairc an Chrocaigh for their help and courtesy afforded me over the past year in my role as Runai Chontae and indeed I return the gratitude of Coiste Chontae Liatroma in general. Mile Buiochas do Siobhan Ni Chuana, Aine Ni Mhainin, Treasa Ni Raghail, Ronan O Murchu, Tony Watene, Ruairi Mac Lannachaidh, Ciaran O Lidi, Domhnaill o Loinsigh agus Peadar O Cionnaith.

I take this opportunity to wish Sean O Laoire all the best for the future as he retires on 31 Nollaig from CLG after 40 years service. I thank you Sean for your great service and indeed your service on many occasions. Likewise, Domhnaill O Loinsigh retired as Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli earlier in the year and our best wishes are similarly extended.

Uachtaran CLG

Nioclas O Braonain, Uachtaran CLG, will complete his term of office at Congress. This I believe has been a dynamic presidency and one in which the Uachtaran has brought about change and stamped his own indelible mark on the era of his presidency. There have been difficulties but they have been dealt with admirably and we were privileged to have had the honour of having Nioclas O Braonain present to officially open the new facilities at Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada in 2007 and indeed to oversee the operation that was Feile 2007. I thank you Nioclas for the outstanding leadership that you have given to the Association over the past three years and wish you the best into the future. We welcome the incoming Uachtaran Criostoir O Cuana and look forward to a good working relationship.

Comhairle Connacht

Our gratitude is extended to the Officers of Comhairle Connacht particularly Uachtaran Lorcan O Cuinn, Runai Sean O Pronntaigh and Cisteoir Micheal O Hollain for the excellence of their service and advice to Coiste Chontae Liatroma over the past year. We look forward to a continuation of the excellent working relationship that exists between Coiste Chontae Liatroma and Comhairle Connacht over 2009. I thank Seamus Mac an Phriora and Seosamh O Floinn for their dedication to duty in representing us on the Provincial Council over the past year.

Challenges

It is without doubt that we face many new challenges into the future, or perhaps a return to some old ones. The economic downturn will inevitably require prudent use of resources and will provide challenges on the fundraising front. Nonetheless we have to press on with our plans for the future. Our greatest resource is our players. We must be vigilant to ensure that our systems and structures remain vibrant and player friendly to ensure that we retain our privileged position as the number one sporting organisation in this county as indeed in the country. The absence to a large degree of motions to change our playing structures at adult level at this convention suggests that our system which has been a few years in the making and streamlining in to the liking of all parties currently. Our Leagues and Championships are very competitive at the moment and long may that continue. We hope that we can maintain the excellent number of teams that are playing the games in the county at the moment, surely one of the best playing ratio figures nationally. I would like to see a many more 15

a side competitions in underage competition in the very near future. Amalgamations to ensure 15 a side games for at least one competition at each underage level are necessary if we are to produce players that are ready for the adult game. I feel that clubs in conjunction with Coiste na nOg should grasp this nettle fairly fast. The benefits that will accrue for all concerned as players develop will be self evident into the future. It may be too late for this to materialise in 2009 but efforts should be made to have something concrete in place for 2010.

2008 Awards

I take this opportunity to congratulate our award winners for their outstanding contribution over the past year. County Player of the Year Shane Foley has had tremendous season and is most worthy recipient. Club Player of the Year Sean Mahon, Achadh na Sileann, was a lynchpin in his club's march to Intermediate Championship glory and has richly deserved this award. Referee of the Year Finbarr Keane has been refereeing for many years now and is an excellent choice for this accolade having had a busy season and handled all his assignments very well. The latest inductee into the Hall of Fame, Gearoid O Mathuna, has made an outstanding contribution to the affairs of CLG Liatroma over four decades and is an outstanding choice. Achadh Easa CLG has made many steady improvements to its facilities over recent years and is rewarded with the Club Grounds Award.

Oifig CLG Liatroma

We have been extremely fortunate to have had the service of a FAS scheme in the office and the grounds at Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada. Our thanks are extended to Attracta, Kay, Sean and Bernie for the continued good works carried out over 2008.

Media

As always the media have been a great tool in the promotion of our activities. I extend the gratitude of Coiste Chontae Liatroma to the offices of **Leitrim Observer, Leitrim Post, Longford Leader, Shannonside Northern Sound** and **Ocean FM** for the excellence of the coverage afforded and in particular and personally to John Connolly, Philip Rooney, James Molloy, Willie Donnellan, Colin Regan, Seamus Morris, Denis O'Brien, PJ Leddy, John Lynch and Gerry Farry. Our thanks also to Pascal Mooney for coverage of NFL and NHL games in the **Irish Independent**.

Coiste Chontae Liatroma

Our gratitude is extended to all the members of the various committees for their efforts over the past year. I thank all of the delegates to County Committee meetings and indeed all the members of Coiste Bainisti for the dedication to duty in 2008. I pay special tribute to Cathaoirleach Gearoid Mac Samhain for his vision and leadership over the past year. Thanks to Leas Runai Collette Nic an tSionnaigh for her assistance over the past year.

Clubanna

I thank all club officials for their courtesy shown towards me in the carrying out of my duties as Runai Chontae over the past year and in particular to the Runaithe Chlub who have been my main point of contact. It has been, as always, a pleasure to work with you.

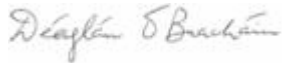
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We can look forward to an exciting year ahead. The new team management at senior level will endeavour to ensure that there are many exciting days ahead in the NFL and Championship 2009. We will hopefully make further progress on the Hurling fields and perhaps have decent run in the new Lory Meagher Cup. We will witness continued good works in whole area of Coaching and Games Development and we can earnestly hope that the Physical Development at the County Training Centre will progress to the stage that pitches will have been completed over the coming season. We look forward to the return to championship action of the Leitrim Ladies in 2009 and wish them the very best in the new season.

On behalf of all at Coiste Chontae Liatroma I take this opportunity to sympathise with all families that suffered bereavements since last year's Convention. It was with sadness that we laid to rest outstanding former Administrators Tony McGowan Cathaoirleach 1986-1995 and Runai 1971-1979, Tomas O Riordain Runai 1953-1970, George O Toole, Cathaoirleach 1971-1980 and Jack McNally Cisteoir 1955-1971. Sixty four years of combined service at the helm of CLG Liatroma that will never

be forgotten and shall remain unequalled. Ni bheidh a leitheidi aris ann is go ndeana Dia trocaire orthu.

Go mbeidimid go leir anseo ag an am seo aris.



