

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

TRANSCRIPTION OF CLUB MINUTES

1838-1874

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12th November 1838

A meeting of the Club was held in Mr Stewart's to consider the propriety of our joining the Grand Caledonian Curling Club. In the absence of Mr Cowan, Mr Wilson was elected President. Dr Renton who is a member of the G.C.C.C. explained to the meeting its object and intention. It was agreed by the Members that Dr. Renton in conjunction with Mr Cowan and Mr Gilbert, also member of said club, should act as their delegates with full power to act as they thought best for the Club. A meeting of the whole Members of the Club to be called when the rules of the G. Club were published and to be read for their approval. Names of Members present - Napier, Renton, Caddle, Jackson, Stewart, Thomson, Walker, Henderson, Gilbert, Dewar, Wilson, and Piper.

10th January 1839

This day a game between a rink of four bachelors and four married men was played by mutual agreement on Sir George Clerk's Low Pond, when the former carried off the honour of the day by a majority of eighteen shots.

The Members met afterwards in the Inn, John Renton, Esq. in the chair, when Mr Thos. Symington was admitted a member and duly initiated. The following Members were also initiated as members of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club, viz:-

John Renton	Alex. Dewar
Charles Cowan	William Gilbert
Arthur Thomson	Robert Henderson
James Jackson	Robert Stewart
John Piper Junr.	William Walker

N.B. 5/6 collected.

Charles Cowan, reported that, in compliance with the wishes of a former meeting of this Club, he had attended the meeting of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club in November last, and had given in the list of Members of this Club to the secretary of the former and had paid agreeably to the rules of the Caledonian Club, 20/- as entry money, and 10/- for the first yearly subscription.

It was proposed that the Club should as much as practicable form itself into fixed rinks, under special Skips, who should be responsible for the due attendance of the members, and for the observance of the game.

It was unanimously agreed to that, in the event of the Club on the ice previously, a general Annual Meeting of the Club should be held on Tuesday, the 29th January, in Mr Stewart's Inn, at 6 o'clock, to have the rules of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club read over for the information of this Club, with any other business that may be brought before the meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to warn the absent Members.

22nd January 1839

The splendid silver medal given annually by Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron of the Club, was played for on the Low Pond when twenty four Members of the Club assembled to try their skill in this truly national and stirring game. After a keen competition, the prize was ultimately gained by Mr Michael Jenkinson, Grocer, Penicuik, being the second medal he has had the honour of gaining. In the absence of Sir George Clerk, Mr Morrison, Tanister, presented Mr Jenkinson with the medal amid the cheers of all present. In the evening the Club dined in Mr Stewart's Inn, Mr Jenkinson, the successful competitor in the chair, Mr Aitken, Walston, croupier. The evening was spent in the most delightful manner, all present being imbued with that buoyancy of spirits and kindness of feeling so characteristic of curlers and which the game is so admirably calculated to produce. While the cheerful song and the friendly joke but there inspiring, add to the general festivity, the dinner gave universal satisfaction.

Medal Game played on the Low Pond, 22 January 1939

	<i>Drawing</i>				<i>Striking</i>				<i>Inwicking</i>				<i>Porting</i>				<i>No. of shots</i>
William Walker				1							1	1	1		1		5
John Strachan		1	2														3
Thomas Jenkinson	1	1	1	1		1		1			1					1	8
Robert Henderson		1									1		1			1	5
James McLean		2		1									1		1		5
Arthur Thomson		1	1		1			1			1		1			1	7
Alex ^{dr} Dewar			2								1		1	1	1		6
Andrew Harper		1	1										1	2		1	6
David Wilson				1		1		1								1	4
Andrew Harper		1		1		1							1			1	5
Thomas Symington		1											1				2
Thomas Aitken		1		1		1						1		1			5
James Jackson		2						1	1					1			5
Charles Lawson	1			1					1	1		1					5
John Laidlaw	1		1	2								1	1		2		8
Thomas Brown		2		2							1						5
Andrew Donaldson	2		1	1					1		1			1	2		9
John Harper				2							1				2	1	6
William Gilbert		2	1								1				1		5
Michael Jenkinson	1	2	1	1			2	2		1				1	2	2	15
John Dewar						1								2		1	4
Robert Stewart Jnr.			1					1			1		1				4
Charles Cowan			1	1	1									2	1		6
John Piper Jnr.				1				1				1				2	6

29th January 1839

The following were admitted as members for the Club and played for the medal, Robert Stewart, Andrew Donaldson, John Strachan, and John Dewar. Andrew Donaldson one of our new members was Victor's Man. The following is a list of the Office Bearers for the year 1839:-

<i>Michael Jenkinson</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Charles Cowan</i>	<i>Vice-president</i>
<i>James Jackson</i>	<i>Councillor</i>
<i>Thomas Aitken</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>David Wilson</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>William Gilbert</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Charles Lawson</i>	<i>"</i>

James McLean was appointed a delegate to attend the meeting of the G.C.C.C. in July, Charles Cowan and John Renton, re-elected.

The Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Sir G. Clerk for his continued patronage to the Club and to inform him who gained the medal, which I did. It was universally regretted by every Member of the Club that in the list of the members of the Penicuik Club published in the Grand Caledonian Curling Annual, Sir George Clerk was not mentioned as being patron of the Club which was solely owing to the Secretary not knowing when he promoted the list that it was intended for publication, but which he will take care where corrected in their next.

The thanks of the Club were unanimously voted to Charles Cowan, Esq. for his kindness in presenting two very handsome books to the Club, one for recording the minutes of the Club, and the other for the Medal Games.

2nd February 1839

The annual game with Roslin took place today on the High Pond, the challenge being given for five rinks instead of four as usual. A little anxiety was manifested for the result, the morning was beautiful and the ice fine till about 12 o'clock when we were forced to change our ground a little, owing to the heat of the day. Everything being satisfactorily arranged, the game commenced in good earnest. A sudden panic was caused about the middle of the day by the alarming intelligence that one of our outposts was defeated with great loss in spite of their most strenuous exertions, the nature of the ground being unfavourable for the operation of light infantry, but this instead of discouraging only called forth greater exertions. Many an anxious whisper was heard still hope whispered success. The contest was carried on with undiminished vigour till "Night's envious veil" put an end to the conflict leaving us in possession of the hard fought game by a majority of eight shots. Great praise is due to the West Country and Howgate rinks for it was their giant efforts which gained the day.

I cannot help congratulating the Club on this victory. We not only beat them, we touched them on the tenderest point, the Roslin turn of strength beaten when up at half game was a sore blow to their already sinking hopes, like the "Old Guard" of Napoleon they were deemed invincible, but alas the honours which they had formerly gained only made their defeat on this occasion the more humiliating. Mr Aitken's rink had the honour of beating them.

I transmitted by desire a corrected list of the Club to the Secretary of the Grand Caledonian along with our yearly subscription of ten shillings. I was afraid from the increase of Members that we would be brought in for one pound, but by a little careful pruning I was enabled to keep on the right side of fifty, my fondness for a long account having induced me to swell the list by the addition of one or two superannuated veterans, but I was glad to restrict when I became aware of the consequences.

13th December 1839

A general meeting of the Club was held in Mr Jenkinson's when sixteen Members attended. The principal business of the evening was to select a rink to compete with a rink from the Currie Club for the District Medal given by the Grand C.C. Club. It was agreed that it should consist not of a regular constituted rink, but of four individual Members chosen from amongst the whole Club. Those present having mentioned the individuals they considered fittest to support the honour of the Club, the following gentlemen were found to have the most votes - Messrs Aitken, McLean, Gilbert, Harper, Jenkinson and Henderson. The vote being again taken, it stood thus - Messrs Aitken, Gilbert and Harper chosen and McLean and Jenkinson equal. The vote was again taken when Mr Jenkinson was successful. It was understood, however that should any of the four chosen not be able to attend, Mr McLean was to fill his place which he kindly consented to do.

Our expenses having increased in consequence of our connection with the Grand C.C. Club, it was proposed and agreed to at said meeting that each Member should pay an annual subscription of 1/-, the secretary to intimate this to the absent Members, this to be a standing rule, and any Member refusing to pay it, to have his name struck out.

15th December 1839

A vacancy being caused in Mr Cowan's rink by Mr Thomson leaving Pennycuick, David Millar was appointed to fill it up. The following Members were formed into rinks to be called the fifth and sixth rinks:-

5th
Charles Lawson
William Walker
Thomas Symington
William Wilson

6th
Alex. Dewar
John Dewar
John Strachan
Andrew Donaldson

William Wilson, Painter, Penicuik was admitted a member.

At said meeting Mr James McLean, delegate for the year, stated what had passed at the meeting of the Grand C.C. Club. With regard to the medals, Penicuik not being so fortunate enough to draw a district one, Mr McLean agreed with Mr Paterson, the representative of Currie Club that if either of the clubs drew a local one, it should be played as a district one between them. Mr McLean's intention in so doing was like Nelson's of old to get his ship into action as soon as possible. A local medal having fallen to our share, it will be played with Currie as agreed upon, weather permitting.

Shortly after writing the above, I received from Mr McLean a letter which I shall now read, accompanied with a handsome silver medal as a present to the Club.

5th March 1840

After a number of disappointments, the game with Currie was at last fixed for Thursday 5th March. The season being so advanced, the ice was far from good, and the rink had in consequence to be changed two or three times. The game commenced at ten and terminated about one in favour of the Currie folk by two shots, Penicuik standing at the second last end 29 to 27, when as bad luck would have it, they got in four shots.

This unfortunate result so different from what was anticipated produced a troubled depression on our spirits, but we have one great consolation left, it was not the Currie good play, but our own bad playing which lost us the game and I am convinced that next year if we can get good ice at the commencement of the season they will find that though beat, we can argue still.

Then why repent at one defeat, we can surely afford one blank amongst so many prizes. How often do we see the best laid schemes frustrated, the best planned battles defeated. Napoleon himself lost two of his darling projects, the taking of Moscow and the battle of Waterloo. Let us rather take a lesson from it to be more cautious in future and to keep ever before our eyes the good old maxim "Never hold your enemies too cheap".

7th March 1840

On the Saturday following, the annual medal given by Sir George Clerk, Bart., was played for according to the rules of The Grand Caledonian Curling Club on the

High Pond, when 15 competitors entered the lists. After a keen competition, the prize was gained by Robert Henderson, Mason. The new system was greatly approved by all present.

Medal Game, High Pond, March 7th

	<i>Drawing</i>				<i>Striking</i>				<i>Inwicking</i>				<i>Porting</i>				<i>No. of shots</i>
John Strachan	1	2	1	1			1		1				1				8
James Abernethy		2		1		2											5
Robert Henderson	1			1			1	1	1	1	2		1	1	1		11
Alex ^{dr} Dewar							1										1
William Lawson																	0
Thomas Symington																	0
John Dewar		1		1				1		1							4
Robert Stewart																	0
William Walker																	0
John Piper Jnr.							1	1									2
Thomas Jenkinson	1	1				1	1				1		1				6
David Wilson									1								1
John Laidlaw							1	1									2
William Wilson					2			1				1					4
Charles Cowan	2	2		1	1						1	1	1				9

The annual dinner on the medal day was dispensed with this year, but the most of the players accompanied Mr Henderson to the Queen's Arms to congratulate him on his victory, and though the splendid dinner was certainly missed, I have seldom felt more happiness than we enjoyed over our crust of cheese.

Owing to the fidgety nature of the weather this year, we never had an opportunity of playing for Mr McLean's medal.

5th June 1840

At a meeting held in Mr Stewart's, 12 Members being present, Messrs McLean and Aitken were chosen representatives to the Grand C.C. Club. The following gentlemen were appointed as Committee for the year 1840-41:

Robert Henderson, President, Charles Cowan, Vice-president, William Gilbert, David Wilson, James Abernethy, Michael Jenkinson, Thomas Symington, William Walker and John Harper.

It was agreed at said meeting that Mr McLean's medal should be played for annually, the gainer to keep it for the year.

Nov 1840

The annual meeting was held in Mr Jenkinson's when about twenty Members assembled. Mr Aitken, representative, stated that he had attended the meeting of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club, and had the good fortune to draw a District Medal, and what was rather singular to be played with our opponents of last year, the Currie Club.

He also stated the welcome fact, that the arrangement between Mr Palmer and Mr McLean last year to play the local medal we drew as a district one between the Clubs, and which we lost, being contrary to their regulations, they refused to insert it in their minutes, and not only that, but that that medal must be played for by our Club according to their rules laid down for local medals: and an account of the said game made to their secretary, or the medal to be returned to them.

The meeting then proceeded to the principal business of the evening, the selecting of a rink to play Currie for the G.C.C. Club medal. The following were proposed - Messrs Aitken, McLean, Cowan, Gilbert, Henderson, Millar, M. Jenkinson, T. Jenkinson, and J. Abernethy. After the vote had been taken the following had most votes, Messrs Aitken, McLean, Gilbert, M. Jenkinson, and Henderson. The five were kept on the roll (Henderson and Jenkinson being equal) in case one should not be able to attend. It was proposed that the rinks should be numbered. They were balloted accordingly when they stood as follows - Mr Aitken, first, Mr Gilbert, second, Mr Cowan, third and Mr Henderson fourth.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on paying the fee, Mr John Wilson, Baker, Mr D McKenzie, grocer, Messrs Prosser and Clark, officers of Excise, William Symington, M.D., and Henry Dewar.

A letter from John Harper was read at said meeting, in which he stated that owing to the circumstances under which he was placed (which are known to you all) it would be impossible for him to be connected with a rink any longer, but if he was at home this winter when any game was to be played, if he was wanted, he would be happy to play in any place the Club choose to assign him.

On the motion of Charles Cowan, Esq., seconded by all present, the Secretary was instructed to convey to the Messrs Harper the regret which they felt both as individuals and as a Club at losing the services of two such excellent curlers and also to express their best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

26th December 1840

The Curling Season commenced with Mr McLean's medal. It was played for on the Low Pond according to the Grand C.C. rules. 25 competitors entered the lists; after a keen competition it was gained by David Millar.

Mr McLean's Medal played for on the Low Pond

<u>Name</u>	<u>N^o of Shots</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>N^o of Shots</u>
William Wilson	8	John Dewar	7
Thomas Jenkinson	6	Thomas Aitkin	4
Davis Wilson	8	Robert Stewart	5
John Piper Jnr.	6	Michael Jenkinson	9
William Walker	2	Henry Dewar	3
Thomas Symington	3	John Robertson	3
William Gilbert	8	James Abernethy	3
Robert Henderson	4	John Wilson	4
James Millar	5	George Somerville	3
John Laidlaw	4	John Harper	5
Duncan McKenzie	1	Mr Torrance	1
Andrew Harper Senr	2	David Millar	10
James Dodds Jnr.	3		

On the same day, the Grand C. Local medal which was played with Currie was played for amongst the clubs in compliance with the orders of the Grand C.C.C. and gained by W^m. Gilbert, House of Muir.

The match between four of our club and the same number of the Currie club for the Grand C.C. district medal was played today on the Currie pond, when we were again beat by two shots, rather a singular coincidence. The rink had to be changed three times and before the first change we were 19 to their 12, a fact which speaks for itself. Perfectly conscious that we were the better men on good ice we challenged them for four fours on our own ice. The result will show whether we had calculated rightly or not.

8th January 1841

We played the Merchiston Club with four fours each on Friday 8th January and after a very friendly game we beat them by thirty shots.

9th January 1841

On the day following, we played the same number from the Currie Club and beat them by twenty-six shots. This is decidedly the most important game we have played for many years and created a corresponding degree of excitement, and I believe I may safely say that the Pennycuick curlers never gained a victory of which they were more proud, or which gave them more pleasure than the one I have

recorded. After the game was concluded, they adjourned along with some members of our Club to the Inn to dine and though it was unexpected, Mrs Stewart soon furnished the table with an ample supply, which as usual with curlers, was done great justice to, after which we spent a few hours very happily together. It is but justice to state that their conduct was manly throughout, a more gentlemanly or more agreeable body of men I never met.

