

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

TRANSCRIPTION OF CLUB MINUTES

1875-1916

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28th October 1875

Crown Hotel

The Annual Meeting took place this evening, Mr John Steadman, Vice-president presiding. Minutes read and adopted, also the financial report which showed a balance in favour of the Club of £3:3:2. The annual subscription was then collected amounting to £2:1:0.

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

Alex. Anderson, Treasurer, David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management

Charles S. France, James Williamson Sen^r, Andrew Grieve, Dr. Alexander, E. McKay, James Monfries, Andrew Thomson, William Thomson, Robert Hogg and John Ainslie.

The following members were then proposed, Mr George Paterson, farmer, Fallhills, Mr William Ainslie, farmer, Pomathorn, seconded and unanimously approved.

The following circulars were then read annent the Royal Caledonian Club match at Carsebreck and Bathgate and were disposed of. It was agreed that the medals should be played for as early, ice permitting, as possible.

7th December 1876

The Club met today to play for the medal presented by St George D. Clerk, Bart., and it was gained by Mr James Williamson Sen^r by 8 points (23 started).

8th December 1876

The Club met to play for the Club Medal (15 started), which was gained by Mr John Steadman by 9 points.

29th September 1876

Crown Hotel

The Annual Meeting took place this evening, Mr John Steadman, Vice-president, presiding. Minutes of past year were read and confirmed. Financial report read and adopted, which showed a balance in favour of the Club of £4:7:2.

The annual subscription was then collected amounting to £1:16:0.

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

Council of Management

Charles S. France, James Williamson Sen^r, Andrew Grieve, William Thomson, Andrew Thomson, Rob^t Hogg, John Ainslie, Robert Brown and William Cockburn.

The following new members were then proposed, Thomas Wilson proposed James Williamson Sen^r, William Sanderson proposed Charles S. France, Charles Wilson proposed William Wilson Sen^r, the meeting approving of the same.

The following Members were appointed Skips for the season, John Steadman, James Williamson Sen^r, Charles W. Cowan, Charles S. France, Andrew Grieve, and Thomas Lamb.

Agreed that the Committee of Management along with the Skips should meet at a future date to regulate and amend the sending out of rinks in regard to the playing of local matches.

The Club medals to be competed for as in previous years.

1876-77

The Club met to compete for the Club Medal. Twenty-two Members started, when after a very exciting game, it was gained by Thomas Tennant at eleven points.

28th September 1877

Crown Hotel

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held this evening, Mr John Steadman, Vice-president, presiding. Minutes of past year were read and confirmed. The Financial Report read and adopted, showing a balance in favour of the Club by £5:5:1.

The annual subscriptions collected amounted to £1:7:6.

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

Capt. Charles W. Cowan, President

John Steadman, Vice-president

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

Alex. Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management

Charles S. France, William Thomson, Andrew Thomson, James Williamson Sen^r, Andrew Grieve, R.S. Hogg, John Laing, Charles Wilson and William Cockburn.

Agreed that the medals should be played for as formerly arranged, and that the following Members be appointed Skips for the year, Charles W. Cowan, John Steadman, James Williamson Sen^r, Charles S. France, Andrew Grieve and Thomas Lamb, and that they meet at an early date to arrange and consolidate their rinks.

A meeting was held this evening to hear the circular read, received from Bathgate regarding the County Match of West and Mid-Lothian, when it was agreed to send three rinks, the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.

1st February 1878

A match for the Royal Caledonian medal took place on the ponds of Penicuik House on the above date between our own Club and Glencorse Club with three rinks a-side, the ice being in very bad condition and resulted in a defeat of the home club by 16 shots.

2nd February 1878

The Club also met on the following day to compete for a medal given by Sir George D. Clerk, Bart., and for the Club Medal. They were both gained by William Thomson by 14 and 10 points.

27th September 1878

Crown Hotel

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held this evening, Mr John Steadman, presiding. Minutes for the past year read and confirmed. The Treasurer's Report read and approved, showing a balance in favour of the Club of £5:15:8, money drawn from dues £1:0:6.

Mr Robert S. Hogg then proposed Andrew Grieve Jun^r as a member of the Club, seconded by D. Shanks.

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

Charles W. Cowan, President

John Steadman, Vice-president

Charles W. Cowan and Charles S. France, Representative Members

Alexander Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management

William Thomson, Andrew Thomson, Robert S. Hogg, James Williamson Sen^r, John Laing, William Cockburn, Charles Wilson, John Ainslie and Andrew Grieve Sen^r

It was then moved and agreed that the medals of the Club be played for as on former occasions, weather permitting.

List of medals and matches for the year gained and lost for 1878 and 1879

Medal	Club	9 th Dec	Gained	William Sanderson	10 points
Medal	Sir G.D. Clerk	9 th Dec ^r	Gained	Charles S. France	13 points
Medal	Rink	9 th Dec ^r	Gained	John Steadman's rink	10 points
Match	West Linton	11 th Dec ^r	Gained	Penicuik	8 shots
Match	Merchison (District Medal)	16 th Dec ^r	Gained	Penicuik	2 shots

Match	Eddleston (District Medal)	18 th Dec ^r .	Gained	Penicuik	1 shot
Match	Glencorse (District Medal)	19 th Dec ^r .	Gained	Penicuik	35 shots
Match	Roslin	21 st Dec ^r .	Friendly	Lost	8 shots
Match	West Linton	23 rd Dec ^r .	Friendly	Gained	18 shots
Match	Merchiston	24 th Dec ^r .	Friendly	Lost	9 shots
Match	Dalkeith	3 rd Jan ^y .	Friendly	Gained	2 shots
Match	Habbie's Howe	10 th Jan ^y .	Friendly	Gained	16 shots
Match	Dalkeith	10 th Jan ^y .	Friendly	Gained	2 shots
Match	Glencorse	11 th Jan ^y .	Friendly	Lost	3 shots
Match	Temple	29 th Jan ^y .	Friendly	Lost	46 shots
Match	Roslin	30 th Jan ^y .	Friendly	Gained	4 shots
Match	Roslin	31 st Jan ^y .	Friendly	Gained	3 shots
Match	Holyrood	1 st Feb ^y .	Friendly	Gained	14 shots
Match	Temple	2 nd Feb ^y .	Friendly	Lost	4 shots
Match	Holyrood	3 rd Feb ^y .	Friendly	Gained	11 shot
Match	West Linton	6 th Feb ^y .	Friendly	Gained	45 shots
Match	Newhall	10 th Feb ^y .	Friendly	Lost	8 shots

29th October 1879

Crown Hotel

The Annual General Meeting took place this evening. Mr John Steadman, Vice-president, was called to the chair. The minutes for the past year read and confirmed. Treasurer's Report read and adopted, balance in favour of the club 1/6^d.

The following new members were then added to the membership of the Club here unanimously approved by the meeting, Charles Buchanan, John Hunter, James Thomson and Thomas Tudhope.

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

Charles W. Cowan, President

John Steadman, Vice-president

Charles W Cowan and Charles S. France, Representative Members

Alexander Anderson, Treasurer

David Shanks, Secretary

Council of Management

William Thomson, William Sanderson, William Cockburn, James Williamson Sen^r, Andrew Thomson, John Laing, Andrew Grieve Sen^r, Robert S Hogg, and James Williamson Jun^r.

The meeting agreed to play the Club medals in the following order,

- (1) Rink Medal*
- (2) Sir George D. Clerk Medal*
- (3) Club Point Medal*

The circular from Bathgate calling attention to the annual curling match between Mid-Lothian and West Lothian was then read to the meeting, but agreed to send no rinks this season.

3rd December 1879

The Council of Management met this evening to arrange for playing the Rink Medal, agreed to play for it on the following day, play to commence at 11a.m., weather permitting.

Mr France then stated that as one of the representative members of the Club he had received a circular calling upon all the representative members of the clubs in Mid-Lothian to attend a meeting to take place on the 17th Dec^r. 1879, to form a provincial association as connected with the Royal C.C. Club. Agreed that Mr France should attend.

4th December 1879

The Rink Medal was competed for to-day and was gained by Mr France's rink by 8 shots.

6th December 1879

Sir George D. Clerk's medal was competed for today and gained by Mr W^m. Thomson by 8 shots.

8th December 1879

A friendly match was played at Dalkeith and gained by Dalkeith by 39 shots.

10th December 1879

Points Medal competed for to-day, gained by Mr William Sanderson by 11 shots.

30th September 1880

Minutes of General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club, held in Crown Hotel, Penicuik on Thursday, the 30th Sept^r. at 8 p.m.

Present	Charles S. France	In the chair
	Mr J Williamson	Mr A Grieve
	Mr A. Anderson	Mr McGregor
	Mr R.S. Hogg	Mr Lawson
	Mr David Shanks, Secretary	

The Secretary intimated that this Club had not been drawn this year for a Caledonian medal.

(1) Mr Anderson read the Treasurer's Report, which after paying all charges for the year showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £1:17:8. The Chairman moved the adoption of the Treasurer's Report and congratulated the Club on the prosperous condition of its funds. The Treasurer and Secretary thereafter intimated their resignation. The Chairman in name of the Club reluctantly accepted of their resignations and stated that whilst the club could not further prevail on them to continue, he in name of the Club begged to tender to them the expression of the regret and to thank them for a long and faithful devotion to the Club's best interests, and that nothing conveyed the interest they had taken in the welfare of the Club more than the reasons they had assigned for resignation, their inability from other duties to devote their time to its interest. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to them for their long and faithful services and the Secretary was instructed to record same in the minutes of the Club.

(2) Election of Office Bearers

The following Office Bearers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year

<i>Patron:</i>	<i>Sir George D. Clerk, Bart.</i>
<i>Patronesses:</i>	<i>Lady Clerk and the Dowager Lady Clerk</i>
<i>President:</i>	<i>C.W. Cowan, Esq. of Loganhouse</i>
<i>Vice-president:</i>	<i>James Williamson</i>
<i>Representative Members:</i>	<i>C.W. Cowan and Chas. S. France</i>

<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>A. McGregor</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Chas. S. France</i>
<i><u>Committee or Council of Management</u></i>	

(No entry in Minute Book)

Secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Royal Caledonian Club desiring the necessary schedule of membership made up and transmitted to him before the 1st Oct^r. This was ordered to be done.

(3) On the motion of Mr McGregor, it was unanimously agreed that in future the Officer of the Club shall on no consideration be allowed to give curling stones out of the house to non-members except on receiving a written order from the Member to whom the stones either belong or under whose charge such stones are placed, and that the Member so giving

written permission shall be held responsible for the stones so lent; and while the Club desires to give every facility for young curlers, they discourage promiscuous playing by non-members except under special permission of the Secretary of the Committee. It was further agreed that all regular players must provide themselves with a pair of stones and that these rules be strictly enforced.

Messrs J. Martin, Richard Inglis, Richard Ellis, and John Fleming were unanimously elected regular members of the Club and their entry money paid. The Treasurer intimated annual subscription and entry money paid during the meeting to the amount of £---. The meeting then adjourned.

(sgd.) Chas. S. France
Chairman

11th November 1880

*Minutes of Special General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club held in the Public School,
Penicuik on Thursday, 11th November 1880*

The Club met at 7.30 p.m. having been called by circular from the Secretary. Present; C.W. Cowan, President in the chair, James Williamson Sen^r, A. McGregor, Richard Inglis, Thomas Tudhope, Ge^o. Wilson, James Williamson Jun^r, James Martin, R.S. Hogg, Richard Ellis, William Wilson, Michael Lawson, W^m. Thomson, W^m. Williamson, Walter Robb, W^m. Sanderson, A. Thomson, Tho^s. Lamb, J.J. Wilson, A. Grieve Sen^r, new members, Hugh Sinclair, Gavin Taylor, and the Secretary C.S. France.

Minutes: The minutes of former meeting were held as read.

New Members: The following parties were duly proposed and elected as members, viz: Gavin Taylor, Kersewell, new member, and Hugh Sinclair, Penicuik, desired to rejoin and on paying arrears was re-admitted.

Skips: The following gentlemen were duly proposed, seconded and unanimously elected skips for the ensuing year,

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| N ^o 1 | C.W. Cowan |
| N ^o 2 | James Williamson |
| N ^o 3 | Chas. S. France |
| N ^o 4 | Thomas Tudhope |
| N ^o 5 | Andrew Grieve |
| N ^o 6 | Sir George D. Clerk, Bart. |
| N ^o 7 | Gavin Taylor, Kersewell |
| N ^o 8 | A, McGregor |
| N ^o 9 | H. Sinclair |

Occasional Skips:

Rinks: *The following was the arrangement of rinks for the year,*

- N^o. 1 *C.W. Cowan, Skip*
 A. Thomson
 John Ellis
 Thomas Lamb
 J.J. Wilson
- N^o. 2 *James Williamson, Skip*
 W. Thomson
 W. Williamson
 R.S. Hogg
- N^o. 3 *Chas. S. France, Skip*
 W^m. Sanderson
 Chas. Buchanan
 Rich^d. Inglis
 J. Martin
- N^o. 4 *Thomas Tudhope, Skip*
 J. Dent
 Ja^s. Glendinning
 W^m. Cockburn
- N^o. 5 *Andrew Grieve Senr., Skip*
 J. Williamson Jun^r.
 Michael Lawson
 William Wilson
- N^o. 6 *Sir George D. Clerk, Skip*
 J. Martin
 J. Thomson
 John Ellis or J.J. Wilson
- N^o. 7 *Gavin Taylor, Skip*
 W. Robb
 Richard Ellis
 John Fleming
- N^o. 8 *Hugh Sinclair, Skip*
 John Hunter
 George Hunter
 James Thomson
- N^o. 9 *A. McGregor, Skip*
 Rob^t. Anderson
 And^r. Grieve
 John Ellis or W. Wilson

Bathgate: *Read letter from Bathgate Secretary, Mr Gardner, desiring to know if the Club intended to send any rinks to play at the match or Bonspiel, Mid v West Lothian. Agreed that this Club do not send any rinks to Bathgate. Seeing that most of the players who patronize the Bathgate match are not affiliated members of the Royal Club, this Club think that this should not be countenanced by affiliated clubs.*

Royal match at Carsebreck: Read letter from the Sec^y of the Royal Caledonian Club relative to the match between the North and South of the Forth to take place at Carsebreck this season. The Club unanimously agreed that they should be represented at that match and the following Skips and their rinks were elected, No. 1 C.W. Cowan, No. 2 James Williamson, No. 3 C.S. France, No. 4 Mr Tudhope, No. 5 Mr A Grieve

The Secretary was instructed to make the necessary announcement of this to the Royal secretary.

Provincial Match: Read letter from Mr Hamilton, Secretary for the Mid-Lothian Province, R.C.Club, intimating meeting of representatives for Wednesday, the 17th Ins^t and desiring a representation with instructions from the Club how many rinks intend to take part in the Provincial Match.

The Representative Members, Messrs Cowan and France were instructed to attend and intimate the Club's adhesion to the Province and enter the following rinks for the annual bonspiel.

No.1 C.W. Cowan, No.2 James Williamson, No.3 C.S. France, No.4 Mr T. Tudhope, No.5 Mr A Grieve, No.6 Mr G. Taylor.

Patron's medal: The Secretary intimated that the Patron, Sir George D. Clerk, Bart., would give his silver medal as usual.

President's stones: The President C.W. Cowan intimated that he would this year give two pairs of curling stones and handles to be competed for as a first and second prize in terms of and in accordance with his letter of presentations, dated the 19th Oct. 1869. The Club unanimously desired to tender its thanks first to the Patron for his continued kindly support of the Club and the privilege he extends to it, not only by giving the use of the ponds, but by his kind donation of a medal. The Club also desires to record afresh its indebtedness to Mr C.W. Cowan for his handsome gifts to the Club and the interest he has always taken in its wellbeing.

Order of Games for Ensuing Year

- 1st. Rink Medal
- 2nd. President's curling stones by points
- 3rd. Patron's Medal
- 4th. Club Point Medal

Annual dinner: Agreed that the annual dinner of Beef and Greens will be held on the night on which the Rink Medal is played, or in the event of no ice being this season, that the Club meet for Beef and Greens on a night to be fixed by the Committee immediately after the New Year.

10th November 1880

Penicuik Public School

The Committee met this night in the Public school, at 7.30 p.m., James Williamson, Vice-president in the chair.

The Secretary reported that he attended a meeting of the Provincial Committee and had entered the rinks for the County Bonspiel as per instructions of the general meeting. He also reported that as Mr Taylor was not as yet a member of the R.C.C., he could not compete in this match; therefore his name was deleted from the list. The Secretary also stated that the most of the clubs in West Lothain having joined the Royal Caledonian club this year, and as the arranging of the match at Bathgate between the counties of West and Mid-Lothian was under the management of the Provincial Committee as organisers for this county, he had entered four rinks for the match. The Committee unanimously approved of the action taken up by the Secretary in this matter. The Committee arranged that the Rink Medal would be played for if the ice was favourable on Tuesday, the 23rd Inst^t at 10.30 a.m. It was agreed that the tie should be settled by ends as follows:-

First tie, 13 ends
 Second tie 11 ends
 Third tie 9 ends
 Ice to be changed each tie.

23rd November 1880

The Club met on Penicuik pond this day to play for the Rink Medal. The ice was very stiff and wet and consequently the play was rather below the average, otherwise the game was most exciting, more especially during the last tie. The rink skipped by Mr Tudhope of Lawhead was declared victorious by 4 shots.

The following is the state of the game:

<i>First Tie</i>			
<i>Sir Geo. D Clerk, Bart.</i>	<i>11 shots</i>	<i>Gavin Taylor</i>	<i>10 shots</i>
<i>Thomas Tudhope</i>	<i>14 shots</i>	<i>Andrew Grieve</i>	<i>6 shots</i>
<i>Charles S. France</i>	<i>18 shots</i>	<i>Hugh Sinclair</i>	<i>5 shots</i>
<i>James Williamson Bye</i>			
<i>Second Tie</i>			
<i>James Williamson</i>	<i>18 shots</i>	<i>Sir G.D. Clerk</i>	<i>3 shots</i>
<i>Thomas Tudhope</i>	<i>11 shots</i>	<i>C.S. France</i>	<i>8 shots</i>
<i>Final Tie</i>			
<i>Thomas Tudhope</i>	<i>9 shots</i>	<i>J. Williamson</i>	<i>5 shots</i>

The Club dined together on Beef and Greens in the Royal Hotel, Mr A McGregor in the chair. After spending a very enjoyable evening during which the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and by inter-mingling the enjoyment by curling toasts, songs and sentiment, the Club adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

PENICUIK v MUSSELBURGH:- Played on Penicuik pond on Saturday, three rinks a-side. The following is the result of the match:-

PENICUIK		MUSSELBURGH	
A. Grieve	23	Mr Jenkins.	19
Thos. Tudhope	31	Dr Thomson	17
Chas. S. France	<u>63</u>	Mr Kemp	<u>10</u>
	117		46

Majority for Penicuik, 73 shots

PENICUIK CLUB:- This club met on their pond at Penicuik House yesterday to compete for two pairs of curling stones and handles kindly presented by the president, Mr C.W. Cowan, yr. of Logan House. Twenty-four members entered for competition. The first prize was gained by Mr A. McGregor, with 12 points; and the second by Mr Williamson, sen., with 10 points.

PENICUIK CLUB:- This club met three rinks of Dalkeith club and three rinks of Glencorse on their own ice yesterday. The ice was very wet and stiff, but there was a very exciting and enjoyable game. The following is the result of the match:

Dalkeith,		Penicuik	
	Shots		Shots
Robt Craig, jun	22	C.S. France	17
Wm. Pirrie	25	C.W. Cowan	14
Thomas Smith	<u>17</u>	Thomas Tudhope...	<u>28</u>
Total	64	Total	59

Majority for Dalkeith, 5 shots

PENICUIK:- This club met to play for their point medal yesterday, when 18 members entered. After a keen contest, a tie was declared in favour of Mr R. Inglis and Mr J. Williamson, sen., with 10 points each. After four shots at out-wicking, a tie still remained. Afterwards J. Williamson was declared the winner by 4 shots at chap and lie.

Glencorse,		Penicuik	
Alex. Gardner	24	Jas. Williamson, jun ...	23
W. Hunter	23	Hugh Sinclair	24
Robert Pate	<u>15</u>	Jas. Williamson, sen ...	<u>32</u>
Total	62	Total	79

Majority for Penicuik, 17 shots

PENICUIK v ROSLIN:- The above clubs met for a friendly match on Roslin pond yesterday, five rinks a-side. The following is the result of the match:

Penicuik		Roslin	
J. Ellis	13	J. Simpson	33
James Williamson ...	19	R. Purves	18
Thomas Tudhope	23	D. Law	16
Chas. S. France	28	J. Ferguson	14
A. Grieve	<u>21</u>	G. Glover	<u>26</u>
	104		107

Majority for Roslin, 3 shots

PENICUIK v ROSLIN:- These clubs met to play a return match on Saturday last on Penicuik pond; five rinks a-side. After playing for four hours the scores were declared equal - a very remarkable circumstance in curling. The following are the details of the match:-

Penicuik		Roslin	
Chas. S. France	22	Jas. Simpson	14
A. MacGregor	18	Geo. Simpson	31
Thos. Tudhope	19	Geo. Glover	22
Gavin Taylor	29	Robt. Purves	23
A. Grieve	<u>30</u>	D. M. Law	<u>28</u>
	118		118

HOLYROOD v PENICUIK:- Played on Penicuik pond yesterday, three rinks a-side with the following result:-

Holyrood		Penicuik	
Alexander Fairley	21	J. Williamson	13
Joseph Sutherland	22	Charles S. France.....	18
Alexander Wylie	<u>23</u>	Andrew Grieve	<u>19</u>
	66		50

Majority for Holyrood, 16 shots

5th March 1881

Penicuik and Glencorse:

The above clubs met for a friendly match on Penicuik pond on Saturday 5th March. After a keen contest, the Penicuik Club were the winners.

<i>Penicuik</i>		<i>Glencorse</i>	
<i>T. Tudhope</i>	<i>27 shots</i>	<i>A. Gardner</i>	<i>23 shots</i>
<i>C.S. France</i>	<i>34 shots</i>	<i>W. Hunter</i>	<i>25 shots</i>
<i>W. Wilson</i>	<i><u>27 shots</u></i>	<i>Mr Craik</i>	<i><u>19 shots</u></i>
	<i>88 shots</i>		<i>67 shots</i>

Majority 21 shots.

Competitions and Matches, 1881-82

23rd Dec. 81

PENICUIK CLUB:- The above club met on the pond at Penicuik House yesterday to play for their Point Medal. Twenty-four competitors entered. After a keen contest, a tie was declared in favour of Mr W. Sanderson and Mr George Wilson with 9 points each. After 2 shots at out-wicking, Mr W. Sanderson was declared victor.

24th Dec. 81

PENICUIK CLUB:- This club met on their pond at Penicuik House to play for their Rink Medal on Saturday. Seven rinks entered, one of which afterwards withdrew. Unfortunately a thaw set in just immediately after the game was started, which made the game although a keen one rather unpleasant. After playing off the various ties, victory was declared in favour of the rink skipped by C.S. France by 2 shots.

First Tie

C.S. France	21 shots	George Wilson	4 shots
Alex. McGregor	13 shots	J. Williamson, sen.	11 shots
Thos. Tudhope	13 shots	G. Taylor	7 shots

Second Tie

Thos. Tudhope	15 shots	A. McGregor	5 shots
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Third Tie

Chas. S. France	8 shots	Thos. Tudhope	6 shots
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C.S. France, rink victor by two shots.

15th December 1881

Minute of the meeting of Committee of Penicuik Curling Club held on Thursday, 15th December 1881.

James Williamson Sen^r, Vice-president in the chair.

Present: Messrs McGregor, Henderson, Wilson, Hogg and Secretary.

It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary warn all the Members to the pond on Saturday at 10 o'clock to play for the Rink Medal should frost continue till that time.