Deaglan O Buachain
Runai

Tuarascail Runai Coiste na nOg

The Boards work for another year has been completed, a year in which we successfully completed all our games, not on schedule I may add, however, with the adverse weather during the year and pitches unplayable, all finals are complete in all competitions. This year saw our Minor A championship final played as the curtain-raiser to the Senior County Final, thanks to Brendan Doyle and all on the Senior Board for their assistance on the day.

While we saw some brilliant football being played both during our competitions and in finals, the Minor A championship competition was 'without doubt' one of the better competitions this year, with 8 teams participating, and some games being won by the narrowest of margins it went to the last round before the finalists Garadice Gaels and St. Francis were declared. Then with the final going to a replay it showed the intensity and strength of the teams involved. The Dolan cup final and the Minor League finals were of a high standard of football. Here I would like to thank the teams and mentors of the Dolan Cup finalists and the Minor League finalists for agreeing to play those finals at night under lights in Cloone and thank Cloone for the use of their pitch.

The U16 competitions saw some very highly contested games and finals with the Division 1 championship and league both ended with the finalists being a repeat of U14 finals in league and championship of 2006, roll on 2010 for the final chapter in the saga.

The U14 competitions were most enjoyable to watch, the result of some great work being done in clubs, especially the championship finals, some great games of football.

With our U12 competitions, what a pity some clubs decided to play the scoring difference system that was introduced at the beginning of the year, teams with a few really good players annihilating other teams, while substitutions being made were few in order that their teams climbed higher on the points board. This I find unfair to all those young players on the sideline that we want to keep playing our sport, little encouragement there. Having said that, we saw some brilliant games with very talented and promising young players displaying their skills. A lot of good work is being done with the youth in the clubs.

The Niall Higgins memorial blitz in Drumshanbo was a great success and a huge thanks to Allen Gaels for their help, support on the day and providing refreshments for everyone.

With a volume of around 430 to 440 games played at underage level in the county this year in 28 competitions, 14 clubs won County titles.

Here I would like to congratulate all our League and Championship winners of 2008, Drumreilly/Garadice Gaels took the honors with 5 county titles with Gortletteragh winning 4 county titles, Annaduff winning 3, 5 clubs share a total of 2 titles, a word of praise to all the mentors and personnel in charge in the clubs who put the time and work into working with the youth well done to you.

I would like to thank all the referees who officiated at our games during the year and also thank all the clubs and Pairc Sean committee for the use of their pitches.

Our County Minors who had a late start getting off the ground at the beginning of the year, ended the Connacht league with a win over Mayo. In the championship we lost out to both Roscommon and Sligo in the round robin and Mayo went on to compete in the All Ireland final, losing out in a replay. I thank Derek Kelleher and his selectors Sean Logan, Pat Flanagan and Enda Stenson for all their hard work and time dedicated to the team.

Many thanks to our Sponsor Mayeform of our County Minors and we look forward to your support in 2009.

I also thank, the bus drivers who provided the transport and Gallogly Catering for providing food for the Minors and U-16 County teams during the year.

Our U16 County squad had success in the Fr. Manning Blitz with winning the newly named Sheild cup 'The George O'Toole Memorial Cup', they beat Longford in their 1st game and subsequently lost to Sligo and Roscommon which saw them contest the Sheild Final. In the Tedd Webb blitz they beat Mayo and lost to Sligo and Galway, a lot of work was put in with this squad, thanks to Martin Mc Gowan and his selectors and I wish Martin every success with his step up as Senior selector.

As always tremendous work was done with the U15 and U14 squads, the summer camps were excellent with big numbers this year. To the clubs who made their pitches available, the coaches and helpers many thanks, thanks to Tomas Keenan for his ongoing work with the camps and the underage squads, a very full calendar was accomplished by Tomas in 2008.

To Gerry, Declan, and all the Senior Board, thanks for your help and guidance throughout the year.

I thank Brendan Doyle for his assistance with the underage fixtures and results on the web site.

Underage Hurling saw the introduction of a Minor championship competition along with the U16 competition, in both competitions a lot of young talented players displayed their skills in some very enjoyable games, thanks to all the mentors, referee's and the Hurling Bord.

To the Leitrim Observer, the Leitrim Post, photographers, Shannon Side and Ocean FM Radio many thanks for your extended coverage of our games.

To my fellow officers on the Minor board who make my work so much easier with their help

To all who suffered bereavements during the year I extend sincere sympathy.

A word of thanks to the lads.

Finally I wish each one of you a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Attracta Ni Raghailigh
Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg

Tuarascáil Forbartha 2008

Going into year five as your Development Officer, I look forward to continue working on your behalf to bring ongoing development nearer to completion as planned.

The project at Annaduff is a priority for 2009 as modern training facilities for all our players are seen as a basic necessity as we look ahead with great hope for Leitrim teams in the years ahead.

Development this year commenced with the roll out of an 'Individual Club Officer Training Night at the end of January. This program had an excellent uptake across the clubs of the county as club officers turned out in big numbers to avail of the training on offer.

Player Injury Insurance claims have shown an increase in claim numbers this year. This, the insurance part of my work as Development Officer, is growing as an administration load than heretofore. Claims have tighter deadlines for submission to Coyle Hamilton Willis Ltd, and all who deal with injury claims at their club should waste no time in getting claims submitted, even if no follow on medical costs are incurred. Our Insurers are demanding that all claimants should in the first instance claim from their own private insurance if they have one in place. The terms of Coyle Hamilton Willis Insurers Ltd state that they pay out on non recoverable medical costs only. Injury claim forms are available on our County GAA Website download section.

The visit some weeks past of Mr Roger Clancy from Croke Park Risk Insurance Section was a very informative insurance session for all who attended.

I wish to thank everyone who assisted me during the year and take this opportunity to wish all of you best wishes for Christmas and 2009.

Padraig O Miachain
Oifigeach Forbartha

Tuarascail Cumann na mBunscoil

Cumann na mBunscoil activities commenced early in January when the Handball Finals were held in Drumshanbo. Four schools were represented namely, Fenagh, Drumkeerin, Creevelea and Drumshanbo. The following players went on to Ballinrobe to represent Leitrim.

Boys U-11 singles	Sean Haslett, Drumkeerin.
Boys U-11 doubles	Ciaran Walsh & Shane Clarke, Drumshanbo.
Boys U-13 singles	Diarmaid McKiernan, Drumshanbo.
Boys U-13 doubles	Declan Daly & Jerome Maguire, Drumkeerin.
Girls U-11 singles	Mary Louise McCabe, Drumkeerin.
Girls U-13 singles	Shane Glancy, Creevelea.

The A.G.M. of Cumann na mBunscoil was held in Drumshanbo on March 6th 2008. Following this, the executive organised the various divisions and published a fixtures booklet. Competitions began on Monday, April 7th with most of the finals being played on June 7th and June 14th respectively. The following schools were winners in their respective divisions.