On the Monday following we played Roslin with five fours on the same pond and after a very keen and anxious contest, we came off victors as usual by three shots.

12th January 1841

The annual silver medal given by our Patron, Sir George Clerk, was played for on the High Pond. Twenty-seven Members assembled to try their skill in this interesting and truly national game. After a keen competition, the medal was gained by Mr M Jenkinson. This is the third now he has had the honour of gaining. In the evening the club dined as usual in the King's Arms. There was rather a thin attendance, but after partaking of an excellent dinner, we shortened the tables and sat down determined to be happy and we really were so, Mr M Jenkinson in the chair, L.P.L. croupier.

The long talked of game with Linton, which has haunted us like a ghost for some years past, assumed a tangible shape this year, and was finally arranged to come off on Marfield with four fours.

We met them there on the day appointed. The morning was favourable, but it changed a little about mid-day, so much so that it was found necessary to shorten the tees. Those opposed to Mr Cowan's rink objected to this, though expressly agreed to before commencing and simply because we were above them. One refractory mortal who seemed to think the might of Hercules slumbered in his arm, declared he would not throw another stone if the tees were shortened. As it was impossible to play up, the game, after a good deal of palaver, as the Indians say, was given up. We were nine shots above them. The fact was they saw plainly they were playing a losing game, and they had not the manliness to acknowledge it.

January 12th, 1841. Medal played on the High Pond according to the Grand C. C. rules

*Striking In-wick. Drawing Guarding Chap & Wick & Raising Chip the No. of
Lie Curl In Winner shots*

John Piper Jnr.	2									1		1	1	5
William Wilson	1							1		2		2		6
James Abernethy	1	1			1	2						1		6
John Robertson	1	2	1	1	1			1			2			9
Thomas Jenkinson	1				1				1					3
John Laidlaw	1				1					1		1		4
Michael Jenkinson	2	2	2		1	1	1	1				2		12
Thomas Symington	1				1			1						3
William Walker														0
Arthur Thomson	1	1												2
Charles Cowan	1				1	1	1			1		1		6
James Henderson	1					1								2
Robert Jenkinson	2	1				1				1	2			7
James Millar	2	1		1		1		1						6
Henry Dewar	1	2		1	1				1		1	1		8
James McLean	1	1				1			1					4
William Gilbert	1	1	1					1			1			5
Mr Stewart	1				1			1						3
Charles Lawson	1	1			1		1		1					5
John Wilson	1				1									2
Duncan McKenzie						1								1
Andrew Harper Jnr.														0
Robert Veitch	1			1				1						3
David Millar	2	1		2				1			1			7
David Wilson	2	1					1		1					5
Thomas Aitken	2	2			1			1						6

We met there again on the same ice a day or two after, when they beat us by two shots, but we beat their two “crack” rinks which they thought nobody could beat, thanks to the Hill and Howgate rinks. As this hardly balanced the first day’s loss, a third final match was arranged to be played on Slipperfield, and a slippery field indeed it proved to us, and no wonder, such a day, the very battler could not stand it. I am not very superstitious, but I had small hope of “Our fame being alive when our spirits had fled”, and so it proved, two rinks lost six and two five each.

I was glad it was no more. I was afraid one of my senses had given me the slip, it was so dreadfully cold. We read of able and experienced generals in all ages of the world carrying war into the enemies’ country with great success. Many one have many memorable and glorious instances in our own history. I am sorry we were not so fortunate in our incursion on this occasion, but we should have ascertained the nature of the country before venturing to involve it. Napoleon’s soldiers were good campaigners, but a Russian winter was rather too much for them.

It was agreed upon that in all future matches they should meet us on Marfield. They sent a very boasting account to the newspapers. I felt very much inclined to challenge it, but I thought it better to "bide my time". I hope next year I will be able to give them a "Roland for thine Almen".

WEST LINTON. – The Curling Club of West Linton, having been challenged some time since by the Curling Club of Penicuik, met according to agreement on Marfield Loch during the last frost, when the Lintonians, at the close of the game were two shots ahead of their challengers. The Penicuik Club, not content with this defeat, again challenged their victors to meet them on Slipperfield Loch, near Linton, on Saturday last, the 6th instant. This challenge was, of course, accepted, and the parties met – four rinks to four. At the conclusion of the game, two of the Linton rinks were found to be six shots ahead, and the other two five shots each, ahead of their opponents-making in all twenty-two shots in favour of the Linton Club. Previous to this the Linton curlers had defeated the neighbouring parish of Newlands, and the Merchiston Club of Edinburgh, by at least thirty-nine shots each. Since their last victory, they have remained unchallenged, and apparently determined to uphold the honour which has for many years been proverbially associated with the name of a Linton curler.

We met the Merchiston curlers again with four fours on the Low Pond. The day was very unfavourable in consequence of frequent very heavy falls of snow, so much so, that we at one time thought of desisting altogether. About the middle of the day however, it got rather better, and being determined to finish the game if possible, the rinks were shortened, and an agreement made to scrape from tee to tee. At this time, the Merchison curlers were considerably ahead on all four rinks. We rallied after this, and soon made up in capital style, and after a desperate struggle, beat them by two shots.

But decidedly the best game of the season was a friendly one between the single and married Members of the Club. It created as much interest as any we played, and none could be more contested. The victory was long doubtful, but hurrah for the wives and weans, the married men gained the day. This game should be played every year.

3rd July 1841

The annual meeting was held in Mr Stewart's; only ten Members attended. The Secretary and Robert Henderson, Vice-president were appointed representative members. On the motion of the Secretary; Mr Dawson was unanimously elected Treasurer. Mr Dawson was not present, but on being informed of the wish of the Club, he kindly consented to take care of the Exchequer.

Member of Committee for 1841-42

Michael Jenkinson, President

Robert Henderson Vice-president

*Robert Stewart Senr John Wilson, George Johnston, John Robertson Senr,
Duncan McKenzie, and John Laidlaw*

5th November 1841

A meeting was held in Mr Stewart's tonight, when 15 Members attended. It was called by the Secretary for the purpose of arranging the members into the form prescribed by the G.C.C.C. at their last meeting in July.

This being done, the Secretary proceeded to read a letter he had received from Charles Cowan, Esq., in which he stated his regret that circumstances prevented him from being present. It also contained sundry suggestions for the consideration of the meeting, which were approved of. The principal was that as the Club was very deficient in good stones that a pair should, if possible be procured every year to be played for by the young curlers or such as had never got a medal, the winner to have his name engraved on them, date, etc; such stones to be the property of the Club, and it concluded with the offer of a pair for competition the ensuing season. This was highly approved of by all present, and it was resolved that Mr Cowan's views should be carried into effect. The Secretary was instructed to intimate this to Mr Cowan and also to convey the thanks of the meeting to him for his kindness.

Messrs Wilson, Halls and Jenkinson were appointed representatives for next year. Messrs Cowan, Aitken, McLean, Stewart Senr, and Piper were appointed a Committee to wait upon Sir George Clerk, Bart., and request his permission to build a house for holding the stones. It was proposed also that an Officer be appointed to the Clerk, whose duty shall consist in warning members, cleaning rinks, etc. when required. After some discussion it was agreed to be left to the acting committee to consider.

It was also proposed that the first game of the season should be the one between the Bachelors and Married men which was agreed to.

8th January 1842

Sir George Clerk's medal was played for today. The ice was "Kittle" and many of the Points in consequence difficult to take, which accounts for the small number of shots.

The following notice was sent to the newspapers:

The annual silver medal given by Sir George Clerk, Bart. M.P. to the Penicuik Club, was played for according to the rules of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club on the Low Pond near Pennycuik House on Saturday last, when twenty competitors appeared in the icy field to try their skill in "Scotia's game of Curling". After a hard contest, the medal was gained by Mr Robert Jenkinson, by nine shots.

Medal Played on the Low Pond, January 8th, 1842

	<i>Striking</i>	<i>In-wick.</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	<i>Guard- ing</i>	<i>Chap & Lie</i>	<i>Wick & Curl In</i>	<i>Raising</i>	<i>Chip the Winner</i>	<i>No. of shots</i>
John Cowan					1				1
David Wilson		1 1							2
Thomas Brown	1 1	1			1	1			5
Thomas Aitkin	2 1								3
William Wilson	1 1	1	1		1				5
John Laidlaw	1			1	1		1		4
John Fisher					1		1		2
Henry Dewar	1 1		1 1				1		5
James Henderson	1				1		1		3
John Robertson			1				1		2
James Abernethy	1		1						2
John Dewar	1		1						2
Robert Henderson					1		1		2
William Gilbert	1 1	1 1	1 1		1	1	1		8
Charles Lawson							1		1
James Dodds Jnr.			1	1 1					3
Robert Jenkinson	1 2	1 1			1	1 2			9
William Walker	1				1	1 1		1	6
Thomas Symington				1				1	2
John Piper Jnr.	1		1			1			3

Immediately after, the silver medal presented by Mr James McLean, Braidwood, to the Club for annual competition was played for and gained by Mr Robert Henderson, Mason, Pennycuik also by nine shots. Mr William Gilbert, House of Muir, was "Victor's Man" on both occasions.

After a short and friendly game, the players repaired to the Queen's Arms and partook of a Curler's dinner in Mr Stewart's usual excellent style. After the loyal toasts had been given, the Chairman gave the health of Sir George Clerk, the Patron of the Club, which was received with three hearty curler's cheers. Afterwards, the health of Lady Clerk and family was as enthusiastically responded to. After spending a very happy evening in which 'country cracks and songs and jokes' were not forgotten, the meeting broke up about ten o'clock.

Mr McLean's Medal played for on the Low Pond

<u>Name</u>	<u>N^o of Shots</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>N^o of Shots</u>
<i>William Wilson</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Thomas Aitkin</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Davis Wilson</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Henry Dewar</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>John Piper Jnr.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>John Robertson</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>William Walker</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>James Abernethy</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Thomas Symington</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Charles Lawson</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>William Gilbert</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Robert Jenkinson</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Robert Henderson</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>James Henderson</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>John Laidlaw</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>John Fisher</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>James Dodds Jnr.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Thomas Brown</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>John Dewar</i>	<i>5</i>		

15th January 1842

The grand centre of attraction in the Curling world this year was a County match between Midlothian and Linlithgow of 40 rinks of four fours each, which came off in the neighbourhood of Mid-Calder on Saturday, 15th January. On arriving at Mid-Calder the place of the meeting was animating beyond description. Hundreds of curlers were congregated before the inn where General Ritchie and his staff had taken up their head-quarters, some waiting for comrades, some for instruction, some for artillery and some for breakfast. Everyone seemed animated and eager for the fray. After nine, the artillery wagons began to move off to their respective positions and at ten each battalion was ordained to repair to their ground. The day was excellent and the play on the side of Midlothian capital, but no science could overcome the superior weight of metal brought against us. In spite of our strenuous, sustained and most determined efforts, West Lothian beat us by 75 shots. On calling the roll, I am sorry to say the Penicuik Invincibles were found to have sustained the greatest loss of all. Victory had deserted our banners.

This was only the commencement of a series of defeats. In a friendly game with three rinks from Dalkeith (who were disappointed by the Newland Club) we were beat. With three rinks from Edinburgh we were beat on Monday, 7th February, our old opponents, the Roslin curlers, beat us on four rinks by 25 shots. I hasten to finish the records of this disastrous season by mentioning the two matches among ourselves, the Bachelors and Married men played their annual game when I grieve to say the Benedicts had to pay the piper, the single men gaining by a single shot.

The young curlers belonging to the Club emboldened by our want of success, and dreaming of the might that slumbers in the youthful arm, challenged the four

regular rinks. On the morning of the match, however, only three rinks of each appeared. The ice was good, but dull and the result showed we had not entirely lost our strength. We beat them in all the three rinks by a majority of 42 shots. In conclusion 41/42 is over.

If the members of the Pennyquick Club have any sympathy with or regards from their findings of this sickening chapter, I hope they will do everything in their power by another year to bring the Club to its former efficiency.

18 August 1842

At a meeting held in Mr Stewart's to consult about the House for the stones, it was proposed by Mr Robert Jenkinson and seconded by Mr John Laidlaw that the following gentlemen should be appointed a Committee of Management to get estimates, etc. and report to the Club; Messrs C. Cowan, M. Jenkinson, R. Stewart Sen^r, James McLean, James Manson, James Jackson, Thomas Aitken, and John Piper Jun^r.

The following gentlemen were admitted members this year, Andrew Veitch, William Sharp Jun^r, and John Fisher.

28th November 1842

At a meeting held in Mr Stewart's called for general business and arrangements, it was proposed first that the Committee proposed at last meeting should get estimates without delay for the proposed house at the Pond, after receiving which they were to call a meeting of the Club and report.

It was also proposed and agreed to that the annual subscription should be raised to 1/6.

Messrs M. Jenkinson and William Gilbert were appointed representatives for 1843.

It was proposed and agreed to that all the Members should be formed into rinks, that rink should, if the season admits, oppose rink, and the winning rinks to go to Roslin to compete for the Grand C.C.C. district medal.

The following rinks were then formed:-

Skips	James Dodds	William Wilson	Henry Dewar	John Wilson
	Henry Philip	William Walker	R. Stewart Jun ^r	John Robertson
	George Johnston	John Laidlaw	John Fisher	David Prosser
	Andrew Veitch	Dr. Symington	Charles Lawson	Walter Clark

It was proposed that in the event of a match if any of the rinks chosen should from want of any on its members or any other cause be unfit to go out, the next rink in rotation should take its place - agreed to.

16th January 1843

Mr McLean's Medal was played for to-day on the Low Pond. The ice was bad, but as the season looked unfavourable for curling operations, it was resolved to go on. 16 Members entered the lists and the prize was carried off by Robert Jenkinson by 8 shots.

Mr McLean's Medal played for on the Low Pond

<u>Name</u>	<u>N^o of Shots</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>N^o of Shots</u>
<i>William Wilson</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Charles Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Davis Wilson</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Robert Jenkinson</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Thomas Symington</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>James Henderson</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Robert Stewart</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>John Fisher</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Michael Jenkinson</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>George Philips</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Henry Dewar</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>David Prosser</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>John Robertson</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Thomas McLean</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>John Wilson</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Andrew Veitch</i>	<i>3</i>

On the same day, Mr Thos. McLean was admitted member and also Andrew Hodge.

13th February 1843

Sir George Clerk's Medal was played for today and gained by Henry Dewar by ten shots. The following notice was sent to the Newspapers:-

The splendid silver medal presented annually by Sir George Clerk, to the Penicuik Club was played for according to the rules of the Grand C.C. Club on Wednesday 13th, when 18 competitors entered the list to try their skill in the roaring game. After a keen contest, Henry Dewar was declared the victor, having scored ten shots, thus proving himself a "true chip of the Old Block", his late father having been a most excellent and very keen curler. Sir G. Clerk presented Mr Dewar with the medal amid the hearty cheers of his brother competitors. The Club as usual dined in the Queen's Arms.

