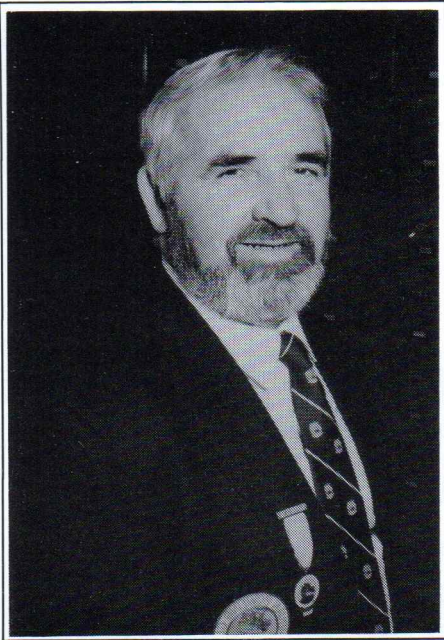


# **GIRVAN BOWLING CLUB**



**150th  
ANNIVERSARY  
1841 - 1991**





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems no time at all when, in fact, it is eight years since Davie Hope, our Match Secretary, began his fund raising for our 150th Celebrations. As you are all aware, 1991 is *the* year, and is now upon us. I would like to express my thanks to Davie on behalf of us all for his hard work during the past years.

It is a great honour for me to be President of Girvan Bowling Club on its 150th Anniversary year and I wish to thank our Past President, Tommy Paterson, for giving me this opportunity. Needless to say, I will put my best foot forward

and with help from you all, hope to make this year a memorable one.

The Committee has made every endeavour to include all members in our forthcoming celebrations. We begin with a Civic Reception and sincere thanks go to Provost Daniel McNeill and Kyle & Carrick district Council, for the honour bestowed upon our Club.

A very busy year is planned and it is hoped that all members and friends will take pleasure in participating in these fixtures to the full.

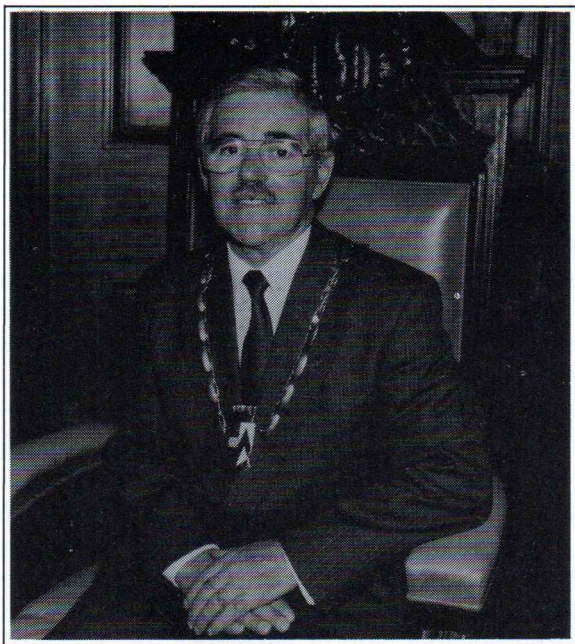
As everyone will appreciate, a great deal of hard work and research has gone into the compiling of this Programme by our Club Secretary, Alex McBain, and my thanks go to him for this. Many thanks are also due to the Management Committee whose untiring efforts over the past year have helped plan our 150th Programme of Events.

It should be noted that a new tie, metal badge and flag have been struck for this our sequicentennial year and I take this opportunity to thank Bobbie and John Oliphant for kindly donating our new flag.

In conclusion, may I wish all members a Happy and Successful Year in 1991.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN MURPHY  
President.



### **PROVOST'S MESSAGE**

It is a great pleasure, as a Girvanite and a Bowler, to extend my warmest and sincere congratulations to the President, the Committee and the Members of Girvan Bowling Club on the occasion of their 150th Anniversary in 1991.

Girvan and its Bowlers have been fortunate in being well-served by the existence of this excellent Club, with greens of the highest quality in Scotland. It is well-known and enjoyed by thousands of players locally, and particularly by the many visitors who made Girvan their Annual Bowling Holiday Resort and found not only a high standard of bowling and competition, but also the continuing fellowship and friendship which are synonymous with this great sport.

As Provost of the District and on behalf of Kyle & Carrick District council, I wish Girvan Bowling Club every success and continuing enjoyment for its players for many years in the future.

**DANIEL A. McNEILL**

Provost of Kyle & Carrick District Council.