Boys

Division 1	Mohill.
Division 1 Shield	Carrigallen.
Division 2	Drumshanbo.
Division 2 Shield	Fenagh.
Division 3	Aughnasheelin.
Division 3 Shield	Bornacoola.
Division 4	Kiltyclogher.
Division 4 Shield	
Division 5	Drumlea.
Division 5 Shield	Aughawillan.

Girls

Division 1	Mohill.
Division 1 Shield	Ballinamore.
Division 2	Carrigallen.
Division 2 Shield	Leitrim.
Division 3	Aughavas
Division 3 Shield	Aughnasheelin.

We would like to thank all the schools, clubs, parents, pupils, teachers, coaches, mentors and referees for their co-operation in running all of these fixtures. A special word of thanks to the County Board for allowing us the use of Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada for our finals which was a great thrill for all of the pupils involved.

Exhibition Games

Twenty children from various schools had the privilege of representing Leitrim in the exhibition games prior to the Galway v Leitrim Connacht Championship in Pearse Stadium on June 15th 2008. Once again, many thanks to the Co. Board for sponsoring the team kits on that occasion.

Six players from Leitrim also took part in the exhibition game prior to the Connacht Final in early July. A number of boys and girls from around the county had the great honour of playing in Croke Park as part of the build up to the All – Ireland semi-finals and final. This was as a result of their success in the I.N.T.O. Mini Sevens Competition.

The 2009 Mini – Sevens competition took place through the month of October with Ballinamore completing a five-in-a-row in the boys section and Cloone emerging as winners in the girls section.

Deasuin O Duill

Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscoil

Coiste Scoileanna Dara Leibheal

On behalf of the Second Level School's Committee, I would like to congratulate all the schools that were successful in the 07/08 school year. I would also wish those who are currently participating in competitions the best of luck. We are continually grateful to the clubs of the county who provide pitches for the playing of school matches and to the referees who officiate at these matches. We also acknowledge the contribution of the coach James Holahan in the schools throughout the county. Finally, we wish that all delegates be made aware of the fact that Gaelic Games and all other extra curricular activities will not occur after Christmas due to the recent budget cuts. These activities have been of great benefit to the development of young people and it is shameful that the government is targeting these youngsters. We hope that delegates will highlight this issue with local politicians during the forthcoming weeks where possible.

Aindriu Mac Manais
Coiste Scoileanna Dara Leibheal

Tuarascail Coiste Eolas Teicneolaiochta

The uptake of IT within clubs has been significant since the initial drive in February 2005, it's the club officers who have to be thanked for this. IT is often feared, considered unnecessary and an obstruction but when a genuine effort is made to understand its benefits and ease of use with a little training then the rewards are reaped. IT will remain within the GAA and this is further evident as the new national IT strategy commenced implementation earlier this year. This strategy forms a major part of the recently announced GAA Strategic Vision and Action Plan 2009-2015.

In Leitrim we already have many IT areas covered but I ask for your support in the months and years ahead as IT is further developed and utilised as a positive resource. In addition I would recommend that each club takes upon itself to appoint an IT Officer at its AGM who is willing to provide local support to club Officers on a regular basis and to seek assistance and guidance from the county committee when necessary.

2009 will see the roll out nationally of many new initiatives including a new email and fixtures/results system.

Membership – Earlier this year Leitrim was chosen as a pilot county for the rollout of the new online membership system. The clubs of the county were invited to attend a training night which they did in great numbers. A 3 week deadline was given to have all members details online and each member registered for 2008. This target was achieved and much credit is due to the various club officers who worked hard to meet the deadlines. This system will be used for all club member registration into the future and the addition of a combined text service makes it a very useful tool for club officers.

Clubs - Club websites continue to flourish and with new additions this year it is great to see 22 out of 24 clubs providing a site. I would urge each club to actively maintain their site and to recognise the promotional and communicative value of a resource that is accessible worldwide. The Club PRO/Correspondent should make the club notes available on the site on a weekly basis and make every effort to add photos and features on an ongoing basis. A poor website reflects badly on a club.

LeitrimGAA.ie – In a Setanta Sports survey in early 2007 this website was the clear winner of all GAA sites, we have not being sitting on our laurels in the mean time. While competition is very stiff this year it is hoped that it will remain in the top 5 for the year.

The site continues to grow and now contains a considerable amount of information. The fixtures and results of approx 1,200 games and associated league tables for 2008 in conjunction with daily news items and an events calendar make it a very popular site.

The site is constantly evolving and the most recent addition are the Video highlights of club games. In a period of 6 weeks we have had almost 4,000 viewings of our club finals including the county final.

Much credit is due to Brian Blake for his work in preparing and uploading of the videos highlights. Unfortunately it is unlikely that we will be able to show County games due to broadcasting rights already agreed with media companies however we will continue to monitor this situation.

Last year's new additions to the site were Podcasts and they still remain popular. These are audio recordings which feature the latest happenings, interviews and news items which visitors can listen to on the site or download for later use. Podcasting is not a feature of any other County or provincial website.

The Live Results Scoreboard feature also remains very popular when put into use for county games or for the business end of the club championships thanks to Roy Keenan for his efforts.

The Photo Gallery section boasts almost 10,500 images most of which are taken by James Molloy. James has put in trojan work this year as the gallery has increased by approx 4,000 images on last year.

The recent submission of material and photos from the Handball section is much welcomed.

Other features exist and if you have not visited the site then it's worth taking the time to do so. Our visitor numbers continue to rise and since January approx. 30,000 unique visitors viewed nearly 750,000 webpages throughout the year, what's notable about this is that over 10,000 of the visitors return on a very regular basis.

I would like to thank all of the contributors to the online home of Leitrim GAA as the site would not be what it is without their valued input.

Additional Supports - Throughout the year much time was spent in preparing documents and powerpoint presentations for use by various committees and officers, a lot of assistance was provided to the Finance committee in particular who were very active in sourcing funds for the various developments.

Other events where assistance was provided include the County Championship draws which was conducted with the help of a large screen presentation showing the actual groupings and schedule of fixtures as they were drawn. Hard copies were available immediately after the draw.

The Coaching Section of Leitrim GAA have received support also for the club coaching workshops..

I would like to thank the Clubs, County board officers and various committees for the continued adoption and support of IT. As is proved by everyone associated by Leitrim GAA IT when used appropriately serves a purpose in making our busy lives a little easier. The new initiatives for 2009 should make it an exciting year ahead.