Medal played for on the Low Pond 15th February 1843

	<i>Striking</i>	<i>In-wick.</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	<i>Guarding</i>	<i>Chap & Lie</i>	<i>Wick & Curl In</i>	<i>Raising</i>	<i>Chip the Winner</i>	<i>No. of shots</i>	
John Wilson			1						1	
David Wilson	2							1	3	
Thomas McLean	1	2			1				4	
David Prosser	2	1							3	
George Philips	1	1							2	
James Abernethy	2	2	1	1					6	
William Wilson	1	2	1		1				5	
George Johnstone	1	2	1			1			5	
John Dewar		1		1	1	2	1		6	
Robert Henderson	1	2	1		1			2	1	8
Henry Dewar	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1		10
Charles Lawson	1		1						1	3
William Walker	2	1	1		2		1			7
Robert Jenkinson	1				1					2
John Laidlaw	1					1				2
John Robertson	2	1	1	1	1					6
Thomas Symington	1		1					1		3

2nd March 1843

We played Merchiston today on the High Pond with four rinks and terrible to relate, lost. The number of shots has most unaccountably escaped my memory, but I think they must have been very few. However should any person have a marked desire to know the extent of our misfortune, I have no doubt, the Secretary of the Merchiston will have much pleasure in furnishing him with the desired information, and no wonder such person is good of showing off, a rarity indeed amongst the Merchiston Club.

20th March 1843

I now turn to a more agreeable duty. Four rinks of the Penicuik met the same number from the Roslin Club on the High pond on Monday 20th March to compete for the Grand Caledonian Curling Club District Medal. The ice was good and true, but rather dull on account of the advanced period of the year. In consequence of this it was agreed that the rink should be only 36 yards. After a keen and very friendly game the Penicuik curlers beat their opponents by 24 shots, hurrah!! and gained the medal. We beat them on three rinks.

Now gentlemen of the Pennyquick Club, after a period of extraordinary depression as the Newspapers have it, we have at last come to a better state of

things, a hopeful state of things, to preserve which, I hope the best energies of you all will be directed that you will restore to practice our glorious game constantly and unitedly in order to regain the noble title we have lost. Let us all determine never to cease our efforts till the "Champions of the Icy World" are again emblazoned on our banners.

10th November 1843

The Annual Meeting was held tonight in the Queen's Arms at seven o'clock. There was but a poor attendance the first thing before the meeting was the house which was again delayed till spring, the season being too far advanced to proceed this year. The following gentlemen were appointed as a committee to get estimates during the winter from Charles Lawson and Robert Henderson and get it commenced as early in the spring as possible. Members of Committee Messrs McLean, Piper, Manson, Lawson and Gilbert.

Mr Michael Jenkinson was unanimously appointed President for 1844.

The Rev. William Scott Moncrieffe was also appointed Chaplain to the Club.

Hugh H. Brown Esq. of Newhall and Mr James McLean, Braidwood, were chosen representative members, 1844.

It was agreed to unanimously that the entry money should be raised to 5/-, and that the rule against members who had not paid their subscription should be strictly enforced.

Members of Committee for 1844, Robert Henderson, Charles Lawson, George Johnston, and Robert Stewart Sen^r.

10th January 1844

On Saturday, 10th Cur^t, the Members mustered to the number of twenty five on the Low Pond to compete for the handsome medal given by Sir G. Clerk our Patron to the Club, the rinks being formed after the Grand Club rules. The play commenced in good earnest and after a very close and keen competition, the medal was gained by Mr William Ainslie, Pomathorn, by nine shots. The play was excellent throughout, but the state of the ice rendered many of the points impossible to take. Mr Manson appeared on the ice and presented Mr Ainslie with his well earned prize amid the hearty cheers and good wishes of his brothers. Mr J Robertson Jun^r was Victor's Man.

On the Tuesday following twelve Members met to play for the handsome medal presented by Mr McLean, Braidwood for annual competition, which after a hard contest was carried off by Mr John Dewar by 12 shots.

On Monday, the 12th Cur^t we played our old friends the Merchiston curlers with 5/fours and lost 59 shots, a more unlooked for conclusion to our high hopes.

However, the ice was not exactly ice, but a sort of frozen snow, which certainly led to our conglomeration. It was awful rough and dull, which satisfactorily accounts for our loss, the Pennycuick curlers aiming solely at the science and skill and not the strength of the game. We played them a return match on the Thursday week following, and beat them by 8 shots. The ice as all that curlers could desire, and as this fully proves my position, we would humbly suggest that the state of the ice and season of the year should be main feature in our calculations before taking on matches in future. We should also have an army of gunners formed of good keen strikers for cases of emergency.

On the Friday following, we played for the Royal Medal on the High Pond with 30 competitors. It was won in splendid style by Mr Walker by 10 shots to the great delight of all present.

The Benedicts played the bachelors afterwards and, alas must I record it! - thrashed them on every rink. The single gents had not a single thing to say for themselves.

Played Roslin next day 4/4, and was beat by 25 shots, the dull ice again proving our ruin.

Messrs Charles Green, William Watson and William Ainslie were admitted members.

The Club as usual dined in Mr Stewart's. Mr Michael Jenkinson in the chair, supported by the Chaplain Mr S. Moncrieffe, Chaplain, Charles Cowan, Esq., Mr Walker, the gainer of the Royal Club Medal, croupier, and a happier and pleasanter night was never spent. The dinner fully sustained the reputation of the Queen's Arms.

9th December 1844

The Annual Meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, nineteen Members present, Mr M Jenkinson, President, in the chair.

Mr Charles Cowan Esq. was appointed President for 1845.

Committee - Michael Jenkinson, Robert Henderson, Thomas McLean, George Philip, James Abernethy and John Wilson.

Henry Waklin was unanimously admitted a member.

Representative members:- James Clerk, Esq., Lawhead
John Wilson

It was resolved that all the Members should be warned to appear on the ice upon match days, and in the event of any of the players not coming, their places to be supplied by ballot from the Members present.

The sixth rink was fixed as follows:-

Skip - Henry Waklin, Mr Wilson, Mr Clark, and Mr Robertson.

The Secretary was instructed to write Sir G. Clerk and James Clerk Esq. inviting them to the annual dinner of the Club, which he did in the following terms.

Penicuik, 10th Decr. 1844.

Sir George Clerk, Bart, M.P.,

Sir,

I am instructed by the President and members of the Penicuik Curling Club to request that you would honour them with your company at their annual dinner on Thursday or any other day that would suit your convenience. Grateful for your great and long continued kindness, in fact for their existence as a Club; and proud of the present opportunity, they beg most respectfully to make this request and in the hope that during the thirty years they have been honoured with your patronage, they have done nothing to forfeit your good opinion.

I am Sir,

*Your obedient and very humble servant,
(sgd.) John Piper, Sect^r P.C.C.*

To which he returned the following answer:-

Penicuik House, Decr. 11th 1844

Dear Sir

I regret that it will not be in my power to dine with the Penicuik Curling Club at their annual dinner tomorrow, as I have some friends coming here from Edinburgh to dine with me. If during my stay at home, I should be able to fix any day, I shall have great pleasure in dining with the Club, but as my time is uncertain, it is not in my power at present to name any day.

With best wishes for the prosperity of the Club, and to every individual member of it,

I remain,

Yours truly,

(sgd.) George Clerk.

To Mr Clerk I wrote as follows:-

Penicuik 10th Dec. 1844

James Clerk, Esq., of Fairhead,

Sir

I am desired by the members of the Penicuik Curling Club to request that you would honour them with your company at their annual dinner on Thursday.

I have also to inform you that at the annual meeting for the election of Office bearers, you were unanimously chosen representative member to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for 1845. If you should be in Scotland at the time, the club humbly trust you will honour them by attending.

You may rely upon me giving you due notice of the time and place of meeting

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

(sgd.) John Piper, Secty. P.C.C.

To which I received a somewhat similar reply.

11th December 1844

The following notice of the medal game was sent to the newspapers;

Curling: On Thursday, the 11th Cur^d. The members of the Penicuik Curling Club to the number of thirty were mustered on the Low Pond near Penicuik House to compete for the handsome silver medal presented annually by their Patron, Sir George Clerk, Bart., M.P. The day was fine and the ice all that could be desired, the rinks being prepared according to the Royal Club rules. The play commenced and a keener or more determined contest was never witnessed. Throughout the entire game, it was a neck and neck struggle, six capital young curlers being nearly equal. The prize was ultimately gained by Mr John Dewar, Mason, Penicuik by 9 shots, Mr Thomas McLean and Mr James Millar being both eight.

The pleasure and interest of the day was greatly enhanced by the presence of Sir George, who presented Mr Dewar with the reward of his skill amid the hearty cheers of his fellow competitors and the spectators around.

In the evening the Club dined as usual in the Queen's Arms Inn, Mr Charles Cowan, Esq. in the chair, Mr Piper, Croupier. After the Queen and other Royal toasts had been given and responded to, the Chairman in an elegant speech proposed the health of Sir George Clerk, the Patron of the Club, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm by all present. The croupier gave Lady Clerk and family and Mr Clerk, younger of Penicuik, which was equally well received. During the evening, Mr H. Brown, Esq., of Newhall, Rev^d. Scott Moncrief, Chaplain, Dr Stevens and the young members, etc. were drank with all the honours. Many capital songs were sung, and the meeting broke up about ten, fully persuaded that a better night they never spent.

12th December 1844

On the Friday, four rinks of the Roslin curlers met the same number of the Penicuik on the Low Pond, after a keenly contested game we had the pleasure of beating our old opponents on three rinks by forty shots. The fourth rink of Roslin called the Pentland rink, opposed the Pentland Hill rink, and being both determined players, each strove hard for the mastery, but night put an end to the contest, leaving them both equal, at 21.

6th January 1845

At a meeting held tonight in the Queen's Arms Inn, it was resolved to send five rinks to the match adjourned at the meeting of the Royal Club at Stirling. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr Clerk, representative, to attend, which he did; also to convey the thanks of the Club and Mr Cowan, the President, for the present of a pair of curling stones to the Club, and request him to name a day for the purpose of having them competed for amongst the members.

I may here state that they were gained in good style by Mr William Wilson, Painter, Penicuik.

The great game at Stirling unfortunately did not come off, so we were denied the opportunity of proving our skill in the north, but the fact of the Penicuik having six rinks ready and willing to go such a distance proved our dedication to the noble art.

4th February 1845

We met the Newland curlers with four rinks on our old battlefield, the Whim Pond, and after a very keen and well played game we came off victors by twenty two shots.

The ice considering the advanced period of the season was capital, and the true curling spirit was never better displayed, both parties mutually agreeing to meet again on an early day, John Frost permitting, and have another trial of skill.

27th November 1845

The Annual Meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, 17 members present. The following gentlemen were appointed Office Bearers for the season.

President, Hugh H. Hall, of Newhall

Representative members, John Piper and Dr Stevens.

Committee, Robert Henderson, Henry Waklin, John Wilson, David Wilson, Thomas Aitken, Charles Lawson, George Johnston, Andrew Hodge, William Gilbert, and John Dewar.

The Members present then proceeded to ballot the Skips to play Merchiston for the District Medal drawn from the Royal Club, when the following was the

result:- Thomas Aitken, William Gilbert, Robert Henderson, Michael Jenkinson, John Piper.

The Secretary was instructed to get the stones presented to the Club by Charles Cowan, Esq. handsomely handled at the Clubs expense.

It was also proposed and carried that the annual dinner should be changed into a Ball and the following committee were appointed to see the resolution carried into effect. First Ball committee:-

John Piper, Dr Stevens, David Wilson, George Johnstone, John Dewar, Henry Waklin, James Abernethy, W^m. Gilbert, Thomas McLean, Robert Stewart, Jun^r.

January 1846

The Ball took place in January in the Queen's Arms Inn, and gave great satisfaction, particularly to the young players, who had the pleasure of introducing their sweethearts into the glorious fellowship of Curlers. A splendid supper was provided in "Mine host's" usual style, and our esteemed patron's good health was not forgotten.

1st January 1846

The Annual Meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's at seven. Fifteen Members present, Mr Stewart in the chair. The first thing before the meeting was the state of the rinks. The vacancies were filled up in the following order - M Jenkinson, and W^m. Gilbert's rinks merged into one. Skips:- M Jenkinson, players: David Wilson, Robert Jenkinson, James Abernethy; Aithen's rink now McLean's, players: Thomas McLean, Thomas Symington, Robert Kircup, and Mr Piper's same as formerly; Cowan's rink; Charles Lawson, Finlayson, instead of Walker; Waklin's rink, himself, John Robertson, James Miller, John Dewar.

Office Bearers for 1846-47:-

Hugh H. Brown Esq. re-elected President

Dr Symington Vice-president

John Piper Representative member

Charles Cowan, Esq. Chairman of Committee

Members of Committee

Robert Henderson, George Johnstone, Henry Waklin, George Philip, Charles Green, John Wilson, Andrew Finlayson, Andrew Veitch.

It was agreed that Lawson and Waklin's rinks play a match first ice and the winning rink to be the fifth for playing with Merchiston.

In order to fix the rotation of play among the rinks, they were balloted for, and the members drawn and fixed accordingly.

No.1 Henry Dewar's

No.2 Henry Waklin's

No.3 Charles Cowan's

- No.4 John Piper's
 No.5 Michael Jenkinson's
 No.6 James McLean's

The first match of the season to be the married men against the bachelors for pies and ale.

It was resolved that the Curling Ball should be continued this year also. The following Committee were appointed to make the necessary arrangement for it; Dr. Symington, David Wilson, William Dawson, John Wilson, Thomas McLean, George Philip, George Johnstone, and Robert Henderson.

The Secretary was instructed to have the cards of admission to the Royal Club framed at the expense of the Club.

Mr Alexander, Mr Anderson and Mr Inch were admitted members.

A meeting was afterwards held when it was proposed and carried that the Members should be balloted for to play at Merchiston. There were thirty five present and the following is the result of the ballot:-

	Votes		Votes
Michael Jenkinson	17	John Robertson	14
James Abernethy	17	Henry Waklin	14
Robert Henderson	17	James Millar	11
John Piper	17	George Philip	10
James McLean	16	George Johnstone	9
David Wilson	16	William Ainslie	6
John Dewar	16	John Wilson	4
William Wilson	16	Dr Symington	3
Thos. McLean	16	Charles Cowan	2
Andrew Hodge	16	Andrew Finlayson	2
Robert Kircup	15	Andrew Veitch	2
Robert Jenkinson	14	David Millar	1
Thomas Symington	14		

15th December 1846

The season commenced with a competition by twenty seven Members for a pair of handsome curling stones presented to the Club by Dr. Stevens, Penicuik, which after an animated contest were gained by Mr Thomas McLean, Braidwood by eight shots.

Afterwards, the match between the married and single came off when strange to say, the bachelors get five shots ahead, of which they were justly proud.

22nd December 1846

We met the Merchiston Club today with 5/4 to compete for the Royal Caledonian District Medal and had the glorious satisfaction of beating them by 28 shots.

15th January 1847

Grand Match

The Penicuik ponds had the honour of being the scene of the Great Match, the North against the South. A very full account being in the Annual, it is unnecessary for me to do more than mention the result, South beat North by 22 shots.

Scotland beat Edinburghshire by 21 shots.

It may be interesting to note how the Penicuik players stood, five rinks played. On four, we gained 9 shots, on the fifth, Sir George who skipped the Hill rink was opposed to Bail Sanders of Linithgow, and though each strove hard for uppermost, when the gun fired, they were equal.

The day was fine, the ice good for the season, and the ponds and surrounding scenery were the admiration of all. Not an accident to mar the effect, and the North though beat like true curlers, consoled themselves with the old proverb "better luck next time".

The entire arrangements gave great satisfaction and have much pleasure in according a tribute of thanks to Mr James McLean for the valuable assistance I received from him, and also Mr Robert Henderson and Mr Dewar.

19th January 1847

Twenty three competitors met today on the Low Pond to contest for the beautiful medal presented by Mr McLean. When the ends were all played, John Robertson, George Philip and Thomas Symington, were each eight, and to decide the now interesting and nice point between three young and determined curlers, an end at striking was tried, when each took one. In-wicking was next resorted to, when Mr Robertson was the successful candidate having scored two, Mr Symington one, making him Victors' Man.

21st January 1847

On the Thursday following Sir G. Clerk our much esteemed Patron's elegant medal was played for by 22 Members and gained by Mr Thomas McLean by 10 shots, a full account of which appeared in the newspapers of the day.

