

WHITEHOUSE & GRANGE
BOWLING CLUB

1872 — 1972



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Preface



J. T. MCBRYDE
Centenary President

The deliberations and plans of the last few years are now a realisation; the Club Centenary is with us and I am sure that all our members will wish to celebrate the occasion in a manner befitting the good name of the Club.

In the midst of our celebrations we must always be mindful of the great debt we owe to the foresight and enthusiasm of the Founders of the Club for the legacy they bequeathed in providing 100 years of pleasure and companionship in surroundings which have added so much to the delight in playing in this the finest of all pastimes. At the same time we must remember with gratitude to honour and pay tribute to the many stalwart members of the past who administered the affairs of the Club so wisely and progressively throughout the years. The brief history of Whitehouse and Grange, most interestingly set out in the pages of this booklet, highlights many of the changes which have taken place over the years and records the names of a number of the outstanding personalities who have brought honour and distinction to the Club.

I am, of course, deeply conscious of the great honour conferred on me by the members of the Club in appointing me their Centenary President and I am fully aware of the wide scope of the duties involved. I am, however, very happy in the knowledge that the honours and duties are to be shared in a large measure by our Past Presidents who will act as Team Captains during our Celebration Week and on other special occasions. Together with the services of a capable Management Committee and the wholehearted co-operation of all members I am confident that we shall carry through a Centenary Year worthy of being remembered by all and that the Club will continue to be held in the high esteem which it has enjoyed over the years.

JAS. T. MCBRYDE



W. A. MCKERROW
Centenary Vice-President

A Message from the President, Scottish Bowling Association

*To the Honorary Secretary,
Whitehouse and Grange B.C.*

It is with all possible pleasure that I convey the congratulations of the Council to the President, the Committee and the Members on the Centenary Year of your Club. It is indeed a great achievement to go the hundred years and still be going strong in Bowling. Needless to say, your Club has a wonderful record—a record of which any club could be justly proud. In 1942, our Jubilee Year, you had the honour of providing the President of the Scottish Bowling Association—I refer to Dr John Orr. His services are still remembered and it is on record that he was one of the most outstanding Presidents of the S.B.A. In addition, of course, your Club has the honour of having the name of Mr James McBryde as an Honorary Member of the Association. So, undoubtedly, your Club can be looked upon as a very influential one in the history of Bowling.

I take this opportunity of wishing the Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club many more years of great Bowling and upstanding members and that you will play a part which will long be remembered in the rolling of a bowl and playing the game at all times in the sporting spirit, and I thank you for the friendship and sportsmanship which you have shown and given to the game of Bowling in Bonnie Scotland and in other parts of the country.

On behalf of the Scottish Bowling Association I congratulate you most sincerely in this, your Centenary Year.

PETER CRAIGMYLE
President, S.B.A.

22nd February, 1972

Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club 1872-1972

We whose task it is to write the story of the first hundred years of 'Whitehouse' are fortunate in having preserved for us complete the Minute Books for all these years, a record sometimes skimpy, it is true, but often full.

In the 19th Century Edinburgh was a prosperous and expanding city with a population rising towards 200,000 by the year 1870 and the houses of the well-to-do spreading southwards towards Liberton, Blackford Hill and Morningside as well as elsewhere. Bowling as a leisurely recreation was beginning to find more and more favour and greens were springing up in residential areas. The 'Edinburgh' Green was opened in 1848, 'Trinity' in 1855, 'Leith' in 1857, 'Lutton Place' in 1860, 'West End' in 1864, 'Summerside' in 1869, and 'Hillside' in 1870.

It was in this atmosphere that seven well-to-do city businessmen met on 5th January 1872, formed themselves into a Committee, and instructed five of their number to search for a site for the club formed and given a name that very night. Time justified their confidence, despite the fact that only fourteen persons attended the General Meeting held to receive a report in the Southside Literary Institute (in South Clerk Street) on 8th April following. The meeting heard that 'after a little negotiation your committee succeeded in purchasing from Mr Harrison his entire rights in the feu held by him in Hope Terrace, including boundary walls, drains, roads, etc. On this site there is a feu duty of £13-8-6'. The area was some $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, 'having in addition to the ground required for a full-sized green, on the south side a (2-rink) bowling green presently used by Mr Harrison which your committee have instructed to be put in order for this season's play'.