Breandan O Duill
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli

Tuarascail Oiluana

At this time of year, we present our customary annual reports from the different branches within the association in Leitrim. The whole area of Coaching is a vast and ever expanding part of Gaelic Games nationwide. It is the bedrock on which our games continue to thrive and coaching has been in existence since the foundation of the association. However, the whole area surrounding coaching methods is constantly changing and reinventing itself. The latest change we see occurring in this area revolves around a "*Games Approach*" to coaching which is being propounded by our current Senior Team management of Mickey Moran and John Morrison. It's ironic that that's where it all began during the infancy of Gaelic Games i.e. training sessions consisting of just practice matches. Somewhere down the line someone suggested the notion that football and hurling players needed to get fitter and introduced a fad called stamina training – better known to most footballers as running

laps of the field. In latter times, other facets of training were added to coaching/training session such as sprint training, skill drills, strength & conditioning, SAQ training and circuits, to mention just a few. To be fair some of these methods made sense and still do in many ways but the current Games Approach to coaching, I believe, best mirrors what happens in an actual game. It must be pointed out that strength & conditioning and diets still play an important role in a footballer's preparation for the year ahead but both areas are an attempt to mimic a way of life that was in existence many years ago. By this I mean that players 50 years ago had a much more active work life and had a simpler, healthier diet i.e. their muscles were constantly being developed through work and their diet was mostly organic – no “fast foods”. In any case, by using the Games Approach to coaching – especially with children – I believe we will end up with players who enjoy and know how to play the game of football.

In giving an account of coaching activities in 2008, I think it's best to start in the area I feel that is potentially the most productive for the County i.e. the Schools. In Leitrim there are 40 National Schools currently being covered by a total of 11 coaches promoting the Go Games ethos in football and hurling. Each National School receives 20 weeks of coaching as well as the numerous blitzes that were organised during the year. I must pay special tribute to these 11 coaches who give their time in the promotion of Gaelic Games in our National Schools. The Secondary Schools of Leitrim continued to be serviced by our full time G.P.O. James Holohan, who, for the past 14 years has nurtured the skills of the game among the teenage players of the county with his own unique brand of wit and efficiency. Again a number of blitzes were organised to facilitate players of all ages within the schools. I wonder how many of today's County and Club players in Leitrim have been coached at some point in their careers by our maestro. Anyway, I think it's impossible to completely quantify the work and number of man hours put in by James in the name of Leitrim football. Céad míle buíochas a Sheamáis.

Last year's coaching calendar set out one of the most ambitious Coaching plans for Leitrim in recent times. In the 2008 coaching Calendar we completed 8 workshops and 6 coaching courses with increased attendances. Our 2009 Coaching Calendar can be picked up at today's convention. The workshops for 2009 are already in full swing with large attendances at the recent ones conducted by Mickey Moran and John Morrison. The new Coach Education program has recently come on stream and we have two tutors qualified to deliver these courses – namely Matt Gaffey and Thomas Keenan. The Coach Education program for 2009 begins next February. Unfortunately as yet, Croke Park has not indicated whether any previous Coaching Qualifications held has an equivalent rung on the ladder of the new Coach Education series. The whole area on the Code of Best Practice for dealing with children has been completely revamped and I am led to believe that all coaches will be required to cover this aspect again.

Our Development Squads continue to be very competitive in the provincial blitzes. They lay the groundwork for our future Minor, U-21 and Senior squads. Both our U-14 and U-15 squads were unbeaten during the year in their challenge matches. Unfortunately for both squads, the respective provincial blitzes were cancelled this year due to the inclement weather conditions and neither squad got the opportunity to show their skills on the provincial stage. Our U-16 Development Squad won the inaugural George O'Toole Shield in a closely fought Fr. Manning Cup competition. Our U-17 squad for 2008 has only just begun their preparations under the guidance of the 2009 Minor Management led by Sean Logan. We wish Sean and his management team the very best of luck in their search for Minor glory in 2009. In 2008 we also participated in hurling blitzes at U-14 and U-16 level. A big thank you to all our Development Squad coaches who put so much time and effort into developing the stars of the future in Leitrim.

2008 saw yet another increase in the level of participation by the children of Leitrim in the Cúl Camps in July. For the first time ever, the total number participating exceeded 1000 children, which to me is an indication of the sense of enjoyment and worth that the children experience in our camps. This is what I believe keeps them coming back for more. Great credit is due to many people for this increase but particularly to Thomas Keenan (County Co-ordinator); James Holohan, Enda Stenson and Pat McWeeney (Camp Co-ordinators); all of the coaches who work at our camps and finally to the School's coaches who promoted the camps tirelessly. In the last week, we received word from

Croke Park that Leitrim had the highest percentage attendance of all 32 counties in Ireland at this year's camps. A just reward indeed to mirror the work on the ground.

Finally, this will be my last report to Convention as I step down today from the position to pursue "other interests". I want to thank all the people who have helped me so much for the past 2 years – the members of the Coaching Committee for their valued input and honesty, all the other officers of the County Board who I've thoroughly enjoyed working with, all the School's coaches for their selfless dedication to coaching, the various guest coaches at our workshops for sharing their expertise and the clubs of Leitrim for giving their grounds – sometimes at very short notice – for the promotion of coaching. It would be remiss of me at this stage not to mention the Trojan work being done by our Coaching and Games Development Manager, Thomas Keenan. I don't think people fully appreciate the level of commitment, enthusiasm and endeavour that Thomas has shown in carrying out his duties on behalf of Coiste Contae Liatroma these past 2 years. I wish to put on record my sincere gratitude to Thomas for all his valued assistance during my tenure. I would lastly like to wish Kevin Ludlow the very best of luck in his new position and I hope he gets as much enjoyment from it as I did. Go raibh míle maith agaibh agus Liatroim abú.

Mairtin Mac Gabhann
Oifigeach Oiliuna

Tuarascail Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisi

Once again we are near the completion of our competitions for the year 2008. Despite terrible weather and a number of minor hiccups during the year the fixtures ran off quite well. At the beginning of the year the CCC in conjunction with the input from the clubs drew up a fixtures plan for the year. In drawing up this plan we had to consider the players who made themselves available to play for their county at all levels in football and hurling. This restricted us considerably and I hope the new county management team will consider club football when they are planning for 2009. It was the wishes of most clubs and players that the championship would be ran off in succession rather than playing two or three rounds early in the summer and having a long break then. We fixed the start of the championship for August while we were not able to stick rigidly to the fixtures plan we feel it gave the clubs and players something to plan around. I would like to congratulate Glencar Manor on winning the senior championship, Aughnasheelin on winning the intermediate championship, Allen Gaels Junior A champions, Kiltubrid Junior B champions and St Osnat's winning a special Junior C championship. All teams represented the county well in the Connaught club championship. Unfortunately we are still waiting for that Connaught club championship. Two north Leitrim clubs Glencar Manor and Melvin Gaels will play off for the division 1 league title. Neighbours Sean o Heslins and Aughawillan will play off for the division 2 league title, Eslin won the division 3 final, Annaduff won the division four final and Glencar manor won the division 5 final. A number of games are still to be played to decide the final positions in the 2009 leagues.