## FOREWORD

It has been my privilege and pleasure to research and record the history of Girvan Bowling Club on the occasion of its Sesquicentenary, 150 years that have seen times of elation, times of disappointment, physical changes and changes in attitudes. Some of the latter may not have been for the best but appeared to be so at the time and will be better judged in years to come.

My search proved to be a time consuming, frustrating and often amusing task in which I was assisted by members of the Club and by one or two local amateur historians. I am indebted to all of them. The frustration of course arose from the fact that many old records were missing, much of the information contained in this brochure being gleaned from earlier and later Minute Book references. The deeper the digging however the greater the urge and the more satisfying it was to learn all I could about the district in general and the bowling club in particular.

It was my intention to pay tribute to all the main Office Bearers and Club Champions, but again I am foiled in my efforts. You will note from the list of the latter that they have been almost completely ignored in the early years. I questioned the justification in printing what is a far from complete record but feel that it would be wrong to ignore these gentlemen who, in many cases, gave long years of service to the Club.

The Girvan Bowling Club, like others, has had its ups and downs and will continue to do so, but I like to think that the all important consideration is for members, male and female, to enjoy the game of bowls in that unique atmosphere of social friendship traditional on the green. It is something we have always been proud of in the Girvan club and must all strive to preserve.

ALEX McBAIN

## INTRODUCTION

The game of bowls has been with us in one form or another for centuries, as evidence Drake at the time of the Spanish Armada. It is even mentioned by Shakespeare in Richard II when the Queen, in despondent mood, said of the game, 'T'will make me think the world is full of rubs and that my fortune runs against the bias'. It was for a time however the less savoury side of bowls that attracted attention, with excessive drinking and gambling prevalent to such an extent that the game was banned in certain areas.

Historically bowls was a violent sport with kicking, hacking and tripping all part of the 'game'. However a Glasgow solicitor, W. W. Mitchell, produced a set of rules in *Mitchell's Manual* which outlawed the more robust exchanges on the sacred turf. Sacred turf at the time of course meant any reasonably level piece of ground, preferably with a modest covering of grass.

Scotland could be said to be the home of bowls since it was here that it was first approached in any sort of organised manner with recognised clubs, rules and a national association, the Scottish Bowling Association, formed in 1892. 173 clubs were in membership in 1893, today there are almost 1000 with a total membership of close on 100,000. Bowls is now one of the world's most popular participant sports.

Ayrshire and Lanarkshire were particularly enthusiastic bowling areas with the former being fortunate in having the patronage of the 13th Earl of Eglinton, a keen bowler, curler and all round sportsman. Trophies presented by the Earl, e.g. the Gold and Silver Bowls, did much to stimulate local club rivalry and led to the growth of the game both at district and national level. With the enthusiasm shown in Scotland, and the not inconsiderable sponsorship of the Earl of Eglinton, bowls took on an air of respectability that had been lacking in earlier years.

Girvan Bowling Club of course has played no small part in spreading the popularity of the game, with four excellent greens it has attracted many thousands of visitors over the years, some to further their game others to enjoy it for the first time.



With the extension of the railway line to Girvan in the 1860s the bowling greens in Ayr, Kilmarnock, Troon etc. became more accessible and the aforementioned Gold and Silver Bowls were now being competed for more widely and on a more regular basis. This was also true of the Glasgow/Ayrshire game, surely one of the oldest annual matches in bowling history, which was again fathered by the Earl of Eglinton. There is an interesting entry in the Minute Book of 1862 which reads, 'The Secretary was instructed to write that no rinks would be entered for the Eglinton Gold Bowl as it takes place on the day of our Sacrament'. Changed days indeed. In fact for a number of years the Girvan Club made no entry to any of these competitions while the Girvan Victoria Bowling Club, founded in 1852 and more of which later, won the Glasgow/Ayrshire in 1862, 1876 and 1886.

In 1868 a new set of rules was compiled which stated that a President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors and a Green Warden would form the Committee of Management, four to be a Quorum. To illustrate the apathy that existed among the members however, now about sixty in number, one rule allowed for a Quorum of only nine at any general meeting. It appears that while there was enthusiasm a plenty for the playing of the game that same enthusiasm was sadly lacking in attendance at meetings. This proved to be a continuing problem as is shown by the repetitive nature of office bearers in the early years.