Rotation of Matches

- (1) Club Point medal*
- (2) Patron's Medal*
- (3) President's stones and handles*
- (4) Beef and greens to be arranged for night of the Patron's Medal being played for.*

Skips

*J. Williamson, Sen^r
W. Thomson
R.S. Hogg
W. Williamson*

*W. Robb
John Ellis
John Hunter
James Thomson*

*C.W. Cowan
A. McGregor
Michael Lawson
George Laing
D. Henderson*

*W. Lamb
J.J. Wilson
Dr. Badger
H. Cowe
J. Foulis*

*T. Tudhope
W. Cockburn
J. Dent
J. Glendinning*

*R.S. Anderson
J. Robertson
J. Easton
J. Symington*

*C.S. France
W. Sanderson
C. Buchanan
R. Inglis*

*Gavin Taylor
Francis Thomson
J. Scott
J. Fleming*

*A. Grieve, Sen^r
J. Williamson,
Wm. Wilson
George Wilson*

*Rules as to Stones
Rink Medal*

*Penicuik Curling Club
Rink Medal Competition
24th December 1881*

Rules of match

To be play off in ties of ends

1st Tie 13 ends

2nd Tie 13 ends

3rd Tie 9 ends

To prevent any disputes as to stones being changed during the course of the match it will be the rule that: Before tickets are drawn each skip will have his men on the ice and stones in their possession which they intend to play. Each member will then be obliged to finish the whole match with the stones there in his possession with the usual arrangement made between skips as to changing bottom's should the ice change.

*Sgd Charles S. France
Sec^y*

1st May, 1882

Minutes of Meeting of Committee

Present: James Williamson Sen^r, President, in the chair, Messrs McGregor, Sanderson, Thomson, Cockburn, Buchanan, Henderson, Inglis, and the Secretary.

Appointment of an interim Secretary: Mr McGregor moved, seconded by Mr Henderson that Mr. Buchanan takes over the duties of Secretary till the general meeting of the Club. Mr Buchanan kindly agreed. Mr France thanked the meeting for their kind expressions towards him on his retirement. After Mr France retired, it was agreed that some token of esteem be presented to him for his services to the Club. A Committee was appointed, viz:- Messrs J. Williamson Sen^r, W. Sanderson, W. Thomson, D. Henderson and W. Cockburn.

5th May 1882

Penicuik Public School

A special general meeting of the Curling Club was held here this evening, Mr James Williamson, President in the chair. It was stated by the Chairman that this meeting had been called for the purpose of hearing the report of those parties appointed at the previous Committee meeting to get up a testimonial for Mr France their late Secretary on the occasion of his leaving the district. Mr Anderson then read the report which proved highly satisfactory, showing the total collected to be £16:4/- viz: £13:4/- by Mr Williamson and party and £3 by Mr William Sanderson. The collectors having received the thanks of the meeting

for the substantial donations they had received during so short a time. A discussion then took place as to what form of testimonial should be. After various suggestion being made, Mr Henderson proposed, seconded by Mr W. Cockburn, that the collectors be instructed to call upon Mr France and get his opinion in the matter and report to the meeting, proposed to be held in the Royal Hotel tomorrow, Saturday at 8 p.m. With this business the meeting closed.

6th May 1882

Minutes of Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

A few of the Members having met this evening, the report of the Committee appointed to wait upon Mr France informed the meeting that having done so, they thought the testimonial should be in the shape of a timepiece (drawing room) with a brooch for Mrs France of a suitable design. This being approved, Mr Williamson and Mr D. Henderson were asked to make the necessary arrangements with Mr James Henderson, watchmaker for the supply of same. It was also agreed to forward to Mr Buchanan the minutes of meetings held, and a list of Members intending to be present at the dinner on Friday, the 12th Ins^t so as to allow him time to issue circulars to these members stating the dinner to take place at 7 p.m. in Mr Hay's Royal Hotel. The meeting adjourned.

(sgd.) R.S. Anderson

11th May 1882

Penicuik Curling Club

The Committee appointed to collect for the presentation met and paid Mr Henderson for the brooch and timepiece, £16:10/-.

The annual dinner and presentation took place in the Royal Hotel, about 30 Members being present, Mr McGregor in the chair. After spending a very enjoyable evening marred alone by feelings of regret at loosing such a warm hearted and enthusiastic brother in the roaring game, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured and although it was an unseasonable time for an annual curling dinner, toasts seemed to make the evening pass before many were aware. The Club adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

CURLING

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB:- This club met on their pond at Penicuik House on Tuesday and competed for a pair of curling stones and handles presented by the President, Mr Charles W. Cowan. Twenty two members entered for the competition. The prize was gained by Mr Harrison with 15 points.

On Wednesday, a very interesting game took place,

Result:-

Mr. Munro,	16 shots	Mr McGregor	10 shots
Mr Sanderson	15 shots	Mr Tudhope	13 shots

26th September 1882

Minutes of Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

The Annual Meeting was held this evening in the Public school, Vice-president James Williamson Sen^r, presided. The Treasurer submitted the Financial Statement showing a balance in favour of the Club of £2:13:11. Mr Hogg moved adoption of the report. In the absence of Mr Buchanan, Interim Secretary, the Treasurer read minutes of meetings of past year which were confirmed. The list was then made up for insertion in the Annual. New members were appointed, Mr Munro, Mr Quigley, Mr Harrison, and Mr Cowe. It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at 3/-.

16th November 1882

Minutes of Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

A general meeting was held this evening, Mr Wilson in the chair. It was stated by the Chairman that this meeting was called to appoint Skips and arrange rinks to play at the Grand Match and Province. The meeting being poorly attended, Mr McGregor moved that no Member be appointed Skip unless they attend the meeting held for such or said reasons, for not be being present. This motion was seconded by Messrs. Lawson, Thomson and Anderson.

Skips appointed: Mr J Williamson Sen^r, Mr C.W. Cowan, Mr W. Sanderson, Mr A. Grieve, Mr Thomson, Mr Tudhope, Mr G. Wilson. Mr McGregor moved that three rinks should be entered for Carsebreck. Mr Anderson seconded and Messrs. Williamson, Sanderson and Tudhope were chosen. It was also agreed that four rinks should be entered for the Province.

15th December, 1882

Carsebreck Match

The rinks played at the Grand Match, Carsebreck and were successful in gaining 25 shots for the Club.

Skips:

T. Tudhope 9 shots
A Grieve 7 shots
W. Sanderson 9 shots

2nd March 1883

Penicuik Curling Club Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the above Club took place in the Royal Hotel, Mr Wilson in the chair. After spending a very enjoyable evening, during which the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured. The Club adjourned at 10.30pm.

25th February 1883

Minutes of Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

The Committee met and made arrangement for the annual dinner. It was also agreed that the medals of the Club should be mounted on suitable regalia which was done.

4th October 1883

Minutes of the meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

The Annual Meeting was held this evening in the Public School, James Williamson Sen^r, presiding. The Secretary read the minutes of the past year, which were approved of.

The Treasurer submitted his Financial Statement showing a balance in favour of the Club of £4:3/-. Office bearers were then appointed. The list was then made up for insertion in the Annual. New members were then appointed, viz: Mr Grainger, Mr T. Brown. It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at 3/-.

(sgd.) James Williamson Senior

20th November 1883

Minutes of Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

A general meeting of the Club was held in the Public school, Mr H Munro presided. The secretary read the minutes of last meeting which were approved of.

Skips were then appointed as follows, Mr Tudhope, Mr J. Williamson Sen^r, Mr Thomson, Auchencorth, Mr C. Buchanan, Mr Williamson Jun^r, Mr A. Grieve, Mr Hunter, Mr C.W. Cowan, and Mr J.J. Wilson. The skips entered for Carsebreck were Messrs Tudhope, Cowan, Buchanan; three skips were entered for the Province.

(sgd.) Hugh Munro, Chairman.

29th September 1884

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

The Annual General meeting of the above Club was held in the above place this evening at 7.30 p.m. In the absence of the President and Vice-president at the hour named, Mr H. Munro was elected Chairman.

In the absence of Mr Buchanan the Secretary through indisposition, the Treasurer read the minutes of last year's meetings which were approved and signed.

The Treasurer then read the report of the finances of the Club, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £4:11:3. The Treasurer explained that owing to the scarcity of ice last and preceding winters, he had not got in the subscriptions and asked the meeting to authorize the Secretary when calling the meeting for election of skips to intimate to each Member the amount of subscriptions due, and that subscriptions due would be collected on that evening. To this the meeting agreed. Mr Inglis then proposed J.J. Paterson, Esq. as new Representative Member; unanimously agreed to. Mr McGregor proposed Mr J Russell as an occasional member, which was also agreed to. Mr Buchanan was appointed a Representative Member in lieu of J. Williamson Sen^r, who wished to retire. The roll of members for insertion in the Annual was then adjusted showing 26 regular and 21 occasional Members. The Treasurer was authorised to pay £1:7:6 to the funds of the R.C.C.C.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

(sgd.) James Williamson

17th November 1884

Minutes of Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

A general meeting of this Club was held to appoint skips, (J.J. Wilson in the chair) and enter the names of those chosen to play at Carsebreck and the Mid-Lothian Province. Skips appointed for the year were, T. Tudhope, J. Williamson Sen^r, C. Buchanan, A. Grieve, John Hunter, J.J. Wilson, F. Thomson, and Charles W^m Cowan. - Skips were left free to choose their own players. - Skips appointed to play at Carsebreck, A. Grieve, Thomas Tudhope, and C. Buchanan, at the Mid-Lothian province, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope and C. Buchanan.

25th December 1884

Penicuik Curling Club

This Club met to play for the Rink Medal, seven rinks entered. The ice being keen, a very enjoyable day was passed. After playing off the various ties, victory was declared in favour of the rink skipped by James Granger.

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB:- This club met on their pond at Penicuik House to play for their rink medal on Saturday, seven rinks entered, the ice being very keen throughout the day. A very exciting and enjoyable day was passed. After playing off the various ties, victory was declared in favour of the rinks skipped by J. Granger supported by J.J. Paterson, Esq. Inglis and C. Buchanan by 6 shots. First tie: A. Grieve, 10; Granger 13; J.J. Wilson 9; Tudhope 16; J. Williamson 11; Thomson 12; J. Hunter bye; Second tie: T. Tudhope 11; J. Granger 13; J. Hunter 6; F. Thomson 10; Final tie: J. Granger 10; F. Thomson 4.

26th December 1884

Penicuik Curling Club

The Club met to-day to play for the Point Medal, 27 entered, and after a very keen contest, it was gained by William Harrison with 12 points. Thereafter 22 entered for the President's Stones which were won with 10 points by William Thomson.

30th December 1884

The three rinks entered for the Mid-Lothian Province played on Cobbingshaw Loch and were successful in gaining 8 points for the club. J. Granger gained 8, Thos. Tudhope lost one, James Williamson Sen^r, gained 1 point.

31st December 1884

The Club met to play for a pair of curling stones and handles, the gift of C.W. Cowan, President. There were 23 entries and after a keen contest, Thomas Tudhope was declared the winner with a score of 14 points. Thereafter there was a match between the President and Vice-president, 4 rinks on each side, which ended in a victory for the Vice-president, by 18 points.

PENICUIK:- The Penicuik curlers met on their pond yesterday to play for a pair of curling stones and handles, the gift of Mr C. Wm. Cowan, the President of the club. There were 23 entries and after a very keen contest, Thomas Tudhope, Lawhead was declared the winner with a score of 14 points. Thereafter, there was a match between the President and Vice-president, 4 rinks on each side, which ended in a victory for the vice president, by a majority of 18, scores:- President 45; Vice-president, 63.

1st January 1885

Penicuik Curling Club

A match was played between Penicuik and Currie Clubs for a Royal Caledonian medal, three rinks a-side, and resulted in a loss for Penicuik by 11 shots.

Thereafter there was a game played with all of the players mixed and rinks made up and cuts drawn, for winning or losing cuts, for coal to the poor, which was the means of raising £2:2/-.

Penicuik v. Currie: Played on the 2nd inst., on Pond of former, for a Royal Caledonian Club Medal: scores as under:-

Penicuik		Currie	
Mr Grainger	16	Mr J.M. Rowatt	17
Mr Williamson	17	Sir J.H. Gibson-Craig	16
Mr Thomson	<u>12</u>	Mr J. I. Davidson	<u>23</u>
	45		56
Majority for Currie, 11 shots			

2nd January 1885

A match was played between Penicuik and Dalkeith for a Royal Caledonian medal, four rinks a-side, and resulted in a win for Penicuik by 22 shots.

On the 2nd inst. a match was played between Penicuik and Dalkeith Clubs for a Royal Caledonian Club Medal. – four rinks a-side – and resulted in a win for Penicuik by 22 shots.

13th January 1885

Rosslyn and Penicuik played a friendly game on Penicuik ice, which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 20 shots.

14th January 1885

A friendly game was played on Slipperfield Loch between West Linton (Senior) and Penicuik, four rinks a-side. Penicuik won by 5 shots.

CURLING. - Rosslyn v. Penicuik met on Penicuik House Pond on Tuesday – six rinks a-side. The result was a gain for Penicuik by 20 shots.
On Wednesday a match was played on Slipperfield Loch between West Linton (senior) and Penicuik – four rinks a-side. Penicuik won by 5 shots. Scores

West Linton Skips		Penicuik Skips	
J. Laing	7	T. Tudhope	13
A. Veitch	11	J. Jardine Paterson	10
T. Lawson	10	C.W. Cowan	11
C. Laing	<u>10</u>	F. Thomson	<u>9</u>
	38		43

15th January 1885

Penicuik Curling Club

Five tons of coals were distributed to nine parties, mostly to widows of curlers once connected with this Club, at a cost of £2:2/-, carted free by Mr Tudhope, one of the Members.

22nd January 1885

The Peebles Club met us on Penicuik ice to play a friendly game, 4 rinks a-side. After playing a keen game, it resulted in a win for Penicuik by 3 points.

23rd January 1885

A friendly game was played on Penicuik ice between Merchiston and Penicuik, which resulted in a win for Merchiston by 27 shots.

6th March 1885

The Annual Dinner of this Club was held in the Royal Hotel, 25 members were present, the President, Charles W. Cowan in the chair. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent with many suitable toasts and songs. The President kindly presented Mr Taylor's book to the Club, which was very much appreciated.

(sgd.) James Williamson

30 September 1885

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club

The Annual General Meeting of this Club was held in the Public school at 7-30 p.m. Vice-president James Williamson was called to the chair. The minutes of the last year's meetings were read and approved of. The Treasurer then gave the report on the finances of the Club, showing a balance in hand of £6:8:3, which was heartily approved, and accepted of as correct. The Office Bearers and Committee were then appointed, and a list made up for insertion in the Annual. Skips were chosen for the year as follows:- Thomas Tudhope, James Williamson, James Granger, John Hunter, John J. Wilson, Francis Thomson, Charles W^m. Cowan and Andrew Grieve. It was arranged that John J. Wilson, Charles W^m. Cowan and Francis Thomson should represent the Club at the Grand Match; and James Williamson, Thos. Tudhope, James Granger and John Hunter at the Mid-lothian Province. The Treasurer was authorised to pay the yearly subscription and entries for the Club which amounted to £1:15:9. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

19th November 1885

Penicuik Curling Club

A Committee meeting was called on the ice. It was agreed that A. Wilson should be appointed Officer to the Club for the season at his former wages and James Williamson to attest all accounts before he could present them to the Treasurer for payment. James Anderson and Charles Wilson were appointed new members - John J. Wilson proposed and Thomas Tudhope seconded.

10th December 1885

Four rinks of this Club played at Cobbingshaw in the Mid-Lothian Province, which resulted in a gain of 38 shots for the Club, which placed the Club third in the game - J. Williamson gained 23, Tudhope 9, Granger 1 and F. Thomson 5, total 38

11th December 1885

This Club met to play for their Point Medal, 19 entered. Messrs Inglis, Tudhope and Thomson tied with 11 points. After playing off the tie, Inglis was declared winner with 13 points.

9th January 1886

Penicuik Curling Club

This Club met on their pond to play for a pair of curling stones and handles, the gift of Major Sanford. There were 20 entered. Some of the previous winners of stones were handicapped by four. Mr Tudhope scored 12, but Mr Robert Cowan was declared winner with a score of 9 points. A trophy, the gift of Mr C.W. Cowan, the President of the Club was thereafter played for. T. Tudhope and C. Buchanan tied with a score of 13 points. After tie playing, T. Tudhope won by 1 point.

PENICUIK CLUB:- The Penicuik curlers met on their pond at Penicuik House on Saturday to play for a pair of curling stones and handles, the gift of Major Sanford. There were twenty entries. Some of the previous winners of stones were handicapped by four. Mr Tudhope, Lawhead, scored 12, but Mr Robert Cowan, Valleyfield, was declared the winner with a score of nine points. A trophy, the gift of Mr Charles Wm. Cowan, Valleyfield House, the president of the club, was thereafter played for. Mr Tudhope, Lawhead, and Mr Buchanan, Penicuik House, tied with a score of 13 points each. After four shots at outwicking, Mr Tudhope was the winner by one shot. The ice was keen and fine.

12th January 1886

Three rinks of this Club played at the Grand Match Carsebreck and were successful in gaining shots for the Club. C.W. Cowan and Francis Thomson gained, and J.J. Wilson lost.

On the same day Penicuik met Glencorse to play a friendly game on Penicuik ice, Glencorse were winners by 5 shots. There is no record of this game in the Minute Book. The press cuttings associated with the game show that it generated a degree of short term controversy between the two clubs.

Correspondence

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

Sir, - Mr John Craik in the letter which you published on Saturday 6th inst., accused the Penicuik Curling Club of ignoring a game played with Glencorse Club. The circumstances are as follows, and I will leave the curling world to form their own opinions:- On the 12th January, when part of the Penicuik Curling Club were engaged at the Royal Caledonian Curling Club Bonspiel, it was arranged to play Glencorse Curling Club with three rinks on Penicuik ice. Most people who take an interest in curling will remember the day turned out disagreeable for curling. Between nine and ten o'clock it came on very wet, and prevented the Penicuik curlers from turning out. However, a very enthusiastic Penicuik curler, who belongs to Glencorse parish, and knows their aquatic nature, made his way early to the pond and found the officer waiting with a message to the effect that none of the Penicuik curlers were coming. The officer was sent to Penicuik to hunt out men, and was successful in getting as many to turn out as met our opponents. After playing the time arranged, in water from 1½ to 3 inches deep, Glencorse scored 60, Penicuik 55. After which Glencorse proposed that it should not be considered a match and Penicuik agreed. The reason of its not being published was that we considered it no match.

I am & c.,
A PENICUIK CURLER

Correspondence

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

Sir, - Were we to attempt to follow Mr Craik's rambling letter of the 29th inst., it would lead to a lengthened criticism, and away from the subject at issue. Mr Craik so far ratifies all the facts that were stated by the "Penicuik Curler." He distinctly acknowledges that they agreed not to make that day's curling public, but claims it as a match. What could be their motive for keeping it private if they consider it such, unless they were ashamed of the public knowing, as the day was one that curlers would say strength or keen stones, not the science of the game, was the result. It was clearly understood by the Penicuik Club that it was to be considered no match; but suppose we now accept of Mr Craik's definition of the arrangement and acknowledge that we were stupid enough not to comprehend their proposition, we do not think it consistent that we should be accused in public for not taking notice of it in public. We fail to see the honesty of such treatment. - We are, & c.,

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

Bush Home Farm, Roslin, 15th March 18886

Sir, - Your correspondent "A Penicuik Curler" introduces matter quite foreign to the subject at issue with regard to this controversy, and of which I would have taken no notice had it not been for a sentence at the end of "Curler's" letter. They say it occurred on 12th January when part of their Club were engaged elsewhere, leaving the public to imagine (to use a curling phrase) that only the "rags" were at home to meet our Club that day. However, I will give the names of their skips, and curlers can form their own opinions:- Mr Paterson, Mr Williamson, and Mr Tudhope (the enthusiast mentioned by "Curler") the latter of whom, I believe, has won about 100 shots off his opponents this season, although, I am glad to say, he added nothing to his victories on that memorable and disagreeable day against Glencorse. Now, although the curling world may not know the rinks that we met, yet I think any club that has played against them this season will admit that their officer made a very good selection, and had done it quickly, because when we arrived and up to time, our opponents were on the ice and everything in order to commence. "A Penicuik Curler" says that the water was from 1½ to 3 inches deep. If such is his measurement, I hope he does not deal in cloth. But let that be as it may, the ice was hard and true, so much so, that we played full length the whole day, which showed clearly that their swimming propensities were as strong as ours. I cannot understand how they thought it was not to be considered a match, as the statement was not made by our Club. What we said was - that we would not report it in the papers. Now, my opinion is, if it was no match there would have been no cause to mention reporting, as there would have been nothing to report. We met our opponents that day prepared to have a hard and determined battle to fight before we could win, knowing as we did the rinks we had to play, and after attaining our objective, I do not think it stands to reason, and I hope the Glencorse curlers will never be so simple as make such a proposal as they say we did, namely that it was no match, and to which, of course, they agreed. Excuse me taking up so much of your valuable space, but I will take no notice of any further correspondence on the subject. - I am & c., JOHN CRAIK

P.S. - I omitted to say that Penicuik challenged us, and, after they knew who of their own Club were going to the bonspiel, no undue advantage was taken on our part. J.C.
[Any reply to this must, in fairness, be signed by the writer, seeing Mr Craik gives his name.]

15th January 1886

This Club met to play for the Rink Medal. The result was as follows:-

First Tie

T. Tudhope, 20; J. Grainger, 7 J. Williamson, 14; J. Hunter, C.W. Cowan, 14; J.J. Wilson, 11

Second Tie

J. Williamson, 8; T. Tudhope, 9 C.W. Cowan a bye

Third Tie

T. Tudhope, 9; C.W. Cowan, 6

F. Thomson not being informed of the match, it was agreed that he should get playing a tie with the winner which was done the following day in 3 inches of water. The result was F. Thomson, 13 and T. Tudhope, 8.

PENICUIK:- This Club played for their rink medal on Thursday and yesterday. Seven Rinks entered. After playing off the various ties, the medal was won by the rink skipped by Francis Thomson, Auchencorth.

16th January 1886

The Club met to play for coals to the poor. The Vice-president and Secretary drew the members and formed them into rinks. The Vice-president won by 6 shots. Five tons of coals were distributed at a cost of £2:10/- to nine parties, carted free by Mr Tudhope for which he received the thanks of the club.

PENICUIK:- This Club met on Saturday to play for coal to the poor. The Vice-president and Secretary drew the members and formed them into rinks. The Vice-president won by 6 shots.

18th January 1886

West Linton met this Club on Penicuik ice to play a friendly game which resulted in a win for Penicuik of 11 shots; J. Williamson 14 Laing 30; T. Tudhope 27 Lawson 11; C.W. Cowan 17 Melrose 16; J.J. Paterson 25; Porteous 20.

29th January 1886

A Committee meeting of this Club was held in the Royal Hotel to make arrangements for the Annual Dinner, which they agreed to have on the 5th February in the Royal Hotel. Many were anxious to have wives and sweethearts, but were outvoted.

2nd February 1886

Penicuik Curling Club

This Club met the Rosslyn curlers on Rosslyn ice, 4 rinks a-side. After playing the time appointed, Penicuik won by 20 shots.

4th February 1886

Holyrood Club and Penicuik met on Penicuik ice for a friendly game. After playing the time arranged, Penicuik scored 86, Holyrood 66. Majority for Penicuik 20 shots.

PENICUIK v. HOLYROOD:- Played on Penicuik ice; 4 rinks a-side. Penicuik won by 20 shots. Scores:-			
PENICUIK		HOLYROOD	
J.J. Paterson	14	Alex. Fairley	25
J. Williamsom	37	C. Johnston	6
T. Tudhope	22	J. Sutherland	15
F. Thomson	<u>13</u>	J. Gibb	<u>20</u>
	86		66

5th February 1886

The Penicuik Club was umpire for a Royal Caledonian Medal between Coates and Peebles. Coates failed to come forward. The Umpire then handed over the medal to Peebles, and agreed to play them in a friendly game, 6 rinks a-side. After playing the time arranged, Penicuik won by 11 shots.

The annual dinner took place in the evening in the Royal Hotel, about 30 Members being present, President C.W^m. Cowan in the chair. After a very enjoyable evening spent with all the usual royal and patriotic toasts with many songs, etc. the meeting was brought to a close at 10 p.m.

6th February 1886

Musselburgh v. Penicuik played a friendly game on Penicuik ice. Penicuik won by 55 shots.

7th February 1886

Mr R Henderson presented a ham to the Club; J. Brown and R. Inglis won it with 8 points each and it was divided.

26th February 1886

Holyrood and Penicuik met on Penicuik ice to play a friendly game to try and make up for lost laurels, which resulted in Penicuik winning by 19 shots.

