



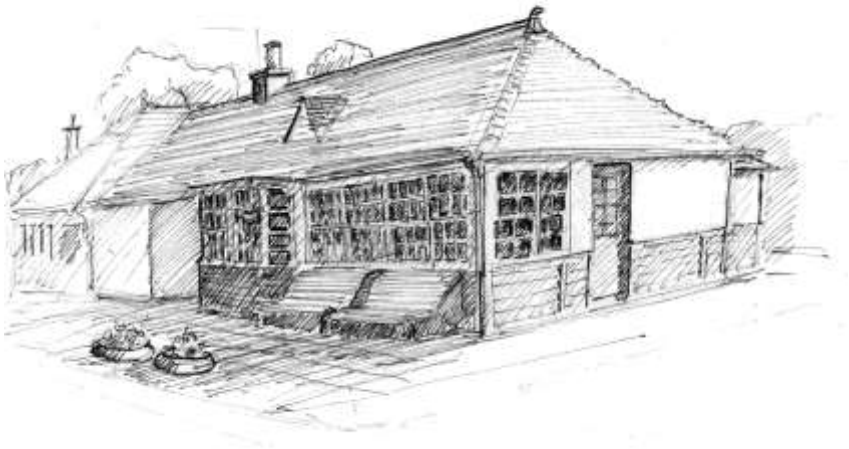
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Authors Foreword and Acknowledgements

As a Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club member for more than 50 years, it seemed I was better placed than most to help write the Club's history.

Today, the Club is in good shape, but given the privilege to delve into the Club's history, it is apparent that without the vision of a few clear-thinking individuals to create the Club at the turn of the 20th century, and good fortune on a number of occasions the Club would not exist today. Lomond Park has always been a local community tennis club, where lifelong friendships have been created, and with the enthusiasm of loyal members at key moments in history, the Club is today able to step into the twenty first century as a leading Edinburgh Club.

Although early Club records were not available, the narrative depends on Club minutes and my occasional interpretation of information I hope has not distorted a truthful account of the Club story.

I greatly acknowledge the help, recollections, photographs and the reviewing of drafts, received from many members past and present and friends. I have been indebted to my daughter, **Sarah**, who demonstrated extreme patience and help with the drafting of the book. To my wife **Edie**, for her support while the book was being prepared and for her help checking the detail, and who will now welcome the archiving of hundred years of Club records in someone else's house!

In particular, a special mention for **Fiona Lane** who was able to provide invaluable advice and the proof reading and photographic archiving by **Margo Croan**. During Covid lockdown and encouraged by **Ian Harris**, I continued work on the extended Club history into the Second Century and I am indebted to **Adrian Capaldi**, **Richard Webber**, **John** and **Trish Brindle** for their time, help and advice reviewing and improving the extended draft.

I hope that members past and present find the book of interest as the Club moves into its second century.

Clive D. Garlick

Edinburgh, November 2023

Introductions

Lomond Park is a leading tennis club in the East of Scotland. The current membership can look back with gratitude to its predecessors, who had the initial vision, and later the courage and spirit in the most challenging of circumstances, to preserve the Club and develop it into the excellent facility that we all enjoy today.

At the turn of the 20th century local residents in Trinity joined together to protect the amenity of the parkland from developers through the formation of The Lomond Park Company Limited, which has preserved the park as a recreation area to this day.

The amalgamation of Lomond Park and Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1921 was an ideal marriage. Lomond Park had access to the ground for tennis court development, and the Trinity Club brought with it considerable wealth, and the combined club had an enviable playing strength. The Club's newly found reserves provided the resource to install a red blaes surface on the three lower courts and create the upper courts in the same material. Later, the clubhouse facilities were extended to meet the needs of the expanded Club.

The Club has survived the challenges of two World Wars, The Great Depression and the Global Covid Pandemic. The end of World War II hostilities found the Club in a state of near bankruptcy, and but for the intervention of the parent organization, Trinity Recreation Club Limited, and the efforts of a loyal group of members in the post war period the Club would not exist today.

Increased competition from other sports in the late 1960s and early 70s again brought the viability of the Club into question. After much thought, the Club took a calculated financial gamble to borrow a substantial sum of money to invest in five low maintenance all-weather court that would support year-round play then the addition of floodlights. This proved to be a turning point for the Club and the replacement surface in 1991, of the new technology Artificial Sand Filled Grass courts proved popular and the membership built to today's healthy levels.

The Club now enters its second century with the publication of this Club history, which we hope has succeeded in capturing some of the spirit that inspired the Club over these years. We owe a debt of gratitude to **Clive** for his tenacity, unflagging effort and enthusiasm for the project and for getting this history of the Club into print.

My warm thanks to all those who answered the call for photographs, **Daphne & Christopher Randall, Angela & Linton Horsfall, Joyce & Sinclair Campbell, Dorothy Thom, Angela & Graham Buchanan, Hilary Strachan, Christine Allan, Jean Smith, Fiona Laing, Judith Law, Anne Davidson, Alasdair Seale, Jill Goodacre, Fiona Lauder and the Trinity Bowling Club Website.**

Many happy memories were recalled of my era and past times at Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club.

Margo S. J. Croan



Centenary President Margo Croan

Chapter 1

The Beginning of Tennis at Lomond Park

In 1905 **Robert S. Alexander**, 18 Lomond Road, together with eleven other local residents, bought Lomond Park and sold it to The Lomond Park Company Limited “LPC” for £ 6,015. The key objectives of the company were to acquire the ground, retain the park for games and recreation, plant trees and shrubs, and to let any part of the land.

In 1907 Trinity Recreation Club Limited “TRC” was formed with its shares held by members of Trinity Bowling Club and Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club. The role of “TRC” was to lease the ground from The Lomond Park Company Ltd and to promote recreational activity in the park and to assist in the administration of the Clubs.

Sir Malcom Smith K.B.E., the first Chairman of “T.R.C” and a Director of The Lomond Park Company, together with **John Dewar J.P.** who was also a director in both companies were the main promoters of the tennis Club.

Prior to World War 1, grass tennis courts could be seen in the larger house gardens in the Trinity area. In 1907, Trinity Bowling Club submitted a plan to The Lomond Park Company to lease a portion of Lomond Park to build a sports pavilion, Bowling Green and Tennis Courts. Later that year, Trinity Recreation Club Ltd agreed a twenty-one-year lease with “The Lomond Park Company Ltd” to develop the plan at an annual rent of £45. The area occupied by courts 1,2 & 3, previously formed a duck pond.

Trinity Bowling Club opened in 1855 and is the second oldest bowling club in Edinburgh, with their bowling green originally located on the west side of York Road, but this could only accommodate three rinks. The bowling club relocated from York Road to Lomond Park in 1909.

The name ‘Lomond Park’ may be derived from the name of a ship built and registered at Leith. All the land earlier formed part of Trinity Mains which had been bought by the “Fraternity of Masters and Mariners of Trinity House in 1713, hence the origin of the name “Trinity”.

“The Scotsman” 01 June 1908 – New Tennis Courts at Leith



Sir Malcolm Smith K.B.E.

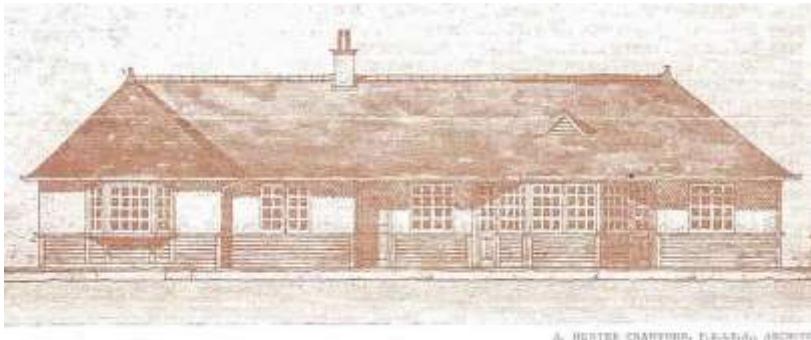
*“On Saturday, the tennis courts and pavilion erected at Lomond Park by Trinity Recreation Club Limited were formerly opened by Chairman **Sir Malcolm Smith**. There had been a large number of applications and the list is already closed. Adjacent to the courts is a bowling green, and the membership of that also is almost full. The courts are laid with a composition of sand, tar and sawdust laid on a bed of ashes, giving a fine surface and it is intended to flood the courts in winter for curling purposes.”*

Lomond Park Tennis and Trinity Bowling Clubhouse

The Original Plans for the Tennis and Bowling Clubhouse and Grounds were designed by a Scottish Architect, **A. Hunter Crawford**. Born in Leith, **Hunter** was the son of **William Crawford**, the owner of the well-known business of William Crawford & Son Ltd, (Crawford's Biscuits), and at its peak claimed to be the largest biscuit manufacturer in Britain with factories in Leith and Liverpool and famous for the production of "Custard Creams".

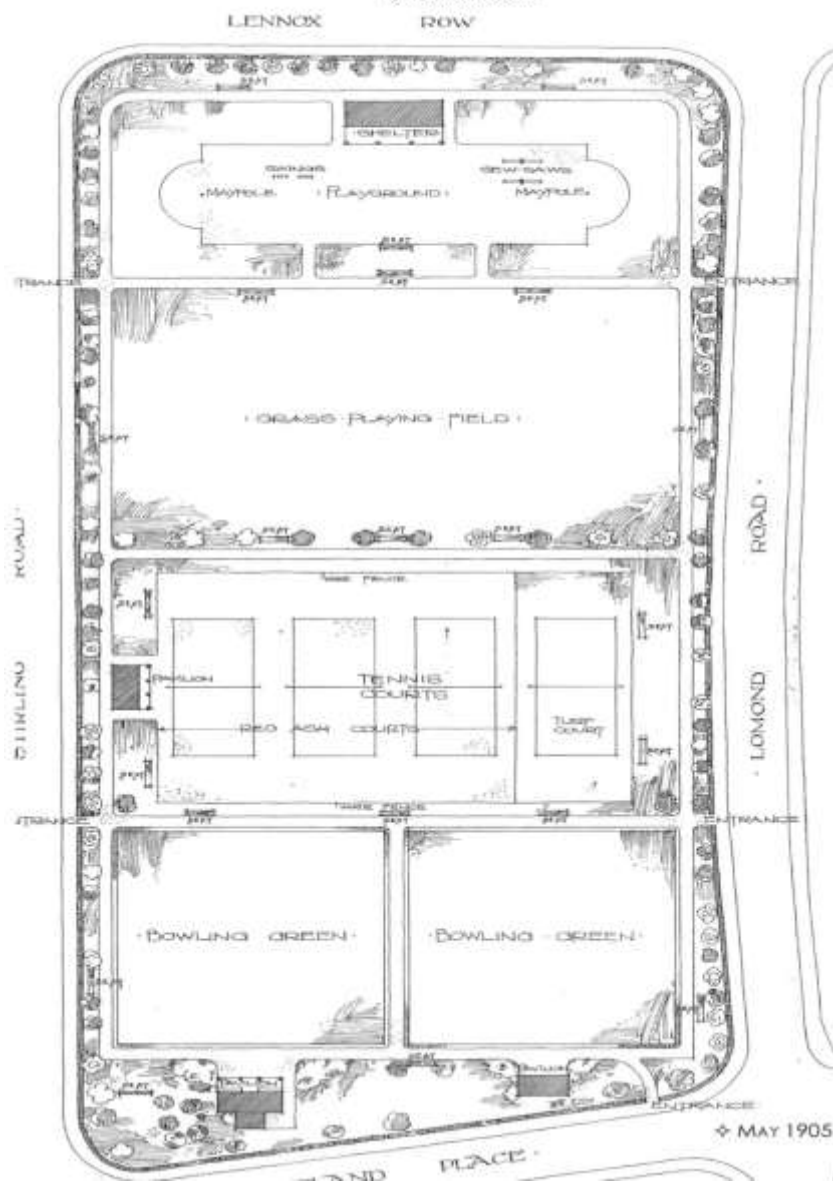
Hunter was responsible for designing many U.K. biscuit factories and locally, six villas in Primrose Bank Road opposite Wardie Parish Church.

In 1931, he retired from architecture, and moved to London to run the family biscuit business.



A. Hunter Crawford - Architect drawing of Clubhouse

ORIGINAL 1905 OUTLINE PLAN
Recreation Ground



Chapter 2

The Foundation of Lawn Tennis

The All-England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club

The oldest “Real Tennis” court in the world can be found at Falkland Palace, Fife, built in 1539 by **King James V**. The early courts were shaped like an hourglass, distinct from the familiar rectangular court, with the net dipping sharply from 4 ft 6 inches at the post to 4 ft at mid court.



Real Tennis Court at Falkland Palace, Fife

Major W.C. Wingfield was the founder of lawn tennis through the development of his game “sphairistike”. The game was termed “lawn tennis” in 1877 when the “All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club” was formed and the first Wimbledon Championships held. The upper classes influenced tennis in the early years. The first Wimbledon Championships ended on a Friday so that affluent spectators could watch the Eton and Harrow cricket match at Lords cricket ground on the Saturday. The lower classes were introduced to tennis at the end of the 19th century as the sport was introduced into the State school education system.

East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association Formed in 1905

The first tennis clubs in the East of Scotland were formed in the 1880s. The Edinburgh Lawn Tennis Company provided primitive indoor “facilities” housed in a hall known as the “Tin Temple,” located at the east end of the Grange cricket ground in Stockbridge, Edinburgh comprising two indoor courts, dressing rooms and a small viewing gallery.

The Scottish Lawn Tennis Association was formed in 1895, and later the East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association in 1905, included clubs from the Counties of Stirling, Linlithgow, Edinburgh, and Scottish Borders.

The original sixteen clubs forming the East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association are listed below. (Today 10* of these clubs can claim East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association membership in its centenary year)

Club	Year of Formation	Club	Year of Formation
Braid *	1890	Corstorphine *	1892
Dean *	1884	Dyvours *	1883
Edinburgh Univ *	1886	Galashiels	
Hawick		Inverleith	1880
Liberton	1883	Merchiston *	1892
Murrayfield *	1903	Polmont	
Portobello		Trinity *	1903
Waverley *	1886	Warriston Park *	1880

Early tennis clubs, Bonnington (1880), Lochend (1880) and Craighall, merged to form Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1903. Other tennis clubs, such as Dalkeith (1888), existed, but chose not to join the Association.

The original Edinburgh tennis clubs were established in the more spacious urban areas, in stark contrast to Edinburgh’s “Old Town.” In the years to follow, tennis developed rapidly as people became increasingly cash and time rich compared to earlier generations. Indeed, today one can reflect on the number of sports clubs able to celebrate their centenaries at this time.

Chapter 3

The Early Years 1907-1930

On Court

The period 1907-30 were the “Golden years” in the Club’s history, player strength benefitting from the 1921 Trinity Tennis Club merger with players regularly competing in the latter stages of the Scottish Championships.

Kathleen Little was arguably one of the finest players to represent Lomond Park. She was a finalist in the Scottish Ladies Singles Championship in 1919 & 1924, a Ladies Doubles semi-finalist in 1913, 1919, 1923 & 1925, and Mixed Doubles semi-finalist in 1922 & 1925.



THE CUP-WINNING LIBERTON LADIES TEAM OF 1928. FROM LEFT: MISS K. E. LITTLE, MRS C. A. ROSE, MISS C. T. DUNCAN, MISS N. MACKINTOSH, MISS M. M. FERGUS AND MRS G. H. P. ALEXANDER

Miss Kathleen E. Little (far left)

Kathleen was regularly selected for the East County Ladies team, and a member of the 1924 team that reached the British County Championship finals where all her team-mates were Scottish Internationalists. **Kathleen** was also a member of Liberton Tennis Club, considered the strongest club team in Scotland, and a member of their Scottish Cup winning side for 5 years from 1924-28. **Kathleen** won the Liberton Ladies Singles Championship, no mean achievement given the calibre of club-mates, **Mrs. Robin Welsh** and **Miss M.M. Fergus**.

Reginald (Reg) Butcher, an outstanding player, represented the East County and partnering club-mate **Alex F. Currie**, reached the 1919 Scottish Men's Doubles Championships semi-final and the Mixed Doubles semi-final in 1921, 1923 & 1926.

Reg partnered **Mrs. Hugh Wilson** (Liberton) to win the 1923 East of Scotland Open Mixed Doubles Championship and partnering **Mrs. Robin Welsh**, won the 1926 East Mixed Doubles Championship.



Eustace Reginald Butcher

Reg and partner **A.W. Banks** (Murrayfield) won the 1932 Scottish Men's Doubles Veteran's title. Later **Reg** won the Inverleith Tennis Club Men's Singles Title 1929-33.

Reg won 21 caps for Scotland at Badminton, winning the Scottish Badminton Men's Doubles Title on 4 occasions in 1924, 1926, 1934 & 1935, adding the Mixed Doubles Title in 1922 & 1926.

Alex F. Currie reached the 1919 Scottish Men's Doubles semi-final partnering **Reg Butcher**, and partnering club-mate **James McDonald** competed in the 1925 Scottish Veteran Men's Doubles Championship final. **Alex** played for the East County Men's team, a side he captained in 1930.

Notable Club successes:

- **Dr H.S. Davidson** 1914 East of Scotland Gents Singles H'cap
- **A.K Allan** lost to **J.S. Pringle** in 1923 Scottish Boy's Singles semi-final
- **A.T Lamb** partnering **J. Robertson** (Singapore) reached the 1930 Scottish Veteran Men's Doubles Championship final

Other Lomond Park players competing in the Scottish Championships played at Powderhall, Ravelston and Murrayfield Stadium were **E.E. Little**, **M.B. Allan**, **E. Allan**, **E.R. Allan**, **J.G. Galloway**, **C.H. Bucher**, **A.C. Ross**, **J. Waugh**, **D.C. Osbourne**, **R. Shearer**, **H.J. Newlands**, **C.R.O Morrison** & **J.G. Macauley**.



Lomond Park in the 1930s

*1 to r: **Reg Butcher** (Lomond Park), **C. Muller**, **C.T. Duncan** & **M.M. Fergus***

Butcher, **Duncan** and **Fergus** all featured in winning Scottish Titles in the 1920s & 1930s. **Miss Duncan & Fergus** were members of the all-conquering Liberton Ladies' team, together with **Kathleen Little**.

Club Championships

David S. Crawford won the first recorded Men's Singles Championship in 1909 and again in 1910. In 1912 whilst Club President, he presented the current Men's Championship Cup to the Club. **Dr A.S Walker** was Singles Champion in 1911 & 1913 and later **Reg Butcher** won the Men's Singles title seven times between 1919-27 with a run of five consecutive title successes 1923-27. **Alex F. Currie & Sydney Herald** won five Men's Doubles titles 1923-29.

In 1921, the Lomond Park Men's 1 & 11 teams presented to the Ladies a Singles Championship Trophy, which is still played for today. The impressive **Kathleen Little** won 6 Women's Singles titles 1921-29, including a run of 4 titles wins 1921 –1924.

In Ladies' Doubles, **Kathleen Little** & her sister **Eleanor Little**, won back-to-back Championships in 1924-25. **E. Bessie Allan** and **A.C. Ross** started their impressive 11 consecutive year run of title wins.

In Mixed Doubles, **Reg** and wife **Helen Butcher** had four championship successes 1923-26, and **Reg** partnered **Miss Christine H. Bucher** to a further championship in 1927. **Kathleen Little**, partnering **Alex F. Currie**, won three Mixed Doubles Titles 1922-29.

The standard of Club Championship play in this era was high, with **Reg Butcher**, **Alex Currie**, **A.W. Davidson**, **James McDonald**, **Alex Allan**, **Kathleen Little** and **E. Bessie Allan** either representing the East County teams or reaching the semi-final or final of the Scottish Championships.

East of Scotland Leagues

Lomond Park Men played in Division 2 of the East leagues from 1911. The Trinity Club played in Division 1 prior to 1921. Following the Trinity club merger, Lomond Park played in Division 1, retaining their position in the top league until 1929. Two Men's teams were entered in the leagues in 1921 and for three years from 1922-25 three teams were entered. The second team won Division 2 in 1922-23. In 1922, Ladies League matches were introduced, with Lomond Park playing in Division 1 for 3 years from 1923.

Off Court Administration

Dr. George F. Kerr was the first Honorary Club President (1907-09). A founding member of Dyvours Lawn Tennis Club in 1883 and later the Scottish Lawn Tennis Association in 1895, **George** played in the 1885 Wimbledon Men's Singles Championships. In 1887 he reached the semi-final in both the East and West of Scotland Singles Championships and a Scottish Men's Singles Championship Quarter finalist in 1886, 1888 & 1893. In 1889, **Dr. Kerr** was elected the Scottish representative to the Lawn Tennis Association Council.

David S. Crawford, former Craighall Tennis Club Singles Champion joined Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1904. **David** was Lomond Park Men's Singles Champion 1909-10 and exceptionally served the Club for a 16-year period as Honorary President from 1910-25 and was invited to become an Honorary Life Member in 1926. **David** was a member of the extended "**Crawford**" biscuit family and he established **D.S. Crawford Ltd** in 1899, a Leith bakery with a chain of 200 shops and restaurants, the most famous of which was the elegant Crawford Tearooms, Princes Street, Edinburgh. The firm earned a fine reputation and Royal Warrant through the provision of catering over a number of years to the Annual Royal Summer Garden Party at Holyrood House.

As an indicator of their position in society, the early Lomond Park Club promoters, **Dr George Kerr, John Dewar J.P.** and **David S. Crawford** were all invited guests to the 1924 Royal Highland Society Gathering at Braemar. (Reported in the Aberdeen Press & Journal)

Alex F. Currie, former Trinity Lawn Tennis Club Singles Champion, was elected East of Scotland President 1925-26, S.L.T.A representative 1920 & 1926, serving as Honorary Club President for 5 years 1930-34.

In 1928, **H. Hamilton Beattie**, past Singles Champion of Bonnington & Trinity Lawn Tennis clubs, Lomond Park Honorary President 1926-28, in failing health resigned as Club President and was invited to become an Honorary Life Member.

James McDonald, also a past Trinity Tennis Club Singles Champion served as Honorary Club Secretary for five years 1925-29.



Gold Lettering on the spine “Lomond Park Tennis Club Cash Book” 1915-37

The leather-bound Cash book of 1915-37 with gold lettering on the binding “Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club” and copperplate descriptive handwritten entries with printed sequential folio reference numbers.

The early minute books are meticulous. Committee meetings occurred more frequently than is the case today. The minute books prior to 1925 have not been seen. Printed Cards were mailed to advise members of team selection.

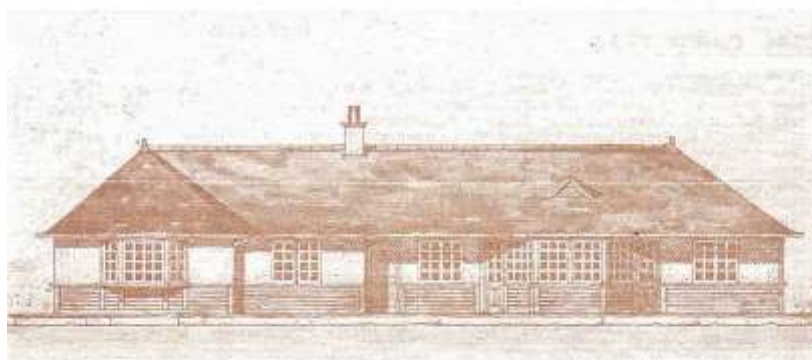
The Club records in the early years reflect the formality of the time. An advertising leaflet by Trinity Recreation Club Limited publicising a two-day fund-raising Bazaar at a hall in Ferry Road in 1908, records the full names of the Club Patrons and Committee.

