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## Introduction

As a member of Lomond Park for over 40 years, it seemed that I was better placed than most to help draft the book to celebrate the centenary of the club.

Today, the club is in good shape, but having been given the privilege to delve into the club's history, it is all too apparent that without the vision of a few clear-thinking individuals to create the club at the turn of the last 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 life long friendships have been made, 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 tennis club in Edinburgh.

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 a hundred years of club records in someone else's house!

I have welcomed the opportunity to chronicle the centenary history of Lomond Park, and I have been grateful for the help that I have received from a number of club members. In particular, a special mention for the help from **Fiona Lauder** who was able to provide invaluable advice, and of course the proof reading and photographic archiving by **Margo Croan**.

I hope that members past and present find the book of interest as the club moves into it's second century.

**Clive D Garlick**

18 February 2007

## **Foreword**

In it's Centenary year, Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club is a leading tennis club in Edinburgh and the East of Scotland. The current membership can look back with gratitude to it's 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 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 Tennis Club with 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 much of the finance required to resurface the three lower courts with red blaes and to create the upper courts four and five in the same material. Later, the clubhouse facilities were extended to meet the needs of the enlarged club.

The end of World War II hostilities found the club in a state of near bankruptcy, and but for the intervention of the parent sports organisation, Trinity Recreation 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 1960's and early 1970's again brought the viability of the club into question. Following detailed discussions, the club took a calculated financial gamble to borrow a substantial sum of money to invest in five low maintenance all-weather court surfaces that would support all year round play with the addition of flood-lights. This decision proved to be a turning point for the club.

The later introduction of new technology Artificial Sand Filled Grass courts in 1991, proved very popular and the membership built to today's healthy levels.

The club now approaches its centenary celebrations, with the publication of this Centenary booklet, 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 getting this history of the club into print.

My warm thanks to all those who answered the call for photographs, **Daphne** and **Christopher Randall**, **Angela** and **Linton Horsfall**, **Joyce** and **Sinclair Campbell**, **Dorothy Thom**, **Angela** and **Graham Buchanan**, **Hilary Strachan**, **Christine Allan**, **Jean Smith**, **Fiona Laing**, **Judith Law**, **Anne Davidson** and **Fiona Lauder**. Many happy memories were recalled of my era and past times at Lomond Park Lawn Tennis club.

**Margo Croan**

**Honorary President**



*The Presidents*

*back l to r, Angela Horsfall, Kerr Petrie, Margo Croan,  
Front l to r, John Brindle and Sinclair Campbell*

## Chapter 1

### The Beginning of Tennis at Lomond Park

In 1905, a resident of 18 Lomond Road, **Robert S. Alexander**, 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.

Shortly after the formation of The Lomond Park Company, Trinity Recreation Club Limited “TRC” was formed in 1907 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 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** who was also a Director in both companies were the main promoters of the tennis club.

Our neighbours for the past century, Trinity Bowling Club, opened in 1855, with their bowling green originally located on the west side of York Road. The ground was not ideal and could only accommodate 50 playing members. In early 1907, Trinity Bowling Club submitted a plan to The Lomond Park Company to lease a portion of the Park for use as a Bowling Green and Lawn Tennis Courts. In October of that year approval was given to develop the plans. The Trinity Bowling Club relocated from York Road to their present location in 1909.

The area now occupied by the lower senior tennis courts number one to three, located next to Lennox Row previously formed a duck pond.

### Why the name Lomond Park ?

It has been suggested that the name ‘Lomond Park’ may have been derived from the name of a ship built in the late nineteenth century registered at Leith.

## Official Opening May 1908

“The Scotsman” newspaper on 01 June 1908 records the formal Opening ceremony :- **New Tennis Courts at Leith**

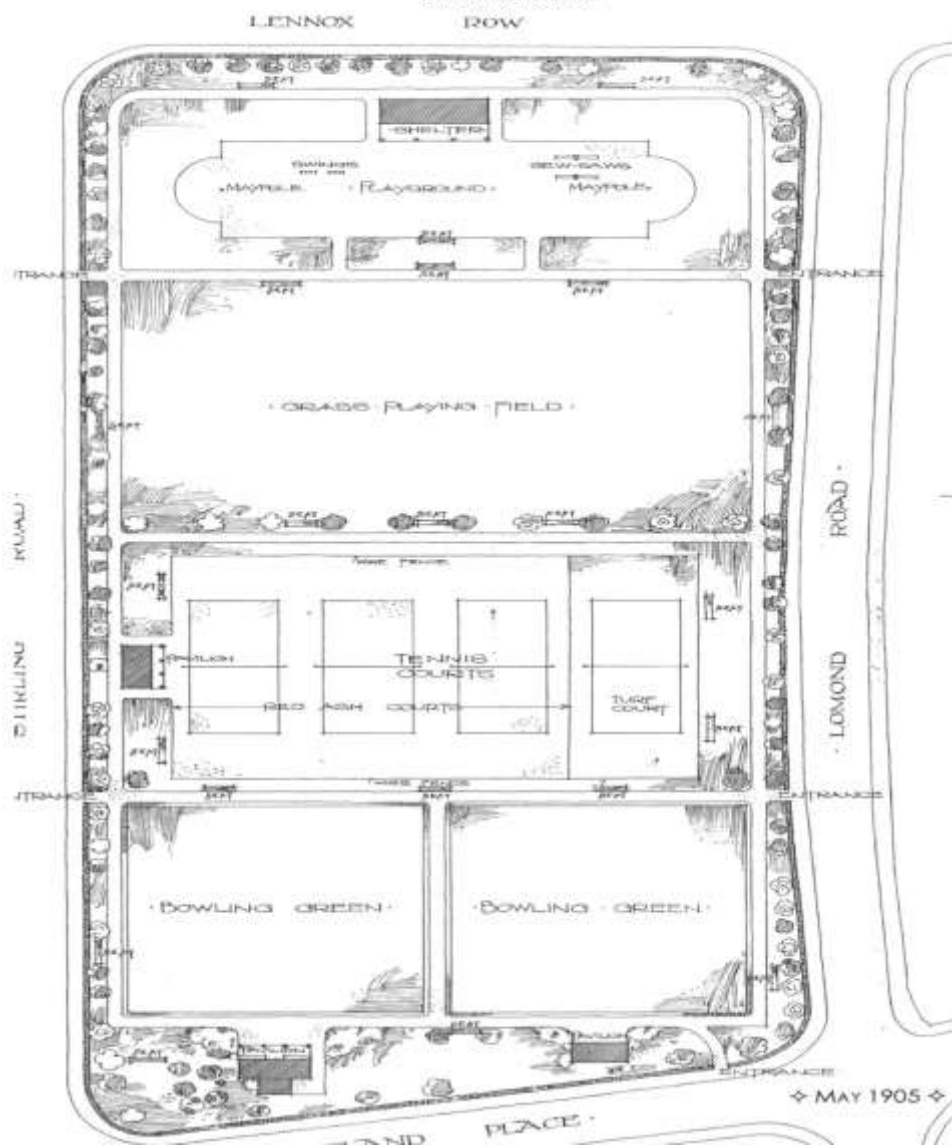


***Sir Malcolm Smith K.B.E.***

*“On Saturday, the tennis courts and pavilion erected at Trinity by Trinity Recreation Limited were formally 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).”*



ORIGINAL 1905 OUTLINE PLAN  
Recreation Ground



## Lomond Park Aerial View 2007



## *Chapter 2*

### **The Foundation of Lawn Tennis**

#### **The All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club**

Since Lawn Tennis was first played in 1872, originating from “Real” or “Royal Tennis,” the game has developed and changed considerably. In the current tennis era, it is hard for tennis players, and spectators alike, to believe that the early courts were shaped like an hourglass, distinct from the familiar rectangular courts. In addition, the court nets were not horizontal in appearance as at present, but dipped very sharply towards the middle of the net; measuring 4 ft 6 inches at the posts and 4 ft at mid court. Scotland lays claim to the oldest “Real Tennis” court in the world, built at Falkland Palace, Fife in 1539 by **King James V**.



*Real Tennis Court at Falkland Palace, Fife*

**Major W.C. Wingfield** could be christened the founder of lawn tennis through the development of his game called “sphairistike” (sticky for short). The game was termed “lawn tennis” later when the “All England Croquet Club (Wimbledon)” changed its name to the “All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club,” and in 1877 the first Wimbledon Championships were held.

The upper classes influenced the game of Lawn Tennis during the course of its early years and tennis became a favourite weekend leisure pursuit. Many of the early players tended to be businessmen, students or those in the legal profession. The game’s popularity with the upper classes is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the first Wimbledon Championships were arranged to end by a Friday so that affluent spectators would not miss the Eton versus Harrow cricket match at Lords cricket ground on Saturday! However, the lower classes were slowly introduced to tennis at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the sport was introduced into the State school education system.

### **Development of Tennis in the East of Scotland**

Focusing attention now on the East of Scotland specifically, the first tennis clubs in this area were introduced in the 1880’s, and a major initiative was the incorporation of the Edinburgh Lawn Tennis Company which provided the first indoor tennis courts in Edinburgh. These primitive indoor “facilities” were housed in a hall known as the “Tin Temple,” located at the east end of the Grange cricket ground in Stockbridge and comprised of two indoor tennis courts, dressing rooms and a small viewing gallery.

In the years to follow, sports pursuits in general, and tennis in particular, 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.

## Formation of the The East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association

The East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association was formed in 1905 and included clubs from the Counties of Stirling, Linlithgow, Edinburgh, Haddington, Berwick, Peebles, Selkirk and Roxburgh.

The Original sixteen clubs forming the East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association are listed below (Today 10\* of these clubs can still 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

Other tennis clubs in the area formed at that time were Bonnington (1880), Lochend ( Hawkhill) (1880) and Craighall Tennis Club. These clubs merged to form Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1903.

The location of the above named original *Edinburgh* tennis clubs demonstrates how the game of tennis clearly benefited from the formation of the suburban patchwork that now comprises the vast majority of the current City of Edinburgh. The game was afforded general urban growth in the more spacious surroundings, in stark contrast to Edinburgh's "Old Town."

## Chapter 3

### The Early Years 1907-1930

#### On Court

In the 23 year period following Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club's inception in 1907, the club could boast one of its strongest playing squads in its history, helped by the merger with Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1921. The Club's players competed regularly in the closing stages of The Scottish Championships.

**Miss K.E.Little** 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. **Miss Little** was also a member of the Liberton club that won the Scottish Cup in 1925-28, considered at the time to be the strongest club side in Scotland. **Reg Prophit**, Sports Journalist referring to the 1922-24 East of Scotland County Ladies Team described them "an immortal team reached the British County Championship Finals, all team members were Scottish Tennis Internationalists except **Miss K.E. Little**."



*Miss K.E.Little ( far left)*

**Reg Butcher**, one of the leading male players in the 1920's, and partnering **A F Currie**, also from the club, reached the 1919 semi final of the Scottish Men's Doubles Championships. Reg reached the Mixed Doubles semi final in 1921, 1923 and 1926 and went on to win the East of Scotland Open Mixed Doubles Championships in 1923 partnering **Mrs Hugh Wilson**. He also won the Scottish Men's Doubles Veteran's title in 1932 partnering **A.W. Banks** (Murrayfield). In addition to being a fine tennis player, **Reg** represented Scotland at Badminton winning 21 caps.



***Eustace Reginald Butcher***

**A F Currie & J. McDonald** who had both played at Trinity Lawn Tennis Club reached the 1925 final of the Scottish Veteran Men's Doubles Championship.

**Alex K.Allan** lost to **J.S. Pringle** in the 1923 Scottish Boy's Singles semi final.

Other club players to feature in the Scottish Championships in this era, played at various locations including Powderhall, Ravelston and in 1926 on the specially laid grass courts at the Murrayfield International Rugby Stadium were **Miss E. E. Little, Miss M. B. Allan, Miss E. Allan, Miss E. R. Allan, Miss A. C. Ross, J. Waugh , D. C. Osbourne. R. Shearer, H. J. Newlands, C R O Morrison, J. G. Macauley, Mrs Galloway, and Miss C.H. Bucher.**



Lomond Park in the 1930s

*The tennis clothes style of the 1930's worn by leading players*  
**L to r : E.R Butcher ( Lomond Park), C. Muller, C.T. Duncan & M.M. Fergus.**

**Butcher, Duncan and Fergus** all featured in winning East of Scotland and Scottish Titles in the 1920's and 30's. **Miss Duncan & Miss Fergus** were members of the Liberton club ladies team, together with the our own **K.E.Little**.

The oldest newspaper report we have uncovered from 1912 confirms a 5 sets to 4 victory in a league match for Lomond Park men's team versus Waverley with the club represented by **D.R. Davidson, H.S. Davidson, H. Morrison, J. Laing, A.E. Horsfield and K. MacKenzie.**

**H.S. Davidson** won the 1914 East of Scotland Gentleman's Singles First Class Handicap.



## Club Championships

Men's Singles Championships were first recorded in 1909 and **David S. Crawford**, the club President in 1912, celebrated back to back Mens Singles Championship Titles in 1909-10, and then donated the present Men's Championship Cup to the club. Several male players dominated the club's championships. **Reg Butcher** won the club's Men's singles title seven times between 1919 - 1927 with a straight run of five title successes 1923-1927 and with similar success **A F Currie** and **Sydney Herald** won five **Men's Doubles** titles 1923 – 1929.

In 1922 Ladies East of Scotland League matches were introduced. In this year the Lomond Park Men's 1 & 11 teams donated to the **Ladies** of the club a **Singles Championship** Trophy, which is still presented today. Successive years saw the irrepressible **Miss K.E.Little** win 6 Womens Singles titles **1921-29**, including 4 straight titles wins 1921 –1924.

In **Ladies' Doubles**, **Miss K.E Little & E.E. Little** won back to back Championships in 1924-25.

In **Mixed Doubles**, **Reg** and wife **Mel Butcher** had four straight championship successes 1923 –1926, and **Reg** partnered **Miss C.H. Bucher** to a further championship in 1927. **Miss K. E. Little** partnered by **A. F. Currie** won three Mixed Doubles Titles 1922 -1929.

## East of Scotland League Tennis

Lomond Park Men played in the second division of the East of Scotland leagues from 1911. The Trinity Club had played in division 1 prior to 1921, and on the merger of the clubs, Lomond Park was allowed to take the place of the Trinity Club in division 1 by special sanction of the E.S.L.T.A. Two teams were entered in the men's East of Scotland's leagues in 1921 and for three years from 1922-25, three teams were entered. The first team kept its place in the top division until 1929 and played for three years in the second division. The second team was top of division 2 in 1922-23. The ladies' team played in the first division for three years from 1923, after which it dropped to the second division.

The Lomond Park courts were highly regarded and used for an East of Scotland representative Mixed Doubles match against The Midlands in 1925.