I must thank Pairc Sean mc Diarmuid committee and all the clubs for putting their grounds at our disposal for running our games. Also thanks to the officers of the clubs for their co operation during the year, all this makes the job of the CCC committee much easier. To the referees and their officials for controlling our games in a very professional manner and to all the people who acted as stewards and field officers, a special thanks.

Discipline during the year was very good and despite the fact that we had a number of disciplinary meetings during the year the number of players involved were a very small percentage of all the players that played our games over the year. Unfortunately some names seem to appear every year. We would hope that clubs would consider this in appointing their managers and selectors for the coming year.

Last of all, our hard working secretary who arrived every night with his laptop containing all the information we needed to deal with any situation that would arise and even if it was two in the morning the fixtures would be out for all to see on Tuesday. To Seamus prior our referees' co coordinator for his assistance, Andy Duffy like myself had not too far to travel but the two north Leitrim committee members Pat Feehily and Michael Mc Gowan who travelled the long distance on many occasions at very short notice. Thanks very much to you all for your commitment to the CCC over the year.

Tomas Mac Eochain
Cathaoirleach CCC

Coiste Eisteachta

Our role continues to be that of Decision makers in the disciplinary process. The Hearings Committee is empowered to increase or decrease a proposed penalty but is not responsible for initiating action against a member or unit arising from alleged breach of rule, this is the function of the Competition Controls Committee in adult competitions and Coiste na nÓg in juvenile competitions.

To-date in 2008 there were 7 requests for a Hearing in adult competitions, a drop of 12 from 2007. Of these 7 Hearings, 5 involved players and two involved clubs.

There were 3 Hearings at Coiste na nÓg level, an increase of 3 from 2007. Of these 2 related to player breach of rule and one involved Club breach of rule.

The decision of the Hearings Committee was accepted in 9 of the 10 cases heard and one appeal lodged with Connacht Council was unsuccessful.

Coiste Éisteachta wish to remind clubs that the onus lies on every club Executive to ensure that all club mentors, players and supporters are conforming to a club code of conduct, and adhere to the rules of the association as laid down in an Treoraí Oifigiúil.

We have found throughout the year that quite a lot of Club Officers are not fully acquainted with the current rule book and feel that they should keep themselves and their members fully informed of their responsibilities.

I wish to thank the members of the hearings committee for their commitment and time through-out the year.

Tomas O Morain - Cathaoirleach
Diarmuid Mac Suibhne - Runai
Padraig Mac Aogain
Sean O Muiri
Deasuin O Cuinn

Tuairisc ón Oifigeach Cultúir agus Teanga

Scór na nÓg

Ghlac 17 club páirt i Scór na nÓg 2007/2008. Sin ceann amháin sa bhreis ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Bhí dhá oíche mhór i gCora Droma Rúisc agus Béal an Átha Móir. Bhí na babhtáí ceannais i gCluainín Uí Ruairc, D'éirigh le ceithre club Craobh Chonnacht a bhaint amach: Rachel Nic Lochlainn, Maothail san Amhránaíocht, Fiontán MacGiolla Phádraig, Achadh na Sileann san Aithriseoireacht, Seán Ó hEislin sa Bhailéad Ghrúpa agus Fíonach sa Rince Seit. I mbabhtáí ceannais na hÉireann níor éirí le ceann ar bith acu.

Scór Sinsear

Bhí 15 club páirteach i Scór sinsear i 2008 gcomparáid le 13 an bhliain roimhe sin. Cé go raibh sé sin sásúil go leor, ní raibh ach cúpla iontráil ag cuid des na clubanna. D'éirigh go maith le Liatroim arís ag Scór Chonnacht agus bhúadar cúig Chraobh Chonnacht: Cluainín sa Rince Foirne, Gaeil Liatroma sa Cheol, Naomh Muire sa Bhailéad Ghrúpa, Barr na Cuille i dTráth na gCeist agus Sean O hEislin sa Nuachleas. Don dara bhliain as a chéile bhí cúig iontráil ag Liatroim ag Scór na hÉireann ach arís níor bhuamar rud ar bith. Nuair a chuireann tú Scór na nÓg san áireamh, bhí Liatroim páirteach i 16 comórtais i Scór na hÉireann le dhá bhliain anuas agus níor bhuamar ceann ar bith. Ach tiocfaidh ár lá

Scór na mBunscoileanna

Bhí babhtáí Scór na mBunscol i mí na Samhna agus d'éirigh that barr leis. Bhí oíche speisialta againn i dTuaisceart Liatroma agus bhí cúig scoil páirteach ann. San iomlán bhí 19 scoil ag glacadh páirt, sin trí cinn níos mó ná anuraidh.

Seachtain na Gaeilge – Tráth na gCeisteanna

Ghlac ocht gclub páirt sa chomórtas seo agus bhí an bua ag Barr na Cuille. Chuaigh Barr na Cuille, Fíonach agus Gaeil na hÁilne ar aghaidh go babhtáí Chonnacht agus d'éirigh le Barr na Cuille áit a bhaint amach i gCraobh na hÉireann

Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta

Bhí 14 scoláireachtaí le bronnadh. Ceithre acusan do dhaoine a bhí páirteach i Scór.

Seo iad na daoine a fuair scoláireachtaí i 2008:

Scoláireachtaí do dhaoine a ghlac páirt i Scór

Clár Ní Chianáin, Clonart, Barr na Cuille (€200)

Aoife Heeran, Drumhawley, Droim Sean Bhó (€100)

Niamh Nic Uidhir, Lavareen Achadh Easa (€100)

Gráinne Ní Mháille, Carraig Álainn (€100)

Scoláireachtaí eile

Eibhlín Nic Aodha, Droimrewey, Droim Caorthainn (€250)

Yvonne Ní Chrosáin, Lisconnor, Coill an Chláir (€250)

Seán Mac Suibhne, An Ross, Cluainín Uí Ruairc(€100)

Seánacháin O Beirn, Bóthar an Stáisiúin, Maothail(€100)

Oisín Mac Pheaircín, Gortnalibbert, Cluainín Uí Ruairc(€100)

Aaron Reynolds, Fawn, Leitrim(€100)

Orla McHugh, Cornacloy, Glenfarne(€100)

Michelle O'Hagan, Foxfield, Manorhamilton(€100)

Jackie Nic Mhanais, Cill Srianáin(€100)

Padraig Mac Aodha, Droimrewey, Droim Caorthainn(€100)

Sean O Suilleabhain

Oifigeach Cultura agus Teanga

Coiste na Reiteoiri

As Chairman of the Referees' Committee I would like, first of all, to thank all of the referees and linesmen for officiating at all League and Championship games during the year. Take into consideration that there were close to 500 adults games played in the county in 2008 and also a similar amount of underage games. During the Championships, linesmen had to be appointed which brought the total number of outings to around 1000. So, you can see from the above statistics that it was demanding year for our referees and linesmen. At this stage I would like to say a special thanks to our hard working secretary Declan Bohan for the efficient way in which he carried out his duties with the referees each weekend.