SENIOR FOURS RUNNERS-UP SCOTTISH CHAMPIONS  
AT QUEEN'S PARK 1970

*W. H. McCreath S. Crawford A. McGarva A. McClure*



No records are available for the years 1879 to 1894 but it is immediately after this period we hear the first mention of a move from the original site, this being required for building purposes. An alternative location was suggested at The Avenue adjacent to and part occupied by the Tennis Club. The situation appeared to be satisfactory and negotiations with the Tennis Club were entered into. These proved to be long and complicated before the Bowling Club was allowed entry to the ground, and then only on condition we cleared off arrears of rent for them and paid them a sum of £25. This was in 1897 and was also the year that the amalgamation with the Victoria Club was first mooted. They were like ourselves, located in the town centre in a prime building area and being forced to relocate. The natural conclusion was a combining of forces and this became fact in 1899 under the title of Girvan Bowling Club.

Once again records are missing, this time for the years 1899 to 1921, but we know from subsequent minutes that during this period No. 2 Green was laid down, the Tennis Club came under the jurisdiction of the Bowling Club and Mr. William Morton of Moseley, Birmingham, while residing at Ardmillan, gave a generous donation of 1,000 guineas to the Club for the development of sporting facilities in Girvan. This resulted in the formation of the Morton Recreational Grounds with four tennis courts, two six-rink bowling greens and a croquet lawn.



#### GIRVAN BOWLING CLUB EX-PRESIDENT'S

Back Row: *R. W. Colquhoun, D. Hill, J. Oliphant, R. Miller, D. Hope, J. McEwan, S. Hopton and T. McIntosh*

Front Row: *D. Tudhope, J. Miller, J. Murphy, T. Paterson, G. Balfour, R. J. McBride*  
 Kneeling: *F. Milne, J. McNair*      *W. R. Leith absent through illness.*

## GOOD YEARS

The year is 1921 and the war to end all wars is now in the past. The Club having taken over the tennis courts was in the happy position of having land to spare, but how best to use it was the question. Eventually it was decided to turn the croquet lawn into a putting green, probably in the hope of providing extra income, but in point of fact it never at any time grossed any more than £35 in the year and after a few years the scheme was abandoned. As a matter of interest the croquet lawn in 1916 drew in the magnificent sum of 2/3 (12p), so obviously the change of use was justified. Other parts of the surrounds were planted out in potatoes which did show a reasonable return and was persevered with for a good number of years.

On the 3rd of June 1931 Girvan Bowling Club was the proud winner of the Gold Bowl with the following rinks, P. Ross, J. P. K. McDowall, C. Ingram and D. Austin (skip) and J. Jackson, W. Black, A. L. Colvin and W. Campbell (skip). Two of these players, J. Jackson and D. Austin, also played on the 21st of June 1906 when the Club last won the Gold Bowl. On the 1931 occasion there was no presentation of the trophy (according to recorded minutes) and the Club was belatedly informed that it was lying in Kilmarnock and someone should be sent to collect it. The Club felt slighted and refused to do so, but a Club member, on his own initiative, did so and was reprimanded by the Directors.

The challenge book was introduced in 1933 in spite of objections that it would serve no useful purpose and only complicate matters. This is open to conjecture even today.

Ladies had been allowed to play on the greens for some years without ever having been a recognised part of the Club but in 1935 it was agreed that a Ladies Section was long overdue. The section, formed on April 30th under the Presidency of Mrs. J. Reid, has gone from strength to strength, current membership being upward of 100.

The pilgrimage down the west coast of Scotland in early times was to Whithorn, the holy of holies of the pre-reformation church, but in the thirty or forty years following the 14/18 war the pilgrims were of a different conviction and with a different goal. These were the holiday makers evacuating the industrial areas in favour of the Ayrshire coast. A large number of these were bowlers and many found their way to Girvan from Glasgow, Paisley, Clydebank and Lanarkshire, it really was a boom time that was to last well into the 1960s when the bubble burst. But more of that later.

The influx of visitors made painfully obvious the limitations of our facilities, something had to be done and the old orchard was considered as a possible site for a third green. That proved to be unsuitable and the Directors turned to a piece of ground behind the Davidson Hospital. This particular area would comfortably accommodate two greens so, after having acquired the



ground, the discussion centred around the merits of two greens against one green. One was eventually decided upon and No. 3 Green was duly opened on June 4th 1938. The piece of ground not used at that time, but destined to become No. 4, was retained by the Club and rented out to a local butcher to graze his cattle, which will no doubt raise some comment.