Trinity Recreation Club Limited,

LOMOND PARK, TRINITY.

BAZAAR

In Great Wellington Street Hall, Ferry Road, Leith



A. HUNTER CRAWFORD, F.R.S.E., ARCHT.

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
20TH AND 21ST DAYS OF NOVEMBER, 1908.
AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON.



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With the Compliments of

Mrs John A. C.

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Lady MURRAY, Challenger Lodge, Wardie.
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Mrs STURROCK, 27 STIRLING ROAD, TRINITY.
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Mrs BIEBERSTEDT, 4 LAVEROCKBANK TERRACE, TRINITY.
Mrs BISHOP, 37 STIRLING ROAD, TRINITY.
Mrs BULMAN, LINDENLEE, 97 TRINITY ROAD, TRINITY.
Mrs BUSCKE, DUNSTAN, 3 LENNOX ROW, TRINITY.
Mrs CAIRNS, SILVERTON, TRINITY ROAD, TRINITY.
Mrs DOBBIE, ST COLMS, 9 LENNOX ROW, TRINITY.
Mrs GREGG, 38 NETHERBY ROAD, TRINITY.
Mrs GEORGE A. HUNTER, 30 LOMOND ROAD, TRINITY.
Mrs T. THOMPSON JONES, BEAULY, PRIMROSEBANK ROAD.
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Mrs JOHN A. LINDSAY, 20 LOMOND ROAD, TRINITY.
Mrs ANDREW MUNDELL, 28 NETHERBY ROAD, TRINITY.
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Mrs WILLIAM ELLIOT, 4 MONTAGU TERRACE, GOLDENACRE
Mrs ERSKINE, OAKLANDS, 105 TRINITY ROAD, TRINITY.
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Mrs J. W. MILLAR, KILCHURN, STIRLING ROAD, TRINITY.
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Mrs HARALD OLSEN MARTINDALE, 4 LOMOND ROAD,
Mrs PLUMMER, 8 DENHAM GREEN PLACE, TRINITY.
Mrs ROBERTSON, 11 DENHAM GREEN TERRACE, TRINITY.
Mrs DAVID STEVENSON, THINZE, 93 TRINITY ROAD, TRI

ALSO MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

The Heavy Price of World War 1

Lomond Park members who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War One are listed below. The loss of life was considerable, viewed in the context of a club with 160 members.



Lomond Park Tennis Club memorial -World War 1

Name	Rank	Regiment
Napier Armit M.C	Captain	16 th R.S.
Alexander Dewar	Lieutenant	R.E. (S.R)
John Flockhart	Lieutenant	R.N.V.R.
James Herdman	Lieutenant	4 th R.S.
Alexander Kerr	Lieutenant	5 th R.S.
Robert Lamb	Lieutenant	R.N.D.
Robert Maule	Lieutenant	5 th R.S.
R.P.F. McCallum	Flight Cadet	R.A.F
Wm F.G. Morrison	Lieutenant	8 th R.S.
Randolph S.Sidey	Pte	2 nd A.S.Highland
Harry T. Simpson	Captain	R.A.M.C.
T.G. Gordon Sturrock	2 nd Lieutenant	17 th R.S. R.F.C.
David S. Sword	Pte	M.G.C.
Norman M. Young	Lieutenant	2 nd R.S.

Napier Armit

1880-1916

Awarded the Military Cross



CAPTAIN, 16th ROYAL SCOTS

Born in Broughty Ferry to salvage engineer **Thomas Napier Armit** and **Mary Ann Armit**, **Armit** was educated at George Watson's College in Edinburgh. After Watson's College, **Armit** studied law at Edinburgh University and was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in March 1904.

Following the outbreak of war, he joined the 16th ("**McCrae's**") Battalion, Royal Scots in December 1914. The battalion had been formed in November by **Lt-Col George McCrae**. Initially a Private, within a month **Armit** was a Second Lieutenant and by the time of his death he had been promoted to Captain. He was the editor of a battalion newspaper called "The Weakly Rumour". **McCrae's** Battalion trained in Ripon from 29 May 1915. **McCrae's** had a fair smattering of lawyers; seven solicitors in the ranks, and eight with legal occupations among the officers, **Armit** and **Alexander Brown** being the only Advocates.

However, before he embarked for France, **Armit** returned to Edinburgh for a most important event. At the age of 35, he married 29-year-old **Jennie Mackie**, whose father was the ship owner, **Sir Richard Mackie**. The wedding took place at the Mackie house in Trinity Grove, off Trinity Road.

After a brief honeymoon, he returned to Ripon and on 8 January 1916 sailed from Southampton to Le Havre. The travails of **McCrae's** Battalion are well documented in Jack 10, **Alexander's** excellent book, but the Battalion's most bloody encounter of the war was to be at the Battle of the Somme. **Armit** was in command of a Company of the Battalion on the first day of the Battle on 1st July 1916, and succeeded in capturing the fourth line of the German trenches, thus achieving the objective set. The next day he won his Military Cross leading a bombing attack at Scots Redoubt.

The Somme Battle rumbled on despite the horrific losses on the first day, but on 4th August 1916 **Armit** was killed in action while leading "B" Company on an attack on a German position with the mundane name of Intermediate Trench, just north of Bazentin-le-petit. To quote from **Alexander's** book, "At 04.51 the whistles blew. Both companies climbed over the parapet and advanced 30 paces. At that point the machine guns opened fire. **Armit** was on the left, leading his bombers. He got as far as the German wire, where he was shot through the head." Only one member of the company reached the objective.

Sir George McCrae selected two companies to attack Intermediate Trench; one was B Company under **Captain Armit**. To quote the official history of the Royal Scots – "unfortunately the plan miscarried. The Royal Scots lost their way in the darkness and had to attack by daylight under the direct observation of the enemy machine gunners. The only officer to reach the trench was **Lt. Mackenzie**, who was promptly shot dead when he gained the objective." What had been a hard task became an impossible task when attempted in daylight.

Armit's name is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Trinity Lawn Tennis Club History

Trinity Lawn Tennis Club was formed in 1903 following the demise of Bonnington (Raimes Park / renamed Victoria Park), Lochend (Hawkhill) and then the affluent Craighall Lawn Tennis Club. The Bonnington & Lochend Clubs had existed since 1880.

The well-known **Ramage** shipping family, and **J. Inglis**, the shipbuilder, were all leading Craighall members, and the Club's best players included **David S. Crawford** and **A. W. Banks**. The Club was famous for the fact that the tennis balls were only used for one set. It was reported but not confirmed that the defunct Craighall Tennis Club used up considerable closing reserves to hold a number of member's dances and dinners.

Ten Bonnington members, including **James Pourie**, **H. Hamilton Beattie**, **James Bruce**, and **J.G. Galloway**, each subscribed £ 5, and the Craighall courts and other assets were purchased for £50 to form Trinity Lawn Tennis Club. The Trinity Club started with full membership on three hard courts located at 18 Craighall Gardens, Trinity.

The first Trinity Tennis Club Men's Club Championships were held in 1904, with the former Bonnington Club champion **James Pourie** defeating a former Craighall champion **David S. Crawford**. **Pourie** completed the hat-trick of Singles victories in 1905 and in 1907. **H. Hamilton Beattie** won the Men's Singles Championship on six occasions in 1906, 1908-09, 1912, 1914, and 1919. **James MacDonald** won the Singles Title in 1910 and 1913, and **Alex F. Currie** in 1911. The last Trinity Club Champion in 1920 was **W. A. Davidson**, later to become the Waverley Club Captain.

In Ladies Singles, **Mrs. J.G Galloway** recorded three championship victories 1907–1910 and **Mrs. Harry Perry** two Titles in 1911-14.

The Trinity Club was strong in East League tennis, with the Men's 1st team competing in Division 1 and the 2nd team in Division 2. The best 1st team performance was in 1919, when they tied with a strong University team at the top of the 1st Division and lost by the odd match. The second team won the 2nd Division in 1911 & 1920.

Lomond Park Club merger with Trinity Tennis Club 1921

A key development in the history of Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club was the amalgamation with Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1921. The Trinity Club was required to vacate their courts by the Education Authority who owned the grounds, and intended to use the courts solely for Trinity Academy pupils. The Lomond Park Club had access to the land to expand its facilities but lacked the financial resources to develop the opportunity.

The Trinity Club was extremely wealthy and transferred its reserves, £561- 5/11 d to the Lomond Park Club. This was a considerable sum of money in those days especially bearing in mind the relatively modest financial position of the Lomond Park Club. The combined Club had an enviable playing strength, and the improved financial position of the combined resources allowed the Lomond Park Club to convert the three lower senior courts from tar macadam and grey ash to red blaes around 1922 and to lay new courts four and five on the upper level.

In the period following the Club amalgamation, maintenance of the five blaes and two grass courts was a demanding task with limited equipment. **James Skea**, employed 1922-1926, was described as “such an efficient and faithful servant” and his weekly wage £ 3- 5/- d. **Mr. Skea** announced his emigration to Australia, and highly regarded, a testimonial silver collection raised £12 10 /- d in treasury notes and he was presented with a clock. **Mr. Skea's** successor **Adam L. Thomson** was likewise highly regarded. In 1927 lead court lines were introduced replacing lime painted lines on the red blaes surface to reduce cost.

In 1924, Club membership was healthy and restricted to 160, and following the Trinity club merger a waiting list was introduced.

With it's improved financial position, the Club invested in the clubhouse facility with an extension and a new ladies' room which greatly improved the accommodation and needs of the increased membership. These various extensions explain the irregular shape at the back of the clubhouse. In 1928, a further Pavilion extension (believed to be the kitchen and tearoom area) was completed at a cost of £ 150.

As an indication of the modest Lomond Park financial position in the early years, the bank balance in 1915 was £ 41 -9 / 9d, Senior subscriptions a guinea (£1-1-0 d), members paid 5 /- d to the tea fund and 5 /0 d. to the ball fund with Juniors paying 16 /- d, Sports Retailer “Thorntons” supplied new tennis balls for £ 4 -2 /6 d for 6 dozen.

Lomond Park Company charged annual rent of £ 4- 4/- d for two grass courts at the Zetland Place / Stirling Road corner of the park between 1923-1935, used by Junior members. St Serfs School rented the grass courts which helped defray cost. Grass court use had not been without complaint and claims of “annoyance to putting course users from stray tennis balls” led to a suggestion that higher netting was required. An increase in rent to £ 6-5/- d in 1935 brought an end to grass court play on economic grounds.

Lady Members’ Tea Duties (Byelaw 12)

Club byelaws were published in 1928 and rule 12 may raise a few equality issues in today’s terms: “Tea is provided for members on Saturday afternoons and for the teams on home match days. The tea is prepared and dispensed by the Lady members, and it is an obligation on the part of every Lady member to take her share in this work”. This was further amended in 1936 and some may argue worsened the position as “Any Lady member who does not wish to take a Tea Day as required in the rules (Byelaw 12) must remit 5/- extra to the treasurer along with her subscription”.

Lomond Park Club Colours (1928)

The Club Blazer is White and Navy Blue colour with a binding of blue, yellow and white, and club initials on the pocket in blue and yellow.

Chapter 4

The War Years 1931-1945

On Court

Today, Lomond Park remains a family club. During the War years, family involvement was strongly exemplified by the **Allan family** (**Alex K. Allan** and sisters **E. Bessie Allan** and **Maimie H. K. Allan** with **Christine M. Allan**, the daughter of **Alex**). The **Allan** family were a strong influence on Club playing standards, and as Club administrators over many years.



*Bessie Allan presents the 1948 Ladies' singles trophy to Maimie Allan
l to r: John Holroyd (Secretary), R Kilgour (Treasurer), Steve Robertson
(President)*

During this period, the Club was strongly represented in the East of Scotland Championships, held at Merchiston and Westhall. The men were represented by **A.J. Cook, W.F.G (Bill) Lord, Alex K. Allan, W. D. McNaughton, P. P. Jackson, H. L. Roxburgh, C. F. Robertson, D. Craigie Pringle, George S. P. Bain & A. Ernest Bromfield**, and the ladies represented by **Miss Maimie H K. Allan. Miss C. Wright, Mrs R. Kenyon Letts, Miss E. L. Thomson & Miss A. C. Ross.**

Of note in the East of Scotland Men's Singles Championships, **H. L. Roxburgh** reached the third round in 1932 and in 1938 **A. Ernest Bromfield** reached the third round.

In 1938, **D. Craigie Pringle** lost in the semi-final of the East of Scotland Men's Singles to the Midland champion **D.M. Duncan** (Kinnoull) with the match reported to have finished just before 11 pm in a time before floodlights were used.

Alex F. Currie, Alex K. Allan and **Sydney W. B. Herald** and **Miss E.L. Thomson** all represented the East of Scotland County Teams.

Club Championships

In Men's Singles, no one player dominated this period. **Alex F. Currie** recorded wins in 1930-31 and **C.F. Robertson** recorded a hat-trick of victories in 1933, 1934 & 1937.

In Men's Doubles, **M. S Stewart** recorded wins in 1930 & 1931, and **C.R.P. Guttridge** recorded Championship wins in 1938 & 1939.

Miss E. Bessie Allan demonstrated her domination by winning ten Ladies Singles Championship Titles 1925 – 37 including a run of five successive titles 1930-34. During the 31 years from 1925-55, **Bessie** and her sister **Maimie** won 21 Ladies Singles Titles between them, with the intervention of World War 2 accounting for a further 6 years when no Club Championships were played.

In Ladies Doubles, **E. Bessie Allan** won 13 Championship titles during the period 1926-39, and in a great demonstration of consistency partnering **Miss A C Ross** on 11 consecutive years 1926-36. The **Allan sisters, Bessie and Maimie**, recorded 24 Ladies Doubles Championship wins in the 31-year period 1926-56, including an enforced break of 6 years for the second World War, the only year when they did not win the title was in 1952.

In Mixed Doubles, **Maimie K.H. Allan** recorded six championship wins in a period spanning 25 years 1930-54, on three occasions partnering **Alex K. Allan** and twice partnering **W.F.G. (Bill) Lord**.

Alex K. Allan recorded 6 Mixed Doubles wins in a 22-year period 1930-51, three times partnering **Maimie Allan**, and **Bessie Allan** once.

Bessie Allan recorded a hat-trick of Mixed Doubles Titles in 1934-39, partnering **F.D.M. Williams** on two occasions.

East of Scotland Leagues

The Men's I team returned to Division 1 in 1933, with the second team slipping to Division 4. The Ladies team gained first Division status in 1938.

By 1933, the Club membership was full. The Club had a junior section which enjoyed the use of grass and hard courts, and this section formed the most valuable recruiting ground for the Club. Reported in the local Press "that few Edinburgh clubs had such a young team, giving great hope for the future, that their place in the first Division would be retained".

In 1939, the Lomond Ladies won a 1st Division match 6-1 at Colinton (Westgarth Road) represented by **Miss E.L. Thomson, Miss Maimie H.K. Allan, Mrs. A.J. Lindsay, Mrs. D. Currie, Miss Airey, Miss E. Bessie Allan**. The Ladies team demonstrated their competitive nature and wrote to the ESLTA complaining that the Kirkcaldy opposition had not provided the required Slazenger match balls.

Administration

James McDonald, who had served as Honorary Secretary for 5 years (1925-29), a Lomond Park and Trinity Club Men's Singles Champion, and Finalist in the 1925 Scottish Veterans Men's Doubles Championship, was appointed an Honorary Life Member in 1932.

Alex F. Currie who had done so much for the Club and Scottish Tennis both on and off court, Served S.L.T.A 1920 & 1926, East of Scotland Honorary President 1925-26, Honorary Club President 1930-34, Scottish Men's Doubles semi-finalist 1919, Scottish Veterans Men's Doubles Championship finalist 1925, East County Captain 1930, and eleven-times Club Champion in singles and doubles, was invited to become an Honorary Life Member in 1946.



G.S.P.Bain

George S.P Bain won the Club singles and doubles championships in 1936 & 1938, and with the intervention of WW2 trained to be an R.A.F. Spitfire pilot. In 1941 he survived a mid-air collision.

In 1937 his wife **Jean**, presented the current Mixed Doubles Championship Trophy to the Club.

At the conclusion of war, **George**, then a member of the (S.L.T.A) Scottish Lawn Tennis Association as Honorary Secretary /

Treasurer for 11 years (1949-60), Honorary Vice President 1949, also serving as S.L.T.A representative on the Council of the L.T.A (1950-59).

The Second World War Years

For the Club to survive the War years required a tremendous commitment. **A. J. Lindsay** served on the Club committee for a record 20 years from 1931–50, Honorary Secretary for 16 years from 1931-46, doubling as Honorary Treasurer 1940-46 for 7 years, Honorary Club President in 1949-50. He was invited to become an Honorary Life member in 1952 and presented with a gold wristwatch.

Alex K. Allan served as Honorary President for 8 years 1940-47 and Club Treasurer for 9 years 1929- 37.

During the war, membership fell with only three courts used. The Club was saddened to receive news of the death of our grounds-man **Adam L. Thomson**, who had served the Club loyally for 15 seasons from 1926-41.

The Club minutes during the war years, indicated the hardship experienced, examples of which are “The wearing of ‘Whites’ during play will not be considered necessary however tennis shoes must be worn.” and “Whiting paint introduced to mark the lines. (Lead lines used for the war effort).”

With falling income, the Club struggled financially, receiving £30 from Granton Naval Base, Heriots Tennis Club and the “WRNS” for court use. To remain solvent the Club was forced to sell its last investment £150 x “3% War Stock”.

Trinity Bowling Club noted in 1944, that sheep were straying onto the bowling green via the tennis courts. Under Wartime regulations the Admiralty controlled Lomond Park and they let the ground for grazing.

By 1945, only 15 members remained, and the Club’s survival must have been in doubt, however a £75 Trinity Recreation Club Limited loan saved the Club from insolvency.

The Tragedy of World War 2

Tragically, several members were killed on active service in WW2.

Duncan M. Moodie was the pilot of a Lancaster 111 JB220 and died in 1943, aged 27, on a night mission over Hanover, Germany. He was awarded the D.F.C. (Distinguished Flying Cross) posthumously and is buried in Becklingen War Cemetery.



Lomond Park Tennis Club memorial - World War 2

Name	Rank	Regiment
Duncan M. Moodie	Flt Lieutenant	Squad 97 Pathfinder
Thomas B. Moodie	Lieutenant	R.A. Indian Army
William B. McLaren	Sub Lieutenant (A)	K.N.V.R
Hamish W. Robb	Lieutenant	1st Lothian & Border Yeomanry

Chapter 5

The Recovery 1946-1970

Post War Recovery Off Court

With the end of conflict, the Club set about recovery and 'Esprit de corps' essential. The clubhouse had suffered neglect and was restored to previous glory with the purchase of new chairs. The Grounds-man's weekly wage in 1947 was £ 4- 4/7 d compared to an adult annual subscription of £ 3 3/- d, Subscription Revenue was restored to a £400 level with 100 + members.

By 1948, the Club was back in surplus, a Garden Fete raised £167, a Bridge Drive organized by **A.J. Lindsay** raised £ 26 12/- d, and the Loan from Trinity Recreation Club Limited that had thrown the Club a lifeline from insolvency was fully repaid. AGM Postcards were printed.

By 1949, membership levels had improved with 135 senior members and 65 juniors. Social normality returned, with dances at the Wardie Masonic Hall and Grosvenor Hotel, organized by **Tom Burns** (far right), attended by 136 people, ticket price 15 /- d.



Tennis Club Dance 1950 - Tom L. Burns on far right

On Court

In 1949, Lomond Park at home lost narrowly to Edinburgh University in the Men's Scottish Cup East of Scotland Regional Final by 7 sets to 6.

Miss D. I. Robinson narrowly lost the 1949 Nairn Ladies Singles Title to **Miss M Walker** (Four Courts Aberdeen) in a hard fought 6-0, 4-6, 14-12.

Craigie Pringle lost the 1946 East Men's Singles Championship final but won the 1950 & 1952 Grantown-on-Spey Men's Singles Trophy.

Ken More, J. M Reid and Miss D. I. Robinson all played in the East of Scotland Championships in the 1950s. **J. M. Reid** reached the Men's Singles fourth round in 1950, and **Miss D. I. Robinson** reached the Ladies Singles third round in the same year.

Alex Allan partnered **Victor Woodhawks** (Murrayfield) to win the Scottish Veterans Doubles Championship in 1952.

Douglas & Irene Seale won the Corstorphine Open Mixed Doubles Championship in 1957 & 1960.



Dorothy McNeill

Bill Lord, an umpire at the East Junior Championships, met **Dorothy McNeill (Sharp)**, and encouraged her to join Lomond Park to develop her tennis. **Dorothy** won the East Girls Singles Championship in 1958-60 & East Girls Doubles Title in 1957 & 1960. **Dorothy** then joined Waverley Tennis club, where she won the East Ladies Singles Title in 1965 & 1974, the 1965 East Ladies Doubles Title partnering **Miss S. M. Reid**, and in 1968 partnering **Miss N.T. Buchanan**. She also won the

East Mixed Doubles Championship partnering **R. G. Shearer** in 1975. **Dorothy** is also better known as a Squash Rackets Internationalist.

Club Championships

The strength of individual players is once more evident during this period; **A. E. (Ernest) Bromfield** recorded four Men's Singles Championship successes in 1939 and a hat-trick of wins in 1950-52. **Ernest** was also a Squash Rackets Internationalist and one of Scotland's leading skaters.



A. Ernest Bromfield
9 times Club Champion in singles and doubles 1937-52

Craigie Pringle recorded three singles triumphs in 1938, 1947 and 1948. Back-to-Back Singles Titles were recorded by **G.K (Ken) More** 1956-57, **Ian McKenzie** 1959-60, **Ronald Scobie** 1962-63, **Bob Searle** 1964-65 and **Stan Fullerton** 1966-67.

From 1957, the Men's Singles Championships were reduced from the best of five sets to three sets.

Maimie Allan won 11 Ladies Singles Championships 1938 –53 spanning 15 years, **Margo Horne** recorded 3 straight Championship wins 1958-60 and **Dorothy McNeill** recording victory in 1957. **Christine Allan** recorded three Ladies Singles Championship victories in 1963, 1964 & 1966.

In Men's Doubles, **Alex Allan** and **Craigie Pringle** won back-to-back titles in 1947-48, **Ernest Bromfield** recorded three victories in four years including back-to-back titles in 1949-50 partnering **J.M. Reid**. **Ken More** demonstrated complete flexibility and won 7 straight titles with various partners 1951-57, **Bob Searle** recorded five championship wins 1956–63, including three victories partnering **Ian Forbes**. **Ian McKenzie** partnering **Willie Reid** recording back-to-back Titles in 1959-60. Later, **Douglas Seale** with various partners won four Men's Doubles titles 1964-70.