During the months of February and March, Connacht referee administrator Francis Finan conducted in service training with 27 of our referee's. This training carried out over a number of evenings culminated with the presentation of cert's to the referee's who successfully completed the course.

If our recruitment and training of referees is to be successful there must be an attitude of respect and support from Clubs and their officials. Referees are committed and dedicated to their work and in any game a referee always has a reason for making an objective decision according to the Rules of our Games. Because that decision does not meet with our approval is not justification for destructive criticism or abuse by players or officials. Human errors are inevitable with referees, as they are with players and team officials, but none are deliberate and we should temper our frustration with a level of tolerance and discipline.

I wish at this stage to congratulate all our referees who officiated at games both in our province and also on the national scene. I am very confident that a number of our referees will make the grade at the highest levels in our association and I look forward to this day very much.

I want to congratulate all referees who took charge of the finals in our county in the year gone by. I think everybody will agree with me that the standard of refereeing in all of our finals and indeed all of our games was very high. Let me say at this stage that there is no room for complacency, there is always room for improvement. Any referee is only as good as his last game. At this stage I would like to congratulate Finbarr Keaney who has been chosen as the Senior Referee of the Year. Finbarr has given great service and has proven to be a most reliable and trust worthy official. Well done Finbarr! May I also congratulate Coiste na nOg Referee of the Year Seamus Mulhern and I expect that it won't be long until Seamus is officiating at the highest level within the county. Well done Seamus.

Umpires

The importance of good umpires has constantly been emphasised to referees. They are a vital part of the team which controls our games and referees must select people who have the ability to work together as a team, who work out routines for noting incidents not seen by the referee and who have a system of taking up the best position to view the flight of a ball. Their appearance is important and their alertness and concentration should never lapse. Decisions should be made and signalled with conviction. There should never be a conflict of signals. Umpire training is now available in conjunction with county Administrator.

Linesmen and Fourth Official

Linesmen are also a vital part of the team of match officials controlling our games, one of whom is usually the standby referee. They need to be alert, concentrate and give clear and prompt signals. They report instances of foul play not noticed by the referee and they control the introduction of substitutes in conjunction with the Fourth Official. Team Officials must give full co-operation to the match officials in following the proper procedure for introducing substitutes in conjunction with the Fourth Official. Team Officials must give full co-operation to the match officials in following the proper procedure for introducing substitutes, which must be at the substitute zone and only at a break in play.

Assessment

2008 seen the introduction of referee assessment and this commenced during the championship season. Seventeen of our referee's were assessed on a number of occasions during the championship by different assessors. The referees were then issued with the report from the assessor. It is planned to increase this assessment to all referees during 2009. Thanks to all the assessors for their work throughout the year, especially those who have acted at our games. And I wish to thank the Officials in the various clubs for making provision of a good position in grounds for the Assessors. The new Assessment form, which requires much specific detail, makes it essential for the Assessor to be well positioned at a game.

I would like to thank Sean Mc Cartin who is Secretary of the Referees' Committee. Sean has given invaluable help and assistance throughout the year. I would like to thank Gerry Mc Govern, Declan Bohan, and John Mulvey for their help and support in providing gear to referees and making sure that all referees were properly and neatly attired for all our games. Any request that was made to Senior Committee from our referees was always dealt with efficiently and fairly.

Finally to the rest of my colleagues on the CCC under the able chairmanship of Tom Guckian thank you for your co-operation during 2008. It was a pleasure to work with you all.

**Seamus Mc and Phiora
Coiste na Reiteoiri**

Tuarascail Coiste Iomana

U14 Championship

Teams from Ballinamore, Manorhamilton, St. Marys & Gortletteragh took part.

Games played on a home and away basis

Ballinamore emerged as winners and also represented Leitrim in the Annual All Ireland Feile Na nGael Competition.

U16 Championship

Teams from Ballinamore, Manorhamilton, St. Marys took part.

Games were also played on a home and away basis.

Ballinamore emerged as winners.

U18 Championship

This was revived this year due to the excellent co-operation between the clubs.

Teams from Ballinamore, Manorhamilton, St. Marys took part.

Games were also played on a home and away basis.

Development Panels

County Development Panels were prepared in conjunction with the above grades and took part in all arranged inter-county competitions.

National Schools

An extensive programme of skills training in the National Schools took place under the guidance of Thomas Keenan & Andrew Carey.

Indoor Hurling

Indoor Hurling under-age activities are being promoted by the clubs in Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon & Gortletteragh during the winter months to encourage participation and develop the skills of beginners.

Senior Championship

Teams from Ballinamore, Manorhamilton, St. Marys & Gortletteragh took part.

St. Marys defeated Manorhamilton in a closely contested County Final.

St. Marys lost to Calry (Sligo) in the AIB Connacht Club Championship.

Our thanks and appreciation is due to everyone, players, coaches & mentors, who gave their time, co-operation & energies in the above.

Micheal O Duaragain

Runai Coiste Iomana

Coiste Iomana- Foireann Sinsear

The County senior hurlers had a very active year playing in the Connacht hurling league, National Hurling league, Leinster Hurling league and Nicky Rackard Cup playing a total of fourteen competitive games. In the Connacht Hurling league we played Sligo and Roscommon. In the National league Division 3 we played Cavan, Monaghan, Fermanagh and South Down. We played Longford, Louth, South Down, Wicklow and Warwickshire in the Leinster League, while in the Nicky Rackard cup championship competition we played South Down and Fermanagh, reaching the quarter finals before losing to Dublin side Fingal.

The past season was one of mixed fortunes for Leitrim senior hurlers. St. Mary's, Glencar Manor, Sean O'Heslins, Gortletteragh clubs all had representatives on the panel. While we were very competitive in all our games in the league campaign, we finished pointless in the division and will now compete in Division 4 in 2009. The Leinster League was used to try out fringe players for the championship and proved a very worthwhile competition for us. The Nicky Rackard cup competition

saw us progress to the quarter finals for the first time. This was a very successful and positive end to our season and proved that with the proper preparation and with a full panel to select from, we can genuinely aspire to success at this level.

A huge amount of time and effort went into preparing the panel for all competitions and the response from most players was very encouraging. We used the services of a Galway man, Micheal Geoghegan for some training sessions, and as part of the county twinning programme we had two former Antrim hurlers take a session before the championship quarter final.