## **Off Court Administration**

**Dr Kerr** was the first club President, and key administrator in the club's infancy

**David S. Crawford** was appointed Club President in 1912, a position we believe he held for 14 years until 1926. "The History of Edinburgh Lawn Tennis Clubs" published by R.W. Forsyth Ltd in 1933, confirmed that **David** was Club President and Ranger in charge of courts for many years. The club minutes confirm that he tendered his resignation from Presidential office in 1926. **David** was Craighall Lawn Tennis Club champion, and following that club's demise, he joined Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1904. An original member of Lomond Park Tennis Club, he served Lomond Park & East of Scotland tennis over a number of years. In recognition of his service to the club, he was made an Honorary Life Member in 1926 and presented with a silver cigarette lighter.

**J. McDonald** and **A. F. Currie**, who had both joined Lomond Park from the Trinity Lawn Tennis Club, served the club well. **J. McDonald** acted as honorary club secretary for five years 1925-1929 and in addition to his successes on court, **A.F. Currie** was elected East of Scotland President 1925-26, and a representative on SLTA 1920, and in 1926.

In 1928, **H. Hamilton Beattie**, a past Singles Champion of Bonnington & Trinity Lawn Tennis clubs, President of Lomond Park 1926-28, in failing health with regret resigned from Presidential office & made an Honorary Life Member.

## **Club Colours (1928)**

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

## **Club Records and Fundraising Bazaar**

The club records in the earlier years reflect the formality of the time. An advertising leaflet publicising a fund raising Bazaar in 1908, recorded the full names of the Club Patrons and Committee and was held over two days at a hall in Ferry Road.

The early minute books are meticulous and committee meetings occurred far more formally and frequently than is the case today. The minute books prior to 1925 are not available, however a minute of 6 March 1925 sanctions the Secretary to destroy the old correspondence that is of no further use! Post cards were printed and used to notify members of team selection by post.



***The Cash Book from 1915***

The Cash book of 1915 –1937 is leather bound with gold lettering on the binding “Lomond Park Tennis Club Cash Book” with copper plate hand written entries and detailed descriptions of every transaction on pages with printed sequential folio numbers.

Trinity Recreation Club Limited,  
LOMOND PARK, TRINITY.

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# BAZAAR

In Great Wellington Street Hall, Ferry Road, Leith



A. HENDER HANDED, F.R.S.E., ARCHT.

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



Mrs JOHN DEWAR, Villa Rosa, Trinity, *Convener.*

Miss DEWAR, Villa Rosa, Lennox Row,

Miss M. MUNDELL, 49 Stirling Road,

Miss NESSIE SMITH, Norland, Stirling Road

*Honorary Secretaries.*

With the Compliments of

*Wm John A. G.*

As an indication of the practices and values at the time, the club in 1915 had a bank balance of £ 41 -9 / 9 and Senior subscriptions were a guinea (£ 1-1-0) and members additionally paid 5 /- to the tea fund and 5 /- to the ball fund with Juniors paying 16 /-. Recycling was fashionable even then, and a dozen old tennis balls were sold to members for 3/6. Tennis balls were supplied by the Sports Retailer “Thorntons” and new tennis balls cost £ 4 – 2 /6 for 6 dozen.

**J Allan** the Groundsman received £ 2 – 10 /- per week.

Juniors members played tennis on two grass courts at the Zetland Place/ Stirling Road corner of Lomond Park between 1923-1935. Over the years the rent charged by the Lomond Park Company for the use of these grass courts was debated at length, with a **Miss Williamson** paying the £ 4 -4/- rent per annum on behalf of the junior section. St Serfs School rented the grass courts for a number of years which helped defray maintenance costs. Grass court use had not been without complaint from park users, and claims of “annoyance to the users of the putting course from stray tennis balls driven from the tennis courts” led to a suggestion that higher netting was required. An increase in rent to £ 6 5/- in 1935 brought an end to grass court play on economic grounds.

With the club having a healthy membership following the amalgamation with the Trinity club, membership was restricted to 160. A membership waiting list was formed and a complex Preference joining system introduced. Junior members were required to produce birth certificates, to certify age qualification. 1927 saw the introduction of lead lines on the courts and this may have replaced lime paint lines on the red blaes surface and help towards reducing the maintenance cost. The following year, 1928, a Pavilion extension (believed to be the kitchen and tearoom area) was completed at a cost of £ 150.

Maintenance of the five blaes court surfaces and two grass courts must have been a most demanding task with limited equipment. The club had been fortunate to employ loyal and committed grounds-men over the years. **James Skea** was employed 1922-1926 and was described as “such an efficient and faithful servant” and was paid £ 3- 5/- shillings per week. A second groundsman was also employed to assist **Mr Skea** prepare the courts for the start of the season. Mr Skea’s service to the club was recognised and when he announced in 1926 that he was emigrating to Australia, a testimonial and silver collection raised £12 10 /- in treasury notes and he was also presented with a clock. Mr Skea’s successor, **Adam L. Thomson** was likewise highly regarded.

### **Lady Members' Tea Duties**

Club bye-laws 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 (Bye-law 12) must remit 5/- extra to the treasurer along with her subscription".

## The Heavy Price of World War 1

Lomond Park club members who lost their lives during World War One are listed below. The loss of life was considerable, and should be viewed in the context of a club that had a total membership of 160, of which approximately 100 were male.



*World War One Lomond Park Tennis Club memorial plaque*

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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 between 1901 and 1903. He was a Bar Apprentice with Beveridge, Sutherland and Smith WS, and was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in March 1904. In the 1911 Census he was lodging with another Advocate at 11 Castle Street, Edinburgh – a brief walk from Parliament Square.

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 at Trinity Grove, Trinity Road, Leith; his address was given as "Royal Scots Camp, Ripon".

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 0451 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 in the Advocates Library memorial, on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme; the Grange Cricket Club memorial; and in Newhaven Parish Church.

## Trinity Lawn Tennis Club History & the Merger with Lomond Park 1921

Trinity Lawn Tennis Club was formed in 1903 following the demise of Bonnington, Lochend and Craighall Tennis clubs, with members transferring to the new Trinity club. Bonnington Lawn Tennis Club had existed since the early 1880's, however the early years for tennis clubs were difficult and the enforced winding-up of the Bonnington club and Lochend Lawn Tennis Club at Hawkhill, coincided with the announcement that the most exclusive and affluent Craighall Lawn Tennis Club was likely to fold due to lack of members.

**The Ramages**, the well known shipping family, and **J. Inglis**, the ship-builder, 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 never used for more than one set. 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 a full membership on the three hard courts at the Craighall Club based at Raimes Park which was renamed Victoria Park, Craighall Road.

The first Club Championships of the Trinity Lawn Tennis Club were held in 1904, with the former Bonnington champion, **James Pourie**, defeating a former Craighall champion **David S. Crawford**. **Pourie** retained the title the following year and again in 1907. **H. Hamilton Beattie** gained his first victory in 1906 and he subsequently won the club championship on five occasions 1908-09, 1912, 1914, and 1919. **J MacDonald** won the singles title in 1910 and 1913, being succeeded in the 1911 by **A. F. Currie**. The last Trinity club Champion, in 1920 was **W. A. Davidson**, who later became the Waverley club captain.

During the second half of its life, the Trinity Club ran two men's teams, one in the first and one in the second division of the East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Associations League competitions. The best performance of the first team was in 1919, when they tied with a strong University team at the top of division one and lost by the odd match. The second team was top of the second division in 1911 and again in 1920.

A key development in the history of Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club was the amalgamation of the club with Trinity Lawn Tennis Club in 1921. The Trinity

Club was required to vacate their courts by the Education Authority, who owned the grounds at Victoria Park and intended using the courts for the use of 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 were extremely wealthy and transferred the balance of their reserves £561- 5/11 to Lomond Park. This was a considerable sum of money in those days especially bearing in mind the relatively modest financial position of Lomond Park Club at the time. The combined club had an enviable playing strength and the improved financial position of the combined resources allowed Lomond Park 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 addition, the club was able to invest in a clubhouse upgrade including an extension and a new ladies room which greatly improved the accommodation required to meet the demands of the increased membership. These various extensions explain the irregular shape of the clubhouse outline to the rear of the building.

## Chapter 4

### The War Years 1931-1945

#### On Court

In its centenary year, Lomond Park remains a family club. During the War years, family involvement is 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 playing standards at the club, and also supported the club as administrators over many years.



*Bessie Allan presents a trophy to Maimie Allan*

During the 1930's, the club would appear to have had strong representation in the East of Scotland Championships, which at that time were held at Merchiston and Westhall. The men were represented by **A.J.Cook, W (Bill) F G Lord, Alex K. Allan, W. D. McNaughton, P. P.Jackson, H. L. Roxburgh, C. F. Robertson, D. Craigie Pringle, G. S. P. Bain and A E Bromfield**, and the ladies were represented by **Miss Maimie H K. Allan. Miss C. Wright, Mrs R. Kenyon Letts, Miss E. L. Thomson and Miss A. C. Ross**. There were a number of notable performances in the East of Scotland Men's Singles Championships, with **H. L Roxburgh** reaching the third round in 1932 and in 1938, **A. E. Bromfield** reached the third round and **D. Craigie Pringle** reached the fourth round of the Championships. **A. F. Currie, Alex K Allan and Sydney W B Herald** all represented the Men's East of Scotland County Team, with **A.F. Currie** captaining the side in 1930. A number of players featured in competitions out-with the club and **Miss E. L. Thomson** gained representative honours for the East of Scotland.

### **Club Championships**

In **Mens Singles**, no one player dominated the period. **A.F. Currie** recorded two wins in 1930-31, **C.F. Robertson** recorded three victories in 1933, 1934 & 1937.

In **Mens Doubles**, **M.S Stewart** recorded back to back wins in 1930 & 1931, and **C.R.P.Gutteridge** recorded back to back Championship wins in 1938 & 1939.

The dominance of one player cannot be better demonstrated than by **Miss E. Bessie Allan**, who won ten **Ladies Singles** Championship Titles 1925 – 1939 including a run of five successive titles 1930-1934. During the 31 years from 1925 -1955, **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.

In **Ladies Doubles**, **Bessie Allan** won 13 Championship titles during the period 1926 -39 partnering **Miss A C Ross** on 11 consecutive years 1926-1936. The Allan sisters recorded between them 24 Ladies Doubles Championship wins over the 31 year period 1926 -1956, and including an enforced break of 6 years for the second World War, the only year when they did not win the title in this period was in 1952.

**In Mixed Doubles, Maimie K.H.Allan** recorded seven championship wins in a period spanning 25 years 1930-1956, on four occasions partnering **Alex K. Allan** and twice partnering **W.F.G.Lord**.

**Alex K. Allan** recorded 7 **Mixed Doubles** wins in a 22 years period 1930-1951, partnering **Maimie Allan** on 4 occasions, and **Bessy Allan** once.

**E. Bessy Allan** recorded a hatrick of **Mixed Doubles Titles** in 1934-39, partnering **F.D.M. Williams** on two occasions.

### **East of Scotland Leagues**

In the East of Scotland Leagues, the Men's I team returned to Division 1 status in 1933, with the second team slipping to Division 4. The Ladies team gained promotion to Division 2 in 1933 and again gained first division status in 1938. In 1939, the following team was reported in the press to have won a division one match 6-1 at Colinton (Westgarth Road): **Mrs Thomson, Miss Maimie H K Allan, A J Lindsay, Mrs D. Currie, Miss Airey, Miss E. Bessie Allan**. Further, the Ladies team demonstrated their competitive nature and wrote to the ESLTA complaining that in a match versus Kirkcaldy, the opposition had played with Spencer Moullion tennis balls instead of Slazenger.

### **Administration**

**A.F. Currie** who had done so much for the club and Scottish Tennis served as Club President for 5 years 1930 – 34 and was later invited to become an Honorary Life Member. **James McDonald** was appointed an Honorary Life Member in 1932.

By 1933, the club membership was “full up with a waiting list” and a local newspaper reported, “One of the club's greatest assets is a junior section which has the use of grass courts in Lomond Park. During the holiday months, junior members can obtain certain playing rights on the hard courts. The juniors have a privilege on the waiting list, and this section certainly forms a most valuable recruiting ground for the club which need never fear the fate of the Craighall Club. Few Edinburgh clubs have so young a team and there is promise, as well as hope, that the place in the first division will be retained”.

## **The Second World War Years**

For the club to survive the War years required a tremendous commitment in very difficult circumstances. **A. J. Lindsay** loyally served on the club management committee for a record 19 years from 1931 – 50, serving as Honorary Secretary for 16 years from 1931-46, doubling as treasurer 1940- 46, and finally holding the office of Honorary President in 1949-50. He was presented with a gold wristwatch on his retirement and made an Honorary Life member in 1952. **Alex K. Allan** served as Honorary President 1940 – 1947 and as treasurer for 8 years 1929- 1936.

The start of conflict had an immediate impact on the club and membership fell by a third by 1940 and only the three senior courts were maintained for play. The club was saddened to receive news of the death of **Adam L.Thomson**, who had served the club loyally as grounds-man for 15 seasons from 1926 to 1941 maintaining both the red blaes and grass court surfaces.

The club minutes of the war years were a summary of changing events necessitated by the war and the hardship at the time is reflected in a note in 1942: “The wearing of ‘Whites’ during play will not be considered necessary until further notice. Tennis shoes must be worn.” With falling income, the club struggled to make ends meet and received £30 from Granton Naval Base in 1942 for temporary memberships and welcome contributions received from Heriots Tennis Club and the “WRNS” for court use. The club was forced to sell all its Investments to remain solvent, including 3% War Stock x £ 150. Trinity Bowling club noted in July 1944, that sheep were straying onto the bowling green via the tennis courts, however with only 25 club members remaining, the very survival of the club must have been in doubt. Under Wartime regulations the Admiralty controlled Lomond Park and they let it for grazing.

The membership situation continued to deteriorate and by 1945 there were only 15 members. But for a loan of £75 from Trinity Recreation Limited, the club would in all probability have folded. Again, Heriots contributed £ 35 towards court maintenance and whiting had been reintroduced to mark the lines. (lead lines required for the war effort ! )

## The Tragedy of World War 2

Tragically, the club did not escape from the unpleasantness of war and several members were killed on active service.

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	1 st Lothian & Border Yeomanry

**Duncan M. Moodie** was awarded the D.F.C.(Distinguished Flying Cross), R.C.A.F. He was the pilot of a Lancaster 111 JB220 and died on 18 th October 1943, aged 27, on a night mission over Hanover, Germany. He was awarded the D.F.C. posthumously and is buried in Becklingen War Cemetry, Germany.



*World War 11 Memorial Plaque*



## Chapter 5

### The Recovery 1946-1970

#### Post War Recovery Off Court

With the ending of conflict, the club gradually set about taking the first steps towards recovery. The clubhouse had suffered from neglect during the period of conflict, and chairs were purchased and general maintenance costs were much higher as the clubhouse was restored to its previous glory. The Grounds-man's weekly wage in 1947 was £ 4- 4/7 compared to an adult subscription of £ 3 3/- and Subscriptions Revenue restored to the £400 level with 100 + members.