CURLING			
The Penicuik and Holyrood clubs met yesterday on the ice of the former. The ice tested the staying power both clubs. Notwithstanding, an enjoyable game was carried through with the following result:			
PENICUIK		HOLYROOD	
Brown	23	Fairley	7
Tudhope	24	Johnston	14
Williamson	<u>20</u>	Sutherland	<u>27</u>
	67		48

27th February 1886

Dalkeith and Penicuik met on Penicuik ice to play a friendly match. After playing the time arranged, Penicuik was victorious by 45 shots.

PENICUIK v. DALKEITH:- On Saturday Penicuik Club added another win to their unbroken series of successes this season, in a match with Dalkeith Club on the pond near Penicuik House, which ended in favour of Penicuik by 45 shots. Scores:-			
DALKEITH		PENICUIK	
Thomson	16	Buchanan	26
Carey	17	Tudhope	35
Pirrie	12	Williamson	21
Blackwood	<u>11</u>	Brown	<u>19</u>
	56		101

(sgd.) James Williamson Senior

29th September 1886

Penicuik Curling Club

The Annual General Meeting of this Club was held in the Public School at 7.30 p.m., Vice-president James Williamson was called to the chair. The minutes and proceedings of the past season were read and the financial statement approved of, which showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £1:13:02.

It was arranged to let the annual subscription remain at 3/-. The Office Bearers and Committee were appointed. New members were proposed and seconded, William Kerr, Coal Agent, Gavin Taylor, Kersewell, Downie Brown, Kirkhill, William Pate, Easter Deans. The list was made up for insertion in the Annual; 31 regulars and 22 occasionals, 53 members in all.

Skips appointed for the year, Charles W^m. Cowan, J. Williamson, Thomas Tudhope, J. Granger, F. Thomson, J.J. Wilson, Andrew Grieve, J. Hunter and Charles Wilson.

Grand Match - No entries made

The following Skips were entered for the Mid-Lothian Province or County match if it took place, C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Granger. F. Thomson and C. Wilson.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the R.C.C. Club dues, £1-8-6.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

17th December 1886

A large gathering on the ice - agreed to the Committee warning the Club to meet the following day, as it was Saturday, to play for the Rink Medal. It was also agreed to appoint the Officer we had the year previous - A. Wilson.

18th December 1886

This Club met to play for their Rink Medal, the ice keen and good, 6 rinks entered:

First Tie

J. Granger, 15; Maj. Sanford, C. Wilson, 22; J. Hunter, F. Thomson, 19; T. Tudhope,

Second Tie

C. Wilson, 14; F. Thomson, 6

J. Granger, bye

Third Tie

C. Wilson, 6; J. Granger, 13

J Granger was declared the winner

PENICUIK CURLING CLUB:- This club met on their pond at Penicuik House to play for their rink medal on Saturday. The ice was keen and good. After playing off the various ties, victory was declared in favour of the rink skipped by James Granger., supported by J.J. Paterson, Inglis, and Buchanan. First tie - C. Wilson, 22 - J. Hunter, 0; T. Tudhope, 14 - F. Thomson, 19; Major Sanford, 10 - J. Granger, 15, Second tie - C. Wilson, 14 - F. Thomson, 6; J. Granger, bye. Final tie - C. Wilson, 6 - J. Granger, 13.

20th December 1886

The Mid-Lothian province was arranged at Cobbingshaw. This Club went to Edinburgh and was informed there that the ice would not suit for the match. The Waverley Club kindly arranged a friendly game, 5 rinks a-side, which resulted in Penicuik gaining 15 shots.

WAVERLEY		PENICUIK	
H. Gilmour	24	C. Wilson	12
Rev. C. McGregor	18	F. Thomson	21
A. Usher	20	T. Tudhope	38
A. Hamilton	18	Major Sanford	19
G. Ritchie	<u>22</u>	J. Grainger	<u>27</u>
	102		117

21st December 1886

The Members met to play for a ham, the gift of Mr Cowe, 15 entered. After playing the various points, W. Harrison was declared winner with 11 points.

PENICUIK CLUB:- This Club met on their pond on Tuesday to play for a ham, the gift of Mr Cowe, merchant, Penicuik. Fifteen entered. It was won by Mr W. Harrison with a score of 11 points.

24th December 1886

It was arranged to go to Holyrood to play for a R.C.C.C. Medal. Stones were sent to station. Penicuik players did not turn up. The Secretary called at Holyrood pond and explained the day was rather changeable like, and asked the Club to put off the match, which was agreed to.

25th December 1886

This Club met to play for the Point Medal, and Major Sanford's Stones - 27 entered. After playing off the various points for the medal, Thomas Brown was declared winner with 13 points - F Thomson, John Fleming, and James Granger tied with 12 points each for the Stones; after playing off the tie amongst falling snow, F Thomson gained 1 shot.

PENICUIK CLUB:- The members met on Saturday to play for the point medal. Twenty-seven entered. After playing the usual points, T. Brown won it with 13 points. Major Sanford presented the club with a pair of curling stones, which were keenly contested for by points. Messrs. J. Fleming, Granger, and F. Thomson each scored 12, and played off the tie, which Mr F. Thomson was successful in gaining by one point.

28th December 1886

Bathgate Match arranged. This Club went to Edinburgh and were turned. Holyrood arranged a friendly game which was not to be made public. Penicuik gained 22 shots.

29th December 1886

This Club met Holyrood on Mayfield pond on a splendid sheet of ice and played for a R.C.C.C. Medal (Merchiston club umpire). Penicuik gained the medal with 43 shots. Penicuik total 119, Holyrood total 76 - P. J.J. Paterson 21 v. H. A. Fairley 23 - P. W. Harrison 50 v. H. J. Sutherland 12 - P. C. Wilson 24 v. H. C. Johnston 20 - P. F. Thomson 24 v. H. J. Gibb 21

PENICUIK		HOLYROOD	
J.J. Paterson	21	A. Fairley	23
W. Harrison	50	J. Sutherland	12
C. Wilson	24	C. Johnstone	20
F. Thomson	<u>24</u>	J. Gibb	<u>21</u>
	119		76

31st December 1886

Penicuik v. Dalkeith met on Dalkeith ice and played a friendly match, 5 rinks a-side. Total for Penicuik 114, total for Dalkeith 102, gain for Penicuik 12 shots.

PENICUIK v. DALKEITH: - Played at Dalkeith. Scores:-			
DALKEITH		PENICUIK	
E. Dawson	24	G. Taylor	22
Rev. A Gray	17	J. Granger	19
G. Pirrie	23	C. Wilson	22
A. Thomson	17	T. Tudhope	33
R. Craig, jun.	<u>21</u>	F. Thomson	<u>16</u>
	102		114

1st January 1887

Arranged to go to Peebles, weather changed, came back to Penicuik and had a mixed game.

5th January 1887

This Club went to Peebles to play a friendly game, 6 rinks a-side. The snow was lying 16 inches deep, the ice was biased, and when the time was up to stop the game, we were 33 shots down.

PEEBLES v. PENICUIK: - The above clubs met yesterday on Crossburn Pond, Peebles, with six rinks, when the home players proved victors by 33 shots. Scores:-			
PEEBLES		PENICUIK	
W. Blackwood	26	C. Wilson	4
W. Paterson	24	F. Thomson	15
J. Veitch	16	T. Tudhope	15
T.W. Dickson	20	G. Taylor	12
Sir John A. Hay	15	J. Granger	20
J. Hunter	<u>14</u>	C.W. Cowan	<u>16</u>
	115		82

6th January 1887

The Club met to compete at points for the President's Trophy, 20 entered. C. Wilson, F. Thomson, W. Robb and W. Harrison tied with 10 points. At outwicking, F. Thomson made 1 point, W. Harrison 2 points and was declared winner.

PENICUIK CLUB:- This club met to play for a trophy, the gift of Mr Charles Wm. Cowan, president of the club. Twenty entered. After playing off the various points, C. Wilson, F. Thomson, W. Harrison, and W. Robb tied with 10 points each. The tie was played off, and Harrison was successful in gaining the trophy by 2 points.

7th January 1887

This Club met Merchiston on Merchiston Pond in a friendly game of 21 ends, 6 rinks a-side which ended in favour of Merchiston club by 14 shots.

MERCHISTON		PENICUIK	
J. Kerr	20	Mr Cowan	21
D. McGregor	18	Mr Granger	12
P. Shaw	12	Mr Wilson	20
C. Hay	20	Mr Taylor	13
J. Morris	19	Mr Tudhope	22
J. Forgie	<u>25</u>	Mr Thomson	<u>12</u>
	114		100

8th January 1887

Mid-Lothian Province was arranged the second time, four rinks of the Penicuik Club withdrew. The President, C. W. Cowan and R. Inglis made up two rinks and went to represent the Club - C.W. Cowan 18, Ewart, Edinburgh Northern 15; R. Inglis 12, Bryce, Ratho 18. The loss was three to the Club.

10th January 1887

Bathgate match was arranged for the second time, Penicuik withdrew.

14th January 1887

The Club met Roslin on Penicuik ice in a friendly game, 4 rinks each. After playing the time arranged the home club gained 13 shots, viz:- Roslin Mr Sanderson 15 - C.W. Cowan 24 - J. Granger - Roslin J. White 17 - Mr Purves 19 - T. Tudhope 19 - C. Wilson 25 - Mr Mochrie 24. Roslin total 75, Penicuik total 88

15th January 1887

Peebles met this Club on our own ice, 6 rinks a-side. After playing 21 ends, Peebles was declared winner by 17 shots.

PEEBLES v. PENICUIK: - This match was played on the pond of the latter at Penicuik House on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for Peebles by 17 shots. Scores:-			
PEEBLES		PENICUIK	
A. Hamilton	33	C.W. Cowan	8
W. Paterson	25	F. Thomson	14
W. Blackwood	24	J. Granger	20
J. Hunter	13	J. Williamson	23
D. MacFarlane	12	T. Tudhope	19
M. Dyer	<u>16</u>	C. Wilson	<u>22</u>
	123		106

17th January 1887

Penicuik met Dalkeith on Penicuik pond with 4 rinks. After the game was finished, Penicuik was declared winner by 3 shots.

PENICUIK v. DALKEITH: - These clubs played a game on the Penicuik ice. Scores:-			
DALKEITH		PENICUIK	
E. Dawson	10	Jasmes Granger	20
J.R. Blackwood	16	Thomas Tudhope	23
Geo. Pirrie	18	Francis Thomson	10
R. Craig, jun.	<u>22</u>	Charles Wilson	<u>16</u>
	66		69

18th January 1887

Game arranged with Temple Club. Change of weather prevented.

(sgd.) James Williamson

28th September 1887

Public School, Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30 p.m. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Mr J. Williamson, V. Pres.

The minutes of meeting held during the last curling season were read and confirmed. The financial statement was then laid before the meeting, showing a balance to the credit of

the Club, of £3:15:5. This was considered very satisfactory and received the approval of the meeting. The roll of members for publication in the Annual was then adjusted, the new roll showing a strength of 32 regular and 25 occasional members. The annual subscription was fixed at 3/-.

It was agreed to appoint 7 Skips, and the following were appointed by the meeting, C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Granger, F. Thomson, J. Hunter, and C. Wilson. It was agreed to send three rinks to take part in the Grand Match and C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson and T. Tudhope were the Skips chosen. The meeting also agreed that 3 rinks should be entered for the Provincial Match, Skips to be appointed afterwards.

The Treasurer and Secretary were both re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

(sgd.) James Williamson

22nd December 1887

This Club met for the first time this season on the ice. James Steele, Cornbank, Alex Milroy, Penicuik and Captain Moore, Bank House were duly elected new members.

24th December 1887

The Club met to play for the Point Medal, 20 entered. After playing the usual points, James Steele won it with 13 points.

Mr A. Wilson presented the Club with 2 lbs. Tobacco, which was played for in rinks. J. Williamson and T. Tudhope drew the men and formed the sides. T. Tudhope gained by one point.

29th December 1887

This Club met to play for the Rink Medal. Four rinks entered. First tie: T. Tudhope, 13 v. T. Brown, 7; J. Granger 10 v. C. Wilson 12. Second tie: T. Tudhope 7 v. C. Wilson 11. C. Wilson was declared winner by 4 shots.

30th December 1887

Penicuik v. Temple met on Roseberry Pond to play a friendly game, 3 rinks a-side, which resulted in a heavy loss for Penicuik of 26 shots.

Scores:- Kerr 15 v. Granger 12; J. Grossart 15 v. Tudhope 16; Gemmell 32 v. Thomson 8.

3rd January 1888

This Club met on their own ice to play the Edinburgh Northern for a Royal Caledonian Curling Club Medal, 4 rinks a-side. Penicuik won the medal by 76 shots.

Scores:-

<i>The Rev. C. Giffen</i>	9 shots	<i>T. Tudhope</i>	39 shots
<i>General Briggs</i>	12 shots	<i>F. Thomson</i>	25 shots
<i>Chas. Ogilvie</i>	14 shots	<i>C.W. Cowan</i>	25 shots
<i>Jas. Ewart</i>	10 shots	<i>J. Granger</i>	32 shots
	45 shots		121 shots
<i>Majority for Penicuik 76 shots</i>			

16th February 1888

Penicuik met Roslin on Roslin pond for a friendly game, 4 rinks a-side. Penicuik won by 35 shots. Scores J. Granger 28 v. T. Hutchison 8; J. Williamson 19 v. T. Thomson 11; T. Tudhope 21 v. A. Mochrie 21; F. Thomson 27 v. R. Purves 20. Roslin total 60 shots, Penicuik total 95 shots.

17th February 1888

Penicuik v. Dalkeith on Penicuik pond to play a friendly game with 3 rinks a-side. The ice turned soft after one hour's play and it was unanimously agreed to put off the match. Two rinks from Musselburgh also agreed to the above terms.

18th February 1888

This Club met to play for coals for the poor. The day being like a change of weather only 14 turned out. A. McGregor and C. Buchanan drew the men and formed rinks. McGregor won by 5 shots, scores:-

J. Williamson 38 v. T. Tudhope 24; A. McGregor 24 v. C. Buchanan 33.

24th February 1888

The Annual Dinner took place in the Royal Hotel. Mr McGregor was called to the chair. Twenty-two Members were present and a very enjoyable night was spent. The usual toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a few songs were ably given by Messrs Tudhope, R. Cowan etc.

25th February 1888

This Club met to play a friendly game with the President's workpeople. The first game that the Club was known to have played with players not connected with the R.C.C. Club. The club won by 46 shots. Scores:-

<i>C.W. Cowan</i>	17 shots	<i>T. Brown</i>	23 shots
<i>R. Cowan</i>	16 shots	<i>C. Buchanan</i>	20 shots
<i>J. Skinner</i>	25 shots	<i>Major Sanford</i>	39 shots
<i>C. Laing</i>	18 shots	<i>T. Tudhope</i>	29 shots
<i>A. Simpson</i>	17 shots	<i>J. Williamson</i>	28 shots
	93 shots		139 shots

Majority of 46 shots.

24th March 1888

This Club met the Bowling Club in the Drill Hall, Penicuik with 6 rinks a-side to play a friendly game at the carpet bowls. The curling club lost 105 shots. A return match was played the following week, which resulted in a loss the second time of 8 shots.

(sgd.) James Williamson

1st October 1888

Public School, Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30 p.m. James Williamson, Vice-president was called to the chair. A letter of apology for absence from President C.W. Cowan was read expressing regret that he could not be present at the meeting, but he would give the Club a pair of curling stone, handles and a carrying bag as a prize. The meeting warmly accepted of the offer and instructed the Secretary to write and thank the President.

The minutes of the past curling season were read and confirmed. The Financial Statement was laid before the meeting with vouchers of all the outlay, and it was pointed out that £1:14/- had been expended on coals for the poor. The total income of the Club for the year was £13:16:11^d, total outlay £8:5:8^d, balance with treasurer £5:11:3^d. Mr Hogg moved the adoption of the report which was unanimously applauded by the meeting. The annual subscription was fixed at 3/-.

The roll of members for publication in the Annual was then adjusted showing a strength of 30 regular and 28 occasionals. Mt A. Grieve proposed the Rev. R. Thomson as a new member which was agreed to by the meeting. James Dykes, Cuiken was also made a new member. The Rev. R. Thomson was appointed Chaplain to the Club.

It was agreed to appoint 6 Skips and the following were elected, viz:- C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Granger, F. Thomson and C. Wilson.

The meeting agreed not to enter any for the Grand Match. It was also arranged to send three rinks to the Mid-Lothian Provincial Match, President C.W. Cowan, V.P. James Williamson and James Granger were entered, it being settled by a draw. Charles Wilson and Thos. Tudhope were entered for the West Lothian and Mid-Lothian match if it took place this season.

The President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

12th February 1889

This Club met on the ice at Penicuik House to play for the Rink Medal. The day being dull not many turned out.

First tie:-	T. Tudhope,	17	v.	J. Ainslie,	12
“ “ :-	J. Williamson,	15	v.	F. Thomson,	9
Second tie :-	do.	5	v.	T. Tudhope,	10

T. Tudhope was declared the winner by 5 shots

15th February 1889

The Point Medal on the new style of scoring was played for, only 11 turned out. After playing the various ties, Thomas Brown was declared winner with 23 points.

*Points the following players scored,
G. Taylor 14, T. Tudhope 16, W. Robb 17, T. Brown, 23, R. Hogg 9, M. Lawson 18, W. Harrison 13, C. Buchanan 10, J. Williamson 6, J. Dent 17, J. Ainslie 13.*

(sgd.) James Williamson

27th September 1889

Public School, Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30 p.m. In the absence of the President, Vice-president J. Williamson was called to the chair.

The minutes of past curling season were read and confirmed. The Treasurer then gave the financial statement, showing a balance to the credit of the Club of £3:9:7.

The total income for the year was £9:1:9 with a great many of the subscriptions unpaid, which were accounted for by so few opportunities of meeting on the ice. Vouchers of all outlays were laid on the table for inspection, which were held as correct. Mr Hogg moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Major Sanford, and approved of. It was agreed to fix the annual subscription at 1/6^d.

The roll of members for publication in the Annual was then adjusted showing a strength of 22 regulars and 36 occasionals. Major Sanford, W. Gillespie and L.J. Topham were appointed Honorary Members.

It was agreed to appoint 5 Skips and the following were elected, C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Granger and T. Brown. It was arranged that no rinks should be entered for the Grand Match.

On Mr Williamson's motion - against T. Tudhope's that 4 rinks be sent to the Mid-Lothian Provincial Match, it was agreed to send two, and T. Tudhope and J. Granger were entered, it being settled by a draw. C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson and T. Tudhope were (agreed) to be asked to skip at the West and Mid-Lothian match if it came off this season.

The Jubilee Medal was shown to the meeting. After some discussion, it was arranged to play for it in rinks, the winning rink to play for it by points. A committee was appointed to procure a suitable ornamental stand for the medal. Major Sanford, J.J. Wilson and C. Buchanan were appointed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

7th January 1890

The Club met in the drill hall to play a friendly game at bowls with Volunteers, 3 rinks a-side, which resulted in the Volunteers winning by 3 shots. Scores:- Volunteers 35, curlers 32.

13th February 1890

The Club met on their pond to play for the Rink Medal, 5 rinks entered. First tie:-
T. Brown 9 v. J. Granger 11; R. Cowan 7 v. T. Tudhope 15; J. Williamson, a bye.

Second tie:- J. Williamson 12 v. T. Tudhope 7; J. Granger, a bye.

Final tie:- J. Granger 10 v. J. Williamson 11, J. Williamson was declared winner by 1 shot.

14th February 1890

The Point Medal on the new style of scoring was played for - only eight turned out. After playing the various ties, Thomas Tudhope was successful in gaining it with 23 points, J. Williamson being second with 22, J. Steele third with 14 pts.

28th February 1890

The Dinner took place in the Royal Hotel, about 17 members present. In the absence of the President, Major McGregor was called to the chair. A very enjoyable evening was spent. All the royal and patriotic toasts with many songs brought a very pleasant evening to a close at 10 o'clock.

17th March 1890

A return match was played with bowls in the drill hall with Volunteers, 4 rinks a-side, which resulted in a win for the Curling Club of 8 shots. Scores:- Volunteers 50, Curlers 58.

(sgd.) James Williamson

26th September 1890

Public School, Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held in the school on the above date at 7-30 p.m. The Vice-president, James Williamson was called to the chair. There were present, Rev. R. Thomson, John J. Wilson Esqr, R.S. Hogg, James Cairns, John Hunter and Major McGregor. Minutes of the past year's doings were read and approved and signed.

The Treasurer read Statement of Accounts which showed income for year including balance in hand at 1st October 1889 £7: 9:10
Expenditure £2: 8: 8
Balance carried forward £5: 1: 2

The meeting approved of the statement and agreed that subscriptions for the next year be again 1/6^d.

Roll for insertion in the Annual was adjusted. It was agreed to retain Mr James Granger's name on the list for another year, in hopes that he may see fit to cancel his withdrawal. Only three Skips were appointed, viz:- President, Charles W. Cowan, V.P. James Williamson and Thomas Tudhope. It was agreed not to enter any rinks for the Grand Match. It was arranged to enter two rinks for Mid-Lothian Province. The Bathgate match, nothing settled.

All the old Office Bearers were re-appointed. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

20th December 1890

The Club met to play for the Rink Medal, four rinks entered. T. Tudhope 12 v. T. Brown 12, an extra end was played, which resulted in T. Tudhope 16 v. T. Brown 12; J. Williamson 22 v. J. Granger 7.

Second tie: T. Tudhope 13 v. J. Williamson 9. Tudhope won with 4 shots. The ice was good.

22nd December 1890

The Club met to play for the Point Medal, 14 entered. Thomas Tudhope won it with 20 points.

27th December 1890

Penicuik Club v. Valleyfield

Met on Penicuik ice to play for a Challenge Broom the gift of Mr Robert C. Cowan. It was arranged by the donor that an annual game should be played with the Valleyfield club for the Challenge Broom and the club who won it to retain it for the year. Result Penicuik won it with 28 shots.

30th December 1890

The Club met to play for President C.W. Cowan's prize, a pair of handsome curling stone handles, 17 entered. V.P. J. Williamson won them with 22 shots.

31st December 1890

The Club met to play for the Jubilee Medal. It was arranged to play for it by rinks, 4 rinks entered,

Charles W. Cowan	13	J. Williamson	9
Thomas Tudhope	19	Chas. Buchanan	6

Second tie

Charles W. Cowan	11	Thomas Tudhope	6
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Mr Cowan was declared winner with 5 shots

1st January 1891

Penicuik v. Valleyfield

Met to play for the Challenge Broom. Penicuik won it with 18 shots.

2nd January 1891

The Club met to play for a medal kindly given by Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart. of Teuch, which was arranged to be played for in rinks, 6 entered.

Thomas Tudhope	6	Charles Buchanan	19
John J. Wilson	11	Thomas Brown	9
Charles W. Cowan	9	James Williamson	6

Second tie

J.J. Wilson	10	C. Buchanan	8
		C.W. Cowan a bye	
C.W. Cowan	16	J.J. Wilson	7

Mr Cowan was declared winner with 9 shots

6th January 1891

West Linton Sen^r v. Penicuik
Met to play on Penicuik ice for a friendly game, 4 rinks each.

West Linton		Penicuik	
L. Laing	25	T. Brown	13
J. Patterson	21	T. Tudhope	19
A. Veitch	12	J. Williamson	20
W. Melrose	12	J. Granger	25
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9th January 1891

Dalkeith v. Penicuik
Met on Dalkeith ice to play for a Royal Cal. Curling Medal. The ice being good, a keen contest was the result.

Scores:-

C.W. Cowan	13	R. Craig	22
T. Tudhope	20	A. Dawson	20
T. Brown	29	G. Perry	23
J. Granger	21	Rev. A. Gray	16
Penicuik total	83	Dalkeith total	81

10th January 1891

Lasswade v. Penicuik
Met on Lasswade ice to play a friendly game,

Scores:-

T. Brown	14	J. Slater	18
J. Granger	23	T. Pringle	33
T. Tudhope	23	R. Ketchen	16
J. Williamson	21	G.H. Handyside	22
Penicuik total	81		89

19th January 1891

The Club met to play for a pair of curling stones, the gift of Francis Thomson, Auchencorth Farm; 19 entered. James Granger was declared winner with 22 points.

Mr George Henderson, Penicuik, gave a giggot of mutton, which was won by Mr John Ainslie with 21 points.