With three new greens now operating it was not uncommon to keep one green open beyond the official closing day, a practice welcomed by locals and late holidaymakers alike.

Another war intervenes and everything, including the 100th Anniversary of the Club, appears to have been played on a very low key with minutes even more sparse than usual. It is immediately after the war however that the membership of the Club reaches its peak of almost 300, a figure that held for a number of years before a slow but steady decline to the 175/200 that we have today. The high membership and continuing flow of visitors to the Club once again made it necessary to expand so in 1949, and presumably having got rid of the cattle, No. 4 Green was laid down. The four greens were also named at this time, No. 1 became Bargany, No. 2 Glendoune, No. 3 Trochrague and No. 4 Dalquharran. An appeal was then made to the Scottish Bowling Association that they consider the Girvan greens as a possible venue for future international fixtures. Needless to say nothing ever came of this.

Coinciding with the opening of No. 4 Green was a donation from Mr. Watt of Rotherham for the erection of a fountain between the four greens. This in appreciation of the many happy hours he spent sitting in the grounds.

The silver jack and stand traditionally used on opening day is mentioned for the first time in 1959, purchased at a cost of £4.10/-. The same today costing well over £110. On the subject of silver the Club won the Silver Bowl this same year, a repeat of the 1952 success.

The Clubhouse in this time of course had undergone makeshift improvements but was now inadequate for the demands of the day. Plans were therefore made for the extension of the building and a loan negotiated with the bank to finance it. This necessitated the appointment of Trustees to hold in their names the heritable property of the Club, our present Trustees being J. Miller, R. W. Colquhoun, J. McNair, R. Miller and D. Hope. Sir Geoffrey Hughes-Onslow performed the opening ceremony of the extended Clubhouse on April 22nd 1961, giving us the Clubhouse as it stands today.

The next logical step was the procuring of a licence, not a popular move in the opinion of many members, but necessary from a financial point of view. A financial success it proved to be but the licence brought with it a completely new set of problems. The Directors had the choice of using voluntary labour from the club membership or employing experienced bar personnel, a choice really of having to pay wages to the latter and provide a professional service, or use the former and suffer through inexperience.

Both have been tried with varying degrees of success and, as most members will be aware, with a few disasters. It must go on record however that the past year or two, with a mix of voluntary and part time paid staff, has been the most satisfying period of bar operation since the licensing of the Club. We immediately became a prime target for break-ins of course and were obliged to substantially increase insurance cover, install a more comprehensive security system and build a new cellar to replace the old railway van used as such for many years.

The Senior Fours won the Ayrshire Championship in 1970 and in 1972 were beaten finalists at Queens Park. The Club also won the Ayrshire Pairs in 1972 and 1973.

Another innovation was the opening of the greens on a Sunday, a motion to this effect having been defeated at three Annual General Meetings before being approved at that of 1976. Again not universally popular but in keeping with the times. This same year the Club returned what is reputed to be the highest up score ever in the Glasgow/Ayrshire, our six rinks finishing 149 shots up.

Recognition must go to two much maligned stalwarts whose efforts are reflected quite substantially in the success of the Club, the Greenkeeper and the Match Secretary. In 1922 at Girvan we were fortunate in recruiting to our greenkeeping staff Mr. John Drynan who gave 36 years of exemplary service to the Club. His assistant of some five years, Mr. Charles Wason, took over on his retiral in 1958 and continued the excellent work until he also retired in 1979. Two dedicated gentlemen who helped build the enviable reputation enjoyed by our Club. The Match Secretary provides an essential and important contribution to the management of any club. We have always been fortunate at Girvan and continue to be so, the office at present being in the capable hands of Mr. David Hope who has executed his duties with distinction for the best part of 20 years. A noteworthy achievement.

## **HARD YEARS**

A tentative approach from representatives of the Health Board in 1981 to purchase No. 3 Green was unanimously rejected but, in view of the financial position of the Club at this time, there must have been some prepared to give more than a passing thought to the proposal. Finances were giving concern not only to ourselves but to all sports clubs in Scotland due to the rating system as it applied north of the border, a number of them in fact going to the wall. Girvan with four greens was particularly hard hit and subscriptions had to be raised, which in turn caused a decline in membership. This coupled to a dramatic drop in summer visitors put the Club in dire straits and made it necessary to seek overdraft facilities from the bank. It was appreciated by the Directors that this could only be a stop-gap remedy



however and a drastic step was taken in 1984 when we obtained a £10,000 interest free loan from Kyle & Carrick District Council, repayable over five years and with certain conditions. Included in these it was stipulated that we must increase subscriptions and the Council had the option to purchase should we be unable to meet our responsibilities. We have now repaid the loan in full and, if we are honest, must thank the Council for playing no small part in rescuing the Club from a precarious situation.