By 1948 the club was back in surplus funds: a Garden Fete raised £167, a Bridge Drive organised by **AJ Lindsay** raised £ 26 12/-, and the Loan from Trinity Recreation Limited that had thrown the club a lifeline from insolvency was repaid in full. Formality was still the order of the day and AGM Postcards were formally printed.

By 1949, membership levels had further improved with 135 senior members and 65 juniors. Club morale had been lifted with a dance organised in the Albyn Rooms and the Ladies Team travelling to North Berwick. By 1951, the Ladies team once again travelled to North Berwick and the club subsidised the travel. The following year, the Ladies Team travel to Kirkcaldy, a journey presumably made by train or ferry, in a time before the construction of the Forth Road Bridge!

Certainly, the mid 1950's brought a return to social normality, with informal dances at the Wardie Masonic Hall and dances at the Grosvenor Hotel organised by **Tom Burns**, attended by 136 people paying 15 /- a ticket.



*Tom Burns to the right with club members 1950's*

### ***On Court***

The players of Lomond Park displayed their talents on a broader, Scottish tennis scene. In a closely fought match at Stirling Road, Edinburgh University won the East of Scotland Regional Final of the Mens Scottish Cup in 1949, defeating Lomond Park by 7 sets to 6. **Miss D. I. Robinson** narrowly lost the 1949 Ladies Singles Title at the Nairn Championships in an energy sapping match to **Miss M Walker** (Four Courts Aberdeen) 6-0, 4-6, 14-12.

**Craigie Pringle** was a defeated finalist in the East of Scotland Mens Singles Championship in 1946, but won the Mens Singles Trophy in the Grantown on Spey tournament in 1950 and 1952.

**Ken More, J. M Reid and Miss D. I. Robinson** all represented the club in the East of Scotland Championships during the 1950's. **J. M. Reid** reached the fourth round of the East of Scotland Men's Singles Championship in 1950, and **Miss D. I. Robinson** reached the Ladies Singles third round. **Alex Allan** partnered **Victor Woodhaws** (Murrayfield) to win the Scottish Veterans Doubles Championship in 1952.



**Dorothy McNeill ( Sharp)** joined the club as a junior, and in order to develop her tennis career joined Waverley Tennis Club. There she won the East of Scotland Girls Singles Championship in 1958-60, East Girls Doubles Title in 1957 and 1960. **Dorothy** went on to win the East of Scotland Ladies Singles Championship in 1965 and 1974, East Ladies Doubles Championship partnering **Miss S. M. Reid** in 1965, and in 1968 partnering **Miss N.T. Buchanan**. She also won the East Mixed Doubles Championship partnering **R. G. Shearer** in 1975. **Dorothy** is however best known as a Scottish Squash Racquets International.

As an indication of the playing strength of the club at this time, **Bob Searle** first arranged in 1957 a friendly match against his old club Titwood (Glasgow), a leading Scottish Club, with a twelve players aside match. By 1959, this popular annual event was described as a grand affair followed by high tea at the Marina Hotel and a dance at the Suffolk Hotel.

The Junior section of the club in the 1950's was organised with much success by **Dorothy McDonald** (daughter of **R.M.Pentland**, Club President 1937-39).

### **Club Championships**

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. **Craigie Pringle** also recorded three singles triumphs in 1938, 1947 and 1948.

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



*Bessie Allen presenting cups to Alex Allan (r) and Craigie Pringle (l)*

**Maimie H. K. Allan** won 11 **Ladies Singles Championships** 1938 –1953 spanning 15 years and **Margo Horne** recorded 3 straight championship wins 1958-60 with **Miss Christine Allan** recorded three Ladies Singles championship victories in 1963, 1964 and 1966.

In **Men's Doubles**, **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**. Later, **Douglas Seale** with various partners won four **Men's Doubles** titles 1964-70 and in **Mixed Doubles** he and wife, **Irene** won five titles 1963- 1970.

In **Ladies Doubles**, **Maimie Allan** celebrated 11 Championship Titles 1938-1951 spanning the World War Two years with various partners including **Irene Seale** (4), **D Robinson** (3) & **M A I Lesslie** (3). **Irene Seale** herself achieved recorded seven Ladies Doubles Titles in 1953-68 and **Margo Horne** partnered by **E.R.Brown** celebrated four championship titles in five years 1957-61.

**Bill Lord**, who had officiated as an umpire at the Junior East of Scotland Championships, had met and encouraged **Dorothy H McNeill** to join Lomond Park as a junior to develop her tennis. **Dorothy** won the club's **Ladies Singles Title** at Lomond Park in 1957, and later the **Mixed Doubles** partnering **Bill Lord**. **Bill** enjoyed a hat-trick of **Mixed Doubles** Championship wins in 1946, 1954 and 1957.

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

### **East of Scotland Leagues**

Mens tennis at Lomond Park enjoyed a period of strength from 1956 to the early 1960's. The team gained promotion to Division 1 of the East of Scotland leagues 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. Most of these players were home grown with no club coaching system in place.



*L to R, Ronald Hourston, Drew Ramsey, Willie Reid and Ian McKenzie*



*L to r : Willie Reid, John Miller, Ronald Hourston, Kenneth Scobie, Graham Buchanan, Ian McKenzie ( pic taken around 1995)  
Remaining great friends*

**Willie Reid, Ronald Hourston, and Ian McKenzie** secured club championship titles in the period 1959-61.

School & clubmates **Stewart Taylor** & **Kenneth Scobie** were runners up in the East of Scotland Boys Doubles 1955, and reached the semi finals of the Scottish juniors in the same year. In 1956 **Kenneth Scobie** partnering **Jack Dryburgh** won the East of Scotland Boys Doubles Championship.

**Stewart Taylor** (1958 Club Singles Champion) was remarkable, apparently he served right handed and all other strokes left handed, smashing with both hands.

**Kenneth Scobie** played for East County under 21 for 4 years. He left Lomond Park to develop his tennis career, and joined Westhall, another Edinburgh club with an enviable reputation.

Once very strong clubs, both Westhall and Liberton clubs have since folded.



***Ken Scobie & John Topping (1955)***

**Ian McKenzie** left Lomond Park to develop his tennis career, and joined Liberton club across the city, at the time one of the strongest clubs in Scotland, and there **Ian** was a member of a Scottish Cup winning side, played East of Scotland County tennis from 1958-72 and is a member of the GB Vets team.



***Ian McKenzie back row far right, a member of Liberton Scottish Cup winning side 1963***

## **Sanctity of the Sabbath**

To meet the demands of members, the club had unsuccessfully applied in 1947, and again in 1948, to Trinity Recreation Limited to be allowed to play on a Sunday. Community views on the Sanctity of the Sabbath in the post War period were held high. Remaining a contentious issue in 1951, the committee agreed that if Sunday tennis was to be allowed, play should not start before 2.30 pm in the afternoon, and that junior members of the club should not be allowed access to that club on that day. It was agreed that the Trinity Recreation club should again be approached on this subject and that as much force as possible should be put on securing the introduction of the Sunday play proposals for the long term interests of the club. Circulars distributed in connection with the Sunday Play debate cost 9 / 4 and were described as “Expenses of Protest circular”.

By 1952, feelings regarding Sunday play were high and following a circular sent to all members that was overwhelming supported, it was decided to allow Sunday play between 2-6 pm from 14 March 1952. The club *informed* “TRC” and The Lomond Park Company of their decision and “TRC” threatened to evict the tennis club if play continued on Sundays. Following protracted discussion, Sunday Tennis would be permitted from March 1955 from the hours of 2 to 6 pm and Juniors were allowed to play on the top 2 courts after 6 pm if not required by seniors.

## **The Administrators**

**Bill Lord**, a great administrator and keen player served as President 1953-55, a role he was again to be called upon to take in 1974-76. He was made an Honorary Life Member in 1958. **Craigie Pringle** who had associations with the Barnton Park club officiated at Wimbledon as a linesman in the 1950 and 1960's. He also went on to serve as East of Scotland President in 1957 – 58 and elected a member of the SLTA. **Ken More**, in addition to his on court exploits, held the office of Honorary Treasurer 1950-54., In 1955, **Mr S. L. Robertson**, a past President was made an Honorary Life Member.

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



The club's ESLTA Affiliation fee of £13 was 4 times a Senior Subscription compared to the present level which is 30 times a Senior Subscription! The ESLTA announced that it intended to hold a closed door discussion regarding a plan to reorganise the leagues however Lomond Park objected and asked for a Special General Meeting seconded by near neighbours St Serfs Tennis Club.

**A.C Wheeler** from the club served as East of Scotland Treasurer 1950-55.

### **The Sixties - A Period of Difficulty**

At the AGM in 1960 the financial position of the club was described as disastrous, due to a fall in membership, a problem faced by several clubs at the time. A number of initiatives were explored to increase membership including an invitation to the National Commercial Bank staff club to join and twenty five members of the near-by engineering firm "Bruce Peebles" joined the club. Fund raising through a Derby draw, raffle, and club dance was undertaken.

During this difficult period, the club was grateful to a number of members and without their efforts and enthusiasm the club would surely have folded. Most notable members at this time include:-

**R. L. (Bob) Searle** served as Honorary President for 6 years 1961-66, and chaired a most important meeting held on 27 February 1962 when the future of the club was discussed.

**Freda J. Walker** served as Secretary for 6 years 1961 –66

**John M. Miller** served as Match Secretary 1963-66 and President 1967-68.

**Douglas J. Seale** served in a number of roles, Match Secretary 1956, Court Ranger 1963-65, Match Secretary 1968-71, and finally President 1969-71.



*Douglas Seale*

Both Trinity Bowling Club and Lomond Park Tennis club were experiencing financial hardship and in 1966, one of the oldest tennis clubs in Edinburgh, the nearby Inverleith Lawn Tennis club formed in 1880, proposed that they amalgamate with Lomond Park. Following discussions, the Inverleith club decide to merge with the Dyvours Grange club in Stockbridge. With almost no reserves in the bank, the Lomond Park clubhouse suffered from vandalism and membership numbers had fallen to 43 senior and 44 junior members.

Nonetheless, 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 club minutes note that “Ball boys” are to be coached for Senior Finals day (no mention of girls)

## Chapter 6

### The Coming of Age 1971-2006

#### Survival of The Lomond Park Company Limited

1973 saw what was thought to be at the time an imminent threat to the survival of The Lomond Park Company Ltd. The Scotsman Newspaper dated 6<sup>th</sup> April reported that a shareholder, **Mr J Beatson**, considered the Park “had been allowed to deteriorate under the present board and that the company was losing money...” “I only want to see the park is either put in good order or if the shareholders don’t want that, to have it sold to a builder who would undertake a suitable type of development.”

The LPC 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 on the Brink of the Abyss )**

*When I started playing East District 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 at that time.*

*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 lorry load of five tons 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 bucketfuls of nails, much to the amusement of the old ladies in Viewpoint, and of course those*

*who engaged in this task were accused for the rest of the season 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 problems however 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, hardly a promising surface for aspiring new players. The problem was cost as it was expected that it would cost £46,500 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 a number of 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 years 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 actually signed the contract as the contractor wanted to deal with an incorporated body. **Captain Forbes**, **Stanley Gray** and **Peter Whyte** all played a very positive role.*

*The end result of 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 clubs finances.*

### **Squash and All Weather Court Project 1978**

As mentioned by **John Brindle** above, the possibility of introducing squash courts was considered yet abandoned in the summer of 1980, in an attempt to improve the membership of the club. Another project which was aired, involved the introduction of all weather court surfaces. Indeed, in consideration of these issues the sub committee was led by **Michael Pentland**, the then Tennis Club President and a former University “Squash Blue”, **Cynthia Bull** (Treasurer), **Anne Miller**, **Tony Hart** (Technical Co-ordinator), and **Ronnie Sloan** (Financial Co-ordinator).



***Cynthia Bull - Club Treasurer***

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

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, by which time the possibility of 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 galvanising the membership, playing standards improved and most importantly the Fund raising and Social events brought the club membership together.

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

<b>Court Resurfacing Funding Source</b>	<b>£</b>
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
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>46,500</b>

There was a double subscription levied in 1982 and members were invited to subscribe for Repayable Bonds of £ 25 each and £ 6,750 was raised from this source. The Club was most fortunate to receive an Interest Free Loan of £ 6,000 from a local Trinity resident, **Roger Miller**.

The courts were laid by Charles Lawrence Ltd in the Spring of 1982 and 18 Mixed Couples representing clubs in the East of Scotland were invited to an Opening Tournament on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1982 which was won by Blackhall Lawn Tennis club. More improvements to the club came later in 1983 with the installation of Floodlights on Court No 1 and 2 at a cost of £ 4,000.



*One of the Last Finals days played on the red blaes court surface*



*The 1982 Court Replacement Groundworks begin*

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 in order to make loan repayments. The Fund Raising Effort was nothing short of incredible with members organising and helping in any way they could.



*Ian Henderson, 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 Filmed Derby Race night was held in St Serfs Scout Hall, a sponsored cycle to Gullane raised £ 270, in what were appalling conditions for the return leg, with driving rain from the west. Only 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, and a Progressive meal and a Childrens' 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 t r front : Dorothy Liddel, Ann Mitchell, Malcolm Smith, Jean Smith*



*Ladies Teams celebrating the end of League Matches with*  
*Sheila Allen Ladies' Captain far right.*

Under **Michael Pentland's** Presidency (1977– 1981), the club had moved from a most perilous state to one of a thriving organisation with a solid financial base. To mark his retiral from office and marking his long association with the club, Michael presented a Challenge Cup for Junior Girls, which is still presented today. Further, in 2005, **Michael Pentland** was invited to become an **Honorary Life Member** of the club following 25 years service as honorary club auditor.



***Michael Pentland***

The speed at which the club had been able to pay off its debts must have surprised even **Michael Pentland**. The Loan from **Roger Miller** £ 6,000 was repaid in full in 1985, LTA Loan £ 5,000 repaid in 1986 and Members Bonds £ 6,750 were repaid by a ballot system with the final amount paid back in 1987.

## **Court Resurfacing 21 mm Artificial Grass Carpet 1991 and Practice Wall**

The 1982 Elastocol 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, £ 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. Park railing sections in Lomond Road were removed to protect the park surface from the weight of the Concrete Mixer. Scaffold poles which were to form a frame for netting round the practice wall were stolen from inside the club grounds.



*Practice Wall under construction (1992)*

### **Court Replacement Artificial Grass Court Surface 15 mm ( 2002)**

In 2002, the Artificial sand filled Grass Court Surface was replaced on all 5 courts 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 slippery surface. A 12 month protracted negotiation with the contractors, proved difficult. The carpet fibres were 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. 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 project.



*The Court Surface laid in 2006*



In 2007, the club invested in a tractor and brush implement at a £ 3,200 cost, the main benefit of which was reduced groundsman time, application of consistent brush pressure during the brushing process, and maintain best court condition.



