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STONEHOUSE

BOWLING CLUB.

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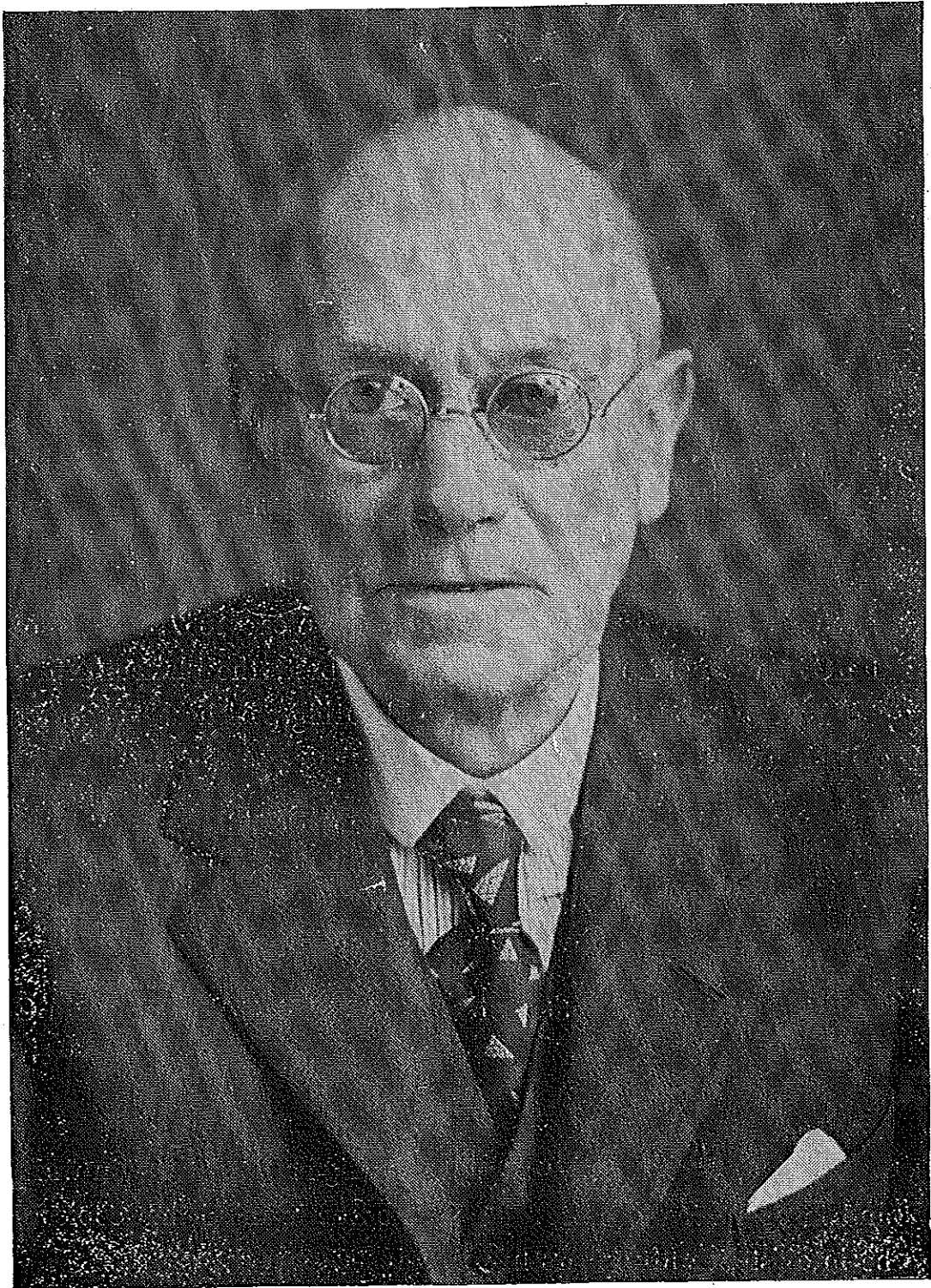


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Jubilee Brochure

Stonehouse Bowling Club.

1900—1950



THOMAS WILSON, Esq., J.P.
President 1904 and 1950.

Introduction.