The Club House was already being erected for a contract price of £173, and the cost of constructing a new green was put at under £200. So it was decided that night to proceed and to



The Old Clubhouse—1910

meet the cost by issuing One Hundred Shares (redeemable) of £5 each 'to be held entirely by members of the Club and to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum'. A limit of 75 members was imposed, and Entry Money and Subscription were fixed at One Guinea each, a sum that remained unchanged until 1913. Most encouragingly, about half the finance required had already been promised, and ultimately the number of Shares on issue rose to 147, encouraged no doubt by the remission of annual subscription to holders of four or more Shares. The last shares were finally cancelled in 1952.

The first President was Mr W. R. Clapperton of 9 Strathearn Road, the first Secretary Mr R. M. Russell of 13 Cumin Place, and the first committee included Mr George (later Sir George) Harrison of Blackford Road from whom the ground had been purchased, and Mr Gorrie, Architect, responsible for plans. The next step was taken at a meeting a week later when a Circular was drafted, over the names of the 6 Trustees of the Property of the Club and 49 other members, for issue to 'gentlemen resident in the district whom the committee considered it desirable to acquaint of the formation of the club'. Things progressed satisfactorily; 27 members were admitted in 1873, 25 in 1874, and in the latter year the membership limit

was raised, optimistically, to 120. In 1893, the Trustees having been reduced to two by death and resignation, the property of the Club was transferred to ' the Office-bearers viz. the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Custodier of the Green and their successors in office '. The Club Titles were in the custody of Mr John K. Lindsay, S.S.C., 59 Dick Place, an original Trustee. The members in early days were distributed over the whole residential area of Grange and Marchmont, and whereas in 1971 we are without a member living in Hope Terrace—for perhaps the first time—in the 1880s four of the members lived there. Indeed, in the Victorian era the membership lists were largely composed of lawyers, W.S., and S.S.C., bank managers, doctors, retired army men and ministers; and their names are echoed in the names of big businessmen in the city today—Usher, Prain, Romanes, Tod, Rose, Somerville Shaw, Considine, Gwilt, Inches, Croft Gray, Gifford Kerr are names many of us recognise.

In 1872 the system of horse-drawn Tramways was still being extended, and traffic communication between Marchmont and Morningside/Churchill was made difficult by the blockage, now removed, between Strathearn Road and Churchill. So the route to be used was via Hope Terrace and Clinton Road, and

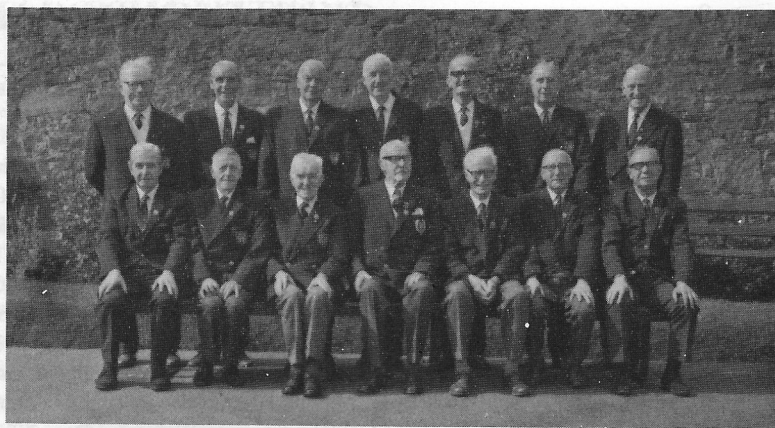


The New Clubhouse—1972

we read that the construction of the Green was being much delayed by the obstruction caused by the formation of the Tramways. However, the works were completed in the autumn, and the Secretary reported in the spring a total expenditure on Ground, Clubhouse, Green and Implements of £855, and a current roll of 60 members. So, with a greenkeeper engaged to keep the green for six months for £25, the New Green was formally opened on Friday, 23rd May 1873, the previous Saturday having been ruined by bad weather.