The Directors, by necessity, have tightened the financial reins, have been successful in obtaining a degree of rates relief and the bar set-up gives cause for satisfaction. It is a fact of life that we are no longer simply a bowling club involved in the playing side of the game, we have become a commercial undertaking and must be constantly aware of our commitments. While many members feel we entertain an overabundance of visiting clubs, it must be recognised that these clubs, and the revenue they bring, figure prominently in our recent revival.

Summer visitors as previously mentioned, particularly in the weekly and fortnightly category, have dropped in number to such an extent that we can now only consider the Glasgow Fair fortnight as comparable to the 50s and 60s. The table below shows figures for 1990 and includes ladies.

	July	August
7 Day Tickets	20	4
14 day Tickets	32	2
Monthly Tickets	7	NIL

Compare this to when male visitors could pick in excess of 20 rinks to play against the Girvan Club.

The point has to be made that subscriptions have remained unchanged since 1985 despite the cost of living having increased by something like EIGHT PER CENT PER YEAR over the same period. Given what has gone before this speaks volumes for the efficient management of the Club over the last five years.

Our Fours reached the Scottish finals at Queens Park in 1981, our Triples won the Ayrshire Championship in 1982, the Club was again successful in the Silver Bowl in 1987 and the Fours won the Ayrshire Championship in 1990. We are inclined to treat our achievements on the bowling scene very lightly but in fact the Club has a proud history, only in single handed play do we tend to disappoint. A few early members, including the aforementioned D. Austin, did play for their country.

The greens once again are in capable hands, Mr. Brian Cauchie—with his two young assistants—carrying on in the tradition of Drynan and Wason. The Club and greens are nothing if they lack an efficient and willing staff, this applies right across the board and we are again fortunate at Girvan.

Girvan Bowling Club has, over the years, been blessed with its band of volun-

tary workers, involved in the running of the Social Section, the Senior Citizens Section, organising winter activities, maintenance of the property, issuing visitors tickets, allocating lockers and in handyman work about the greens and Clubhouse. The Ladies Section also contributes in no small way to the success of the Club. A debt of gratitude is due to all of them.

The onerous task of guiding us through our 150th year has fallen to John Murphy, a popular choice as President for this special occasion, who has always been an enthusiastic member of the Club, especially involved in the lead up to 1991. He and his colleagues on the Board of Management look to this being a memorable year, one that will hopefully be a happy and successful one for the Club and its members, thus setting the pattern for the next fifty years and on to our 200th Anniversary.



AYRSHIRE RINK CHAMPIONS 1990  
*J. Wyllie D. Johnston J. Seaton B. Cauchie*

## FUTURE YEARS

So what of the future? With four excellent greens and Clubhouse facilities to match we are in the fortunate position of being able to accommodate all grades of representative games and the hosting of international competitions should not be considered beyond our capabilities. In the past two years we have successfully handled the Hamilton Trophy, the Ayrshire District Finals and the Blind Bowlers Championships and it is no understatement to say the respective organising bodies were delighted with the facilities, hospitality and playing conditions. The drawback of course is our geographical location. Being on the periphery of the central belt raises the question of travel and hotel accommodation, but with the National Championships now being held in Ayr, only 30 minutes away, the possibility of attracting prestigious games to Girvan should not be brushed aside.



One disappointing feature has been the lack of Junior Members joining, and remaining with the Club. We appear to cater adequately for those who show an interest in the game and recent media coverage should have stimulated that interest, unfortunately the response remains minimal. The coaching by volunteers is to be commended but some serious thought must be directed to the problem.

On membership again but at the other end of the scale is consideration of our pensioner members. It has to be acknowledged that we live in an ageing society and this is reflected in our membership with an ever increasing number of pensioners and, consequently, an ever decreasing income from subscriptions. All are time served members of the Club however and fully entitled to the privilege accorded them, but it is still a financial consideration which, if present trends continue, can only worsen.

Which brings us to costs. These in recent years have escalated by leaps and bounds and the luxury of four greens, with the associated maintenance, unless used to their full potential could be a luxury we can ill afford. Remember the facilities we enjoy today were provided, in some measure, to cope with the influx of summer visitors. As already illustrated these circumstances no longer exist.