This brochure has been prepared to give to the present day members, and others interested, a permanent record of the first fifty years in the history of STONEHOUSE BOWLING CLUB formed in the Year 1900, and of the Green situated in Vicars Road, the construction of which was commenced in January, 1901.

It is right, however, to state that the game of bowls was played in Stonehouse at a much earlier date than 1900, as the following quotation from R. Naismith's Book entitled "STONEHOUSE," published in January, 1885, indicates:—

" BOWLING CLUB

This Club was originated about the Year 1857 and although the Green is not considered one of the best, the players generally stand well in competition with neighbouring parishes. The present office-bearers are:—

Messrs. Matthew Hamilton, President,
H. D. Burns, Vice-President,
A. McIntosh, Treasurer,
R. Thomson, Secretary."

Unfortunately Minutes of Meetings or records of the old Club are not available. The old Bowling Green was situated in Green Street.

Very few of the members of the original Club remain with us; and in compiling this brochure it is borne in mind that copies may be in existence fifty years hence.

Present day members are indebted to the Bowlers of half a century ago, who by much hard work and sacrifice, provided the existing Green, and this record of events should generate enthusiasm for the present and create hope for the future prosperity of the Club.

Jubilee Office-Bearers.

Honorary Presidents:

WILLIAM FREW.
JAMES GOURLAY.
DAVID HARRISON.
JAMES B. MACKENZIE.
WALTER B. MILLAR.
WILLIAM WEIR.

President:

THOMAS WILSON.

Vice-President:

ROBERT BURNS.

Treasurer:

ALEX. COLQUHOUN.

Secretary:

JOHN JACKSON.

Assistant Secretary:

THOMAS WALKER.

Green Convener:

GAVIN H. THOMSON.

Committee:

JOHN SMALL.
THOMAS CAYTON.
ANDREW ELLIS.
ARCH. MACFIE, Jr.
J. W. PATTERSON.
JAMES SCOTT.
JAMES WARDROPE.

Auditor:

ARCH. MACFIE, Sr.

The Club.

BRIEF SUMMARY.

1900.

3rd May.

Meeting held to discuss the advisability of forming a new Club and constructing a new Green. Agreed. William Jackson, Secy.

10th May.

Meeting called to appoint Office-bearers. The following appointed:—

President—A. Borland.

Vice-President—Walter Millar.

Secretary—William Jackson.

Assistant Secretary—Thomas Wilson.

Treasurer—John Miles.

Committee—Thomas Wilson (Cross); John Leith; James Leith; H. Cuthbertson; R. Murray; William Small.

Annual Subscription fixed at 10/-.

Decided to take steps to raise funds to meet cost of New Green.

11th October.

Agreed to solicit £1 shares from members. Committee appointed to draft Constitution.

18th October.

Constitution submitted and approved.

£104 realised from Shares taken up by members. Shareholders only to hold office in Club management.

1901.

8th January.

Agreed to accept offer from Daniel Leslie, 20 Stirling Road, Glasgow, to construct Green at site selected in Vicars Road.

24th July.

New Green completed. Decision taken that owing to advanced stage in the Season, not to formally open Green for play.

1902.