Next day we played Roslin with 4/4 and lost 13 shots.

The contents of this page were written on the final sheet at the back of the first Minute Book (1815-1838) and has been presented here at the appropriate chronological point in this transcription

Rules

To be attended to at the Dinner given by Hugh H. Brown Esq^r Of Newhall to the Penicuik Curling Club, 2nd February 1847

- 1. Every curler present shall be tried by the Curling Court there constituted regarding their knowledge in the word, and all curlers who have not been initiated must do so upon paying 6^d and any curler who has formerly received the word that is found deficient or rusted should be fined in the sum of 3^d.*
- 2. During the evening any individual leaving the room upon re-entering must use a curling sign under the penalty of 1^d for each time he neglects to do so, and if fined more than 3 times during the evening he shall be fined double every time afterward.*
- 3. The Grip should be used as much as possible during the evening when opportunities offer.*
- 4. All fines to go to the funds of the Club.*
- 5. Every curler who has gained a medal and does not wear it upon all meetings, the curler should be fined 1/- for each offence. (Added as a side note)*

Given at our Court in the presence of our President and acting Committee and other bretheren of the Broom and signed accordingly for the better regulation of all curling meetings in future.

God save the Queen

*Penicuik
2 February
1847*



8th February 1847

Played Newlands on the Whim pond 4/4, lost 31 shots.

9th February 1847

Played Currie next day, 3/4, lost 27 shots.

I take refuge from this accumulation of disasters in the Ball, which came off in famous style and Mr Stewart kept up the credit of the Queen's Arms for good fame.

18th November 1847

The Annual Meeting took place this evening in Mr Stewart's, thirteen Members present, Mr Wilson, Halls, in the chair. The following Office Bearers were re-elected:-

Hugh H. Brown Esq. of Newhall, unanimously re-elected President

Mr Wilson, Halls, Vice-president

John Piper Representative member

Thos. McLean Representative member

Committee

Henry Waklin, Robert Henderson, Andrew Hodge, George Johnstone, William Wilson, John Dewar.

The Secretary was desired to write to the Lasswade Club offering to play with 4/4 for the Royal District medal. It was afterwards mutually agreed to play with three rinks.

Mr John Wilson entered a protest against the method adopted last year of balloting the Members, seconded by Mr George Philip.

Ball Committee

Thomas McLean

David Wilson

John Laing

John Dewar

John Wilson

James Henderson

Thomas Symington

John Piper

22nd January 1848

On Saturday, the 22nd January, we met three rinks of the Lasswade Club on Mavis Bank pond, to compete for the District medal awarded by the Royal Club. The ice not being sufficiently strong, it was mutually agreed to adjourn to the Roslin pond. On arriving there, the ice splendid, and at once greeted in the kindest manner by the Roslin curlers. The match commenced at one and terminated at four in favour of Penicuik by twenty five shots. In the absence of Robert Wardlaw

Ramsay, Esq. of Whitehill, Mr Dickson of the Whitehill Club acted as croupier and gave general satisfaction.

24th January 1848

On the Monday following we met five rinks of the Whitehill Club for the first time on the Low Pond, and after a very keen and excellent contest victory declared for Penicuik by thirty shots. A more agreeable game was never played, and so well pleased were the Penicuik curlers with their new opponents that an annual match with Whitehill (frost permitting) was unanimously agreed to. One rink deserves special mention, Mr Laing of Gorkstone's rink led on by Wardlaw Ramsay, Esq. the Patron of the club had a gallant contest with the celebrated Jenkinson rink. Daylight having failed them, a lantern was procured and though it did its duty well and beacon like guided many a well played shot to the tee. It received but small thanks for its good service, for "break the lantern", "smash the lantern" was the war cry of the contending skips, till at last after 6 hours of very keen and close play, Mr Jenkinson came off victorious by three shots.

28th January 1848

Nineteen Members met on the Low Pond to play for the patron's medal. The usual excitement prevailed, but the ice being very biased and keen, points were very difficult to take. After an anxious contest, Mr Michael Jenkinson carried off the prize by nine shots, being the fourth time he has gained Sir George's medal. Mr William Wilson was Victors' Man.

31st January 1848

On Monday 31st, seventeen Members mustered on the same ice and played for the McLean medal, which was also gained by Mr Jenkinson by 9 shots, Mr William Wilson Victors' Man.

After the medal was decided, the Members arranged themselves for the annual match between the married and singles. This has always been very keen game, and upon this occasion was contested with great spirit. After a hard fight, the benedicts managed to beat the bachelors by three shots.

The annual Ball took place as usual in the Queen's Arms. A goodly muster of the Knights of the Broom with their wives and sweethearts filled the hall, and enjoyed the dance till an early hour.

31st October 1848

The Annual Meeting took place this evening at 6 o'clock in Mr Stewart's Inn, nineteen Members present, Dr. Ellison in the chair. The first thing before the meeting was to elect a new Secretary in place of Mr Piper, when three Members

were proposed and seconded, viz - Messrs John Wilson, Robert Jenkinson and John Robertson, and a vote being taken of the members present, John Robertson was elected by a majority of votes.

The other Office Bearers were elected, viz -

Hugh H. Brown, Esq. President

Dr. Ellison, Vice-president

Mr John Wilson and Mr Thos. McLean, representative members

Members of Committee - Messrs Adam Inch, John Wilson, John Laing, Ainslie, John Dewar, Andrew Veitch, Robert Henderson, Robert Jenkinson and H Wakelin.

The state of the rinks was then considered and the following order adopted, viz -

- 1st. Rink Messrs James McLean, Tho^s McLean, Robert Kircup, Tho^s Symington, and Sir G. Clerk.
- 2nd. Rink Messrs H. Wakelin, John Dewar, John Robertson, James Millar, and Dr. Ellison.
- 3rd. Rink Messrs M. Jenkinson, Rob^t Jenkinson, James Abernetthy, and Adam Inch.
- 4th. Rink Messrs W. Wilson, A. Hodge, G. Johnstone, A. Veitch and Laing.
- 5th. Rink Messrs Cowan, Rob^t Henderson, David Wilson, and Ainslie.

It was next agreed by the meeting that the Secretary should write Mr Piper to request him to attend a Committee meeting any night convenient for him in the course of ten days to give a statement how the Club stood, and a general meeting to take place afterwards.

7th November 1848

A Committee meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, according to the minute of the last meeting, for the purpose of giving Mr Piper an opportunity of stating how the Club stands. But none of the Committee coming to the meeting (although duly warned) in consequence Mr Piper handed over the accounts to the Secretary, from which it appeared that the Club was due Mr Piper 3*d* and likewise the Treasurer presented his books, and the amount due to Mr Jenkinson was £1:5:5.

17th November 1848

A General Meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's at 7 o'clock, sixteen Members present, Dr. Ellison in the chair. In consequence of minute of last general meeting to hear from the Committee who were appointed to meet Mr Piper, but none of them being present at the meeting, the Secretary in consequence laid before the meeting the accounts which he had received from Mr Piper and Mr Jenkinson

along with an account from Mr Meggat for carting stones to Linlithgow. It was agreed by the meeting that the accounts should stand over for present, and also that the Members in arrears should be called on to make payments, seeing that the Club was in arrears.

The next thing was to elect a Treasurer in place of Mr Jenkinson. Accordingly Messrs John Wilson, Andr. Veitch, and Andrew Hodge were proposed and a vote being taken Mr Wilson was elected. The following members put down their names for the present annual, viz - Messrs David Wilson, Wakelin, Millar, Robertson, Hodge, Ellison, Inch, J. Wilson, T. McLean, Symington, and Abernethy along with a copy to be given to the Officer of the Club. Messrs Thos. McLean and George Johnstone, were appointed auditors of accounts.

29th December 1848

A general meeting took place this evening at 7 o'clock in Mr Stewart's, 10 Members present, Dr Ellison in the chair, in order to see if any of the Members were going to Linlithgow to play at the Grand Curling Match, when three of the rinks offered to go, viz - Sir George Clerk's, Mr Charles Cowan's and Mr Robert Jenkinson's.

1st January 1849

The season commenced with a game consisting of 16 players, being the married against the unmarried players, when after an excellent game, the unmarried beat their opponents by 7 shots.

5th January 1849

We met the Roslin curlers with four rinks on the Roslin curling pond and after a very keen game, we came off victors by 38 shots.

11th January 1849

Minute, ordered by Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, regarding how his medal is to be played for after this date. In playing for the silver medal given annually by the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Bart., to the Penicuik Curling Club, the medal shall not be gained except some of the players shall have scored above 8 shots and all holders of a medal shall score one more than the other players to make them equal, and one above that shall gain the medal, in case of a holder of a medal and any other curler being equal, agreeable to the above plan, they shall compete single handed to decide the contest.

5th January 1849

24 Members met today on the Low Pond to compete for the medal presented by Sir George Clerk to the Club, but none of the players scoring 8 shots, according to the above minute, it could not be decided. It was therefore agreed to be played for another day.

20th January 1849

A Committee meeting was held tonight, Mr Wilson in the chair, when it was agreed to get inscriptions put on the two medals gained from Lasswade and Merchiston Clubs and likewise to purchase one of the curling maps of Scotland and to get it mounted and varnished for the use of the Club.

30th October 1849

The Annual Meeting took place in Mr Stewart's 19 Members present, Mr Stewart in the chair, when Mr Skinner was admitted a member of the Club. The Office Bearers were then elected for the current year, viz:-

Hugh H. Brown Esq. President

Dr Ellison, Vice-president

Messrs Thos. McLean and John Wilson representative members,

Messrs Thos. Symington, A. Inch, Robt. Jenkinson, Robt. Henderson, John Dewar, Skinner, James Millar, and D Wilson members of the Committee.

It was next agreed that Mr Meggat's account for carting the stones to Linlithgow should be paid, and that Mr Jenkinson's account should lie over for the present. It was agreed that Mr Jackson be made an Honorary Member in place of an ordinary member as he is at present.

The state of the rinks was then considered, when the only difference to be made by what they were at the last general meeting was that Mr Wilson, Halls should play skip in place of Mr Wakelin and that Mr Skinner should fill Mr Wilson's place in his rink. The following Members agreed to take the annual, viz - Messrs Thos. McLean, Thos. Symington, Skinner, Adam Inch, John Wilson, John Robertson and one to be given to the Officer of the Club, and Thos. McLean to take one of the curling maps. It was next agreed that the curling stones, presented by Mr Cowan to the Club and gained by Mr Wilson, should be handled by himself, and kept as his own property in place of the Club handling them, and remaining with the Club after Mr Wilson left it. This meeting agreed to challenge Newland Club as soon as there was ice to do so with 4 rinks. It was agreed by the meeting that a deputation consisting of Mr Brown and Mr McLean should wait upon Lady Clerk in order to see if she would be pleased to allow her name to be put in the next Annual as Patroness of the Club. In consequence, I received a note from Mr McLean saying that he had occasion to wait upon the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk when he took the opportunity of mentioning the request of the curlers, which Her Ladyship was pleased most frankly to grant.

28th December 1849

A General meeting was held this evening in Mr Stewart's, Dr Ellison in the chair, 12 Members present to ascertain how many rinks wished joining the Grand Curling Match to be played this year at Lochwinnoch, when three rinks agreed to go, viz - Right Honourable Sir George Clerk Bart., Charles Cowan, Esq., and Mr David Wilson's. It was also agreed that each Member should pay 6d extra this year before playing for the medal to help the funds of the Club.

1st January 1850

16 Members met today on the Low Pond for a game to be played between the married and unmarried, when after a keen contest the unmarried came off victors by 5 shots.

8th January 1850

Played Newlands Club with four rinks on Whim pond when Penicuik lost by 22 shots.

11th January 1850

One rink: Mr Cowan, Skip met today at Lochwinnoch against one rink from Darvel being the Grand Match played between the North and South side of the Clyde, when Mr Cowan came off victor by 6 shots with his rink.

12th January 1850

The medal was played for today. Underneath is a copy of what was put in the Edinburgh Advertiser paper.

The elegant silver medal given annually by the right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Bart. M.P. to the Penicuik Curling Club was contested for on the 12th upon one of the ponds in the policy grounds of Penicuik House. When after a very keen game betwixt 24 members of the Club, victory was declared in favour of Mr A Stewart by 11 shots.

The club as usual dined in the Royal Arms Inn, Penicuik, James Ellison, Esq. M.D. in the chair, and after the usual Loyal and Patriotic toasts had been done honour to, the health of Sir George and Lady Clerk, patron and patroness of the Club was drunk with every expression of grateful regard.

Table of the Medal Game, played on the Low Pond 12th Jan, 1850

	Striking	In-wick.	Drawing	Guarding	Chap & Lie	Wick & Curl In	Raising	Chip the Winner	No. of shots
Thomas McLean		1	1		1		2 1		6
John Laidlaw	1	2			1	1	1		6
William Wilson	2			1	1			1	5
- Skinners	1				2				3
John Laing	1	1						1	3
Henry Clerk									0
Adam Inch	2 1	1		1	2				7
Andrew Veitch									0
Robert Kirkup	1			2					3
Robert Henderson	1	2	1			1	1		6
Dr Ellison		1		2			1	1	5
Andrew Hodge	1	1		2	2				6
David Stewart	1	1			2		2 1		7
Walter Murray	1	1	2 1		1			2	8
Alex. Stewart	2 1		2		2	1	1	2	11
James Jenkinson	2 2	1	1	1		1			8
John Dewar	2 1	1				1		1	6
George Johnstone	2	1		1	1				5
John Robertson	2	1		1	1				5
David Wilson		2	1	1	2				6
James Millar	2	1	2	1	1	1			8
James McLean	2 1	1		1	1				6
H.H. Brown				1	1				2

(The three players in joint second place played off at striking and inwicking to determine who would be Victors' Man on the understanding that the winner would gain Mr McLean's Medal.)

On the same day, the silver medal presented to the Club by James McLean, Braidwood in the year 1840 and played for annually was gained by Mr W Murray, Walston.

21st January 1850

The Club met Linton on Marfield Loch with four rinks aside, when Penicuik lost by 48 shots.

23rd July 1850

A Committee meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, Mr Thos. McLean in the chair, in order to ascertain how the five curling maps of Scotland were to be disposed of that were sent to the Club by Mr Copells, when it was agreed that Mr McLean at the Representative meeting on the following Thursday should pay Mr

Copells from the funds of the Club, as Dr Ellison, Mr Thos. McLean and the Club had taken one each, and the other two if not disposed of before curling weather, should be played for by the members paying 6d each. Also Mr McLean was instructed to get cards for the use of the Members.

25th October 1850

The Annual General Meeting took place tonight in Mr Stewart's, 14 Members present, Dr Ellison in the chair, when the minutes and accounts of last year were read over. The following Members were appointed Office Bearers for the current year, viz:-

Hugh H Brown, Esq. President

Dr. Ellison, Vice-president

Thos. McLean and Thos. Symington, representative members

John Robertson Jun^r, Treasurer and Secretary.

Members of the Committee:

Messrs John Paterson, Ed^d Skinner, George Johnstone, David Wilson, John Dewar, Rob^t Jenkinson, David Stewart, and James Abernethy.

The state of the rinks was then made up,

1st Rink Messrs Tho^s McLean, Tho^s Symington, Rob^t Kircup, James McLean and Sir G. Clerk.

2nd Rink Robert Jenkinson, Michael Jenkinson, James Abernethy, Adam Inch, Walter Murray and John Wilson

3rd Rink David Wilson, John Roberson Jun^r, John Dewar and Dr Ellison.

4th Rink C. Cowan, Edward Skinner, Robert Henderson, David Stewart and Alex^d Stewart.

5th Rink William Wilson, Andrew Hodge, Andrew Veitch, George Johnstone and John Paterson.

