

Presidents Report 2026

I have now completed my final term as President of Leinster Badminton, and it has been with immense pride; that I have worn the customary green jacket and the Chain of Office. I have attempted to officiate at all Leinster Tournaments and apologise for the events that I could not attend. It has been a great pleasure to meet all players and their coaches.

As President, I was tasked with promoting the sport in the province and have performed these duties with immense pleasure and diligence that my position deserves.

In this year alone, we have lost three of the most famous stalwarts of the Branch:

† Mary Gannon

† Carolyn Gordon

† Jean Burges

We offer our sincere condolences to their families and know they shall be sadly missed by the Branch (I will elaborate more at the AGM).

Our sub-committees have had another excellent year (see website for reports). The standard of our juveniles is extraordinary, and we know that Leinster Badminton will continue to shine at National and International level as they come through the ranks (see YAC's report).

The revitalisation of County Committees and activity in Counties continues to thrive under Steven Corrigan's work which will pay even more dividends in the coming years.

Regarding Schools Badminton, there has been immense work done in this area and I cannot thank enough the people who are driving this, especially Brian Kelly, Lynn McCrave, Hazel Bird, and everyone who volunteers on the Finals dates in both our centres.

On behalf of all our Committees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Leinster Volunteers without whom the Branch could not operate (which are too numerous to mention).

Also, I would like to thank our umpires, referees, match control and coaches, whose tireless work is beyond belief.

I want to acknowledge the ongoing support received from Badminton Ireland.

Finally, on a more personal note, I would like to thank all our Leinster staff who look after both centres, in particular Betty our General Secretary and Sumesh Tharian, whose support, energy and help is boundless.

I would like to wish everyone the best of luck in the season ahead and be assured they will have my support in all their endeavours and allow me again to misquote from the late John F. Kennedy:

'Ask Not What Your Branch Can Do For You, But What You Can Do For Your Branch'

David Murphy
President
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