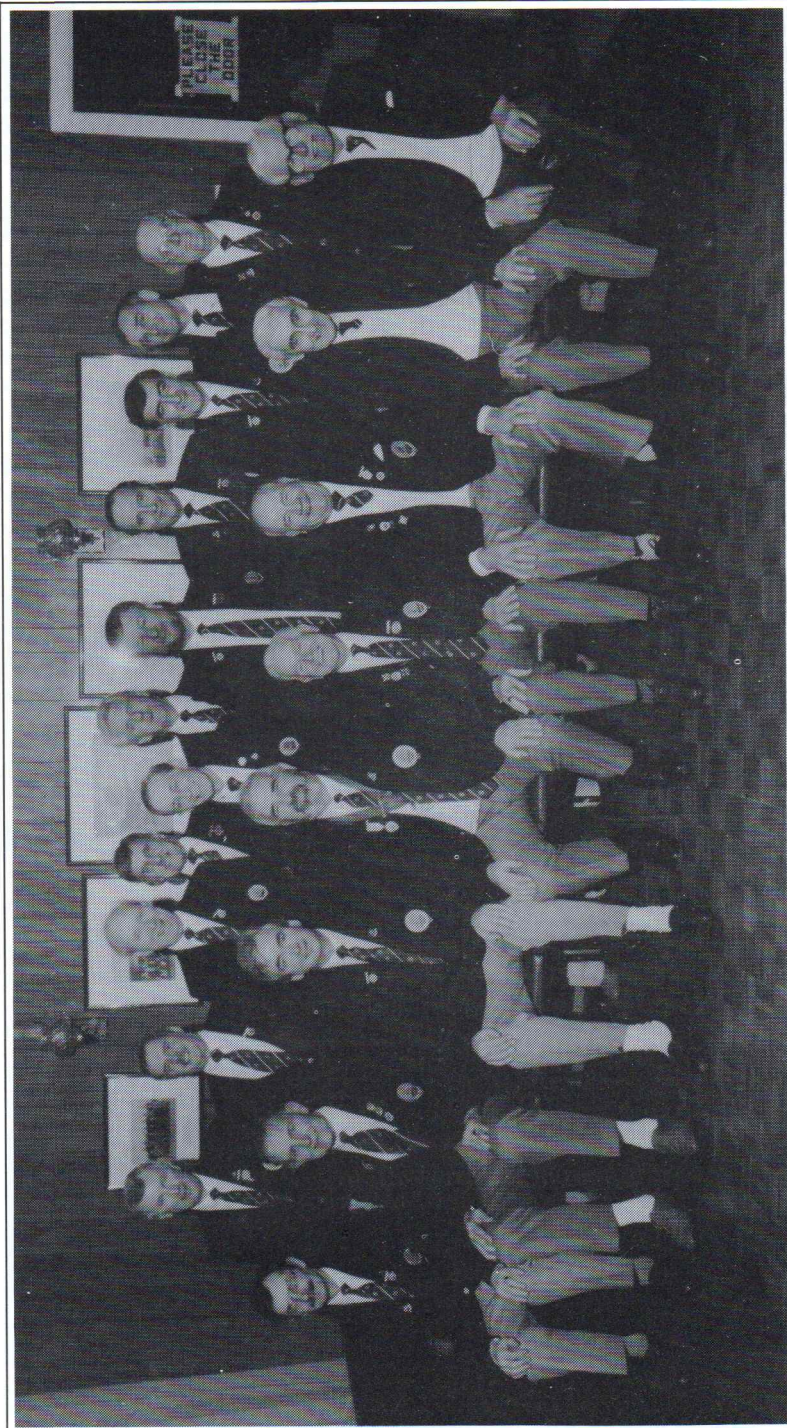
The wisdom of opening the Clubhouse during the winter months has been debated time and time again so there is little point in dwelling on the subject, except to praise the different factions of the Club who utilise the premises when the alternative is closure for six months of the year with the attendant deterioration of the property.

This is but a brief look to the future and if it is thought provoking it will have served a purpose.



