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INTRODUCTION

The Minute Book records the proceedings of the Lochmaben Curling Society¹ from 1863 to 1891, and commences with an abbreviated version of the final minute from the preceding book.² The twenty-eight seasons recorded cover an extremely full and eventful period of curling for the Society within Lochmaben and its surrounding parishes.

In the event of suitable curling conditions prevailing, there was an accepted routine of play. It commenced with the parish medal, which was played for over two days by members of the Society. Spiels between Lochmaben and other parishes then followed. Teams from Dryfesdale, Tinwald and Dumfries were usually among the first to be challenged, and consequently appear most frequently in the Minute Book. If the cold spell continued, matches were arranged against other parishes, including Corrie and Hutton, Kirkmahoe, Kirkmichael, and Johnstone. The large choice of curling venues within these Dumfriesshire parishes was well used, and provided varied conditions for the matches.

During the later nineteenth century, Lochmaben's traditional fixture list expanded to include in-house competitions for pairs of stones presented to the Society by donors. Such gifts were indicative of the ever-growing enthusiasm for the 'Roaring Game' in Victorian Scotland, and of the popularity in general of healthy, outdoor, manly sports. Wealthier patrons sometimes donated silverware, such as the Dumfriesshire Challenge Cup, which was presented in 1869 by local MP Sir Sydney Waterlow to encourage competition between parish teams across the county.³ The 'Waterlow Cup' became a major annual event in the curling calendar (ice permitting), although the Minute Book reveals that the Society did not enter the competition until 1886.

Some winters were clearly more suitable than others for curling. Out of the twenty-eight seasons covered by the Minute Book, eleven of them had no curling activity. The worst spell had three seasons in succession with no play: 1881-82, 1882-83 and 1883-84. There were, however, three seasons that provided excellent conditions, allowing plenty of outdoor sport. The first of these was 1874-75, during which the parish medal and five parish spiels were played. The second was the season 1878-79, which commenced the second week of December 1878 and continued through to the third week of January 1879, during which a record number of seven parish spiels, as well as the usual medal competition, were played. The third outstanding season was 1890-91, during which the medal competition was followed by three parish spiels, four competitions for pairs of curling stones, and the Waterlow Cup: all within a four-week period beginning on 19 December 1890 and culminating on 19 January 1891.

Curling clubs became increasingly organised during the second half of the nineteenth century, and the Society was no exception. Following the entry for 28 December 1869, for example, a new format was introduced where the names of all the players in a rink who had competed in a medal or parish spiel were listed rather than simply that of its skip. By 1872, these lists included a record of the membership fee paid by each rink. The annual selection process of choosing the skips and their rinks, moreover, became more systematic, as indicated by the two tables that were drawn up following the 1874-75 season: the first was headed an 'Analysis of Play for Season 1874-75', and provided a detailed list of results for individual skips from all the competitions played throughout the season; the second determined the overall standing of the individual skips within the club results.

The creation of new rules and regulations was part of this trend. When the appointment of skips came under scrutiny in 1866, for example, a subcommittee was appointed to frame a new set of

rules for the future guidance of the Society. They were approved in 1867 and written in full within the minutes for that meeting. In a similar spirit, when Robert Johnson of Mayfield gifted the Society a pair of stones in 1886, a set of rules was drawn up for an annual competition and inserted at the end of the book (see Fig. 9).

Curling was also becoming more organised at a national level, due in large part to the endeavours of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (established in 1838). At the annual general meeting held on 13 November 1872, the Society agreed to ‘adopt the Rules of the game of the Royal Caledonian for the season leaving it an after question for the next year as to joining the Caledonian’. This suggests that the Society deemed it important to be playing to the national rules by which all parish clubs would be playing.⁵ Similarly, in 1891 the Society decided to follow the national trend and play without the use of tramps, ‘so as to be able to meet other clubs on equal terms’.

In December 1844, the long-standing president of the Society, Major John Johnstone of Halleaths, passed away. He had been elected to the position for twenty-eight consecutive seasons commencing in 1857–58. His generosity to and support for the Society was greatly appreciated, as shown on 31 March 1865 when a public meeting was held in Lochmaben town hall to present him with a fine pair of Ailsa Craig granite stones (suitably engraved with the Johnstone family crest and a presentation inscription), together with a broom and a pair of tramps. As well as to honour their president, the presentation was to thank him specifically for his ‘liberality in disbursing money for the House for the Curling Stones at the Castle Loch’.

The final entry in the Minute Book, a detailed account of the Society dinner held on the 20 January 1891 in the Mason’s Hall, provides an additional and fascinating insight into the social aspect of the nineteenth-century curling scene. At this time, the Lochmaben Curling Society was one of two curling clubs in the town, the other being the Royal Bruce Curling Club.⁴ The latter’s minute book reveals that the two clubs amalgamated in 1893,⁶ with the members of the Society being enlisted into what had become known as the King Robert Bruce Curling Club. There is a gap of two seasons unaccounted for following the final entry in the Bruce’s minute book, dated 5 October 1897. In 1899, however, a further minute book commenced with a motion to form officially a new, single club, to be called the Lochmaben Castle Curling Club, by which name the royal burgh’s club is still known today.

NOTES

- 1 During the period covered by the second minute book, the Lochmaben Curling Society was increasingly referred to as the Lochmaben Curling Club. It was also known on occasion as the Parish Club. For simplicity, it is referred to throughout this introduction as the ‘Society’.
- 2 See Longmore, L J M. *The Minute Book of the Lochmaben Curling Society, 1823–1863*, Sources in Local History online, 2015: <https://www.regionalethnologyscotland.llc.ed.ac.uk/written/minute-book-lochmaben-curling-society-1823-1863>.
- 3 The cup was beautifully engraved with thistles and a curling scene. It became the subject of a court case, which resulted in a second, plainer trophy being presented in 1893. The replacement trophy is still played for today. For the court case, see *Murray v Johnstone*, 8 July 1896. In Rettie, M, *et al. Cases Decided in the Court of Session, &c.*, 4th series, vol. XXIII, Edinburgh, 1896, 981–91.
- 4 Or variations thereof.
- 5 The issue of joining the Royal Caledonian most likely came down to finance, as it still does today.
- 6 The Bruce’s minute book covers the extensive period 1831–97 and exists in remarkably good condition. There are no existing minutes pertaining to the Lochmaben Curling Society for 1891–93.

EDITING

In preparing the Minute Book for publication, the original spelling has been retained. *Sic* has been used sparingly, mainly to indicate misspellings or omissions in the text that might otherwise be mistaken for an error in the transcription. Words that are unclear in the original text and have been transcribed tentatively are given as [?word]. Other editorial comments have been inserted in []. Commas have been inserted where necessary in the lists of names that usually open the minutes of annual meetings, and the punctuation throughout lightly edited for greater clarity.

The secretary of the club between 4 December 1886 up to 11 November 1890 inserted marginal sub-headings alongside each minute. These have not been reproduced, but examples can be seen in Figure 8.