It was not long before there was a move to utilise the now unused ground to the south of the Green, and at the Closing Meeting of 1873 a proposal was put forward to form a Curling Club confined to members of the Bowling Club. In the following year the Curling Club was duly formed, the pond built, and a rent of Five Guineas agreed; this figure was doubled in 1893 and raised to £21 in 1896. It is amusing to read that it was (unsuccessfully) proposed in 1875 to have roller-skating, then enjoying a great vogue, for members and their families even during the bowling season. Latterly it was permitted to admit up to 15 non-members of the Bowling Club and Curling continued up till 1912, when the lease was not renewed. Then, surprise! A request from the Edinburgh Ladies' College F.P. Athletic Club to rent the area for a tennis court. The committee shuddered.

The prime mover in the formation of the Club, and its first President, was William R. Clapperton, who reigned for three years. He was succeeded in 1875 by John Livingston, the donor of the Livingston Cup. The wooden ballot-box with its black and white balls, still in the Club's possession, was in constant use for the admission of members, and the Club flourished uneventfully. The President's Prize, usually a pair of silver-mounted bowls, went to the Single-handed Champion until in 1911 it began to be played for by Handicap. The Vice-President's Prize was played for on a single day in a Game of Points, always with a large entry, and the winner was lavishly rewarded, for instance in 1879 by a silver salver. Matches in early days came from challenges issued or accepted, and the first were with Mayfield in the wet summer of 1877, a fixture continued ever since. In 1880 matches were played with Leith B.C., but a cautious committee wanted a maximum of three such games in a season. An approach from Drumdryan



Past Presidents still in Membership

B.C. in 1883, 'proposing measures to form an Association', was turned down and, incredibly, the Club did not join the Edinburgh and Leith Bowling Association till 1920. On the other hand, after declining the invitation in a circular of 1905, the Club joined the Scottish Bowling Association in 1906 and entered the Rink Competition in 1907. Matches with Merchiston B.C. were played regularly from 1895. There was no uniformity of dress in those days, but members travelled to away games with dignity in cabs, and every year the Accounts show an item for 'Refreshments, cabs etc.' Other engagements would be prompted by an Office-bearer, as with the Town Council B.C. in 1902, with two rinks of the Canadian Tourists in 1904, and in 1905 with 'Kirkcaldy Select', the subject of a detailed Press report. Although the first encounter with Braid B.C. is recorded in 1907, the loosening-up was a slow process.

Enthusiasm for the game was steadily growing. James Pretsell, Editor of the 'Edinburgh Bowling Annual', comments in the 1903 issue that 'In Edinburgh clubs are being multiplied at an alarming (!) rate. . . . The clubs of Edinr. alone must now number about 100—nearly trebled during the last ten years . . . Last year a fillip was given to International Bowling by a visit from Dr Grace, the famous cricketer.' By 1911 the membership of our Club was full and a Waiting-List established; already the green was full and the clubhouse shown to be inadequate. Something had to be done. Dr John Orr, President in 1909 and