Bessie Allen presents 1948 Men's Doubles trophy to Alex Allan (r), 12 times Club Champion in singles and doubles 1928-51, Craigie Pringle (l)



Douglas A. Seale
11 times Club Champion 1963-70 in singles and doubles
Honorary Club President 1969-71

In Ladies Doubles, **Maimie Allan** celebrated 11 Championship Titles 1938-56 spanning World War Two with various partners including **Irene Seale** (4), **D.I. Robinson** (3) & **M.A.I. Lesslie** (3). **Irene Seale** recorded seven Ladies Doubles Titles in 1953-68 and **Margo Horne** partnering **E.R. Brown** celebrated four championship titles in five years 1957-61.

In Mixed Doubles, **Bill Lord** enjoyed a hat-trick of Mixed Doubles Championship wins in 1946, 1954 & partnering **Dorothy McNeill** in 1957. Husband and wife team, **Douglas** and **Irene Seale** secured five Championship Titles 1963-70.



Irene M. Seale
13 times Club Champion 1953-70 in singles & doubles

East of Scotland Leagues

In 1951, the Ladies team travelled to Kirkcaldy, a journey presumably made by train or ferry, before the construction of the Forth Road Bridge in 1964.

Men's tennis enjoyed a period of strength from 1956 to the early 1960s, the 1st team gained East Division 1 league status with **Ken Scobie, Ian McKenzie, Bob Searle, Willie Reed, Ken More, John Topping, Ron Hourston, Stewart Taylor, Dizzy Kidd, Ranald Stewart, Tom Whyte and Douglas Seale** representing the Club.

In 1955 School & Clubmates **Stewart Taylor & Kenneth Scobie** were runners up in the East of Scotland Under 18 Boys Doubles Final and reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Boys Doubles Under 18. In 1956, **Kenneth Scobie** coached by the great Polish National Champion, **Ignacy Tloczynski**, partnering **Jack Dryburgh** won the East of Scotland Boys Doubles Under 18 Championship. **Kenneth** played East County tennis Under 21 for 4 years and left Lomond Park to develop his tennis career at the Westhall Club, Edinburgh.



Ken Scobie & John Topping (1955)



L to r: Ronald Hourston, Drew Ramsey, Willie Reid and Ian McKenzie

Stewart Taylor, 1958 Singles Champion, remarkably served right-handed and played all other strokes left-handed, smashing with both hands.

Ian McKenzie, 1959 & 1960 Club Champion in Singles and Doubles, joined Liberton to develop his tennis career. **Ian** was a member of the 1963 Liberton Scottish Cup winning team and represented the East of Scotland County team from 1958-72 and a member of GB Vets team.



*Ken McCready (left) Captain of the losing Newlands team congratulates Jim McNeillage, Harry Roulston, Alan Reid and **Ian McKenzie** (back row right) and in front right, Allan Black & Robin Welsh, following the Liberton Club's victory in the 1963 Scottish Cup Final.*



1 to r: Willie Reid, John M. Miller (Honorary President 1967-68), Ronald Hourston, Kenneth Scobie, Graham Buchanan, Ian McKenzie (taken 1995)

Sanctity of the Sabbath

Society respected the Sanctity of the Sabbath in the post War period. The Club approached Trinity Recreation Club Limited in 1951 to secure Sunday play in the Clubs best long-term interests. Circulars were distributed supporting the Sunday Play debate cost 9 / 4 d and were described as “Expenses of Protest Circular”. The Club informed “TRC” and “The Lomond Park Company” of their decision and “TRC” threatened to evict the tennis club if Sunday play continued. Sunday tennis was permitted from 1955 between the hours of 2 - 6 pm.

Social and Junior Tennis

In 1957, **Bob Searle** arranged a friendly 12 a side match against his old Club “Titwood from Glasgow” and by 1959, this popular event was described as a grand affair with high tea at the Marina Hotel followed by a dance at the Suffolk Hotel.

The Club’s Junior section in the 1950’s was successfully organized by **Dorothy McDonald** (daughter of **R.M. Pentland**, Club Honorary President 1937-39).

The Administrators

- **G.K. (Ken) More** held the office of Club Treasurer 1950-54
- **A.C. Wheeler** Match Secretary 1939-41, Honorary President 1951-52, East County Treasurer for 5 years 1950-55
- **Craigie Pringle** who had associations with Barnton Park officiated as a Wimbledon linesman in the 1950-60’s, East of Scotland Honorary President 1957–58 and an elected S.L.T.A. member



*Steve L. Robertson
Hon Treasurer 1927-28
Hon Club President 1948
Honorary Life Member 1955*



*W.F.G (Bill) Lord
Hon Club President 1953-55 & 1974-76
5 Times Club Doubles Champion 1946-58
Honorary Life Member 1958*



*Tom L. Burns
Honorary Secretary 1957-58
Hon. President 1959-60 & 1972-73*

Bill Lord was a natural leader, serving the Club as Honorary Treasurer 1938-39, Men's Captain in 1952, elected Honorary President in 1953-55 & then recalled to lead the Club again in difficult times in 1974-76. On court **Bill** was 5 times Club Doubles Champion in 1946-58.

Tom L. Burns served as Honorary Club President 1959-60, was recalled in 1972-73 for a second term in office during a difficult period for the Club.

The Sixties - A Period of Difficulty

Controversially in 1959, the treasurer resigned following an alleged shortage of £ 3, which upon investigation rose to £ 22.

At the 1960 AGM, the Club financial position was described as disastrous due to falling membership, a situation faced by a number of tennis clubs. Trinity Bowling Club were also facing financial challenges. To address the problem an invitation to join the Club was extended to National Commercial Bank staff and to employees of the nearby engineering firm "Bruce Peebles". One of the oldest tennis clubs in Edinburgh, the nearby Inverleith Club, formed in 1880, considered merging with Lomond Park in 1966, but finally amalgamated with the Dyvours Club in Stockbridge. With almost no bank reserves, the Lomond Park clubhouse suffered from vandalism.

Several members stepped up and without their efforts the Club would surely have folded. Most notably:



R. L. (Bob) Searle served as Honorary President for 6 years 1961-66 and chaired a most important meeting in 1962 when the Club future was discussed. **Bob** was an 8 times Club Champion in Singles and Doubles (1956-63), including a Mixed Doubles victory partnering his wife, **Nancy**.

Bob represented the Men's team playing in Division 1 and was heavily involved in the Club's Saturday morning Junior coaching.

Maintaining the **Searle** family tennis standards, **Bob and Nancy's** daughter **Jill** was a Ladies Singles and Doubles Champion (1968-71).

***R.L.(Bob) Searle**
Hon. President 1961-66
8 times Club Champion 1956-63*

- **Freda J. Walker** Hon Secretary for 6 years 1961 –66
- **John M. Miller** Match Secretary 1963-66 & President 1967-68.
- **Douglas A. Seale** served the Club well, Match Secretary 1954, 1968-71, Court Ranger 1963-65, Treasurer 1970, & Honorary President 1969-71.

Despite the financial difficulties, discipline and formality are the order of the day and a rule is introduced in 1968 regarding the taking of tea on Saturday and Sundays: “a bell will be rung and all courts to be vacated for a period of 15 minutes during which tea will be served in the pavilion.”

Further, the 1968 Club minutes note that “Ball boys” to be coached for Senior Finals Day (no mention of girls)!

Maintenance of the Red Blaes Court Surface



The red blaes court maintenance was a labour-intensive task, with daily court rolling, brushing, watering, line brushing, with the “Courts Reserved for Match” sign hung on the gate after preparation and before matches.



The use of the heavy cast iron roller would probably not be permitted for health and safety reasons in the 21st century.

Chapter 6

The Coming of Age 1971-2006

Survival of The Lomond Park Company Limited

1973 saw an imminent threat to the survival of The Lomond Park Company Ltd. The Scotsman Newspaper reported that a shareholder, **Mr. J Beatson**, considered the Park, “had been allowed to deteriorate under the present board and was losing money, I only want to see the park is put in good order or to have it sold to a builder who would undertake a suitable type of development.”

The Lomond Park Company Chairman, **Mr. H C Hendry** sent a circular to all shareholders pointing out that the Company Constitution did not allow for Property Development and its continued use for recreational purposes would protect house prices in the immediate area by ensuring high amenity. The matter was laid to rest!

John Brindle writes: (*The Seventies the Brink of the Abyss*)

*When I started playing East League tennis for Kirkcaldy in the nineteen fifties, Lomond Park was a name to be contended with: its Men's team having a particularly strong reputation. However, by the time I moved into Lomond Road in 1974 there had been a sad decline. I was encouraged to join Lomond Park by my next-door neighbour, **John Dale**, and soon discovered that much was expected of the seventy or so members.*

The courts were red blaes and there was no play in the winter as soon as the first frost lifted the lines. When spring came, a huge effort was required to get the courts into condition for the season. This was usually frustrated by the weather because the top surface was very unstable in the wet. A five-ton lorry load of new top dressing would appear and twenty sacks of new blaes were scattered on each court and then they had to be brushed and rolled to get an even playing surface. Then the fun began as the lines had to be re-laid requiring an exercise in Pythagorean geometry. Each line then had to be nailed with bucketful's of nails, much to the amusement of the old ladies in Viewpoint, and of course those who engaged in this task were for the rest of the season accused of not putting the nails down straight!

*The committee led by **Bill Lord** began to address the problem of the declining membership. At the time squash was in the ascendant and the first proposal was to add two squash courts at the back of the ladies changing room. With the invaluable benefit of hindsight, it was perhaps fortunate that this was rejected by the membership. The problem remained and the condition of the courts and the fencing was causing concern. The top two courts, invariably referred to as the Junior courts, had a poor surface with clinker coming up through them, not a promising surface for aspiring new players. The challenge was how to fund the £46,500 required to replace all the courts.*

*A crisis meeting was held in 1980 when various options were put to the members, one of which was for the Club to go out of existence as well as various permutations of relaying the courts in stages. The meeting agreed that the only solution was to go for broke. The problem then was how to get there. There were several positives. Despite the costs of having a grounds-man to brush and roll the courts, finances were prudently managed, latterly by **Cynthia Bull**. The Scottish Sports Council and Edinburgh Corporation were approached and grants of £12,000 and £6,000 respectively were offered.*

*The social life of the club revolved around fund-raising efforts. The annual coffee morning in May had been essential for years to balance the books and it took on a new importance. Horse race nights were organised using a course marked out on the courts with dice for the riders' moves and even a water jump much loved by **Donald Allan**. There was still a formidable funding gap, but the members had agreed to a levy of one year's subscription and **Roger Miller** offered a generous loan with smaller loans from the committee to make up the balance. Trinity Recreation Club was extremely supportive and signed the contract as the contractor wanted to deal with an incorporated body. **Captain Forbes, Stanley Gray & Peter Whyte** all played a very positive role.*

The investment in the club was well worth it and the new courts were inaugurated with an invitation tournament to all the Edinburgh clubs in August 1982. Provision was made for floodlighting in 1983 and soon the benefits were apparent in an all-the-year-round playing season and much better facilities for Juniors. The Saturday morning Nippers who began to play then are now the old men of the First team! There was a boom in membership, which reached nearly 550 in 1994, and the combination of increased membership and savings on maintenance transformed the club's finances.

Squash Rackets and All-Weather Court Project 1978

The sub-committee considering the “Squash rackets” and “Tennis” projects was led by **Michael Pentland**, the Tennis Club President and a former University “Squash Blue”, **Cynthia Bull** (Treasurer), **Anne Miller**, **Tony Hart** (Technical Coordinator), and **Ronnie Sloan** (Finance Coordinator).

The sub-committee worked tirelessly on the project but following a lower-than-expected expression of interest by tennis Club members, it was decided that the “Squash project” was not sufficiently viable, and the Investment in “All-weather courts” had been investigated and approved.

The decision to lay Synthetic Elastosol All Weather Courts, the adversity in which the Club found itself, had the effect of galvanizing the membership, playing standards improved and most importantly the Fund raising, and social events brought the club membership together.



Cynthia M.S. Bull – Club Treasurer

Cynthia Bull served as Treasurer for nine years 1972-80 during the funding of the first all-weather courts.

An adventurous Finance Package was tailored to meet the Cost of Resurfacing all five courts £ 46,500:

Court Resurfacing Funding Source	£
Scottish Sports Council Grant	12,000
Edinburgh District Council Grant	6,000
Members Repayable Bonds	6,750
LTA Loan repayable over 5 years	5,000
Roger O. Miller 5 year interest free loan	6,000
Club Funds / Levy	10,750
Total Funding	46,500

There was a double subscription levied in 1982 and £ 6,750 was raised from members who subscribed for Repayable Bonds of £ 25 each. The Club received a generous £ 6,000 Interest Free Loan from a local resident, **Roger Miller**.

Charles Lawrence Ltd laid the courts in the Spring of 1982 and 18 Mixed Couples representing East of Scotland clubs were invited to an Opening Tournament in August 1982, won by Blackhall Tennis club. In 1983 Floodlights were installed on Courts 1 & 2 at a cost of £ 4,000.



*One of the last Championship Finals played on the Red Blaes Surface
(Margo Valentine serving, Susan Brown receiving serve – 1981)*



1982 Court Replacement Groundworks

A Social Committee, led by **Joyce Campbell** was appointed, and during the next few years many people would be involved in the organisation of fund raising and social events to finance the loan repayments. The Fund-Raising effort was nothing short of incredible with members helping in any way they could.



l to r: Dorothy Thom and Joyce Campbell enjoy success

The Coffee Morning held in May each year became an important fund raiser for the Club and regularly raised over £ 500, a feature being the beat the goalie challenge (**Gordon Chalmers**), A Filmed Derby Race night was held in St Serfs Scout Hall, A sponsored cycle to Gullane raised £270, in appalling weather conditions for the return leg, with driving rain from the west. A stop at Luca's Ice Cream shop in Musselburgh allowed a gathering of energy for the last 8 miles home. Other events included a Car treasure hunt, a Progressive meal and Children's sponsored walk.

Not of course forgetting the Jumble Sale at Portobello Town Hall which raised £195, when the enthusiastic **David Fairbairn** took off his jersey, and another stall holder sold it by mistake!



Coffee Morning and outdoor stalls



The coffee morning bottle stall



*Fund raising evening at the Club
l to r back: Isabel Nairn, John Nairn, Tony Hart
l to r front: Dorothy Liddel, Ann Mitchell, Malcolm Smith, Jean Smith*



*Ladies Teams celebrating the end of League Matches with a gathering in
Sheila Allan's (far right) garden*

Michael D. Pentland: Honorary Life Membership 2005



Michael Pentland
Honorary Club President 1977-1981
Honorary Life Member 2005

Michael led the Club through a most challenging period, presiding over the clubs' transformation with the decision to invest in "All Weather Courts" and managing the £ 46,500 funding package to support the plan. Under **Michael's** extended five-year Presidency, the Club had moved from a perilous state to a thriving organization with a solid financial base.

The Club Fund raising effort led by **Joyce Campbell** was outstanding, the speed at which the Club paid off its debts must have surprised even **Michael Pentland**. The £ 6,000 Loan from **Roger Miller** was fully repaid in 1985, the £ 5,000 LTA Loan repaid in 1986 and the £ 6,750 Members Bonds repaid by a ballot system with the final amount repaid in 1987.

Michael served as Honorary Club Auditor for 25 years. To mark his retiral from office and in recognition of his long association with the Club, **Michael** presented to the Club a Girls Under 18 Singles Championship Trophy, which is still played for today.

Court Resurfacing - Grass Carpet 1991 and Practice Wall

The 1982 Elastosol Rubber crumb surface, was replaced in 1991 with a Desso Sportilan 21 mm Artificial Grass carpet. The court was laid by E.R.D.C. Ltd at a cost of £ 49,575. This proved a good investment with the carpet performing well over the next 11 years. The Club's financial position was now much stronger, the project funded by £20,000 from reserves, an £ 18,000 6-year LTA Loan guaranteed by 20 club members, repaid within a year (much to the relief of guarantors), and a £ 12,000 Grant from "The Foundation of Sports & the Arts".



The new courts coincided with the building of a tennis practice wall costing £ 2,370, part funded by a £1,500 Scottish Sports Council Grant. To protect the park surface, sections of park perimeter railing in Lomond Road were removed to allow the heavy Concrete Mixer Vehicle access.



Practice Wall under construction (1992)

Court Replacement Artificial Grass Court Surface (2002)

In 2002, the courts were replaced with a shorter 15 mm pile carpet laid by Charles Lawrence Surfaces Limited at a cost of £ 49,000, funded from accumulated reserves. The Court surface which had initially played well, soon became extremely dangerous. The carpet fibres were bending, the sand lying on top of the fibres, creating a treacherous surface. A 12-month protracted negotiation with the Contractors proved difficult. The carpet fibre was supplied by a chemical firm in Belgium, the carpet itself manufactured in Yorkshire and the firm that laid the courts Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd had sold their business. The LTA Technical Department supported the club with a site visit, the facts were established, and the courts replaced in 2006, the club contributing £17,625 towards fair wear and tear. The Completion of this project was delayed when a 13-metre role of carpet was stolen from the grounds. Directors of Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd, **Sir Charles Lawrence** and **David Blamire**, were extremely helpful in supporting the Club through the complex commercial issues, with **Clive Garlick** and **Bob Adams** representing the Club throughout.



The Court Surface laid in 2006



David Warner was appointed grounds-man in March 1994, and over the next 25 years **David** maintained the courts and grounds to a high standard, with the Lomond Park courts being set aside as “stand by” courts for the Scottish Championships in 1995 and 1998 in the event that rain affected play at the Edinburgh Dyvour Grass Courts in Stockbridge.

In 2007, £3,200 was invested in a tractor with brush, which reduced grounds-man time and allowed optimum brush pressure to the court.



***New Tractor Plenty of Volunteers!**
1 to r: Margo Croan, David Warner (grounds-man), Sarah Mathews,
Kerr Petrie, Judith Law and Hamish McGregor*

On Court – Seniors

The new playing surface encouraged higher levels of performance. The Club recorded Tournament success in 1983 with **Ian Henderson** and **Ann Mitchell** winning the East of Scotland Restricted Mixed Doubles.

Ann Mitchell partnered **Mrs. M. Rennie** as a runner-up in the East of Scotland Restricted Ladies Doubles and **Ian Henderson** partnering **Ann Mitchell** won the 1983 Pringle Cup, the first time Lomond Park had won this event.



Ann Mitchell
8 Times Club Champion

In 1985, **Moira Dobbie** and **Hamish McGregor** won the Craigmillar Open Championship, defeating **Adrian & Bernadette Capaldi** in an all Lomond Park final. In the same year, **Margo Paton & Sinclair Campbell** recorded victory in the Pringle Cup. In 1998 & 1999, **Hamish McGregor & Moira Dobbie** celebrated back-to-back victories in Craigmillar Park Open Cup. Further Club success was recorded in the Pringle Cup, **Moira Dobbie** partnering **Jamie Petrie** recorded victory in 2000, **Margaret Main** and partner **Graham Milne** won in 2003, **Barbara Quigley** partnering **Clive Hembury** winning in 2004 and **Margaret Main** partnering **Andrew Thompson** were defeated 2006 Pringle Cup finalists.

Club Championships

In Men's Singles, **Ronnie Sloan** had a hat-trick of championship wins in 1976-80. **Hamish McGregor** recorded 12 Championship wins (1988-2006) with **Ian Henderson** and **Jamie Petrie** each recording 3 Singles victories.



*Gordon M. Chalmers with Men's Singles Trophy
12 times Club Champion in singles and doubles (1971-81)*

Men's Doubles Championship victories were recorded by **Charles Milne** and the enthusiastic **John Nairn** who won back-to-back titles in 1973-74. **David Anderson** won 3 straight titles (1975-77) partnering **David Reid** and then twice partnering **Gordon Chalmers**. **Sinclair Campbell & John Brindle** recorded three victories (1977-88). **Charles Robertson** celebrated 3 doubles championships spanning 20 years, partnering **Jamie Petrie** on two occasions. **Ian Henderson** recorded 8 Men's Doubles titles in 11 years, 1979-89, partnering **Donald Allan** on 3 occasions.



*L to r: Donald Allan, John Brindle, Ian Henderson, Sinclair Campbell
contest the Men's Doubles Final*

Hamish McGregor recorded 11 Men's Doubles Titles, partnering **Lorn Lawson** on 8 occasions (1990-2003).



l to r: Sinclair Campbell, John Brindle, Hamish McGregor & Lorn Lawson



l to r: Donald Allan, Ian Henderson, Alastair Randall, Charles Robertson

In Ladies Singles, **Dorothy Liddel** won 4 Titles including a hat-trick in 1972-74, **Margo Valentine** recorded 10 Singles victories (1977-96). **Moira Dobbie** and **Margaret Main** are credited with 5 Title wins in this period and the start of **Jacque Edwards** run of singles victories.



*Betty Pentland presents the 1978 Ladies Singles Cup to Dorothy Liddel
16 times Club Champion in singles and doubles (1970-78)*

In Ladies' Doubles, **Dorothy Liddel** recorded 6 Championship titles 1970-77, **Margo Valentine** recorded 13 Titles (1978-2002) over a 25-year period, including 6 wins partnering **Fiona Ramage** and 5 titles partnering **Moira Dobbie**. **Trish Brindle** and **Patricia Morse** won 4 titles 1986-89 and **Bernadette Capaldi** recorded 5 Championship victories 1990-2005.



*Left: Fiona Ramage 9 times Club Champion in singles & doubles (1973-1985)
Right: Margo Valentine 28 times Club Champion in singles & doubles (1977-2002)*



*Finals Day Ladies Singles Trophy Presentation 1981
l to r: Michael Pentland, John Nairn, Betty Pentland and Margo Valentine*



*Margaret Main (l) and Jacquie Edwards (r) win 2006 Ladies Doubles
In the background Hamish McGregor (l) holding the Men's Doubles trophy
with partner Peter Bremner(r)*

In Mixed Doubles, Dorothy Liddel partnering **Gordon Chalmers** recorded 6 Championship Titles in 8 years 1971-78.

Margo Valentine won 5 titles including 3 victories partnering **Ian Henderson**, **Ann Mitchell** and **Ian Henderson** won 3 titles 1981-83 and mother and son, **Wendy** and **Jamie Petrie** won a hat-trick of titles 1998-2000. **Hamish McGregor** recorded 9 Championship wins (1990 – 2006), partnering **Jacquie Edwards** on 6 occasions.



Mixed Doubles finalists: Hamish McGregor, Lorn Lawson, Jane Lawson, Jacquie Edwards

East of Scotland Leagues

The improvement in playing surface and the Club's focus on junior coaching contributed to the general improvement in playing standard. In 1974, the Club ran two Men's teams with the Men's 1st team playing in Division 7 and by 1981 the 1st team had climbed to Division 4. The Men's 2nd team languished in Division 7 in 1981 and they had reached Division 3 status by 2005.