A glossary of Scots, Latin and curling terminology found in the Minute Book has been added, as has a note on further reading.

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GLOSSARY

Besom – in curling, the broom used to sweep the ice ahead of a moving stone.

Board – in curling, a moveable piece of wood or iron laid by the tee to provide a foot-hold for players when delivering the stone, or, by extension, a team of players.

Eo die – on the same day.

Ménage – a savings club to which every member contributes a fixed weekly sum, the members deciding by lot the order in which each is to receive the total contribution for any given week, subject to various deductions for expenses.

Preses – president, or chairman.

Pro tempore – for the time being; used to describe a person who holds an office temporarily in the absence of a superior.

Rink – in curling, the area of play, or, by extension, a team.

Spiel – a curling competition, especially between members of the same club or community.

Tramps – in curling, a foot-hold worn by players when delivering the stone or sweeping, usually comprising a metal plate with prongs on the under-surface, which is bound to the foot with straps. Also known as cramps/crampits.



Fig. 1 The Minute Book measures 13" x 8¼" (330 mm x 210 mm), and comprises ninety leaves of lined paper bound in stiff boards with a brown leather spine. The boards have been covered with marbled paper, and a gilt-stamped, leather title label has been affixed to the front cover. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)



Fig. 2 A hole in the well-worn leather spine of the Minute Book reveals the hand-stitched paper underneath. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

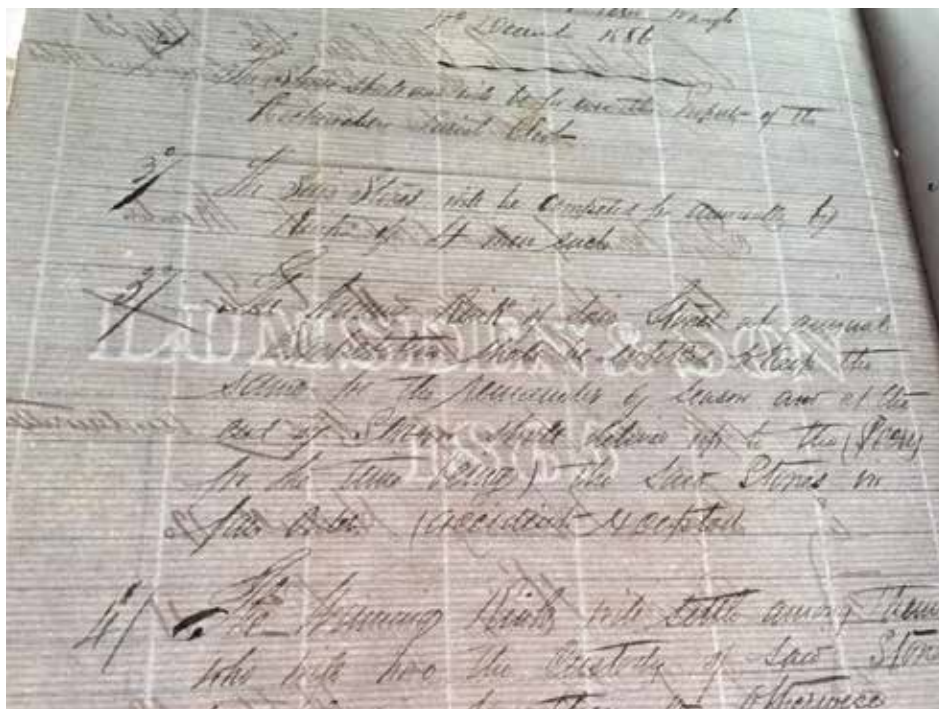


Fig. 3 A watermark in the Minute Book shows that it was produced by James Lumsden and Son, a noted Glasgow stationer and publisher. The date of the watermark, 1865, suggests that the minutes for 1863 and 1864 were backdated into the book. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