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YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION	YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION
1872	W. R. Clapperton	—	1897	Daniel Macfie	S. Blyth
1873	W. R. Clapperton	—	1898	John T. Anderson	J. S. Rutherford
1874	W. R. Clapperton	—	1899	James Kennedy	James Rutherford
1875	John Livingston	John Herdman	1900	William Considine	J. M. S. Shaw
1876	George Harrison	W. Wilson	1901	J. M. S. Shaw	A. Inglis
1877	Bailie Rowatt	W. Wilson	1902	T. M. Mackay	J. G. Reid
1878	J. Macfie	Hugh Gilmour	1903	Hugh Gilmour	J. M. S. Shaw
1879	P. G. Morrison	Robert Jamieson	1904	Hugh Miller	W. Plenderleith
1880	Thomas Usher	Charles Gowans	1905	Rev. Canon Stuart	James Finlayson
1881	Thos. S. Aitchison	A. M. Milroy	1906	Dr A. Gordon Price	John Cameron
1882	John Herdman	J. Nimmo	1907	Johnston Webster	Daniel Tudhope
1883	Hugh Gilmour	William Paterson	1908	William Considine	William Valentine
1884	J. K. Lindsay	Robert Jamieson	1909	Dr John Orr	Daniel Tudhope
1885	William Paterson	Walter Park	1910	Dr John Orr	Dr A. Gordon Price
1886	P. G. Morrison	W. Russell	1911	J. Kinmont, S.S.C.	Thomas Gilchrist
1887	James Pringle	Walter Park	1912	J. Kinmont, S.S.C.	J. G. Reid
1888	James Nimmo	C. D. Rutherford	1913	J. G. Reid	George Snedden
1889	Andrew Tod	John Herdman	1914	J. G. Reid	Dr John Orr
1890	R. S. Waugh	Hugh Gilmour	1915	John R. Little	Daniel Tudhope
1891	Colonel M'Inroy	J. M. S. Shaw	1916	John R. Little	Daniel Tudhope
1892	Alexander Walker	James Beattie	1917	John R. Little	—
1893	James Small	John Waldie	1918	John S. Porteous	—
1894	C. N. Cowper	J. M. S. Shaw	1919	Thomas Ainslie	George Snedden
1895	William Cowan	George Aitken	1920	Thomas Ainslie	George Snedden
1896	William Russell	James Beattie	1921	George Snedden	George Snedden

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S.B.A. District Winners

PAIRS

1960—W. A. McKerrow
Dr J. A. Howell

FOURS

1942—Sam Young
Tom Blackburn
Mark Hall
Alex M. Yuille (Skip)

Internationalists

1920–21–22—James Kerr
1929—Dan Tudhope
1933—James Melville
1935—D. L. Gibson
1937—Tom Blackburn
1947–48—William Stevenson
1971—Morgan Moffat

Edinburgh & Leith Bowling Association

TAIT TROPHY

1927—Daniel Hart
1937—A. M. Yuille (runner-up)
1938—Tom Blackburn

1ST XVI TROPHY

1923, 1927, 1945, 1949, 1953, 1955,
1958, 1963

2ND XVI TROPHY

1941, 1951

CORONATION PAIRS

1940—William Smith
and Mark Hall
1953—W. A. McKerrow
and W. Henderson
1954—Dr Howell
and James G. Kerr

CORONATION FOURS

1954—Mark Hall (Skip)

RANGE BOWLING CLUB 1972

YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION	YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION
1922	James Kerr	George Snedden	1947	A. V. Drysdale	A. V. Drysdale
1923	James Kerr	James Kerr	1948	Rev. W. Stevenson	Mark Hall
1924	Daniel Tudhope	Dr John Orr	1949	E. W. Ferrier	L. Wedderspoon
1925	Daniel Tudhope	Dr John Orr	1950	J. H. Cunningham	Mark Hall
1926	T. H. Purves	William Smith	1951	W. S. McNeill	E. Simpson
1927	James Porteous	Daniel Hart	1952	James G. Kerr	Rev. W. Stevenson
1928	Thos. Blackburn	Robert Duff	1953	James M. Brown	Rev. W. Stevenson
1929	Thos. Blackburn	Daniel Hart	1954	Robert B. Grubb	E. Simpson
1930	James Melville	Will J. Anderson	1955	W. A. McKerrrow	Rev. W. Stevenson
1931	Andrew C. Tait	Thos. Blackburn	1956	E. Simpson	Mark Hall
1932	William Steedman	Will J. Anderson	1957	James T. McBryde	Alex. McIntosh
1933	James C. Mitchell	D. L. Gibson	1958	James T. McBryde	Alex. McIntosh
1934	Joseph Williams	William Smith	1959	J. Bateman	Alex. McIntosh
1935	John W. Cownie	Charles Dickie	1960	Ivor Marshall	Alex. McIntosh
1936	Mark Hall	Mark Hall	1961	T. S. F. Melvin	—
1937	Charles Dickie	A. M. Yuille	1962	W. J. Mitchell	Alex. McIntosh
1938	Lewis Leslie	Thos. Blackburn	1963	W. J. Mitchell	J. Bateman
1939	A. M. Yuille	A. V. Drysdale	1964	T. C. Haddow	F. Henderson
1940	D. L. Gibson	G. Macfarlane	1965	J. S. Anderson	G. C. Turner
1941	William Smith	William Smith	1966	J. S. Breadon	James M. Brown
1942	W. R. Brown	Rev. W. Stevenson	1967	John H. Martin	Andrew Black
1943	Will. Smith	A. M. Yuille	1968	W. S. Moir	Andrew Black
1944	Walter Marshall	James Galloway	1969	A. M. Clark	W. R. Robertson
1945	D. B. Taylor	Alex. McEwan	1970	K. Mackintosh	J. S. Breadon
1946	A. V. Drysdale	C. A. Callander	1971	T. H. Swan	M. Moffat