The following Members agreed to take the annual viz - Messrs Tho^s McLean, David Wilson, John Paterson, Edward Skinner, G Johnstone, A Anderson and A Stewart.

There was laid before the meeting a motion of Mr Cassell's at the Representative meeting and handed down to the Local Clubs to give their opinion, viz - that it shall be lawful to the player and his party to sweep the stone from tee to tee and his adversary's stone when past the tee, when it was agreed by the meeting that they thought it was better as it was in section 15, Chap. 5 of the Royal Club Laws, viz - that no sweeping be allowed by any party till the stone has passed the Hogg score, unless with the previous consent of all the parties. A Committee consisting of Messrs Tho^s McLean, E Skinner, J. Paterson, David Wilson (with power to add to their numbers) were appointed to draw up a set of regulations for the use of the Penicuik Club in order that all the members might understand the rules of the

Club, and to be distributed among the Members when printed at a price to be named by said committee. Messrs E Skinner and Robert Henderson were appointed to get a pair of compasses made for the use of the Club.

16th November 1850

A Committee meeting was held to-night in order to ascertain the power of admitting the Messrs Brown and others as members of the Club at 2/6 as entry money instead of 5/- as at present, but the majority of the Committee were against them being admitted on these terms, but it was unanimously agreed that it be brought before the general meeting, as the Committee did not think they had the power to alter a standing rule of the Club and that a note be sent to Messrs Brown to that effect of which the following is a copy:

Gentlemen,

A Committee meeting of P.C. Club was held this evening to consider the power of admitting you as members of the club on the terms proposed by you, when they came to the decision that they had not the power to alter a standing rule of the Club. They beg however, to say that they are most anxious that you should join the Club and at the next general meeting, the subject shall be laid before them, and they will have much pleasure in then returning to you the differences of entry money, should it be the vote of that meeting.

28th December 1850

A general meeting was held to-night, Dr. Ellison in the chair, 16 Members present in order to ascertain which of the rinks wished to join the Grand Match to be played this season at Lindores Loch, when 5 rinks agreed to go, viz- Messrs Charles Cowan's, Robert Jenkinson's, David Wilson's, James McLean's, and William Wilson's.

It was also agreed that in order to ascertain which of the rinks should play with the Drum Club for the medal this season (there being only three rinks from Drum Club) that the first ice the rinks to play against each other and the gainers to go to the match.

24th October 1851

A general meeting was held to-night in Mr Stewart's, 13 Members present, Dr. Ellison in the chair, when the minutes and accounts of last year were read over. The following Members were elected Office Bearers for the following year, viz:-

Hugh H. Brown, Esq. President

Dr. J. Ellison, Vice-president

Charles Cowan and Thomas Symington, representative members.

Alex. Stewart, John Dewar, John Laing, Ed. Skinner, David Wilson, G. Johnstone, James McLean and William Wilson members of committee.

A minute of Committee meeting was read to the effect that the entry money to the club be 2/6 instead of 5/-, when the majority of Members present declared in favour of 5/- as at present. The account due by Mr M. Jenkinson by the Club was agreed to be paid out of the funds of the Club. The following Members agreed to take the annual for the following year, viz - Messrs Dr. Ellison, David Stewart, E^d. Skinner, J. Laing, Tho^s. Symington, George Johnstone, John Dewar and J. Paterson.

The state of the rinks was then considered, when the only difference as at the last general meeting was that Alex^d. Anderson, instead of And^r. Veitch in William Wilson's rink, and Mr Chalmers being put in Mr Cowan's rink.

12th December 1851

A general meeting took place to-night in Mr Stewart's, Dr. Ellison in the chair in order to ascertain the number of rinks that wished to go to the Grand Match to be played at Lindores Loch, when the following Skips agreed to go, viz - Mr James McLean, James Abernethy, and Charles Cowan, M.P., and it was also agreed that the Officer should go and take care of the stones and be paid by the Club. There was laid before the meeting a challenge from Whitehill Club with 5 rinks, when it was agreed that they should be taken up, when the Local Medals had been played for by the Club, and that the Whitehill Club be wrote to that effect.

4th March 1852

Medal was played for to-day on the High Pond, 21 Members commenced at ¼ past 11 o'clock and finished at 1 o'clock. When after a very keen game with good ice, it was found after all the points had been played, Mr Skinner and Mr Wilson, scored 12 shots each. To decide the game, another end was played at striking when Mr Skinner gained by one shot and Mr Wilson gained a curling map, which was subscribed for at the commencement of the game by each member paying 6d.

The following is a copy put in the Edinburgh Advertiser on the 5th inst.

On Thursday last, the 4th inst. the Grand Competition game of the Penicuik curling club for the elegant silver medal given annually to the Club by the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Bart. M.P. was contested for on the large and beautiful pond in the policy grounds of Penicuik House. At 11 o'clock, 21 members of the Club started an eager competition for the prize, the rink 38yards long. After a very animated and keen contest for an hour and a half, the competition was found to be equal between E. Skinner Office of Inland Revenue and Mr Wilson being 12 shots each. To decide the contest, another end was accordingly played, when the medal was won by Mr Skinner by 1 shot, Mr Wilson gaining the Curling Map being Victor's Man.

The party dined in the Royal Inn, J. Ellison, Esq. M.D. in the chair, when after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, the healths of Sir George and Lady Clerk and family were drunk with that enthusiasm

which their kind and exemplary conduct has secured for them in the Parish of Penicuik.

26th October 1852

A general meeting took place to-night in Mr Stewart's, Dr. Ellison in the chair, 12 Members present, when after the minutes and accounts of last year having been read over, the following members were elected office bearers for the following year, viz:-

Hugh H. Brown, Esq. President

Dr. J. Ellison, Vice-president

Charles Cowan, M.P. and John Robertson, junr. representative members

Walter Murray, James Abernethy, G Johnstone, Ed. Skinner, John Laing, John Dewar, Robert Jenkinson, and John Paterson, members of committee.

The following agreed to take the Annual, Messrs Johnstone, Skinner, J. Ellison, Murray, Paterson, Robert Jenkinson and one for the officer. There was laid before the meeting an account from Mrs Robb for three pairs of boards, which they declined paying for at present. Ultimately it was agreed that each rink should take one pair and pay them themselves. The next thing before the meeting was a new set of rules for the Club, got up by a Committee of the Club and laid before the meeting to get the sanction for them being adopted. They were all read over and the meeting directed them to be printed and a copy given to each Member of the club.

29th November 1852

A general meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, Mr Skinner in the chair, 14 Members present for the purpose of ascertaining how many rinks wished to go to play at the Grand Match on the New pond, when three rinks agreed to go, viz - Messrs Charles Cowan's rink, Robert Jenkinson's and David Wilson's, and likewise the meeting appointed David Wright to act as Officer in place of Adam Meggat, having desired it himself as he was put in Mr Wilson's rink.

15th February 1853

The first match for the season was three rinks at the Grand Match when Penicuik Club lost by 37 shots.

17th February 1853

Played the Edinburgh Co-operative club today on the low pond with 2 rinks for a district medal given by the Royal Club. After a three hours play, Penicuik beat by 31 shots.

Medal played for on High Pond March 4th, 1852

	<i>Striking</i>		<i>In-wick.</i>		<i>Drawing</i>		<i>Guarding</i>		<i>Chap & Lie</i>		<i>Wick & Curl In</i>		<i>Raising</i>		<i>Chip the Winner</i>		<i>No. of shots</i>
- Little																	0
Adam Inch	1	1	1		1	1	1	1									7
James McLean	2	1	1		1	1	1	1									8
James Abernethy	1						1		1			1					4
David Stewart	1						1	1	1								4
Robert Jenkinson	1	1			1	1	1		1			1					7
John Laing	1	1			1	1											4
John Dewar	1		1	1	1	1						1					6
Charles Cowan	2	2	1	1	1		1	1									8
William Wilson	2	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1				12
Alex. Stewart	1	1			2	1	1	1									7
Ed ^w . Skinner	2	1	1		1		2	1	1		1		1		1		12
Walter Murray	2				1	1	1	1	1								7
Thomas	2	1			1		1										5
Alex. Anderson	1	1	1		1		1	1									6
John Wilson	1		1				1		1	1							5
Dr Ellison	1	1			1		1	1									5
John Paterson	1				1				1	1							4
John Robertson	1	1		1		1			1								5
And ^w . Hodge	1		1	1													3
Adam Meggat	1				2	1		1									5

18th February 1853

Twenty-two Members of the Club met today to compete for Sir G Clerk's medal, when after the usual points had been played, Robert Jenkinson counted 13 and Dr Ellison 11, making them both equal, as Robert Jenkinson had gained two medals before, so they both played the points over again, when Jenkinson counted 4 and Dr Ellison 2 shots less, leaving Robert Jenkinson, victor again, being the third medal that he has gained.

10th March 1853

A general meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, 16 Members present, Mr Thos. Symington in the chair, for the purpose of settling about the house for holding the curling stones, when it was agreed that Messrs Symington, Murray, Graham, Skinner and the Secretary should meet at the house and give orders for the best way they thought it should be done. It was also agreed that as there were no funds at present, each Member of the Club should pay 1/- additional this year, in order to get the house done.

25th October 1853

A general meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, Dr Ellison in the chair, 10 Members present, when after the accounts and minutes had been read over, Uphall Club was laid before the meeting in regard to their playing with this Club for a District Medal. It was agreed if they would not play on Penicuik pond, a challenge for Currie.

The following were elected office bearers for the present year viz -

Hugh H. Brown, Esq. President

Dr J Ellison, Vice-president

Messrs Charles Cowan and J Robertson, representative members.

Messrs Alex. Anderson, Skinner, Murray, Dewar, Abernethy, D. Stewart, J Laing and Robert Jenkinson, members of committee.

The following Members agreed to take the annual, viz - Messrs E^d Skinner, Dr Ellison, D. Stewart, W^m. Murray, G. Johnstone, A. Anderson and David Wilson.

5th January 1854

The season commenced with playing the Uphall Club at Dalmahoy for a District Medal, when Penicuik lost by 31 shots.

7th January 1854

Played for Sir G Clerk's medal today after playing on the 3rd Jan^y when none of the Members gained 8 shots. It was played for today on Hurlly pond, when 22 members commenced at 1 o'clock. It was gained by Mr D. Wilson, 12 shots and Mr Adam Meggat, Victors' Man, 11 shots.

was proposed and agreed that the Rev. Mr Thomson be elected Chaplain of the Club. It was also proposed and agreed that the entry money should be reduced from 5/- to 2/- for the present, and that a Committee meeting be held on the Monday night following for the purpose of joining any new members into the Club.

30th October 1854

A Committee meeting was held in Mr Stewart's tonight, Mr Skinner in the chair, according to what was agreed on at the general meeting on Friday last to join any new members into the Club, when the following came forward and joined, viz - Messrs Henry Thomson, David Paterson, David Smith, Robert Alexander, Andrew Grieve, Richard Tait, and William Forest.

29th January 1855

Played Newland Club on Whim pond with three rinks, when Newlands gained 29 shots.

1st February 1855

Played on the Low Pond, rink against rink, viz - Sir George Clerk against Robert Jenkinson, Mr Cowan against W^m. Wilson and J. Robertson against David Smith, and when after playing for 31 shots, the gainers were Robert Jenkinson, W. Wilson and J Robertson.

3rd February 1855

Played for the medal on the Low Pond today, but it was not gained owing to the highest being only 7 shots and D. Burns Jun^r and Adam Inch being equal. After the medal being played for, the Members dined in Mr Stewart's, Dr Ellison in the chair.

7th February 1855

Currie Club – On Friday last, four rinks from Currie met an equal number from Drum Club to play for the District Medal given them by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, on a pond at Penicuik House (kindly granted them by Sir George Clerk Bart., who also honoured them by his presence), when after a very keen and close contest of three hours and a quarter, the umpire declared victory to be in favour of Currie, by an aggregate majority of nine shots. On Saturday, Currie Club met on their own ice to play for the Club Medal. Eighteen competitors started for the prize, which was ultimately won by Mr William Brownlee, he having scored ten points.

9th February 1855

Played for the medal on the Low Pond today with 26 members, when Mr W. Murray gained the medal, 12 shots, Mr J Dewar and Mr W. Simpson being 10 shots.

12th February 1855

Played with the Linton Club today with four rinks on Marfield, when Penicuik lost by 16 shots.

14th February 1855

The Loanhead and Penicuik met on Roslin pond with three rinks a-side, when Penicuik gained by 8 shots.

15th February 1855

Played on the Low Pond for a pair of curling stones, each member paying 6d, and the gainer to make up the difference. After the points had been played, Messrs J. Dickson Sen^r, J. Dickson Jun^r, and J. Robertson counted 10 shots each. They then decided it by playing at another point whence Mr Dickson gained by 1 shot over J. Robertson.

16th February 1855

Glencorse met with three rinks the Penicuik on the Low Pond, Penicuik gaining by 21 shots.

23rd February 1855

Currie and Penicuik met with two rinks on Keir's Hill pond. Currie gained by 12 shots.

<p>On Friday 23rd inst., two rinks from Penicuik Club made their appearance on Keirhill Pond, and met the same number from Currie Club, and after a keen contest and some excellent play, Currie came off victorious on both rinks by a majority of twelve shots</p>

Medal Game Played on the Low Pond, 9th February 1855

	<i>Striking</i>	<i>In-wick.</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	<i>Guarding</i>	<i>Chap & Lie</i>	<i>Wick & Curl In</i>	<i>Raising</i>	<i>Chip the Winner</i>	<i>No. of shots</i>
Henry Thomson	2	1					1		4
David Lawson	1						2	1	4
John Laing	2	1					1	2	6
John Stewart				1	1				2
Alex ^d . Anderson		1	1	1	1		1		6
Tho ^s . Lamb	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
R. Tait	1	1	1				1	1	5
J. Donaldson	1				1			1	3
A. Grieve	1	2					1	2	6
A. Stewart		1							1
W. Forrest	1			1			1	1	4
John Dewar	2	1		1	1	1	1	1	10
H. Simpson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
John Wilson	1		1	1	1		1		5
A. Inch	1	1	1			1		1	5
J. Dickson Sn ^r	1			1			1		3
D. Brown Sn ^r	1	1	1			1		1	5
D. Brown Jn ^r	1			1		1		1	5
Dr Ellison	1	1		1		1			4
D. Smith	1		1	1			1	1	6
W. Murray	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	11
D. Stewart	1	1	1	1	1		1		6
Ed. Skinner	1		1	1		1		1	7

19th February 1855

Mr McLean's medal played for on Marfield Pond by the Nine Mile Burn curlers and as many of the young or new members of the Penicuik Club as wished to go by paying 6d each towards the funds of the club, when Mr Robb and Mr Watson counted each 12 shots. They then played at another point and Mr Robb gained the medal.

26th February 1855

A general meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, the Vice-president in the chair, 24 Members present, when there was laid before the meeting a circular from Mr Cassells for a subscription from the Club, in order to pay the debt of the pond at Carsebreck, but it was agreed not to take any subscription from the members, seeing they subscribed so much before.