Men's 1st team 1980's

Back l to r: Sinclair Campbell, Gordon Chalmers, Ian Henderson

Front l to r: Ronnie Sloan, Fraser Dall, Donald Allan

A Men's 3rd team was formed in 1994, with a blend of experience and junior players, and they gained league promotion in three successive seasons 1995-97, winning 24 out of 28 matches.



Men's third team 1995-97

*l to r back: Rob Blair, Ronnie Sloan, Chris Randall, Kevin Worrall,
Andrew Dall, front l to r: John Brindle, Clive Garlick, Sinclair Campbell*

In 2004, all three men's teams were promoted with the 1st team led by **Hamish McGregor** gaining promotion to Division 1. (The first time a senior Lomond Park side had achieved Division One status since the late 1950s – a tremendous effort!). The squad included **Hamish McGregor, Martin Hendrie (professional coach), Ian Campbell, Clive Hembury, David McCall, Jamie Petrie, Charles Robertson, Andrew Thomson, Howard Pether, Richard Horsfall & Graeme Milne** with half of the squad coming from the Club's own coaching program.



*Men's First team promoted to Division One in 2004
1 to r back row: Richard Horsfall, Clive Garlick (President), Clive Hembury,
Graeme Milne, Front Row 1 to r: Jamie Petrie, Hamish McGregor & Martin
Hendrie*

The Ladies 1st team had played consistently in Division 4 prior to 1981 and reached Division 2 standard by 2006. The Lomond Park Ladies' 1st team who had never won a league title in 25 years 1981-2005 brought the famine to an end by winning the Division 3 Title in 2005.



Ladies' 1st team 1980s from the left: Anne Mitchell, Daphne Randall, Margo Valentine, Angela Horsfall, Trish Brindle, Fiona Ramage

The Ladies 2nd Team played fairly consistently in Division 5 1981- 2006 and encouraged by the new Men's 3rd team performance, the Ladies successfully formed a 3rd team in 1997, starting in Division 9 and reaching Division 6 by 2005. A ladies 4th team was launched in 2006.

On Court - Junior Tennis Development

Towards the end of the 1980s, the junior coaching program run by **Trish Brindle, Angela Horsfall, Margo Croan** and **Susan Brown** began to bear fruit, raising the profile of Junior tennis at Lomond Park:

The Boys under 18 team won the East Division One title in 1986, 1989, 1990, the Boys under 14 team won the Division One title 1987 and 1988. The Girls under 18 team won the Division One title in 1996 and 1997.

There were personal successes for **Hamish McGregor** and **Lorn Lawson** in 1987 & 1988 at the Dunfermline Open tournament. Meanwhile in 1988, **Jamie Petrie** won the East Lothian Championships under 14 Boys Singles and **Lorn Lawson** was runner up in the National Parks under 18 Boys singles and the following year **Jamie Petrie** won the Edinburgh and Scottish National Parks under 18 Boys Singles tournament and reached the British National Parks U18 semi-final.



Hamish McGregor and Jamie Petrie contest a junior final

In 1990, **Jonathan Guy** won the Dunfermline under 12 boys doubles partnering **Neil Dickson** (Duffus) and with the same partner was a runner up in the Scottish Grass Courts under 12 doubles. The Dunfermline Junior event proved a popular venue for Lomond Park juniors where **Jonathan Guy** and **Richard Horsfall** registered success in both singles and doubles in 1991.

Rory Allan was selected to represent Scotland in the Boys under 12 age group in an International against Wales in 1992 and went on to win the Mortenhall under 10 boys' tournament and win the East Boys Doubles under 12 partnering **J. Collins** in that year. **Rory** was coached by the highly regarded East County Men's Captain **John Patterson** from the Thistle Club.



*Left: Rory Allan Scottish Junior Internationalist Under 12 1992
Right: Mike Blair Under 14 Boys Singles Champion for 4 years 1992-95
Mike Blair Boys Under 14 Doubles Champion incredibly for 5 years 1991-95
partnering Rory Allan on 3 occasions*

In 1992, **Jonathan Guy** won the Scottish Boys Doubles Championship under 14 partnering **Suyogi Jigajinni** (Thistle).

Jill McIntyre joined the Club's girls' junior coaching team with notable success. In 1995, **Jill's** daughter **Alison McIntyre** partnering **Gillian Fraser** won the North Berwick under 16 girls doubles and in 1996 **Gillian Fraser** won the East of Scotland Closed Championship under 16 girls' singles held at Lomond Park. **Gillian** and **Pamela** Fraser reached the girls under 18 doubles East of Scotland final. The following year, **Alison McIntyre** won the East of Scotland Closed Girls under 16 Doubles.



Pamela Fraser & Alison McIntyre

Will Henderson and **Michael Ross** reached the semi-final of the 1998 East of Scotland Closed Tournament under 16 boys' doubles. In the same year **Pamela Fraser** reached the final of the under 18 mixed doubles and **Zoe Cullen** and **Pamela Fraser** reached the final of the under 18 girls doubles at the Dunfermline tournament.



l to r: Will Henderson, David Blair, Michael Ross



*L to r: Andrew Campbell, Ben Henderson,
Ross Macrae, Chris Law*

Junior Championships outstanding performances:

Boys Under 18 Singles

- **Alastair Randall** 4 straight victories 1982-85
- **Rory Allan** wins the 1992 Boys Under 18 Singles aged 11
- **Mike Ross** 3 Titles 1999-2001
- **Ross Macrae** 3 Titles 2003-05

Girls Under 18 Singles

- **Katriona Petrie** 3 Titles 1986-88
- **Alison Brodie** 3 Titles 1989-91

Boys Doubles Under 18

- **Lorn Lawson** 3 Titles 1986-88
- **Alexander Tait & Jamie Petrie** 3 Titles 1989-91
- **Mike Ross** 3 Titles 1999-2002
- **Chris Law** 3 Titles 2004-06

Girls Doubles Under 18

- **Katriona Petrie** 3 Titles 1987-89 partnering **Heidi Cullen**
- **Pamela Fraser** 4 Titles 1992-95 partner 3 times **Harriet Inglis**
- **Alison McIntyre** 4 Titles 1996-99
- **Sarah Macrae** 4 Titles 2003-06 partnering **Victoria Campbell** on 3 occasions 2003-05

Boys Singles Under 14

- **Mike Blair** 4 Titles 1992-95

Girls Under 14 Singles

- **Victoria Campbell** 3 Titles 2001-03

Boys Under 14 Doubles

- **Mike Blair** won this Title an amazing 5 times 1991-95 partnering **Rory Allan** on 3 occasions 1991-93
- **Will Henderson & David Blair** 3 Titles 1996-98
- **Ben Henderson & Ross Macrae** 4 Titles 1999-2002.

Girls Under 14 Doubles

- **Alison Mackie** 3 Titles 1992-94
- **Sarah Macrae & Victoria Campbell** 3 Titles 2002-04



*Winning LP Juniors back row right side Alexander Tait, Neil Campbell,
front row right side, Jamie Petrie and Richard Horsfall*



*David Law umpires at Junior Mixed Doubles final
l to r: Sarah Macrae, Jamie Macrae, Alex Blair, Victoria Campbell*



A happy Laura Davidson & Iain Davidson



Victoria Campbell & Patrick Law pick up the Junior Mixed silverware (2001)

Administration

As the Club prospered, and membership levels increased, so too did the demand for more teams for both seniors, juniors and veterans, with a clear focus on professional coaching and a requirement for the Club to compete with the commercially operated Tennis Clubs.

Ronnie Sloan served on the East of Scotland Committee from 1982-84 and the Lomond Park song which was published in the E.S.L.T.A Brochure on launching the club's floodlights is attributed to him.

Trish Brindle was a tremendous servant to the club and wider tennis community and held office on the East of Scotland Committee for fourteen years from 1992-2006, elected Honorary President E.S.L.T.A 1999–2001, serving the sport at National level as an SLTA Counsellor 1999-2005.

In 1992, Trinity Recreation Club Ltd and the Tennis and Bowling Clubs agreed that each club should establish a “Sinking Reserve Fund” to provide against future financial difficulties, a fixed sum to be set aside each year.

From 1993 Scottish Tennis data, Lomond Park was confirmed as having the twelfth largest club membership in Scotland. The provision of a first class all year-round playing facility attracted a record membership of 548 in 1994 and resulted in the introduction of shoe tagging to control membership. The Club extended court floodlighting to Courts 3, 4 and 5 at a cost of £ 9,000. Progress on court was met with the age-long problem and challenge of Clubhouse and Grounds security, with money being stolen from the floodlight meters and vandalism and youths causing problems in the park.

Tony Hart, a long-standing Club member, on his retirement to Malta in 1986, presented the “**Hart Cup**” to be played for annually by mixed doubles couples with a combined age of > 90.

Bill Aspin launched the club's internet website “lomondparktennis.co.uk” in 2002. **Bill** also drew the clubhouse sketch on page 3 of this book.



Ian Campbell

Ian Campbell held the joint positions of Match Secretary and Web- Master, first used the club's website in 2003 to publish the club championship draws and updated results over the internet during the tournament.

As membership levels grew, the Club became more complicated to manage. In 1997, the length of service for the Honorary President and Vice President was reduced to one year vice president, two years president and one year vice president recognizing the now increased workload of the position. Through time, the Club became more reliant on the contribution of committed individuals and families alike.

In 2006, **Margo Croan**, who had previously served as Club Secretary and been involved in the successful junior coaching program, was elected Honorary Club President, the Second Lady President in Club History.

However, the Club's success over the years relied on many members giving of their free time as unsung ambassadors and loyal supporters of the Club.

Jean Smith former club Secretary, (whose grand-father-in-law **Sir Malcolm Smith** was the first "TRC" Chairman), **Dorothy Thom**, **Peter Bremner**, **John & Isabel Nairn**, **Sheila Hunter**, **Jill Crosthwaite**, **Carol & Hugh McClelland**, **Judith & James Lawson**, **Rob & Daphne Blair**, **Gordon & Gill Kerr**, **Ros Trail**, **Kay Campbell**, **Fiona Laing**, **Peter Lynn**, **Barbera Quigley**, **Charles Robertson**, **Ian Campbell**, **Ann Davidson**, **Richard Arnott**, **Fiona Lauder**, **Grahame Milne**, **Simon Goldsmith**, **Bob Adams & Howard Pether**.

A summary of some of those who chose to volunteer:

Daphne Randall served as Match Secretary 1982-84, Ladies Captain 1987, 1995 and 1996, Ladies Doubles Champion in 1982 & 1983, with husband **Chris** a loyal supporter.



Chris & Daphne Randall

Ian Brown served as Treasurer 1981-83 and Match Secretary 1989-90 and his wife **Susan** served as Honorary Secretary 1978 –89, as well as helping junior Saturday morning coaching over several years.

Donald J. M. Allan served as Match Secretary, Men's Captain, and President during an unbroken spell of office 1986-93 and his wife **Sheila Allan** served as Club Secretary 1998-2000.



Sheila Allan

John Brindle served as Club President 1982-83, his wife **Trish Brindle** served as Ladies Captain and Match Secretary on several occasions 1979- 90, and his son **Jonathan** captained the Men's I team 1994-95, and daughter-in-law **Lindsay** served as Match Secretary 2001-03



*l to r: Jonathan Brindle (7 times Club Doubles Champion 1995-2011),
Hamish McGregor, Sinclair Campbell, Lindsay Brindle*

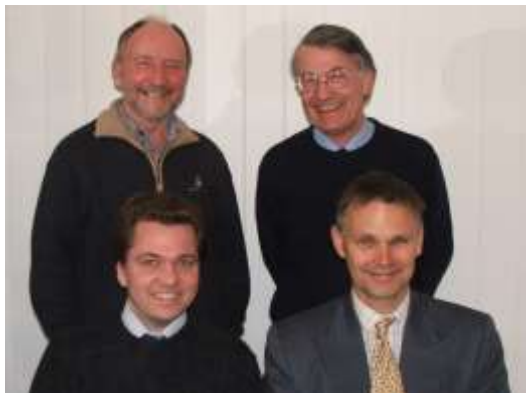
Ronnie K. Sloan served as Honorary Club President 1985–87 and on the East of Scotland Committee 1982-84. His wife **Sandra** served as Club Secretary 1980-82. **Ronnie** later became Scottish Sports Council Chairman, and for this and his charitable work he was awarded an M.B.E. in 2018.



Joyce Campbell

Sinclair Campbell was Men's First Team Captain in 1981 & 1985, Club President in 1988-90 and his wife **Joyce** the organiser of social and much needed fund-raising events over many years. In 1989, the Club received a gift from **Sinclair and Joyce** of a light oak Role of Honour Clubhouse Wallboard to record office bearers and club champions.

Angela M. Horsfall served as the club's first Honorary Lady President 1997-99, Captained the Ladies 1 team in 1982-83 & 1994 and served on the East of Scotland committee 1987-90. Husband **Linton** was appointed Treasurer in 1984-86 and to maintain family tradition son **Richard** served as club Treasurer 2004-06.



The Happy Treasurers

l to r: Finlay MacEachern, Richard Horsfall, Linton Horsfall, Andrew Anderson



The Presidents

l to r: Angela Horsfall (First Club Honorary Lady President), John Brindle, Kerr Petrie, Sinclair Campbell, Margo Croan (Second Club Honorary Lady President)

In 1999, the club was saddened to learn of the death of long-standing member, **Lesley McConnell**, Ladies 2nd Team Captain and Match Secretary.



l to r: Lesley McConnell, Daphne Randall, Margo Valentine, Sheila Hunter, Moira Dobbie



Ladies Match Practice



Ladies Relax after Tennis Practice



<i>Sinclair C. Campbell (l)</i>	<i>Fraser N.F. Dall (r)</i>
<i>1988-90</i>	<i>Hon Club President 1994-96</i>
<i>1981, 1985</i>	<i>Captain Men's 1st team 1984, 1986-88</i>
<i>3 times 1978-88</i>	<i>Club Champion 3 times 1985-94</i>



Adrian Capaldi
Honorary Club President 2002-03
Men's 2nd team Captain for many years
Recipient of Centenary President's Bowl 2008 & 2020

Bernadette Capaldi, winner of eleven Club Championships in singles and doubles over a record 34-year period (1990- 2023), captained the Ladies team for 10 seasons (1991- 2021).



Bernadette Capaldi
11 times Club Champion in Singles & Doubles over a 34-year period (1990-2023)
Recipient of Centenary President's Bowl 2021

Kerr Petrie served as President 2000-01, and his wife **Wendy** served as Junior Match Secretary and Club Secretary between 1985-99, son **Jamie** led the Men's First team in 2000.



Wendy Petrie presents Junior Prizes to a happy recipient

From 2000-2004, **Judith A. Law** served as Junior Match Secretary, overseeing the professional coaching program and management of 8 junior teams. **Judith** was appointed Ladies team captain in 2005-06, with the Ladies 1st winning their league for the first time in a quarter of a century and the 2nd team gaining promotion. For many years, **Judith** has organized a popular Charity "Strawberry Tea" tennis tournament in aid of breast cancer, with clubs from across Edinburgh.



Judith Law organizing Charity Strawberry Tea in aid of breast cancer



*David Lloyd presenting Lomond Park Junior Match Secretary, Anne Davidson,
With the Under 18 Boys League Trophy at the ESLTA Centenary Dinner 2005
held in The Playfair Library, Old College, Edinburgh University
Anne M. Davidson served as Honorary Club President 2014-15*

*As a side note, **David Lloyd** won both singles and doubles titles at Junior Wimbledon in 1965. He was a member of the GB Davis Cup squad 1972-74 and went on to Captain the Davis Cup team in 1995.*

Clubhouse Refurbishment 2004

Adrian Capaldi, Hamish McGregor and **Cath Macrae** project managed the clubhouse refurbishment at a cost of £15,000 with floor joist replacement, kitchen refurbishment, changing rooms adding personal locker space, rewiring throughout and redecoration both internally and externally including painting, floor sanding and provision of furniture.



Off Court

From the mid-1980s to date, two prominent features in the Club social calendar were the junior finals BBQ, always well attended, and the annual 20 overs per side cricket match against the “Woodcutters XI”, played at Bangholm playing fields. The Lomond Park XI invariably led by **Sinclair Campbell** or **Charles Robertson** were fortunate to be able to call on **Fraser Dall**, **Donald Allan**, **Rob Blair**, **Richard Horsfall** with **Kerr Petrie** volunteering as wicketkeeper. For this aging side, it was fortunate the Club was always able to unearth aspiring talent from the junior ranks for some fast running between the wickets.



Willie Henderson BBQ duties

In 1984, **Glen Ross** organized a football match with Lomond Park men taking on Waverley Tennis Club. Some Lomond Park players had come out of retirement, and by half-time, several may have wished they had not bothered, losing by six goals to one. The competitive Lomond men selected a more youthful squad a few weeks later and obtained a revenge win over the Waverley Club.

Wooden Tennis Rackets

Wooden tennis rackets such as the Dunlop Maxply Fort with cat gut strings were replaced in the 1980s with racket frames made from composite materials including carbon-fibre, graphite, or titanium alloys and strings made of synthetic polyimide or polymers. The new rackets had a larger head area, provided a larger sweet spot and more power.



Chapter 7

Centenary Celebrations

Centenary Committee

With the Club's Centenary due to be celebrated in 2007, **Margo Croan, Judith Law, Cath Macrae, Clive Garlick and Fiona Lauder** agreed to serve on the Centenary Committee which was formed in 2005.

The main events planned to celebrate the centenary were:

- Publication of a Commemorative Booklet
- Commission Centenary Memorabilia
- Presidents Centenary Dinner 08 June 2007
- Invitation Centenary Tennis Tournament 09 June 2007
- Centenary Reception 09 June 2007
- Junior Centenary Tournament 10 June 2007



The Centenary Committee

l to r: Judith Law, Fiona Lauder, Margo Croan, Clive Garlick, Cath Macrae

Centenary Memorabilia



Whisky Glass with clubhouse etched by Bill Aspin

Cath Macrae did a wonderful job, selling the Centenary logo sports clothing, and it has been gratifying that so many members were seen wearing this.



Old style tennis balls used at the Centenary Tournament



Commemorative Polo Shirt (Navy Blue or White)

Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club
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President's Dinner
(Friday 8 June)

The Centenary Celebration weekend commenced with “The President’s Dinner” held on Friday 8 June 2007. Centenary President **Margo Croan** welcomed 13 Past Club Presidents and President elect **Bob Adams** and guests, to a most enjoyable dinner in the excellent setting of The New Club Library, Princes Street, Edinburgh overlooking Edinburgh Castle, organized by **John Brindle**. The Presidents attending the dinner represent 35 years of Club history.



The Club Presidents

*l to r: Tom Burns, Adrian Capaldi, Angela Horsfall, Sinclair Campbell,
Douglas Seale, Kerr Petrie, John Brindle, Margo Croan, Fraser Dall,
Clive Garlick, Donald Allan, Bob Adams, Ronnie Sloan*



President Margo Croan after dinner speech



The Club Presidents at the Centenary dinner

President	Year in Office	President	Year in Office
Bob Adams	2008-09	Donald Allan	1991-93
Margo Croan	2006-07	Sinclair Campbell	1988-90
Clive Garlick	2004-05	Ronnie Sloan	1985-87
Adrian Capaldi	2002-03	John Brindle	1982-84
Kerr Petrie	2000-01	Tom L. Burns	1972-73
Angela Horsfall	1997-99	Douglas Seale	1969-71
Fraser Dall	1994-96	Tom L. Burns	1959-60

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The Centenary Tournament

(Saturday 9 June)

Day 2 of the Centenary celebrations, “The Centenary Tournament”, playing with old style tennis balls, wooden rackets, and in the very best of weather.





Centenary President Margo Croan unveils the centenary plaque



*John Brindle Tournament Referee explains the format
John A. Brindle Honorary Club President 1982-84
3 times Club Doubles Champion 1978-88 partnering Sinclair Campbell*



l to r: The best dressed spectators: Linton Horsfall and Donald Allan





l to r: Graham Buchanan, Fred McCleod, John Brindle, Margo Croan







Jean Smith, whose grandfather in law Sir Malcolm Smith K.B.E opened the courts in 1908.



A fantastic afternoon tea



Peter Bremner, one of the Clubs longest serving members admires the plaque



*The Centenary Tournament finalists
l to r: David Anderson, Kathy Mouat and Centenary Tournament Winners
Judith Law & Simon Goldsmith*

Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club

Centenary 1907 - 2007



The Centenary Reception

(Saturday 9 June)

The evening reception held in Trinity Bowling Club was well attended by more than 80 members, past and present, and their guests.



*President Margo Croan
welcomes members and guests to the reception*



**Superman* (aka Ronnie Sloan) opens the Centenary Evening Reception*



*L to r: Dorothy Thom,
John Reid, Ken Campbell
(Trinity Bowling Club
President)*





*Centenary President Margo Croan presents to the Club a "Centenary Bowl"
to be awarded each year for outstanding service
Bob Adams, President-elect receives the Bowl on behalf of the Club*

Clive D. Garlick : Honorary Life Membership 2007



During the Centenary celebrations, **Clive Garlick** was invited to accept Honorary Life Membership. **Clive** has been a Club member since age 11, a past Club Champion, a team player for Junior, Mens and Vets teams. **Clive** has represented the Mens' teams for more than 50 years and was a promotor of the third team in 1994, a team he went on to Captain for 20 years.

Clive has served on the Club Committee on five occasions, including the positions of Honorary Treasurer & Subscriptions Secretary 1990-92, Honorary President 2004-2005, two Court Replacement Sub Committee, the Centenary Committee 2005-2007 and is the Author of the Club History.



*The Centenary Committee cut the Anniversary Cake
L to r: Clive Garlick, Fiona Lauder, Judith Law, Cath Macrae, Margo Croan*

Day 3 of the Centenary Celebrations, “The Junior American Tournament and Family BBQ” ended a fantastic Club centenary celebration, enjoyed by many members and guests and benefitting from the very best of weather, with many friendships renewed.

The Junior American tournament winners were **Megan Armour, Laura Kerr, Danni Sakovics and Jamie Macrae.**

Chapter 8

Second Century Challenges – A period of Records (2008-23)

Entering the Second Century

President **Margo Croan** led the Centenary Committee and the many members who have helped make the Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club Centenary Celebrations truly memorable. The photographs of the Centenary Celebrations, the enjoyment, happy faces, friendships, comradery, families together, all shared from the love of tennis.

The Club embarked on the challenges of a new century. Lomond Park is proud to retain its position as one of the largest membership clubs in Scotland. Keeping pace with members expectations, the Club can offer a new artificial grass court surface, a refurbished clubhouse, membership levels in the period 2008 – 2023 averaging 600, a thriving Junior section, a sound financial base secured over many years of careful accumulation and investment in facilities, balancing subscription levels with value for money. A Diverse Club, catering for all ages, offering Social and Competitive Tennis opportunities. The Club offers competitive team tennis in the East of Scotland leagues with 5 Men's teams, 4 Ladies teams, Veterans teams, and 10 Junior Age Group teams. The focus on Club sponsored Professional Junior Coaching is popular in developing tennis talent, not forgetting a social events program and charity events.

This was a period of Club records.