OURS

South Edinburgh B.A.

1ST XVI SHIELD
1966, 1969, 1970

2ND XVI SHIELD
1963, 1970

E. & D.B.L.A.

1ST XVI SHIELD
1966, 1969

2ND XVI SHIELD
1970

E. & L. Ex-Presidents' Association

SIR MALCOLM SMITH TROPHY
1939—Tom Blackburn (Skip)
1942—A. M. Yuille ,,
1947—Mark Hall ,,
1952—Rev. W. Stevenson,,
1958—W. A. McKerrrow,,
1959—W. A. McKerrrow,,
1970—W. A. McKerrrow

S.B.A. Presidency

1942—Dr John Orr

E. & L. B.A. Presidency

1945—T. H. Purves

again in 1910, led the pressure group. The first move was a proposal made in 1910 'to extend and improve the green at the North and possibly the South ends'. (Admiration for the green of the Kirkcaldy B.C. probably inspired this.) Plans were prepared by Mr McHattie, the City Gardener, but the project was defeated, not to be revived successfully till 1922. On the other hand the move to extend the clubhouse by building an upper storey, a move initiated by President John Kinmont, S.S.C., at the Dinner in 1911 with a gift of £50, went forward with tremendous impetus. Plans were drawn up by Mr (later Sir George) Washington Browne, a former member, showing the frontal elevation with two gables which we all admire; estimates were accepted in January, and the enlarged premises were ready for the formal Opening on the first Saturday in May—an example, we may be pardoned for thinking, to present-day workmen. 'Jack High' of those days commented 'It is wonderful to note the change which this club has undergone in recent years' (!) and after some gentle irony at the Club's expense added 'it may still be hoped that Whitehouse and Grange will yet be found in the near future an applicant for membership to the E.&L.B.A.'

The increasing number of younger men in the Club led naturally to more competitions. In 1911 the President's Prize began to be competed for by handicap, and a separate Singles Championship was instituted with a badge or medal for the winner. In 1910 the Reid Trophy, a solid silver table lamp, was presented by William and John Reid, the superiors of the ground, and became the object of competition at Hat Nights in May, June and July of each year. In 1913 a Rink Medal was presented by Dr Orr 'to stimulate interest and improve the play' in the two Sixteens. A Second Sixteen had been set up in 1911 with a strictly limited programme. Conservatism was still present and 'deprecated any undue multiplication of official matches' when a game was arranged with Craigmillar Park B.C. in 1912. In 1913 a Selection Committee, operative almost ever since, was created on the initiative of Dr Orr. Inter-club matches were of course submerged by the Great War of 1914-1918, when arranged games were all in aid of Red Cross Funds, and in the dark days of 1917 and 1918 the Singles Competitions were suspended.

In 1919 the Club was bursting with a full membership and enormous vigour. Inter-club matches were revived and