The rinks were taken up and the following is the result:-

<i>Skip</i>	<i>Skip</i>	<i>Skip</i>
<i>Mr Wilson, Halls</i>	<i>Mr McLean</i>	<i>Mr Robert Jenkinson</i>
<i>Mr Dickson Junr.</i>	<i>Mr Thomson</i>	<i>Mr James Abernthy</i>
<i>Mr Dickson Senr.</i>	<i>Mr Robb</i>	<i>Mr James Inch</i>
<i>Mr Graham</i>	<i>Mr Murray</i>	<i>Mr David Smith</i>
<i>Skip</i>	<i>Skip</i>	<i>Skip</i>
<i>Mr John Dewar</i>	<i>Mr Thos. Lamb</i>	<i>Mr William Wilson</i>
<i>Mr John Brown Junr.</i>	<i>Mr John Donaldson</i>	<i>Mr John Laing</i>
	<i>Mr James Jones</i>	<i>Mr Brown Senr.</i>
	<i>Mr David Lawson</i>	<i>Mr Anderson</i>

Skips
Mr Cowan
Mr Skinner
Mr D. Stewart
Mr A Stewart
Mr Thos. Chalmers

Mr Thomson then read the rules which he had drawn up for the Club in order to see if the meeting would agree to them. The meeting appointed a committee consisting of Messrs James McLean, Chalmers, Thomson, Ellison and Skinner to amend them with the rules of the Club that were drawn up before. The Committee withdrew to another room and revised them and desired Mr Thomson to put them on a clean sheet, in order to get them printed and then to be distributed among the Members of the Club.

19th June 1855

A Committee meeting was held tonight in Mr Stewart's, Vice-president in the chair. The accounts of the Club were laid before the Committee, there being a deficiency of funds to meet the expense of the Club and as annual payment to the Grand Club was due next month. Messrs Dewar and Skinner intimated that they would call on Members in arrears, seeing if it was got in, the deficiency would be made up. Mr Thomson read over the rules of the Club that were provided to him, at the last General meeting to be drawn up, when they were approved of by the Committee and ordered to be printed to be given to the Members, Mr Skinner to get them done.

26th October 1855

The Members met in the Queen's Arms, C.W. Cowan in the chair, when two members were admitted, Mr M Jenkinson and Mr James Williamson. Then the Members went on to elect their Office Bearers for the following year, when the following were elected -

Mr C Cowan representative member,

Mr Thomson, Chaplain,

Robert Jenkinson, Treasurer and Secretary,

Committee of management - Messrs D. Wilson, W. Wilson, J. Dewar, Mr Cowan M.P., M. Jenkinson, Thos. Lamb, Alexander Anderson, Mr D. Smith, Officer.

After that they collected annual payments and entry money to the amount of £1.15.6 and paid to Mr Skinners 11/6 to pay for printing regulations, and 2/6 to officer for warning the meeting, and their members wishing the annual, Messrs Skinner, Anderson, Lawson, Donaldson, Alexander, James Lamb, D. Stewart, Dickson, Brown, Laing, Wilson and C.W. Cowan.

13th November 1855

The Committee met in Mr Stewart's Inn, the Vice-president in the chair, when there was a circular from Mr Cassells laid before them for an assessment of one shilling on each Member whose name was in the annual of 54. Then it was agreed that on account of the Members of this Club having subscribed more liberal than a number of clubs which were selected, and that a number of other clubs that had not subscribed at all. The Committee did not consider it justice to acknowledge the assessments just now to be levied upon the members of this club, and they the Committee agreed to insert a copy of the letter sent to Mr Cassells in the Minute Book.

Penicuik Curling Club,

Nov. 13th 1855

Sir,

Your circular calling for an assessment of one shilling upon each member in liquidation of the debt connected with the Royal Club pond was laid before the members of this club. I am by them respectfully directed to state to you that they have contributed to that fund the sum of £5.8.6 being an average of 2/4 and upwards from each member. Upon examination of the several annuals it appears that many clubs, such as East Linton, Shotts, Kirkintilloch, Drum, Dalkeith, Musselburgh, etc. have only contributed average of from 4d to 6 1/2d each member, while such as Hamilton with 260 members, Alloa, Bridge of Allan and above one hundred other clubs have not contributed anything. I am further directed to state that many members of this club are mechanics who cannot afford to go so far as

Carsebreck for two or three hours curling or contribute further to the above fund. The members generally would wish to see that all other clubs in connection with the Royal Club shall have contributed nearly equivalent to that by Penicuik Club before they shall be again called upon. They are of opinion that if such was the case there would be little or no debt in connection with the Pond. Several members whose names are in the annual for 1855 have left the club and gone to such distance that it would be impossible to assess them. Their names may have been forwarded for insertion in the next annual through courtesy.

I am,

(sgd.) R.J. Secr P.C.C.

Mr Alex. Cassells
Secr. Royal C.C. Club

4th December 1855

There was a general meeting held in the Queen's Arms Penicuik, the Vice-president in the chair. There were nine Members present for the purpose of ascertaining how many rinks were going to the Grand Match, when Mr C Cowan, M.P. and Mr D Wilson, Halls gave intimation that they would go. It was likewise agreed that the Treasurer would remit the annual subscription of 16/- to Mr Cassells, Treasurer of the Royal C.C. Club, which was done upon the 8th Dec^r.

15th December 1855

The Members of Penicuik Curling Club were warned to play for the medal given annually by the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, but on account of a change of weather it was not played for, but the dinner took place in the Queen's Arms when 13 of the Members dined and among the loyal toasts given by the chairman was the health of the Patron and Patroness which was cordially responded to. On account of the change of weather and some of the members not being at dinner who were expected, it was moved and seconded and unanimously agreed to that instead of the dinner being on the day that the medal was warned to be played for, whether frost or fresh that the dinner should take place after this on the second Friday of January, annually and the Committee should meet on Tuesday previous to that.

17th December 1855

A letter sent to Mr Cassells with regard to the receipt sent to the Treasurer for the annual subscription given by this Club.

Mr A Cassells,

Sir,

I am desired by the committee of the Penicuik curling club to write you with regard to the receipt your clerk sent for 16/- I sent you. It was the annual subscription and not for the Royal Club Pond.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

(sgn.) Robert Jenkinson, Secr^r P.C.C.

21st December 1855

The Members of Penicuik Curling Club met the same number from the West Linton Curling Club being sixteen players a-side. Then after three and a half hours curling, Penicuik lost by nine shots, this game being for the district medal drawn at the Royal Caledonian C. Club meeting in July, 1855.

22nd December 1855

The Members of Penicuik Curling Club met on the Low Pond of Penicuik to compete for the silver medal given annually by Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Patron to the Club, when 28 Members entered their names to try their skill in curling. After 3½ hours play, victory was decided for D. Brown Jun^r, he counting 12 shots, David Stewart, being Victor's Man, he counting 11 shots.

8th January 1856

A Committee meeting was held according to a meeting held previous to this on account of the annual dinner being altered and the committee resolved to send the Officer round the Members with a book to ascertain how many were coming to dinner, which was done.

Medal Game played on the Low Pond, 22nd December 1855

	Striking	In-wick.	Drawing	Guarding	Chap & Lie	Wick & Curl In	Raising	Chip the Winner	No. of shots
A. Anderson		1	2	1	1				5
Francis Morrison	2		1		1	1	1		6
W ^m . Wilson	1	1							2
D. Wilson	2	2	1		2	1	1		9
D. Smith	1		1	1	2	2		1	8
H. Simpson	1	1			1			1	4
J. Dickson	2	1		1			1	1	6
A. Grieve	2		1		2			1	6
E. Skinner	1	1	2				1	1	6
J. Henderson	1		2		1		1		5
J. Stewart	2	1	2		1		1		7
J. Dewar	1	1	1			1			4
R Dickson	1	1			1				3
J. Williamson					1				1
D. Brown Jun ^r .	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	12
D. Brown Sn ^r .	1				1				2
Dr Ellison		1	1	1	1		1		5
R. McKenzie	1	1	1	2	1		2	1	9
J. Laidlaw			1	1					2
D. Lawson	1							1	2
J. Abernethy	1	2							3
W. Muir	2	1							3
D. Stewart	2	1		1	2	1	2	2	11
W. Forrest	1		2		1		1		5
A. Stewart	1		2	1	1	1		1	7
A. Anderson	1				2	1	1		5
C. Cowan M.P.	2		2		1	1			6
McLean	2		1	2	2	1	1	1	10

11th January 1856

The annual dinner took place this evening Mr Cha^s. W. Cowan in the chair, and after dinner the loyal toasts were given and responded to by the Members present. It was agreed to challenge Newlands club to a friendly game which was declined by them because they had not numbers to meet us. Then we gave the Merchiston an opportunity of meeting with us either on our own ice or Roslin which ever they choose.

15th January 1856

Twenty Members of the Penicuik Curling Club met the same number of the Newhall Habbieshowe Club on one of the ponds in the policy grounds of the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk. When after a keen and friendly contest for four and a half hours, victory was declared in favour of Penicuik, having a majority over their opponents of 26 shots.

29th January 1856

A letter to the Umpire between Penicuik and West Linton for a District Medal contested for on Marfield Loch on 21st Dec^r 1855

Sir,

I am desired by the committee of the Penicuik Curling Club to write to you regarding the contest we had with West Linton Curling Club for a district medal. We are informed that they had a player whose name is Robert Hogg. He is not a member of any curling club and he played with John Brown. Now Sir, Robert Hogg not being a initiated member, we, the Penicuik Curling Club, according to the Royal Club rules in the annual we claim the medal that was contested for on the 21st Dec 1855 and we appeal to a court of Reference to decide our claim, so, I hope you will appear with the different representatives who form the court of reference to decide the case.

P.S. Perhaps you may say we have been too long in complaining but I say an individual is not too long when he makes application to have his complaint adjusted as soon as he knows he has been wronged.

I am, Sir

Your respectfully,

(sgd.) Robert Jenkinson, Secretary, P.C.C.

2nd February 1856

A match was played on the High Pond in the policy grounds of the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Penicuik House by two divisions of the County of Midlothian, the North and the South. After 3 or 3½ hours play, victory was decided in favour of the North by a majority of (blank) shots.

THE MIDLOTHIAN CURLING MATCH - A match between the curling clubs of the north and south of Mid- Lothian- or rather the north-west and south-east, the dividing lines being the Pentland range and Swanston Burn – took place on Saturday at Penicuik on one of the large ponds in the pleasure-grounds of Sir George Clerk. The day was brilliant; and, from an early hour in the morning, conveyances of all descriptions were converging upon the scene of action – a great number being from Edinburgh, whose clubs played as on the north or north-west side. The ice on the pond was generally in good condition, and, though some snow had fallen during the previous night, rinks were found cleared and prepared. At about half past eleven, at the signal of a gun, upwards of 200 players (besides those not engaged in the match) began play: and a few minutes after three, when the play was stopped by the same signal, it was found that the north had conquered by 123 shots. The following shows the number of shots gained by each rink on both sides (the opponents being placed opposite each other), with the names of the skips;

<i>North</i>		<i>South</i>	
Merchiston Fisher.....	33	Penicuik.....R McKenzie.....	19
Merchiston.....Gray.....	21	Drum.....Irving.....	11
Edinburgh.....Russel.....	16	Roslin.....Brown.....	23
Coates.....Graham.....	27	Penicuik.....Wilson.....	29
Waverley.....Weir.....	39	Penicuik.....Cowan.....	12
Currie.....T Cunningham.....	34	Musselburgh...Stewart.....	11
West Calder..Henderson.....	14	Habbies Howe .Walkinshaw.....	13
Holyrood...Inglis.....	25	Lasswade...Edgeley.....	16
Drum.....H Scott.....	14	Whitehill.....Mein.....	23
Coates.....Reid.....	25	Whitehill.....Alexander.....	11
Waverley.....Gillespie.....	23	Drum.....Muir.....	16
West Calder...Boyd.....	16	Habbies Howe...Kirkhope.....	18
Waverley...Darling.....	33	Glencorse....Graham.....	11
Redhall...Gillespie.....	16	Drum.....Gibson.....	19
Edinburgh...McGregor.....	22	Glencorse...Steadman.....	21
Holyrood...Hamilton.....	22	Drum.....Ford.....	23
Roslin...Mettricks.....	10	Penicuik...Wilson.....	25
West Calder..Lawson.....	7	Habbies Howe...Murray.....	7
Redhall....Walker.....	18	Whitehill.....Ramsay.....	22
West Calder...Story.....	6	Habbies Howe...Thomson.....	18
Redhall....Forrest.....	16	Lasswade...Killen.....	23
Currie.....Palmer.....	13	Penicuik.....Laing.....	9
West Calder...Elder.....	30	Carlops.....Dawson.....	3
Redhall.....McNab.....	<u>18</u>	Lasswade.....Kay.....	<u>18</u>
Total.....	539	Total.....	415

Those engaged in the match – which was generally remarked upon as one of the pleasantest ever played – were under great obligations to Mr McLean of Braidwood, who kindly took charge of the preparations and arrangements.

4th February 1856

Three rinks of the Penicuik Curling Club met the same number from Dalkeith on the Low Pond at Penicuik and after three hours play, the Penicuik curlers found that they had a majority over their opponents of 13 shots.

5th February 1856

The Committee was warned to meet in the Queen's Arms to consider what was to be done with a letter in answer to the one sent to the Umpire for West Linton and Penicuik, and they decided that the Secretary should write back to him with regard to our Member playing whose name was not in the Annual. It was an

overlook on account of the change of Secretary in our Club, but the same individual had been a Member for at least twenty years, if not more. I likewise wrote in the answer to him that it was too hurriedly gone about, it was done from impulse of the moment, not thinking of looking at the annuals

28th February 1856

The Committee met in the Queen's Arms and a circular laid before them from Mr Cassells calling upon us for money and the Secretary was directed to refer Mr Cassells to a letter sent to him dated 13th Novr. 1855

Copy of letter

Sir,

Your circular of the 21st Feb^r calling upon us for money, which was laid before the committee. I am directed by them to refer you to a letter of the 13th Nov^r 1855.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) Robert Jenkinson,

Sec^r P.C.C.

21st October 1856

A general meeting was held in Mr Stewart's to-night, Dr. Ellison in the chair. After the minutes and accounts of last year had been read over, the following were elected Office Bearers for the following year, viz:-

Charles Cowan, M.P. President

Dr. Ellison, Vice-president

Rev. Mr Home, Chaplain

Charles Cowan M.P. and James McLean representative members

Messrs John Robertson, R. MacKenzie, W. Wilson, C.W. Cowan Jun^r, John Dewar, D. Brown Jun^r, James Abernethy, Alex^d. Anderson and John Laing, Committee.

The following agreed to take the annuals:-

Messrs D. Stewart, C. Cowan Jun^r, Dr. Ellison, John Laing, R. MacKenzie, W. Wilson, A. Anderson, A. Grieve, and John Robertson.

It was proposed and agreed that the Rev. Mr John Home be elected chaplain to the club.

The following new members were joined to the club, Messrs A. Tait, Land Stewart to Sir George Clerk, John Strachan, mason, and George Murray, mason.

17th November 1856

There was a general meeting held in the Queen's Arms Inn this evening, Charles Cowan Esq. Jun^r in the chair, to ascertain what rinks were going to the Grand Match, when Charles Cowan, M.P. and son were both returned as skips to go with their rinks. There were only nine Members present at this meeting.

2nd December 1856

There was a general meeting held in the Queen's Arms Inn this evening to ascertain what number of rinks was going to the Midlothian County Curling match on Cobbingshaw loch, but there were none returned. Also at this meeting it was agreed that we should challenge the Linton Club to play a friendly game on Marfield on Thursday 5th ins^t. with 5 rinks a-side. The Linton Club accepted the challenge for Friday, 6th, but it came a' fresh and there was no play.

28th January 1857

There was a general meeting held in the Queen's Arms Inn this evening to ascertain what number of rinks were to accept the Drum challenge, when it was agreed that we should play them with four rinks on Friday, the 30th January and also at this same meeting it was agreed that we should challenge the Newlands Club for Monday, 2nd Feb^r, and Lasswade Club for the 3rd February.

31st January 1857

The Members of the Club met this day to compete for the silver medal given by the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, when 20 Members came forward and entered their names for it. When, after 2½ hours capital play, victory was declared in favour of Ronald MacKenzie, who scored 13 points, Mr Wilson and Mr Anderson likewise scoring 11 points each.

The annual dinner was held that afternoon in the Inn, only 11 Members present at it.