- Club Membership levels exceeded 600 for the first time in 2020
- Record Investment in the Court Facilities £ 121,000 in 2020
- A record 44 Club Championship wins for **Hamish McGregor**
- A record 39 Club Championship Titles for **Jacquie Edwards**
- Men's team earn promotion to Division 1 in 2019 and achieved their highest league position of 4th in 2021, 2022 & 2023
- **David Warner** (Grounds-man) 25-year service (1994-2019)
- The Ladies 1st team gained promotion to Division 2 in 2023, their highest league ranking since 2006
- **Bernadette Capaldi** recorded her 11th Championship Title over a record breaking 34-year period (1990-2023)

On Court - East of Scotland Leagues

The Men's 1st team competed mainly in Division 2 or 3; however, the team gained promotion to Division 1 in 2019, retaining their position in the top league and finishing in 4th place in 2021, 2022 & 2023.

As an indication of a growing club playing strength, the Men's 2nd team played in division 4 to 6, Men's 3rd team in Division 5 to 7, Men's 4th team had climbed from Division 9 up to 7 and in 2022, a 5th Men's team joined the leagues. In most years the Club utilized 50 players to support the five Men's teams.



Men's 1st team winners of Division 3 2018

*l to r: Guido Bregoli, Scott Lister, Jack Hardie, Jamie Verhaere, David Reid
(Absent Douglas Tait, Johnny Short)*

The Men's team enjoyed a tremendous run in the 2018 Scottish Cup, with wins over St Serfs, Fort-hill and Hamilton, before losing in the Quarter-final to David Lloyd Aberdeen. This is the best cup run the Club has enjoyed since the 1950s.



Scottish Cup Quarter Finalists 2018

l to r: Gunnar Jommersbach, Joan Arroya Perez, Johnny Short, Jamie Verhaere, Jack Hardie (David Reid and Scott Lister are absent)

The 1st team 10-man squad in 2019 gaining promotion to Division 1. **Jamie Verhaere, Shaun Tulloch, Douglas Tait, Jonathon Short, David Reid, Scott Lister, Sammy McKinney, William Lyburn, Jack Hardie & Guido Bregoli.**



Men's 2nd team 2021 celebrating a win in Division 4:

l to r: Peter Hewitt, David November, Alastair Ward, Rory Hardie, Euan Ward, David Reid



Men's Pre-Season Easter Training 2023

1 to r: Jamie Steadman, Charles MacDonald, Peter Hewitt, Sean Lineen, Phil Mullery, Alan Malcolm, Dirk Todd, Alastair Forsyth, Lorcan Mooney,

During this time, the Ladies 1st team played steadily in Division 3a and were promoted to Division 2 in 2023. The 2nd team gained promotion to Division 3b in 2022. The Ladies 3rd team played Division 5 to 7, with the 4th team playing in Division 7.



Ladies' 1st Team in 2021, runners up in Division 3
Back 1 to r: Bernadette Capaldi, Hilary Young, Harriet Balloch
Front 1 to r: Judith Law, Pippa J. Johnston, Alex Stewart

The Ladies 1st team created history in 2023 with promotion to Division 2, the highest league position of a Ladies team in more than 17 years. A great squad effort, but special mention for captain **Harriet Balloch**, unbeaten in winning 36 sets, **Jane McCauley** and **Hannah Milne**, ranked top 3 in league player statistics and **Charlotte Kershaw** un-beaten in 24 sets.



*Ladies' 1st team Division 3a Winners Unbeaten in 2023
(l to r) Victoria Webber, Hannah Milne, Harriet Balloch (c), Jane McCauley,
Charlotte Kershaw, Clare Hamilton, Abbe Le Pelley,
(In-absentia) Bernadette Capaldi, Alison Robertson*

Club Championships

During this period, the Club had two outstanding records to celebrate.

Hamish P. McGregor recorded forty-four Championship victories, more than any other player in the 116-year Club history, spanning a twenty four-year period, 1988-2011, **Hamish** recorded sixteen Singles Titles, fifteen Men's Doubles Titles and thirteen Mixed Doubles Titles.

Jacquie Edwards, recorded thirty-nine Championship victories, second only to **Hamish** in the Club's history, with seventeen Singles Titles, ten Doubles Titles and twelve Mixed Doubles Titles. This was achieved over a thirty-year period from 1989-2018, demonstrating a sustained and commendable level of fitness and tennis quality. At the 2017 AGM, **Jacquie** was presented with a glass trophy in recognition of ten consecutive Ladies Singles Championships wins 2008-17.



Jacquie Edwards

Bernadette Capaldi won her 11th Championship Title in 2023, recorded over an amazing 34-year period 1990-2023, a Club Record for longevity, a brilliant example of sustained fitness.

Mark Monaghan won back-to back Men's Singles Titles in 2012-13 and four consecutive Doubles Titles 2012-15, twice partnering **Ian Campbell**.

In Ladies Singles, **Harriet Balloch** won 3 Championships in 2019-22 and a hat-trick of Ladies Doubles Titles with various partners 2021-23.

In Men's Doubles **Euan Ward** and **David Reid** won a hat-trick of Championship Titles 2021-2023.



2018 Ladies Doubles Champions

l to r: Hannah Milne, Honorary President Ian Harris 2020-21, Bernadette Capaldi



2019 Finals Day 1 to r: Anne Davidson & Judith Law (Ladies Doubles), Guido Bregoli (Men's Singles), Harriet Balloch (Ladies Singles), Ross Hunter & Scott Malcolm (Men's Doubles)

Administration

Judith A. Law: Honorary Life Membership 2012



Judith A. Law has served the Club in several leadership roles over the years. Junior Match Secretary 1999-2004, Centenary Committee Member 2005-2007, Honorary President 2010-11, Centenary President's Bowl first recipient.

A past Club Champion, **Judith** has played for Lomond Park teams for many years, Captained the Ladies Team 2005-2007. **Judith** represented Lomond Park on the ESLTA Board 2007-2011 and organized many Social, Charity and Wimbledon Draw events. Of particular mention, **Judith** organized annually the popular "Strawberry Tea" with proceeds in Aid of Breast Cancer Research.

Centenary President **Margo Croan** said of **Judith**, "**Judith** is someone who can always be counted upon to be there on any occasion for the club in whatever capacity she is asked."

Ronnie K. Sloan M.B.E : Honorary Life Membership 2013



Ronnie K. Sloan was Finance Convenor on a committee formed to consider the viability of the first All Weather Courts in 1978, and following a high risk plan involving Grants, Member Bonds, Advance Subscriptions and a Generous Individual's Loan, the project was delivered. The co-ordinated efforts of **Joyce Campbell** and Club wide fund-raising participation were fundamental. This was the turning point for the Club as we know it today.

Ronnie has represented the club on the ESLTA Board 1982-1984, Honorary Club President 1985-1987, recipient of the Centenary President's Bowl in 2022, 4 times Club Champion in Singles and Doubles and for many years represented the Men's teams.

At the Club Centenary Celebrations, **Ronnie** was our "Superman Guest", and in 2011 loaned for clubhouse display "a framed T Shirt signed by the March 2011 AEGON GB Davis Cup Team and in 2014, donated to the club an "Oak Role of Honour Board for Past Champions and Presidents from the 1970s".

A. Kerr Petrie: Honorary Life Membership 2014

Kerr is the most popular, likeable, and helpful of members. He has served as Club President 2000-01 and importantly supported the club over many years on clubhouse and court maintenance tasks, always completed to a high standard. **Kerr** was a recipient of the Centenary President's Bowl in 2011.



Anne Davidson, Club President, read this poem to the AGM before presenting **Kerr** with Honorary Life membership in 2014.

Ye bonny courts of Lomond Park
Didn't have floodlights, they played in the dark,
The courts were all red and covered in blaze
Which got on your shoes, socks and claes,
And also, the number of members was low,
It was possible that Trinity tennis would go.

About 30 years ago the cavalry arrived,
Thanks to them Lomond Park tennis has survived,
They raised some money and borrowed a whack,
Heavy in debt there was no going back,
A new playing surface was eventually laid,
Floodlights were bought and foundations were made.

The club was now on a firm footing and one of these stalwarts,
although he worked harder than any, was not a true tennis man at heart
and preferred other sports until his children started playing the game.
Encouraged by them he grew to love tennis and has graced the courts
now for many years.

This person liked football and cycling for thrills,
He thought tennis was only for women and girls,

Till his children forced him to take up a racket,
To be beaten by his kids, he just couldn't hack it,
He took to the game and became a star
The captain of the Laggards said 'son you'll go far'.
He still plays a good game even though he's a vet,
And sometimes he even wins a set.
It's very commendable as I'm telling you this,
The knees that he has aren't even his!
His background in construction and his electrical and plumbing
expertise has been simply invaluable. He has always been generous with
his time to assist in so many ways at both the tennis and bowling clubs.

If the gutters won't drain and overflow
If the toilets are blocked and "things" won't go
If a window gets smashed and need reglazed
If rotting wood or planking needs replaced
If we need a good man for pulling a beer
His is the name we always will hear.

I now have the privilege and honour to announce Life Membership of
Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club to **Kerr Petrie**.

Dorothy Thom: Honorary Life Membership 2017



A past Club Champion, **Dorothy** joined the club as a junior, and currently has longer continuous membership than any other member. She is an extremely popular Club and team player. Off court, **Dorothy** attends all events, shows unwavering support, does a lot of work behind the scenes, quietly and effectively in an unassuming way, welcoming newcomers to the Club, and coordinating social tennis. A great Club ambassador. **Dorothy** was a recipient of the Centenary President's Bowl in 2013.

Club Management and Constitution in the Second Century

The expanded organization required a new management structure to meet membership expectations. The Constitution was amended in 2011 and 2015 to accommodate LTA governance guidance, resulting in the following Club management structure.

- ❖ Honorary President
- ❖ Honorary Vice President
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Men's Club Captain
- ❖ Ladies Club Captain
- ❖ Junior Convenor
- ❖ Up to 6 other Committee members

The Other Committee responsibilities included.

- ❖ Subscription Secretary
- ❖ Website Manager
- ❖ Social Convenor
- ❖ Club Coach

A part-time Administrator was employed to manage the Website, Coaching and Junior Teams. Through technology use, the Match Secretary role was redundant and since 2017 no figure head Men's Captain was elected, the team captains successfully self-managing the squads.

New 30 Year Lease Arrangements for Club

Historically, The Lomond Park Company Ltd, who owned the land, had let the Tennis Courts and Clubhouse through Trinity Recreation Club Limited, who in turn had sub-let the facility to the Tennis club. In 2017 it was decided for efficiency that the Tennis Club would enter a 30-year lease, directly with The Lomond Park Company Ltd. **Mike Polson, Gordon Kerr, Ian Harris and Kerr Petrie** secured the new arrangement for the Club. **Linton Horsfall** was involved in the dissolution of Trinity Recreation Club Ltd to complete the process.

Investment Shareholding in “The Lomond Park Co Ltd”

In 2018, following the dissolution of Trinity Recreation Club Ltd, the Tennis Club were granted an investment of 50 Ordinary Shares of £ 1 each in “The Lomond Park Co Ltd” out of a Total share issue of 6,050. Trinity Bowling Club were also granted 50 shares.



***Simon N. Goldsmith
Honorary President 2012-13
Honorary Treasurer 2002-03
Club Doubles Champion 2013***



***Mike B. Polson
Honorary President 2016-17***



***Godon J. Kerr
Honorary President 2018-19***



***Ian D. Harris
Honorary President 2020-21
Recipient of the Centenary
President’s Bowl 2015***

Lomond Laggards

The legendary “Lomond Laggards who play on a Saturday morning, provide camaraderie both “on” and “off” court and are a source of Men’s 4th and 5th team players. One must also mention the highly entertaining “Laggards Lectern Emails” written by **Ian Harris**, where no individuals reputation was safe in describing team performances or skill shortage. Over the years, these athletes have been managed by **Ian Harris, David Law, Mike Polson, Gordon Kerr** and **Andrew Anderson**.

The Tennis Club in the Community

The tennis Club plays an important role in the community, and has opened its courts at the time of the annual Trinity Gala held in August each year to allow community members and local primary schools to “try tennis” sessions. The Club holds Annual Charity events including a “Strawberry Tea” in aid of Breast Cancer Research and “The Sandy Macrae Charity Cup”.

Coronavirus Covid 19 Global Pandemic

Year 2020 will be remembered for the Coronavirus Covid 19 Global Pandemic. Government Restrictions to contain the spread of the respiratory virus resulted in no tennis being played from late March until the end of June. Restrictions then followed on play, involving player hand sanitization to reduce possible virus transfer. All Summer League Matches and the Club Championships were cancelled. A shortened form of inter club team tennis was organized in September, but with no teas afterwards.

During the Autumn easing of Covid19 restrictions, **Adrian Capaldi** organized box leagues within the Club for singles and doubles play, and these proved very popular. With many workers furloughed and working from home during the Pandemic, interest in tennis increased.

For the first time in the club’s history, the AGM was held with members using “Zoom” video conference calling to participate in the meeting.

Facilities and Court Resurfacing 2020

In 2015, under the guidance of **Ian Harris**, the practice wall area was refurbished with new carpet, overhead beam support, a relocated tractor shed and BBQ area. In a joint bowling club project in 2016, members were trained to use a newly installed life-saving “Heart Defibrillator”.

The Court Surface was renewed in 2020, the previous carpet laid in 2006 with the project led by President **Ian Harris; Alan Malcolm** (Club Administrator) & **Jamie Verhaere** (Club Coach). The contractor, Doe Sports (North) Ltd, addressed existing drainage issues, laid a new tarmac base on top of the original Elastisol Court Surface, providing five sand dressed artificial grass courts (DOE Mono Pro product), included new ground level kerb, new perimeter fencing and Net Posts. Court 1 was also moved slightly to the west to reduce the serve receiving player contact with the hedge from wide placed serves. The result was five excellent well drained courts. The project cost £ 121,000, the largest investment ever made by the Club in its 113-year history, funded from carefully accumulated reserves. The Club successfully applied for an £18,000 Grant from Viridor Waste, who recycled the old court carpet. Coincidentally, the Club received a very welcome £ 25,000 Government Covid Resilience Grant to address the financial impact of Covid on the Club. Additionally, The Lomond Park Company arranged for a drain to be inserted in the park across the breadth of courts 4 and 5 to deal with park surface rainwater.



In 2023, Energy efficient LED floodlight bulbs costing £ 18,950 were installed on all courts and following a routine property inspection a major repair to the 100- year-old clubhouse roof cost £ 33,880.



New Court Surface 2020



Tennis under the LED Energy Efficient Floodlights 2023

Lomond Park Tennis Courts Aerial View 2023



Junior Section and Coaching

The Club provides professional coaching to groups and individuals including holiday tennis camps, welcoming children from the community who are not members. Links have been established with local schools, George Heriots using the courts for practice sessions and free tennis taster sessions established at Wardie Primary, Trinity Academy and Victoria Primary Schools. Of special note, **Scott Malcolm**, progressed to the regional stages of the LTA sponsored “Road to Wimbledon 2020”.



Juniors enjoy a coaching session with Jamie Verhaere -Coach- All Set Tennis

Junior Championship outstanding performances: 2008-2023

Girls Singles under 18

- **Alison Hardie** 3 titles 2011-14
- **Hannah Law** 3 titles 2021-23

Boys Doubles under 18

- **David November** 3 titles 2008-10

Boys Singles under 14

- **Rory Hardie** 3 titles 2011-13

Girls Singles under 14

- **Catriona Sutton** 3 titles 2013-15

Obituaries

During the period 2007-2023, long standing members passed away, they loved the Club, and had worked tirelessly to build the facility that we enjoy today. They contributed many voluntary hours leading the club through one of the most challenging periods in the Club's history in the late 1970s and 1980s. We owe a debt of gratitude to them all and their contribution is more fully detailed elsewhere in this book.

Joyce Campbell (2011), **Angela Buchanan** (2014), **Cynthia Bull** (2016), **Michael Pentland** (2017), **Sinclair Campbell** (2018), **Jean Smith**, **Ros Trail** (2021).



Angela Buchanan

In 2015, the family of **Angela Buchanan** donated a bench to the club in her memory and the club supplied a matching bench for members.

Trinity Bowling Club



Trinity Bowling Club -150th Centenary lapel badge

For the past century, through Trinity Recreation Club Limited, the tennis and bowling Clubs have worked side by side, and it is interesting that only in recent times have leading members of Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club also held office or been recognized as a Club Champion in Trinity Bowling Club:

Kerr Petrie, tennis club Honorary President in 2000-01, tennis club Honorary Life member 2017, bowling club Singles Champion in 1991 and bowling club Honorary President 1995 and Honorary Life member.

Sinclair Campbell, tennis club Honorary President 1988-1990, three-times tennis club Men's Doubles Champion partnering John Brindle, bowling club Honorary President in 2006, bowling club Singles Champion in 2000, 2004 & 2006.

Ken Campbell, tennis club Honorary Treasurer 1987-1989, bowling club Honorary President in 2007.

Alan Hogg, tennis club Men's Doubles Champion, bowling club Honorary President 2009 and Honorary Life Member

Wendy Petrie, tennis club three times Mixed Doubles Champion, bowling club Ladies Honorary President 2012.

John Brindle, tennis club Honorary President 1982-1983, three times tennis Men's Doubles Champion partnering Sinclair Campbell, bowling club Honorary President 2013, Director of Lomond Park Company Limited (1993-2017)

Trish Brindle, tennis club four times Ladies Doubles Champion, President of E.S.L.T.A. 1999-2001, bowling club Ladies Honorary President 2016.

Angela Horsfall, tennis club first lady Honorary President 1997-1999, tennis club three times Ladies Doubles Champion, bowling club Ladies Honorary President 2017.

Dorothy Thom, tennis club Singles and Doubles Champion, tennis club Honorary Life Member 2014, bowling club Honorary Ladies President 2019.

Linton Horsfall, tennis club Honorary Treasurer 1984-1986, bowling club Honorary Secretary 2018-2020 and Honorary President 2020.

Donald Allan, tennis club Honorary President 1991-1992, tennis club Men's Singles and Men's Doubles Champion, bowling club Honorary President 2021

Margo Croan, the second Lady tennis club and Centenary Honorary President 2006-2007, tennis club Champion Mixed Doubles, bowling club Ladies President in 2018, bowling club Ladies Singles Champion 2021.

Chapter 9

Honorary Life Memberships and Principal Office Bearers

Honorary Life Membership of the Club

(For outstanding and exceptional service)



Year	Honorary Life Member
2017	Dorothy Thom
2014	A.Kerr Petrie
2013	Ronnie K. Sloan M.B.E.
2012	Judith A. Law
2007	Clive D. Garlick
2005	Michael D.Pentland
1958	(Bill) W.F.G.Lord
1955	Steve L. Robertson
1952	A.J.Lindsay
1946	Alex F.Currie
1932	James McDonald
1929	H.Hamilton Beattie
1926	David S. Crawford

A description of the contribution made by each Honorary Life Member is detailed elsewhere in the Club History

Centenary Presidents Bowl

Presented by Centenary President Miss Margo Croan in 2007

Bowl to be Presented at AGM for exceptional Club service



Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
2022	Ronnie K. Sloan	2014	Alan Malcolm
2021	Bernadette Capaldi	2013	Dorothy Thom
2020	Adrian Capaldi	2012	Kathryn Hardie
2019	Scott Malcolm	2011	A.Kerr Petrie
2018	Susan Gillingham	2010	Tricia Brindle
2017	Kathryn Hardie	2009	Sarah Mathews
2016	Leslie Watson	2008	Adrian Capaldi
2015	Ian Harris	2007	Judith Law

Principal Office Bearers and Role of Honour (1985-2024)						
Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
2024	L.Mooney	A. Robertson	L.Lineen	-	K.Wilson	-
2023	P.J.Johnston	A. Robertson	L.Lineen	-	K.Wilson	-
2022	P.J.Johnston	L.C.Ewing	L.Lineen	-	K.Wilson	-
2021	I.D.Harris	L.C.Ewing	A.Anderson	-	B.Capaldi	-
2020	I.D.Harris	L.C.Ewing	A.Anderson	-	B.Capaldi	-
2019	G.J.Kerr	L.C.Ewing	A.Anderson	-	B.Capaldi	-
2018	G.J.Kerr	L.C.Ewing	A.Anderson	-	B.Capaldi	-
2017	M.B.Polson	S.Gillingham	D.A.Ramsey	-	K.Hardie	-
2016	M.B.Polson	S.Gillingham	D.A.Ramsey	M.Monaghan	K.Hardie	-
2015	A.M.Davidson	S.Gillingham	D.A.Ramsey	M.Monaghan	K.Hardie	-
2014	A.M.Davidson	E.Walpole	D.A.Ramsey	M.Monaghan	G.Kinmond	-
2013	S.N.Goldsmith	E.Walpole	D.A.Ramsay	R.Arnett	G.Kinmond	-
2012	S.N.Goldsmith	K.Hardie	D.A.Ramsey	R.Arnett	G.Kinmond	-
2011	J.A.Law	K.Hardie	D.A.Ramsey	R.Arnett	G.Kinmond	-
2010	J.A.Law	K.Hardie	D.A.Ramsey	J.Brindle	J.Edwards	-
2009	R.J.R.Adams	S.Mathews	D.R.McFadzean	D.McCaul	J.Edwards	-
2008	R.J.R.Adams	S.Mathews	D.R.McFadzean	D.McCaul	J.Edwards	-
2007	M.S.J.Croan	S.Mathews	D.R.McFadzean	G.Milne	J.A.Law	-
2006	M.S.J.Croan	S.Mathews	R.M.H.Horsfall	C.C.R.Robertson	J.A.Law	-
				G. Milne		-
2005	C.D. Garlick	C. Macrae	R.M.H.Horsfall	H.P.McGregor	J.A.Law	I.Campbell
2004	C.D. Garlick	C. Macrae	R.M.H.Horsfall	H.P.McGregor	M.Main	I.Campbell
2003	A.Capaldi	C. Macrae	S.N.Goldsmith	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	L. Brindle
2002	A.Capaldi	W.Aspin	S.N.Goldsmith	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	L. Brindle
2001	A.K. Petrie	W.Aspin	F.C. MacEachern	C.C.R.Robertson	B.Capaldi	L. Brindle
2000	A.K. Petrie	S. Allan	F.C. MacEachern	J. Petrie	M.Dobbie	W. Aspin
1999	A.M.Horsfall	S. Allan	A.Anderson	C.C.R.Robertson	M.Dobbie	W. Petrie
1998	A.M.Horsfall	S. Allan	A.Anderson	C.C.R.Robertson	M.Dobbie	L. McConnell
1997	A.M.Horsfall	M.S.J.Croan	A.Anderson	H.P.McGregor	M.Dobbie	L. McConnell
1996	F.N.F. Dall	M.S.J.Croan	F.C. MacEachern	H.P.McGregor	D.Randall	J. Askins
1995	F.N.F. Dall	S. Hunter	J.M. Small	J. Brindle	D.Randall	J. Askins
1994	F.N.F. Dall	S. Hunter	J.M. Small	J. Brindle	A.M.Horsfall	L. Lawson
1993	Dr. D.J.M. Allan	S. Hunter	J.M. Small	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	L. Lawson
1992	Dr. D.J.M. Allan	S. Hunter	C.D.Garlick	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	L. Lawson
1991	Dr. D.J.M. Allan	J.Smith	C.D.Garlick	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	I. Brown
1990	S.C.Campbell	J.Smith	C.D.Garlick	Dr. D.J.M. Allan	P.E.Brindle	I. Brown
1989	S.C.Campbell	J.Smith	K. Campbell	Dr. D.J.M. Allan	P.E.Brindle	I. Brown
1988	S.C.Campbell	W. Petrie	K. Campbell	F.N.F. Dall	M.Paton	Dr.D.J.M. Allan
1987	R.K.Sloan M.B.E.	W. Petrie	K. Campbell	F.N.F. Dall	D.Randall	Dr.D.J.M. Allan
1986	R.K.Sloan M.B.E.	W. Petrie	D.J.L.Horsfall	F.N.F. Dall	A.Mitchell	Dr.D.J.M. Allan
1985	R.K.Sloan M.B.E.	S Anderson	D.J.L.Horsfall	S.C.Campbell	A.Mitchell	A. Hart