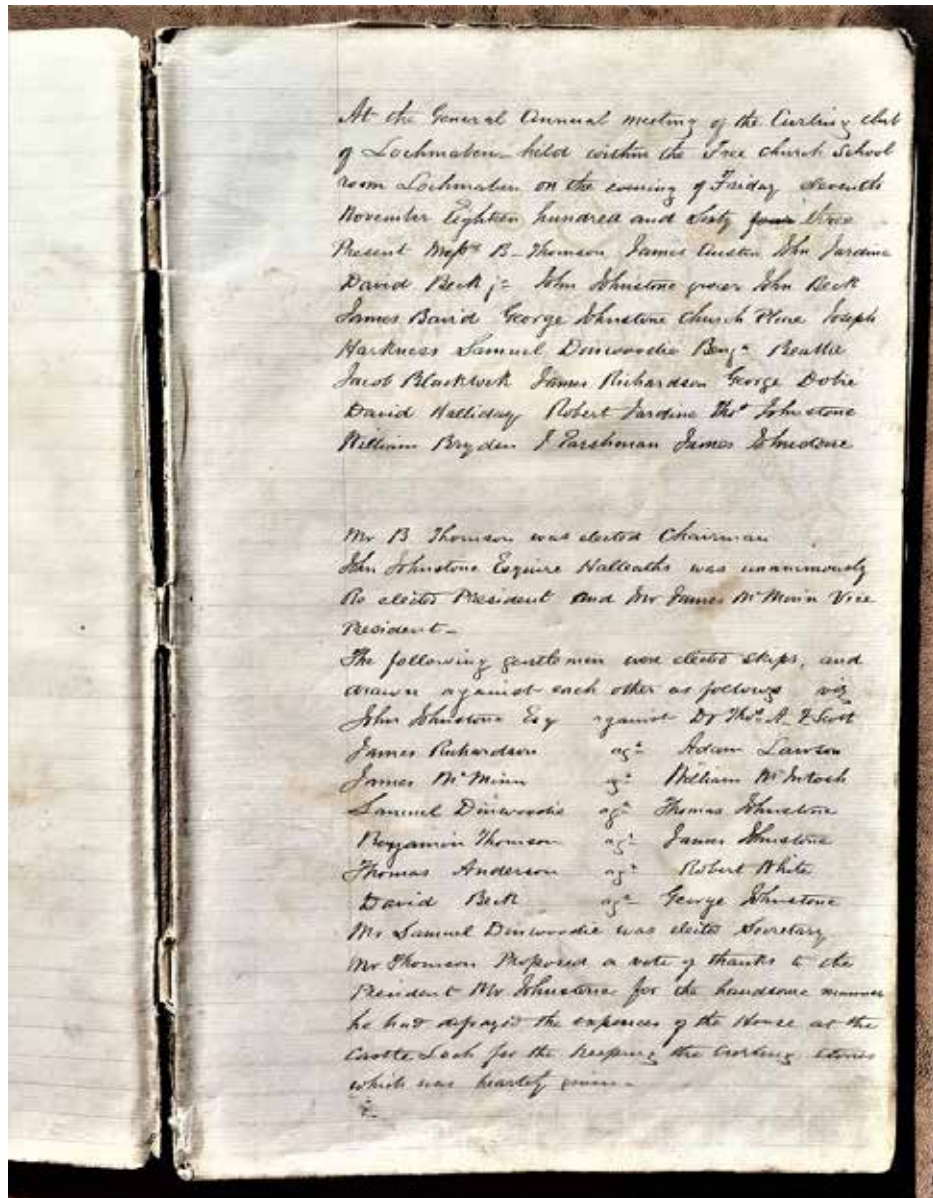


Fig. 4 The first entry in the Minute Book, which records a meeting held on 11 November 1863, is a copy of the final minute from the preceding book. It contains a number of discrepancies, however. Firstly, the original minute correctly recorded that the meeting was held on a Wednesday and not, as here, a Friday. Secondly, only twenty-one members are listed as being present, in contrast to the forty-four recorded in the original. Thirdly, the information in the original regarding the two-stone principle is missing. Fourthly, here it is recorded that Thomas Anderson was elected chairman, whereas in the original this honour fell to Benjamin Thomson. Fifthly, thanks are given here to the president for sponsoring the new stone house, which is not mentioned at all in the first minute book. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

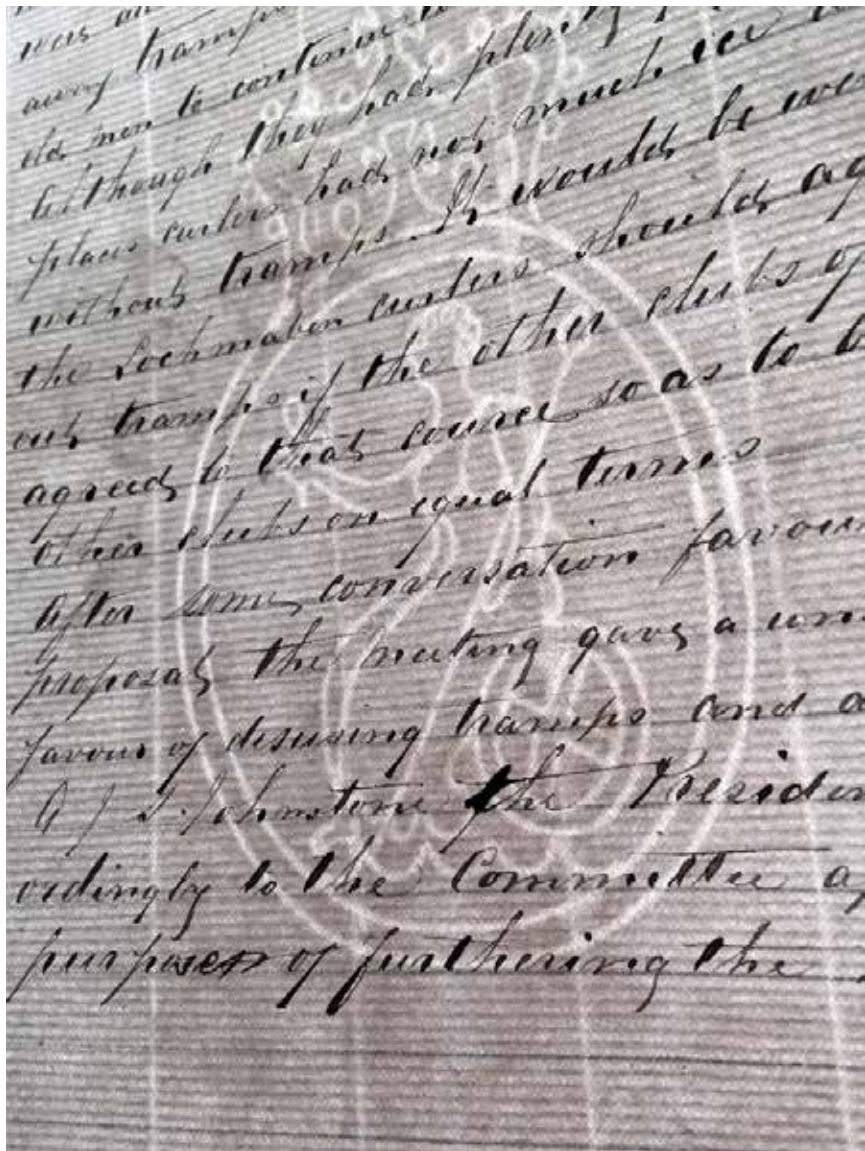


Fig. 5 A page from the Minute Book featuring a Britannia watermark, one of the most common watermark designs in the nineteenth century. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

Lochmaben 25 January 1865

The curlers met as under for the first days
contest for the Club medal

Sam ^d Dunwoodie	21	A Lawson	3
Benj ⁿ Thomson	21	George Johnstone	9
James Mc Minn	21	Thomas Johnstone	11
John Johnstone grocer	21	John Richardson	14
James Johnstone	21	W ^m Earshman	17
John Beck	21	Johnstone Hallcath	12
Benj ⁿ Beattie	21	Jas Smith	19

26 Jan^y 1865 Second day

Samuel Dunwoodie	10	J Smith	21
Benj ⁿ Beattie	21	A Lawson	7
Jas Mc Minn	21	J Richardson	11
John Johnstone grocer	21	Thos Johnstone	13
Benj ⁿ Thomson	21	Earshman	15
James Johnstone	17	George Johnstone	21
John Beck	21	Johnstone Hallcath	19

Mr James Mc Minn having first day scored
from his opponent 10 and the second day
also 10 shots making with his own 62 shots
and gained the medal

Fig. 6 The entry recording the results of the first day's contest for the club medal, played on 25 January 1865. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

James Irvine
 Benjamin Peatke Skip
 James Austin John Steel William Robertson Robert
 Waugh
 David Bell skip
 Thomas Anrie Matthew Anrie
 John Parame skip
 Peter Ross Alexander W. Gehen James Richardson
 Fraser

Fig. 7 An extract from the entry for 28 December 1869 recording the boards of Benjamin Beattie, David Bell and John Jardine. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

Mr James Irvine was elected Chairman of
 Last Meeting in the absence of President and
 Vice President

Mr James Wright explained
 the object of the Meeting, and stated through
 some misunderstanding, great dissatisfaction
 has been expressed at the proceedings at a
 Meeting held on the 22nd in reference to the
 Method then adopted of Choosing Skips and
 a protest has been made by some Members of
 the Club who were prevented being present
 owing to their farms not being finished

A question has then been put to Mr. Galt
 if he intends to play in all Matches in
 future if selected Skip

Object
 of Meeting
 The
 Election
 of
 Skips
 to
 Compete
 for
 Cup

Fig. 8 An extract from the entry for 28 December 1887 showing marginal sub-headings. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