2nd February 1857

This day only two rinks of the Drum Club instead of four met us on the Penicuik Pond to play the friendly match, when Penicuik came off victorious by 26 shots.

Medal Game played 31st January 1857

Striking In-wicking Drawing Guarding Chap & Lie Wick & Curl In Raising Chip the Winner Total

A. Stewart					1			1	2
W ^m . Muir									0
James Williamson	III	1	1	II					7
Mr Wilson	II	III	III		II			1	11
W ^m . Forrest	II							1	3
J. Burnside		II		1	II			1	6
J. Laidlaw	1	1			1			1	4
D. Stewart	1		1			1			3
Dr Ellison	1	1			1				3
D. Brown	III		1	1	1			1	7
J. Strachan	II	1		1	II		1	II	9
R. MacKenzie	IIII	II	1	II	1	II	1		13
J. Murray	II	1	1	1			1		6
Mr Clerk	II		1	1					4
Mr Cowan	1					1		1	3
John Laing	III		1		1				5
D. Lawson					II				2
J. Robertson	1		1						2
A. Grieve	II	1		1	1				5
A. Anderson	III		1	II	II		II	1	11

There is a gap in the minutes 1857-1865

Entries from the relevant Royal Caledonian Curling Club Annuals are reproduced here together with other validated information for the period.

1857-58

PENNYCUICK CLUB

Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron

Lady Clerk, Patroness

Charles Cowan, M.P., President

Dr Ellison, Vice-President

Charles Cowan, M.P. and James McLean, Representative Members

Rev. Mr Home, Chaplain

David Stewart, Treasurer and Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

Andrew Grieve	Alex. Anderson	John Strachan
Daniel Brown, jr.	George Johnstone	James Williamson
John Laing	David Lawson	

Honorary Members

James Clerk	Charles Cowan, M.P.	James McLean
Henry Clerk	John Cowan	Thomas Merricks

Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

Sir George Clerk, Bt.	David Smith	Jas. Williamson	D. Brown, sr.
Jas. Aberbethy	John Laing	David Wilson	D. Brown, jr.
Wm. Wilson	David Lawson	Dr Ellison	Andrew Grieve
Jno. Robertson	R. McKenzie	Alex. Stewart	John Strachan
Wm. Forrest	C. Cowan, jr.	David Stewart	John Laidlaw
George Murray	Alex Anderson		

2- Occasional.

Wm. Muir	Wm. Simpson	Rob. Jenkinson	Wm. H. Bell
Geo. Johnstone	James Jones	Andrew Tait	John Burnside

Medal Game Played on Hurley Pond 25th February 1858

	<i>Striking</i>	<i>In-wicking</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	<i>Guarding</i>	<i>Chap & Lie</i>	<i>Wick & Curl In</i>	<i>Raising</i>	<i>Chip the Winner</i>	<i>Total</i>
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<i>Thomas Lamb</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>W^m. Muir</i>									<i>0</i>
<i>J. Johnstone</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>		<i>3</i>
<i>J. Laing</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>A. Anderson</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>D. Brown Sn^r</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>J. Abernethy</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>							<i>4</i>
<i>D. Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>A. Laing</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>5</i>
<i>J. Strachan</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>11</i>		<i>9</i>
<i>D. Wilson</i>	<i>1</i>				<i>111</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>6</i>
<i>J. Williamson</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>Mr Watson</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Dr Ellison</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>and had to leave</i>			
<i>D. Stewart</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>111</i>			<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>7</i>
<i>D. Brown Jn^r</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>11</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>J. Murray</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>111</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>A. Stewart</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>T. Pattison</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>1</i>				<i>3</i>

NEWLANDS WATER AND PENICUIK CLUBS- met on Monday, on Whine Pond to play for a district medal. There were three rinks aside. After a three hours contest, Penicuik stood 64 shots, and Newlands Water 65, the latter gaining by 1 shot; ice good. On the following day the Newlands Water Club met on the same pond to compete for the medal presented to the club by Mr William Brodie – Eleven started, but only seven carried on the contest. It was gained by Mr John Somerville of Dovecoat, who scored 8 points, Mr Thom of Grange scoring 7 points.

1858-59

PENNYCUICK CLUB

Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron

Lady Clerk, Patroness

Charles Cowan, M.P., President

Alex. Anderson, Vice-President

Alex. Anderson and John Laing, Representative Members

Rev. Mr Home, Chaplain

David Stewart, Treasurer and Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

George Johnstone

Wm. Wilson

David Lawson

Daniel Brown

John Laing

James Williamson

Honorary Members

James Clerk

Charles Cowan, M.P.

James McLean

Henry Clerk

John Cowan

Thomas Merricks

Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

Sir George Clerk, Bt.

David Lawson

R. McKenzie

Alex. Stewart

Jas. Aberbethy

Dan. Brown, jr.

C. Cowan, jr.

David Stewart

Wm. Wilson

And. Grieve

Alex Anderson

John Strachan

George Murray

Thos. Pattison

Jas. Williamson

Robert Laing

John Laing

Dr Ellison

David Wilson

C.W. Baird

2- Occasional.

Wm. Muir	James Jones	Andrew Tait	- McCorkindale
Geo. Johnstone	Thomas Lamb	Wm. H. Bell	D. Brown, sr.
Wm. Simpson	Rob. Jenkinson		

1859-60

PENNYCUICK CLUB

Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron

Lady Clerk, Patroness

Charles Cowan, sr., President

David Wilson, Vice-President

Charles Cowan and David Wilson, Representative Members

Rev. Mr Home, Chaplain

David Stewart, Treasurer and Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

George Johnstone	Wm Wilson	David Lawson
Daniel Brown	John Laing	James Williamson

Honorary Members

James Clerk	Henry Clerk	John Cowan
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Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

Sir George Clerk, Bt.	Wm. Wilson	Jas. Williamson	C.T. Robertson
C. Cowan, sr.	Daniel Brown	Andrew Grieve	Geo. Murray
Jas. Aberbethy	John Laing	John Dewar	C. Cowan, jr.
David Wilson	A. Anderson	David Stewart	Geo. Johnstone
	David Lawson		

2- Occasional.

Wm. Simpson	Thomas Lamb	Wm. H. Bell	Thos. Pattison
James Jones	R. McKenzie	- McCorkindale	Andrew Tait
Rob. Jenkinson	C.W. Bird	Alex. Stewart	David Shanks
John Strachan			

Dec 1859

The Penicuik Club played Lauder Club in a district medal match of 3 rinks of 4 a-side. Penicuik gained the medal by 63 shots to 56 shots.

1860-61

PENNYCUICK CLUB

Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron

Lady Clerk, Patroness

Charles Cowan, Snr., President

A. Anderson, Vice-President

A. Anderson and D. Stewart, Representative Members

Rev. Mr Home, Chaplain

David Stewart, Treasurer and Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

George Johnstone

Wm Wilson

Dav. Lawson

Chas. Wilson

John Dewar

A. Anderson

Honorary Members

James Clerk

Henry Clerk

John Cowan

Capt. Elphinstone

Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

Sir George Clerk, Bt.

Wm. Wilson

Geo. Johnstone

James Pow

Chas. Cowan

David Lawson

Andrew Grieve

R. McKenzie

Jas. Aberbethy

John Dewar

R. Jenkinson

Chas. Wilson

A. Anderson

David Stewart

2- Occasional.

Wm. Simpson

Thomas Lamb

Wm. H. Bell

Thos. Pattison

J. Williamson

Wm. Muir

John Laing

Andrew Tait

Dan. Brown

David Shanks

R. Williamson

1861-62

PENNYCUICK CLUB

Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron

Lady Clerk, Patroness

Charles Cowan, President

A. Anderson, Vice-President

A. Anderson and D. Stewart, Representative Members

Rev. John Home, Chaplain

David Stewart, Treasurer and Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

George Johnstone	Chas. Wilson	Andrew Grieve
R. Jenkinson	A. Anderson	David Lawson

Honorary Members

James Clerk	Henry Clerk	John Cowan
Edward Clerk		

Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

Sir George Clerk, Bt.	David Lawson	A. Anderson	Chas. Wilson
Chas. Cowan, sr.	Andrew Grieve	David Stewart	David Shanks
Chas. Cowan, jr.	Geo. Johnstone	John Dewar	Thos. Pattison
Jas. Aberbethy	James Pow	R. Jenkinson	David Smith
Wm. Wilson			

2- Occasional.

Wm. Simpson	J. Williamson	Wm. H. Bell	Robt. Alexander
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1862-63

PENICUICK CLUB

Sir J. Clerk, Bart., Patron

Lady Clerk, Patroness

Charles Cowan, President

A. Anderson, Vice-President

A. Anderson and D. Stewart, Representative Members

Rev. Home, Chaplain

D. Stewart, Treasurer and Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

George Johnstone	Chas. Wilson	D. Shanks
J. Thomson	A. Anderson	J. Dewar

Honorary Members

James Clerk	Henry Clerk	John Cowan
Capt. Elphinstone		

Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

J. Williamson	Jas. Aberbethy	Wm. Simpson	R. Laing
A. Anderson	A. Laing	Robt. Alexander	Andrew Grieve
David Stewart	Wm. Wilson	A. Thomson	Chas. Wilson
David Shanks	Geo. Johnstone	J. Thomson	James Pow
J. Dewar	Chas. Cowan	W. Thomson	Thos. Pattison

8th Jan 1863

The Penicuik Club met Eddleston Club on the Whim Pond to contest a district medal. Eddleston gained the medal, winning by 41 shots to 36 shots.

1863-64

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David Shanks

Andrew Grieve

D. Stewart

Geo. Johnstone

Wm. Wilson

J. Williamson

Jas. Aberbethy

D. Smith

1864-65

PENICUIK CLUB

Sir George Clerk, Bart., Patron

Charles W. Cowan, President

George Johnston, Vice-President

Charles W. Cowan and D. Stewart, Representative Members

Alexander Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Committee or Council of Management

John Steadman

W. Johnston

James Williamson

James Thomson

James Hodge

C. Lawson

Honorary Members

J. Clerk	Henry Clerk	John Cowan
Capt. Elphinstone	Charles Cowan	A. Tait

Ordinary Members

1 – Regular.

James Hodge	A. Anderson	C.A. Cowan	Andrew Grieve
Jas. Thomson	W. Thomson	D. Stewart	Alex. Thomson
J. Steadman	M. Lawson	David Shanks	And. Thomson
Wm. Wilson	G. Johnston	John Dewar	Charles Lawson
Chas. Wilson	Jas. Aberbethy		

2 – Occasional.

J. Williamson	W. Simpson	Allen Shogal	J. Robertson
J. Thomson	Thomas Hall	J. Alexander	Thomas Lamb
A. Lawson	W. Henderson	Charles Lawson	

10th Feb 1865

The Penicuik Club met Whitehill Club on the Roslin Pond in a district medal match. Whitehill gained the medal, winning by 63 shots to 52 shots.

24th October 1865

The general and annual meeting was held in Mr Stewart's Royal Hotel this evening, Charles W. Cowan, president in the chair.

The minutes of the last year were read along with the Treasurer's report of Income and Expenditure, which were approved of by the meeting.

The following Members were then chosen to fill the respective offices, viz -

Charles William Cowan, President

George Johnstone, Vice-president

Charles William Cowan and David Stewart, Representative Members.

Alex. Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management - Messrs John Steadman, Thomas Hall, James Hodge, Charles Wilson, James Alexander and Charles Lawson.

Two new members were then proposed by Mr Cowan and approved of by the meeting, Robert Muir, and Alex^d. Brydon.

It was agreed that they should give 2/6 as entry money to the club and 2/- yearly.

It was also agreed to get two or three pairs of new foot boards, also to get marking boards repaired and whatever other things were necessary for the working of the Club

Mr Cowan then kindly offered to give another pair of stones to be played for on the same conditions as last year, which was cordially accepted by the meeting.

February 1866

The Members met on the pond of the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Baronet to compete for a pair of stones presented by Charles William Cowan Esq, President of the Club. Twenty Members started when after a very keen and spirited contest, the stones were gained by James Williamson at 14 points.

26th October 1866

The annual and general meeting of the Club was held this evening in Mr Ja^s Hodge's Crown Inn. The President, Charles William Cowan Esq, being absent, Mr William Wilson Evans was called to take the chair.

The minutes of the past year were then read along with the Treasurer's report of Income and expenditure and showed a balance in favour of the club of £3:11:8. The minutes and report were approved of by the meeting.

The following members were then chosen to fill the respective offices, viz -

Charles William Cowan, President

William Wilson Evans, Vice-president

Charles William Cowan and Alex^d. Anderson, Representative Members

Alex^d. Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management - Messrs James Hodge, Charles Wilson, James Alexander, Charles Lawson, John Steedman, David Stewart.

It was then proposed by Mr Evans, seconded by Mr Wilson, that Alexander Clerk Esq. of Penicuik House be an Honorary Member of this Club which was unanimously agreed to by the meeting. The Secretary was then requested to write Mr Clerk.

It was then agreed that an iron rod should be procured for the drawing of the tees. Mr Alex^d. Brydon very kindly offered to make the same and to present it to the Club, which was very cordially accepted by the meeting.

It was also proposed by Mr Evans, and seconded by Mr Wilson, that a tin box be got to hold the medals and other emblems of the Club which was also agreed to by the meeting.

12th November 1866

The Council of Management met this evening in Mr James Hodge's Crown Hotel, five Members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. Letters were then read to the meeting, one from Alexander Clerk Esq, of Penicuik House, in which he conveyed his thanks to the Club for the honour conferred in nominating him an Honorary Member. A letter was also read received from Bathgate, as it had again been resolved to have a Grand Curling Match this season between the Counties of Edinburgh and Linlithgow and if the Club were agreeable to join in the match. After some consideration it was agreed that two rinks should be sent.

Two new members were then proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, Mr Robert Ewart and Mr William Law.

It was then agreed that a general meeting of the Club be held on the evening of Friday first at 8 o'clock for the arrangement of Skips.

This evening the general meeting was held, Mr Evans was called to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of. It was unanimously agreed that John Steadman and Charles William Cowan should represent the Club at Bathgate, and in the failure of either the parties, William Wilson. The following members were appointed Skips, viz - Messrs John Steadman, Charles W. Cowan, W^m. Wilson, William Wilson Evans, and Andrew Grieve.

10th December 1866

Crown Hotel, Penicuik
Meeting of Curling Club

There were nine Members present, Mr Alexander in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr Anderson, Treasurer moved that no rinks should be sent from the Club to the Grand Match at Carsebreck this year. The motion was seconded by Mr Wilson and unanimously agreed to. Mr Evans nominated the following as members of the Club, viz - Messrs Robert Tenant, Walston, Mr Robert Tenant Junior, Walston, Irvine Dent, Ravensneuk, seconded by Mr Wilson and duly elected. Mr Anderson proposed Mr Walter Robb, Brunstane, seconded by Mr C. Wilson and also duly elected.

December, 1866

Crown Hotel

Council of Management also several others of the Members met this evening in the Crown Hotel. In the absence of the President, Vice-president Mr W^m. Wilson Evans took the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of. It was then moved, seconded and agreed to that the pair of curling stones so kindly presented to the Club by the president Charles W. Cowan Esq, be played for on as early a day as possible, weather permitting, the stones to be played for with not less than twenty members.

It was then agreed that Mr Charles William Cowan's rink and Mr John Steadman's rink should play for the Royal Club medal against Glencorse Club. It was also moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to that all Members of the Club be specially requested to meet on the pond to have a friendly game, to be arranged alphabetically, and to be played when no other matches were on hand.

29th October 1867

Penicuik, Crown Hotel

The general meeting took place this evening, the President Mr Charles William Cowan in the chair. The minutes for the past year were read with the report of Income and expenditure, which showed a balance in favour of the club, £1:8/-, the meeting approved of the report.