24th January 1891

A Committee meeting was held in the Royal Hotel to arrange the Annual Dinner, etc. Vice-president, James Williamson, J.J. Wilson, Major McGregor, R. Cowan, R.S. Hogg, A. Grieve and the Secretary were present. It was arranged to hold the Annual Dinner on the 29th January and to invite Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart., and representatives from Glencorse, Roslin, Lasswade, Dalkeith and West Linton Sen'. It was also thought advisable to have our annual general meeting on the night of the dinner if the Club agrees to the Committee's recommendations, as there is no interest taken in the management of the club in September when the meeting is usually called. The Committee also agreed on the recommendation of the President to admit ladies to skate on the pond at the annual payment of 5/- or 21/- for a family ticket.

29th January, 1891

The Annual Dinner of the Club took place in the Royal Hotel, President, C.W. Cowan in the chair, Major Sanford, croupier. A very pleasant evening was spent and a suitable toast list was gone through with the many songs suitable for the occasion. The meeting was brought to a close at 10 p.m.

Seven new members were added to the membership during the season, viz:- John Love, Daniel Tudhope, John McRae, Charles Cowan, Jnr, Andrew Laing, Thomas Ainslie and John Lamb.

29th September, 1891

Public School Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30p.m. Present, C.W. Cowan, Rev. R. Thomson, H. Munro, M. Lawson, J. Lamb, T. Ainslie, J. Williamson, R.C. Cowan and A. McGregor; Charles W. Cowan, President, in the chair.

The Treasurer, Mr McGregor, apologised for the absence of the Secretary and undertook to do duty for him.

The Treasurer then produced the Statement of the Funds for the past season, showing an income of £14:6:8^d including cash carried forward from September 90, and an outlay of £9:2:9^d, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £5:3:11^d. The meeting unanimously adopted the statement. The minutes of meetings and doings of the last season were read and approved of by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The roll of members for insertion in the Annual was revised and corrected.

The President called attention to the death of the late Mr George Laing and desired that mention of the loss to the Club be inserted in the minute which was agreed to.

The subscription for the year was fixed at 1/6^d. The Treasurer was re-appointed, also the Secretary.

It was deemed advisable to appoint someone in the village convenient to the Post Office to assist Mr Buchanan in the duties of the secretaryship and Mr John Lamb was asked to lend his assistance which he kindly agreed to do.

A working committee consisting of Messrs R.C. Cowan, M. Lawson and the Secretary was appointed to attend to the cleaning of the ice and to see to the condition and fitness of the tools belonging to the Club with powers to repair and to provide what was necessary.

The following Skips were chosen,
Messrs C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Granger and T. Brown.

It was agreed not to enter any rinks for the Grand Match. It was agreed that three rinks be entered for the Mid-Lothian Provincial.

14th December 1891

Letter From Robert C. Cowan to Mr McGregor(Club Secretary)

Valleyfield
Pennycook
Midlothian

14th Dec 1891

Dear Mr MacGregor,

I return herewith the Minute Book of the Penicuik Curling Club. I'm much obliged to you for having lent it to me, and I have derived much pleasure from its perusal. Believe me.

Your Truly,

Robert C. Cowan

9th January 1892

The annual competition for the Club's Rink Medal was played on fine keen ice.

	First Tie		
J. Williamson	6	T. Tudhope	18
T. Brown	6	J. Granger	13
	J.J. Wilson a bye		
	Second tie		
J.J. Wilson	7	J. Granger	13
	T. Tudhope a bye		
	Third Tie		
T. Tudhope	8	J. Granger	5
	T. Tudhope gained it by 2 points		

11th January 1892

A rink competition for Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart.'s medal was played for, 4 rinks entered. T. Tudhope was declared winner by 13 points.

First tie			
T. Tudhope	20	J. Williamson	10
T. Brown	17	J. Granger	10
Second tie			
T. Tudhope	18	T. Brown	5

14th January 1892

Point Medal Competition

The Club met on their pond to play for the Club's Point Medal, 17 entered. Charles Buchanan was declared winner with 17 points, T. Tudhope and T. Brown being second with 15 points, and W. Robb, J. Fleming and J. Williamson third with 13 points.

15th January 1892

Sir George Douglas Clerk, Bart.'s Point Medal was competed for, 17 entered. After playing the usual points, John Lamb and William Harrison with 21 points each played off a tie. W. Harrison won the medal making 2 points. J. Granger 20 points, M. Lawson and the Rev. R. Thomson 16.

The Club also met two rinks from Eddleston and competed for a Royal Caledonian Club Medal. Scores:-

T. Tudhope	29	J.G. Douglas	9
T. Brown.	23	J. McDonald	7
Penicuik total	52		16

Penicuik won the medal by 36 shots.

16th January 1892

The Club met on their pond to play for a pair of curling stones, the gift of Mr James Granger, 20 entered. After the usual points were played off, James Cairns was declared winner with 20 points.

On the afternoon of the same day, the Club met the Valleyfield Club and competed for Mr Robert Cowan's Challenge Broom. Penicuik won the broom by 47 shots. Scores:-

Valleyfield	C.W. Cowan	7	v.	Penicuik	J.J. Wilson	27
"	R.C. Cowan	8	v.	"	T. Brown	17
"	J. Brown	6	v.	"	T. Tudhope	31
"	P. Grieve	17	v.	"	C.	10
		<u>38</u>				<u>85</u>

The broom was presented to Mr Tudhope, being the highest winning skip.

New members elected:- R. Craster, D. Campbell, G. Taylor.

25th January 1892

The Club met on their own ice to play a friendly with Roslin club, 3 rinks a-side. The Penicuik players turned out badly. Some of the Roslin players made up the Penicuik rinks. Result, Roslin won by 13 shots.

Roslin	J. Wright	26	v.	Penicuik	T. Tudhope	22
"	H. Mitchell	20	v.	"	J. Fleming	20
"	J.R. Blackwood	24	v.	"	C. Buchanan	15
		<u>70</u>				<u>57</u>

January 1892

This Club met Glencorse on Penicuik ice and played a friendly game, four rinks a-side, which resulted in Glencorse gaining by 20 shots.

Major Sanford	24	v.	J. Granger	10
J. Craik	18	v.	T. Tudhope	20
T. Pate	17	v.	C.W. Cowan	14
D. Fraser	18	v.	J. Williamson	13
	<u>77</u>			<u>57</u>

19th February 1892

The Annual Dinner took place in the Royal Hotel, President C.W. Cowan in the chair, and John J. Wilson acting as croupier. A very pleasant evening was spent with suitable toasts and songs. The meeting was brought to a close at 10 p.m.

23rd February 1892

This Club met the Penicuik Carpet Bowling Club in the drill hall, four rinks a-side. The Bowling Club won the match by 2 shots.

7th March 1892

This Club met on their own ice to play for the President Charles W. Cowan's Trophy, 11 entered. T. Tudhope was declared winner with a score of 26. James Granger and Chas Buchanan were second with 18, and John Ainslie third with 16.

(sgd.) James Williamson

30th September 1892

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30. Present, Messrs J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Hunter, J.J. Wilson, Rev. R. Thomson, J. Lamb, T. Brown, J.R. Fraser, R.C. Cowan, A. McGregor, and C. Buchanan; Vice-president, J. Williamson in the chair.

The minutes of the past year's meetings and doings of the Club were read and approved of by the meeting and signed. The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement and detailed the income and outlays showing cash carried forward £5:3:11^d. Subscriptions received £5:11/-, total £10:14:11^d. Outlays for year, £7:10:1, balance carried forward, £3:4:10^d. The meeting unanimously adopted the statement.

The roll of members for insertion in the Annual was revised and the following new members elected, R. Craig, W. Prentice, D. McRae, T.H. Welsh, G. Wilson, and J. R. Fraser.

All the Office Bearers and Committee were re-appointed.

The Meeting expressed regret at the death of one of their oldest members, the late Mr Thomas Lamb.

The following Skips were appointed, Messrs C.W. Cowan, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, J. Granger, T. Brown, and J.J. Wilson.

It was agreed to enter two rinks for the Grand Match, and three for the Mid-lothian Provincial.

The annual subscription was fixed at 1/6.

It was moved by Mr McGregor, and seconded by Mr Wilson, that the skating tickets should be discontinued, which was agreed to by the meeting.

A working committee was appointed to attend to the cleaning of the ice and the tools belonging to the club, viz:- Messrs Thomas Tudhope, Robert C. Cowan and the Secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

8th December 1892

The Club met to play for the Rink Medal, 4 rinks entered.

<u>First tie</u>			
Thomas Brown	5	Thomas Tudhope	26
John J. Wilson	7	Charles Buchanan	22
<u>Final tie</u>			
T. Tudhope	9	Charles Buchanan	19

Chas. Buchanan was declared winner by 10 shots.

9th December 1892

The Club met to play for Sir Alan Seton Stuart's Rink Medal, 3 rinks entered. Ice keen.

First tie: Thos. Tudhope 9 v. Charles Buchanan 14
John Fleming a bye
Final tie: John Fleming 8 v. Charles Buchanan 9
Charles Buchanan won by one shot.

27th December 1892

The Club met and competed for the Club's Point Medal on keen ice, 18 entered. William Harrison won it with 23 points. The following were above 10 points; J. Fleming 15, C. Wilson 11, Sir Alan S. Stuart 12, J. Steele 12, J. Williamson 10, J. Hunter 14, J. McRae 10, T. Brown 10, T. Tudhope 20, C. Buchanan 18, A. Cowan 19, R.C. Cowan 14, Rev. R. Thomson 14, and R.S. Hogg 12.

On the same day, the Club competed for Sir George Douglas Clerk, Bart.'s Point Medal, 15 entered. Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart., of Teuch was declared winner with 22 points. The following made over 10 points; W. Harrison 16, J. Williamson 20, T. Brown 18, C. Buchanan 17, J. Lamb 17.

29th December 1892

The Club met at Penicuik and started for the Mid-Lothian Province. On arrival at the Caledonian Station, Edinburgh, they were informed the match was postponed. Lasswade Club kindly invited us to play a friendly game on their ice at Lasswade, which was heartily agreed to.

The result is as follows:

Penicuik		Lasswade	
T. Tudhope	16	W. Davie	20
J. Williamson	11	T. Pringle	21
R.C. Cowan	12	A. Wardlaw	11
C. Buchanan	29	C. Brown	13
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Penicuik, 3 shots up

30th December 1892

Glencorse v. Penicuik met on the latter's ice, result:-

D. Fraser	12	T. Tudhope	24
Major Sanford	28	A. Cowan	6
T. Pate	27	T. Brown	22
J. Craik	14	J. Williamson	23
	<hr/> 81		<hr/> 75

Glencorse declared winners by 6 shots

31st December 1892

The Club met to compete for a trophy kindly presented by Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart. Messrs J. Williamson and T. Tudhope drew for the Members and arranged them into two rinks each. After playing off the various ties, the successful rink played 8 stones each at drawing and 8 at striking. Mr Robb was declared winner 1 shot over Mr Harrison who was next.

First tie:	J. Williamson	12	v.	W. Harrison	17
	T. Brown	8		T. Tudhope	10
Second tie:	T. Tudhope	8		W. Harrison	8
Extra end					
Final:	W. Robb 6, W. Harrison 5, J. Steele 4, G. Taylor 4.				

2nd January 1893

Four rinks of the Club played on Cobbingshaw in the Mid-Lothian Province. It being New Year's holiday, the match was well attended. Penicuik Club stood fourth with an average of $6\frac{3}{4}$.

Penicuik	J.J. Wilson	21	v.	J. Veitch	13	Waverley
	T. Tudhope	27		J. Ewart	17	Edinburgh
	R.C. Cowan	19		D. Arbuckle	9	Kirknewton
	C. Buchanan	17		P. Turner	18	do.

3rd January 1893

Penicuik v. Valleyfield met on Penicuik House pond to play for Mr R.C. Cowan's Challenge Broom, 5 rinks a-side. Scores:

Penicuik	T. Tudhope	27	v.	Valleyfield	R.C. Cowan	15
	J.J. Wilson	16			P. Grieve	15
	J. Williamson	12			A. Cowan	30
	T. Brown	24			A. Stoddart	18
	C. Buchanan	39			J. Brown	7
		<hr/>				<hr/>
		118				85
		Penicuik, 33 shots up				

5th January 1893

This Club arranged to play a friendly game with the Whim Club on Penicuik ice, 4 rinks a-side. The ice was keen and clear. Result, Penicuik won by 35 shots.

<i>Penicuik</i>		<i>Whim</i>	
<i>T. Tudhope</i>	37	<i>D. Montgomery</i>	10
<i>T. Brown</i>	12	<i>W. Pate</i>	16
<i>J.J. Wilson</i>	15	<i>G. Smith</i>	17
<i>C. Buchanan</i>	24	<i>S. Lean</i>	10
	<hr/> 88		<hr/> 53

6th January 1893

The Club met to play for Messrs Alex. Cowan & Co.'s calendar kindly presented by Mr R.C. Cowan, 4 rinks competed.

<i>First tie:</i>	<i>R.C. Cowan</i>	11	<i>v.</i>	<i>J. Williamson</i>	8
	<i>T. Brown</i>	15		<i>T. Tudhope</i>	14
<i>Final tie:</i>	<i>do.</i>	7		<i>R.C. Cowan</i>	11

Mr Cowan therefore won his own prize, which he gave to one of his players.

7th January 1893

This Club met Peebles Club on Kingsmeadows Pond for a friendly game. The ice was in good condition. After playing the 21 ends as arranged, Penicuik won by 28 shots. Scores:-

<i>Peebles</i>		<i>Penicuik</i>	
<i>C. Gordon</i>	13	<i>T. Brown</i>	27
<i>R. Anderson</i>	15	<i>J. Williamson</i>	21
<i>J. Spalding</i>	23	<i>R.C. Cowan</i>	12
<i>J. Paterson</i>	14	<i>T. Tudhope</i>	22
<i>J. Veitch</i>	10	<i>C. Buchanan</i>	21
	<hr/> 88		<hr/> 103

9th January 1893

Penicuik v. Roslin arranged to play a friendly game on the latter's ice. After the Club met at the village on their way to Roslin, a wire from the Secretary of the Roslin Club intimating the ice would not do. Postponed the match until the 12th, when 5 rinks a-side met. Scores:-

<i>Roslin</i>		<i>Penicuik</i>	
<i>H. Mitchell</i>	19	<i>T. Tudhope</i>	19
<i>R. Wright</i>	24	<i>J. Williamson</i>	22
<i>T. Hutchinson</i>	18	<i>T. Brown</i>	16
<i>D. Law</i>	23	<i>J.J. Wilson</i>	21
<i>Blackwood</i>	23	<i>C. Buchanan</i>	12
	<hr/> 107		<hr/> 90

Penicuik lost 17 shots.

13th January 1893

The Club met to play for Dowager Lady Clerk's Trophy. Messrs J. Williamson and T. Tudhope drew the players and arranged them into rinks.

First tie:	J. Williamson	8	v.	T. Tudhope	12
	C. Buchanan	11		G. Taylor	12
Second tie:	T. Tudhope	11		do.	1

Final tie with winning rink 8 stones each drawing and striking:

T. Tudhope 7, T. Brown 7, W. Robb 6, J. Cairns 2

Extra end 4 at striking, T. Tudhope 3, T. Brown 4. Mr Brown was declared winner.

The presentation of the trophy took place the following day at Monks Burn when the Club was on its way to play at West Linton.

14th January 1893

Four rinks of this Club played a friendly game on Slipperfield Loch with the West Linton, Senr. Club, which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 4 shots. Scores:

West Linton		Penicuik	
J. Paterson	14	Charles	18
W. Melrose	9	J. Williamson	20
A. Veitch	19	T. Brown	11
J. Laing	21	T. Tudhope	18
	<hr/> 63		<hr/> 67

21st January 1893

The Club met Glencorse club on the Low Pond. The ice was good but rather damp. The following was the result:

Glencorse		Penicuik	
T. Pate	15	C. Buchanan	15
D. Fraser	7	T. Tudhope	25
J. Craik	14	T. Brown	23
R. Pate	18	J. Williamson	14
	<hr/> 54		<hr/> 77

Penicuik won by 23 shots

New Members: Charles Lawson was proposed by Mr Tudhope and seconded by Mr J. Williamson as a new member.

10th February 1893

The Annual Dinner took place in the Royal Hotel, John J. Wilson, Esq, J.P.C.C. in the chair and Mr Alexander Cowan acting as croupier. A very pleasant evening was spent. A suitable toast list with songs was completed at 10 p.m.

(sgd.) J. Williamson, chairman

29th September 1893

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30 p.m. Vice-president James Williamson was called to the chair. There were present T. Tudhope, Rev. R. Thomson, A. Laing, J.H. Welsh, J. Lamb, J.J. Wilson, and Major McGregor.

The Treasurer, Major McGregor read an apology from the Secretary who was unable to be present. Minutes of past year's meetings and doings were read and approved, and signed by the chairman.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement showing the income and outlay of the club as follows:-

Balance carried forward		£3: 4:10 ^d
Subscriptions received		£4:17:00 ^d
Total Income		£8: 1:10 ^d
Outlay	£9:14: 3 ^d	
Deficit due treasurer	1:12: 5 ^d	

The meeting unanimously adopted the statement. The subscription was fixed at 3/- for next year.

The Office Bearers were re-appointed. The Committee and roll of members were adjusted for publication in the Annual.

The following Skips were appointed for 1893-94; President, C.W. Cowan, Vice-president, J. Williamson, T. Tudhope, T. Brown, C. Buchanan, J.J. Wilson, and the working committee were re-appointed.

A circular about international bonspiel Scotland v. England was read - no response.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

8th January 1894

The Club met on their pond and arranged a game, the President and Vice-president drew the men. The Vice-president won. The Club on the motion of the President arranged not to play the Rink Medal without giving 24 hours notice.

(sgd.) James Williamson, Chairman

28th September 1894

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Vice-president, James Williamson, was called to the chair. There were present Major McGregor, Charles Wilson, Thomas Ainslie, John J Wilson and Charles Buchanan.

The Secretary, Charles Buchanan, read the minutes of the past year's meetings which were approved of and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer, Major McGregor, then gave the Financial Statement showing the income and outlay of the Club as follows:

Income from subscriptions	£3:12/-
Outlays	£4:10:11 ^d
Deficit due to Treasurer	18:11 ^d

The meeting unanimously adopted the statement and thanked the Treasurer.

The Office Bearers were re-appointed. The Committee and roll of members were adjusted for publication in the Annual.

The following Skips were appointed for the year, President, C W Cowan, Vice-president, James Williamson, Thomas Tudhope, John J Wilson, Thomas Brown and Charles Buchanan.

The annual subscription was fixed at 2/-.

It was agreed not to enter any rinks for the Grand Match. Four rinks were entered for the Midlothian Province. The working committee was re-appointed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

(sgd.) Thomas Tudhope

1st January 1895

The Club met for the first time this season and played a friendly game.

3rd January 1895

The Club met to play for the Rink Medal, 4 rinks entered.

First tie:	J. Williamson	11	T. Brown	13
	Thos. Tudhope	10	C. Buchanan	10
Extra end:	Thos. Tudhope	0	C. Buchanan	4
Final tie:	Thos. Brown	11	C. Buchanan	8

Mr T. Brown was declared winner and was presented with the medal.

4 January 1895

Points Medal Competition, 20 entered. Mr William Harrison won it with 23 points. It being the third time he won this medal, it became his own property. T. Tudhope and John Hunter second with 19 each.

5th January 1895

Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart's Rink Medal

First tie:	Thomas Tudhope	4	C. Buchanan	12
	Thomas Brown	20	D Brown	3
	J Williamson	14	J J Wilson	12
Second tie:	J Williamson	12	T Brown	8
	C Buchanan a bye			
Final tie:	J Williamson	6	C Buchanan	7

7th January 1895

The Club started for Cobbingshaw with four rinks to play in the Midlothian Province. When the Waverley was reached, the match was put off.

Roslin club kindly asked us to go to their ice for a friendly game. Result:

Penicuik		Roslin	
Thomas Brown	30	R. Williamson	5
Thos. Tudhope	13	J. Wright	26
Jas. Williamson	19	D. Law	10
C. Buchanan	<u>20</u>	D. Gardner	<u>13</u>
	<u>82</u>		<u>54</u>

Penicuik won by 28 shots.

10th January 1895

Penicuik v. Dalhousie on Dalhousie ice, for Royal Caledonian Curling Club Medal, two rinks aside. Ice keen and clear.

Thos. Tudhope	29	F. McD. Williams	17
Chas. Buchanan	<u>27</u>	W. Wilson	<u>9</u>
	<u>56</u>		<u>26</u>

Penicuik won by 30 shots.

11th January 1895

The Midlothian Province on Cobbingshaw Loch was played on a sheet of rough snowy ice and a bitter cold wind blowing, which was disgusting to everyone.

Chas. Buchanan, Penicuik	19	General Briggs, Edinbr. Northern	17
Charles Wilson, Penicuik	22	D. Stewart, Holyrood	23
T. Brown, Penicuik	17	W. Gowans, W Calder	19
T. Tudhope, Penicuik	<u>14</u>	J. Thomson, W Calder	<u>21</u>
	72		<u>80</u>

Average of 2 down on each rink.

12th January 1895

Valleyfield v. Penicuik on Low Pond, for Mr Robert Cowan's Challenge Broom, 5 rinks aside.

Peter Grieve	13	C. Buchanan	14
C. W. Cowan	15	Thos. Brown	11
A. Stoddart	4	Thos. Tudhope	23
D. Smith	15	J. Williamson	11
R. C. Cowan	<u>10</u>	J. J. Wilson	<u>16</u>
	57		75

The Club won by 18 shots. Mr Tudhope was presented with the broom as the highest winning skip.

22nd January 1895

West Linton Sen'. v. Penicuik on Low Pond

<u>West Linton</u>		<u>Penicuik</u>	
A. Veitch	25	C. Buchanan	18
W. Watson	29	T. Brown	9
R. Tweedale	7	T. Tudhope	29
J. Laing	<u>27</u>	J. Williamson	<u>15</u>
	88		<u>71</u>

Resulted in a loss of 17 shots to Penicuik.

25th January 1895

Sir George D. Clerk, Bart's Point Medal Competition, 13 entered. Charles Buchanan was declared winner with 28 points, R.C. Cowan second with 25 and J. Williamson 24.

26th January 1895

The Dowager Lady Clerk and the Misses Clerk's Trophy was competed for by rinks.

First tie:	<i>Thos Tudhope</i>	12	<i>C Buchanan</i>	11
	<i>Thos Brown</i>	16	<i>J J Wilson</i>	7
	<i>J Williamson</i>	14	<i>C W Cowan</i>	6
Second tie:	<i>J Williamson</i>	11	<i>T Brown</i>	7
	<i>Thos Tudhope - bye</i>			

On the 28 inst.

Final tie:	<i>J Williamson</i>	12	<i>T Tudhope</i>	6
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J Williamson was declared winner and his rink allowed him to keep it without competition. The trophy was a silver cruet stand.

28th January 1895

Roslin v. Penicuik on our home ice, four rinks a-side. Result 14 of a win for Penicuik.

<i>J. R. Blackwood</i>	17	<i>T. Tudhope</i>	22
<i>J. Wright</i>	16	<i>J. Lamb</i>	21
<i>R. Williamson</i>	19	<i>J. Williamson</i>	21
<i>Mr Todd</i>	<u>14</u>	<i>C. Buchanan</i>	<u>16</u>
	<u>66</u>		<u>80</u>

29th January 1895

Glencorse v Penicuik on Glencorse ice - 4 rinks aside, which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 19 shots.

<i>John Craik</i>	16	<i>C. W. Cowan</i>	24
<i>Major Sanford</i>	17	<i>C. Buchanan</i>	24
<i>David Fraser</i>	13	<i>T. Tudhope</i>	15
<i>Thos. Pate</i>	<u>19</u>	<i>J. Williamson</i>	<u>21</u>
	<u>65</u>		<u>84</u>

31st January 1895

Peebles v Penicuik on the Low Pond, four rinks a-side resulted in a win for Penicuik by 7 shots.

<i>Penicuik</i>		<i>Peebles</i>	
<i>C. W. Cowan</i>	30	<i>A. Hamilton</i>	16
<i>J. Williamson</i>	18	<i>W. Paterson</i>	18
<i>T. Tudhope</i>	19	<i>R. S. Anderson</i>	16
<i>T. Brown</i>	<u>15</u>	<i>T. Dyson</i>	<u>25</u>
	<u>82</u>		<u>75</u>

1st February 1895

Dalhousie v Penicuik met on Penicuik ice, three rinks aside for a friendly game which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 70 shots.