Principal Office Bearers and Role of Honour (1946-1984)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
1984	J.A.Brindle	S. Anderson	D.J.L.Horsfall	F.N.F. Dall	A.Mitchell	D. Randall
1983	J.A.Brindle	S. Anderson	I. Brown	I.Henderson	A.M.Horsfall	D. Randall
1982	J.A.Brindle	S. Sloan	I. Brown	I.Henderson	A.M.Horsfall	D. Randall
1981	M.D.Pentland	S. Sloan	I. Brown	S.C.Campbell	F.A.Adair	P.E.Brindle
1980	M.D.Pentland	S. Sloan	C.M.A. Bull	G.M.Chalmers	F.A.Adair	P.E.Brindle
1979	M.D.Pentland	S.L.Brown	C.M.A. Bull			P.E.Brindle
1978	M.D.Pentland	S.L. Brown	C.M.A. Bull			
1977	M.D.Pentland	H.Penrose	C.M.A. Bull			
1976	W.F.G.Lord	H.Penrose	C.M.A. Bull			G.M.Chalmers
1975	W.F.G.Lord	H.Penrose	C.M.A. Bull	D.A.Reid		G.M.Chalmers
1974	W.F.G.Lord	F.Scott	C.M.A. Bull			G.M.Chalmers
1973	T.L.Burns	F.Scott	C.M.A. Bull	G.M.Chalmers	D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers
1972	T.L.Burns	F.Scott	C.M.A. Bull	S.Millar	D.Liddel	S.Miller
1971	D.A.Seale	L.Simmons	P.Walker	G.M.Chalmers	D.Liddel	D.A.Seale
1970	D.A.Seale	P.Walker	D.A.Seale			D.A.Seale
1969	D.A.Seale	N.M.Leitch	P.Walker			D.A.Seale
1968	J.M.Miller	D.Blackie	P.Walker			D.A.Seale
1967	J.M.Miller	D.Smith	P.Walker			I.W.Forbes
1966	R.L.Searle	F.J.Walker	R.Moore			J.M.Miller
1965	R.L.Searle	F.J.Walker	I.W.Forbes			J.M.Miller
1964	R.L.Searle	F.J.Walker	I.W.Forbes			J.M.Miller
1963	R.L.Searle	F.J.Walker	I.W.Forbes			J.M.Miller
1962	R.L.Searle	F.J.Walker	M.G. Petrie			I.W.Forbes
1961	R.L.Searle	F.J.Walker	M.G. Petrie			C.D.J.Tait
1960	T.L.Burns	J.D.Forbes	M.G. Petrie			J.McKenzie
1959	T.L.Burns	J.D.Forbes	A.R.Stewart			J.McKenzie
1958	J.J.Stewart	T.L.Burns	F. McCleod			J.Topping
1957	J.J.Stewart	T.L.Burns	I.W.Forbes			W.J.C.Reed
1954	G.K.More	R.Nicholson	I.W.Forbes			D.A.Seale
1955	W.F.G.Lord	R.Nicholson	J.W.Holroyd			G.F.Allan
1954	W.F.G.Lord	J.Cumming	G.K.More			G.F.Allan
1953	W.F.G.Lord	J.Cumming	G.K.More			G.F.Allan
1952	A.C. Wheeler	L.W.Graham	G.K.More	W.F.G.Lord		J.Holroyd
1951	A.C. Wheeler	M.Walker	G.K.More			J.Holroyd
1950	A.J.Lindsay	J.W.Holroyd	G.K.More			J.M.Reid
1949	A.J.Lindsay	J.W.Holroyd	R.Kilgour	J.Philip		J.J.Stewart
1948	S.L.Robertson	J.W.Holroyd	R.Kilgour			J.J.Stewart
1947	A.K.Allan	J.Gray	R.Kilgour			J.J.Stewart
1946	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			J.J.Stewart

Principal Office Bearers and Role of Honour (1907-1945)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
1945	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay	World War 2		
1944	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay	World War 2		
1943	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay	World War 2		
1942	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay	World War 2		
1941	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay	World War 2		A.C.Wheeler
1940	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay	World War 2		A.C.Wheeler
1939	R.M.Pentland	A.J.Lindsay	W.F.G.Lord	World War 2		A.C.Wheeler
1938	R.M.Pentland	A.J.Lindsay	W.F.G.Lord			A.E. Bromfield
1937	R.M.Pentland	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			D.Crawford
1936	R.Meldrum	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			D.Crawford
1935	R.Meldrum	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			D.Crawford
1934	A.F.Currie	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			D.Crawford
1933	A.F.Currie	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			G.Band
1932	A.F.Currie	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			G.Band
1931	A.F.Currie	A.J.Lindsay	A.K.Allan			W. McNaughtan
1930	A.F.Currie	H.Howie	A.K.Allan			W. McNaughtan
1929	D.L. Sturrock	J.McDonald	A.K.Allan			P.Galloway
1928	H.H.Beattie	J.McDonald	S.L.Robertson			P.Galloway
1927	H.H.Beattie	J.McDonald	S.L.Robertson			P.Galloway
1926	H.H.Beattie	J.McDonald	R.A.Morrison			E.R.Butcher
1925	D.S.Crawford	J.McDonald	R.A.Morrison			E.R. Butcher
1924	D.S.Crawford					
1923	D.S.Crawford					
1922	D.S.Crawford					
1921	D.S.Crawford					
1920	D.S.Crawford					
1919	D.S.Crawford					
1918	D.S.Crawford			World War 1		
1917	D.S.Crawford			World War 1		
1916	D.S.Crawford			World War 1		
1915	D.S.Crawford			World War 1		
1914	D.S.Crawford					
1913	D.S.Crawford					
1912	D.S.Crawford					
1911	D.S.Crawford					
1910	D.S.Crawford					
1909	Dr. G Kerr					
1908	Dr. G Kerr					
1907	Dr. G Kerr					

**Club Members Serving on East of Scotland Tennis
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Scottish Lawn Tennis Association (S.L.T.A)
now Tennis Scotland)**

Year	Name	Role on Committee
2022-	Sean R.P.Lineen	Non Exec Director Tennis Scotland
2014-2018	Keir Mitchelmore	E.S.L.T.A
2007-2011	Judith A. Law	E.S.L.T.A
2005-2007	Ros G.G.Trail	E.S.L.T.A
1999-2001	Patricia E. Brindle	Honorary President E.S.L.T.A
1992-2006	Patricia E. Brindle	Tennis Scotland Board and SLTA Councillor
1996-1997	David Fraser	E.S.L.T.A
1995-1997	Alison Fraser	Junior Secretary E.S.L.T.A.
1987-1990	Angela M. Horsfall	E.S.L.T.A
1982-1984	Ronnie K.Sloan	E.S.L.T.A
1957-1958	D.Craigie Pringle	Honorary President E.S.L.T.A
1949-1960	George S.P Bain	S.L.T.A Honorary Secretary / Treasurer
1950-1959	George S.P Bain	S.L.T.A Representative on Council of L.T.A
1971-1996	George S.P Bain	S.L.T.A Honorary Vice President
1951-1955	A.C. Wheeler	Honorary Treasurer E.S.L.T.A
1925-1926	Alex F.Currie	Honorary President E.S.L.T.A
1926	Alex F.Currie	E.S.L.T.A. Representative to the S.L.T.A
1920	Alex F.Currie	E.S.L.T.A. Representative to the S.L.T.A



***Ros G.G.Trail**
E.S.L.T.A Board Member 2005-07*

Chapter 10

Senior Club Championships

Gentleman's Singles Championship Cup

Presented By David S. Crawford President 1912

Year	Men's Champion	Year	Men's Champion	Year	Men's Champion
2023	J.Akhurst	1988	H.P. McGregor	1952	A.E.Bromfield
2022	D.Reid	1987	Dr. D.J.M. Allan	1951	A.E.Bromfield
2021	D.Tait	1986	A.P.J. Randall	1950	A.E.Bromfield
2020	Covid	1985	F.N.F.Dall	1949	J.M. Reid
2019	G.Bregoli	1984	I.G.Henderson	1948	D.C. Pringle
2018	G.Bregoli	1983	R.F. Willie	1947	D.C.Pringle
2017	J. Verhaere	1982	R.F. Willie	1946	G.E.Russell
2016	M.Fairburn	1981	I.G. Henderson	1945-40	World War 11
2015	C.Coyle	1980	R.K.Sloan	1939	A.E.Bromfield
2014	J.Paarlberg	1979	I.G. Henderson	1938	D.C.Pringle
2013	M.Monaghan	1978	G.M. Chalmers	1937	C.F.Robertson
2012	M.Monaghan	1977	R.K. Sloan	1936	G.S.P.Bain
2011	H.P.McGregor	1976	R.K. Sloan	1935	A.J.Cook
2010	J.M.A.Guy	1975	D.A. Reid	1934	C.F. Robertson
2009	H.P.McGregor	1974	G.M. Chalmers	1933	C.F.Robertson
2008	H.P.McGregor	1973	C.R.Milne	1932	A.K. Allan
2007	H.P.McGregor	1972	M.Allan	1931	A.F.Currie
2006	H.P.McGregor	1971	S.Miller	1930	A.F.Currie
2005	A.J.Petrie	1970	N. Templeman	1929	S.W.B. Herald
2004	M. Hendry	1969		1928	A.K.Allan
2003	M. Hendry	1968	D.A.Seale	1927	E.R. Butcher
2002	H.P. McGregor	1967	S.S. Fullerton	1926	E.R. Butcher
2001	H.P. McGregor	1966	S.S. Fullerton	1925	E.R. Butcher
2000	H.P. McGregor	1965	R.L. Searle	1924	E.R. Butcher
1999	A.J. Petrie	1964	R.L. Searle	1923	E.R. Butcher
1998	H.P.McGregor	1963	R.M. Scobie	1922	J. MacDonald
1997	H.P.McGregor	1962	R.M. Scobie	1921	W.A.Davidson
1996	H.P. McGregor	1961	W.J.C. Reed	1920	E.R.Butcher
1995	J.M.A.Guy	1960	I.W.McKenzie	1919	E.R.Butcher
1994	H.P.McGregor	1959	I.W.McKenzie	1918-15	World War 1
1993	H.P.McGregor	1958	S.M. Taylor	1914	Dr. H.S.Davidson
1992	A.J. Petrie	1957	G.K.More	1913	Dr. A.S. Walker
1991	H.P.McGregor	1956	G.K.More	1912	J.A.S.Laing
1990	H.P.McGregor	1955	G.F.Allan	1911	Dr. A.S.Walker
1989	J.L. Lawson	1954	G.E. Russell	1910	D.S. Crawford
		1953	G.F.Allan	1909	D.S. Crawford

Ladies Singles Championship Cup

Presented by Members of the Men's 1 and 11 Teams of 1921

Year	Ladies Champion	Year	Ladies Champion	Year	Ladies Champion
2023	Mrs C.Kershaw	1991	Miss J.Edwards	1958	Miss M. Horne
2022	Mrs H.Balloch	1990	Miss J.Edwards	1957	Miss D.H. McNeill
2021	Mrs H.Balloch	1989	Miss J.Edwards	1956	Mrs I.M. Seale
2020	Covid	1988	Miss M.Paton	1955	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2019	Mrs H.Balloch	1987	Miss M.Paton	1954	Miss J.W. Morton
2018	Miss J.Edwards	1986	Mrs A.Mitchell	1953	Miss M.H.K. Allan
2017	Miss J.Edwards	1985	Miss M.Paton	1952	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2016	Miss J.Edwards	1984	Miss M.Paton	1951	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2015	Miss J.Edwards	1983	Miss M.Paton	1950	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2014	Miss J.Edwards	1982	Miss A.Mitchell	1949	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2013	Miss J.Edwards	1981	Miss M.Paton	1948	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2012	Miss J.Edwards	1980	Miss M.Paton	1947	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2011	Miss J.Edwards	1979	Miss M.Paton	1946	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2010	Miss J.Edwards	1978	Mrs D.Liddel	1945-40	World War 11
2009	Miss J.Edwards	1977	Miss M.Paton	1939	Miss M.K.H.Allan
2008	Miss J.Edwards	1976	Miss F.A. Adair	1938	Miss M.H.K.Allan
2007	Miss M.Main	1975	Mrs I. Nairn	1937	Miss E.B. Allan
2006	Miss M.Main	1974	Mrs D. Liddel	1936	Miss E.B. Allan
2005	Miss M.Main	1973	Mrs D. Liddel	1935	Mrs E.L. Shaw
2004	Miss M.Main	1972	Mrs D. Liddel	1934	Miss E.B. Allan
2003	Miss M.Main	1971	Miss D.A.Thom	1933	Miss E.B. Allan
2002	Mrs M. Dobbie	1970	Mrs J. Bruce	1932	Miss E.B. Allan
2001	Miss M.Main	1969		1931	Miss E.B. Allan
2000	Mrs M. Dobbie	1968	Miss B.J.Searle	1930	Miss E.B. Allan
1999	Mrs M. Dobbie	1967	Miss J. Langlands	1929	Miss K.E. Little
1998	Mrs M. Dobbie	1966	Miss C.M. Allan	1928	Miss E.B. Allan
1997	Mrs M. Dobbie	1965	Miss M.M.Robertson	1927	Miss E.B. Allan
1996	Mrs M.Valentine	1964	Miss C.M. Allan	1926	Miss K.E. Little
1995	Miss J. Edwards	1963	Miss C.M. Allan	1925	Miss E.B. Allan
1994	Mrs B. Capaldi	1962	Miss D.E. MacDonald	1924	Miss K.E. Little
1993	Miss J.Edwards	1961	Miss D.E. MacDonald	1923	Miss K.E. Little
1992	Miss J.Edwards	1960	Miss M. Horne	1922	Miss K.E. Little
		1959	Miss M. Horne	1921	Miss K.E. Little

Gentlemen's Doubles Championship

Presented by R.N. Pentland (President 1937)

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	E.Ward	D.Reid	1974	D.Anderson	D.A.Reid
2022	E.Ward	D.Reid	1974	J.Nairn	C.R.Milne
2021	E.Ward	D.Reid	1973	J.Nairn	C.R.Milne
2020	Covid	Covid	1972	G.Nisbet	A.J. Hogg
2019	R.Hunter	S.Malcolm	1971	J.P.Reid	D.A.Reid
2018	G.Bregoli	D.Reid	1970	D.A.Seale	N.Templeman
2017	J.Verhaere	J.Hardie	1969	-	-
2016	M.Fairbairn	R.Hunter	1968	-	-
2015	M.Monaghan	C.Coyle	1967	D.A Seale	R. MacNamee
2014	M.Monaghan	J.Paarlberg	1966	D.Drever	R. MacNamee
2013	M.Monaghan	I.Campbell	1965	D.A.Seale	D.Drever
2012	M.Monaghan	I.Campbell	1964	D.A.Seale	R.MacNamee
2011	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1963	I.W.Forbes	R.L.Searle
2010	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1962	I.W.Forbes	R.L.Searle
2009	D.McCaul	A.Thomson	1961	I.W.Forbes	R.L.Searle
2008	H.P. McGregor	J.Brindle	1960	I.W.McKenzie	W.J.C Reed
2007	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1959	I.W.McKenzie	W.J.C Reed
2006	H.P.McGregor	P.Bremner	1958	F.C.McLeod	W.F.G.Lord
2005	A.J.Petrie	C.C.R.Robertson	1957	G.K.More	R.L.Searle
2004	D.McCaul	J.Brindle	1956	G.K.More	R.L.Searle
2003	H.P. McGregor	C.A. Hembury	1955	G.K.More	G.F.Allan
2002	H.P. McGregor	C.A. Hembury	1954	G.K.More	G.E.Russell
2001	A.J.Petrie	G.J.Cowie	1953	G.K.More	W.F.G.Lord
2000	H.P. McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1952	G.K.More	A.E.Bromfield
1999	H.P. McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1951	G.K.More	G.E.Russell
1998	A.J.Petrie	C.C.R. Robertson	1950	J.M.Reid	A.E. Bromfield
1997	H.P.McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1949	J.M.Reid	A.E. Bromfield
1996	H.P.McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1948	J.S.Pringle	A.K. Allan
1995	J.M.A.Guy	J.Brindle	1947	J.S.Pringle	A.K. Allan
1994	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1946	M.Walker	G.E.Russell
1993	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1945-40	World	War 11
1992	F.N.F.Dall	Dr. D.J.M.Allan	1939	R.C.Morton	C.R.P.Gutteridge
1991	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1938	G.S.P.Bain	C.R.P.Gutteridge
1990	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1937	D.J.Pringle	A.E.Bromfield
1989	I.G. Henderson	Dr. D.J.M.Allan	1936	-	-
1988	J.A. Brindle	S.C. Campbell	1935	-	-
1987	I.G. Henderson	Dr. D.J.M.Allan	1934	-	-
1986	I.G. Henderson	Dr. D.J.M.Allan	1933	-	-
1985	A.P.J. Randall	C.C.R. Roberston	1932	A.F. Currie	A.L. Blyth
1984	I.G.Henderson	J.McPherson	1931	M.S.Stewart	W.D.McNaughton
1983	I.G.Henderson	R.F.Willie	1930	M.S.Stewart	A.K.Allan
1982	I.G.Henderson	R.F.Willie	1929	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1981	I.G.Henderson	G.M.Chalmers	1928	R.N.Pentland	A.K.Allan
1980	J.A.Brindle	S.C. Campbell	1927	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1979	I.G.Henderson	G.M.Chalmers	1926	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1978	J.A. Brindle	S.C. Campbell	1925	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1977	D.Anderson	G.M.Chalmers	1924	E.R. Butcher	P.Galloway
1976	D.Anderson	G.M.Chalmers	1923	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
			1922	E.R. Butcher	W.Shepherd

Ladies Doubles Championship

Presented by J Mackie Croall in 1927 “The Croall Cup”

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	Mrs H.Balloch	C.Kershaw	1976	Mrs C.M.S. Bull	Mrs D.Liddel
2022	Mrs H.Balloch	V.Webber	1975	Mrs F.A. Adair	Mrs C Lees
2021	Mrs H.Balloch	H.Young	1974	Mrs M. Coulthart	Mrs D Liddel
2020	Covid	Covid	1973	Miss F.A.Lesslie	Miss C.McMichael
2019	Mrs A.M. Davidson	Mrs J.A.Law	1972	Mrs J.Bruce	Mrs D.Liddel
2018	Mrs B.Capaldi	H.Milne	1971	Miss B.J.Searle	Mrs D.Liddel
2017	Miss J.Edwards	H.Milne	1970	Miss B.J.Searle	Mrs D.Liddel
2016	Mrs P.J.Johnston	L.MacCallum	1969	-	-
2015	Mrs B.Capaldi	H.Milne	1968	Miss R.A.Currie	Mrs I.M.Seale
2014	Mrs P.J.Johnston	A.Robertson	1967	-	-
2013	Miss J.Edwards	Miss A.Stewart	1966	C.M. Allan	Miss M. Robertson
2012	Mrs W.Lawrence	A.Robertson	1965	R.Guthrie	Mrs I.M.Seale
2011	Miss J.Edwards	Miss A.Stewart	1964	C.M.Allan	F.J. Walker
2010	Miss G.Kinmond	Mrs W.Petrie	1963	E.Christie	Mrs I.M.Seale
2009	Miss J.Edwards	Miss M.Main	1962	E.Christie	D.E.A.McDonald
2008	Miss J.Edwards	Miss M.Main	1961	M.Horne	E.R.Brown
2007	Miss J.Edwards	Miss M.Main	1960	M.Horne	E.R.Brown
2006	Miss J.Edwards	Miss M.Main	1959	L.D.Lawson	E.R.Levy
2005	Mrs B. Capaldi	Mrs J.B.McCauley	1958	M.Horne	E.R.Brown
2004	Mrs C. Macrae	Mrs J. A. Law	1957	M.Horne	E.R.Brown
2003	Miss N.Crosthwaite	Miss M.Main	1956	Miss M.H.K.Allan	Mrs I.M.Seale
2002	Mrs M.Dobbie	Mrs M.Valentine	1955	Miss M.H.K.Allan	Mrs I.M.Seale
2001	Mrs B. Capaldi	Miss B. Quigley	1954	Miss M.H.K.Allan	Mrs I.M.Seale
2000	Mrs M.Dobbie	Mrs M.Valentine	1953	Miss M.H.K.Allan	Mrs I.M.Seale
1999	Mrs M.Dobbie	Mrs M.Valentine	1952	H.F.Newlands	M.Shearer
1998	Mrs M. Dobbie	Mrs A.M. Horsfall	1951	Miss M.H.K.Allan	D.I.Robinson
1997	Mrs M. Dobbie	Mrs M.Valentine	1950	Miss M.H.K.Allan	D.I.Robinson
1996	Mrs M. Dobbie	Mrs M.Valentine	1949	Miss M.H.K.Allan	D.I.Robinson
1995	Mrs B.Capaldi	Mrs A.M.Horsfall	1948	Miss M.H.K.Allan	M.A.I.Lesslie
1994	Mrs B.Capaldi	Mrs A.M.Horsfall	1947	Miss M.H.K.Allan	M.A.I.Lesslie
1993	Miss J.Edwards	Mrs M.Valentine	1946	Miss M.H.K.Allan	M.A.I.Lesslie
1992	Miss J.Edwards	Mrs M.Valentine	1945-40	World	War 11
1991	Miss J.Edwards	Miss C.Burn	1939	Miss E.B.Allan	Mrs E.L.Shaw
1990	Mrs B.Capaldi	Miss J.B.Lawson	1938	Miss M.H.K.Allan	E.K.Letts
1989	Mrs P. Brindle	Mrs P.Morse	1937	Miss E.B.Allan	Mrs E.L.Shaw
1988	Mrs P. Brindle	Mrs P.Morse	1936	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1987	Mrs P. Brindle	Mrs P.Morse	1935	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1986	Mrs P. Brindle	Mrs P.Morse	1934	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1985	Mrs F.A.Ramage	Miss M.Paton	1933	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1984	Mrs F.A.Ramage	Miss M.Paton	1932	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1983	Mrs D. Randall	Mrs. A. Mitchell	1931	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1982	Mrs D. Randall	Mrs. A. Mitchell	1930	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1981	Mrs F.A. Adair	Miss M.Paton	1929	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1980	Mrs F.A. Adair	Miss M.Paton	1928	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1979	Mrs F.A. Adair	Miss M.Paton	1927	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1978	Mrs F.A. Adair	Miss M.Paton	1926	Miss E.B.Allan	Miss A.C.Ross
1977	Mrs C.M.S. Bull	Mrs D.Liddel	1925	Miss K.E.Little	Miss E.E.Little
			1924	Miss K.E.Little	Miss E.E.Little