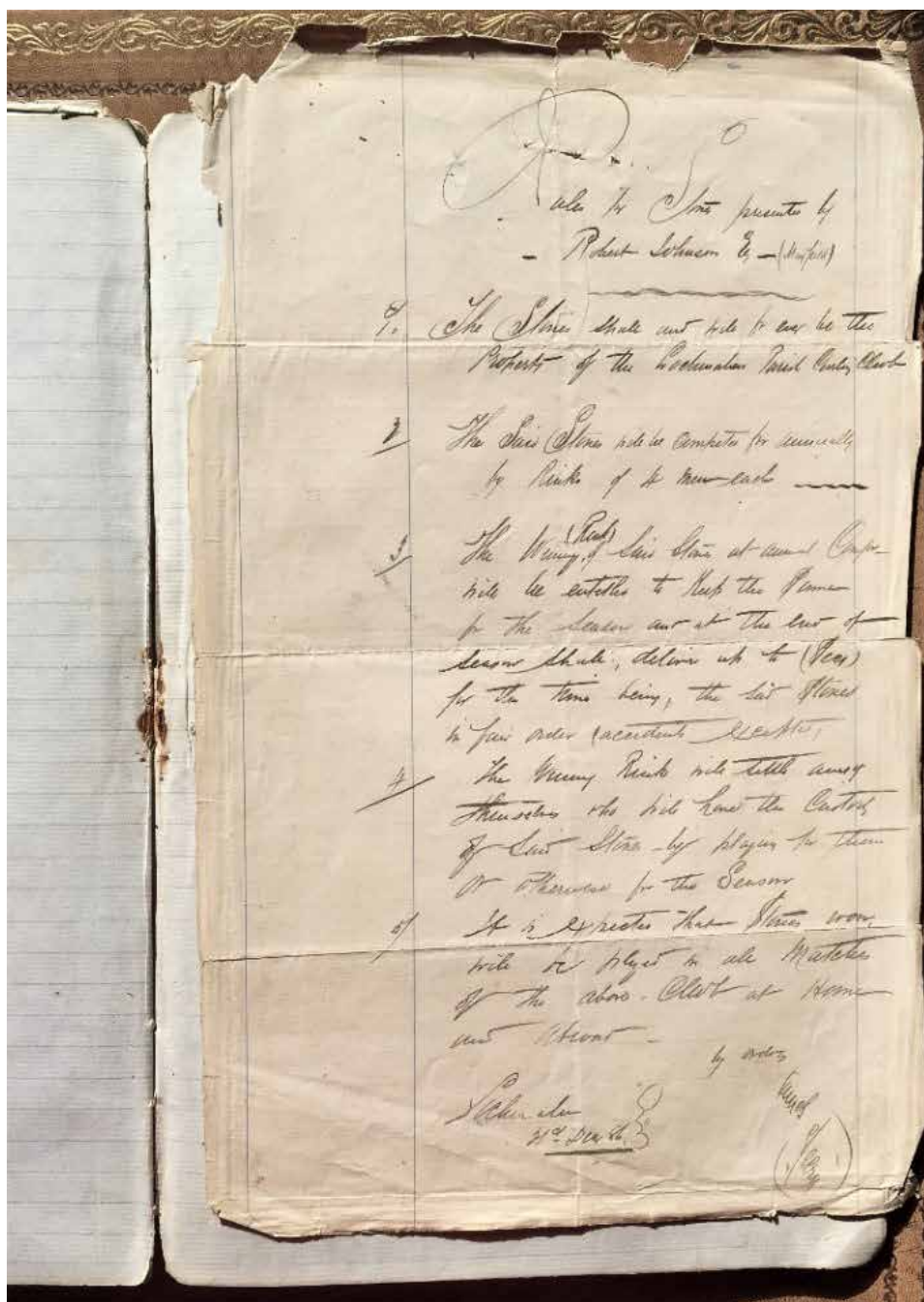


Fig. 9 A note setting out the rules for playing with the stones presented by Robert Johnson Esq, Mayfield. Written on a separate sheet, it was placed at the end of the Minute Book. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

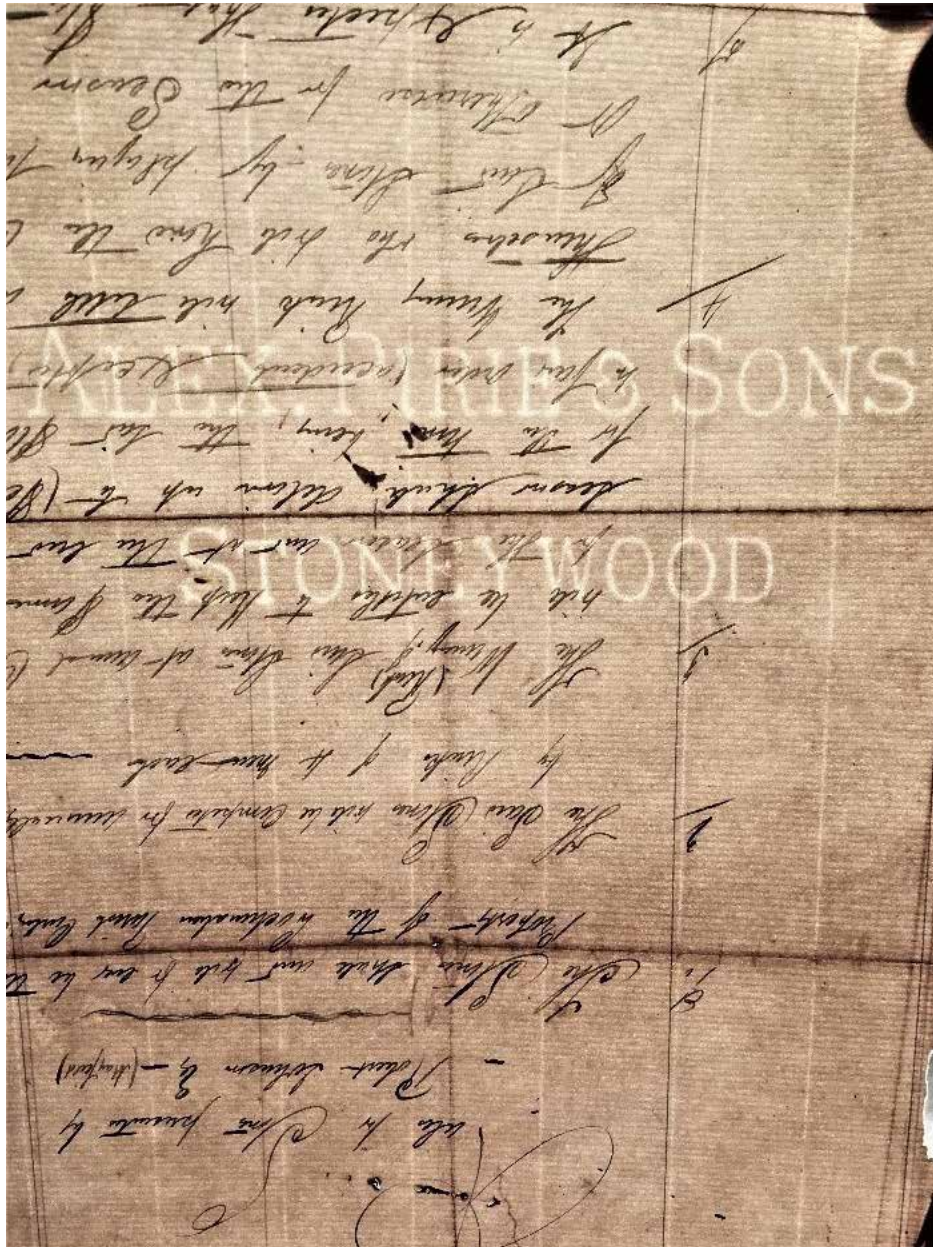


Fig. 10 The separate sheet with the rules for playing with the stones presented by Robert Johnson bears the watermark of the paper manufacturer Alex Pirie and Sons, Stoneywood, Aberdeenshire. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)