GIRVAN BOWLING CLUB 1991





Back Row: F. Milne, J. Ross, A. McBain (Sec.), S. Sloan, J. McLean, J. Cowie, S. Hopton, J. McDines,  
T. Bryce (Treas.), G. McCormack, J. Duncan

Front Row: D. Thomson, D. Hope (Match Sec.), M. Taylor (Vice-Pres.), J. Murphy (Pres.),  
T. Paterson (Past-Pres.), D. Tudhope, J. McGowan, G. Scott



# GIRVAN BOWLING CLUB 1841-1991

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHAMPION
1841	J. McLimont	J. Anderson	J. McLimont	N/A
1842	A. McClymont	J. McLimont	J. Anderson	R. McKechnie
1843	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1844	R. McKechnie	J. McLimont	W. Gillan	A. McClymont
1845	W. Gillan	J. McLimont	R. Smith	A. McClymont
1846	J. Ross	J. McLimont	R. Smith	T. Brown
1847	A. McClymont	J. McLimont	J. Muir	N/A
1848	A. McClymont	J. McLimont	J. Muir	S. McClymont
1849	A. Kelly	J. McLimont	J. Muir	A. Clacher
1850	J. Ross	J. Graham	A. Muir	J. Ross
1851	J. Ross	N/A	A. Muir	N/A
1852	J. Ross	J. McQuaker	A. Muir	N/A
1853	A. Clacher	J. McQuaker	A. Muir	N/A
1854	S. McClymont	J. McQuaker	A. Muir	N/A
1855	S. McClymont	J. McQuaker	T. McKechnie	N/A
1856	S. McClymont	J. McQuaker	T. McKechnie	H. McCutcheon
1857	S. McClymont	J. McQuaker	T. McKechnie	N/A
1858	S. McClymont	J. McQuaker	T. McKechnie	N/A
1859	S. McClymont	J. McKenna	T. McKechnie	J. McQuaker
1860	J. Ross	J. McKenna	T. McKechnie	J. Lawson
1861	J. Ross	J. McKenna	T. McKechnie	J. Paul
1862	J. Ross	J. McKenna	T. McKechnie	W. McDowall
1863	A. Clacher	J. McKenna	T. McKechnie	W. McDowall
1864	J. Ross	M. Brown	J. Lawson	W. McGowan
1865	J. Ross	M. Brown	J. Lawson	N/A
1866	J. Blair	M. Brown	J. Lawson	N/A
1867	T. Gemmell	D. Currie	J. Lawson	W. Morton
1868	T. Gemmell	J. Ross	J. Lawson	N/A
1869	T. Gemmell	J. Ross	J. Lawson	N/A
1870	T. Gemmell	J. Ross	J. Lawson	N/A
1871	T. Gemmell	J. Ross	J. Lawson	N/A
1872	W. McCreath	J. Ross	J. Nicol	N/A
1873	W. McCreath	J. Ross	J. Nicol	N/A
1874	W. McCreath	J. Ross	J. Nicol	N/A
1875	W. McCreath	J. Ross	J. Nicol	N/A
1876	W. McCreath	J. Wilkinson	J. Glendinning	N/A
1877	J. Lawson	J. Wilkinson	J. Glendinning	N/A
1878	J. Lawson	J. Wilkinson	J. Glendinning	N/A
1879	J. Lawson	J. Wilkinson	J. Glendinning	N/A
NO RECORDS AVAILABLE - 1880-1893				
1894	W. Murray	A. Brown	W. Shankland	N/A
1895	A. Brown	R. McGregor	W. Shankland	N/A
1896	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1897	Dr. Valentine	R. McGregor	W. Shankland	N/A
1898	Dr. Valentine	R. McGregor	W. Shankland	N/A
1899	H. Hutchison	J. Shankland	W. Shankland	N/A