***New Tractor Plenty of Volunteers !  
( l to r), Margo Croan, David Warner (groundsman), Sarah Mathews, Kerr  
Petrie, Judith Law and Hamish McGregor***



***David Warner ( Groundsman)***

**David Warner** was appointed grounds-man in March 1994, and over the next 12 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 Dyvours Grass Courts in Stockbridge.

## On Court - Junior Tennis Development

Towards the end of the 1980's, the junior club coaching programme run by **Trish Brindle, Angela Horsfall, Margo Croan, Susan Brown** and others began to bear fruit and the profile of Junior tennis at Lomond Park was raised:-

The Boys under 18 team won the division one league title in 1986, 1989, 1990, and the Boys under 14 team won the division one title 1987 and 1988. Not to be outdone 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 and 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 went on to compete in the British National Parks U18 event where he was a semi finalist.



*Hamish McGregor and Jamie Petrie contest a junior singles final*

In 1990, **Jonathan Guy** won the Dunfermline under 12 boys doubles partnering **Neil Dickson** from Duffus and with partner, **Jonathan** was a runner up in the Scottish Grass Courts under 12 doubles. In 1992, **Jonathon** won the Scottish Championships under 14 Boys Doubles partnering **Suyogi Jigajinni** (Thistle).

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** represented Scotland in the under 12 age group in an International against Wales and went on to win the Mortonhall under 10 boys tournament and win the East Boys Doubles under 12 partnering **J. Collins**.

**Jill McIntyre** joined the girls junior coaching team at the club with some success.



In 1995, **Jill's** daughter **Alison McIntyre** and **Gillian Fraser** won the under 16 girls doubles at North Berwick and in 1996 **Gillian Fraser** won the East of Scotland Closed Championship under 16 girls singles played at Lomond Park and she and **Pamela Fraser** reached the girls under 18 doubles final. The following year, **Alison McIntyre** won the East of Scotland Closed Girls under 16 Doubles again hosted at Lomond Park.



*Gillian 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.

In the **Junior Championships**, the stand out performances were in the Boy's singles under 18 where **Alastair Randall** recorded 4 straight wins 1982-85 and in the Girls under 18, **Alison Brodie** recorded 4 titles 1989-91. Later in 2004, the keenly contested final of the Boys under 18 Championship between **Ross Macrae** and **Chris Law** lasted over 3 hours, and the umpire **Simon Goldsmith** had to be sustained during the match with food and refreshments from the BBQ. The umpire was none the worse for his experience, however the finalists were reported to be "very tired " a number of days later.

In the centenary year, the club is running eight age group junior sides supported with a Professional coaching and development programme.



*Sandra Sloan presents a trophy to Hamish McGregor  
at Junior Finals Day*



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



*Kerr and Wendy Petrie at Junior Prize Giving 2001*



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



*Junior Final Championship Winners Celebrate*



*Victoria Campbell & Patrick Law pick up the silverware*



*Chris Law and Andrew Campbell collect their medals*



*Laura Davidson & Iain Davidson happy with silverware*



*Willie Henderson on Club BBQ duties*



## On Court – Seniors

The new playing surface promoted and encouraged higher levels of performance. The club recorded Tournament success in 1983 with **Ian Henderson** and **Mrs A Mitchell** winning the East of Scotland Restricted Mixed Doubles. **Ann Mitchell** then went on to partner **Mrs M Rennie** as a runner up in the East Restricted Ladies Doubles and **Ian Henderson** and **Mrs Ann Mitchell** winning the Pringle Cup, the first time that Lomond Park had won this event.



*Ann Mitchell*

In 1985 **Moir Dobbie** and **Hamish McGregor** won the Craigmiller Open Championship, defeating **Adrian** and **Bernadette Capldi** in an all Lomond Park final. In the same year **Margo** and **Sinclair Campbell** recorded victory in the Pringle Cup. In 1998 and 1999, **Hamish McGregor** and **Moir Dobbie** celebrated back to back victories in the Craigmillar Open Cup.



***Mens 1 st team 1980's***  
***Back l to r, Sinclair Campbell, Gordon Chalmers, Ian Henderson***  
***Front l to r, Ronnie Sloan, Fraser Dall, Donald Allan***



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

## Club Championships

In **Men's Singles**, **Ronnie Sloan** had a hatrick of championship wins in 1976,77,80. **Hamish McGregor** recorded 12 Championship wins (1988-2006) with **Ian Henderson** and **Jamie Petrie** each recording 3 Singles victories.

**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 **Gordon Chalmers** on 2 occasions, **Sinclair Campbell & John Brindle** recorded three victories (1977-88). **Charles Robertson** celebrated 3 doubles championships spanning 20 years, partnering **Jamie Petrie** on two occasions.



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

**Ian Henderson** recorded 8 Mens Doubles titles in 11 years, 1979-1989. partnering **Donald Allan** on 3 occasions.



**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 Championship Titles including a hattrick in 1972-74, **Margo Valentine** recorded 10 Singles championship wins (1977-96) achieved over a 20 year period. **Moira Dobbie** and **Margaret Main** are credited with 5 Title wins with **Jacque Edwards** achieving 6 Championship victories.



*Betty Pentland presents the Ladies Singles Championship to Dorothy Liddel*

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 **Moir Dobbie**. **Trish Brindle** and **Patricia Morse** won 4 titles 1986-89 and **Bernadette Capaldi** recorded 5 Championship victories 1990-2005 with various partners.



*Fiona Ramage & Margo Valentine*



*Finals Day Trophy Presentations,  
l to r, Michael Pentland, John Nairn, Betty Pentland and Margo Valentine*



*Margaret Main (l) and Jacquie Edwards ( r) win Ladies Doubles  
In the background **Peter Bremner ( r )** holding the Mens Doubles cup won  
playing with **Hamish McGregor (l)***

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



*Gordon Chalmers and Dorothy Liddel*

**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 Double finalists : Hamish McGregor, Lorn Lawson, Jane Lawson, Jacquie Edwards*



***Ros Trail and Morag Kinniburgh at Finals Day***

**Tony Hart**, a club member of long standing, on his retirement to Malta in 1986, presented a Trophy “The Hart Cup” to be played for annually by mixed doubles pairs with a combined age of 90 +. The first winners of the Hart Cup were **Sinclair Campbell & Trish Brindle** who have gone on to win the cup on three further occasions. **Ann Davidson & Simon Goldsmith** have demonstrated greatest consistency in recording a hat-trick of Hart Cup victories 2003 –2006.

**Bill Aspin** launched the club’s own internet website “lomondparktennis.com” in 2002. **Bill** also used his artistic skills to draw the sketch of the clubhouse appearing on page 2 of this book. **Ian Campbell** who 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.



***Ian Campbell***



### *East of Scotland Leagues*

The improvement in playing surface and the clubs focus on junior coaching contributed to the general improvement in playing standard.

In 1974, with falling membership numbers, the men ran two teams with the Men's first team playing in Division 7. By 1981 the Men's first team had climbed to Division 4 and gradually standards improved. In 2004, all three men's teams were promoted with the senior side 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 1950's – a tremendous effort!). The squad included **Hamish McGregor**, **Martin Hendrie** (the club's professional coach), **Ian Campbell**, **Clive Hembury**, **David McCall**, **Jamie Petrie**, **Charles Robertson**, **Andrew Thomson**, **Howard Pether** and **Richard Horsfall**, with over half of the squad coming through the club's own coaching programme from junior level.



*Men's First team promoted to Division One in 2004*

*L to R back row : Richard Horsfall, Clive Garlick (President), Clive Hembury, Grame Milne, Front Row l to r : Jamie Petrie, Hamish McGregor and Martin Hendrie*

The Men's second team had languished in Division 7 in 1981 and they too improved in stature to reach Division 3 status by 2005.

The overall improvement in the standard of Men's play, resulted in a third team being formed in 1994 with a blend of experienced and junior players, and this team gained league promotion in three successive seasons 1995-97, winning 24 out of 28 matches.



***Men's third team 1995-97***

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

The Ladies First team had played consistently in Division 4 prior to 1981, and they too had shown improvement in standard and had reached Division 2 standard by 2006. The Lomond Park Ladies first 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.



The Ladies Second Team have played fairly consistently in Division 5 1981-2006 and perhaps encouraged by the success of the Men's third team, the Ladies formed a third team in 1997, and they too enjoyed success, starting in Division 9 and reaching Division 6 level by 2005. A ladies fourth team was launched in 2006.

**Margaret Main** partnering **Andrew Thompson** were defeated Pringle Cup finalists in 2006.

**Ronnie Sloan** served on the East of Scotland Committee from 1982-84 and is attributed with the Lomond Park song which was published in the E.S.L.T.A Brochure on launching the clubs floodlights.( see back page of book).

### **Administration**

As the club prospered, and membership levels increased, so too did the demand for more teams for both seniors, juniors and veterans and there was a clear focus on professional coaching and a requirement for the club to compete with the commercially operated tennis and sports centres.

As early as 1992, there had been discussion with "TRC" and Trinity Bowling Club regarding the setting up of a "Sinking Fund Reserve" to provide against any future financial difficulties of either club or to provide for the replacement of the clubhouse. After considerable and lengthy debate, all parties agreed that it would be prudent for both clubs to set aside a fixed sum annually towards a "contingency reserve".

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 coloured shoe tagging to control membership. Such was the demand for all year round play, that 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 security of the Clubhouse and Grounds, with money being stolen from the floodlight meters and vandalism and youths causing problems from the park.

From SLTA published club membership data in 1993, Lomond Park reported membership levels were in the **top 10** of all Scottish Tennis clubs.

Club	Men	Women	Total	Members as % of Club	Courts	Surface	Members per court
<b>EAST</b>							
Aberdeen	67	40	107	87	8	Blas	13
Aberdeen *	102	49	142	28	3	Art Grass	34
Barnon Park *	192	107	299	86	4	Art Grass	48
Blackhall *	114	149	263	57	3	Art Grass	38
Braid	164	49	213	23	3	Art Grass	55
Breuchaven	60	42	102	41	2	All-weather	30
Coburn	107	100	207	48	6	Art Grass	18
Cornwall	45	72	117	62	3	Tennis-Quick	15
Craigmillar Park *	80	30	110	27	4	Art Grass	20
Dalgety Bay	12	22	34	65	3	2 hard	4
						1 mud	
Dean	191	90	281	32	4	Art Grass	48
Deanswood	39	7	46	27	2	Blas	10
Deansville *	75	63	138	46	4	3 Blas	19
Dryden *	124	26	150	17	8	1 Art Grass	16
						2 Art Grass	
						5 Grass	
Family Club	20	10	30	33	2	Tarmac	10
Guthrie	17	21	38	55	3	Asphalt	6
Hutton *	61	50	111	45	3	1 Art Grass	20
						2 Blas	
Kirkcaldy	88	61	149	41	5	3 Art Grass	15
						2 Tennis-Quick	
Lomond Park *	205	125	320	36	5	Art Grass	41
Merchiston	32	18	50	36	3	Blas	11
Murray House	8	Nil	8	Nil	5	4 Tennis-Quick	2
						1 Indoor	
Murrayhill	46	42	88	48	5	Tennis-Quick	9
Murrayfield *	104	66	170	39	4	Art Grass	26
RAF Turnhouse *	12	Nil	12	Nil	2	Art Grass	6
St Leonards	22	16	38	41	2	Asphalt	12
St Leonards *	52	37	109	32	3	Tennis-Quick	17

During these years, membership levels grew and the club became more complicated to manage, and as always the success of the club due to those who volunteered to hold office. The contribution and importance of committed individuals and families alike to the club became even more apparent.

In 1997, it was agreed to reduce the length of service for the Honorary President and Vice President to one year vice president, two years president and one year vice president recognising the now increased work load of the position:-

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



**Chris & Daphne Randall**

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



**Susan Brown & Daphne Randall**

**Gordon Chalmers** served as Men's Captain, Match Secretary & Court Ranger  
1972 -80



*Gordon Chalmers with Mens Singles Cup*

**Donald J. M. Allan** served as Match Secretary, Men's Captain and President during an unbroken spell of office 1986-93 with wife **Sheila** serving as Secretary 1998-00.



*Sheila Allan*

**John Brindle** served as Club President 1982-83, wife **Trish** served as Ladies Captain and Match Secretary on a number of occasions 1979- 90, 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, Hamish McGregor, Sinclair Campbell, Lindsay Brindle*

**Ronnie K. Sloan** had a key role in 1978 as financial co-ordinator to the committee responsible for the investment in the first all weather court surface, served as Honorary President 1985 –87 and served on the East of Scotland Committee 1982-84 with wife **Sandra** serving as club Secretary 1980-82. Ronnie later became Chairman of the Scottish Sports Council, and for this and his charitable service he was honoured with an M.B.E. in 2018.



*Ronnie Sloan M.B.E*

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



*Joyce Campbell*

**Angela J. 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** 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 MacEarchan, Richard Horsfall, Linton Horsfall, Andrew Anderson*

In 1999, the club was saddened to hear of the death of the Match Secretary, **Leslie McConnell**, the Ladies Second Team Captain and long standing member of the club.



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



*\*Ladies Match Practice*



*Ladies Relax after Tennis Practice*



*L to r back Sheila Hunter, Margo Croan, Val Henderson  
L to r Front Fiona Lauder, Wendy Petrie*



**Fraser N. F. Dall**, Men's First Team Captain 1984, 1986-88 and served as Club President 1994-96.



*Fraser Dall*

**Adrian Capaldi**, President 2002-03, for many years Captained the Men's 11 team, with wife **Bernadette** captaining the Ladies first team on 6 occasions during 1991-2003.



*Adrian Capaldi*



***Bernadette Capaldi***

**Kerr Petrie** served as President 2000-01, wife **Wendy** serving as Junior Match Secretary, Match Secretary and Secretary on a number of occasions 1985-99 and son **Jamie** leading the Men's First team in 2000. Kerr served the club over many years taking responsibility for maintenance and repairs.



***Kerr Petrie***

From 2000-2004, **Judith Law** served as Junior Match Secretary, overseeing the club's professional coaching programme and management of 8 junior teams and was appointed Ladies First team captain in 2005-06, with the Ladies First and Second team gaining promotion and the first team winning their division for the first time in a quarter of a century. **Judith** also organised in 2005 and 2006, an invitation charity "Strawberry Tea" tennis tournament in aid of breast cancer, with clubs from across Edinburgh enjoying a most successful tournament.



*Judith Law organising a Strawberry Tea Event*

## Clubhouse Refurbishment

In 2004, under the project management of **Adrian Capaldi**, **Hamish McGregor** and **Cath Macrae**, the clubhouse was refurbished at a cost of £15,000 with the replacement of floor joists in the main clubhouse, refurbishment of the kitchen area and changing rooms adding personal locker space, rewiring throughout and redecoration both internally and external including painting, floor sanding and provision of furniture.



The following year, **Margo Croan**, who had previously served the club as Secretary and been involved in the successful junior coaching programme, 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. It is impossible to name everyone or to recognise the contributions made, however without the volunteers there would be no 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**.