extended to include Trinity B.C., and additional games were sought for the Second Sixteen. A Ladies' Day was held for the first time. In 1920 the Club was admitted to the E.&L.B.A. as already mentioned, and James Kerr, Champion in 1913, and President in 1922-23, won the first of his three 'caps' for Scotland. The green was busier than ever before, and rules were actually made to ease the 'congestion' complained of. With experienced seniors of the calibre of George Sneddon, Dan Tudhope, Alec Yuille, James Kerr and Dr Orr, and coming players like Tom Blackburn and Mark Hall, successes were bound to come, and so they did, beginning with the 1st XVI Trophy in '23 and '27 and the Tait Trophy in '27. Matches were sought after and regular fixtures made with St Ronans B.C., Innerleithen (1922), Dunfermline (1925), and Dunbar New (1926), while eager players still unsatisfied ran to private games with players from Broughton, Moffat and Kinnoull (Perth). The Club was keen to entertain distinguished visitors, housing the Civil Service B.A. Championships in 1927, and E.&L.B.A. matches with New Zealand in 1928, with the Australians in 1930, with the London Scottish B.A. in 1935, and with Canadian Tourists in 1936, in addition to the International Trial Match of 1937. Meanwhile Dr Orr was elected to the Council of the Scottish Bowling Association in 1927, and captained and skipped the Scottish Four which won the Bronze Medals at the British Empire Games at Hamilton, Ontario, in 1930. The Doctor attained the Presidency of the S.B.A. in 1942.

The outbreak of the Second World War did not have the same immediate impact on the game as had the First, but of course rationing restricted hospitality even for some years after and out-of-town fixtures were suspended. The Club set up its own special Red Cross Committee to raise and distribute funds. One quite notable event was held on the green in September 1940—an East v. West Match of Internationalists, for which a printed programme is in our archives. The Club had for years been in the habit of contributing to the 'Infirmary Fund', and Tom Curr's cartoon of a similar 'International' event still hangs in our clubroom from 1931. Fund-raising continued throughout the war, taking many shapes, and the writer was first introduced to members over skittles followed by pie and 'stovies' in the Robin's Nest.

As will be seen from another page, the successes of the

Thirties were continued into the Forties. Indeed, fresh zest was imparted post-war by the recruitment of some very promising younger players. With them came James McBryde, whose experience and dynamism soon made themselves felt. Club engagements were extended to include games with Peebles, Walkerburn, Northern and Maitland Clubs, and under the capable management of Wilfrid McNeill, President 1951, tours were conducted in 1952 to Elgin, in 1954 to Galloway and in 1956 to Stonehaven, all much enjoyed by the participants. The enthusiasm spilled over into the Indoor game, and the credit for the eventual opening in 1962 of the Edinburgh Indoor Stadium in Milton Street can safely be given to three W. & G. men, Dr Arthur Howell, Willie McKerrow, and above all James McBryde. Apart from that our Club provided some forty members and volunteered one-tenth of the very large capital required, a fact of which we can all be proud. Naturally, James became Managing-Director of the Company and First Chairman of the Indoor Club.

Every green is an object of great care, but also of great controversy. The southward extension of the green, completed in 1925, was never quite satisfactory—rinks 45 yards long are hardly popular, especially when the green is heavy—so a reduction to 42×40 was readily passed in 1954. We think our green one of the best in the area and were happy to house the Final of the Hamilton Trophy Competition in 1963. Clubhouses, too, seldom measure up to the requirements of a later age, and suggestions for improvement are never lacking. In 1933, indeed, Dr Orr proposed the removal of the present clubhouse and 'the erection of a new clubhouse in a more suitable position'. Nothing was done, and there is understandably an insuperable reluctance to tamper with the attractive shape of the 1912 house. Some improvements were effected at the South end in 1965 at the cost of over £1,000, but the big additions and internal reconstruction effected in 1969 were inspired by the approach of Centenary Year and the decisions taken, not (it may be said) without dissent, to admit Associate Lady Members and to instal a Bar, revolutionary changes indeed. The scheme attracted a Government Grant, but the expenditure of £3,500 necessitated a substantial levy, concurred in by the vast majority, and the results are a source of pride and satisfaction, notably since the institution of Club Nights on Saturdays in the winter.

Club Badge and Blazers first came under consideration in 1922, and in 1923 it was decided that the Club colours should be green with a red stripe. There cannot have been much enthusiasm for this, for in 1927 a change was made to the present colours, navy blue with the Club monogram in white and gilt buttons also showing the Club monogram. The lapel badge, adopted in 1950, was abandoned in 1960 in favour of one which portrayed the 1912 Clubhouse.