Mixed Doubles Championship Cup

Presented by Mrs. George Bain in 1937

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	Mrs B. Capaldi	P. Mullery	1974	Mrs D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers
2022	-	-	1973	Mrs D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers
2021	A. Robertson	R.Hardie	1972	Mrs D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers
2020	Covid	Covid	1971	Mrs D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers
2019	Mrs B.Capaldi	P. Mullery	1970	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2018	Mrs L.Lineen	S.R.P.Lineen	1969	-	-
2017	A. Hardie	R.Hardie	1968	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2016	L. MacCallum	M.Fairburn	1967	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2015	A.Hardie	R.Hardie	1966	Miss.F.K.Scott	R.MacNamee
2014	Miss J.Edwards	D.A.Ramsey	1965	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2013	Miss A.Stewart	S.N.Goldsmith	1964	Mrs.E.Christie	D.A.Seale
2012	Miss J.Edwards	D.A.Ramsey	1963	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2011	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1962	Mrs N.Searle	R.L. Searle
2010	Mrs J.A. Law	P.Law	1961	Miss M.Horne	R.M. Hourston
2009	Miss J.Edwards	H.P. McGregor	1960	Miss M.Horne	R.M. Hourston
2008	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1959	Miss R.Levy	J.R.Stewart
2007	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1958	Miss M.Horne	R.M.R. Stewart
2006	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1957	Miss D.H. McNeill	W.F.G.Lord
2005	Mrs J.B.McCauley	J. McCauley	1956	J.D.Whiteman	R.M.R.Stewart
2004	Mrs C. Macrae	A. Macrae	1955	Miss C.D Dawson	G.F.Allan
2003	Miss N.Crosthwaite	H.P.McGregor	1954	Miss M.K.H Allan	W.F.G.Lord
2002	Miss N.Crosthwaite	H.P.McGregor	1953	Miss J.W.Morton	G.K.More
2001	Mrs L.A.Brindle	J.Brindle	1952	Miss D.I.Robinson	A.E.Bromfield
2000	Mrs W.Petrie	A.J.Petrie	1951	Mrs A.K.Allan	A.K.Allan
1999	Mrs W.Petrie	A.J.Petrie	1950	Miss M.K.H Allan	J.M.Reid
1998	Mrs W.Petrie	A.J.Petrie	1949	Mrs A.K.Allan	A.K.Allan
1997	Miss Z. Cullen	C. Chisholm	1948	Mrs G.F.Newlands	D.C.Pringle
1996	Miss A.McIntyre	H.P.McGregor	1947	Mrs.E.L.Scott	J.M.Reid
1995	Miss J.Edwards	H.P. McGegor	1946	Miss M.K.H.Allan	W.F.G.Lord
1994	Mrs B. Capaldi	F.N.F.Dall	1945-40	World	War 11
1993	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1939	Miss E.B.Allan	A.K.Allan
1992	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1938	Mrs A.J.Lindsay	C.R.P.Gutteridge
1991	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1937	Mrs Cowan	Dr W.G.Cowan
1990	Miss J.Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1936	Miss E.B.Allan	F.D.M.Williams
1989	Miss J.B.Lawson	J.L.Lawson	1935	Miss M.K.H Allan	A.K.Allan
1988	Miss J.B.Lawson	J.L.Lawson	1934	Miss E.B. Allan	F.D.M.Williams
1987	Miss M.Paton	I.G.Henderson	1933	Miss M.K.H.Allan	A.K.Allan
1986	Miss M.Paton	I.G.Henderson	1930	Miss M.K.H.Allan	A.K.Allan
1985	Miss M.Paton	I.G.Henderson	1929	Miss K.E.Little	A.F.Currie
1982	Mrs A.Mitchell	I.G.Henderson	1928	Miss K.E.Little	A.F.Currie
1981	Mrs A.Mitchell	I.G.Henderson	1927	Miss C.H. Bucher	E.R.Butcher
1980	Miss M.S.J.Croan	M.Flynn	1926	Mrs H.Butcher	E.R.Butcher
1979	Miss M.Paton	C.D.Garlick	1925	Mrs H.Butcher	E.R.Butcher
1978	Mrs D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers	1924	Mrs H.Butcher	E.R.Butcher
1977	Miss M.Paton	D.Fairbairn	1923	Mrs H.Butcher	E.R.Butcher
1976	Miss D.A.Thom	R.K.Sloan	1922	Miss K.E.Little	A.F.Currie
1975	Mrs D.Liddel	G.M.Chalmers	1921	Miss E.E.Little	W.A.Davidson

o Club Medals awarded before 1937 when trophy was donated

Most Successful Players in Senior Championships 1909 -2023

Champion	Singles Titles	Doubles Titles	Mixed Titles	Total Titles	Period No of Yrs	Timeframe
Hamish P. McGregor	16	15	13	44	24	1988-2011
Jacquie Edwards	17	10	12	39	30	1989-2018
Maimie K.H.Allan	11	11	6	28	19	1938-1956
Margo Valentine	10	13	5	28	26	1977-2002
E.Bessy Allan	10	13	3	26	15	1925-1939
Ian G. Henderson	3	8	6	17	11	1979-1989
Dorothy Liddel	4	6	6	16	9	1970-1978
Eustace Reg Butcher	7	2	5	14	9	1919-1927
Irene M. Seale	1	7	5	13	18	1953-1970
Alex K.Allan	2	4	6	12	24	1928-1951
Gordon M.Chalmers	2	4	6	12	11	1971-1981
Bernadette Capaldi	1	7	3	11	34	1990-2023
Kathleen E.Little	6	2	3	11	9	1921-1929
A.C.Ross	0	11	0	11	11	1926-1936
Moira Dobbie	5	6	0	11	7	1996-2002
Alex F.Currie	2	6	3	11	11	1922-1932
Douglas A.Seale	1	4	6	11	8	1963-1970
J.Lorn Lawson	1	8	2	11	13	1988-2000
Margaret Main	6	5	0	11	9	2001-2009
G.K.(Ken) More	2	7	1	10	7	1951-1957
Margo Horne	3	4	3	10	5	1957-1961
A.E.(Ernest) Bromfield	4	4	1	9	16	1937-1952
Fiona A. Ramage	1	8	0	9	13	1973-1985
A. Jamie Petrie	3	3	3	9	14	1992-2005
R.L.(Bob) Searle	2	5	1	8	8	1956-1963
Ann Mitchell	2	2	4	8	6	1981-1986
Jonathan Brindle	0	6	1	7	17	1995-2011
Mark Monaghan	2	4	0	6	4	2012-2015
Sydney W.B.Herald	1	5	0	6	7	1923-1929
Harriet Balloch	3	3	0	6	5	2019-2023

Hamish McGregor records most Championship successes in the Club history with 44 Championship victories over a 24-year period.

Jacquie Edwards with 39 Championship victories accumulated over a 30-year period, including 11 consecutive Ladies singles titles 2008 –18.

Maimie Allan accumulated 28 titles over a 19-year period, the intervention of WW2 surely restricting her appearances.

Margo Valentine with 28 Championship wins over a 26-year period.

Bessy Allan with 26 Titles over a 15-year period including 12 consecutive Ladies Doubles Titles between 1926-36, partnering **Miss A.C. Ross** on eleven occasions. The intervention of WW2 surely restricting her success.

- *Club records were incomplete prior to 1921 for some events. No Championships were held during World War 1 & 2 or during Covid. Tables include matches up to 2023.*

Men's Singles Plate

Presented by Ronnie K. Sloan (President 1985)

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	N.Stansfield	2010	-	1997	R.M.H. Horsfall
2022	-	2009	R.Arnott	1996	R.M.H. Horsfall
2021	-	2008	C.Law	1995	R.J. Adams
2020	Covid	2007	R.Arnott	1994	R.J. Adams
2019	-	2006	L. Odeke	1993	R.K.Sloan
2018	-	2005	W.Henderson	1992	F.N.F.Dall
2017	J.Sands	2004	L. Jeffrey	1991	Dr. D.J.M.Allan
2016	S.Malcolm	2003	-	1990	J.Brindle
2015	-	2002	C.A.Hembury	1989	I.Campbell
2014	-	2001	A.Mora	1988	A.J.Petrie
2013	A.Malcolm	2000	-	1987	H.P.McGregor
2012	A.Thomson	1999	-	1986	C.C.R. Robertson
2011	-	1998	-	1985	C.Clement

Ladies Singles Consolation Shield

Presented by Mrs. Daphne Randall in 1984

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	Val McKenzie	2010	A.Stewart	1997	Patricia Brindle
2022	-	2009	M.Reid	1996	Gillian Fraser
2021	-	2008	Kathy Mouat	1995	Zoe Cullen
2020	Covid	2007	A.McQueen	1994	Zoe Cullen
2019	-	2006	Ros G.G. Trail	1993	Zoe Cullen
2018	-	2005	Judith A. Law	1992	Valerie Henderson
2017	-	2004	-	1991	Bernadette Capaldi
2016	-	2003	Anne MacQueen	1990	-
2015	Dorothy Thom	2002	Margaret Main	1989	Jane Lawson
2014	-	2001	Anne MacQueen	1988	Angela M. Horsfall
2013	Gael Kinmond	2000	Lindsay A Brindle	1987	Tina Cole
2012	Gael Kinmond	1999	Patricia Brindle	1986	Dorothy Thom
2011	-	1998	Dorothy Thom	1985	Katriona Petrie

Hart Cup

Presented by Antony G. Hart in May 1986

Tony Hart presented the Trophy to the club on his retirement to Gozo, Malta. Couples are required to have a combined age of >90 years.

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2022	Miss N.MacLeod	L.Mooney	2004	Mrs.A.M.Davidson	S.N.Goldsmith
2021	Covid	Covid	2003	Mrs.A.M.Davidson	S.N.Goldsmith
2020	Covid	Covid	2002	Mrs B. Capaldi	A.Capaldi
2019	Mrs C.Nesbitt	J.Hartley	2001	-	-
2018	Mrs H.Balloch	B.Stone	2000	-	-
2017	Mrs C. Macrae	D.A.Ramsay	1999	Mrs A.M.Horsfall	C.D.Garlick
2016	Mrs P.J.Johnston	D.Bersi	1998	Mrs A.M.Horsfall	P.Lynn
2015	Mrs V. Henderson	M.Davidson	1997	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell
2014	Mrs A.M.Davidson	S.N.Goldsmith	1996	-	-
2013	Mrs C. Macrae	R.Arnett	1995	Mrs A.M.Horsfall	Dr.D.J.M.Allan
2012	Mrs J.A. Law	J.Edwards	1994	-	-
2011	Miss A. Stewart	S.N.Goldsmith	1993	Mrs.D.Randall	Dr.D.J.M.Allan
2010	Miss N.MacLeod	S.N.Goldsmith	1992	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell
2009	-	-	1991	Mrs M.Crosthwaite	Dr.D.J.M.Allan
2008	-	-	1990	-	-
2007	Mrs J.A. Law	S.N.Goldsmith	1989	Mrs B.Marshall	I.G.Henderson
2006	Mrs A.M.Davidson	S.N.Goldsmith	1988	Mrs B.Marshall	I.G.Henderson
2005	Mrs.A.M.Davidson	S.N.Goldsmith	1987	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell
			1986	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell

Simon Goldsmith has won the Hart Cup 8 times, **Anne Davidson** 5 times, **Trish Brindle** and **Sinclair Campbell** 4 times.



Sandy Macrae Charity Cup

**Presented by Cath Macrae in 2008
in memory of her husband**

Year	Winner	Chosen Charity	Year	Winner	Chosen Charity
2023	Robert Michelmore	Leuchie House	2016	Jack Hardie	Conner's Journey
2022	Lorcan Mooney	Pilton Community Health	2015	Kate Hardie	L'Arche
2021	Ronnie Sloan	Children 1st	2014	Alan Malcolm	CHAS
2020	Covid	Covid	2013	Val Henderson	Rally for Bally
2019	Dorothy Thom	Wheelchair Tennis Init	2012	Rory Hardie	Tilda Mission Hospital
2018	Mike Polson	Finding Your Feet	2011	Euan Ward	Lymphoma Survival
2017	Val Henderson	RNLI	2010	Derek Watson	St Columbas Hospice
			2009	Alastair Ward	Diabetes UK



*l to r: Runner up Kate Hardie, Honorary President Pippa Johnston (2022-23)
presenting the 2022 Sandy Macrae Charity Cup to Lorcan Mooney*

East of Scotland Mixed Doubles “Pringle Cup”

Presented by D.C Pringle, ESLTA President in 1957-58

Year	Champions
2004	Miss B. Quigley and C.A. Hembury
2003	Miss M. Main and G. Milne
2000	Mrs M. Dobbie and J. Petrie
1985	Miss M. Paton and S.C.Campbell
1983	Mrs A Mitchell and I.G. Henderson

East of Scotland Inter Club Singles Champions

Year	Division	Champions
2005	Men Div 2	D.McCall, A.Thomson, G. Milne
2003	Men Div 2	M.Hendry, J.Petrie, H.P.McGregor
1999	Men Div 2	J.Petrie, C.C.R.Robertson, H.P.McGregor
	Ladies Div 2	M.Dobbie, A.McIntyre, G.Harley
1995	Mens Div 2	Jonathan Brindle,L.Lawson, H.P.McGregor
1987	Ladies Div 2	M.Paton, A M.Horsfall, J.Lawson

Trinity Lawn Tennis Club (Craighall) Championships

Year	Men's Champion	Ladies' Champion	Other Champion
1920	W.A.Davidson	Amay Craig Gray	
1919	H.Hamilton Beattie	Dorothy M. Beattie	
1918-15	World War 1		
1914	H.Hamilton Beattie	Mrs Harry Perry	
1913	Jas MacDonald		
1912	H.Hamilton Beattie	May M. Dougall	
1911	A.F. Currie	Mrs Harry Perry	
1910	Jas MacDonald	Mrs J.G. Galloway	
1909	H.Hamilton Beattie		Cecil R.Letham (f)
1908	H.Hamilton Beattie	Mrs J.G. Galloway	
1907	James Pourie	Mrs J.G. Galloway	
1906	H.Hamilton Beattie		Cecil R.Letham (f)
1905	James Pourie		Cecil R.Letham (f)
1904	James Pourie		

The above information has been retrieved from Trinity Lawn Tennis Club Medallions inscribed on the reverse "Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club". It is unclear in which event **Cecil R. Letham** was Champion. The 1891 Census suggest Cecil was female (f), so she could be the Ladies Champion in those years.



Trinity Tennis Club Championship Medallions

Chapter 11

Junior Club Championships



Boys Singles Under 18 Championships
“The Bull Tankard” Presented by Cynthia and Nic Bull

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	C.Xargayo	2010	D.November	1995	A.Dall
2022	J.Beaton-Hill	2009	D.November	1994	A.Dall
2021	C.Xargayo	2008	P.Law	1993	J.Guy
2020	Covid	2007	J.Macrae	1992	R.Allan
2019	-	2006	G. McPhail	1991	J.Petrie
2018	-	2005	R. Macrae	1990	J.Petrie
2017	-	2004	R. Macrae	1989	J.A.G.Primrose
2016	-	2003	R. Macrae	1988	J.L.Lawson
2015	J.Sinclair	2002	L. Jeffrey	1987	H.P.McGregor
2014	J.Sinclair	2001	M.Ross	1986	H.P.McGregor
2013	B.Black	2000	M.Ross	1985	A.P.J.Randall
2012	B.Black	1999	M.Ross	1984	A.P.J.Randall
2011	-	1998	W.Henderson	1983	A.P.J.Randall
		1997	C.Guy	1982	A.P.J.Randall
		1996	J.Brodie	1981	C.C.R.Robertson

Girls Singles Under 18 Championship
Presented by Michael D. Pentland, Club President 1977–81

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	H.Law	2010	S.Law	1996	Z.Cullen
2022	H.Law	2009	L.Kerr	1995	H.Inglis
2021	H.Law	2008	V.Campbell	1994	H.Inglis
2020	Covid	2007	S.Macrae	1993	Z.Cullen
2019	-	2006	C.Grant	1992	R.Brodie
2018	-	2005	V.Campbell	1991	A.Brodie
2017	-	2004	K. Christie	1990	A.Brodie
2016	K.Armour	2003	K. Christie	1989	A.Brodie
2015	C.Sutton	2002	K. Mathison	1988	K.Petrie
2014	A.Hardie	2001	-	1987	K.Petrie
2013	A.Hardie	2000	A.MacEachern	1986	K.Petrie
2012	F.Mackie	1999	A.McIntyre	1985	H.F.Craik
2011	A.Hardie	1998	A.MacEachern	1984	J.B.Lawson
		1997	A.McIntyre	1983	J.B.Lawson

Boys Doubles Under 18 Championships McGregor and Blair Cups

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	C.Xargayo	C.McKie	2004	P. Steward	C.Law
2022	J.Beaton-Hill	T.Law	2003	R.Macrae	B.Henderson
2021	C.Xargayo	C.McKie	2002	L.Jeffrey	M.Ross
2020	Covid	Covid	2001	L.Jeffrey	M.Ross
2019	-	-	2000	A.Burnett	W.Henderson
2018	-	-	1999	A.Burnett	M.Ross
2017	-	-	1998	-	-
2016	R.Johnston	W.Tweedie	1997	-	-
2015	-	-	1996	J.Brodie	M.Blair
2014	-	-	1995	C.MacEachern	A.Trotter
2013	-	-	1994	J.Brodie	M.Blair
2012	-	-	1993	A.Grant	S.Hall
2011	-	-	1992	G.Dall	A.Dall
2010	D.November	J.Hardie	1991	J.Petrie	A.Tait
2009	D.November	M. Zegelman	1990	J.Petrie	A.Tait
2008	D.November	M. Zegelman	1989	J.Petrie	A.Tait
2007	-	-	1988	H.P.McGregor	L.Lawson
2006	P.Law	C.Law	1987	J.Brindle	L.Lawson
2005	R.Macrae	C.Law	1986	J.Brindle	L.Lawson

Girls Doubles Under 18 Championships Petrie and Inglis Cup

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	C.Byrne	H.Law	2004	V.Campbell	S.Macrae
2022	-	-	2003	V.Campbell	S.Macrae
2021	-	-	2002	L.Fraser	L.Brown
2020	Covid	Covid	2001	-	-
2019	-	-	2000	-	-
2018	-	-	1999	A.McIntyre	L.McIntyre
2017	-	-	1998	A.McIntyre	L.McIntyre
2016	-	-	1997	A.McIntyre	G.Fraser
2015	-	-	1996	A.McIntyre	G.Fraser
2014	-	-	1995	H.Inglis	P.Fraser
2013	A.Hardie	F.Mackie	1994	A.Mackie	P.Fraser
2012	-	-	1993	H.Inglis	P.Fraser
2011	-	-	1992	H.Inglis	P.Fraser
2010	F.Walker	S.Law	1991	A.Brodie	P.Brodie
2009	-	-	1990	A.Brodie	H.Cullen
2008	M.Armour	L.Kerr	1989	K.Petrie	H.Cullen
2007	V.Campbell	A.Macrae	1988	K.Petrie	H.Cullen
2006	M.Armour	S.Macrae	1987	K.Petrie	K.Wynne
2005	V.Campbell	S.Macrae	1986	S.Clive	R.Clive

Boys Singles Under 14 Championship Scott Challenge Cup

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	O.Pidcock	2011	R.Hardie	1997	M.Ross
2022	A.Cross	2010	P.Clark	1996	W.Henderson
2021	C.Xargayo	2009	B.Black	1995	M.Blair
2020	Covid	2008	A.Sakovics	1994	M.Blair
2019	F.McFadzean	2007	R.McPhail	1993	M.Blair
2018	B.Stone	2006	R.McPhail	1992	M.Blair
2017	B.Stone	2005	G.McPhail	1991	J.Guy
2016	R.Johnston	2004	A.Blair	1990	J.Guy
2015	W.Tweedie	2003	A.Blair	1989	G.Dall
2014	S.Goldsmith	2002	C.Law	1988	J.Petrie
2013	R.Hardie	2001	B.Henderson	1987	J.Petrie
2012	R.Hardie	2000	R.Macrae	1986	J.A.C.Primrose
		1999	K.Watters	1985	R.Brodie
		1998	W.Henderson	1984	H.P.McGregor

Girls Singles Under 14 Championships

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	H.Law	2011	H.Nairn	1997	C. Trotter
2022	H.Law	2010	F.Mackie	1996	A. MacEachern
2021	-	2009	-	1995	A. McIntyre
2020	Covid	2008	-	1994	Z. Cullen
2019	F.Sutton	2007	-	1993	Z. Cullen
2018	-	2006	F.Walker	1992	H. Inglis
2017	-	2005	-	1991	R. Brodie
2016	K.Armour	2004	S. Macrae	1990	R. Brodie
2015	C.Sutton	2003	V. Campbell	1989	J. Cole
2014	C.Sutton	2002	V. Campbell	1988	J. Cole
2013	C.Sutton	2001	V. Campbell	1987	A.Brodie
2012	H.Nairn	2000	K. Mathison	1986	S. Ross
		1999	L.A.Garlick	1985	K. Petrie

Boys Doubles Under 14 Championships

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	S.Temperley	L.Fraser	2005	J.Macrae	N.Lowson
2022	A.Cross	A.Burston	2004	-	-
2021	C.Xargayo	C.McKie	2003	A. Blair	P. Law
2020	Covid	Covid	2002	B. Henderson	R. Macrae
2019	-	-	2001	B. Henderson	R. Macrae
2018	G.Kirkpatrick	B.Stone	2000	B. Henderson	R. Macrae
2017	S.Malcolm	B.Stone	1999	B. Henderson	R. Macrae
2016	R.Johnston	C.Swanson	1998	W.Henderson	D. Blair
2015	W.Tweedie	E.Paterson	1997	W.Henderson	D. Blair
2014	R.Johnston	E.Paterson	1996	W.Henderson	D. Blair
2013	S.Goldsmith	P.Lawrence	1995	M. Blair	C. Gordon
2012	J.Tait	J.Sinclair	1994	M. Blair	J. Brodie
2011	R.Hardie	C.Spilsbury	1993	M. Blair	R. Allan
2010	R.Mitchelmore	P.Clark	1992	M. Blair	R. Allan
2009	A.Ward	B.Black	1991	M. Blair	R. Allan
2008	B.Kerr	A.Lutton	1990	A. Dall	S. Hall
2007	W.Dennis	E.Ward	1989	A. Dall	G.Dall
2006	G.McPhail	L.Renton	1988	A. Tait	J. Petrie
			1987	N. Campbell	R. Horsfall