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*David Lloyd presenting Junior Match Secretary, Anne Davidson, at the ESLTA Centenary Dinner 2005, held in The Playfair Library, Old College, Edinburgh University : The award an Under 18 Boys League Trophy*

## Off Court

From the mid 1980's to date, two prominent features of the club social calendar have been the junior finals day BBQ which has always been well attended and the club's annual 20 overs per side cricket match against the "Woodcutters XI" played at Bangholm Playing Field. The Lomond Park XI invariably captained by **Sinclair Campbell** or **Charles Robertson** were fortunate to be able to call on **Fraser Dall**, **Donald Allan**, **Rob Blair**, **Richard Horsfall** and the bravest of wicket keepers **Kerr Petrie**. For this ageing side, it is fortunate that the club has always been able to unearth some aspiring and hitherto hidden talent from the junior ranks for some fast running between the wickets.

In a challenge football match in 1984 organised by **Glen Ross**, his football skills were put to the test as he led a Lomond Park "All Star" XI against Waverley Tennis Club in a match played at the most challenging of venues, "The Jack Kane Centre". Some Lomond Park team members had been encouraged to come out of retirement in an attempt to turn back the clock, and by half time several wished they had not bothered as the team lost by six goals to one.

## Wooden Tennis Rackets



Wooden tennis rackets with cat gut strings were replaced in the 1980's with tennis racket frames made from composite materials including carbon fibre, graphite, fibreglass or titanium alloys and the strings made of synthetic material including polyimide and other polymers.

The new rackets had a larger head area, and were said to have a larger sweet spot, providing more power and accuracy. One brand of wooden framed tennis racket highly regarded was the "Dunlop Maxply Fort" as seen in the photograph.

## **Trinity Bowling Club**

Over the past century, through Trinity Recreation Limited, the tennis and bowling club have worked side by side and in recent years, leading members of Lomond Park Tennis Club have gone on to hold office in Trinity Bowling Club:-

**Kerr Petrie** who was Honorary President of the tennis club in 2000-01, was Trinity Bowling Club Singles Champion in 1991 and went on to become Honorary President of the bowling club in 1995

**Sinclair Campbell** was Honorary President of the bowling club in 2006, Honorary President of the tennis club in 1988-1990 and Club Champion at bowling in 2000 and 2004 and a tennis doubles Champion on various occasions.

**Ken Campbell** was appointed Vice President of the bowling club in 2006, having served as a Director of Trinity Recreation Limited for many years and acted as Honorary Treasurer for the tennis club 1987-89.

**Clive Garlick**, Tennis Club President represented the club at the 150th anniversary celebrations of Trinity Bowling Club in 2005.



*Trinity Bowling Club -150<sup>th</sup> Centenary lapel badge*



## 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 are :

- Publication of a Commemorative Booklet
- Commission Centenary Memorabilia
- Presidents Centenary Dinner 08 June 2007
- Invitation Centenary Senior 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, organising and 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

## Centenary 1907 – 2007



## President's Dinner (Friday 8 June)

The Centenary Weekend commenced with “The President’s Dinner”.

On the evening of Friday 8 June 2007, 13 Past Club Presidents including President elect **Bob Adams**, and their guests, attended a very succesful dinner in the excellent setting of The New Club Library, Princes Street, Edinburgh overlooking Edinburgh Castle, to Celebrate the Club Centenary and organised by **John Brindle**.

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

The Presidents attending the dinner represent 38 years of the clubs history.



*The Club Presidents*

*( l t 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 addresses the dinner*





*Centenary President Margo Croan addresses the Dinner Guests*







*Sinclair Campbell and Fraser Dall overcome some technical issues !*



*Bob Adams and Bernadette Capaldi in deep conversation*

# Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club

Centenary 1907 – 2007



## 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.







*President Margo Croan, welcomes the players and guests to the unveiling of the Centenary Plaque*



*Centenary President Margo Croan unveils the centenary plaque*



*John Brindle Tournament Referee explains the format*



*The best dressed spectators : Linton Horsfall and Donald Allan*





*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 well earned cup of tea!*



*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, Judith Law, Simon Goldsmith*



*Centenary Tournament Winners Simon Goldsmith & Judith Law*

## 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 the members and guests to the reception*



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











*Centenary President Margo Croan presents to the club a “Presidents Centenary Bowl” to be awarded each year for outstanding service to the club : receiving the Bowl on behalf of the club is Bob Adams, President-elect*



*Clive Garlick presents a bouquet to Centenary President Margo Croan*

### **Clive Garlick : Honorary Life Membership**

During the Centenary celebrations, **Clive Garlick** was invited to accept Honorary Life Membership. **Clive** has been a club member since age 11, a team player for junior, Mens and Vets teams and still plays match team tennis today. He was a promotor of the Mens third team in 1994, a team he Captained for 20 years. He served on the Committee on five occasions, including the positions of Honorary Treasurer & Subscriptions Secretary 1990-92 and Honorary President 2004-2005. During the funding of the first All Weather courts, **Clive** established & administered the fund raising “Monthly Cash Prize Draw”. **Clive** served on 2 Court Replacements Sub Committee, on the Centenary Committee 2005-2007 and Author of the Club History Centenary Book.



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



# Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club

Centenary 1907 – 2007



## Families' Day (Sunday 10 June)

Day 3 of the Centenary Celebrations, “The Family BBQ Day” brought to a close a fantastic club centenary celebration, enjoyed by many members and guests and benefitting from the very best of weather, with many friendships renewed.

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





*Robert Mathews in charge of the Family Day BBQ*



*Courts set for Junior Centenary Tournament*

## **Lomond Park Tennis Club Moving into the Second Century**

President **Margo Croan** has led the Centenary Committee and the many members who have helped, to make the Lomond Park Tennis Club Centenary Celebrations truly memorable in every way.

The photographs of all the Centenary Celebrations, the enjoyment, happy faces, friendships, comradery, families together, all shared from the love of tennis.

Lomond Park has always been a community tennis club, and as the club moves into it's second century, it does so as one of the leading tennis clubs in Edinburgh with good club spirit. It can boast five excellent floodlit all weather courts, a well maintained and modernised clubhouse, a position of financial strength carefully accumulated over many years. By the millennium, the club could reflect on healthy membership levels, a very active junior section, and a record number of senior, junior and veteran league teams.

**Lomond Park has a healthy club and community spirit that has held it strongly together through an eventful first century.**



*Through the Looking Glass  
May the Second Century be as successful and enjoyable as the first*

## **Chapter 8**

### **Second Century Challenges – A period of Records (2008 -2020)**

#### **Entering the Second Century**

With the successful Club Centenary Celebrations a distant memory, the club embarked on the challenges of a new century. Lomond Park is proud to retain the position as one of the largest membership clubs in Scottish Tennis. Keeping pace with members expectations, the club can boast a new artificial grass court surface, a refurbished clubhouse, membership levels in the period 2008 – 2020 averaging 430, of which 230 are Adults and a thriving Junior section of around 180 members, a sound financial base secured over many years of careful fund accumulation and investment in facilities, balancing Subscription levels with value for money, and providing a mix of fun Social events. The club offers competitive team tennis in the East of Scotland leagues offering 4 Mens teams, 4 Ladies Teams, Veterans Teams, and around 10 Junior Age Group teams for Boys and Girls. The focus on Club sponsored Professional Coaching for Juniors is popular in developing tennis talent.

By 2020, Club membership had grown to 600, as a result of the effects of the Global Pandemic Covid 19, with many working from home or furloughed, and restrictions on travel. As a result, Lomond Park became one of the largest tennis clubs in Scotland.

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
- ❖ Club Championship Victories by Hamish McGregor and Jacquie Edwards break all records
- ❖ Mens team earn promotion to Division 1 in 2019

## **Administration**

### **Club Management and Constitution in the Second Century**

As the club expanded and membership grew, so the need to develop a successful club management structure to meet the expectations of the membership.

The Constitution was amended in 2011 and again in 2015 to accommodate guidance and incorporate LTA Standard Provisions on governance matters, and as a result the following club management structure implemented

- ❖ Honorary President
- ❖ Honorary Vice President
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Mens 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

For the first time, the club employed a part time Administrator to deal with the demands of the larger membership, Website, Coaching co ordination, and Junior Tennis generally.

### **New 30 Year Lease Arrangements for Club**

Historically, The Lomond Park Company Ltd owned the Lomond Park land, and had leased the Tennis Courts and Clubhouse through Trinity Recreation Limited who had then sub-leased the facility to the tennis club and bowling club. Whilst there had been many merits for this arrangement over the previous century, particularly in times of financial difficulty for the club, it had now been decided that for efficiency, Trinity Recreation Ltd would be wound up and the tennis

club would enter a 30 year lease of the tennis facility in its own name, directly from The Lomond Park Company Ltd commencing in 2017.

A huge amount of time was spent on the club's behalf by **Mike Polson, Gordon Kerr, Ian Harris** and **Kerr Petrie**, securing the new arrangement, for which the club are most grateful. Tennis member, **Linton Horsfall**, was involved in the dissolution arrangements for the intermediate company, Trinity Recreation Ltd which completed the process.

### **Website Technology**

Recognising the need for improved Website presence, the club appointed **Florence Kennedy** as a Webmaster, and the technology put in place to allow members to pay their subscriptions on line for the first time in 2009. Marketing the club and its facilities through the Website would become increasingly important.

### **Facilities**

In 2015, under the guidance of **Ian Harris**, the practice wall area at the back of the clubhouse was refurbished with a new carpet, redesigned overhead beam support and netting, tractor shed relocated and new BBQ area established.



*Practice Wall and BBQ area*

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

### **Heart Defibrillator**

In a joint project with the the bowling club, a “Heart Defrillator” was installed at the clubhouse entrance in 2016, with both club members trained in its emergency use.

### **Court Resurfacing 2020**

The Club had planned to renew the Artificial Court Surface in 2020, (previous surface 2006) and although construction work was initially delayed due to the Covid 19 pandemic, work was able to proceed in a 6 week window through July and August.

A sub committee led by President **Ian Harris**, **Alan Malcolm** (Club Administrator) & **Jamie Verhaere** (Club Coach) successfully managed the project. The selected contractor, Doe Sports (North) Ltd , addressed various existing drainage issues, laid a new tarmac base on top of the original Elastosol Court Surface, providing five sand dressed artificial grass courts ( DOE Mono Pro product), which will provide the truest bounce. Work included new ground level kerbing, new perimeter fencing and new Net Posts. Court 1 was also moved slightly to the west to reduce the serve receiving player contact with the hedge next to the bowling green from wide placed serves. The end result were five excellent well drained courts for members to enjoy. In addition, The Lomond Park Company Ltd supported the club by arranging for a drain to be inserted in the park across the breadth of courts 4 and 5 to deal with surface rain water from the park.

The work was carried out at a cost of £121.000, the largest investment ever made by the club in its 113 year history, funded from club reserves carefully accumulated by club committees over many years. The club was succesful in applying for an £ 18,000 Grant from Viridor Waste Recovery, who recycled the old court carpets. Coincidentally, the club received a very welcome £ 25,000 Government Covid Resilience Business Grant towards the financial impact of Covid 19 virus on the club.



*The new courts surface 2020*



## **Honorary Life Memberships**

### **Judith M. Law : Honorary Life Membership**

In 2012 **Judith M. Law** was awarded Honorary Life Membership. **Judith** was Junior Match Secretary 1999-2004, Ladies Captain 2005-2007, Centenary Committee Member 2005-2007, Honorary President 2010-11 when the Website development was undertaken. **Judith** continues as a match team player, was the First Recipient of the Centenary Cup, and over the years **Judith** has organised many social, charity events and Wimbledon Draws. **Judith** has represented Lomond Park as a board member of ESLTA for 5 years 2007-2011. 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**

In 2013, **Ronnie K. Sloan** was awarded Honorary Life Membership. At a low point in the History of the club in 1978, a Committee Chaired by **Michael Pentland**, was established to consider the viability of the club investing in the first All Weather Courts. **Ronnie** was Financial Convenor of this committee, and with a fairly high risk financial plan involving Grants, Repayable Member Bonds, Advance Member Subscriptions and a single Individuals generous Repayable Loan, the project was delivered with club wide participation in fund raising, for which the co-ordinated efforts of **Joyce Campbell** 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 and appointed Honorary Club President 1985-1987. On court, he has represented the Mens teams for many years. At the Club Centenary Celebrations, **Ronnie** was our star guest as “Superman”, and in 2011 loaned to the club “a framed T Shirt signed by the March 2011 AEGON GB Davis Cup Team (James Ward, Alex Bogdanovic, Jamie Baker, Jamie Murray, Colin Fleming) which is displayed in the clubhouse and in 2014 he donated to the club an “Oak Role of Honour Board for Past Champions and Presidents from the 1970’s”.

### **A.Kerr Petrie : Honorary Life Membership**

**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 and in good humour.

**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!

However it is for his efforts off the courts as much as those on the courts that we celebrate tonight. Our mystery person has been ever present over the years assisting the club in countless ways with maintenance, roof and ground repairs.

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'm glad this person has not received life membership before as it is now gives me the privilege and honour to be able to announce that **Kerr Petrie** has been awarded life membership of Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club.

### **Dorothy Thom : Honorary Life Membership**

In 2017, **Dorothy Thom** was awarded Honorary Life Membership. **Dorothy** joined the club as a junior and now has longer continuous membership than any other current club member and is an extremely popular club and team member. **Dorothy** for many years has been competitive, representing the club in team matches.

Off court, **Dorothy** attends all events and shows unwavering support, does a lot of work behind the scenes, quietly and effectively in an unassuming way, welcoming newcomers to the club and co ordinating social tennis and umpiring junior matches.

### **East of Scotland Leagues Tennis Seniors**

Throughout this period, the club had 4 Mens and 4 Ladies teams and Vets teams competing in the ESLTA leagues.

The Mens 1 st team competed mainly in Division 2 or 3 during the period. Their fortunes improved in 2018 when the Mens 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 nd & and 3<sup>rd</sup> team all gained promotion.

The Mens 2nd team played in division 4 to 6, Mens 3 rd team in Division 5 to 7 and Mens 4 th team in Division 8 or 9. In most years the club utilised 50 players to support the 4 Mens teams.



***Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team winners of Div 3 2018***

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

Further success followed, when the Men's team enjoyed a tremendous run in the 2018 Scottish Cup, reaching the Quarter Final, an epic 5-4 derby win over St Serfs, further wins over Forthill and Hamilton, before losing away to David Lloyd Aberdeen, the eventual Cup winners. This is the best cup run the club has enjoyed since the late 1950's.