The fact we are dependant of a very small number of key players to carry on the challenge means there is very little margin for error and the lack of overall strength in the panel is not sustainable. However, if we are to make a breakthrough at this level, then all panel members must be much more committed to playing hurling for their county and consider it as the privilege that it is. Every support is forthcoming from the hurling board for the players, but unless the players themselves show the desire and commitment to play for Leitrim then we will never achieve the success that we are capable of. We are in the position in this county where football takes precedence, and most dual players consider football as their first choice. While I fully understand and respect that, I still think players at this level can accommodate playing inter county hurling and club football. Unless the Leitrim county senior hurling team can call on all their best players we can never achieve any tangible success at our level. It is also crucial that we take full advantage of the inter country transfer system to recruit quality players into our squad. If we use this scheme to it's full effect combined with having all our best hurlers committed to playing for the county the we can look forward to some real league and championship success.

On a positive note, I think it is a great honour for Leitrim and St. Mary's hurling, that we had James Glancy representing Ireland in the recent shinty international against Scotland. This was a fantastic achievement for James as it was the second time he gained this honour.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Leitrim Hurling Board, namely Paddy Phelan, Michael Dorrigan and Martin Cunniffe. Also, to the Leitrim County Board in general and to Jim Meehan in particular.

Next season sees Leitrim hurlers playing in Division 4 of the National league and compete in the Lory Meagher cup competition. There is a real opportunity for success at this level if all the ingredients referred to above are in place and that is the target we should have in our sights for 2009.

Caoimhin Mac Fhlannacha
Bainisteoir Foireann Iomana Liatroma

Coiste Liathroid Laimhe

The Leitrim Cuman Na mBunscoil Handball Competition were held at the Mayflower complex Drumshanbo on Sunday 20th January. A great day's entertainment was provided by a very talented group of young handballs with the winners going forward to play in the Connacht finals in Ballinrobe Co. Mayo on Sunday 27th. The Team was

U11 Singles Boys Sean Haslett. Drumkeeran School.

U11 Doubles Boys, Shane Clarke & Ciaran Walsh. Drumshanbo School.

U11 Singles Girls, Mary Louise McCabe. Drumkeeran School.

U13 Singles Boys, Diarmaid McKieran, Drumshanbo School.

U13 Doubles Boys, Declan Daly & Jearome Maguire. Drumkeeran School.

U13 Singles Girl, Shauna Glancy. Crevelle School

Four Schools took part in the Leitrim final.

The Leitrim senior competition ended in a battle between Martin Raftery from Drumshanbo and Danny Reilly from Gorthlettragh, Raftery winning in the end 21-15 21-10.

Joanne Logan, Orla Gaffney and Nevin McCatran later went to America to play in the National Collegiate Games. Joanne Logan from Drumshanbo went on to win the USHA Women Challenger Competition

Joanne Teamed up with Mary Shanley from Drumshanbo to Play in the Connaght women's Junior B Doubles and were just beaten in the final. Joanne also went to the Connaght Final in the Junior B Singles Competition. Later in the year Joanne Played in Competitions in Limerick and Tralee for the DCU team.

A number of Leitrim players played in the Novice B Connaught Competition. Martin Raftery from Drumshanbo won the Connaught Singles competition in both the 40X20 and the 60X30 outright. Donal Wrynn from the Fenagh Club won the Junior Leitrim Competition later on in the year he went on to win the Connaught 60X30 under 14 Competition going out in the All Ireland semi Final Stage. Donal also won the College 60x30 Connaught Final in October

On the Training front Drumshanbo Court was booked out all winter with teams training from Drumkeeran, Fenagh and Drumshanbo. Sean Mc Keon stepped down as Connaght Council delegate and was replaced by Peter Heaney. Fenagh have completed phase 1 of the handball court development with the new roof fitted on the court and the Glass Back wall fitted. It is hoped to complete Phase 2 in 2009. The Court kicked off with the first rounds of the Leitrim One Wall Competition. The Competition was held on 26 May with the Finals played in Drumkeeran in June. Another Leitrim Senior competition was played in August. The PJ Lynch Shield was played over Two Sundays and was won out by Leo Logan from Drumshanbo.

Drumkeeran Handball Club has completed Phase 1 of their new development of their new 60/30 Court. This left the court now Playable with the Toilets and Changing Rooms to complete. The Final of the Leitrim One wall was played in Drumkeeran in June with Nevin Mc Cartin narrowly Beat Jamie Murray in the Final. In the Women's Competition Joanne Logan narrowly beat Michelle McNama from Drumkeeran. Jamie Murray went on to Play in the Sligo One Wall where he reached the final of the Plate Competition.

Level One Training for Handball Trainers took Place in Drumkeeran on Sunday 27th July Joe McCann carried out the Course for Connaght Council. 12 Leitrim Handball Trainers completed the Course. A team from Leitrim took part in the 60x30 B Competition held in Williamstown in October and some Leitrim Players got to Connaught Finals. The Mathew Dolan Memorial Cup was played for in Fenagh on Sunday 2nd November Teams from Drumkeeran and Fenagh took Part. Fenagh won the Competition in a very exciting finish by one point.

Mairtin O Logain
Cathaoirleach Coiste Liathroid Laimhe

Ainmniúcháin

Uachtarán:	Micheal Mac Gabhann (Gaeil na Meilge)
Cathaoirleach:	Gearoid Mac Samhrain (Cluain)
Leas Cathaoirleach:	Peadar O Floinn (Achadh na Sileann)
Rúnaí:	Deaglan O Buachain (Barr na Cuille)
Leas Rúnaí:	Collette Nic an tSionnaigh (Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin)
Cisteoir:	Sean O Muilbhigh (Baile na gCleireach)
Leas Cisteoir:	Sean O Cianain (Gortleitreach)
Oifigeach Forbartha:	Padraig O Miachain (Cill Tiobraid)
Oifigeach Oiliúna:	Mairtin Mac Gabhann (Gaeil na hAilne) Caoimhin O Ludlo (Eanach Dubh)
Oifigeach Cultúra agus Teanga:	Sean O Suilleabhain (Sean Ui Eislin)

Oifigeach Ógra:	Domhnaill Mac an Ghalloglaigh (Sean Ui Eislin) Tomas O Cianain (Gortleitreach)
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:	Breandan O Duill (Cill Tiobraid)
Comhairle Connacht:(2)	Seamus Mac an Phriora (Achadh na Sileann) Seosamh O Floinn (Naomh Muire)
Árd Comhairle:	Seamus O Miochain (Droim Da hEithear)
Comhdháil Connacht: (4)	Gearoid Mac Samhrain (Cluain) Deaglan O Buachain (Barr na Cuille) Sean O Muilbhigh (Baile na gCleireach) Micheal Mac Gabhann (Gaeil na Meilge) Padraig O Miachain (Cill Tiobraid)
Comhdháil Bhliantúil: (3)	Gearoid Mac Samhrain (Cluain) Deaglan O Buachain (Barr na Cuille) Sean O Muilbhigh (Baile na gCleireach) Padraig O Ficheallaigh (Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin) Breandan O Duill (Cill Tiobraid)
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Standing Orders