C W Cowan	25	F McD Williams	6
Thos Tudhope	36	J Turnbull	7
C Buchanan	<u>34</u>	Thos McDougal	<u>12</u>
	95		<u>25</u>

The Annual Dinner of the Club took place in the Royal Hotel thereafter at 7 o'clock, President Charles W. Cowan in the chair, Major McGregor croupier. A most enjoyable evening was spent with toasts and songs. Mr Thos. McDougal and Mr F.McD. Williams represented Dalhousie Club and Mr Stewart, Glencorse. One of the happiest meetings of the Club had for years was closed at 10 o'clock.

2nd February 1895

The President's Trophy, a pair of curling stones, was competed for, 15 entered. The ice was very dull, and dull stones could not be put half up the rink.

Thos. Tudhope, W. Harrison and T. Brown tied with 15 points each. Mr Harrison won in the tie by 3 points.

8th February 1895

Glencorse played our Club on the Low Pond, four rinks a-side, Penicuik won by 45 shots.

J. Granger	26	David Fraser	10
T. Brown	17	Major Sanford	17
T. Tudhope	28	Thos. Pate	9
C. Buchanan	<u>20</u>	John Craik	<u>10</u>
	91		<u>46</u>

9th February 1895

Coates, Edinburgh, met our Club on our pond, four rinks a-side. Result 32 of a win for Penicuik.

Lord Stormouth	26	C. Buchanan	23
Dr Duncan	14	T. Tudhope	38
A. B. Culpiper	16	J. Granger	30
Professor Cheyne	<u>23</u>	T. Brown	<u>20</u>
	79		<u>111</u>

11th February 1895

Temple met our Club for a friendly game on the Low Pond, 3 rinks a-side, which resulted in a loss of 15 for Penicuik.

<i>Thos. Tudhope</i>	24	<i>J. Currie</i>	15
<i>Thos. Brown</i>	16	<i>J. Morton</i>	23
<i>C. Buchanan</i>	<u>14</u>	<i>Rev J. Blake</i>	<u>31</u>
	<u>54</u>		<u>69</u>

12th February 1895

Mr John Lamb's Trophy, a pair of curling stones, was competed for, 19 entered. After playing off the various ties, John Lamb and C. Buchanan tied with 23 points. John Lamb won in playing off the tie, but would not keep his own prize, but gave C. Buchanan the stones.

14th February 1895

Merchiston played a friendly game on our ice, which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 39 shots.

<i>Jas. Granger</i>	19	<i>R. Calderhead</i>	23
<i>Thos. Tudhope</i>	27	<i>D. P. Laird</i>	12
<i>Chas. Buchanan</i>	23	<i>R. Young</i>	14
<i>Wm. Harrison</i>	<u>28</u>	<i>J. Spears</i>	<u>9</u>
	<u>97</u>		<u>58</u>

15th February 1895

Whim Club met on our ice for a friendly game, which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 27 shots.

<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	23	<i>J. Pate</i>	26
<i>Thos. Tudhope</i>	34	<i>G. Smith</i>	4
<i>Wm. Harrison</i>	21	<i>S. Lean</i>	15
<i>J. Granger</i>	<u>14</u>	<i>S. Pate</i>	<u>20</u>
	<u>92</u>		<u>65</u>

16th February 1895

Whitehill v Penicuik on Low Pond. Penicuik won by 34 shots.

<i>Chas. Buchanan</i>	35	<i>Mr Anderson</i>	13
<i>T. Tudhope</i>	<u>27</u>	<i>W. Plenderleith</i>	<u>15</u>
	<u>62</u>		<u>28</u>

Three rinks of Habbieshowe also played a friendly game. Penicuik 2 up.

J. J. Wilson	16	S. Sommerville	21
T. Brown	8	W. Walkingshaw	17
J. Granger	<u>27</u>	J. Ramsay	<u>11</u>
	51		49

(sgd.) Thomas Tudhope

11th October 1895

Public School, Penicuik Curling Club

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present, Messrs Thomas Tudhope, Andrew Laing, J J Wilson, Rev R Thomson and Major McGregor. Apologies for absence were received from James Williamson, Vice-president and Charles Buchanan, Secretary. Thos. Tudhope presided. The Treasurer read the minutes of last season's doings, which were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. It was agreed to insert in the minutes an expression of regret at the death of the Dowager Lady Clerk, long one of the patronesses of the Club, a warm friend and a frequent donor of prizes.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement and detailed the income and outlays showing a deficit of £1:9:9½^d.

Totals for subscriptions etc. £11:16:0

Expenditure £13: 5:9½ Deficit from 1894 - 18/11^d included.

It was agreed to make subscriptions for the next year 2/6^d. The roll of members was then prepared for the Annual.

Office Bearers were re-appointed and Mr C. Wilson's name was added to the Committee of Management.

All the old Skips were re-appointed with Mr W. Harrison's name added.

It was agreed not to enter any rinks for the Grand Match. The meeting thought that four rinks should be entered for the Provincial.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

(sgd.) James Williamson

9th October 1896

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held this evening at 7.30pm. There were present Vice-president, James Williamson, Rev. Robert Thomson, John Ainslie, Alexander Cowan, Robert C. Cowan, Charles Wilson, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan.

The Vice-president was called to the chair. Apologies were read from John J. Wilson, William Harrison and Thomas Tudhope.

The Secretary read the minutes of last season's meeting which were approved of and signed.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement which showed a deficit of £3:15:3½^d and he also stated as there was no ice this season, he did not collect the subscriptions for the year and recommended that 4/6^d should be collected this year to cover the expenses for the two years, which was agreed to. The Treasurer then intimated his resignation as he felt it was awkward for him to do the duty well, as he could only attend the curling on Saturdays. The meeting expressed regret at Mr McGregor's decision and recorded him a hearty vote of thanks for the past services he had rendered to the Club and hoped he would continue to take an interest in it. The meeting asked the Secretary to take up the Treasurer's duties which he agreed to.

The roll of members was revised for the Annual. Office Bearers were re-appointed. Skips re-appointed with C Wilson added.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Skips if they wished to play at Grand or Country matches. It was arranged to enter three rinks for the Midlothian Province.

The committee for cleaning the ice and providing new tools etc. were re-appointed and they were empowered to buy a new point medal.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

23rd January 1897

The Club met to play for the Rink Medal, 3 rinks entered.

First tie:	Thos. Tudhope	13	John Fleming	11
	C. Buchanan, a bye			
Second tie:	Thos. Tudhope	13	Charles Buchanan	12

25th January 1897

The Midlothian Province Match was arranged to take place on Cobbingshaw loch. Three rinks went to Edinburgh and were informed the match was put off, ice unsuitable. The Coates Club kindly invited us for a friendly game on their ice, but could only make up two rinks and they got Morton Hall Club to send one rink to make a match with the odd rink. Result:

Coates		Penicuik	
Lord S Darling	24	Charles Wilson	24
B. Calpiper	<u>28</u>	Thos. Brown	<u>23</u>
	52		47

5 down

Morton Hall		Penicuik	
Mr Danerson	24	R. C. Cowan	31

7 up

Being two up on the day's play.

26th January 1897

Sir Alan Seton Stuart's Rink Medal.

First tie:	<i>Thos. Tudhope</i>	13	<i>A. Cowan</i>	6
	<i>Chas. Wilson</i>	13	<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	12
Second tie:	<i>Thos. Tudhope</i>	15	<i>Charles Wilson</i>	10

Mr Tudhope was declared winner.

28th January 1897

This Club met to compete for Sir George D. Clerk Bart's Point Medal, 16 entered. After playing off the various points, C. Buchanan was declared winner with 21 points, Alexander Cowan second with 19 points.

Thereafter Baillie A. G. Wilson gave a prize which was played for in rinks, Mr W. Harrison's rink winning with 7 shots over his opponent.

29th January 1897

The Midlothian Province Match was arranged to take place on Cobbingshaw Loch which came off successful. Three rinks were made up to play as previously arranged and won on an average 6 .

<i>T. Brown (Penicuik)</i>	20	<i>Lasswade</i>	<i>L. Tod</i>	19
<i>C. W. Cowan (Penicuik)</i>	27	<i>Glencorse</i>	<i>J. Craik</i>	12
<i>J. Williamson (Penicuik)</i>	<u>20</u>	<i>Balerno</i>	<i>J. Campbell</i>	<u>17</u>
	<u>67</u>			<u>48</u>

30th January 1897

Penicuik v Valleyfield for Challenge Broom.

Penicuik		Valleyfield	
<i>T. Tudhope</i>	12	<i>Alex. Cowan</i>	11
<i>John Fleming</i>	13	<i>R. C. Cowan</i>	12
<i>Charles Wilson</i>	14	<i>Thos. Ainslie</i>	14
<i>John J. Wilson</i>	30	<i>John Hogarth</i>	15
<i>C. Buchanan</i>	<u>31</u>	<i>R. Veitch</i>	<u>7</u>
	<u>100</u>		<u>59</u>

Mr Buchanan was presented with the broom as the highest winner to keep it for the season.

1st February 1897

The Club met on Waverley ice, Blackford Hill, by arrangement to play for a Royal Caledonian Curling Club Medal against Edinburgh Northern which the Penicuik club won by 20 points.

Penicuik		Edinburgh Northern	
Charles Buchanan	25	G. Brown	17
Thomas Brown	25	General Briggs	18
Wm. Harrison	25	Rev Pearson	12
Thos. Tudhope	<u>12</u>	James Ewart	<u>20</u>
	87		<u>67</u>

Habbieshowe, Carlops, v. Penicuik

A friendly game was played on Valleyfield ice. The ice was very dull and the game was not considered a test at curling.

T. Tudhope	34	T. Thomson	11
C. Buchanan	27	J. Ramsay	19
R. C. Cowan	<u>16</u>	A. Sommerville	<u>17</u>
	77		<u>47</u>

2nd February 1897

Penicuik v Glencorse on Valleyfield ice.

Penicuik won the game by 1 shot.

(sgd.) James Williamson, Chairman

27th October 1897

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present, Vice-president, James Williamson, Major McGregor, Rev Robert Thomson, Charles Wilson, Alexander Hay, James Crawford and Charles Buchanan. Vice-president, James Williamson, was called to the chair. Sir George D. Clerk, Bart. sent an apology for absence as did Mr Irving Dent.

The Secretary read minutes of last season's meetings which were approved and signed. The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement which showed a deficit of £1:1:5½^d with £3:3/- subscriptions unpaid. It was agreed that the subscription should be 3/- for ensuing year. The list of members was passed for insertion in the Annual, and three new members were proposed and duly elected, David L. Wilson, Peter Wilson and William Lawson. All the old Office Bearers were re-appointed, also the old Skips. The meeting agreed that three rinks

should be entered for the Midlothian Province and that none should take part in the Grand Match.

The Rev R. Thomson audited the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers and certified as correct, which was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The Committee was re-appointed to purchase new point medals and supply tools, etc.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

25th December 1897

The Club was warned to play for the Rink Medal. Thirteen members turned out, but as a change in the weather set in, it was agreed not to play. The President proposed Mr John Bertram as a new member, which was agreed to.

(sgd.) James Williamson.

21st October 1898

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here on the above date. Present, Vice-president James Williamson, Rev Robert Thomson, Chaplain, Major McGregor, Charles Wilson, Robert C. Cowan, Thomas Ainslie, William Sommerville, Peter Wilson and Charles Buchanan, Secretary. Vice-president, J. Williamson, was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of last year, which were approved and signed. The Treasurer read the Financial Statement which showed a balance of 3/7^d in hand.

The list of members for insertion in the Annual was adjusted. Three new members were proposed and agreed to, viz:- William Williamson, Walter Sommerville and John Bertram. All the old Office Bearers were re-appointed with Major McGregor as Treasurer. Skips appointed: C.W. Cowan, President, J. Williamson, Vice-president, Thomas Tudhope, William Harrison, Charles Wilson, Thomas Brown and C. Buchanan. Working committee appointed, Thos. Tudhope, R.C. Cowan, Rev R. Thomson, Major McGregor and the Secretary, with power to purchase point medals, tools or anything the Club required.

The subscription for 1898-99 was fixed at 3/-.

It was agreed not to send any rinks to the Grand Match or to the match between England and Scotland. It was agreed to send three rinks to 'Cobbingshaw Match', the Midlothian Province. C. W. Cowan, Charles Wilson and C. Buchanan were appointed skips.

Two rinks were appointed, Thomas Brown and Charles Wilson to represent the Club at Bathgate in the West Lothian match if it came off.

28th January 1899

The Rink Medal was played for on fine keen ice, 4 rinks entered.

First tie, 13 ends

James Williamson	9	Charles Buchanan	12
William Harrison	12	Thomas Brown	13

Final tie, 11 ends

Thomas Brown	8	Charles Buchanan	10
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30th January 1899

Midlothian Province Match on Cobbingshaw Loch.

C. W. Cowan (Penicuik)	12	R. Cousin, (Merchiston)	26
Chas. Wilson (Penicuik)	23	T. Anderson, (Whitehill)	13
Chas. Buchanan	<u>31</u>	G. R. Glendinning,	<u>7</u>
	<u>66</u>		<u>46</u>

Twenty shots up and third in the match, and one of the rinks were the highest winning rink in the match and won the President's prize.

31st January 1899

Sir Alan Seton Stuart Bart.'s Rink Medal, only 11 turned up. Five skips were appointed and the men drawn. William Harrison was declared winner.

3rd February 1899

Dalkeith v Penicuik on the Low Pond, three rinks aside, played for a Royal C C Medal.

Dalkeith		Penicuik	
A. Gray	20	Thos. Brown	23
E. Dawson	13	W. Harrison	23
W. Urquhart	<u>14</u>	C. Buchanan	<u>18</u>
	<u>47</u>		<u>64</u>

The medal was won by Penicuik Club by 17 shots.

4th February 1899

Roslin v Penicuik on Roslin ice for a friendly match.

<i>Roslin</i>		<i>Penicuik</i>	
<i>W. Wright</i>	17	<i>W. Harrison</i>	12
<i>J. Wright</i>	18	<i>T. Brown</i>	28
<i>J. Blackwood</i>	22	<i>C. Wilson</i>	18
<i>R. Williamson</i>	<u>16</u>	<i>C. Buchanan</i>	<u>20</u>
	73		78

Penicuik won by 5 shots.

6th February 1899

Point Medal and stones which were won at Cobbingshaw were played for, 13 entered. John Hunter won the medal with 17 points. He also won the stones as he was one of the players in the winning rink at Cobbingshaw.

(sgd.) R Thomson, Chairman.

1st March 1899

Letter from R. C. Cowan to Mr McGregor (Club Secretary)

Craigiefield

1/3/99

Dear Mr McGregor,

I think I am on the track of the missing medal, but would you kindly let me have the first 20 or 25 annuals which you have, and I will go over them and make sure - I saw in Report for Year 1856 today. As to a medal, West Linton v. Penicuik, no report received.

Kindly give annuals to ?

Yours truly

R.C. Cowan

19th October 1899

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club was held here on the above date at 7.30pm. There were present, Rev Robert Thomson, John Lamb, Thomas Ainslie, John Hunter and Charles Buchanan, the Secretary. Apology from Major McGregor was intimated. The Rev Robert Thomson was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of last annual meeting and the past season's matches which were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary also gave the Financial Statement which showed a balance in hand of 7/3^d with a good many subscriptions unpaid.

The list of members for insertion in the Annual was adjusted and Mr Albert Lamb added as a new member. The list was posted to the Secretary of the Royal C. C. Club with a cheque for £1:14:9^d being the annual subscription for the season.

All the old Office Bearers were re-appointed. Skips appointed: C. W. Cowan, J. Williamson, Thomas Tudhope, Thomas Brown, Charles Wilson, Charles Buchanan, Wm. Harrison, John Lamb and Alexander Cowan.

The Working Committee was re-appointed, viz:- The Rev R. Thomson, R. C. Cowan, John Hunter, John Lamb, Major McGregor and C. Buchanan.

It was agreed not to send any rinks to the Grand Match.

It was arranged to send three or four rinks to Midlothian Provincial, the Secretary to consult skips and arrange.

The annual subscription was fixed at 3/- for season 1899-1900.

26th December 1899

The Rink Medal was played for on fine keen ice, 5 rinks entered. C. Buchanan was declared winner.

First tie:	C. W. Cowan	14	John Fleming	4
	Chas. Wilson	5	C. Buchanan	7
	Wm. Harrison	the bye		
Second tie:	C. W. Cowan	10	Wm. Harrison	6
	Chas. Buchanan	the bye		
Final tie:	C. W. Cowan	5	C. Buchanan	13

27th December 1899

The Club Medal was competed for on keen ice, 9 entered. William Lawson was declared winner with 27 points.

	<i>Striking</i>	<i>In-wicking</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	<i>Guarding</i>	<i>Chaps & Lie</i>	<i>Wick & Curl In</i>	<i>Raising</i>	<i>Chap the Winner</i>	<i>Drawing for a Port</i>	<i>Out-wicking</i>	<i>Total</i>
William Sommerville	2021	0000	0000	0100	0020	0000	1		1	1	11
Walter Sommerville	2220	2202	0000	0020	0102	0000			1		18
John Hunter	0010	2000	0000	1000	0020	0000		2	2	2	12
Alexander Cowan	2220	0002	2010	1000	1010	0000	1	21			18
Robert Thomson	2200	0000	0000	2000	2000		2	1			11
Thomas Tudhope	2200	0000	0002	2	22	1	2	1			15
William Lawson	2222	0110	2200	21	222	1			11	1	27
Robert Cowan	0002	0100	1000	2000	002	2		2			12
James Cairns	0202	0100	0000	0	00	2	1	12		222	17

28th December 1899

The Midlothian Provincial Match on Cobbingshaw Loch came off on fine keen ice. Four rinks took part in the match and were 5¼ up on the average being 7th in the match.

C. W. Cowan	23	J. Buchanan,	12
C. Wilson	18	J. E. Hope, Mortonhall	15
W. Harrison	17	P. Turner, Kirknewton	15
C. Buchanan	19	J. Turnbull, Dalhousie	14

8th February 1900

The Club competed for a Royal Caledonian Curling Club medal on Duddingston ice against Duddingston Club, 5 rinks a-side, which resulted in a win for Penicuik by 43 shots.

Penicuik		Duddingston	
C. W. Cowan	23	Mackenzie Brown	20
W. Harrison	20	A. J. Belfrage	12
C. Wilson	18	T. Simpson	12
Thos. Brown	23	John Hay	14
Charles Buchanan	<u>25</u>	T. M. Skerving	<u>8</u>
	<u>109</u>		<u>66</u>

10th February 1900

Penicuik v Valleyfield on the Low Pond for the Challenge Broom presented by Mr R. C. Cowan, which resulted in a loss for the first time of 22 shots.

Penicuik		Valleyfield	
John Fleming	18	Alex ^r Cowan	9
J. J. Wilson	9	C. W. Cowan	17
J. Williamson	10	David Purves	22
W. Harrison	12	Thos. Ainslie	17
Charles Buchanan	<u>12</u>	David Smith	<u>18</u>
	<u>61</u>		<u>83</u>

12th February 1900

Penicuik v. Glencorse

C. W. Cowan	11	Thos. Pate	29
John Fleming	24	J. Munro	15
W. Harrison	<u>24</u>	Major Sanford	<u>21</u>
	59		<u>65</u>

Lost six shots. The above friendly match was played on Glencorse ice.

13th February 1900

A friendly game was played with the Whim Club on Penicuik ice, which resulted in a loss of 21 shots.

Charles Buchanan	17	W. Lean, Whim	13
John Fleming	8	S. Pate, Whim	27
Wm. Harrison	<u>17</u>	S. Lean, Whim	<u>23</u>
	<u>42</u>		<u>63</u>

(sgd.) R. Thomson, Chairman.

19th October 1900

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present, Vice-president James Williamson, Chaplain the Rev Robert Thomson, William Pirie, John Hunter, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan. The Rev Robert Thomson was called to the chair.

The Secretary intimated an apology from the President, C.W. Cowan. He then read the minutes of the past year's business which was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Major McGregor, the Treasurer, read the Financial Statement which showed an income of £8:0:9^d and an outlay of £8:1:2^d being a deficit of 5^d with a good many subscriptions outstanding which the Treasurer hoped to get in.

The Treasurer recommended that the annual subscription should remain at 3/- for the year. The following new members were proposed and duly elected, William Pirie, William Murray, John Allan, James Anderson, and Professor Cossar Ewart.

The Office Bearers were reappointed, President, C.W. Cowan, Vice-president, J. Williamson, Chaplain, Rev R. Thomson, Treasurer, Major McGregor and the Secretaries, John Lamb and Charles Buchanan, and Committees.

The list of members for insertion in the Annual was adjusted. The following Skips were appointed, President, C.W. Cowan, Vice-president, J. Williamson, Thomas Brown, Charles Wilson, William Harrison, John Lamb, Alex. Cowan and Charles Buchanan.

It was arranged to send three rinks to the Midlothian Province Match, but to leave the Grand or other match open to see if any members desired to enter.

The meeting expressed regret at the loss the Club has sustained through the death of Messrs T. Tudhope, J. Foulis, R. Hogg and John Clerk, Q.C.

Mr Robert C. Cowan presented two photographs which were to hang in the curling house.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

14th February 1901

The Rink Medal was arranged today, but the Mid-lothian Province was intimated later by telegram.

C.W. Cowan	27	J. P. Omond, Holyrood	13
Charles Wilson	<u>15</u>	W.E. Dickson, Mid-Calder	<u>13</u>
	42		<u>26</u>

Thomas Brown wired off. Penicuik won by 16 shots.

16th February 1901

The Rink Medal was played for on dull ice.

First tie:	C.W. Cowan	11	Charles Buchanan	12
	Chas. Wilson	7	William Harrison	11
Second tie:	William Harrison	13	Charles Buchanan	1

(sgd.) Thomas Ainslie, Chairman

10th October 1901

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present, Messrs Thomas Ainslie, Major McGregor, the Rev. Robert

Thomson, John Hunter, John Lamb, Andrew Laing and Charles Buchanan. Mr Thomas Ainslie was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the past year's business which was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Major McGregor, the Treasurer, then read the Financial Statement which showed an income of £3:4:6^d with a good many subscriptions outstanding, expenditure £3:10:5^d being a deficit of 5/11^d. The Treasurer recommended that the subscription should remain at 3/- for ensuing year. Messrs Benjamin and Wm. Lamb were proposed as new members and duly elected.

The Office Bearers were reappointed and a working committee to look after the cleaning of the ice, etc. viz:- John Hunter, R.C. Cowan, Rev R. Thomson, Treasurer and Secretaries.

All the old Skips were reappointed. It was agreed to send three rinks to the Mid-lothian Province, the Secretary to arrange the rinks.

Mr James W. Wright requested Mr Ainslie to bring before the meeting the desirability of having a Curling Court this season. It was left with the Secretary to see the President and call the Committee of Management to consider it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Committee of Management met in the Royal Hotel, Penicuik twice and made all necessary arrangements for the Annual Dinner and Curling Court. The President, C.W. Cowan, the Rev R. Thomson, Charles Wilson and Major McGregor were appointed to conduct and fence the Court.

23rd December 1901

The Mid-lothian Province Match came off on Cobblingshaw Loch on very rough snowy ice, the day being very cold. Penicuik 6 shots down.

C.W. Cowan	21	W. E. Dickson, Mid-Calder	12
W. Harrison	13	W. Pringle, Temple	15
C. Buchanan	<u>8</u>	D. Stewart, Holyrood	<u>21</u>
	<u>42</u>		<u>48</u>

27th December 1901

The Club met on the Low Pond to play for Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart's Rink Medal.

A. Cowan	14	W. Harrison	4
John Fleming the bye			
A. Cowan	9	John Fleming	6

Mr Alexander Cowan's rink was declared winner.

21st January 1902

The Dinner and Curling Court took place in the Royal Hotel. About thirty Members were present, President Charles W. Cowan, acting as "My Lord", Major McGregor, the Rev R. Thomson and Charles Wilson acting as officers. All the others were brothered. The dinner followed, the President in the chair and Vice-president, James Williamson, acting as croupier. Songs were sung by the President, Vice President, R. C. Cowan, W Harrison, A. L. Tait, Rev R. Thomson, J. Wright, etc. The usual toast list was gone through and a very enjoyable night was spent, "Auld lang syne" being sung at 5 minutes to ten o'clock.

30th January 1902

Col. Sir George D. Clerk, Bart's Point Medal was competed for, 17 entered. Walter Sommerville was declared winner with 19 points.