*Scottish Cup Quarter Finalists 2018*

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

Following their promotion the previous year, the Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team won Division 2 in 2019 and gained promotion to Division 1. The club utilised a squad of 10 players to gain promotion, **Jamie Verhaere, Shaun Tulloch, Douglas Tait, Jonathon Short, David Reid, Sammy McKinney, William Lyburn, Scott Lister, Jack Hardie and Guido Bregoli.**



***Mens 2nd team 2021 celebrating a win in Division 4 :  
L to r, Peter Hewitt, David November, Alastair Ward, Rory Hardie, Euan  
Ward, David Reid***

The Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team played mostly in Division 3. The Ladies 2nd team hovered between Division 4 and 5, the Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> team played Division 5 to 7 and the 4<sup>th</sup> team playing division 7.



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

## Club Championships

In Club Championships during this period, the club had two outstanding records to celebrate.

**Hamish P. McGregor** recorded 43 Championship victories, more than any other player in the 113 year history of the club. Spanning a 23 year period, 1988-2011, **Hamish** recorded 15 Singles Titles, 15 Mens Doubles Titles and 13 Mixed Doubles Titles. A truly excellent record.

**Jacquie Edwards**, recorded 39 Championship victories, second only to **Hamish** in the history of the club, with 17 Singles Titles, 10 Doubles Titles and 12 Mixed Doubles Titles. This was achieved over a 30 year period from 1989 to 2018, this is the longest span of Championships won by anyone in the club history, demonstrating a commendable and sustained level of fitness and tennis quality. Of special mention is a consecutive run of 11 Singles Titles from 2008 to 2018.



At the 2017 AGM, **Jacquie** was presented with a glass trophy in recognition of the amazing achievement of winning 10 consecutive Ladies Singles Championship Titles.



***2018 Ladies Doubles Champions  
L t r : Hannah Milne, President Ian Harris, Bernadette Capaldi***



***2019 Finals Day  
L to R : Anne Davidson & Judith Law ( Ladies Doubles) Guido Bregoli  
( Mens Singles), Harriet Balloch (Ladies Singles), Ross Hunter & Scott  
Malcolm ( Mens Doubles)***



## Juniors

Special mention of the achievements of **Scott Malcolm**, who progressed to the regional stages of the LTA sponsored “Road to Wimbledon 2020”.



*Juniors enjoy a coaching session with Jamie Verhaere*

## Administrators

The club relies on members to volunteer to serve the club, and **David Ramsay** is to be congratulated on serving as Honorary Treasurer for 8 years 2009-2016.

## Lomond Laggards

The legendary “Lomond Laggards” who play and socialise on a Saturday morning, provide great team spirit both “on” and “off” the court. A source of 4th team players, the highly entertaining “Laggards Lecturn” emails scribed under the “nom de plume” “**Ian Harris**” where no individuals reputation is safe in describing team performances or skill shortage. It has been rumoured in the changing room, that third team players seek to be dropped to join the elite athletes in “Team Laggards”. Over the years these athletes have been managed by Ian Harris, David Law, Mike Polson and Gordon Kerr.

## **Coronavirus Covid 19**

Year 2020 will be memorable for the Coronavirus Covid 19 Global Pandemic. Government Restrictions to contain the spread of the respiratory virus resulted in no tennis being able to be played from late March until the end of June. Restrictions then followed on play, involving player hand sanitization before and after play, and latterly singles play only to reduce possible player contact and virus transfer. All Summer East of Scotland Leagues were cancelled and the Club was unable to hold their Annual Championships. There was an attempt to play a shortened form of inter club team tennis in September, with tennis play only with no social teas afterwards.

During the Autumn easing of Covid19 restrictions, **Adrian Capaldi** organised within the club monthly box leagues for singles and doubles play, with promotion and relegation and these proved very popular.

With many people furloughed and working from home during the Pandemic, interest in tennis increased.

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

## **Obituaries**

During the period 2007-2020, members of long standing passed away, they loved the tennis club, and had worked tirelessly for the cause, contributing many voluntary hours leading the club through one of the most challenging periods in its history in the late 1970's and 1980's. We owe a debt of gratitude to them and their contribution is more fully detailed elsewhere in this book.

**Joyce Cambell** (2011), **Angela Buchanan** (2014), **Cynthia M.S.Bull** (2016), **Michael D. Pentland** (2017), **Sinclair C. Campbell** (2018).

## Chapter 9

### Principle Office Bearers and Role of Honour

#### Members Honoured with Life Membership ( 1907-2020)

(For outstanding and exceptional service to the club)



Year	Name of Recipient
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	W.F.G.Lord
1955	M.R. Robertson
1952	A.J.Stewart
1946	A.F.Currie
1932	J.McDonald
1929	H.Hamilton Beattie
1926	David S. Crawford

## **Centenary Cup**

**Presented by Centenary President Miss Margo Croan in 2007**

**Cup to be Presented Annually for exceptional club service**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
2023	
2022	
2021	
2020	Adrian Capaldi
2019	Scott Malcolm
2018	Susan Gillingham
2017	Kathryn Hardie
2016	Leslie Watson
2015	Ian Harris
2014	Alan Malcolm
2013	Dorothy Thom
2012	Kathryn Hardie
2011	A.Kerr Petrie
2010	Tricia Brindle
2009	Sarah Mathews
2008	Adrian Capaldi
2007	Judith Law

## Principle Office Bearers and Role of Honour (2007–2021)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
2041						
2040						
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2038						
2037						
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2024						
2023						
2022						
2021	I. Harris	L. Ewing	A. Anderson		B. Capaldi	
2020	I. Harris	L. Ewing	A. Anderson		B. Capaldi	
2019	G. Kerr	L. Ewing	A. Anderson		B. Capaldi	
2018	G. Kerr	L. Ewing	A. Anderson		B. Capaldi	
2017	M. Polson	S. Gillingham	D. Ramsey		K. Hardie	
2016	M. Polson	S. Gillingham	D. Ramsey	M. Monaghan	K. Hardie	
2015	A. Davidson	S. Gillingham	D. Ramsey	M. Monaghan	K. Hardie	
2014	A. Davidson	E. Walpole	D. Ramsey	M. Monaghan	G. Kinmond	
2013	S. Goldsmith	E. Walpole	D. Ramsay	R. Arnott	G. Kinmond	
2012	S. Goldsmith	K. Hardie	D. Ramsey	R. Arnott	G. Kinmond	
2011	J. Law	K. Hardie	D. Ramsey	R. Arnott	G. Kinmond	
2010	J. Law	K. Hardie	D. Ramsey	Jon Brindle	J. Edwards	
2009	R. J. Adams	S. Mathews	D. McFadzean	D. McCaul	J. Edwards	
2008	R. J. Adams	S. Mathews	D. McFadzean	D. McCaul	J. Edwards	

## Principle Office Bearers and Role of Honour (1974-2007)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
2007	M.S.J.Croan	S. Matthews	D.McFadzean	G.Milne	J.A.Law	-
2006	M.S.J.Croan	S. Matthews	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.Maceachern	C.C.R.Robertson	B.Capaldi	L. Brindle
2000	A.K. Petrie	S. Allan	F.Maceachern	J. Petrie	M.Dobbie	W. Aspin
1999	A.J.Horsfall	S. Allan	A.Anderson	C.C.R.Robertson	M.Dobbie	W. Petrie
1998	A.J.Horsfall	S. Allan	A.Anderson	C.C.R.Robertson	M.Dobbie	L McConnell
1997	A.J.Horsfall	M.Croan	A.Anderson	H.P.McGregor	M.Dobbie	L McConnell
1996	F.N.F. Dall	M.Croan	F.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.J.Horsfall	L. Lawson
1993	D.J. Allan	S. Hunter	J.M. Small	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	L. Lawson
1992	D.J. Allan	S. Hunter	C.D.Garlick	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	L. Lawson
1991	D.J. Allan	J.Smith	C.D.Garlick	H.P.McGregor	B.Capaldi	I. Brown
1990	S.C.Campbell	J.Smith	C.D.Garlick	D.J.Allan	P.E.Brindle	I. Brown
1989	S.C.Campbell	J.Smith	K. Campbell	D.J.Allan	P.E.Brindle	I. Brown
1988	S.C.Campbell	W. Petrie	K. Campbell	F.N.F. Dall	M.Paton	D.J.Allan
1987	R.K.Sloan	W. Petrie	K. Campbell	F.N.F. Dall	D.Randall	D.J.Allan
1986	R.K.Sloan	W. Petrie	D.J.L.Horsfall	F.N.F. Dall	A.Mitchell	D.J.Allan
1985	R.K.Sloan	S Anderson	D.J.L.Horsfall	S.C.Campbell	A.Mitchell	A. Hart
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.J.Horsfall	D. Randall
1982	J.A.Brindle	S. Sloan	I. Brown	I.Henderson	A.J.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.S.Bull	G.Chalmers	F.A.Adair	P.E.Brindle
1979	M.D.Pentland	S.L.Brown	C.M.S.Bull			P.E.Brindle
1978	M.D.Pentland	S.L. Brown	C.M.S.Bull			
1977	M.D.Pentland	H.Penrose	C.M.S.Bull			
1976	W.F.G.Lord	H.Penrose	C.M.S.Bull			G.Chalmers
1975	W.F.G.Lord	H.Penrose	C.M.S.Bull	D.Reid		G.Chalmers
1974	W.F.G.Lord	F.Scott	C.M.S.Bull			G.Chalmers

## Principle Office Bearers and Role of Honour (1939-1973)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
1973	T.Burns	F.Scott	C.M.S.Bull	G.Chalmers	D.Liddel	G.Chalmers
1972	T.Burns	F.Scott	C.M.S.Bull	S.Millar	D.Liddel	S.Miller
1971	D.A.Seale	L.Simmons	P.Walker	G.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			J.D.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			J.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	J.D.Forbes			W.J.C.Reed
1954	G.K.More	R.Nicholson	J.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	AC Wheeler	LW.Graham	G.K.More	W.F.G.Lord		J.Holroyd
1951	AC Wheeler	M.Walker	G.K.More			J.Holroyd
1950	A.J.Lindsay	JW.Holroyd	G.K.More			J.M.Reid
1949	A.J.Lindsay	JW.Holroyd	R.Kilgour	J.Philip		J.J.Stewart
1948	S.Robertson	JW.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
1945	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			
1944	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			
1943	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			
1942	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			
1941	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			A.Wheeler
1940	A.K.Allan	A.J.Lindsay	A.J.Lindsay			A.Wheeler
1939	RM Pentland	A.J.Lindsay	W.F.G.Lord			A.Wheeler



## Principle Office Bearers and Role of Honour ( 1907-1938)

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Men's Captain	Ladies' Captain	Match Secretary
1938	RM Pentland	A.J.Lindsay	W.F.G.Lord			A.Bromfield
1937	RM 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			WMcNaughtan
1930	A.F.Currie	H.Howie	A.K.Allan			WMcNaughtan
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					
1917	D.S.Crawford					
1916	D.S.Crawford					
1915	D.S.Crawford					
1914	D.S.Crawford					
1913	D.S.Crawford					
1912	D.S.Crawford					
1911	Dr Kerr					
1910	Dr Kerr					
1909	Dr Kerr					
1908	Dr Kerr					
1907	Dr Kerr					

## Club Members Serving on East of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association Ltd Management Board and Tennis Scotland

Year	Name	Role on ESLTA Committee			
2005-2007	Ros G.G.Trail				
1999-2001	Patricia E. Brindle	Honorary President			
1992-2006	Patricia E. Brindle	Tennis Scotland and SLTA Councillor			
1996-1997	David Fraser				
1995-1997	Alison Fraser	Junior Secretary			
1987-1990	Angela J. Horsfall				
1982-1984	Ronnie K.Sloan				
1957-1958	D.Craigie Pringle	Honorary President			
1951-1955	A.C.Wheeler	Honorary Treasurer			
1925-1926	A.F.Currie	Honorary President			

## Chapter 10

### Senior Club Championships

#### Men's Singles Championship Cup

Presented By David S. Crawford President 1912

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

## Ladies Championship Cup

**Presented by Members of the Mens 1 and 11 Teams of 1921**

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

## Men's Doubles Championship

Presented by R.N. Pentland ( President 1937)

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2020			1973	J. Nairn	C.R. Milne
2019	R.Hunter	S.Malcolm	1972	G.Nisbet	A.J. Hogg
2018	G.Bregoli	D.Reid	1971	D. Reid	J. Reid
2017	J.Verhaere	J.Hardie	1970	D.A.Seale	N.Templeman
2016	M.Fairbairn	R.Hunter	1969		
2015	M.Monaghan	C.Coyle	1968		
2014	M.Monaghan	J.Paarlberg	1967	D.A.Seale	R. MacNamee
2013	M.Monaghan	I.Campbell	1966	R. MacNamee	D.Drever
2012	M.Monaghan	I.Campbell	1965	D.A.Seale	D.Drever
2011	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1964	D.A.Seale	R.MacNamee
2010	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1963	R.L.Searle	I.W. Forbes
2009	A.Thomson	D.McCaul	1962	R.L.Searle	I.W. Forbes
2008	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1961	R.L.Searle	I.W. Forbes
2007	H.P.McGregor	J.Brindle	1960	I.W.McKenzie	W.J.C Reed
2006	H.P.McGregor	P.Bremner	1959	I.W.McKenzie	W.J.C Reed
2005	A.J.Petrie	C.C.R.Robertson	1958	W.F.G.Lord	F.C. McCleod
2004	J. Brindle	D.McCaul	1957	G.K.More	R.L. Searle
2003	H.P. McGregor	C.A. Hembury	1956	G.K.More	R.L. Searle
2002	H.P. McGregor	C.A. Hembury	1955	G.K.More	G.F.Allan
2001	A.J.Petrie	G.J.Cowie	1954	G.K.More	G.E.Russell
2000	H.P. McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1953	G.K.More	W.F.G.Lord
1999	H.P. McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1952	G.K.More	A.E.Bromfield
1998	A.J.Petrie	C.C.R.Robertson	1951	G.K.More	G.E.Russell
1997	H.P.McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1950	J.M.Reid	E.M.Broomfield
1996	H.P.McGregor	J.L.Lawson	1949	J.M.Reid	E.M. Broomfield
1995	J.Brindle	J.M.A.Guy	1948	J.S.Pringle	A.K. Allan
1994	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1947	J.S.Pringle	A.K. Allan
1993	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1946	M.Walker	G.E.Russell
1992	F.N.F.Dall	D.J.M.Allan	1945-40	World	War 11
1991	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1939	R.C.Morton	C.R.P.Gutteridge
1990	H.P. McGregor	J.L. Lawson	1938	G.S.P.Bain	C.R.P.Gutteridge
1989	I.G. Henderson	D.J.M.Allan	1937	D.J.Pringle	E.A. Bromfield
1988	J.A. Brindle	S.C. Campbell	1936		
1987	I.G. Henderson	D.J.M.Allan	1935		
1986	I.G. Henderson	D.J.M.Allan	1934		
1985	A.P.J. Randall	C.C.R. Roberston	1933		
1984	I.G. Henderson	J.McPherson	1932	A.F.Currie	A.L. Blyth
1983	I.G. Henderson	R.F.Willie	1931	W.D.McNaughton	M.S.Stewart
1982	I.G.Henderson	R.F.Willie	1930	A.K.Allan	M.S. Stewart
1981	I.G.Henderson	G.Chalmers	1929	A.F. Currie	S.W.B. Herald
1980	J.A.Brindle	S.C. Campbell	1928	A.K. Allan	R.N. Pentland
1979	I.G.Henderson	G.Chalmers	1927	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1978	J.A. Brindle	S.C. Campbell	1926	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1977	D.Anderson	G.Chalmers	1925	A.F. Currie	S.W.B.Herald
1976	D.Anderson	G.Chalmers	1924	E.R.Butcher	P.Galloway
1975	D.Anderson	D.Reid	1923	A.F. Currie	S.W.B. Herald
1974	J. Nairn	C.R. Milne	1922	E.R. Butcher	W.Shepherd