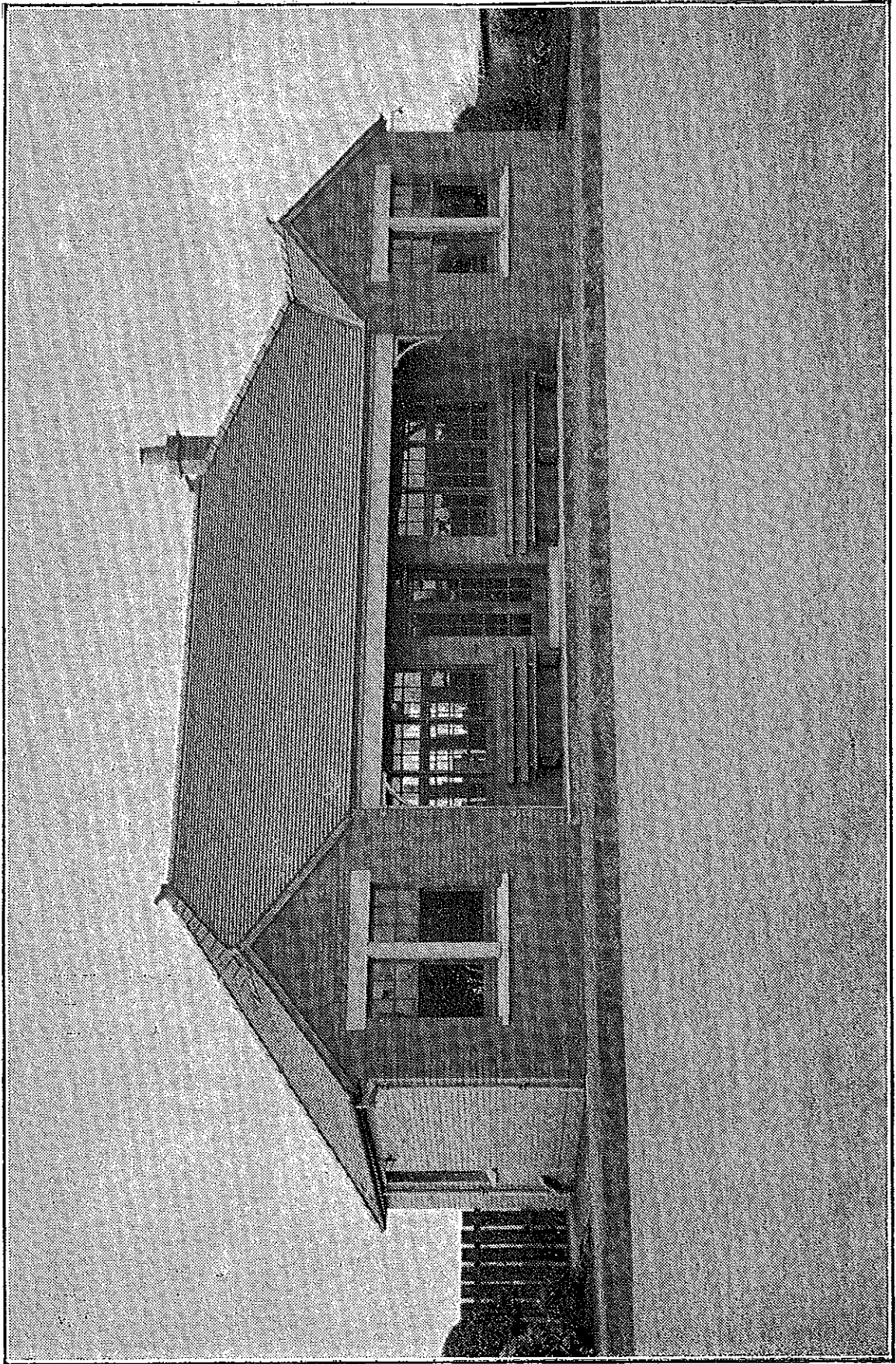
January.

Total amount raised by special efforts to meet cost of New Green and Clubhouse, from October, 1900, to date, £743. Total cost of Green, Clubhouse and equipment, £732.

1902.

3rd May.

Green opened by Lady Lockhart, wife of Sir Graeme Alexander Lockhart, Bart., Lady Lockhart was presented with a Silver Jack by the Club as a souvenir,



THE CLUBHOUSE.

1911.
27th October.

Decision taken to pay out Shareholders; they having agreed to accept 10/- for each one pound share held. All members of the Club then became eligible for appointment to the Committee of Management.

1924.
31st March.

Club purchased their ground, which was on lease, for the sum of £100 plus legal expenses. This outlay was met almost entirely by voluntary donations from members.

1927.
15th March.

Although ladies were admitted to play in 1911, it was not until 1927 that the number taking advantage of this was sufficient to form a Ladies' Section.

1928.
24th September.

Decision taken to demolish Clubhouse built in 1901, and erect a modern building.

1929.
4th May.

New Clubhouse opened by Mrs. John E. Naismith, Spittal, Stonehouse. Cost of new building, £608. Special efforts set agoing to meet this expenditure; and by Season 1934, this was accomplished. The Club was largely indebted to the Members of the Ladies' Section for this satisfactory result.

1942.
11th July.

Lanarkshire Bowling Association had the final ties in their Championships played on Stonehouse Green. This honour to the Club being due to the fact that the Club Secretary, Mr. John Jackson (Lawrie Street), was President of the County Association.