	<i>Striking</i>	<i>In-wicking</i>	<i>Drawing</i>	<i>Guarding</i>	<i>Chap & Lie</i>	<i>Raising</i>	<i>Chip the Winner</i>	<i>Drawing for a Port</i>	<i>Out-wicking</i>	<i>Total</i>
C Lawson	1	0	02	2	22	1		2		12
W Sommerville	22	11	22	2	2	111	2			19
J Lamb	122	2	2	2		11		2		15
W Hogg	2	1	1					2	2	8
J Fleming							1			1
J Steile	22		21	2	2	1	2			14
W Lamb			1			1	2		2	6
JC Chisholm	22		2	1				2		9
A Lamb	2	2	121			2				10
RC Cowan	21	1	211	11	1				1	12
J Hunter	12	2	11	1			2			10
C Buchanan	22		211	221	2				1	16
D Brown			1					2		3
J Cairns	122	1	1			222			2	15
W Lawson	22	1	1	12	2	2	2		1	18
A Cowan	2	2	22	11			<i>retired</i>			10
B Lamb	1212	22	1							11

31st January 1902

The Club met Currie club on Craiglockart ice for a Royal C.C. Club Medal, 3 rinks aside on keen ice. Result:

William Harrison	18	L. Cunningham	22
Alex ^r Cowan	12	D.B. Fairbairn	23
Charles Buchanan	15	John Baillie	25
	45		70

Penicuik 25 shots down.

1st February 1902

Penicuik v Valleyfield on Low Pond, 5 rinks aside for the Valleyfield Challenge Broom. Penicuik won by 46 shots. Result:

<i>Charles Wilson</i>	26	<i>J. Hogarth</i>	7
<i>Chas. Buchanan</i>	23	<i>R.C. Cowan</i>	10
<i>Wm. Harrison</i>	17	<i>D. Purves</i>	11
<i>John Lamb</i>	14	<i>Thos. Ainslie</i>	14
<i>John Fleming</i>	15	<i>A. Cowan</i>	7
	<u>95</u>		<u>49</u>

7th February 1902

Mussleburgh v Penicuik.

A friendly match was played on the Low Pond, 3 rinks aside. The Penicuik Club did not turn out. The match was started with 2 men short. The Officers of the two clubs made up the rinks until members turned up.

Result, Penicuik lost 12 shots.

<i>Penicuik</i>		<i>Musselburgh</i>	
<i>Alex^r Cowan</i>	24	<i>Mr Young</i>	19
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	16	<i>Mr Williamson</i>	19
<i>Charles Wilson</i>	11	<i>Mr Thomson</i>	25
	<u>51</u>		<u>63</u>

8th February 1902

Peebles v Penicuik on Peebles ice.

A friendly game was played on Kings Meadows pond, 4 rinks aside. The ice was keen and clear. Penicuik lost 35 shots.

<i>Alexander Cowan</i>	20	<i>J. Spalding</i>	16
<i>John Fleming</i>	13	<i>J. Dyke</i>	30
<i>William Harrison</i>	14	<i>F. Dyson</i>	25
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	13	<i>W. Paterson</i>	24
	<u>60</u>		<u>95</u>

10th February 1902

The Club Point Medal was competed for on keen ice, 17 entered. William Lawson, the holder of the medal, won it with 17 points.

13th February 1902

A friendly game was played with Roslin Curling Club on Penicuik ice, 4 rinks aside. Penicuik won by 10 shots.

Alex. Cowan	26	W. Wright	14
Chas. Buchanan	18	R. Williamson	18
Chas. Wilson	23	W. Davie	18
John Lamb	<u>11</u>	D. M. Law	<u>18</u>
	<u>78</u>		<u>68</u>

14th February 1902

Whim v Penicuik on Penicuik ice. A friendly game was played, 3 rinks aside. Result: Penicuik 15 shots down.

Alex. Cowan	13	S. Pate	15
C. Buchanan	15	W. Lean	17
J. Lamb	<u>10</u>	S. Lean	<u>21</u>
	<u>38</u>		<u>53</u>

15th February 1902

Peebles v Penicuik on Low Pond, on wet ice. A friendly game was played, 5 rinks aside. Penicuik lost 37 shots.

W. Sommerville	13	R. S. Anderson	20
C. Buchanan	12	J. Dyer	27
W. Harrison	19	W. Paterson	30
C. Wilson	12	B. Spalding	28
J. Fleming	<u>27</u>	S. Cowan	<u>15</u>
	<u>83</u>		<u>120</u>

(sgd.) J W Wright, Chairman

14th October 1902

Letter from Robert Cowan to Charles Buchanan

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:- "COWAN, PENICUIK"

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Penicuik

Midlothian

14th October, 1902

Mr. Charles Buchanan

Penicuik.

Dear Mr. Buchanan,

I have yours of 11th and fear that I shall not be able to attend a meeting of the Curling Club to-morrow night. I am sorry to hear you have been laid up, but note you will look over the records when you have some spare time.

As to the keeping of the medals in the Cowan Institute, a case has been made and will be fitted up in the course of the next few days, and I would suggest that the Club might give permission to the Trustees to exhibit the medals in the Institute during the pleasure of the Club. If at any time the Club wish to recall the medals, this can be done by the Club asking for them in writing.

We have the medals (22 in number) at present.

Yours Faithfully,

For the Cowan Institute Trustees.

Robert C Cowan

15th October 1902

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present, the Rev Robert Thomson, Messrs J.W. Wright, Walter Sommerville, Andrew Laing, Charles Buchanan and Major McGregor. An apology from Mr Alexander Cowan was read. The minutes of the past season were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement which showed an income of £9:1:0^d and an outlay of £7:5/-, showing a balance in hand of £1:16/-. The Treasurer was thanked for statement which was approved of by the meeting.

Charles Wm. Cowan of Logan House was reappointed President, James Williamson, Vice-president, Major McGregor, Treasurer, Rev Robert Thomson, Chaplain, Charles Buchanan and John Lamb, Secretaries.

Committee or Council of Management, R. C. Cowan, John Hunter, Albert Lamb, Treasurer and Secretaries.

The following Skips were appointed, President Alex Cowan, Chas. Wilson, J. Fleming, Wm. Harrison, John Lamb and Charles Buchanan.

It was arranged that 3 rinks should be entered for the Mid-lothian Province.

A letter from Mr Robert C. Cowan stating that as a result of the conversation at the Annual Dinner in January last about keeping the Club medals in the Cowan Institute, a case had been made and would be fitted up in a few days, and he would suggest that the Club might give permission to the trustees to exhibit the medals in the Institute during the pleasure of the Club. If at any time the Club wishes to recall the medals, this can be done by the Club asking for them in writing. We have the medals, 22 in number: R C Cowan for trustees.

The Rev Robert Thomson moved that the Club should allow the Cowan Institute trustees to exhibit the Curling Club medals in a glass case in the Institute on condition that the Treasurer or Secretary of the Club is allowed to keep the key of the case and can get them out on application by letter at any time, the Cowan Institute trustees to be responsible for the safety of the medals, while in their custody. Major McGregor seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

It was agreed to give one pound towards the expenses of the Canadian team.

The Secretary was instructed to write and thank the President for his photograph, which was very much appreciated by the Members of the Club.

The list for insertion in the Annual was made up and the following new members elected, viz:- Robert Dickson, Downie Brown Junr, W.N. Ferrier, J.M. Chisholm, F.A. Lindley, George McGregor and James Crawford.

15th January 1903

The Club met on the Low Pond to compete for the Club Point Medal, 19 entered. The ice was good and after playing off the various points, Mr F.McD. Williams was declared winner with 19 points. Sir George D. Clerk presented the medal.

16th January 1903

The Club met and competed for Sir George D. Clerk, Bart's Point Medal, 17 entered. Mr John Fleming, Coates, was declared winner with 26 shots. Sir George D. Clerk handed over the medal.

17th January 1903

Three rinks played at Cobbingshaw in the Mid-lothian Province Bonspiel and were fifth in the match with an average of $4\frac{3}{4}$ up. Mr Alexander Cowan's rink tied with Mr T. Taylor's, Craiglockart, for the Vice-president's prize with a majority over his opponent of 15 shots.

<i>Alex Cowan</i>	24	<i>W Dick, Kirknewton</i>	9
<i>Wm Harrison</i>	16	<i>A R C Pitman, Mortonhall</i>	11
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<u>12</u>	<i>W Plenderleith, Whitehill</i>	<u>18</u>
	<u>52</u>		<u>38</u>

Penicuik 14 shots up.

19th January 1903

The Rink Medal was competed for, four rinks entered, the ice was dull. Mr John Lamb's rink was successful in gaining the medal by one point over Mr Harrison in the last tie.

<i>First tie:</i>	<i>John Fleming</i>	4	<i>William Harrison</i>	23
	<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	11	<i>John Lamb</i>	14
<i>Second tie:</i>	<i>William Harrison</i>	11	<i>John Lamb</i>	12

20th January 1903

Merchiston v Penicuik on Slateford Pond played a friendly game. The ice was dull, but hard and most of the players could get up their stones. Result: Penicuik won by 16 shots.

<i>Penicuik</i>		<i>Merchiston</i>	
<i>William Harrison</i>	10	<i>J. Spiers</i>	10
<i>John Fleming</i>	22	<i>A. Hunter</i>	9
<i>John Lamb</i>	9	<i>R. Swan</i>	17
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<u>22</u>	<i>R. Dickson</i>	<u>11</u>
	<u>63</u>		<u>47</u>

Penicuik 16 shots up.

(sgd.) Alex Cowan, Chairman.

15th October 1903

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present: Major McGregor, Messrs Alexander Cowan, A. Laing, J. Wright, Thos. Ainslie, J. Cairns, J. Crawford, Wm. Hogg, R. Dickson, Walter Sommerville, John Lamb and Charles Buchanan. Major McGregor moved that Mr Cowan take the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the past year's business and games which were approved of and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer read the financial statement which showed an income of £9:5:6^d with some outstanding subscriptions, the outlay £7:8:11^d, balance in hand £1:6:7^d. Mr J. Wright audited the accounts and they were passed by the meeting. The Treasurer pointed out the difficulty he had in getting the subscriptions from occasional members as they were seldom on the ice. It was agreed to send the Officer round the local Members and collect it.

The roll of Office Bearers and members was prepared for the Annual. A letter from the President, Charles W. Cowan, was read stating as he had left the district; his name should be placed on the occasional list and as Past President. It was agreed to make him an Honorary Member of the Club.

Mr James Williamson was appointed President, Alexander Cowan Vice-president, representative members, John Fleming and C. Buchanan, Chaplain Rev Robert Thomson B.D., Secretary Charles Buchanan and Assistant Secretary John Lamb, Treasurer Major McGregor. The Committee of Management was reappointed with John Ainslie added and Wm. Hogg.

A committee to look after the ice cleaning tools etc. was appointed, R.C. Cowan, John Hunter, F.McD. Williams, the Secretaries and Treasurer.

It was agreed to send three rinks to the Mid-lothian Province. The subscription was fixed at 3/- for the ensuing year. The following Skips were appointed for the year: President James Williamson, Vice-president, Alexander Cowan, John Lamb, John Fleming, William Harrison, Charles Wilson, F.McDougal Williams and Charles Buchanan.

4th January 1904

The Club met on the Low Pond, Penicuik House today to play for the Rink Medal. Five rinks were drawn.

First tie:	Charles Wilson	16	John Fleming	9
	Charles Buchanan	13	John Lamb	12
	Wm Harrison a bye			
Second tie:	Charles Wilson	9	Wm Harrison	8
	Charles Buchanan a bye			
Final tie:	Charles Wilson	13	Charles Buchanan	1
	Mr Wilson was declared winner and presented with the medal.			

5th January 1904

The Point Medal was competed for, 23 entered. After playing off the various points, James Steele was declared winner with 24 points.

Sir George D. Clerk, Bart's Point Medal was also competed for and Daniel Tudhope won it with 33 points and Sir George presented it.

6th January 1904

The Club met on the Low Pond and competed for the Jubilee Picture of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club presented by Sir James Gibson Craig, Bart. Mr William Lawson was declared winner with 26 points.

(sgd.) R Thomson, Chairman

13th October 1904

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. There were present, Messrs J.W. Wright, J.Cairns, Wm. Lawson, Charles Buchanan, Robert Dickson, John Allan, J. Williamson Junr, J. Hunter, J.M. Chisholm, Major McGregor and the Rev Robert Thomson. The Rev Robert Thomson was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the past year's business, which was approved and signed by the Chairman. The Treasurer "Major McGregor" then read the Financial Statement which showed an income of £11:9:1^d, outlays £3:11:10^d, balance carried forward £7:17:3^d. The Treasurer recommended that the annual subscription should remain at 3/- for the ensuing year, which was agreed to, and he was awarded a vote of thanks.

The Office Bearers were reappointed and the roll of members for insertion in the Annual adjusted. The Committee or Council of Management for looking after the ice tools etc, was reappointed, also the old Skips.

It was agreed to send three rinks to the Mid-lothian Province, but not to any of the other matches, unless some of the skips desire to enter for the Grand Match, or for the English v Scotland.

(sgd.) Thomas Ainslie, Chairman

15th October 1905

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7 o'clock. There were present, Messrs Thomas Ainslie, Ben Lamb, Albert Lamb, Charles Wilson, William Craib, Robert Dickson, John Allan, J.W. Wright, John Hunter, James Williamson Junr, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan. Mr Thomas Ainslie was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the past year's business which was approved and signed by the chairman.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement which showed that £7:17:3^d had been brought forward from the previous year, and as there had been no ice, he had not collected the annual subscription. He had paid all dues which amounted to £2:15/- leaving a balance of £5:2:3 in hand. Mr J.W. Wright audited the cash book and signed it. The Treasurer recommended that the annual subscription should remain at 3 /- for the ensuing year and that the Curling Officer should go round and collect it for the Treasurer.

The Office Bearers were reappointed. Skips: Messrs Alex Cowan, W. Harrison, J. Fleming, C. Wilson, John Lamb and Charles Buchanan; Committee to manage ice, Messrs R.C. Cowan, John Hunter, John Allan, John Ainslie, Secretaries and Treasurer.

Rinks to play at Grand Match to be left open if any rink wished to enter.

England v Scotland

Midlothian Province; 3 rinks to be entered.

Switzerland: if any arrangements could be made for one rink, the Secretary was to arrange.

Mr A Davidson, S.S.C. subscription - It was agreed to allow the Ice Officer to take round the sheet and collect for this object as the Club should in some way acknowledge his services to the R.C.C.C.

22nd February 1906

Sir George D. Clerk, Bart.'s Point Medal was competed for on good keen ice on the Low Pond, 12 entered. Charles Buchanan was declared winner of the medal with 21 shots, and as he had won it for the third time, it became his own property by the donor's terms of gift. John Allan 19, John Ainslie 15, W. Harrison 15, J. Steele 15, J.M. Chisholm 15, J. Cairns 14, Charles Wilson 6, W. Hogg 12, J. Hunter 11, R. Clerk 11.

23rd February 1906

The Rink Medal was played for on the Low Pond, 4 rinks entered. After playing off the various ties, the rink skipped by Charles Buchanan was declared winner. Results:

First tie:	Wm Harrison	Charles Wilson	(No score in Minute Book)
	Charles Buchanan 10	John Lamb	8
Second tie:	Charles Buchanan 18	Wm Harrison	6

24th February 1906

The Penicuik Club v Valleyfield Club met on the Low Pond to compete for Mr Robert Cowan's Challenge Broom, 4 rinks aside. The result is as follows:

Valleyfield		Penicuik	
Baillie Thomson	6	Major McGregor	20
R. C. Cowan	14	John Fleming	15
J. Hogarth	11	C. Wilson	32
Thos. Ainslie	15	J. Lamb	11
	<u>46</u>		<u>78</u>

The broom was presented to Mr C Wilson who was the highest winning skip.

(sgd.) Alex Cowan, Chairman.

15th October 1906

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7pm. Present, Vice-president Alexander Cowan, Robert C. Cowan, Wm. Lawson, Wm. Craib, Charles Wilson, Robert Dickson, the Rev. Robert Thomson, Thomas Ainslie, J.W. Wright, J. Hunter, J. Cairns, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan. The Vice-president, Alexander Cowan was called to the chair. The Secretary read the past year's minutes which were approved of and signed.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement which showed that with balance and income he had £10:4:2^d and paid for outlays £4:7:4½, leaving a balance of £5:16:9½^d in hand. Mr J.W. Wright audited the cash book and signed it.

The Treasurer recommended that the annual subscription should remain at 3/- for the ensuing year, which was agreed to.

The Office Bearers were appointed and the names for insertion in the Annual adjusted, and the Treasurer instructed to pay the annual subscription to the Secretary of the Royal C. C. Club of £1:11:6.

Skips appointed: Vice-president, Alex. Cowan, Wm. Harrison, Charles Wilson, John Fleming, Wm. Lawson and Charles Buchanan.

Committee to manage ice, John Ainslie, A. Lamb, R.C. Cowan, John Allan, Rev Robert Thomson, A. McGregor and Charles Buchanan.

Rinks to play at the Grand Match: It was agreed to send three rinks, Mr Alex Cowan and Wm. Lawson.

Midlothian Province: It was agreed to send three rinks, Messrs Alex. Cowan, Wm. Harrison and C. Buchanan.

England v Scotland: no entry.

The meeting considered the advisability of having a shallow pond near the Burgh of Penicuik and a committee comprised of Messrs R.C. Cowan, Wm. Lawson, Charles Wilson, Major McGregor, James Steele and Charles Buchanan were appointed to make enquiry if a suitable site could be obtained on Cornbank Farm and the cost of making, and the annual rent.

20th October 1906

New Pond: The Sub-committee met at Cornbank on the afternoon of the above date, present, Major McGregor, James Steele, Charles Wilson, William Lawson and C. Buchanan. After looking over the field and measuring off the ground at the west corner, it was agreed to have a few pits made to ascertain if the subsoil was suitable. It was agreed to get Mr Young to level the ground and give a detailed estimate. It was agreed to get an estimate from Mr McNulty.

25th November 1906

The Committee met this day to consider offers which were John McNulty, £151:9:0, Mr James Tait, probably £250. The estimates were not given on the same specifications and it

was agreed not to call a special meeting of the Club, but to report what had been done by the Committee at the first meeting on the ice.

1st February 1907

The Rink Medal was competed for today on keen ice, 4 rinks entered.

First tie:	Wm. Harrison	6	Charles Buchanan	13
	John Fleming	12	Wm. Lawson	13
Second tie:	Wm. Lawson	10	Charles Buchanan	10

An extra end was played which resulted in Charles Buchanan gaining by 2 shots.

2nd February 1907

The Club met on the Low Pond to compete for the Club Point Medal which was won by William Lawson with 28 points.

5th February 1907

The Mid-lothian Province match was played today on Cobbingshaw Loch, 3 rinks took part in the match which gave a win of $5\frac{1}{3}$.

William Harrison	19	E. Dawson, Dalkeith	15
John Fleming	26	A.M. Anderson,	17
William Lawson	<u>14</u>	J.T. Mungle, W Calder	<u>11</u>
	59		43

7th February 1907

The Club met on the Low Pond today and competed for Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart.'s Rink Medal, 4 rinks entered.

First tie:	John Fleming	9	William Harrison	13
	Alexander Cowan	5	Charles Buchanan	19
Second tie:	William Harrison	12	Charles Buchanan	13

11th February 1907

The Club met Craiglockhart club on Dalkeith ice for a Royal C.C.C. Medal, 3 rinks aside. Result: Penicuik won by 5 shots.

J. Taylor, Craiglockart	31	William Lawson, Penicuik	8
J. Smart, Craiglockart	15	William Harrison, Penicuik	21
H. Wakelin, Craiglockart	<u>8</u>	Charles Buchanan, Penicuik	<u>30</u>
	54		59

12th February 1907

The Club met Currie Club on Roslin ice for a Royal C.C.C. Medal, 3 rinks aside, which resulted in a loss for Penicuik by 38 shots - 2½" of snow fell during the match.

Currie		Penicuik	
John Baillie	33	William	12
Mr Davidson	20	Alexander	12
L. Cunningham	<u>23</u>	Charles	<u>14</u>
	<u>76</u>		<u>38</u>

(sgd.) Thomas Ainslie, Chairman

4th October 1907

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Messrs Craib, J. Hunter, Robert Dickson, T. Ainslie, Wm. Lawson, J. Cairns, A. Laing, the Rev Robert Thomson, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan. Thomas Ainslie was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the past year which were approved of and signed by the Chairman.

The list for insertion in the Annual was then adjusted and all the Office Bearers reappointed. The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement which showed an income of £13:6:9½ with an outlay of £8:11:3½, balance carried forward £4:15:6. The Chairman checked the accounts and signed the cash book which was approved of by the meeting.

It was recommended by the Treasurer to continue the subscription at 3/- for the ensuing year and agreed to. The Skips were reappointed, Messrs Alex^r Cowan, William Harrison, Charles Wilson, John Fleming, William Lawson and Charles Buchanan.

The ice committee was reappointed.

Three rinks were appointed to play at the Grand Match and Messrs Alex^r Cowan and William Lawson gave their names and the Secretary.

Three rinks were also to be entered for the Midlothian Province and Mr Alexander Cowan was chosen as one of the skips, Secretary to arrange for the other two rinks.

Estimates for a shallow water pond on Cornbank farm were submitted by the Committee appointed to find out the cost of making and obtaining ground. After full consideration, it was agreed to do nothing further in the matter meantime. The Committee on the motion of the Rev Robert Thomson were thanked for their services and dissolved.

On the motion of Rev Robert Thomson, the meeting agreed that the Club should try and get a rink to represent them at Kandersteg, Switzerland.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Royal Caledonian Curling Club dues.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

4th January 1908

The Club met on the Low Pond and competed for the Rink Medal, 5 rinks entered.

First tie:	T.F. McDougal	19	Alexander Cowan	4
	Charles Buchanan	16	Wm. Lawson	13
	John Fleming the bye			
Second tie:	Charles Buchanan	10	John Fleming	8
	T.F. McDougal the bye			
Third tie:	T.F. McDougal	8	Charles Buchanan	4

T.F. McDougal was presented with the medal.

(sgd.) Alex Cowan, Chairman

14th October 1908

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Messrs Alexander Cowan, Major McGregor, T. Ainslie, J. Cairns, J. Hunter, J. Williamson Junr, W. Craib, J.W. Wright, John Allan, J. Dent Junr, the Rev Robert Thomson and C. Buchanan. Mr Alexander Cowan was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous year's meetings and games, which were approved of and signed.

Major McGregor took exception to the manner in which the Rink Medal had been competed for the previous year, Members having turned up after the hour fixed, had been allowed to play a bye, while two Members who had been there in good time, did not get into the match. The meeting agreed that in future all those who took part in the match should be on the ice at the time fixed, or they must give place to those that were in time.

The list for insertion in the Annual was adjusted. Alexander Cowan was unanimously appointed President, Major McGregor Vice-president, and Mr James Williamson Honorary Member as it was considered the President and Vice-president should be active Members of the Club.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement which showed the income for the year £9:17:0 with outstanding subscriptions, outlay £3:14:0, balance carried forward £6:3:0. The subscription for the ensuing year was fixed at 3/- on the recommendation of the Treasurer.

The President offered to supply the Club Point Medal which was accepted by the meeting with a vote of thanks. The Skips were reappointed, with Major McGregor added, Mr William Harrison having left the district. The following are the names of the skips, viz:- President Alex^r Cowan, Vice-president Major McGregor, Charles Wilson, John Fleming, William Lawson, Charles Buchanan.

It was arranged to send three rinks to the Grand Match if played at either Carsebreck or Crossmyloof, Glasgow, and Alex^r Cowan, William Lawson and Charles Buchanan were appointed the skips to represent the Club.

The meeting also agreed to send three rinks to the Mid-lothian Province and John Fleming, Alexander Cowan and Charles Buchanan were appointed to play either at Cobbingshaw or Glasgow.

A Committee was appointed to revise the Royal C.C. rules which were in draft and forwarded to the Secretary. Major McGregor, the Rev Robert Thomson and Charles Buchanan were the Committee.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

6th March 1909

The Club met on the Low Pond and competed for the Rink Medal.

First tie:	Major McGregor	16	John Fleming	7
	James Wright	18	Charles Buchanan	9
Second tie:	Major McGregor	9	James Wright	5

Major McGregor was declared winner and was presented with the medal.

27th March 1909

The Grand Match took place at the Scottish ice rink, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

Alexander Cowan	20	Robert Watson, Baldernock	11
William Lawson	16	John Stewart, Baldernock	19
Charles Buchanan	<u>12</u>	Jas. Richardson, Stenhous Carron	<u>12</u>
	<u>48</u>		<u>42</u>

The club gained six shots for the South.