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YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHAMPION
1900	N/A	J. Shankland	W. Shankland	N/A
1901	A. Brown	J. Shankland	W. Shankland	N/A
1902	W. McCreath	J. Shankland	W. Shankland	N/A
1903	A. Telfer	W. K. Jamieson	W. Shankland	N/A
1904	M. McCaa	W. K. Jamieson	W. Shankland	N/A
1905	Dr. McGeoch	W. K. Jamieson	W. Shankland	N/A
1906	J. Smith	W. K. Jamieson	W. Shankland	N/A
1907	A. Dunlop	W. K. Jamieson	W. Shankland	N/A
1908	J. Austin	J. B. McLellan	W. Shankland	N/A
1909	J. Carson	J. B. McLellan	W. Shankland	N/A
1910	W. Gall	J. B. McLellan	W. Shankland	N/A
1911	W. K. Jamieson	J. Hill	W. Shankland	N/A
1912	W. Paterson	J. Hill	W. Shankland	N/A
1913	W. Lennox	J. Gibson	W. Shankland	N/A
1914	A. McCreadie	N/A	W. Shankland	N/A
1915	G. McDougall	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	N/A
1916	D. Austin	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	N/A
1917	T. Watson	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	N/A
1918	P. Ross	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	N/A
1919	W. S. Lees	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	N/A
1920	J. G. Walker	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	H. Steed
1921	A. Walker	A.G.B. Paterson	T. Crosbie	D. Austin
1922	T. M. Muir	G. H. McDougall	T. Crosbie	G. H. McDougall
1923	H. Steed	G. H. McDougall	T. Crosbie	J. Austin
1924	H. Davidson	G. H. McDougall	T. Crosbie	T. Allan
1925	J. Kirkwood	G. H. McDougall	T. Crosbie	A. H. Stewart
1926	T. Candlish	G. H. McDougall	T. Crosbie	T. Allan
1927	T. Ingram	G. H. McDougall	J. McQueen	T. Allan
1928	J. McCrindle	W. Shankland	J. McQueen	D. Austin
1929	T. Gourlay	W. Shankland	J. McQueen	A. Dummigan
1930	J. Wilson	W. Shankland	J. McQueen	A. H. Stewart
1931	R. Auld	W. Shankland	J. McQueen	C. Ingram
1932	J. Reid	W. Shankland	J. McQueen	C. Ingram
1933	W. C. Paterson	A. McPherson	J. McQueen	J. McCreath
1934	W. H. Motion	A. McPherson	J. McQueen	R. Colquhoun
1935	J. Kirkwood	A. McPherson	J. McQueen	A. H. Stewart
1936	J. A. Smellie	A. McPherson	J. McQueen	J. Johnstone
1937	W. Davidson	A. McPherson	J. McQueen	A. H. Stewart
1938	A. L. Colvin	J. D. Haxton	W. H. McMurray	J. Ross
1939	Dr. W. Tait	J. D. Haxton	W. H. McMurray	R. Gray
1940	J. McLucas	J. Smellie	W. H. McMurray	J. Johnstone
1941	W. C. Parker	J. Smellie	J. D. Haxton	J. Lindsay
1942	R. Snow	M. W. Hill	J. D. Haxton	T. M. Ingram
1943	J. Lindsay	M. W. Hill	J. D. Haxton	G. Campbell
1944	W. Dick	T. Candlish	J. D. Haxton	W. Craig
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1946	T. Allan	T. Candlish	J. D. Haxton	J. Lindsay



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1956	J. Walker	W. Brown	J. D. Haxton	G. Campbell
1957	D. Mitchell	W. Brown	J. D. Haxton	G. Campbell
1958	W. Grimmond	W. Brown	J. D. Haxton	S. Crawford
1959	R. Connell	W. Brown	J. D. Haxton	J. Smith
1960	W. H. Shaw	W. Brown	J. D. Haxton	J. Smith
1961	G. McDonald	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	W. Turner
1962	W. B. McCreath	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	J. Smith
1963	L. A. Ingram	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	D. Devoy Jnr.
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1967	G. McTaggart	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	D. Devoy Jnr.
1968	W. McMillan	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	W. McMillan
1969	D. Hope	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	I. Seaton
1970	W. Turner	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	I. Seaton
1971	J. Cook	D. Mitchell	W. Graham	W. Turner
1972	W. Pitt	J. Cook	W. Graham	W. Turner
1973	J. McMillan	J. Cook	J. McCaw	R. Lunnie
1974	J. T. Campbell	J. Cook	J. McCaw	R. Lunnie
1975	T. McIntosh	J. Cook	J. McCaw	A. Reid
1976	T. Campbell	J. Cook	J. McCaw	D. Devoy
1977	W. Leith	J. Cook	W. Johnstone	W. Turner
1978	R. J. McBride	T. S. Clark	W. Johnstone	I. Seaton
1979	D. B. Tudhope	T. S. Clark	W. Johnstone	C. Eaglesham
1980	A. J. Hannah	R. Mackie	T. S. Clark	W. Turner
1981	R. W. Colquhoun	R. Mackie	T. S. Clark	A. Rowan
1982	R. Miller	R. Mackie	T. S. Clark	S. Hopton
1983	D. Hill	A. McBain	R. Miller	A. McMillan
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1989		A. McBain	T. H. Paterson	A. Rowan
1990	T. H. Paterson	A. McBain	T. Bryce	M. Allan
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