## Ladies Doubles Championship

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

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

## Mixed Doubles Championship Cup

Presented by Mrs. George Bain in 1937

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2019			1972	Mrs D.Liddel	G.Chalmers
2018	L.Lineen	S.Lineen	1971	Mrs D.Liddel	G.Chalmers
2017	A.Hardie	R.Hardie	1970	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2016	L.MacCallum	M.Fairburn	1969		
2015	A.Hardie	R.Hardie	1968	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2014	Miss J. Edwards	D.Ramsey	1967	Mrs I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2013	A.Stewart	S.Goldsmith	1966	Miss.F.K.Scott	R.MacName
2012	Miss J. Edwards	D.Ramsey	1965	Mrs.I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2011	Miss J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1964	Mrs.E.Christie	D.A.Seale
2010	J.Law	P.Law	1963	Mrs.I.M.Seale	D.A.Seale
2009	Miss J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1962	Mr and Mrs R.L.	Searle
2008	Miss J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1961	Miss M.Horne	R.M. Hourston
2007	Miss J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1960	Miss M.Horne	R.M. Hourston
2006	Miss J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1959	Miss.R.Levy	J.R.Stewart
2005	Mr and Mrs J.	McCauley	1958	Miss M.Horne	R.M.R. Stewart
2004	Mrs C. Macrae	A. Macrae	1957	Miss D.H. McNeill	W.F.G.Lord
2003	Miss N. Crosthwaite	H.P.McGregor	1956	J.D. Whiteman	R.M.R. Stewart
2002	Miss N. Crosthwaite	H.P.McGregor	1955	Miss C.D. Dawson	G.F. Allan
2001	Mrs L.A. Brindle	J. Brindle	1954	Miss M.K.H. Allan	W.F.G. Lord
2000	Mrs.W. Petrie	A.J. Petrie	1953	Miss J.W. Morton	J.K. More
1999	Mrs.W. Petrie	A.J. Petrie	1952	Miss D.I. Robinson	A.E. Bromfield
1998	Mrs.W. Petrie	A.J. Petrie	1951	Mr and Mrs A.K.	Allan
1997	Miss Z. Cullen	C. Chisholm	1950	Miss M.K.H. Allan	J.M. Reid
1996	Miss A. McIntyre	H.P.McGregor	1949	Mr and Mrs A.K.	Allan
1995	Miss J. Edwards	H.P. McGegor	1948	Mrs G.F. Newlands	D.C. Pringle
1994	Mrs B. Capaldi	F.N.F. Dall	1947	Mrs.E.L.Scott	J.M. Reid
1993	Miss.J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1946	Miss M.K.H. Allan	W.F.G. Lord
1992	Miss.J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1945-40	World	War 11
1991	Miss.J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1939	Miss E.B. Allan	A.K. Allan
1990	Miss.J. Edwards	H.P.McGregor	1938	Mrs A.J. Lindsay	C.R.P. Gutteridge
1989	Miss.J. Lawson	L. Lawson	1937	Mrs Cowan	Dr W.G. Cowan
1988	Miss.J. Lawson	L. Lawson	1936	Miss E.B. Allan	F.D.M. Williams
1987	Miss M. Paton	I.G. Henderson	1935	Miss M.K.H. Allan	A.K. Allan
1986	Miss M. Paton	I.G. Henderson	1934	Miss E.B. Allan	F.D.M. Williams
1985	Miss M. Paton	I.G. Henderson	1933	Miss M.K.H. Allan	A.K. Allan
1984	Mrs A. Mitchell	K.S. Leggate	1932	Miss M.K.H. Allan	A.K. Allan
1983	Mrs A. Mitchell	I.G. Henderson	1931	Miss C. Wright	W.D. McNaughton
1982	Mrs A. Mitchell	I.G. Henderson	1930	Miss M.K.H. Allan	A.K. Allan
1981	Mrs A. Mitchell	I.G. Henderson	1929	Miss K.E. Little	A.F. Currie
1980	Miss.M.S.J. Croan	M. Flynn	1928	Miss K.E. Little	A.F. Currie
1979	Miss.M. Paton	C.D. Garlick	1927	Miss C.H. Bucher	E.R. Butcher
1978	Mrs D. Liddel	G. Chalmers	1926	Mr and Mrs E.R.	Butcher
1977	Miss M. Paton	D. Fairbairn	1925	Mr and Mrs E.R.	Butcher
1976	Miss D.A. Thom	R.K. Sloan	1924	Mr and Mrs E.R.	Butcher
1975	Mrs D. Liddel	G. Chalmers	1923	Mr and Mrs E.R.	Butcher
1974	Mrs D. Liddel	G. Chalmers	1922	Miss.K.E. Little	A.F. Currie
1973	Mrs D. Liddel	G. Chalmers	1921	Miss.E.E. Little	W.A. Davidson

❖ Club medals awarded before 1937

## Most Successful Players in Senior Championships 1909 -2020

Champion	Singles Titles	Doubles Titles	Mixed Titles	Total Titles	Period No of Yrs	Timeframe
Hamish P. McGregor	15	15	13	43	23	1988-2011
Jacquie Edwards	17	10	12	39	30	1989-2018
Maimie K.H.Allan	11	11	7	29	19	1938-1956
Margo Valentine	10	13	5	28	26	1977-2002
E. Bessy Allan	10	13	3	26	15	1925-1939
Ian Henderson	3	8	6	17	11	1979-1989
Dorothy Liddel	4	6	6	16	9	1970-1978
E.Reg Butcher	7	2	5	14	9	1919-1927
Alex K.Allan	2	4	7	13	24	1928-1951
Irene M. Seale	1	7	5	13	18	1953-1970
Gordon Chalmers	2	4	6	12	11	1971-1981
K.E.Little	6	2	3	11	9	1921-1929
A.C.Ross	0	11	0	11	11	1926-1936
Moirra Dobbie	5	6	0	11	7	1996-2002
A.F.Currie	2	6	3	11	11	1922-1932
Bob R.L.Searle	2	5	4	11	10	1956-1965
Douglas A.Seale	1	4	6	11	8	1963-1970
Lorn Lawson	1	8	2	11	13	1988-2000

**Hamish McGregor** has recorded most Championship successes in the history of the club with **43** Championship victories accumulated over a **23** year period. A tremendous demonstration of consistency.

**Jacquie Edwards** with **39** Championship victories accumulated over a **30** year period, up to 2018. This includes **11** consecutive Ladies singles titles 2008 – 2018, a truly amazing demonstration of fitness and tennis quality.

**Maimie Allan** accumulated **29** titles over a **19** year period, the intervention of WW2 surely restricting her appearances.

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

**Bessy Allan** with **26** Titles accumulated over a **15** year period, however WW2 will have restricted her appearances. Bessie recorded **12** Consecutive Ladies Doubles titles between 1926-36 partnering Miss A.C.Ross.

❖ *Club records were incomplete prior to 1921 for some events. No Championships were held during World War 1 & 2. The table only includes matches up to 2020.*



## Men's Singles Plate

Presented by Ronnie K. Sloan ( President 1985)

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2006	L. Odeke	1995	R.Adams
2005	W.Henderson	1994	R.Adams
2004	L. Jeffreys	1993	R.K.Sloan
2003		1992	F.N.F.Dall
2002	C.A.Hembury	1991	D.J.M.Allan
2001	A.Mora	1990	J.Brinkle
2000		1989	I.Campbell
1999		1988	J.Petrie
1998		1987	H.P.McGregor
1997	R.Horsfall	1986	C.Robertson
1996	R.Horsfall	1985	C.Clement

## Ladies Singles Consolation Shield

Presented by Mrs Daphne Randall in 1984

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2006	Ros Trail	1995	Zoe Cullen
2005	Judith Law	1994	Zoe Cullen
2004		1993	Zoe Cullen
2003	Anne MacQueen	1992	Valerie Henderson
2002	Margaret Main	1991	Bernadette Capaldi
2001	Anne MacQueen	1990	
2000	Lindsay A Brindle	1989	Jane Lawson
1999	Patricia Brindle	1988	Angela Horsfall
1998	Dorothy Thom	1987	Tina Cole
1997	Patricia Brindle	1986	Dorothy Thom
1996	Gillian Fraser	1985	Katriona Petrie

## Hart Cup

**Presented by Antony G. Hart in May 1986**

Tony Hart presented the Trophy at the time of his retirement to Gozo, Malta. Competitors are required to have a combined age of >90 years.

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2006	Mrs A.Davidson	S.Goldsmith	1995	Mrs A.M.Horsfall	D.J.M.Allan
2005	Mrs.A.Davidson	S.Goldsmith	1994		
2004			1993	Mrs.D.Randall	D.J.M.Allan
2003	Mrs.A.Davidson	S.Goldsmith	1992	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell
2002			1991	MrsM.Crosthwaite	D.J.M.Allan
2001			1990		
2000			1989	Mrs B.Marshall	I.G.Henderson
1999	Mrs A.Horsfall	C.D.Garlick	1988	Mrs B.Marshall	I.G.Henderson
1998	Mrs A.Horsfall	P.Lynn	1987	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell
1997	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell	1986	Mrs P.E.Brindle	S.C.Campbell
1996					

## 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.Horsfall, J.Lawson

## Trinity Lawn Tennis Club (Craighall Park) Championships

Year	Men's Champion	Ladies' Champion	Men's 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
1908	H.Hamilton Beattie	Mrs J.G.Galloway	
1907	James Pourie	Mrs J.G. Galloway	
1906	H.Hamilton Beattie		Cecil R.Letham
1905	James Pourie		Cecil R.Letham
1904	James Pourie		

The above information has been retrieved from Trinity Tennis Club Medallions which have been inscribed on the reverse "Lomond Park Lawn Tennis Club". It is unclear in which event Cecil R. Letham was Champion.



## Chapter 11

### Junior Club Championships



### Boys Singles Under 18 Championships

#### The Bull Tankard

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2006	G.McPhail	1993	J.Guy
2005	R. Macrae	1992	R.Allan
2004	R. Macrae	1991	J.Petrie
2003	R. Macrae	1990	J.Petrie
2002	L. Jeffrey	1989	J.A.G.Primrose
2001	M.Ross	1988	J.L.Lawson
2000	M.Ross	1987	H.P.McGregor
1999	M.Ross	1986	H.P.McGregor
1998	W.Henderson	1985	A.P.J.Randall
1997	C.Guy	1984	A.P.J.Randall
1996	J.Brodie	1983	A.P.J.Randall
1995	A.Dall	1982	A.P.J.Randall
1994	A.Dall	1981	C.C.R.Robertson

## Girls Singles Under 18 Championship

**Presented by Michael D. Pentland, Club President 1977 –1981**

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2006	C. Grant	1994	H. Inglis
2005	V. Campbell	1993	Z. Cullen
2004	K. Christie	1992	R. Brodie
2003	K. Christie	1991	A. Brodie
2002	K. Mathison	1990	A. Brodie
2001	-	1989	A. Brodie
2000	A. McEarchern	1988	K. Petrie
1999	A. McIntyre	1987	K. Petrie
1998	A. McEarchern	1986	K. Petrie
1997	A. McIntyre	1985	H. F. Craik
1996	Z. Cullen	1984	J. B. Lawson
1995	H. Inglis	1983	J. B. Lawson

## Boys Doubles Under 18 Championships

### McGregor and Blair Cups

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2006	P. Law	C. Law	1995	C. MacEachern	A. Trotter
2005	R. Macrae	C. Law	1994	J. Brodie	M. Blair
2004	P. Steward	C. Law	1993	A. Grant	S. Hall
2003	R. Macrae	B. Henderson	1992	G. Dall	A. Dall
2002	L. Jeffrey	M. Ross	1991	J. Petrie	A. Tait
2001	L. Jeffrey	M. Ross	1990	J. Petrie	A. Tait
2000	A. Burnett	W. Henderson	1989	J. Petrie	A. Tait
1999	A. Burnett	M. Ross	1988	H. P. McGregor	L. Lawson
1998	-		1987	J. Brindle	L. Lawson
1997	-		1986	J. Brindle	L. Lawson
1996	J. Brodie	M. Blair			

## Girls Doubles Under 18 Championships

### Petrie and Inglis Cup

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2006	M.Armour	S.Macrae	1995	H.Inglis	P.Fraser
2005	V.Campbell	S.Macrae	1994	A.Mackie	P.Fraser
2004	V.Campbell	S.Macrae	1993	H.Inglis	P.Fraser
2003	V.Campbell	S.Macrae	1992	H.Inglis	P.Fraser
2002	L.Fraser	L.Brown	1991	A.Brodie	P.Brodie
2001			1990	A.Brodie	H.Cullen
2000			1989	K.Petrie	H.Cullen
1999	A.McIntyre	L.McIntyre	1988	K.Petrie	H.Cullen
1998	A.McIntyre	L.McIntyre	1987	K.Petrie	K.Wynne
1997	A.McIntyre	G.Fraser	1986	S.Clive	R.Clive
1996	A.McIntyre	G.Fraser			

### Junior Mixed Doubles Salver

#### Presented by Christopher and Daphne Randall

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2006	M.Armour	R.McPhail 14	2001	V.Campbell	P.Law u12
2006	S.Macrae	R.Homer-Plews	2000	-	
2005	C.Davidson	G.McPhail 14	1999	-	
2005	K.Christie	R.Macrae 18	1998	C. Trotter	M. Ross
2004	V.Campbell	A.Blair 14	1997	G. Fraser	J.Brodie
2004	F.Walker	J.Patrick 12	1996	P. Fraser	M.Blair
2003	V.Campbell	A.Blair 14	1995	P. Fraser	A. Dall
2003	S.Law	J.Macrae 12	1994	Z. Cullen	A. Trotter
2002	V.Campbell	A.Campbell 14	1993	A. Mackie	M. Blair
2002	V.Campbell	A.Blair 12	1992	A. Mackie	M. Blair
2001	S.Macrae	R.Macrae 14	1991	A. Brodie	N. Campbell