1949.
May.

The Club had the Banks surrounding the Green renewed. The work was carried through for the sum of £105.

During the first World War—1914/1918—the Club raised the sum of £212 for the Red Cross and the entertainment of Wounded Sailors and Soldiers; and in the course of the second World War—1939/1945—the amount raised for War Charities was £218. Further, during the Years 1920 to 1949, inclusive, the Club contributed to Charitable Institutions, i.e. Infirmaries, etc., the sum of £265.

Reference to Personalities

who have given outstanding service to the Club during the 50 years of its existence.

THOMAS WILSON.—In 1949, when the selection had to be considered of a Vice-President who would become President in the Jubilee Year, the unanimous choice of the members was Thomas Wilson—one of the founder members of the Club still actively taking part in the game, was its first Assistant Secretary, President in 1904, and Secretary 1915 to 1920. He was Club Champion in the Years 1909 and 1912. A life member of the Club.

ALEXANDER BORLAND.—Accepted the post of President and guided the affairs of the Club during the first three years from its formation. Played as skip in Stonehouse Club rink which won the Richardson Trophy in 1923.

WILLIAM JACKSON.—First Secretary of the Club and the one to whom credit is mainly due in seeing the New Green become an actual fact. Devoted all his leisure time in the Club's interest during the first five years. Emigrated to Canada in 1905, and is now resident in Calgary.

JOHN MILES.—A member of the Club from its formation till his death in 1943. He was the Club's first Treasurer, a post he held for 15 years. President during Season 1919.

ARCHIBALD MACFIE, Sr.—A member of the Club from 1902 and Secretary in 1905. Has voluntarily audited the Club's Accounts each year from 1909 up to and including 1949.

ROBERT LEGGATE.—Joined the Club in 1906, acted as Assistant Secretary for 11 years, was President in 1924. An outstanding player for the Club. Won Lanarkshire Single-handed Championship 1941. Was Club Champion in 1942 and 1944. Died December, 1946.

GAVIN H. THOMSON.—Joined Club, 1910, and became President in 1926. Occupied the office of Treasurer for 18 years, and during his term as Treasurer also acted as Green Convener. Gratuitously prepared the plan for the construction of the new modern Clubhouse erected in 1929. A life member of the Club.

ALEX. T. McCRIMMON.—Joined Club in 1912; President, 1923; Assistant Secretary, 1924. The Club's most outstanding player. Single-handed Champion nine times since 1920. Played as Skip in Club's Rink and Pair which won the Lanarkshire Bowling Association Championships in 1938 and 1949. Selected to play for Scotland in Test matches in 1948 against American and South African Teams. Chosen as skip by Lanarkshire Bowling Association in S.B.A. Andrew Hamilton Trophy Competition. Died 31st January, 1950.

JOHN JACKSON (Hill Road).—A member of the old Club and the oldest member of the present Club, of which he is a life member. Single-handed Champion in 1908 and the only remaining member of the Stonehouse Rink—in which he played lead—which won the Scottish Rink Championship in 1910. Appointed Greenkeeper in 1912, and, with the exception of two years, 1917/18, held the post till he retired in 1946, a record of 33 years faithful service. During this long service as Greenkeeper, he did not spare himself to keep the Green in first class condition, and his work in this connection resulted in Stonehouse Green being recognized for many years as one of the best in the County of Lanarkshire.

JOHN JACKSON (Lawrie Street).—A nephew of the aforementioned. Joined the Club in 1906 and has occupied all the official posts, i.e. Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President, and Secretary, the latter since 1931 to date. His interest in the management side of the Game has not been confined entirely to his own Club. He has been President in the following County Associations:—

Middle Ward Bowling Association,
Lanarkshire Bowling Association,
Lanarkshire Secretaries' Association,
and has served as a Director of the Lanarkshire Bowling Association since 1939.

THOMAS WALKER.—Joined the Club in 1921. Served four terms of two years each on the Committee of Management. Appointed Assistant Secretary 1939. The interests of the Bowling Club is his hobby, summer and winter. Has acted as Convener of the Games Committee for several years, whose function is to arrange Promiscuous Games, Competitions, etc., and the smooth running of these events year by year is in no small measure due to the constant supervision of the Assistant Secretary.