Fig. 11 A studio portrait of four members of the Moffat Curling Club, c.1890. The men and stones have been carefully arranged around a table displaying the rink's trophies, including the original Waterlow Cup (on the right). A medal can be seen attached to the breast of skip Michael Johnstone's checked jacket. (Courtesy of the Dumfries Museum)



Fig. 12 Members of Dornock Curling Club posing with the second Waterlow Cup, 1903. The skips of two of the three winning rinks portrayed have large silver medals pinned to their lapels. The others are wearing the gold Waterlow fob medal attached to their watch chains. Interestingly, the brooms are notably different in style and construction from those on display in Figure 11, showing how local variations survived long after stones had been standardised. (Courtesy of the Dumfries Museum)

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At the General Annual Meeting of the
Curling Club of Lochmaben held within the
Free Church School Room Lochmaben
on the evening of Friday Eleventh November
Eighteen hundred and sixty ~~four~~ three.

Present Messrs. B. Thomson, James Austin, John Jardine, David Beck Jnr., John Johnstone, grocer, John Beck, James Baird, George Johnstone, Church Place, Joseph Harkness, Samuel Dinwoodie, Benjamin Beattie, Jacob Blacklock, James Richardson, George Dobie, David Halliday, Robert Jardine, Thomas Johnstone, William Bryden, I. Earshman, James Johnstone.

Mr B. Thomson was elected Chairman. John Johnstone Esquire, Halleaths, was unanimously re elected President and Mr James McMinn Vice President.

The following gentlemen were elected skips and drawn against each other as follows, *viz*:

John Johnstone Esq.	against	Dr Thomas A. F. Scott
James Richardson	agst.	Adam Lawson
James McMinn	agst.	William McIntosh
Samuel Dinwoodie	agst.	Thomas Johnstone
Benjamin Thomson	agst.	James Johnstone
Thomas Anderson	agst.	Robert White
David Beck	agst.	George Johnstone

Mr Samuel Dinwoodie was elected Secretary. Mr Thomson proposed a vote of thanks to the President, Mr Johnstone, for the handsome manner he has defrayed the expenses of the House at the Castle Loch for the keeping the curling stones, which was heartily given.

Lochmaben 5th January 1864

The players met on the Kirk Loch this day to compete for the Club Medal when at night the games stood:

John Johnstone of Halleaths	21	Dr Thomas A. F. Scott	5
James Richardson	21	Adam Lawson	12
William McIntosh	21	James McMinn	14
Thomas Johnstone	21	Samuel Dinwoodie	15
Benjamin Thomson	21	James Johnstone	16
Robert White	21	Thomas Anderson	18
George Johnstone	21	David Beck	18

Lochmaben 6 January 1864

Second Day

John Johnstone Esq.	21	David Beck	14
James Richardson	21	Thomas Anderson	3
Adam Lawson	21	George Johnstone	20
James Johnstone	21	William McIntosh	2
Thomas Johnstone	21	Samuel Dinwoodie	16
Robert White	21	Dr Thomas A. F. Scott	13
Benjamin Thomson	21	James McMinn	4

Mr James Richardson, Heck, having first put his opponent down at 12 and the second day at 3 scored his own 42
 Opponents 27
 Total 69 shots

And won Parish Medal.

Lochmaben [*no date*] January 1864

Of this date the players of Dryfesdale met the Lochmaben curlers and after a keen game Lochmaben were Victors by [*blank*] shots.

Lochmaben January 1864

A keen spiel took place on the Castle Loch between the curlers of Dumfries and Lochmaben when Lochmaben were victorious by [*blank*] shots.

[*Gap for scores left blank*]

At the General Annual Meeting of
The Lochmaben Curlers, held within the Town Hall
on the evening of Friday the Eleventh day
of November Eighteen Hundred and sixty four.

Present: Benjamin Thomson, John White, John Johnstone, grocer, James Austin, John Haining, John Beck, Joseph Harkness, George Johnstone, John Lawson, James McMinn, James Dobie, Samuel Dinwoodie, Benjamin Beattie, Peter Ross, Thomas Kerr, John Beck, Marjoriebanks, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, John Cowden, George Brockie, William Smith, John Ross, John McMinn, John Steel, William Robson, James Steel, Robert Waugh, William Bell, William Gibson, David Beck, John Jardine, George Dobie, William Earshman, James Smith, Parkend, Thomas Johnstone, Templand, James Richardson, Jacob Blacklock, William Bryden, Archibald Richardson, John Johnstone, mason, John Dobie, John Smith, George Bell, William Cranston.

Mr Austin proposed Benjamin Thomson as chairman. Seconded by Mr McMinn and agreed to. The Meeting in the first place proceeded to the election of President when Mr George Johnstone, Church Place, proposed Mr Johnstone of Halleaths as President for the current year. Seconded by John Jardine and unanimously agreed. Mr James Richardson proposed Mr James McMinn as Vice President, seconded by John Jardine and agreed to. Mr John Jardine proposed as secretary Hugh B. Corrie – no seconder. Mr James McMinn proposed Samuel Dinwoodie as Secretary – seconded by John Lawson and agreed to. David Beck reelected Treasurer.

The Meeting next elected the following gentlemen as Skips and they drew against each other as follows:

Benjamin Beattie	to	James Smith
William Earshman	to	James Johnstone
James Richardson	to	John Johnstone, grocer
Benjamin Thomson	to	George Johnstone
Thomas Johnstone	to	James McMinn
John Johnstone, Halleaths	to	John Beck

The meeting passed a cordial vote of thanks to the President Mr Johnstone for his liberality in disbursing the money for the House for the curling stones at Castle Loch.

A vote of thanks to Chairman closed the business.

