



## LBBUI – COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 2016/17 CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

As we head to the end of another season I am glad to say that the season has been a good one and that it will end on a high note with the CAC Individual Championships on 22/4/2017 in Baldoyle. The Inter-Counties and Inter-League have completed with just one issue.

The Managers in charge of each section and the people that support them, make it possible to continue to run these competitions so successfully each year.

Inter-County: P. J. Cooney and Jenny Ni Mhaoileoin ran this competition and appreciate the support the people who help them on their way.

Inter- League: Roy Cobbe, again well supported by Shirley, has again ran this competition in a smooth manner and successful manner with support from a number of people.

Inter- County: Paddy O'Connell (at the time of typing) is again preparing for the semi-finals and the finals of this competition. Again this would not be possible without the support of the Zone Organisers, county representatives and of course Tom Roche. The entries for this season are up a fair bit on last season with 13 extra events to play for.

The increasing cost of halls for inter-county and individual events is also a matter for concern.

There was one avoidable and unfortunate problem in the Inter-Counties, when a player who was changing counties, ended up being registered as a new player in his new county and upgraded by one point to a higher grade and played in the lower class in Inter- county and his team was disqualified. I have always felt that if a player joins a new club that their BI number should travel with them and the Letter A should be added for a second club, B for a third club and so on. This could help prevent incidents like this but also the club has the first responsibility for registering and grading a player and then the County has to ratify the grading. This issue is covered in the Inter-county report.

It has been a smooth running season and all our meetings ran well and completed the tasks they were required to do. Upgrading, downgrading and observations were all dealt with in a fair and reasonable manner.

On behalf of all involved in CAC I would like to express our thanks to all who help make our competitions a success, Leinster Secretary and Committee, Terenure and Baldoyle Hall Staff, Umpires Committee and all the people from the Counties and Leagues who work so hard in the interest of their own players.

I would like to wish all the sections involved in Leinster Badminton a very enjoyable and successful 2017-18 season.

At the end of the day, the only reason all our committees exist is to provide badminton opportunities for players of all ages and standards and I believe we do that.

Pat Furlong

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