In recording those by name who have given long and outstanding service to the Club, we do not forget those Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Assistant Secretaries and Members of the Board of Management, whose voluntary service have contributed to the success of the Club during the past 50 years. In that connection, the service of the late Robert Jackson in the capacity of Secretary for nine years is worthy of mention.

List of Presidents.

1900	Alexander Borland.	1926	Gavin H. Thomson.
1901	Alexander Borland.	1927	Thomas Brownlie.
1902	Alexander Borland.	1928	Gavin Millar (Cam' Street).
1903	Archibald F. Thomson.	1929	Rev. George R. Robertson.
1904	Thomas Wilson.	1930	John Jackson (Lawrie Street).
1905	Robert Burns.	1931	Samuel Oldfield.
1906	Alexander McIntosh.	1932	William Gracie.
1907	James S. Wilson.	1933	George F. Wilson.
1908	Robert Murray.	1934	James Rattray.
1909	James C. Plenderleith.	1935	Robert Thomson.
1910	John Borland.	1936	William Lewis.
1911	Gavin Brownlie, Sr.	1937	John Thomson (King Street).
1912	Thomas T. Cochrane.	1938	Logie Armstrong.
1913	Daniel Sym.	1939	William Weir.
1914	John Plenderleith.	1940	Thomas Wardrope.
1915	Rev. James Wallace.	1941	James Hamilton.
1916	George Hamilton.	1942	John B. Hamilton.
1917	Alexander Anderson.	1943	James B. Mackenzie.
1918	Thomas Hamilton.	1944	Robert Small.
1919	John Miles.	1945	J. W. Patterson.
1920	Peter Gavin.	1946	Robert L. Brodie.
1921	David Smith.	1947	John G. Miller.
1922	John H. Thomson.	1948	James T. McLellan.
1923	Alex. T. McCrimmon.	1949	James Wardrope.
1924	Robert Leggate.	1950	Thomas Wilson.
1925	John Weir.		

List of Champions.

1900	_____	1925	John Small.
1901	_____	1926	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1902	William Walker.	1927	Thomas Wardrope.
1903	Archibald F. Thomson.	1928	John Leggate.
1904	Archibald F. Thomson.	1929	Mitchell Sorbie.
1905	Gavin Brownlie, Sr.	1930	John Small.
1906	Robert Burns.	1931	John H. Thomson.
1907	Thomas Brownlie.	1932	Robert Small, Jr.
1908	John Jackson (Hill Road).	1933	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1909	Thomas Wilson.	1934	David Jackson.
1910	Gavin Millar.	1935	James Hamilton.
1911	Robert Small, Sr.	1936	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1912	Thomas Wilson.	1937	James Hamilton.
1913	John H. Thomson.	1938	John Small.
1914	Robert Plenderleith.	1939	James Hamilton.
1915	John Whitelaw.	1940	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1916	John Whitelaw.	1941	John Small.
1917	Thomas T. Cochrane.	1942	Robert Leggate.
1918	John Jackson (Lawrie Street).	1943	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1919	Robert Small, Jr.	1944	Robert Leggate.
1920	Alex. T. McCrimmon.	1945	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1921	Alex. T. McCrimmon.	1946	John H. Thomson.
1922	Robert Small, Jr.	1947	James T. McLellan.
1923	John Whitelaw.	1948	Alex. T. McCrimmon.
1924	John H. Thomson.	1949	William McLellan.

Club Honours List.

During the fifty years, bowling honours have been won by the Club as undernoted:—