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

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

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Bye Laws

Motion 1

In accordance with Rial 61 T.O. 2008, the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose functions and powers shall be as defined in Rial 61 TO 2008 and in these Bye-Laws

- (i) **County Competitions Control Committee**– The County Competitions Control Committee shall consist of 7 members which shall include the County Referees' Administrator, who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees, and a nominee of the County Management

Committee, with voting rights, who shall act as Runai to the committee. The remaining 4 members of the Committee shall be elected from members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel nominated by clubs. It shall be responsible for all arrangements for and control of any matters arising from games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee, including disciplinary matters other than those function reserved to the county hearings committee. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of rules including hearing objections and counter objections. With the exception of Transfers and Grading of Clubs and players within the county, the CCC shall have plenary powers and appeals against it shall be made only to the Provincial Hearings Committee.

(ii) **County Hearings Committee** - It shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is requested relating to the enforcement of rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Committee.

Exception: A hearing of an objection/counter objection is the function of the Competitions Control Committee.

It shall consist of 6 members who shall be appointed from the members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel. No member of the Management Committee, County Competitions Control Committee, Coiste na nOg Competitions Control Committee or Coiste Iomana Competitions Control Committee may serve as a member of the County Hearings Committee. The powers of the County Hearings Committee shall be plenary powers.

(iii) **County Youth Committee**- shall consist of five members to include the Youth Officer as Cathaoirleach. The remaining four members to be nominated and appointed at first County Committee Meeting

**Bye Law 3 to be amended accordingly.
(Coiste Chontae Liatroma)**

Motion 2

There shall be a Post-Primary Schools' Committee consisting of (a) a representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School; (b) a representative of the County Coaching & Games Development Committee; (c) a representative of Coiste na nÓg; (d) a senior officer of the County Management who may act as Committee Chairperson.

- It shall be a subcommittee of the County Committee.
- It shall have a CCC consisting of 5 members including the Cathaoirleach and Runai and 3 members from three affiliated schools. It shall, subject to the overall control of the County Committee, be responsible for all arrangements for and control of any matters arising from all games under its jurisdiction, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of rules including hearing objections and counter objections. Appeals against any decision made by Coiste Iomana Competitions Control Committee shall be made to the County Management Committee.
- Its functions shall be the promotion, development and control of Gaelic Games in Post-Primary schools.
- It shall organise competitions, where appropriate, and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic games as is feasible.
- An Executive Committee may be formed with pro rata representation from Colleges and Vocational Schools.
- Other suitable personnel may be co-opted on to the Committee. The officer board may be determined by the County Post-Primary Schools' Committee.
- The Officer Board and Executive Committee shall reflect the respective strengths of College and Vocational Schools within the county.
- The Post-Primary Schools' Committee shall hold an A.G.M. and elect officers and executive committee and forward motions to the provincial body. It shall also elect representatives to the provincial body.
- The structure at county level shall feed onto the provincial structure.

Bye Law 8 to be amended accordingly.

(Coiste Chontae Liatroma)

Congress

Motion 1

That Central Council should arrange that the All Ireland Football and Hurling Finals be played 2 weeks before they are currently fixed to free up more time for Club Championships.

(Sean Ui Eislin)

Motion 2

That the following additions be made to Rial 147 TO 2008:

- (i) In a case where an alleged infraction has taken place against a member or unit, that member or unit shall be notified of and may attend and may give evidence at any hearing requested by the accused. The unit shall be furnished with Copy extracts of Official Records or Documents relevant to the case in the possession of the Director- General, Provincial or County Secretary or the Council or Committee in Charge upon written application.
- (ii) In a case where an alleged infraction has taken place against a member or unit, that member or unit may call witnesses to give evidence on its behalf and it is its own responsibility to secure the attendance of such witnesses.

(Sean Ui Eislin)

General

Motion 1

That the Treasurer's Honorarium be increased from its current amount, new figure to be decided and agreed by Incoming Coiste Bainisti.

(Coiste Chontae Liatroma)

Competition Motions

Motion 1

That no Adult Football fixtures be made by CCC Liatroma on the Saturday preceding and the day of the All Ireland Football Final.

(Sean Ui Eislin)

Competitions Recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee-in-charge of fixtures (CCC) should identify a weekend at a time when no championship match is played and players duly can plan to take annual holidays if they so wish

(Barr na Cuille)

Recommendation 2

The Committee-in-charge of fixtures (CCC) shall not arrange any adult football fixtures for the day of the All-Ireland Football final

(Barr na Cuille)

Recommendation 3

That the incoming CCC take a serious look at the U21 Championship and timing of same. It is an important competition and is been under valued by placing it at the very end of the year

(Achadh na Sileann)

Coiste Chontae Liatroma CLG

Roll of Honour 2008

Championships

	Winner	Runner Up
SFC	Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin	Barr na Cuille
SHC	Naomh Muire	Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin
IFC	Achadh na Sileann	Droim Caorthainn
JFC A	Gaeil na hAilne	Aislinne
JFC B	Cill Tiobraid	Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin
JFC C	Naomh Osnáid	Droim Oir Bhealaigh
U21 A	TBC	TBC
U21 B	TBC	TBC

All County Football Leagues

	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	TBC	TBC
Division 2	Achadh Mhaoileann	Sean Ui Eislin
Division 3	Aislinne	Eanach Dubh
Division 4	Eanach Dubh	Baile na gCleireach
Division 5	Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin	Barr na Cuille

All County Football Shields

	Winner	Runner Up
Shield A	Gortleitreach	Gleann Fearna/Coillte Clochair
Shield B	Cluain	Naomh Muire

Coiste Chontae Liatroma Awards 2008

Hall of Fame	Gearoid O Mathuna (Sean Ui Eislin)
County Player of Year	Sean O Foghlu (Cill Tiobraid)
Club Player of Year	Sean O Mathuna (Achadh na Sileann)
Referee of Year	Fionnbarra O Cianaigh (Cill Tiobraid)
Club Grounds of Year	Achadh Easa
County Hurler of Year	Clement Cunniffe (St Marys)
Club Hurler of Year	Padraig McWeeney (St Marys)
Young Hurler of Year	Brian Feeney (Glencar/Manorhamilton)