Of cups and trophies the Club possesses not many, but enough. The Singles Champion of 1912 received a gold medal costing £5. In 1927 Colin McAndrew endowed a very handsome Championship Trophy designed by Mr H. Tatton, showing the figure of a bowler from a model executed by the late H. S. Gamley, R.S.A. In 1953 a 'Coronation Rose Bowl' for Pairs Competition was donated by ex-Presidents of the Club. The 'Johnstone' Cup for two-bowl Singles dates back to 1947, and Albert Roth presented a Cup in 1957 for the Singles Handicap. These are in addition to the trophies mentioned earlier. The Ladies' Section is already well endowed with Cups and Trophies. It has been given a fine start by its energetic First President, Mrs Kitty Matheson, and by an immediate success in the Scottish Women's Bowling Association Pairs, won by Mrs E. Smith and Mrs M. Wilson in 1970.

The movement for the formation of Bowling Leagues gained momentum in the Fifties and when the South Edinburgh Bowling Association was formed in 1962 the Club joined in and won the 1st XVI Division unbeaten in its first year, besides contributing the Second President in the person of Willie Mitchell. Other successes have been scored since, and when the Edinburgh and District Bowling Leagues' Association was later formed, the Club won its 1st XVI Shield in 1966 and 1969 and followed up with the 2nd XVI Shield in 1971. With these recent triumphs and with a tally of eight wins in the 1st XVI Trophy since joining the E.&L.B.A. in 1920, it can be seen that the Club has good reason for optimism in facing the Seventies and the beginning of its Second Hundred Years.

Personalities

The rapid establishment of the Club in Hope Terrace was mainly due to two men: first WILLIAM R. CLAPPERTON who provided the impetus and reigned as President for the first three years—his home was at 9 Strathearn Road (there were then only ten houses in Strathearn Road) and he was in business as a Cabinet-maker and Furnisher at 59–60 Princes Street; second GEORGE (later Sir George) HARRISON, through whose generosity the site was obtained for less than half the price of the other 'eligible' site. At that time George Harrison's home was in Blackford Road and he was in business as a tweed merchant in North Bridge with 'Harrison & Halkett'. A man of wide interests and many enthusiasms, not only did he prosper in business, becoming a Director of the Royal Bank of Scotland, of the North British Railway and of the London & Edinburgh Shipping Company, but he became a notable public figure, elevated to the position of Lord Provost of the city in 1882, knighted in 1884, elected M.P. in the Liberal interest in 1885, and made an Honorary L.L.D. of the University. After his death a city street was named after him and the Harrison Arch at the East Entrance to Blackford Hill was erected as a memorial and unveiled by Lord Rosebery, a personal friend.

Four others joined these two as Trustees of the Property, viz. WILLIAM PATERSON of 23 Hope Terrace, in business as a Bookseller & Publisher at 74 Princes Street, the first Treasurer of the Club; JOHN LIVINGSTON of 7 Strathearn Road, President in 1875 and donor of the Livingston Cup; JOHN K. WATSON of 14 Blackford Road, Treasurer and Manager of the Edinburgh Gas Light Company; and JOHN K. LINDSAY, S.S.C., of 24 Blackford Road and the firm of H. & A. Inglis, W.S., 16 Queen Street, who held the Title Deeds of the Property.

Added to form the first Committee were JAMES C. ANDERSON of Oriel Villa, Kilgraston Road, GEORGE ROBERTSON of 34 Lauder Road and of D. & J. Robertson, Wine & Spirit Merchants at 44 George IV Bridge, BAILE THOMAS ROWATT of 7 Palmerston Road, a Paraffin Lamp & Mineral Oil Manufacturer in business at 9 Lothian Road, WILLIAM M. GORRIE, Architect, of 85 Gilmore Place, and R. M. RUSSELL of 13 Cumin Place and the Commercial Bank, our first Secretary.