Lochmaben 25 January 1865

The curlers met as under for the first day's contest for the Club Medal:

Samuel Dinwoodie	21	A. Lawson	3
Benjamin Thomson	21	George Johnstone	9
James McMinn	21	Thomas Johnstone	11
John Johnstone, grocer	21	James Richardson	14
James Johnstone	21	William Earshman	17
John Beck	21	J. Johnstone, Halleaths	12
Benjamin Beattie	21	James Smith	19

26 January 1865 Second Day

Samuel Dinwoodie	10	J. Smith	21
Benjamin Beattie	21	A. Lawson	7
James McMinn	21	J. Richardson	11
John Johnstone, grocer	21	Thomas Johnstone	13
Benjamin Thomson	21	Earshman	15
James Johnstone	17	George Johnstone	21
John Beck	21	Johnstone, Halleaths	19

Mr James McMinn having first day scored from his opponent 10 and the second day also 10 shots making with his own 62 shots and gained the Medal.

Lochmaben 27 January 1865

The Curlers of Dryfesdale Dumfries and Lochmaben held their annual match on the Castle Loch when Victory was again with Lochmaben by 24 shots. The game stood as follows:

S. Dinwoodie	21	David Edgar	9
James McMinn	21	Edgar	8
A. Lawson	21	S[<i>illegible</i>]	19
James Johnstone	21	[<i>illegible</i>]	19
John Johnstone, grocer	21	Thomson	17
Benjamin Thomson	15	Young	21
Benjamin Beattie	21	Blacklock	12
W. Earshman	21	Hutchinson	20
James Smith	4	McTurk	21
J. Richardson	5	Thomson	21
Thomas Johnstone	21	Anderson	20
George Johnstone	16	McNeil	21
John Beck	21	James Edgar	13
John Johnstone, Halleaths	21	Allan	5
	<u>250</u>		<u>226</u>

Lochmaben 28 January 1865

The curlers of Dryfesdale having sent a challenge for this day and it being accepted by the curling club of Lochmaben the match came off on the Castle Loch. Victory remaining with Lochmaben by 56 shots. The following is the state of game:

Lochmaben		Dryfesdale	
S. Dinwoodie	21	[illegible]	15
J. Richardson	21	A. Bell	20
J. Beck	19	Schoolar <u>drawn</u>	19
B. Thomson	21	J. Smith	3
James McMinn	21	Jardine	15
A. Lawson	13	McIntosh	21
George Johnstone	15	Dodds	21
John Johnstone, grocer	6	Blacklock	21
John Johnstone, Halleaths	21	Wright	12
Thomas Johnstone	21	Schoolar	8
William Earshman	21	Carruthers	15
J. White	21	Bell	14
James Johnstone	21	Gladstone	14
Benjamin Beattie	21	Donaldson	9
	<hr/> 263		<hr/> 207

At Lochmaben the fourth day of February Eighteen hundred and sixty five. At a General meeting of the Curlers of Lochmaben held within the Townhall there.

4th February 1865 [*date written in margin*]

James McMinn, Vice President, Preses.

Present Messrs. Samuel Dinwoodie, Joseph Harkness, John Smith, William Gibson, David Burgess, Archibald Richardson, Benjamin Thomson, John Johnstone, Grocer, Thomas Imrie, John Lawson, George Dobie, Thomas Dobie, John Steel, John Beck, James Gray, James Richardson, Jacob Blacklock, David Beck, John Jardine, Duncan Imrie, James Johnstone, James Dobie, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Robert White, John [?Cowdan], William Ballantine and others.

A considerable and angry discussion as to the regularity of the calling the present meeting and questions raised whether any person but the President or Vice President could call General Meeting, and Mr Thomson put it to the Chairman whether he had called or instructed this meeting to be called, when he stated that he had done so.

Mr S. Dinwoodie moved that the curlers of Lochmaben make some suitable present to Mr Johnstone, Halleaths, for his kindness and liberality in providing a House for the curling stones – seconded by

David Beck and unanimously agreed to. Mr Dinwoodie further moved, seconded by David Beck, that a committee be appointed to carry out the above object – when Messrs. David Beck, John Johnstone, grocer, James McMinn, Robert White and John Smith were appointed such committee. Mr David Beck moved that a small committee be appointed to examine into and learn whether the money and others supplied to the House for the stones can be made available to the curling club seeing that Mr Johnstone of Halleaths has paid the whole expenses of building it. Seconded by William Ballantine – agreed to and Messrs. David Beck, William Ballantine, William Bell and John Smith were appointed such committee.

Mr James Austin moved a vote of want of confidence and censure on the Secretary for the very imperfect way he has conducted the business of the office. Seconded by Mr Benjamin Thomson. Mr Robert White moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary for the manner he has conducted the office. Seconded by John Smith. A shew of hands having been taken there were three hands held up for the motion of Mr Austin and a large number for the motion of Mr White, which was carried.

Mr James Johnstone moved that a meeting be called for an early day to examine the accounts of Mr Thomson – see what stones had been got sold and paid for, what are on hand and in general to get a satisfactory statement. Agreed to and resolved that such meeting be held on the evening of Friday 17th current at seven of the clock and the chairman gave such notice. Following are the copies of Bill and circular calling this meeting which were read by the Secretary before the business of the meeting commenced, *viz*:

Notice

I hereby call a general meeting of the curlers of Lochmaben within the Town Hall Lochmaben on Saturday evening 4th Feb at six o'clock.

For Business of Importance.

(Signed S. Dinwoodie, Secretary

Lochmaben 1st February 1865

Dear Sir, I beg to call a general meeting of the Curlers of Lochmaben to take into consideration the making some suitable recognition to Mr Johnstone of Halleaths for his kindness and liberality in providing the excellent House for the stones. Would you give notice to each of your players to meet in the Town Hall Lochmaben on Saturday evening 4th February current at 6 o'clock for the above object.

Yours (signed, S. Dinwoodie, Secretary.

A vote of thanks to Chairman closed proceedings.

[*signed*] James McMinn, Preses

At a meeting of the Committee appointed at last meeting
for the purpose of getting some suitable Present to
Mr Johnstone of Halleaths met in office of
Mr Blacklock on evening of Tuesday 7th February 1865.

Present: Messrs. David Beck, John Johnstone, grocer, Robert White and John Smith – who in the first place appointed Mr James McMinn convener and in his absence or inability to attend Mr John Johnstone to act as such and they appointed the Treasurer for the Club Mr David Beck senior Treasurer for the purposes for which they have been appointed. They authorise the getting of subscription lists printed for the purpose of getting up such Testimonial and request Mr Dinwoodie secretary to get such printed as moderately as possible. Mr Johnstone appointed Preses to sign this minute.