(sgd.) Alex Cowan, Chairman.

13th October 1909

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Messrs Alexander Cowan, President, Major McGregor Vice-president, Thomas Ainslie, J. Ainslie, Robert Dickson, John Hunter, Charles Wilson, James Wright and Charles Buchanan; President Alexander Cowan in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous year's meetings and games which were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement which showed the income for the year, £13:16:6, payments for the past year £6:2:4½, balance carried forward £7:14:1½.

It was agreed to continue the annual subscription at 3/- for the ensuing year.

The list for insertion in the Annual was adjusted. Mr Alexander Cowan was reappointed President, Major McGregor Vice-president. Representative members Mr John

Fleming and Charles Buchanan; Chaplain, the Rev Robert Thomson; Secretaries, Charles Buchanan and Major McGregor; Treasurer, Major McGregor. Council of Management was reappointed, viz:- Messrs John Ainslie, R.C. Cowan, Albert Lamb, John Allan, Rev Robert Thomson, Major McGregor, John Hunter, John Fleming, the President and C. Buchanan.

New members: Mr Robert Pate and Mr Ivie Warden, J. Thomson and Alexander Sommerville.

Skips reappointed with James Wright and Robert Pate added, old skips, Alexander Cowan, John Fleming, William Lawson, Charles Wilson, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan.

It was agreed to send three rinks to the Grand Match and three rinks to the Midlothian Province. England v Scotland: It was agreed not to enter for this match.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman.

18th November 1909

Sir George D. Clerk, Bart's Point Medal won by James Cairns by 27 shots.

19th November 1909

Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart. of Teuch Medal, 2 rinks entered.

<i>John Fleming</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Extra end John Fleming</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<i>0</i>

Mr Fleming was declared winner.

24th November 1909

The Grand Match took place at Carsebreck.

<i>Alexander Cowan</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Andrew McGregor,</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>John Fleming</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>William Russell, Ballingry</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<i><u>11</u></i>	<i>A. M. Lake, Leslie Park</i>	<i><u>16</u></i>
	<i>50</i>		<i>41</i>

Majority for home club: 9 shots.

25th November 1909

Cobbingshaw, Mid-lothian Province

<i>Alexander Cowan</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>J. H. Harwell, Kirknewton</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Wm. Lawson</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>R. Welsh, Holyrood</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Robert Pate</i>	<i><u>14</u></i>	<i>R. Buchanan, Bellsquarry</i>	<i><u>11</u></i>
	<i>41</i>		<i>53</i>

Home club 12 down.

7th December 1909

The Rink Medal was competed for on the Low Pond, 4 rinks entered.

First tie:	John Fleming	9	Charles Buchanan	7
	Major McGregor	6	Robert Pate	5
Second tie:	Major McGregor	0	John Fleming	10

Mr Fleming was declared winner.

27th January 1910

Point Medal competed for, 11 entered. James Cairns won it with 16 shots, William Lawson being second with 14 shots.

29th January 1910

Friendly match with Eskmill club; keen ice on Low Pond.

A. Crichton, Eskmill	10	Alex ^r Cowan	14
J. Wright, Eskmill	9	Charles	17
Wm. Sommerville,	12	John Fleming	15
W. Whigham, Eskmill	<u>16</u>	Wm. Lawson	<u>15</u>
	47		<u>61</u>

Penicuik 14 shots up.

(sgd.) Alex. Cowan, Chairman

14th October 1910

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the Penicuik Curling Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Alexander Cowan, President, Major McGregor, Vice-president, Messrs Robert Dickson, William Craib, Robert Pate, John Allan, James Williamson, James Wright, Thomas Ainslie, Charles Wilson and Charles Buchanan; the President in the chair.

The minutes of past year's games and annual general meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement showing the income at £15:9:7½, outlays £7:11:7, balance carried forward £7:18:0½. The books and vouchers were audited by Messrs T. Ainslie and James Wright and found correct. The meeting took exception to the Treasurer paying for pies out of his own pocket and it was agreed to pay for the coffee, sugar and cream out of the funds. Major McGregor was thanked for the pies and the time and attention he gave to the Club's business.

The subscription was fixed at 2/6 for the ensuing year. The President and Vice-president were reappointed, the representative members reappointed - John Fleming and

Charles Buchanan, the Rev Robert Thomson reappointed Chaplain, Secretaries - Charles Buchanan and Major McGregor.

The list for insertion in the Annual was adjusted. Council of Management reappointed with Mr Robert Pate added. New members added, Wm Stoddart, Dr John Jardine, David Fraser and James Dickson.

The Skips were reappointed with Mr Charles Wilson's name deleted as he wished to play in a rink which he had often played as third player.

The Skips are Alexander Cowan, John Fleming, Robert Pate, William Lawson, James Wright, Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan.

It was agreed to enter Mr Pate to play at the Grand Match. It was agreed to enter 4 for the Mid-lothian Province, Alexander Cowan, Robert Pate, John Fleming and Charles Buchanan. No rinks to be entered for England v Scotland.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Royal Caledonian Curling Club dues £1:12:6 and 2/6 for entering rink in the Grand Match.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

23rd November 1910

Rink Medal was competed for on Low Pond, only 8 rinks turned out. Major McGregor and John Fleming, the two skips present, formed two rinks and played 15 ends on dull ice. Scores:

Major McGregor	18	John Fleming	15
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Sir George D. Clerk, Bart presented the medal to the winner, who returned thanks and gave his players the credit of winning by their excellent play and support.

(sgd.) A McGregor.

11th October 1911

Penicuik Curling Club Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Major McGregor, Vice-president, J. Cairns, R. Dickson, the Rev Robert Thomson, John Ainslie, Thomas Ainslie, James Wright, William Lawson, James Williamson, John Hunter and Charles Buchanan. Major McGregor was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the previous year's minutes and list of games played by the Club, which were approved of and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer then read the Financial Statement which showed an income for the year of £12:13:6½, outlays for the year £4:8:0½, balance carried forward £8:5:6.

The Treasurer recommended that the annual subscription should remain at 2/6 which was unanimously agreed to.

The accounts were audited by Messrs J.W. Wright and Thomas Ainslie and found correct.

The list for insertion in the Annual was made up. All the old Office Bearers were reappointed, viz:- Alex Cowan - President, Major McGregor - Vice-president, representative members - J. Fleming and Charles Buchanan, Rev Robert Thomson - Chaplain, Secretaries - Major McGregor and Charles Buchanan. Council of Management, Robert Craig Cowan, John Ainslie, Albert Lamb, John Allan, Rev R. Thomson, John Hunter, J. Fleming, Robert Pate, Wm. Lawson, the President, Vice-president and Secretaries.

Skips, Alex^r Cowan, Major McGregor, W^m. Lawson, John Fleming, Robert Pate, James Wright and Charles Buchanan.

Rinks arranged to play at Grand Match, Robert Pate and John Fleming. Rinks to be entered for the Mid-lothian Province: Alexander Cowan, William Lawson, Robert Pate and Charles Buchanan. England v Scotland: no entries to be made.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Royal Caledonian Curling Club dues, £1:12:6, entry of two rinks for Grand Match, 2/6 each, 5/-, and 10/- for Midlothian Province, total £2:7:6^d.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

1st February 1912

The Club met on the Low Pond, Penicuik House, to compete for the Rink Medal on keen ice, 4 rinks entered. First tie, 13 ends.

First tie:	John Fleming	10	Major McGregor	9
	Wm. Lawson	11	Robert Pate	10
Second tie:	John Fleming	11	Wm Lawson	9

Mr Fleming won the medal which was presented.

2nd February 1912

The Club met to play points for the late Colonel Sir George D. Clerk, Bart's Medal and for President Alexander Cowan's Medal. The ice was keen, 16 entered the competition.

Late Sir G.D. Clerk's Medal		President's Medal	
	9	Robert Pate	19
	12	Andrew	17
	15	John Fleming	13
	10	R. Dickson	15
	15	J. Walker	12
	14	J. Allan	8
	17	J. Cairns	26
	7	Valance	8
	10	John Thomson	1
Winner of medal	27	Wm. Lawson	25

10	Jas. Dickson	8
12	John Hunter	9
7	Irving Dent	9
12	J.M. Chisholm	
13	A. Hay	3
	W. Stoddart	8
	Major McGregor	6

The Grand Match was played on this date. The two rinks that were drawn against Messrs Fleming and Pate from Kilsyth, wired through A.D. Smith they could not send any rinks.

3rd February 1912

The Mid-lothian Province Match took place on Cobbingshaw Loch today, 352 players were engaged. Whitehill won the cup with two rinks having an average majority of 7½. Four rinks were entered from Penicuik, only three were able to go. Result:-

A. Cowan	17	A.D.R. Thomson, Musselburgh	16
Wm. Lawson	15	D.M. Law, Roslin	10
R. Pate	<u>19</u>	W. Millar, West Calder	<u>7</u>
	<u>51</u>		<u>33</u>

Penicuik 18 up, 6 on average, 4½ counted.

5th February 1912

The Club met today on the Low Pond to compete for Sir Alan Seton Stuart, Bart.'s Rink Medal, four rinks entered.

First tie:	John Fleming	14	John Allan	8
	Wm. Lawson	15	Major McGregor	8
Second tie:	John Fleming	16	Wm. Lawson	12

The medal was won and presented to Mr Fleming.

(sgd.) A McGregor.

11th October 1912

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Vice-president, Major McGregor, John Hunter, James Cairns, John Ainslie, D. Campbell, J.W. Wright, William Craib, Thos. Ainslie, William Lawson, Andrew Laing and Charles Buchanan. Major McGregor was called to the chair.

The minutes for the past year were read giving details of the previous year's games. They were approved of by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Statement which showed a balance of £9:9:1½ in hand. Messrs Thomas Ainslie and J.W. Wright audited the books and found them correct.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the annual subscription to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and he recommended the subscription to remain at 2/6 for the ensuing year, which was agreed to.

The list for insertion in the Annual was then adjusted. Mr Alexander Cowan was reappointed President, Major McGregor, Vice-president, the Rev Robert Thomson, Chaplain. Major McGregor wished to be relieved of the Assistant Secretaryship and Mr Buchanan and Mr V Fleming were appointed. Representative members: - Charles Buchanan and John Fleming. Major McGregor was reappointed Treasurer and thanked by the meeting for his past services.

The Council of Management was then reappointed. The Skips were reappointed as follows: viz:- President Alexander Cowan, William Lawson, John Fleming, Robert Pate and Charles Buchanan. Entered for Grand Match, Skips, John Fleming and Robert Pate, Midlothian Province: A. Cowan, W. Lawson and C. Buchanan.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

28th January 1913

The Club met on the High Pond and competed for the Rink Medal, 3 rinks entered.

*First tie: Alexander Cowan 13 John Fleming 10
C. Buchanan the bye*

Second tie: Alexander Cowan 18 Charles Buchanan 6

Mr Cowan was declared winner and was presented with the medal.

The Grand Match was played in Edinburgh on the Haymarket artificial ice.

*Grangemouth v Mr Fleming 8 shots up
Grangemouth v Mr Pate 17 shots up*

(sgd.) John Fleming, Chairman

10th October 1913

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held here this evening at 7.30pm. Present, Messrs John Fleming, Wm. Craib, J.W. Wright, Thomas Ainslie, William Lawson, John Hunter, James Crawford and Charles Buchanan. Mr Fleming was called to the chair.

The minutes of the past year's meeting and games were read, approved and signed. The Treasurer, Major McGregor being unable to attend the meeting sent his cash book with a statement of the finances and a letter wishing to be relieved of the Treasurership which he had held for 34 years, as he felt he was unable to attend to the duties.

The meeting expressed great regret at the retiral of their Treasurer and wished the Secretary to convey to him their appreciation of his long and faithful services to the club since he became a member in 1871. It was agreed to make him an Honorary Member and arrange to give him a complimentary dinner later on. The books and Annuals, they accepted with pleasure and thanks, and they wished him many years of health and happiness in his retirement.

The Financial Statement showed a balance of £7:19:6. The books were audited by Messrs J.W. Wright and Thomas Ainslie and found correct.

The subscription was fixed at 2/6^d for the ensuing year. The Office Bearers were reappointed for insertion in the Annual. President, Alexander Cowan, Vice-president, Major McGregor, Chaplain, the Rev Robert Thomson, Representative members, John Fleming and Charles Buchanan, Secretaries, Charles Buchanan and Wm. Craib, Treasurer, Thomas Ainslie. Council of Management, reappointed last year's members.

Skips:- Alexd. Cowan, Wm. Lawson, J. Fleming, Robert Pate and Charles Buchanan.

Skips entered for the Grand Match: John Fleming and Robert Pate.

Entered for the Mid-lothian Province: Alexander Cowan, Wm. Lawson and C. Buchanan.

Swan Trophy, Robert Pate and J. Fleming.

The winter being mild, no ice for playing on deep water being had during the season, it was agreed to play the Grand Match and the Midlothian Province on the artificial ice in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

9th March 1914

Mid-lothian Province was played on Lochrin ice. Wm. Lawson withdrew.

Alex ^r Cowan	18	R. Brown, Kirknewton	17
C. Buchanan	27	Mr Mitchell, Waverley	13

Penicuik 7½ up on the average.

Holyrood won the trophy with 14, Rosslyn 2nd with 10. Penicuik were 5th with 7½.

Mr John Fleming and Mr Robert Pate played in the Grand Match and were four up.

(sgd.) J.W. Wright, Chairman

Copy letter sent to Mr McGregor - by instructions of the meeting. Exert from minutes.

The meeting expressed great regret at the retiral of the Treasurer, and instructed the Secretary to convey to him their appreciation of his long and faithful service to the Club since he became a member in 1871. The meeting agreed to give him a complimentary dinner and make him an Honorary Member of the Club, which they hoped he would enjoy for many years.

They also instructed the Secretary to thank him for the curling annuals which he so kindly offered to the Club, and arranged that they should be kept for future reference.

Note: Major McGregor died in December 1913 before the letter was sent to him, and it was sent to his sons as above stated.

16th October 1914

Penicuik Public School

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held here this evening at 7.30p.m. Present Messrs Thomas Ainslie, William Craib, G. McGregor, John Allan, Robert Dickson, James Cairns, John Hunter, James Wright, Robert Pate, William Lawson and Charles Buchanan. Mr James Wright was called to the chair.

The minutes of the past year's meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Treasurer, Mr Thomas Ainslie, then gave the Financial Statement which showed a balance of £13-2-9^d in hand. J.W. Wright and William Craib audited the accounts and found them correct. The Treasurer was authorised to pay the annual subscription to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

It was agreed to fix the annual subscription at 2/6^d for the ensuing year.

The list for inclusion in the Annual was then adjusted. Charles Wilson was appointed Vice-president in lieu of the late Major McGregor.

The President, Alexander Cowan and all the representative members were re-elected, also the Treasurer, Secretaries and Chaplain.

Skips reappointed.

Grand Match off.

Mid-lothian Province Messrs Cowan, Pate and Fleming to be entered as skips.

The Meeting expressed regret at the loss the Club had sustained by the death of the Vice-president Major McGregor - His son George being present returned thanks.

The President, Vice-president, Mr R.C. Cowan, James Wright, the Treasurer and Secretaries were appointed by the meeting to consider what should be done to celebrate the centenary of the Club. A draft of the minutes were prepared by the Secretary which would be gone over by the Committee and consider if they should be made into a small volume for the Club, and reports.

Miss Kirkhope was granted a honorarium of one guinea for her work in typing the minutes of the Club since its formation.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase two new crampets for the ensuing winter.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

1st January 1915

The ice was bearing, and a few members started a game which had to be given up on account of a change in the weather - and the Club never had another opportunity of a game during the season.

(sgd.) Alex. Cowan, Ch.

22nd October 1915

Public School, Penicuik

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held here this evening at 7.30p.m., President Alexander Cowan in the chair. There were present -Charles Wilson, Vice-president, John Allan, William Craib, John Hunter, Thomas Ainslie, James Wright, William Lawson, Robert Dickson, John Fleming and Charles Buchanan.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last general meeting which were approved of and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Statement which showed a balance in hand of £14-18-2½. The books were audited by Messrs William Craib and James Wright and found correct, and the meeting expressed their satisfaction to the Treasurer.

The subscription for the ensuing year was fixed at 2/-. The list for inclusion in the Annual was adjusted. The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Grand Match and Mid-Lothian Province dues, also the Royal Caledonian Curling Club dues of £1-6-6 and to have the Club medals cleaned.

The President Mr Alex Cowan was re-elected, also the Vice-president Mr Charles Wilson. The Representative Members, John Fleming and Charles Buchanan were re-elected. The Chaplain Rev Robert Thomson, the Secretaries Charles Buchanan and William Craib, the Treasurer Thomas Ainslie, were re-elected. The Council of Management were re-elected as per list in the Annual.

The Skips were re-elected, viz: Alex Cowan, Wm Lawson, John Fleming, Robert Pate, James Wright and Charles Buchanan.

Owing to the war, the Grand Match and the Mid-Lothian Province were given up the previous year and the meeting agreed, if the Mid-Lothian Province was to take place this year, that the three skips appointed the previous year should again be nominated, viz: Messrs Cowan, Pate and Fleming.

The Swan Trophy: It was agreed that if any members of the Club wished to make up a rink by applying to the Secretary, they could have their names entered.

A committee was appointed to inspect the curling house and carry out any repairs, Messrs Charles Wilson, Robert Dickson and the Secretary.

Centenary: The meeting agreed that the Club could not celebrate the occasion as they would like to owing to the war, and they agreed to delay the matter meantime. The Committee appointed at the last general meeting to make arrangements for the Centenary of the Club which took place on the 20th January 1915 were continued with Mr James Wright as Convenor and Messrs Wm. Craib, Thomas Ainslie and Charles Buchanan as a Sub-committee appointed to go over the minutes with a view to condensing them and considering if a small

volume could be made of them for publication, or any other way that a record of the club's minutes could be preserved.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

27th November 1915

The Club met on the Low Pond to compete for the Rink Medal, 3 rinks entered.

<i>First Tie</i>			
<i>James W. Wright</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Alexander Cowan the bye</i>			
<i>Second Tie</i>			
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Alexander Cowan</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Mr Cowan was declared winner</i>			

29th November 1915

The President's Point Medal was competed for, 6 entered. Mr Cowan gained the medal with 18 points. John Allan second 14, W. Lawson 13, A.J. Lothian 12, C Buchanan 11, and R. Dickson 4. The ice was keen.

8th March 1916

The Centenary Committee and the Skips of Penicuik Curling Club met in a small room in the Cowan Institute. There were present, Messrs Alex Cowan, President, Charles Buchanan, Secretary, Wm. Craib, Assistant Secretary, Thomas Ainslie, Treasurer, Jas. W. Wright, Convenor, John Fleming, Wm. Lawson, Robert Pate, with John Lamb as representative of Rosslyn Curling Club. Mr Alex Cowan was called to the chair.

Mr Jas. W. Wright explained that at an informal meeting of his committee and that with a conversation he had with Mr John Lamb and other members of the Rosslyn Club, this meeting was called to consider the joint celebration of the centenary of the two clubs, as Rosslyn Club was instituted in 1816, a year later than the Penicuik Club.

After discussion, it was agreed that a friendly match between the two clubs should take place on the Haymarket Ice Rink and a Social and Supper thereafter in the restaurant of the same building on 24th March. It was agreed to ask representatives from the following neighbouring clubs to be present at the Social, viz: Merchiston, Holyrood, Dalkeith, Lasswade, Glencorse, Musselburgh, and Currie; also Messrs A. Davidson Smith, Secy. R.C.C. Club, Ruben Dawson, President and Colin Moffat, Secretary of the Mid-Lothian Province.

It was agreed that the Committee should meet again at an early date, if both clubs agreed to the suggestion, when the representatives would be in a position to report.

15th March 1916

Cowan Institute

On this evening, a meeting of the Executive of the Centenary Celebration Committee of the Penicuik and Rosslyn Curling Clubs was held in the Cowan Institute. There were present Messrs Alex Cowan, Chas. Buchanan, Ainslie, Wright, Lawson and Craib of the Penicuik Curling Club; and Messrs Robert C. Wright and John Lamb of the Rosslyn Club.

Mr Lamb reported that the Rosslyn Club agreed to a joint celebration of their centennial on the 24th March, by holding a friendly match of six rinks aside to be followed by a supper at the Haymarket Ice Rink.

The Committee then drew out the programme for the social part of the celebration, agreed to have a photograph of the two Presidents and a list of members taking part included, and made arrangements for the printing of same in a form suitable for keeping as a memento of the occasion, a copy of which is appended hereto.

Arrangements were also made to have the players conveyed to and from the Ice Rink by motor bus.

Centenary Celebration
of
Penicuik and Rosslyn
(founded 1817) (founded 1816)
Curling Clubs



ALEX. COWAN, Esq.
President Penicuik Club.



DR. CAMERON
President Rosslyn Club.

Grand Match and Social
Haymarket Ice Rink
Edinburgh
24th March 1916

Chairman Alexander Cowan, Esq., Penicuik
Groupier Dr. Cameron, Rosslyn

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24th March 1916

The Members of the Penicuik Curling Club met at the Cowan Institute and went by motor bus to the Haymarket Ice Rink, where the game began at 4p.m. and was carried on for three hours with great enthusiasm. Roslin was declared winner by 25 shots. Thereafter a pleasant evening was spent in the Haymarket Ice Rink Restaurant, and the members returned to Penicuik by motor bus. A cutting from the Peebles-shire paper by Mr John Howden is herewith attached.

(Sgd.) Chas. Wilson

A CENTURY OF CURLING: CELEBRATION BY PENICUIK AND ROSLIN CLUBS

In the dawn of British history, when the Roman legions overran the land, Imogen the daughter of Cymbeline, invoked the help of a Roman captain in digging a grave for her master, Cloten, and deemed not her task complete until, over the "prettiest daisied plot," she had said a century of prayers. From the time of the Madeburgh historians and Bacon, the cycle of a century has been considered a convenient one for marking progress or retrogression in mundane affairs. It is not unnatural, therefore, even in this time of storm and stress that the members of certain curling clubs in Mid-Lothian should desire to celebrate the close of a hundred years of existence of their respective clubs. At least three of the clubs within the county, viz., Musselburgh, Penicuik, and Roslin are included in the list of those who have now completed their century, and of these the two last named celebrated the occasion on the afternoon and evening of Friday last week by a match, in which forty-eight players took part, and afterwards by a social gathering, at which the company of players was augmented by representatives from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and six Mid-Lothian district clubs.

When the centenary celebration was first thought of, each club intended to make its own arrangements for giving suitable distinction to it, but by a happy thought on the part of Mr J.W. Wright, the two clubs were brought together and merged their preparations into one common function. A joint committee was appointed, having for its members Mr John Lamb, Firth House, and Mr John Wright, as representing Roslin, and Messrs Alex. Cowan, C. Buchanan, T. Ainslie, J. W. Wright, and W. Craib, M.A., as representing Penicuik. In the end the executive arrangements were left in the hands of Mr Lamb and Mr Craib, and were most efficiently carried out.

The Haymarket Ice Rink, Edinburgh, was selected as the venue for the match, and thither the players were conveyed in special 'buses of the Scottish Motor Traction Company. The preliminaries of the match having been satisfactorily adjusted, play was commenced punctually at 4P.M. The rinks were composed as follows:-

Penicuik – Mr Alex. Cowan of Valleyfield (skip), Mr R.C. Cowan, Inveresk, Mr R. Dickson, Mr John Hamilton, Greenlaw Mains (who took the place of Sir George J.R. Clerk, Bart., (who was unable to be present through illness); Mr J. Fleming, Coates (skip), Mr J. Hunter, Mr C. Stewart, Kennels, Rev R. Thomson, The Manse; Mr R. Pate, Walston (skip), Mr T. Ainslie, Glenesk, Mr W. Stoddart, Silverburn, Provost J.M. Chisholm; Mr C. Buchanan, Penicuik House Gardens (skip), Mr J. Ainslie, Auchencorth, Mr J. Steele, Cornbank, Mr R. French, Brunstane; Mr W. Lawson (skip), Mr J. Cairns, Mr A.J. Lothian, Loanstone House, Mr W. Craib; Mr T.H.W. McDougal of Raeshaw (skip), Mr J.W. Wright, Braehouse, Mr D. Campbell, Mr F. Lindley, Eskvale,

Roslin – Mr J. Pretsell, Pentland Mains (skip), Mr A. Smith, Kirkettle, Mr A. Dick, Shewingdean, Mr T. Ritchie; Mr D. Bayne (skip), Mr G. Howitt, Mr E.R. Meeston, Mr J. Hay; Mr P.M. Dewar (skip), Mr T.W. Wright, Mr R. McIntosh, Mr D.F. Dewar; Mr M. Sanderson, Leith (skip), Mr J. Wright, Mr R. Wright, Mr T. Pendreigh, Edinburgh; Mr W. Davie, Loanhead (skip), Mr A. Davie, Dr Cameron, Fountain Gardens, Loanhead, Mr Harry McGregor, B.L. Bank, Loanhead; Mr J. Lamb, Firth House (skip), Mr B. Lamb, Mr J. Judge, Mr Wm. Smith, Milton Bank.