1903	1st	Hozier Cup.
1904	1st	Hozier Cup.
1904	3rd	Middle Ward Competition.
1908	1st	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1908	3rd	Middle Ward Competition.
1909	1st	Middle Ward Competition.
1909	2nd	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1910	1st	Scottish Rink Championship.
1910	1st	Middle Ward Competition.
1911	2nd	Hozier Cup.
1914	1st (equal)	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1914	1st	Hozier Cup.
1920	2nd	Lanarkshire Single-handed.
1920	3rd	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1920	3rd	Hozier Cup.
1923	1st	Richardson Trophy.
1925	2nd	Lanarkshire Rink.
1926	1st	Jackson Trophy.
1927	2nd	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1927	3rd	Middle Ward Competition.
1930	1st	Jackson Trophy.
1930	3rd	Middle Ward Competition.
1931	2nd	Lanarkshire Single-handed.
1932	2nd	Jackson Trophy.
1934	2nd	Scottish Rink Championship.
1934	2nd	Richardson Trophy.
1934	—	Semi-Finalists Scottish Pairs.
1935	3rd	Middle Ward Competition.
1936	—	S.B.A. Singles—District Championship.
1937	2nd	Jackson Trophy.
1937	4th	Middle Ward Competition.
1938	1st	Lanarkshire Rink.
1938	1st	Middle Ward Competition.
1939	1st	Jackson Trophy.
1939	4th	Middle Ward Competition.
1940	2nd	Lanarkshire Pairs.
1941	1st	Lanarkshire Single-handed Championship.
1941	—	S.B.A. Rink—District Championship.
1941	2nd	Jackson Trophy.
1942	3rd	Jackson Trophy.
1943	1st	Lanarkshire Pairs.
1944	2nd	Jackson Trophy.
1946	—	S.B.A. Singles—District Championship.
1946	1st	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1947	1st	Glasgow v. Lanarkshire.
1947	1st	Middle Ward Competition.
1947	2nd	Jackson Trophy.
1948	1st	Middle Ward Competition.
1949	1st	Lanarkshire Pairs.

LADIES' SECTION.

1935	1st	S.W.B.A. (Western)—Charles Ross Cup.
1938	1st	R. G. Lawrie Charity Trophy.
1938	2nd	S.W.B.A. (Western)—Charles Ross Cup

Premier Honours Won

and Names of Players representing the Club.

1910—SCOTTISH RINK CHAMPIONSHIP.

John Jackson (Hill Road); Robert Jackson; Thomas T. Cochrane; Archibald F. Thomson (Skip).

1923—RICHARDSON TROPHY.

A. T. McCrimmon; Robert Burns; Thomas Hamilton; Alex. Borland (Skip).

1938—LANARKSHIRE RINK CHAMPIONSHIP.

Thomas Wardorpe; James Wardrope; Robert Burns; A. T. McCrimmon (Skip).

1941—LANARKSHIRE SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Robert Leggate.

1943—LANARKSHIRE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Alex. Cook; William Jackson (Lawrie Street) (Skip).

1949—LANARKSHIRE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP.

John H. Thomson; Alex. T. McCrimmon (Skip).

1935 SCOTTISH WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION (Western) (Charles Ross Cup).

Miss J. B. Thomson; Mrs. Robert Craig; Mrs. W. Stirling; Mrs. W. F. Jackson (Skip).

1938—SCOTTISH WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION (R. G. Lawrie Charity Trophy).

Mrs. John Johnstone; Mrs. Robert Craig; Mrs. John B. Hamilton; Mrs. Robert Leggate (Skip).

List of Officials.

Name.	Year of appointment.
SECRETARY.	
William Jackson	1900
Archibald Macfie	1905
Robert Jackson	1906
Thomas Wilson	1915
Alexander Kidd	1921
David Brown	1923
James Gould	1926
David Clark	1928
Robert Thomson	1930
John Jackson (Lawrie Street)	1931
TREASURER.	
John Miles	1900
Thomas H. Jackson	1916
Thomas Millar	1919
John Jackson (Lawrie Street)	1920
Gavin H. Thomson	1929
Thomas Millar	1947
Alex. Colquhoun	1948
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.	
Thomas Wilson	1900
Gavin Brownlie, Jr.	1906
John Jackson (Lawrie Street)	1907
Robert Leggate	1910
David Brown	1921
Alex. T. McCrimmon	1924
Alexander Kidd	1925
Robert Thomson	1926
William Weir	1930
Robert Brodie	1938
Thomas Walker	1939

Programme.



3 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS.

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

(Gifted by Walter B. Millar, Esq.)

PRESENTATIONS TO:—

JOHN JACKSON, Secretary.

THOMAS WALKER, Assistant Secretary.

3.15 p.m.

JUBILEE MATCH

(Rinks from S.B.A., L.B.A. and invited Clubs).

3.30 p.m.

TEA SERVED IN CLUBHOUSE.

5 p.m.

MIXED PROMISCUOUS GAME.

6.30 p.m.

SOCIAL EVENING IN CLUBHOUSE.