[*signed*] John Johnstone

Lochmaben 10th February 1865

The curlers of the parish of Tinwald having yesterday sent a challenge for a friendly spiel with 13 Boards for this day, which being considered by the skips was declined for the 13 Boards but accepted for the usual number of 14 Boards. And the curlers of Tinwald and Lochmaben accordingly met with full compliment of Boards this day when on very good ice victory was gained by Lochmaben by 59 shots – under is the state of the game:

Lochmaben		Tinwald	
James Richardson	11	Mr Morton	21
James McMinn	21	Johnstone Wright	4
James Johnstone	21	Lawrie	4
Adam Lawson	21	D. Carruthers	14
George Johnstone	21	Creighton	15
Benjamin Thomson	21	W. Dickie	15
Thomas Johnstone	19	Mr Cowan	21
John Johnstone, grocer	21	Barton	11
John Beck	18	D. Dobie	21
James Smith	21	W. Pattie	9
John Johnstone, Halleaths	21	Dalziel	16
Samuel Dinwoodie	19	Hiddleston	21
William Earshman	12	Kirkpatrick	21
Benjamin Beattie	21	W. Boyd	16
	268		209

As shewn above Messrs. McMinn and James Johnstone, who each beat his opponent at 4, tied for the spiel medal, which was won by Mr Johnstone of Halleaths in the match with Dumfries, and by Mr Benjamin Thomson in the match with Dryfesdale; these parties, Messrs. James Johnstone and McMinn, resolved to contest their respective merits by a private match with their own boards, and accordingly on this 11th February 1865 they met on the Castle Loch and on a very snowy day competed, when Mr Johnstone was victor – Mr McMinn however scoring 20 shots.

At a General Meeting of the curlers of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall there in Terms of adjournment of meeting of 4th February and of Public Notice, upon the evening of Friday the Seventeenth day of February Eighteen hundred and sixty five years.

Present James McMinn, Vice President, Preses.

Samuel Dinwoodie, John Beck, Jacob Blackstock, William Bell, John Ballantine, James Carruthers, Joseph Harkness, John Smith, William Ballantine, David Beck, James Gray, William Dalgleish, John Beck, Marjoriebanks, John Steel, William Robson, John [?Cowdan], John Wells, Archibald Richardson, George Brockie, John Farish, Duncan Imrie, David Dinwoodie, John Dobie, Samuel Davidson, Samuel Smith, Andrew Robson, John Smith, Castle Street, David Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Andrew Smith, William Carruthers, William Baird, John Lawson, Robert White, George Morrison, William Gibson & others.

The committee appointed by the General Meeting of 4th February last for the purpose of getting up some Testimonial to Mr Johnstone of Halleaths reported that there were betwixt five and six pounds collected and that in a short time more would be got. Mr John Lawson moved that the meeting in the first place take into consideration what kind of present should be given, when Mr David Beck proposed a pair of Curling stones, a Besom and a pair of Tramps be the present from the curlers of Lochmaben, which was unanimously agreed to and the same committee re appointed to purchase such – the handles to have the Annandale Crest engraved on them. The committee to call a general meeting when prepared.

The meeting next proceeded to consider the motion of Mr James Johnstone at last general meeting to have an accounting with Mr Thomson for the curling stones subscribed for about ten years ago. Mr Thomson failed to attend this meeting to give any explanation.

Mr Thomson not being present considerable dissatisfaction was expressed that no statement had been sent in. Mr John Beck moved that considering Mr Thomson has not attended this meeting nor given any statement that now the meeting resolve that Mr Benjamin Thomson be expelled the society of curlers of Lochmaben – seconded by John Steel. Mr Robert White moved that a general meeting be called a fortnight hence and the secretary to intimate such to Mr Thomson and then to bring a statement of his transactions and submit same to meeting – seconded by John Lawson. When on a poll being taken only six voted for the motion of Mr White and twenty nine for the motion of John Beck and the motion of Mr Beck carried and Mr Thomson declared expelled the Society, whereupon Mr William Ballantine proposed Mr David Beck as a skip in the room of Mr Thomson to head a rink in case such should be needed this year – seconded by Joseph Harkness and agreed to.

Mr David Beck, one of the committee appointed at last meeting to see whether any funds could be made available to the club from the money got by Mr Thomson from Mr Johnstone of Halleaths, went over a statement shewing that the House could be well and sufficiently made and fitted up for £42.2.6 and that according to estimates already made the sum of £15.19.6d had been made towards the house for stones etc.

Mr William Ballantine moved that a deputation be appointed to wait on Messrs. Benjamin Thomson and James Austin for some account of the monies got for or on account of the curling Stone House.

Seconded by Mr John Ballantine, agreed to – and same committee appointed for that purpose and to report to next meeting.

[*signed*] James McMinn

At a meeting of the Lochmaben Curling Club
held within the office of Mr Blacklock Town Clerk
on evening of Tuesday seventh day of February
Eighteen hundred and sixty five years
appointed by general meeting of 4th current for purpose of
getting up funds towards making some suitable
Testimonial to Mr Johnstone of Halleaths.

Present Messrs. David Beck, John Johnstone, grocer, Robert White and John Smith.

In the absence of James McMinn, the convener, the meeting appointed John Johnstone, grocer, to act as such – and to act as such in the absence of Mr McMinn. The sub-committee also appointed David Beck senior, the Treasurer to the Society, the Treasurer for the purposes for which they have been appointed and authorise the getting subscriptions and request Mr Dinwoodie, the Secretary, to get such printed as moderately as possible and authorise Mr Johnstone to sign this minute.

[*The above minute has been crossed through, in pencil*]

At a meeting of the sub committee of the
Lochmaben Curling Society appointed to get
Testimonial to Mr Johnstone of Halleaths
held within the office of Mr Blacklock on the evening
of seventh March Eighteen hundred and Sixty five.

Present: Messrs. John Smith, John Johnstone, grocer, David Beck and John Lawson.

Mr Dinwoodie, who was present, reported that he had made enquiry as to probable cost of Stones, Tramps and Broom from Mr McCormick, which would be about £7 sterling.

The amount collected being in so far as can be ascertained about £5.10/- the sub committee authorise Mr Dinwoodie to make the purchase.

[*signed*] John Johnstone

At a meeting of the Sub committee of the
Curlers of Lochmaben appointed to procure
the Testimonial to Mr Johnstone held within
the office of Mr Blacklock on the evening
of Friday tenth March Eighteen hundred and sixty five.

Present: Messrs. John Smith, John Johnstone and David Beck. Mr Dinwoodie, the secretary, was also present, who submitted a letter from the Correspondent of Mr McCormick, Ironmonger, in Dumfries, stating that a pair of highly polished Curling Stones either of Ailsa Craig or Aberdeen granite with elegant handles could be got 75/-, Broom for 20/- and tramps for about 8/-. The meeting unanimously judge the Ailsa Craig the preferable at 36 lbs and instruct Mr Dinwoodie to get same, also the Broom at 20/- and tramps for 8/-, also to get the Engraving as after mentioned put upon the stones and Broom – “Presented to John Johnstone Esquire by the Curling Society of Lochmaben in recognition of his liberality to them March 1865”. Also the Johnstone Crest on each of the stones and Broom.

[signed] John Johnstone

At a meeting of the Sub committee of the Curlers of Lochmaben
appointed to procure the Testimonial to Mr Johnstone
held within the office of Mr Blacklock upon the evening
of Saturday the twenty fifth day of
March Eighteen hundred and sixty five.