Play was carried on for three hours with all the heartiness which has characterised the national pastime for generations, and at the close it was found that victory rested with the Roslin Club, the score being - Penicuik, 60; Roslin, 85. The Penicuik rinks skipped by Messrs Cowan, Lawson, and Fleming were up, but they were vastly outweighed by the gains registered by the Roslin rinks skipped by Messrs Lamb, Dewar, and Sanderson.

The company next adjourned to the tea room which forms part of the palatial edifice of the Haymarket Ice Rink (Limited), where a substantial repast awaited them. The chair was occupied by Mr Alexander Cowan of Valleyfield, who for the occasion wore a regalia upon which were placed the twenty-three R.C.C.C. medals, which the Penicuik Club had won during the past eighty years. Dr Cameron, Loanhead, fulfilled the duties of croupier. Besides the competing players there were present representatives from six county clubs as follows:- Lasswade – Rev R.H. Pryde; Currie – Mr James J. Davidson, Saughton Mains; Dalkeith – Mr G. Grieve; Holyrood – Mr J. Murie; Musselburgh – Mr George Crandles; Merchiston – Mr R. Wallace; Glencorse – Mr George Bruce. Apologies for absence were intimated by Mr Craib from Sir George J.R. Clerk, Bart., who had not sufficiently recovered from a recent illness to permit him being present; from Mr Colin C. Moffat, of the Mid-lothian Province, and Mr Davidson Smith, of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

The CHAIRMAN opened the proceedings by proposing the loyal toast of "His Majesty the King, Queen, and Members of the Royal Family." In doing so, Mr Cowan referred to His Majesties interest in sports, but they were in the midst of a terrible war, and his time was fully taken up in London, where, amongst other duties, he spent – as also did the Queen – a good deal of time in visiting the wounded soldiers. The King had no more loyal subjects than the curlers of Scotland, and if he came here he would receive no greater welcome than from them. They prayed God might send him victorious. The toast was pledged with great enthusiasm.

The CROUPIER proposed "Our Forces and our Allies" which, in the absence through illness of Sir George J.R. Clerk, was replied to by Rev R.H. Pryde.

Mr MARK SANDERSON proposed the R.C.C.C. coupled with the name of Mr. Murie.

The Rev R. THOMSON proposed "The Mid-lothian Province." He thought it was sufficient to say the Province served its uses very well. One use probably was to create an interest in curling throughout the Province – to stimulate a curling spirit in other parishes. It tended also to make them sink the smaller interests of the parish in the larger interests of the province. It had also arranged for them a most delightful match at Cobbingshaw, which provided for them a magnificent spectacle in addition to an enjoyable game – and they had the further advantage of being pitted against clubs they never met before.

Mr EBEN. DAWSON, Dalkeith, replying for the Province, said it started with a dozen clubs; now they had thirty-three – in fact, they had the whole of the county clubs with the exception of Stow, where, owing to its outlying situation, they preferred to be associated with the Border clubs. During the thirty-seven years it had been in existence they had only had sixteen matches – fifteen at Cobbingshaw and one at Linlithgow in 1887, which was a very hard winter. Thirteen out of the sixteen matches were won by eight clubs. He regretted very much that Penicuik had not got one of the provincial medals. He was sure that on this interesting occasion they all wished that the next time they played at Cobbingshaw it would be more successful. He thanked the two clubs which had invited him to be present as a guest.

Dr CAMERON, in proposing the toast of "The Penicuik Curling Club" said, as president the Roslin Club, in their name he expressed the pleasure they had had that afternoon in meeting their Penicuik brethren, and as the date that victory was on their (the Roslin) side. Having pointed out that Rev J. Kerr, in his history of the game, gave 1812 as the date of the origin of the Penicuik Club, whilst the minutes showed it to be 1815, he showed that as regards Roslin, Penicuik was the older club. He also indicated to what extent certain members of the Penicuik Club had been instrumental in forming the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. As the grandfather of the gentleman who was now Mr Wright of the Roslin Club had something to do with that formation, they also took some credit in carrying out that good object. In looking over the records of the Penicuik Club they would find the names connected with great traditions, such as Clerk ad Cowan – men who had helped to make Mid-lothian, the premier county, what it was. They found also that they had been able to combine trade with sport, and that the bearers of these name to-day – and there were many others – were not behind their ancestors in regard to sports. He had great in proposing the toast, and in coupling it with the name of Mr Wilson.

Ex-Baillie CHARLES WILSON, in replying to the toast, said – I have bit been a member of the Penicuik Curling Club for fifty-seven years, and in replying on behalf of the club I have to state that it is a very ancient club. At one time the members styled themselves the Champions of the Icy World. At what date that was I don't know, but the three oldest members I remember were Mr Charles Cowan, M.P. for Edinburgh, the grandfather of our President; Mr John Wilson, the grandfather of the Messrs Lamb of Firth, and Mr Charles Lawson, my son's grandfather. These three gentlemen were all born in the year one. In our rink Mr James Abernethy could trace his genealogy back to the time of King Robert Bruce, which Mr William Smith can testify to, his amiable wife being a niece of Mr Abernethy. The formation of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club emanated from a member of the Penicuik Club, viz., Dr John Renton, who inserted an advertisement in the newspapers calling the attention of other clubs, and it was inaugurated in June 1838. The first grand bonspiel between the North and the South was played on Penicuik ice, so you see how much Roslin is indebted to us, the Penicuik Club. '59 and '60, '60 and '61 were very strong winters, the Right Honourable Sir George Clerk's medal being played for on the 16th November 1859, and a match played on Penicuik fair morning, the third Friday of March, and the ice never wholly off the pond all winter. Our best players left the following season, not having curlers to play with towards the end of these long seasons, and they joined Roslin Club. Major Wedderburn joined it, and these players led Roslin to victory in many a curling stane war. Roslin used to have a rink called the Ladies Rink, and a strong good rink it was. They have a ladies rink yet, and an extra good rink it is, but they are Penicuik ladies (Misses Lamb of Firth). The Right Honourable Sir George Clerk, Bart. Of Penicuik, was a keen and good curler, and granted great privileges to the club and public generally. Members used to complain of the long road to the pond, but, oh, I remember the day when I did not think it long, when with a palpitating heart I would wend my way up by the old Roman Bridge and saw the saw mill, with the smell of new cut logs in one's nostrils, and listening to the rumbling of the stones. But when the scene burst upon one's view, the pond like a mirror sheen, and the roar of a curling stane war, it was glorious, it was invigorating, it was elevating. But we depended entirely on Providence for our curling games in those days, and that was what gave it its keenness and zest. Now it is your Southports, Crossmyloofs, and Haymarkets.

Man has fallen away from entire dependence on Providence, and that is the root cause at the present day of this fearful clash of nations. There are two places where we all meet upon a level – in a Masonic Lodge and on the ice, and before sitting down I would just like to propose “The Health of our late President, Mr Charles William Cowan,” laird of Logan House (now of Dalhousie Castle). He is the oldest member of Penicuik Curling Club, of the Masonic Lodge, St. Kentigern, Penicuik and West Linton, the old Parochial Board, and the Town Council, and I am next in all four. We curled in the same rink for fourteen years, and thus I presume to couple my name in the same breath with his. For eleven years when our rink was full we never lost a match, until we met the Glover rink on Roslin pond, on bias ice, when we lost 9 shots – and no wonder! They had played on the same rink the day before, and such soopers! I never saw the like. Their coves went round their heads and with the swish they could keep the stones going as long as they liked. We challenged them to play on the Compensation Pond, Logan House, but they would not accept. Mr Cowan did a great deal for the club by presenting curling stones and handles of the best kind every year for a long series of years, and in a quiet, unobtrusive, and gentlemanly manner encouraged the club in many and varied ways. I therefore propose “The Health of our late President,” with all the honours. (Loud applause.)

Mr CHARLES BUCHANAN, County Councillor, in proposing “The Roslin Curling Club,” said he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of the Penicuik Curling Club when he said that it had always been a pleasure to them to meet the Roslin Club, as nothing but rivalry and good friendship existed between them. The glory of curling was that nothing low or un-gentlemanly had a place in the game. Curling to-day was a very different affair from what it was one hundred years ago. The rules of the game, the improvements in curling stones, and artificial ice had made great changes. He was afraid many of the local clubs would disappear and district clubs would take their place. Roslin was a curling locality long before the club was instituted, as the rev J. Kerr had shown in his history of the game, stating that the late Dr Sidney presented Montreal with a curling stone found at Roslin in 1826, which bore the date of 1613. The club held a first place amongst the county clubs. Twice (in 18 91 and 1901) it won the Mid-lothian Province medal, besides gaining many Royal Caledonian Medals from neighbouring clubs, and on three successive days – 8th, 9th, and 10th January 1891 – it performed a feat almost unique in curling history, viz., the winning of a medal in each day. I 1831 – eighty-five years ago – Roslin, Merchiston and Penicuik were allies in a Mid-lothian county bonspiel against the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire on Sliperfield Loch, Peebles-shire – victory resting with Mid-lothian by 45 shots. This was one of the first county matches they had on record. In conclusion, he would ask them to respond heartily to the toast of “The Roslin Curling Club,” might they continue to prosper, and a hundred years hence might the two clubs meet in the same friendly rivalry, when they (the present company) would, with their angelic wings, be looking down approvingly. (Applause.)

Mr DEWAR, replying to the toast, thanked Mr Buchanan, in the name of the Roslin Club, for his very kind expression of good feelings.

“The Guests” was proposed by Mr Judge, Roslin, and responded to by Mr J.J. Davidson, Currie, and Mr Bruce, Glencourse. The remaining toasts included “Curlers’ Wives, Sweethearts, and Bairs;” “The Chairman and Croupier,” and “Messrs Lamb, Craib, and Wright,” who had done so much in arranging the celebration. During the evening songs were sung by Mr Fairburn and Mr Robert Thomson (R.W. Forsyth, Ltd., late of Penicuik), and no notice of the celebration could be complete which failed to mention the inimitable

recitations of Mr Murie, whose reputation as a *Raconteur* is hardly less than that which he bears throughout Scotland as a curler. At the close the National Anthem was sung, and before separating hearty cheers were given for the Penicuik and Roslin Clubs.

INCIDENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE PENICUIK CURLING CLUB

In 1702, Thomas Pennant, Welshman, historian, naturalist, and eccentric man of genius, visited Scotland, and amongst other observations noted that curling was one of its national games. Introduced into Scotland more than 300 years previously by the Flemings, the game no doubt had its devotees in Mid-lothian and Peeblesshire for centuries before Pennant wrote; and it is certain that – as will be seen from a speech quoted above – it was played in Roslin in the third decade of the seventeenth century, whilst, it is equally certain that Baron Sir John Clerk, one of the Commissioners of the Union between England and Scotland, played the game in the same century. But during the intervening centuries the game appears to have been conducted in an amorphous fashion, subject to no discipline save that half unconsciously imposed by feudal clanship. One person could “take on” a game for the whole parish, and parish competed with parish without any strict uniformity regarding such minutiae as “drawing” or “striking” or “inwicking.”

January 1815 was an eventful month in the nation’s history. Europe was lulled into a sleep of false security regarding Napoleon – believing it had finally disposed of him when it appointed him an independent sovereign in the island of Elba. The war between this country and America was nearing its close, and, on the 20th January, the retreat of the British Army in New Orleans was commenced, followed in about three weeks by news of the ratification of peace between these two great English-speaking nations.

Whilst the curlers of Penicuik could not be indifferent to these great happenings, they at the same time exhibited a concrete interest in their game by meeting on the 20th January 1815, in the inn of Mr James Dodds, and agreeing to “constitute themselves into a society to be entitled the ‘Penicuik Curling Club.’” This was done “in order to produce that improvement in curling which, when put into competition with our neighbours, is so much wanted.” To give effect to this proposition, the following Committee were appointed, viz.:– Messrs John Allan, President; John Aitken, Walston; Wm. Davidson, Coates; William Campbell, Penicuik; James Dodds, Penicuik; and James Jackson, author of the “Tales of Roslin Castle,” &c., as clerk. Ten principal regulations were drawn up. The Right Hon. Sir George Clerk, 6th Baronet of Penicuik, who was *tour à tour*, as the French would say, Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of the Treasury, Master of the Mint, and Vice-President of the Board of Trade, “generously undertook at his own expense to purchase a silver medal each year which should be given to the game,” i.e. a game should be played annually. It was decreed that at the conclusion of the game “the club shall partake of a dinner, after which they must all individually submit to be tried respecting their knowledge of the curling world, and shall be fined of such sum as the judges may think their deficiency entitles them to; the highest fine not to exceed 6d, and it shall be an invariable rule that after drinking two bowls of punch, the reckoning shall be called, so that every member shall be at liberty to depart.”

The first competition for Sir George Clerk’s medal took place on 19th December 1816, and was won by Mr John Allan, the president. In these days of restricted paper, when newspaper conductors are demanding “copy” of the briefest description, it is interesting to note that after the above game was played a committee of six were appointed to draw up a report for insertion in the

Edinburgh newspapers. Liberal space was also given by the Edinburgh newspapers to a report of the first match played by the Penicuik club with another club, viz., Merchiston, in 1816, when Penicuik won by 33 shots. The return match was played on 1st March 1816, when the ice was so “remarkably dull” that short rinks of 15 yards were adopted. This suited the Merchiston players who were accustomed to short rinks, and they won by 16 shots. Victory, however was restored to the Penicuik Club on the following day, when they played the “Parish of Lasswade,” and won by 33 shots. The match, as the Edinburgh newspapers again inform us, was played on Harlaw pond, “situated in an immured situation, and surrounded with lofty trees. The sun had no influence on the ice, although the day in the open country was soft. The noisy and mirthful peasantry of the players afforded a striking contrast to the grand and solemn scenery around, which re-echoed with responsive harmony those bursts of rapturous applause which spontaneously followed the respective success of the players.”

A week afterwards a “parish” match took place between Penicuik and Newlands (Peeblesshire.) Incidentally we have a hint that this “parish” match was a continuation of what had been a regular fixture in days as remote as those of Baron Clerk (1676-1755), and latter of Sir James Clerk, the third Baronet. At the close of their match with the Merchiston Club on 30th January 1818, the party dined at Lindsay’s Inn, in the Grassmarket, and spent the evening in that “rational and convivial friendship worthy of Caledonia’s darling pastime.” The “gallant generalship and long experience of the Linton players,” enabled them to score a victory in a match between Penicuik and West Linton, in which no fewer than 84 players took part.

So jealous were the members of preserving the parochial character of the club that they referred an application for membership by Rev. Alexander Torrance (whom R.L. Stevenson has described so vividly in his writings) to Mr Clerk Maxwell for consideration. Mr Maxwell’s decision was that as Mr Torrance had part of his parish [Gencorse] in the barony, the club might admit him, but left it to their own consideration. Mr Torrance was accordingly admitted, and upon the same principle admission was granted to Mr Thomas Ballantyne, Lawhead.

A glimpse into the disorder of the period (December 1819) is afforded by the fact that the gentlemen volunteers of Edinburgh were doing duty in the Castle on account of the regular troops being called to Glasgow, and that Sir George Clerk’s brother, Mr Maxwell, was doing duty in the Castle as a member of the volunteer corps.

The “good sense and humour” of a report which the club transmitted, obtained for it insertion in the Edinburgh newspapers and in some of the London and provincial ones. As one sentence of the report contains no fewer than 212 words we may, whilst acknowledging its good sense and humour, be pardoned for not trespassing upon our editors’ indulgence by quoting it.

There were mild winters between 1819 and 1822, and Sir George’s medal was not again played for until 30th December of the latter year. In the interval, a meeting of deputies was held at Mr McLean’s, Nine-Mile-Burn, to “negotiate a game between the counties of Mid-lothian and Tweeddale.” At this social function the deputies joined trembling with their mirth, by recording their grief at the death of Mr Wedderburn, Solicitor General for Scotland, “husband to the lovely and amiable sister of our illustrious patron.” The match between Mid-lothian and Tweeddale took place during a heavy fall of snow, and resulted in a win for the latter county by 61 shots. The localities from whence the Peeblesshire skips hailed are given in more detail than are those for Mid-lothian, and the following list of names of the players of ninety years ago is not uninteresting—Eckford, Traquair, Sommerville, Hartree, Watson,

Broughton; Gibson, Skirling; Wilson, Burnett, Steele, Henderson, Stewart (all of whom played on Whim Pond), Brodie, Blyth; Alexander, Carllops; Murray, Drochil; Alexander, West Linton; Bertram, Peebles; Sanderson, Newlands (all whom played on Penicuik pond). Penicuik, in all three rinks, lost two shots, and made the most favourable appearance in the Mid-lothian ranks.

At the curling festival, held on 16th March 1824, the Rev. Alex. Torrance was called to the chair, and performed the duties of it with that "gentlemanlike urbanity of manner which, among the party of curlers, converts social fellowship into rational pleasure." At this date (December 1824) the records of the club bear an interpolation from "Reflections on the Days of Youth," by John Lawson, portioner, in which mention is made of the fact that the Merchiston Club bestowed on the Penicuik Club the appellation of "The Champions of the Icy World."

In the endeavour to arrange for a second match between the counties of Mid-lothian and Peebles Dr John Renton called upon Mr John Brodie and some other curlers of Peebles, who, however, seemed averse to the project. Dr Renton, in the pure spirit of gallantry, proposed, for the accommodation of all parties, to commission a steam packet to convey the curlers to Iceland, where, unless they were disturbed with a shower of fire and sulphur from the burning Mount Hecla, they would find ice 4000 year old in readiness for them, and they might return with the pillars of a former world for curling stones, viz., the fine stupendous basaltic column of Iceland.

The "summary" for 1826 contains a reference to the death of Mr James Niven, who was a distinguished botanist, his services in 1803 being engaged by a party of scientific amateurs, including the Empress Josephine of France, for research in South Africa, from whence he returned in 1812 to Penicuik, and entered into business with his brother in the corner premises for many years occupied by Mr James Russell.

In January 1829, Mr James Jackson resigned the post of secretary, but as his successor had left Penicuik and kept no minutes, Mr Jackson was induced to act again as secretary for another season.

An extract from the *Edinburgh Evening Courant* published about this date is of great interest. Mr John Clerk of Eldin, father of Lord Eldin, the famous judge, published in 1782 a work on "Naval Tactics," setting forth a plan for breaking the enemy's line, which, it is said, was adopted by Rodney in his decisive victory on 12th April 1782 over the French fleet under De Grasse, capturing his flag ship, *Ville de Paris*, with seven others, and sinking one of his larger vessels. It is also asserted that the adoption of the same principles by Nelson enabled him to win his most famous battles. At the curling club dinner which was held on the evening of the day on which the medal annually given by Sir George Clerk was played for (won by Michael Jenkinson), Dr John Renton occupied the chair, and in the course of his remarks referred – according to the *Courant* – to the death of Mr Clerk of Eldin in the following terms:- "The solemnity of the forests and the delightful shrubberies, combined with the diversified and majestic scenery of landscape, around the spacious sheet of water on which the party had that day been curling, was well calculated to awaken feelings of no ordinary description in the minds of the most unthinking. But when it was considered that it was on this pond that the late Mr Clerk, when only a boy, first planned his theory of "Naval Tactics," which has produced effects alike glorious and awful in the naval history of Great Britain, it shed a sentimental radiance over the scenery henceforth forever consecrated as a monument to his mighty genius, which was on this account well worthy of that ornament which Sir George Clerk seemed so anxious to bestow upon a spot so interesting to his family honour."

In consideration of Sir George Clerk's continued kindness to the club, the latter presented him, on 1st March 1832, with a silver mounted horn, which Lady Clerk acknowledged in the following terms:- "Lady Clerk presents her compliments to Mr Renton, and has received the very handsome horn which the Penicuik Curling Club have presented to Sir George. Lady Clerk will forward the letter to Sir George and keep the horn, which she is sure Sir George will feel highly gratified in accepting." Writing from London on 9th March, Sir George conveyed to the Club his grateful acknowledgement of this mark of their friendship and affection.

Mr Jackson finally resigned the secretaryship, which he had held for 22 years, on 20th November 1837, and Mr John Piper was appointed in his stead.

On 15th January 1847, the Penicuik pond had the honour of being the scene of the great match, the North against the South, when the South beat North by 22 shots. Penicuik gained 9 shots in the five rinks they played. In February 1848 the club, playing Roslin, Newlands, and Currie, had three losses, and the new secretary took refuge from this "accumulation of disasters" by attending the ball, which appears on various occasions to have taken the place of the annual curling dinner. The club turned the tables on the Roslin Club in the following January, proving victors by 38 shots.

On 20th January 1849 the club agreed to purchase five curling maps of Scotland. The tax on paper is recalled by a notice in the *Edinburgh Advertiser* of 4th March 1852, stating that Mr E. Skinners, of the Inland Revenue, won a certain medal – Mr Skinners being one of the "gaugers" which a paternal government stationed at Penicuik for the imposition of a tax upon the paper manufactured there.

11th January 1856. – Previous to this date frequent mention is made of the support which Mr Charles Cowan, M.P., gave to the club, but on this day is the first notice of the connection with the club of Mr Charles W. Cowan – doubtless the same Mr Cowan of whose great services to the club ex-Baillie Wilson made generous acknowledgement in his speech. On 17th November following, specific reference is made to Mr Cowan, M.P., and his son, who were both appointed skips of rinks.

From 1870 the records are kept in a concise methodical manner, but one misses the "personal note" which made the earlier minutes of Mr Jackson and Mr Piper so interesting. One of the last entries (10th October 1913) has a pathetic interest – the resignation of Major McGregor as treasurer – an office he had held for 34 years. The club expressed great regret at his retiral and agreed to make him an honorary member, and to give him a complimentary dinner afterwards.

The following have been the principal office bearers during the century:- Presidents – 1815, James Dodds; 1819, James Niven; 1819, John Aitken; 1824, Dr James Renton; 1825, Alex. Dewar; 1826, Dr John Renton; 1832, Andrew Harper; 1839, Michael Jenkinson (Chas. Cowan, Vice-president); 1845, Charles Cowan, M.P.; 1846, Hugh H. Brown of Newhall (Dr Symington, Vice-president); 1857 to 1903, Charles W. Cowan, Dalhousie Castle. Vice-presidents from 1857 to 1903, George Johnstone, W.W. Evans, John Steadman, Jas. Williamson; 1903, Jas. Williamson. Presidents, 1906, Alex. Cowan; 1909, Alex. Cowan (Major McGregor, Vice-president). Secretaries, 1815 to 1837, Jas. Jackson; 1844 John Piper; 1850 and subsequent, John Robertson, Robert Jenkinson, David Shanks, C.S. France, C. Buchanan and John Lamb, C. Buchanan and Major McGregor, C. Buchanan and W. Craib. Treasurers from 1815 to 1913 – John Allan, Alex. Dewar, Jas. Dodds, Alex. Anderson, Major McGregor. Whilst not formally holding office, Mr J.J. Wilson, banker, frequently acted as chairman in the decade 1880-90.

APPENDIX I

TOAST LIST (Circa 1890)

- Cf* { *The Queen*
The Prince & Princess of Wales and other
members of the Royal Family
The Land and Sea Forces
1. *Success to Penicuik Curling Club*
Song
 2. *The Patron and Patronesses of P.C.C.*
Song
 3. *The President and Vice of P.C.C.*
 4. *King John Frost and Scotland's ain game o'curling*
 5. *Neighbouring Clubs*
 6. *The Winners of the Rink Medal*
 7. *The Winner of the Point Medal*
 8. *The Winner of the President's Stones*
 9. *Curling Wives, Sweethearts, & Bairns*
 10. *Rivalry and Good Fellowship*
 11. *The Office Bearers & Committee of the P.C.C.*
 12. *The Chairman*
 13. *The Croupier*

Auld Lang Syne