The following Office Bearers were then chosen, viz -

Messrs Charles W. Cowan, President,

William W. Evans, Vice-president,

Charles W. Cowan and Alex^d. Anderson, Representative Members,

Alex^d. Anderson, Treasurer,

David Shanks, Secretary,

Committee of Management, Messrs Charles Lawson, John Steadman, Tho^s Hall, Charles Wilson, James Alexander and James Hodge.

The following Skips were then chosen, John Steadman, Charles W. Cowan, William Wilson, W^m. W. Evans, Andrew Grieve, each skip to fill his own rink.

The following motion was then moved that no regular player in any other club shall be allowed to compete for any prize that may be competed for in the Club, which was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

13th November 1867

Penicuik, Crown Hotel

The Committee of Management met this evening. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of. A letter was read from Bathgate wishing the Club to take part in a match between West Lothian and Mid Lothian. The meeting agreed to send three rinks.

6th November 1868

Committee or Council of Management - Messrs Tho^s. Hall, W^m. Thomson, Robert Fullerton, John Steadman, Charles Lawson, and Charles Wilson.

A new member was then proposed by John Steadman, James Monfries, Penicuik, seconded and approved of by the meeting. The following letter was then read from the President, Charles W. Cowan.

Valleyfield near Edinburgh,
29th October, 1869

The Secretary
Penicuik Curling Club.

Sir,

I beg to intimate that I am willing to give a pair of curling stones and handles to the Penicuik curling club upon the following conditions; namely, that the stones and handles are understood to be given to the club and that they shall belong to the party who gains them, so long as he continues a regular player in the club; in the event of the holder of the stones leaving the district or joining another club in an adjoining parish or same parish, he must give up the stones and handles to the secretary of the club for the time being and they may be competed for at a future time as a second prize.

Your obedient servant
(sgd) Charles William Cowan

After the reading of the letter, the meeting gave expression of the liberality of the President, Charles W. Cowan to the Club, by the remarks of some of the Members and afterwards tendered a very cordial vote of thanks. It was then moved and agreed to, that all the Members should turn out and have a friendly game for Beef and Greens.

28th November 1869

The Committee or Council of Management met, when a letter was read received from Bathgate for another match, when it was agreed that three rinks should attend. The following were appointed, viz - Charles W. Cowan, Alexander Anderson and John Steadman. A letter was also read to the meeting received from the Craigmillar Club regarding the playing for the District Medal on the Roslin pond. After considering the match, the Secretary was instructed to write and request them to come to the Penicuik ice, stating that it was as near as the Roslin and superior ice.

14th December 1869

The Committee or Council of Management met, when a letter was read received from Bathgate, requesting the Club to take part in the match between the

counties of West Lothian and Mid Lothian. They agreed to send three rinks and the following skips, viz:

Messrs Charles W. Cowan, John Steadman and Alexander Anderson.

A letter was also read received from the Craigmillar Curling Club with regard to the District Medal. It was agreed that the secretary should write and request the club to play the match on the Penicuik ice, also offering to pay any extra expense that might be incurred.

(sgd.) David Shanks, Secretary

14th October 1870

Crown Hotel, Penicuik

The Annual Meeting was held this evening, Vice-president William Wilson Evans in the chair, when the minutes of the past year were read and approved also the Report of Income and Expenditure showing a balance of £3:7:11 in favour of the Club.

The election of Office Bearers for the next year was then proceeded with and the following were duly approved

Charles William Cowan, President

William Wilson Evans, Vice-president

Charles W^m. Cowan and John Steadman, Representative Members

Alexander Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Committee or Council of Management, Thomas Hall, William Thomson, John Steadman, Charles Wilson, Robert Fullerton and Charles Lawson.

Mr John Laing was again proposed as a member of the Club and duly approved. James Frylson also again re-entered.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to that the District Medals awarded by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and gained by this Club be engraved, also that a box be got to hold them, the Treasurer to get it done. It was also agreed that the foot boards be repaired and that Mr Alexander Brydon do the work.

(sig.) David Shanks, Secretary

16th November 1870

Crown Hotel, Penicuik

A meeting of the Club took place this evening William Wilson Evans, Vice-president, in the chair, when the minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read received from Bathgate asking the Club again to take part in the match between the Counties of West Lothian and Mid-lothian. Agreed to send four rinks, the names of the Skips; Cap^t Charles William Cowan, Mr John Steadman, Mr Andrew Grieve and Mr James Williamson.

It was then moved, seconded and agreed that tees be got, considered to be of great advantage in guiding the players. Mr Evans very kindly offered to provide wood, Mr Robert Ewart to get the work done. Mr John Laing then proposed Mr John Evans a member of the Club, was seconded and unanimously approved.

29th December 1870

Crown Hotel,

The Club met this evening, the Vice-president in the chair. The minutes of former meeting were read and approved. A letter was read to the meeting from the County Club of Lanarkshire challenging the Counties of Edinburgh, Linlithgow and Peebles to match on Cobbingshaw Loch; agreed to take no notice of it.

A letter was also read from the West Linton Junior Club requesting a friendly match with four rinks a-side. This match was gained by twenty five shots, after a very exciting game (31st December 1870)

4th January 1871

A match with the Habbies Howe club was played on the pond of Penicuik House and, after a very keen game, resulted in favour of the home club by fifty one shots.

10th January 1871

Crown Hotel

The Club met this evening, the President in the chair. The minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

The President then stated that he would give another pair of curling stones and handles, and that they should be competed for on the same conditions as stated in his letter to the Club. The meeting very cordially thanked the President for his kindness. (The stones and handles were gained by John Craig Esq, at 7 points, 12th Jan^y 1871).

Mr John Steadman then said that he would give a medal to be competed for. The President in the name of the Club thanked Mr Steadman, the meeting harmoniously responding to the same. Mr Steadman then proposed that a club medal should be got, to be subscribed for by the Club, which was seconded and unanimously agreed; the Treasurer to receive subscriptions.

The President then said that he was in communication with the Whitehill Club to a friendly match with four rinks a-side should the Club be willing. Unanimously agreed to play this match which was played on Whitehill pond and gained by the home club.

The same evening the President entertained the Club to Beef and Greens in the Queen's Royal Arms Inn, the viands being well supplied by Mr Robert Fullerton. After having enjoyed a good supply and the cloth having been removed, the President then gave the preliminary toasts of the evening, they being well responded to. The Vice-president, William Wilson Evans then gave the President, Cap^t Charles William Cowan, which was well given and loudly responded to. The President replied in terms which showed the great interest he had taken in the welfare of the Club and that he would continue to do so and hoped that they would still look forward to greater achievements. Several other toasts were then given and some capital songs, one by Mr John Craig, "Auld Reekie" was well given, encored and loudly cheered. After spending a happy evening, the meeting separated in the greatest harmony.

3rd February 1871

Crown Hotel

The Council of Management met this evening. The minutes having been read and approved, Messrs Steadman and Wilson and others gave a very stern charge against two of the Members, James Fynelson and James Williamson for disorderly conduct when returning home from the return match with the Habbies Howe club. Agreed that their names be withdrawn from the book and that the Secretary write to that effect to each of the parties.

28th February 1871

Crown Hotel

A general meeting was held this evening, minutes of former meeting being read and approved.

The President then stated that he had been in communication with John Clerk Esq. Q.C. of Penicuik House regarding a piece of ground for a new curly. He also read a letter received from Mr Clerk offering to give that piece of ground held by Mr William Wilson on the opposite side of Bank Mill. A committee was then

appointed to make the necessary arrangements, the President, Messrs Steadman, Alexander, Williamson, Lamb, Hall and C. Wilson

(sgd.) Charles Cowan , Pres^s

20th October 1871

Crown Hotel, Penicuik

The general meeting was held this evening, Cap^t Charles W. Cowan President, presiding. The minutes for the past year along with the Report of Income and Expenditure were read and approved. A balance in favour of the Club in the hands of the treasurer of £1:17:9.

The following members were elected Office Bearers for the next year,

Cap^t Charles W. Cowan, President

John Steadman, Vice-president

Cap^t Charles W. Cowan and John Steadman, Representative Members

Alexander Anderson, Treasurer,

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management - John Dewar, William Thomson, James Monfries, Charles Lawson, John Laing, James Williamson, Thomas Hall and Michael Lawson.

The annual subscription calculated amounting to £1:18:6

It was then moved, seconded and agreed that the two Members whose names were struck off the roll be allowed to re-enter again should they feel inclined.

The President then said that he would give another pair of curling stones and handles to be competed for on the same conditions as formerly. The meeting very cordially acknowledged the President's goodness.

7th December 1871

Crown Hotel

A meeting was held this evening, John Steadman, Vice-president, presiding. The minutes were then read and approved.

It was then agreed that the Club Medal be competed for on Saturday, the 9th Ins^t weather permitting, play to commence at half past eleven o'clock. Six new members were admitted, Messrs Alexander McGregor, John Wilson, Charles S. France, Thomas Thomson, Hugh Sinclair and Thomas Pattison.

A conversation then took place on the advantages of having a pond near the village and bowling green in connection, good support being offered.

The Club met to compete for the medal as agreed. Thirteen members started when after some good play, it was gained by William Thomson at thirteen points

2nd October 1872

Crown Hotel, Penicuik

The Annual Meeting of the Club took place this evening, the President Capt. Cowan presiding. The minutes for the past year were read, along with the report of Income and expenditure, and were approved.

The following members were appointed Office Bearers for the next year,

Capt. Charles W. Cowan, President

John Steadman, Vice-president

Capt. Cowan and John Steadman, Representative Members

Alexander Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council or Committee of Management - Charles S France, John Laing, John Dewar, William Thomson, Thomas Hall, Michael Lawson, James Williamson and James Monfries.

The annual subscriptions were then drawn amounting to £1:10/-, eight old annuals were sold at 6^d each.

The arrears of the Club were then talked over when it was moved and agreed that the Officer be sent round the members and all those that did not pay when called upon, their names were to be struck from the roll and not entered in the annual.

The President then said that he would give another prize to be competed for, viz - two pairs of curling stones and handles, each pair to be played for on separate days. Only regular players or those occasional players who have made three appearances on the ice previous to competition to play for them, and an occasional player gaining them to become a regular player or hand them over to the Club again. Anyone gaining a prize will not be allowed to compete till after two competitions, and also in accordance with former regulations. A vote of thanks was then accorded to the President for his kindness in promoting the welfare of the Club.

A new pond was then talked over. Several pieces of ground were spoken of. Agreed that the Committee examine some of the places and report.

16th December 1872

Crown Hotel

The Committee of Management met this evening, Mr John Steadman, Vice-president in the chair. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and agreed to.

A circular from the Bathgate Club was read to the meeting, also one from the Royal C.C. Club. Agreed that the Club should not attend any of the two places this season.

28th January 1873

Crown Hotel

The Committee of Management met this evening, the President Cap^t C.W. Cowan in the chair, when it was moved and agreed that the Club Medal should be played for on the following day, weather permitting. The competition having taken place, the medal was gained by Mr James Frynelson at ten points. On the First February, the medal presented by the Right Honourable Sir George Des. Clerk, Baronet was gained by Mr Charles S. France at ten points.

4th February 1873

The Club met to play for the President's prize, Cap^t Charles W. Cowan, two pairs of stones and handles. The first pair was gained by Robert Brown at 11 points and the second pair gained by Mr James Fynelson at 10 points. The same evening the Club entertained the President to Beef and Greens in the Royal Arms Inn, Mr Charles S. France in the chair, Mr Alex^d. Anderson doing the duties of croupier.

1st March 1873

The Club met to-day on the ponds of Penicuik House to play a friendly match with the Roslyne Club, six rinks a-side, when after a very keen and exciting game, the home club were victorious by 18 shots.

The following is the result of the match,

	<u>Penicuik</u>		<u>Roslin</u>	
Skips	Cap ^t C. Cowan	13	Robert Purves	18
"	J. Steadman	25	James Simpson	10
"	J. Williamson	32	James Glover	14
"	J. Lamb	23	David Law	12
"	A. Anderson	16	John Ferguson	21
"	C. France	7	James Glover, Junr.	23
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Gained 18 shots

22nd October 1873

Crown Hotel, Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the Club took place this evening, the President, Cap^t Charles W. Cowan presiding.

The minutes for the past year read, also the report of income and expenditure and were approved by the meeting. The following members were appointed Office Bearers for the next year, viz

Capt. Charles W. Cowan, President

John Steadman, Vice-president

Capt. C.W. Cowan and John Steadman, Representative Members

Alex. Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management - Charles S. France, John Laing, John Dewar, William Thomson, Thomas Hale, Michael Lawson, James Williamson, and James Monfries.

The annual subscriptions were then collected, amounting to £2:16:6. The following members were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed, James Lamb, Thomas Tennant, and Irving Dent.

The following prizes were then presented to the Club to be competed for. The Right Honourable Sir George Clerk's medal, the President Cap^t Charles William Cowan's prize, a pair of curling stones and handles.

The meeting agreed that the Club should play the following matches, viz -

- 1st Merchiston club*
- 2nd Coates, Edinburgh*
- 3rd Dalkeith*
- 4th West Linton Sen^r*
- 5th Whitehill*

The following motion was moved and unanimously agreed that all Members not attending the annual meeting must in future either send in their annual subscriptions at or before the meeting or they shall be fined 6d fines.

28th November 1873

The Council of Management met this evening, the Vice-president, Mr John Steadman presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A circular from the Grand Club was read annent the Grand Match at Carsebreck, when it was moved by Mr France, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Club send no rinks this season.

A circular from Bathgate was also read with regard to the match between the Counties of Edinburgh and Linlithgow asking the Club to take part in the match. The meeting agreed to send the following rinks,

The President's rink, *Capt. C.W. Cowan*
The Vice do. rink, *John Steadman*
 Mr James Williamson
 Mr Charles S. France

Agreed also that medal and prizes to be played for in the following order,

- 1 The Club Medal*
- 2nd Sir George Clerk's Medal*
- 3rd The President's Prize, a pair of curlings and handles*
- 4th The Rink Medal*

27th October 1874

Crown Hotel

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held this evening, the Vice-president, Mr John Steadman presiding. The minutes of the past year were read and confirmed, also the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenditure, which showed a balance in favour of the Club of £3:3:3. The report being adopted.

The annual subscriptions were then collected, amounting to £3:8:6 including nine shillings arrears, and the entry money of four new members who were proposed and duly admitted, Andrew Slater, James Brydon, William Wilson Jun^r, and James Lamb.

It was then agreed that the medal and local match games should come in the same order as previously arranged.

The Office Bearers for the next year were then appointed.

Capt. Charles W. Cowan, President
John Steadman, Vice-president
Charles W. Cowan and John Steadman, Representative Members
Alexander Anderson, Treasurer
David Shanks, Secretary
Committee or Council of Management - Charles S. France, John Laing,
James Williamson, John Dewar, William Thomson, James Monfries,
Thomas Lamb, Dr. Alexander, Edn^h, and Mr Reid.

16th December 1874

The Club met today to play for the Club Medal, it being gained by James Frynelson at 8 points.

17th December 1874

The Club met today to play for the medal presented by Sir George Douglas Clerk, it being gained by Cap^t Charles W. Cowan at 9 points.

18th December 1874

The Club met to-day to play for the prize presented by the President, Cap^t Charles W. Cowan, a pair of curling stones and handles, it being gained by the Vice-president, John Steadman at 7 points.

25th December 1874

The Club met to-day to play a friendly match with Rosslyn at Penicuik with 5 rinks a-side, when after a very keen and exciting game, Rosslyn were declared victors by 22 shots.

26th December 1874

The Club met today to play a match with the Coates Club, Edinburgh with three rinks a-side, when after a very good game, the home club were declared victors by 12 points.

The Club met to-day on the Glencorse pond to play a friendly match with three rinks a-side, when after a very keen and exciting game, the home club were victorious by (blank) points.