Girls Doubles Under 14 Championships

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	H.Law	J.Hayward	2004	S. Macrae	V. Campbell
2022	H.Law	J.Hayward	2003	S. Macrae	V. Campbell
2021	-	-	2002	S. Macrae	V. Campbell
2020	Covid	Covid	2001	K.Christie	L. Davidson
2019	-	-	2000	L.A Garlick	L. Brown
2018	-	-	1999	L.A.Garlick	F. Wright
2017	-	-	1998		
2016	-	-	1997	C. Trotter	F. Capaldi
2015	E.Rust	C.Sutton	1996	L. McIntyre	A. MacEachern
2014	C.Boyd	M.Swanson	1995	A.McIntyre	G. Fraser
2013	S.Robertson	S.Lawrence	1994	Z. Cullen	A. Mackie
2012	S.Robertson	S.Lawrence	1993	H. Inglis	A. Mackie
2011	F.Mackie	H.Nairn	1992	H. Inglis	A. Mackie
2010	A.Hardie	F.Mackie	1991	R. Brodie	W.Hall
2009	-	-	1990	R. Brodie	R.Walker
2008	-	-	1989	C. Johnston	J. Cole
2007	-	-	1988	C. Johnston	J. Cole
2006	S.Law	F. Walker	1987	A. Brodie	I.Duncan
2005	C.Grant	C. Davidson	1986	H. Cullen	S. Ross

Boys Singles Under 12 Championship Cup
Presented by Dr & Mrs. D. J. M. Allan

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	R.Law	2013	E.Paterson	2001	A. Blair
2022	A.Gunn	2012	B.Henderson	2000	R. Macrae
2021	A.Gunn	2011	R.Hardie	1999	R. Macrae
2020	Covid	2010	R.Hardie	1998	K. Watters
2019	F.McFadzean	2009	C.Spilsbury	1997	D. Blair
2018	F.McFadzean	2008	R.Mitchelmore	1996	W. Henderson
2017	H.Hayward	2007	B.Black	1995	D. Blair
2016	S.Park	2006	B.Kerr	1994	W. Henderson
2015	S.Malcolm	2005	R. McPhail	1993	R. Allan
2014	R.Johnston	2004	J. Patrick	1992	R. Allan
		2003	J. Macrae	1991	R. Allan
		2002	A. Blair	1990	D. Purves

Girls Singles Under 12 Championship Cup
Presented by R & J. M. Brodie

Year	Champion	Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	H.Hamilton	2013	C.Sutton	2001	V. Campbell
2022	-	2012	M.Sutton	2000	V. Campbell
2021	H.Law	2011	H.Nairn	1999	-
2020	Covid	2010	F.Mackie	1998	L.A.Garlick
2019	F.Sutton	2009	H.Nairn	1997	L.A. Garlick
2018	-	2008	E.Grant	1996	L. McIntyre
2017	-	2007	-	1995	C. Trotter
2016	-	2006	E.Patrick	1994	A. MacEachern
2015	G.Edward	2005	M.Armour	1993	G. Fraser
2014	K.Armour	2004	F. Walker	1992	A. Mackie
		2003	V. Campbell	1991	H. Inglis
		2002	V. Campbell	1990	R. Brodie

Boys Doubles Under 12 Championship Cup

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	L.Megan	R.Law	2011	R.Hardie	C.Spilsbury
2022	A.Gunn	R.Law	2010	R.Hardie	C.Spilsbury
2021	R.Blair	M.Murray	2009	-	-
2020	Covid	Covid	2008	-	-
2019	F.McFadzean	C.McKie	2007	B.Black	A.Ward
2018	H.Gray	J.Kenneth	2006	B.Kerr	A.Lutton
2017	H.Hayward	C.Swanson	2005	R.McPhail	I.Davidson
2016	G.Kirkpatrick	B.Stone	2004	C. McPhail	L. Renton
2015	H.Gray	S.Malcolm	2003	J. Macrae	N. Lowson
2014	E.Paterson	R.Johnston	2002	T. Patterson	P. Law
2013	E.Paterson	R.Johnston	2001	T. Patterson	M.Aspinall
2012	P.Lawrence	E.Henderson	2000	B. Henderson	R. Macrae

Girls Doubles Under 12 Championship Cup

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	H.Hamilton	L. Shahsavari	2011	S.Robertson	R.Rust
2022	-	-	2010	F.Mackie	H.Nairn
2021	H.Law	J.Hayward	2009	F.Mackie	A.Hardie
2020	Covid	Covid	2008	-	-
2019	C.Bryne	F.Sutton	2007	-	-
2018	-	-	2006	-	-
2017	-	-	2005	M.Armour	S.Law
2016	-	-	2004	-	-
2015	-	-	2003	C. Campbell	J.Milne
2014	-	-	2002	S. Macrae	V.Campbell
2013	C.Sutton	E.Rust	2001	S. Macrae	V.Campbell
2012	C.Boyd	M.Swanson	2000	L. Fraser	L.Davidson

Junior Under 10 Singles

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2023	L.Webber	2017	F.McFadzean
2022	J.Hutton	2016	S.Park
2021	R.Law	2015	S.Malcolm
2020	Covid	2014	B.Stone
2019	C.McKie	2013	Z.Smith
2018	C.McKie	2012	E.Patterson
		2011	S.Smith

Junior Under 10 Doubles

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	L.Webber	S.Scarlett	2017	B.Stone	F.McFadzean
2022	S.Jadrny	B.Willis	2016	-	-
2021	R.Law	A. Proudfoot	2015	B.Stone	G. Kilpatrick
2020	Covid	Covid	2014	H.Black	G. Kilpatrick
2019	C.McFie	A.Cross	2013	H.Black	Z.Smith
2018	C.McFie	F.McFadzean	2012	R.Johnston	E.Patterson
			2011	S.Smith	F.McCarville

Junior Mixed Doubles Salver **Presented by Christopher and Daphne Randall**

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2023	-	-	2005	C.Davidson	G.McPhail 14
2022	-	-	2005	K.Christie	R.Macrae 18
2021	-	-	2004	V.Campbell	A.Blair 14
2020	Covid	Covid	2004	F.Walker	J.Patrick 12
2019	-	-	2003	V.Campbell	A.Blair 14
2018	-	-	2003	S.Law	J.Macrae 12
2017	-	-	2002	V.Campbell	A.Campbell 14
2016	-	-	2002	V.Campbell	A.Blair 12
2015	-	-	2001	S.Macrae	R.Macrae 14
2014	R. Sinclair	J. Sinclair 18	2001	V.Campbell	P.Law 12
2013	A.Hardie	R.Hardie 18	2000	-	-
2012	A.Hardie	S.McLean 16	1999	-	-
2011	F. Mackie	J.Tait	1998	C. Trotter	M. Ross
2010	-	-	1997	G. Fraser	J.Brodie
2009	-	-	1996	P. Fraser	M.Blair
2008	L.Hewitt	B.Black 14	1995	P. Fraser	A. Dall
2007	M.Armour	R.McPhail 14	1994	Z. Cullen	A. Trotter
2006	M.Armour	R.McPhail 14	1993	A. Mackie	M. Blair
2006	S.Macrae	R.Homer-Plews 18	1992	A. Mackie	M. Blair
			1991	A. Brodie	N. Campbell

Chapter 12

Hall of Fame (Chronological Order)

David S. Crawford

David was a founding member of Lomond Park in 1907. He had been a former Craighall Lawn Tennis Club Singles Champion and Lomond Park Men's Singles Champion in 1909 & 1910. He was credited with considerable development work at Lomond Park and at County level, and whilst records are incomplete, it is believed he was Honorary Club President at Lomond Park for 16 years between 1910 and 1926. **David** presented to the Club in 1912, the current Gentleman's Singles Championship Cup.

Over many years **David** was the Club's court ranger managing the maintenance of the courts; a major task given the court surface and equipment available. He retired from the Club in 1926 and made an Honorary Life Member.

Alex F. Currie

Alex F. Currie worked tirelessly for the game of tennis, both at Club and County level. He served as East of Scotland Honorary President 1925-26, at National level served the SLTA in 1920 and 1926 and elected Lomond Park Honorary President for 5 years 1930-34 and was invited to become an Honorary Life Member in 1946.

Alex partnering Club-mate **Reg Butcher** played in the 1919 Scottish Men's Doubles semi-final, and partnering **James McDonald** from the Club reached the 1925 Scottish Veterans Men's Doubles Final. **Alex** captained the East of Scotland County team in 1930.

Alex recorded eleven Club Championship victories including two Men's Singles titles in 1930 & 1931, six Men's Doubles Championships between 1923-32, and three Mixed Doubles Titles in 1922, 1928 & 1929. Previously, **Alex** was the 1911 Trinity Tennis Club Men's Singles Champion.

Kathleen Evans Little



Kathleen Little was arguably one of the finest players to represent the Club. She reached many Scottish Championship semi-finals and finals in the period 1913-25, in both singles and doubles, but was unlucky not to have recorded victory in a Scottish Championship final.

She represented the East of Scotland County Team on several occasions and was the only “uncapped” player in the East of Scotland Ladies Team that played in the final of the British Championships in 1924.

She was a Scottish Cup winner for five years as a member of the Liberton Tennis club in 1924 –28. At that time, the Liberton Ladies team were considered the strongest club side in Scotland. **Kathleen** won the Liberton Ladies Singles Championship, a great achievement given the pedigree of her international club-mates.

In the Lomond Park Club Championships, **Kathleen** won eleven Titles, including six Ladies Singles Championship 1921-29 (no trophy before that date), two Ladies Doubles Titles 1924-1925, partnering her younger sister **Eleanor E. Little** (no trophies before 1924) and three Mixed Doubles Title 1922-29 partnering **Alex F. Currie**.

Kathleen no doubt achieved further on court success; however, club records were incomplete in the early years

Eustace Reginald Butcher



Reginald Butcher was one of the most impressive players to represent Lomond Park. He represented the East of Scotland County team on many occasions and regularly reached the Scottish Championships semi-final or final during 1919-30 in both Men's and Mixed Doubles. In 1919, the Lomond Park pairing of **Reg Butcher** and **Alex F. Currie** lost in the Scottish Men's Doubles semi-final.

In 1923, **Reg** won the Scottish Open Mixed Doubles Championships partnering **Mrs. Hugh Wilson** (Liberton)

and went on to win the 1926 East Mixed Doubles Championship partnering **Mrs. Robin Welsh**. Partnering **A.W. Banks** (Murrayfield), **Reg** won the 1932 Scottish Men's Doubles Veterans' Title.

Reg won fourteen Club Championships, including seven Men's singles titles 1919-27, with a run of five consecutive victories 1923-27. Considering his doubles expertise, it is surprising **Reg** only recorded two Men's doubles championship titles in 1922 and 1924, however this may have been influenced by the playing strength of his club-mates, **Alex F. Currie**, **James McDonald** and **Sydney W. B. Herald**.

Reg and his wife Helen won four Mixed Doubles titles in 1923-26, and in 1927 won the Mixed Doubles partnering **Christine Bucher**. Later **Reg** became the Inverleith Club Men's Singles Champion 1929-1933.

Reg gained twenty-one Scottish Badminton caps, and was six times Scottish Badminton Champion in both Men's and Mixed Doubles (1922 - 35).

Miss Maimie K. H. Allan (Receiving trophy from Bessie Allan)



Maimie K. H. Allan won a remarkable twenty-eight Club Championship titles over a nineteen-year period and demonstrated great consistency in winning eleven Ladies Singles Championships spanning fifteen years (1938-55) and would probably have added to her trophy successes but for the intervention of World War Two.

Maimie won eleven Ladies Doubles Championship Titles during (1938 – 56) (four partnering **Mrs. I. Seale** 1953-56) and recorded six Mixed Doubles Championship Titles (1930–54), including three titles partnering her brother **Alex**.

Maimie represented the Club in East of Scotland and Scottish Championships on a number of occasions.

Miss E. Bessie Allan (Presenting trophy to Alex Allan)



E. Bessie Allan, sister of **Maimie**, won twenty-six Club Championships over a fifteen-year period, including ten Ladies Singles Titles (1925–37) spanning twelve years, and was unfortunate to play in the same era as **Kathleen Little**. **Bessie** also recorded thirteen Ladies Doubles Championship victories (1926-39) including an astonishing eleven consecutive titles partnering **Miss A.C. Ross**, and three Mixed Doubles Titles. The intervention of WW2 surely restricted her tennis success.

Alex K. Allan

Alex served as Club President 1940-47 and Treasurer 1929-36.

On court, **Alex** reached the 1923 Scottish Boys Singles Championship semi-final where he was narrowly beaten by **J. S. Pringle**, who later become a club member. **Alex** partnered **Victor Woodhawks** (Murrayfield) to win the Scottish Veterans Men's Doubles Championship in 1952. **Alex** went on to record twelve Club Championship Titles, winning the Men's Singles in 1928 & 1932, four Men's Doubles Titles in 1928 and 1930 and partnered his Boys Singles rival **J. S. Pringle** to victory in 1947 & 1948 and six Mixed Doubles Titles between 1930-51 partnered by sister **Maimie** three times, sister **Bessie** once and his wife on two occasions.

W. F. G. (Bill) Lord

As an administrator, **Bill** served as Treasurer 1938-39 and was elected Honorary Club President twice (1953-55) and recalled to lead the club during a challenging period (1974-76).

On court, **Bill** registered two Men's Doubles Championship Titles in 1953 and 1958, and three Mixed Doubles Victories in 1946, 1954 & 1957.

Bill Captained the Men's team in 1953 and made an Honorary Life member in 1958.



Dorothy Liddel

A popular team member, **Dorothy** recorded a total of sixteen club Championship Titles in a short nine-year period 1970-78, including four Ladies Singles Titles, six Ladies Doubles Championships and six Mixed Doubles Titles partnering **Gordon Chalmers**, including a run of five consecutive Mixed Championship victories 1971-75. **Dorothy** was Ladies Captain for three years 1971-73



Ian G. Henderson



Ian's trademark heavy topspin forehand helped register seventeen Club Championship Titles including three Men's Singles Championships 1979–84 and eight Men's Doubles Championships 1979-89, partnering **Donald Allan** on three occasions in 1986, 1987 and 1989.

In 1985, Ian was reigning champion in Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, however his title defence came to a dramatic end when partnering **Dr Donald Allan** in the men's doubles semi-final, playing against a young **Hamish McGregor and Lorn Lawson**, **Ian** fell awkwardly and suffered a fractured skull. **Ian** made a full recovery and today plays at the Hatton club where he has won the Men's Singles Title. The injury prevented **Ian** recording 6 straight men's double title victories.

In Mixed Doubles, **Ian** recorded six Club Championship titles 1981-87 including a hat-trick of titles with **Margo Valentine** 1985-87.

Partnering **Mrs. Ann Mitchell**, **Ian** won the Pringle Cup in 1983 for the first time in the history of the Club, and later that year with **Ann** won the East Restricted Mixed Doubles Title. Further success was to follow, and partnering **Margo Valentine** won the 1985 Craigmillar Park Open Mixed Doubles Championship.

Joyce Campbell



The Club had borrowed substantially to fund the installation of the first all-weather courts and floodlights on courts 1 and 2 in 1982. **Joyce Campbell** led a Social Committee, which galvanized the membership into a sustained fund-raising effort over several years, which was fun and importantly helped reduce the Club debt. **Joyce's** enthusiasm for the task cannot be underestimated. The Club members really got behind **Joyce's** fundraising leadership, a lot of hard work, with incredible financial benefits.

Events included: Annual Coffee morning with a bottle stall and beat the goalie, Jumble Sale in Portobello Town Hall, Raffles, Monthly Prize Draw, Horse Race Nights, Progressive meals, Dances, BBQ, Car Treasure Hunt to North Berwick and a sponsored cycle to Gullane in appalling weather conditions.

These were hard times for the Club, but the funding and establishment of all-weather courts with floodlights underpinned the facility that we enjoy today. The facilities attracted new members, the playing standards rose, the Club thrived and became debt free, and Lomond Park can now take its place as one of the leading Scottish clubs today.

Cynthia M.S. Bull



In 1978 **Cynthia** was a member of the committee led by **Michael Pentland**, formed to decide the future of the Club, considering the project options of “Squash Racket Courts” or “All Weather Tennis Courts”. The committee worked tirelessly on the project, and the decision to finance all weather tennis courts in 1982 underpinned the facilities that we all enjoy today. The club was in a perilous financial position and **Cynthia** was the steady hand looking after Club finances as Honorary Treasurer for 9 years (1972-80).

A regular organizer of the Coffee morning held in May, and other fund-raising activities, these were essential fund sources to keep the Club afloat.

A Ladies Doubles Club Champion (1976-77), **Cynthia** was involved in the development of the successful Junior tennis coaching on Saturday mornings in the 1980s. **Cynthia** and **Nic Bull** donated to the Club, the Boys Under 18 Singles Championship “Bull Tankard” in 1981.

Much to the surprise of the opposition, **Cynthia** once opened the batting for Lomond Park in the annual cricket match against the Woodcutters XI, long before women’s cricket was as popular as it is today.

Moira Dobbie



Moira's mother, **Joyce Boothman**, attained a Scottish senior tennis ranking of no 3, and with the advantage of a tennis court in the back garden, there were few excuses to avoid tennis practice. As a junior, then a member of Murrayfield Tennis Club, **Moira** was selected for the Scottish age group tennis squads and represented Scotland under 14 and under 16 in the National Championships.

Moira's successes included: Scottish under 15 Singles Champion 1967, Finalist in Scottish under 18 Singles 1969, Scottish under 18 Girls Doubles Champion 1969, Finalist in the Scottish Schools Nestle Tennis Tournament and represented Scotland in the British Schools Tournament 1969. **Moira** was also Under 18 Scottish Covered Courts Girls Champion 1968. She has represented East of Scotland at County Level and is currently a member of the over 50 squad.

Since joining Lomond Park, **Moira** recorded eleven Club Championship victories including five Ladies Singles Titles (1997–2002), six Ladies Doubles titles (1996–2002) with five of them partnering **Margo Valentine**, including a run of five championships (1996–2000). **Moira** captained the Ladies Team for 4 seasons in (1997–2000).

Hamish P. McGregor



Hamish (l) benefited from the club's Saturday morning coaching under the tutelage of **Trish Brindle**, **Susan Brown** and **Angela Horsfall** and three years ESLTA junior coaching.

Partnering **Lorn Lawson** (r), the duo were victorious in the highly rated Dunfermline under 18 Boys Doubles Tournament in 1987 & 1988.

A highlight for **Hamish** was winning the Division 1 under 18 Boys title with **Lorn Lawson**, **Jonathan Brindle** & **Ian Campbell** in 1987, and in 1986 & 1987 being a member of the Stewarts Melville team that won the Scottish Schools Tennis Cup. **Hamish** was a member of the Stirling University team, winners of the Central Scotland Division 1 league.

Hamish recorded forty-four Club Championship Titles over a twenty four-year period, more than any player in Club history, including sixteen Men's Singles Titles 1988-2011, fifteen Men's Doubles Titles 1990–2011, on eight occasions partnering **Lorn Lawson**. In Mixed Doubles 1990–2011, **Hamish** recorded thirteen titles, ten of these partnering **Jacquie Edwards**.

Hamish confided in me that he was only promoted to the Men's I team after he partnered **Lorn** for a season in the second team undefeated and won the Men's Singles Title. Apparently, the Gents selection policy was unclear at the time! Men's Doubles exponents **John Brindle**, **Sinclair Campbell** and **Ian Henderson** are attributed with helping **Hamish** take the step from Junior Champion to court-wise Senior player.

Hamish is a qualified tennis coach and captained the Club for eight years (1991-2005), leading the first team to Division 1 promotion in 2005, the first time in fifty years that a Lomond Park side had played in Division 1.

Margo Valentine



Margo has won an impressive twenty-eight club championship titles over a twenty-six-year period, relying on strong base line ground strokes. Her victories include ten Ladies Singles Championship wins during 1977–1996, spanning nineteen years.

In Ladies Doubles, **Margo** celebrated thirteen Ladies Doubles Titles in 1978 –2002, over a period of twenty-five years, six of these titles partnering **Fiona Ramage** and including four successive titles in 1978 – 1981.

In Mixed Doubles, **Margo** achieved five championship victories, including three back-to-back titles partnering **Ian Henderson** 1985-1987.

Margo captained the Ladies' Team in 1988.

Partnering **Sinclair Campbell**, **Margo** won the Pringle Cup in 1985 and later that year, **Margo** and **Ian Henderson** won the Craigmillar Park Open Championship Mixed Doubles.

Patricia E. Brindle



As an administrator, **Trish** has been a tremendous servant to the Club and wider tennis community over a number of years and held office on the East of Scotland Committee for fourteen years from 1992-2006, elected Honorary President E.S.L.T.A 1999–2001, serving the sport at National level as an SLTA Councillor 1999-2005.

At Lomond Park, **Trish** served as Match Secretary 1979-81, Ladies Captain 1989-90, recipient of the Centenary President's Bowl in 2010, and on court won four Ladies Doubles Titles 1986-89 partnering **Trish Morse**.

She was also a four times winner of the Hart Cup, partnering **Sinclair Campbell** and as part of a team of club junior coaches, helped develop the now institutional "Saturday morning nippers coaching sessions" which have provided a generation of players with the skills to enjoy the game.

Jacquie Edwards



Jacquie recorded thirty-nine Club Championship Titles, achieved over an impressive thirty-year time span, 1989-2018, including seventeen Ladies Singles Victories, with a run of eleven consecutive championships during 2008-2018.

In Ladies Doubles, **Jacquie** accumulated ten Titles including four back-to-back wins partnering **Margaret Main** (2006-09), and in Mixed Doubles, recorded twelve Championship victories, partnering **Hamish McGregor** on ten occasions.

Jacquie served as Ladies Club Captain 2008 – 10.

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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF LOMOND PARK

by Ronnie Sloan

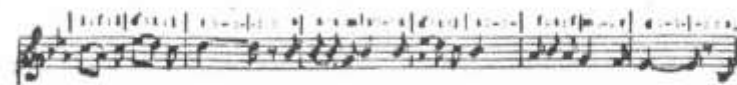
Having installed 5 Elastol all-weather courts at a cost of £45,000 in 1982, Lomond Park Tennis Club last year completed the job with the erection of High Pressure Sodium flood-lights on 2 courts at a further cost of £6,000. This "light"-hearted version of a well-known Scottish song tells the tale . . .



When I was a lad, a tiny wee lad, my coach he said to me "Come see the Northern
I've played on many far-off courts and travelled many a mile, I've missed some balls and



lights my boy, they're bright as they can be" The bulbs are high pressure sodium, a bit
had some calls, but always a friendly smile, It took a lot of plan - ning, all -



pricey, but cheaper to run. I'll never forget that wonderful sight, they bathed the courts in light.
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The Northern lights of Lo-mond Park mean loans, cheap loans from us. The



Northern lights of Lomond Park are definitely a plus. I've



been a player all of my life, but never could see in the dark, now



all can play, whether night or day, with the lights at Lomond Park!