## Boys Singles Under 14 Championship

### Scott Challenge Cup

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2006	R.McPhail	1994	M.Blair
2005	G.McPhail	1993	M.Blair
2004	A.Blair	1992	M.Blair
2003	A.Blair	1991	J.Guy
2002	C.Law	1990	J.Guy
2001	B.Henderson	1989	G.Dall
2000	R.Macrae	1988	J.Petrie
1999	K.Watters	1987	J.Petrie
1998	W.Henderson	1986	J.A.C.Primrose
1997	M.Ross	1985	R.Brodie
1996	W.Henderson	1984	H.P.McGregor
1995	M.Blair		

## Girls Singles Under 14 Championships

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
2006	F.Walker	1994	Z. Cullen
2005		1993	Z. Cullen
2004	S. Macrae	1992	H. Inglis
2003	V. Campbell	1991	R. Brodie
2002	V. Campbell	1990	R. Brodie
2001	V. Campbell	1989	J. Cole
2000	K. Mathison	1988	J. Cole
1999	L.A.Garlick	1987	A.Brodie
1998	L. McIntyre	1986	S. Ross
1997	C. Trotter	1985	K. Petrie
1996	A. McEarchern	1984	K. Petrie
1995	A. McIntyre		

## Boys Doubles Under 14 Championships

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2006	R.McPhail	L.Renton	1996	WHenderson	D. Blair
2005	J.McCrae	N.Lowson	1995	M. Blair	C. Gordon
2004			1994	M. Blair	J. Brodie
2003	A. Blair	P. Law	1993	M. Blair	R. Allan
2002	B. Henderson	R. Macrae	1992	M. Blair	R. Allan
2001	B. Henderson	R. Macrae	1991	M. Blair	R. Allan
2000	B. Henderson	R. Macrae	1990	A. Dall	S. Hall
1999	B. Henderson	R. Macrae	1989	A. Dall	G. Dall
1998	W. Henderson	D. Blair	1988	A. Tait	J. Petrie
1997	W. Henderson	D. Blair	1987	N. Campbell	R. Horsfall

## Girls Doubles Under 14 Championships

Year	Champions		Year	Champions	
2006	S.Law	F. Walker	1995	A.McIntyre	G. Fraser
2005	C.Grant	C. Davidson	1994	Z. Cullen	A. Mackie
2004	S. Macrae	V. Campbell	1993	H. Inglis	A. Mackie
2003	S. Macrae	V. Campbell	1992	H. Inglis	A. Mackie
2002	S. Macrae	V. Campbell	1991	R. Brodie	W.Hall
2001	K.Christie	L. Davidson	1990	R. Brodie	R.Walker
2000	L.A Garlick	L. Brown	1989	C. Johnston	J. Cole
1999	L.A.Garlick	F. Wright	1988	C. Johnston	J. Cole
1998			1987	A. Brodie	I.Duncan
1997	C. Trotter	F. Capaldi	1986	H. Cullen	S. Ross
1996	L. McIntyre	A. McEachern	1985		



## Boys Singles Under 12 Championship Cup

**Presented by Dr & Mrs D. J. M. Allan**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>
2006	B. Kerr	1997	D. Blair
2005	R. McPhail	1996	W. Henderson
2004	J. Patrick	1995	D. Blair
2003	J. Macrae	1994	W. Henderson
2002	A. Blair	1993	R. Allan
2001	A. Blair	1992	R. Allan
2000	R. Macrae	1991	R. Allan
1999	R. Macrae	1990	D. Purves
1998	K. Watters		

## Girls Singles Under 12 Championship Cup

**Presented by R & J. M. Brodie**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>
2006	E. Patrick	1998	L.A. Garlick
2005	M. Armour	1997	L.A. Garlick
2004	F. Walker	1996	L. McIntyre
2003	V. Campbell	1995	C. Trotter
2002	V. Campbell	1994	A. McEarchern
2001	V. Campbell	1993	G. Fraser
2000	V. Campbell	1992	A. Mackie
1999		1991	H. Inglis
		1990	R. Brodie

## Boys Doubles Under 12 Championship Cup

Year	Champions	
2006	B.Kerr	A.Lutton
2005	R.McPhail	I.Davidson
2004	C. McPhail	L. Renton
2003	J. Macrae	N. Lowson
2002	T. Patterson	P. Law
2001	T. Patterson	M.Aspinall
2000	B. Henderson	R. Macrae

## Girls Doubles Under 12 Championship Cup

Year	Champions	
2006	-	-
2005	M.Armour	S.Law
2004		
2003	C. Campbell	J.Milne
2002	S. Macrae	V.Campbell
2001	S. Macrae	V.Campbell
2000	L. Fraser	L.Davidson

## 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 winner of the Lomond Park Men's Singles Championship in 1909 and 1910. He was certainly credited with a considerable amount of development work at Lomond Park and in the East of Scotland and, whilst the records are incomplete, it is believed he was Honorary Club President at Lomond Park for 14 years between 1912 and 1926. **David** presented the current Men's Singles Championship Cup to the club in 1912.

**David** also had responsibility over a number of years as the club's court ranger responsible for managing the maintenance of the courts; a major task given the court surface and equipment available. He retired from the club in 1926 and was made an Honorary Life Member.

#### A.F. Currie

**A. F. Currie** is widely acknowledged to have worked tirelessly for the game of tennis, both at club and county level. He was appointed Honorary President of the East of Scotland 1925-26, at National level served the SLTA in 1920 and 1926 and he served as Honorary President of Lomond Park for 5 years 1930-34.

Originally a member of The Trinity Club (Craighall), he won the Men's Singles title there in 1911 and, on amalgamation with Lomond Park, won the Men's Singles title at Lomond in 1930 & 1931 and Mixed Doubles Titles in 1922, 1928 & 1929. He was also Men's Doubles Champion on 6 occasions between 1923-32, 4 times partnering **Sydney W. B. Herald**.

As an indication of the strength of Lomond Park, both he and **Sydney Herald** represented the East County and he was honoured to captain the East County side in 1930. He was invited to become an Honorary Life Member in 1946.

## **Miss K.E.Little**



**Miss K. E. Little** represented the East of Scotland on a number of occasions, and was the only “uncapped” player to be a member of the East of Scotland Team that played in the Final of the British Championships in 1924.

**Miss Little** played in many Scottish Championship semi finals and finals during the period 1913 – 1925 in both singles and doubles but appears never to have won a Scottish Championship title.

**Miss Little** also played for the Liberton Lawn Tennis club in 1925 –26 and won the SLTA Cup. At that time, the Liberton Ladies team were considered to be the strongest in Scotland.

In the Club Championships, **Miss Little** won the Ladies Singles Championship in 1921-1924 (no trophy before that date), and in Ladies Doubles 1924-1925, partnering her sister **Miss E. E. Little** (no trophies before 1924). In Mixed Doubles, **Miss Little** recorded three title wins during 1922-1929, partnering **A. F. Currie**

## **E. Reginald Butcher**



**Reginald Butcher** was a leading player in his time and represented the East County on many occasions. In addition to being a fine tennis player, Reg was a Scottish Badminton Internationalist.

**Reg** regularly reached the final or semi final in the Scottish Tennis championships during 1919-1930 in both Men's and Mixed Doubles. In 1919, the Lomond Park pairing of **Reg Butcher and A. F. Currie** lost in the Scottish Men's Doubles semi final which in those days played over the best of 5 sets. He won the Scottish Open Mixed Doubles Championships in 1923 partnering **Mrs Hugh Wilson** and won the East Mixed Doubles Championship in 1926 partnering **Miss R. Welsh**. Partnering **A. W. Banks** (Murrayfield), he won the Scottish Men's Doubles Veterans Championship in 1932.

In Club Championships, he was seven times winner of the Club Men's singles title 1919- 1927, including 5 straight title wins 1923- 1927. Considering his expertise in doubles play, it is surprising that he only recorded two Men's doubles championship titles in 1922 and 1924, however this may have been influenced by the strength of his club-mates, **A. F. Currie, J. McDonald and Sydney W. B. Herald**.

He and wife **Mel** won 4 Mixed Doubles titles in successive years 1923-26 and the following year partnered , **Miss C. H. Bucher**, to championship victory.

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



**Maimie K. H. Allan** won a remarkable 29 Club Championship titles and demonstrated great consistency in winning eleven Ladies Singles Championships spanning 15 years 1938- 1955 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 – 1956 (4 partnering **Mrs I. Seale** 1953- 1956) and recorded seven Mixed Doubles Championship Titles 1930 – 1954, including 4 titles partnering her brother **Alex**. **Maimie** played in the East of Scotland Championships on a number of occasions.

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



**E. Bessie Allan**, the sister of **Maimie**, won 26 Club Championships including ten Ladies Singles Titles 1925 –1937 spanning twelve years, and was unfortunate to play in the same era as **Miss K. E. Little**. **Miss Allan** also recorded 13 Ladies Doubles Championship victories 1926- 39 including eleven titles in successive years partnering **Miss A.C.Ross**, and 3 Mixed Doubles Titles.

### **Alex K. Allan**

As an administrator, **Alex** served as Honorary Club President 1940-47 and Treasurer 1929-36. On court, **Alex** reached the 1923 semi final of the Scottish Boys Singles Championship where he was narrowly beaten by **J. S. Pringle**, who was later to become a member of the club. He went on to record 13 Club Championship Titles, winning the Men's Singles in 1928 and 1932, the Mixed Doubles on 7 occasions between 1930-51 partnered by sister **Maimie** 4 times, sister **Bessie** once and his wife on 2 further occasions. **Alex** won 4 Men's Doubles Titles in 1928 and 1930 and partnered his Boys Singles rival **J. S. Pringle** to victory in 1947 and 1948.

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

## W. F. G. Lord



**Bill** was elected club President twice (1953 –55), and recalled to lead the club during a challenging period (1974-76). **Bill** also served as Treasurer in 1937-39.

On court, **Bill** registered two Men's Doubles Championship Titles in 1953 and 1958, 3 Mixed Doubles Victories in 1946, 1954 & 1957. **Bill** Captained the Men's team in 1953 and was made an Honorary Life member in 1958

## Dorothy Liddel



A popular team member, **Dorothy** recorded a total of 16 club Championship Titles in a short 9 year period 1970-1978, including 4 Ladies Singles Titles, 6 Ladies Doubles Championships & 6 Mixed Doubles Titles partnering **Gordon Chalmers** including a straight run of 5 Championship victories 1971-75.



## Ian G. Henderson



**Ian's** trademark heavy topspin forehand has helped register 17 club Championship Titles including three Men's Singles Championships 1979 – 1984, eight Men's Doubles Championships 1979-1989, partnering **Donald Allan** on three occasions in 1986, 1987 and 1989. In 1985, Ian was the reigning champion in Men's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles, however his title defence came to a dramatic and abrupt end when partnering **Dr Donald Allan** in the semi final of the men's doubles and playing against a young **Hamish McGregor and Lorn Lawson**. Ian lost his footing, fell awkwardly and suffered a fractured skull. Fortunately he 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 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, partnering **Margo Valentine** as **Ian** won the Craigmiller Park Open Mixed Doubles Championship in 1985.

## Moira Dobbie



**Moira's** mother, Joyce Boothman, once attained a senior tennis ranking of no 3 in Scotland, 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 she represented Scotland in the British Schools Tournament 1969. **Moira** was also Under 18 Scottish Covered Courts Girls Champion 1968 and represented East of Scotland at County Level. **Moira** currently represents East of Scotland over 50's county level squad.

Since joining Lomond Park, **Moira** has recorded five championship wins in the Ladies Singles in 1997 – 2002, including 4 straight title wins 1997 – 2000. In addition, **Moira** added six Ladies Doubles titles 1996 – 2002 with five of them partnering **Margo Valentine**, including five straight championships 1996-2000. **Moira** captained the Ladies Team in 1997-2000

## Hamish P. McGregor



**Hamish (l) with doubles partner Lorn Lawson ( r )  
More Trophies to polish !**

**Hamish** benefited from the club's Saturday morning nippers coaching under the tutelage of **Trish Brindle**, **Angela Horsfall** and **Susan Brown** and was selected for ESLTA junior squad coaching for 3 years. **Hamish** went on to win a number of the club's own junior championships and partnered **Lorn Lawson** in the Boys Doubles. A measure of the success of this duo, was victory in the highly rated Dunfermline under 18 Boys Doubles Tournament in 1987 and 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 that won the Central Scotland Division 1 league title.

**Hamish** has achieved a record **43** club Championships, with fifteen Men's Singles Titles 1988- 2011 in 23 years, more than any other player in the club's history, fifteen Men's Doubles Titles 1990 – 2011 and eight of these victories partnering **Lorn Lawson**. In Mixed Doubles 1990 – 2011, **Hamish** recorded twelve championships with ten of these partnering **Jacquie Edwards**, including four successive titles in 1990 –93.

**Hamish** has confided to 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.

A true tennis leader and enthusiast, **Hamish** is a qualified tennis coach and captained the club for eight years during 1991- 2005, with the highlight being the Men's first team promotion into Division 1 in 2005, the first time in 50 years that a Senior club side had played in Division one. Off court **Hamish** co-managed the Clubhouse refurbishment in 2004

## Margo Valentine



**Margo** has won an impressive 28 club championship titles, relying on strong base line ground strokes. **Margo's** victories include ten Ladies Singles Championship wins during 1977 – 1996, spanning nineteen years. In Ladies Doubles, **Margo** celebrated 13 Ladies Doubles Titles in 1978 –2002, over a period of twenty five years, six of these titles partnering **Fiona Adair** and including 4 successive titles in 1978 –1981. In Mixed Doubles, **Margo** achieved five championship victories, including three back to back titles partnering **Ian Henderson** 1985-87. **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



**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 14 years from 1992-2006, and elected Honorary East of Scotland President 1999–2001, serving the sport at National level as an SLTA Councillor 1999-2005.

At Lomond Park, **Trish** served as Match Secretary 1980-81, Ladies Captain 1989-90, 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** has recorded **39** Club Championship Titles, achieved over an impressive **30** year time span, 1990 to 2018, including **17** Ladies Singles Victories, with a run of 11 consecutive championships in the period 2008 - 2018. In Ladies Doubles, **Jacquie** has accumulated 10 Titles, and in Mixed Doubles, has recorded **12** Trophy wins, partnering **Hamish McGregor** on **10** occasions.

**Jacquie** has served a Ladies Club Captain 2008 – 2010

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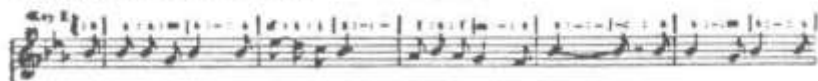
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## THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF LOMOND PARK

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 -

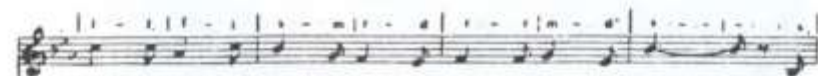


pricey, but cheaper to run. I'll never forget that wonderful sight, they bathed the courts in light.  
weather courts to install, but now we're agog, we went the whole hog, all year round tennis for all!

### CHORUS



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!