Turning to other administrators, we have already paid tribute to JOHN KINMONT, S.S.C., President in 1911 and 1912, through whose initiative and generosity the clubhouse was greatly enlarged in 1912, but above all others towers DR JOHN ORR, President in 1909 and 1910, Green Custodian 1912–1933, a President and later Honorary President of the Edinburgh & Leith Ex-Presidents' Association, Councillor of the S.B.A. from 1927 and President in its Jubilee Year 1942, Captain and Skip of the Scottish Rink which took third place at the British Empire Games in Canada 1930, Member of the International Bowling Board, 1936–1949, and Father of the Club till his death in 1950. The Doctor was clearly no mean bowler, being a regular Club Skip for many years and Champion four times. Under his tutelage was REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON, President in 1948, Champion four times, 'capped' for Scotland in 1947 and 1948, and author of the book *Bowls for All*. On leaving the city and the Club after twenty-five years to take up a new charge in Glasgow, he was made an Honorary Member for his outstanding services.



SIR GEORGE HARRISON



DR JOHN ORR



TOM BLACKBURN O.B.E.

A. V. 'Teddy' DRYSDALE was admitted in 1932, became Treasurer (as befitted a banker) 1933-1945, President in 1946 and 1947, and Champion 1939 and 1947. He was a real sportsman, popular everywhere. MARK HALL joined in 1923, became President in 1936 and Hon. Vice-President in 1961. He won the Championship three times and skipped our 'Coronation Four' to victory in 1954. A born player, both feared and loved on the green, he has his name engraved on the 'Sir Malcolm Smith (Ex-Presidents) Trophy' five times, once as skip of the Four. Wherever one goes, there is no one for whom more kindly enquiries are made. TOM BLACKBURN, O.B.E., 'The Major', admitted in 1923 and President in 1928 and 1929, Honorary President from 1956, President of the E. & L. Ex-Presidents' Association in 1941 and of the Caledonia Bowlers in 1957, won the Club Championship twice and the Tait Trophy once. A towering figure everywhere, jovial and welcomed in all companies, he had friends in all four countries and carried on a voluminous correspondence in copper-plate handwriting. He made light of his First-War disability and soldiered on in ill health until his death on Boxing Day 1971.

After many moves JAMES T. MCBRYDE came to rest in Edinburgh and with us in 1948. He became President in 1957 and 1958 and later an Honorary Vice-President, and has now been worthily recalled to preside in Centenary Year. President of the Caledonia Bowlers in 1965, President of the Scottish Indoor Bowling Association in 1965-66 and now an Honorary Member of the Council of the S.B.A., he too is widely known throughout the four countries and as Chairman and Managing-Director of the Edinburgh Indoor Bowling Rink Ltd., he is consulted by deputations and correspondents from every quarter.

We have had long-serving Treasurers in R. PAIRMAN MILLER, S.S.C., 1911-1929, and JOHN S. HEUGH, 1945-1960. Secretaries usually wear out more quickly! However, WILL J. ANDERSON held office from 1926 to 1939; JOHN S. PORTEOUS acted from 1909 to 1915 only, but was so highly esteemed for his services that in 1912 he was presented with a Gold Watch. As for distinguished players, where to begin and where to stop? J. M. SOMMERVILLE SHAW was Champion in 1891, 1894, 1900 and 1903, DAN TUDHOPE in 1907, 1909, 1915 and 1916, GEORGE SNEDDEN in 1913 and then four times in a row 1919-1922, ALEX. MCINTOSH four times in a row 1957-1960, and again in 1962. These are striking feats in a club where—dare we say it—the standard has been consistently high for many, many years. A player as good as ALEX. YUILLE could win the Championship no more than twice. And the Honours List on the Centre Page contains the names of many not mentioned above.

CENTENARY WEEK PROGRAMME

22nd May — 28th May

Monday	22nd	2.45 p.m.	Ladies' Match
		6.45 p.m.	Members' Game
Tuesday	23rd	6.45 p.m.	Club v. S. Edinburgh B.A.
Wednesday	24th	2.45 p.m.	Members' Mixed Game
		6.45 p.m.	Club v. Rest of Edinburgh (1)
Thursday	25th	2.15 p.m.	Club v. S.B.A. & E. & L.B.A. Councils
		7.15 p.m.	Centenary Dinner (George Hotel)
Friday	26th	6.45 p.m.	Club v. Rest of Edinburgh (2)
Saturday	27th	3.00 p.m.	Club v. "Friendly" Clubs
		7.30 p.m.	Sherry Party (Club House)
Sunday	28th	11.00 a.m.	Church Service (Grange Parish Church)