Present: Messrs. James McMinn, David Beck, John Smith, David Beck, John Johnstone, grocer. The meeting on comparing the various subscription Lists found as follows:

List of John Smith	£0.8.6
List of David Beck	£3.18.0
List of Robert White	£0.4.0
List of James McMinn	£0.3.0
List of John Johnstone	£1.7.6
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	£6.1.0
Mr McMinn reported that he had yet to get a subscription of	£0.10.0
and that Mr Johnstone of Todhillmuir would subscribe	£0.5.0
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	£6.16.0

Against the above amount there is:

David Halliday painting	£0.1.6
John Wright candles	£0.0.6
McCormick Stones, Broom, Engraving	£6.0.0
[?Wyper] for tramps	£0.7.6
William Forrest Town Hall	£0.2.0
Carriage of stones	£0.0.4

Postages	£0.0.3
Printing circulars	£0.2.0
Ribbon for stones	£0.0.5
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	£6.14.6
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Balance in favour of club	£0.1.6
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The sub-committee instruct the Secretary to call a general meeting of the Society for the evening of 27th March current within Town Hall and to have stones &c present.

[*signed*] James McMinn

At a General meeting of the Curlers of Lochmaben and subscribers to the "Johnstone Testimonial" called by Public advertisement and held within the Town Hall upon the evening of Monday twenty seventh March Eighteen Hundred and sixty five.

Present: James McMinn vice President.

John Johnstone, grocer, Samuel Dinwoodie, John Beck, Lochside, David Beck, John Lawson, Joseph Harkness, William Gibson, John Smith, William Robertson, William Bell, James Carruthers, David Dinwoodie, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, John Beck, Marjoriebanks, James Gray, John Steel, James Watt, John Wells, Andrew Robertson, David Burgess, Jacob Blacklock, James Dobie, William Dalgleish, George Coltart, Hugh B. Corrie, John Dobie, William Ballantine, Mathew Richardson, &c, &c, &c.

Mr Dinwoodie, the Secretary, read over a state of the collections and disbursements and shewed a balance of 1/6d in favour of the club from the subscriptions which the meeting authorize to be paid to the treasurer of the club. The Stones, Broom and Tramps along with the subscription Lists and vouchers for outlay were laid before the meeting all of which the meeting approve. The meeting also passed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their energetic endeavours in getting up the funds and Present. The meeting next proceeded to consider the best way of presenting the Stones etc to Mr Johnstone when Mr John Lawson proposed that a public dinner should be given and therat [*sic*] the Present given. Seconded by David Beck. Mr Samuel Dinwoodie moved that a public meeting be called in the Town Hall at which Mr Johnstone should be asked to attend and then presented with the Stones etc. Seconded by Joseph Harkness, when on the Roll being called it was by a small majority carried that the Presentation be made in the Town Hall on the evening of Friday first 31st March current and appoint a deputation of Messrs. Dinwoodie and McMinn to wait on Mr Johnstone and notify the resolution of the meeting to him, the meeting to be at 8 o'clock evening. The meeting also request Mr Dinwoodie to make the Presentation.

Messrs. John Smith, David Beck, and William Ballantine, a committee appointed to enquire into and report on the Curling Stone House, reported as follows, that they had called upon Mr Austin for a state of the amounts and payments but that he would shew nothing and disputed their authority to make any enquiry from him. The meeting appoint a committee of David Beck and John Lawson to wait upon Mr Johnstone and enquire at him respecting the vouchers for the building of the Stone House supposed to be in his hands and ascertain what accounts he has been charged with and paid.

[*signed*] James McMinn

At the annual meeting of the curlers of Lochmaben
held within the Town Hall there upon the
evening of Saturday the Eleventh day of November
Eighteen hundred and sixty five years.

11th November 1865 [*date written in margin*]

Present: James McMinn vice President in the chair.

Messrs. John Lawson, John Haining, Benjamin Thomson, John Beck, Lochside, William Gibson, Robert Waugh, James Steel, John Steel, William Smith, William Bryden, Robert White, James Baird, Archibald Richardson, John Smith, James Dobie, Robert Jardine, John White, George Johnstone, Joseph Hamilton, John Ross, Thomas Johnstone, Templand, John Jardine, William Earshman, James Austin, Peter Ross, David Halliday, William King, James Richardson, Alexander Haining, James Gray, John Johnstone, West Street, Robert Robson, James Craig, William Ballintyne, William Cranston, James Smith, John Johnstone, mason, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Jacob Blacklock.

Mr John Lawson proposed Mr Johnstone of Halleaths as President, which was unanimously agreed to. Mr James Richardson proposed James McMinn as Vice President, which was also unanimously agreed to. Whereupon Mr Robert White proposed that before proceeding further the minutes of last year's meetings be read over, which having been done Mr Robert Jardine moved the adoption of the minutes with the exception of the expulsion of Mr Thomson, seconded by John White. Mr William Ballintyne moved that the minutes be adopted in full. Not seconded – whereupon the motion of Mr Jardine was declared to be carried.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when the following gentlemen were elected and drawn against each other to play for the Parish Medal as under:

Charles Craike, Esbie	agst.	Joseph Hamilton, Templand
Samuel Dinwoodie	agst.	John Beck, Lochside
President Johnstone	agst.	William Earshman
James McMinn, V.P.	agst.	James Smith, Parkend
James Richardson, Heck	agst.	Thomas Kirkpatrick, Woodlands
Benjamin Beattie	agst.	Benjamin Thomson
John Johnstone, grocer	agst.	David Beck, Barras

The meeting next proceeded to the election of a Secretary when it was stated that Mr Samuel Dinwoodie declined re election. Whereupon Mr Benjamin Thomson proposed that in future each skip pay the sum of one shilling as a fee to the Secretary into the hands of the Treasurer, which was agreed to. Mr Jacob Blacklock was unanimously elected Secretary and Mr David Beck senior re elected Treasurer. A vote of thanks to chairman closed the proceedings.

[*signed*] James McMinn

[*Leaf with minutes for the following two meetings has become loose. Inserted within Minute Book*]

At a meeting of the Skips of the Curling Club
of the Parish of Lochmaben held there upon
the evening of Monday twenty seventh
November Eighteen Hundred and sixty five.

27 November 1865 [*date written in margin*]

Present: James McMinn Vice President.

Benjamin Thomson, John Johnstone, grocer, Charles Craike, James Richardson, Benjamin Beattie, Thomas Kirkpatrick, John Lawson on behalf of President Johnstone.

The Vice President and James Richardson along with the said John Lawson reported that they had waited on Mr Samuel Dinwoodie, one of the Skips who declined to act as Skip. The Skips present considering that by the Rules and Regulations of the Society the appointment of a Skip devolves upon them.

Mr Benjamin Beattie proposed that a General Meeting be called to appoint a Skip, seconded by James Richardson.

Mr Thomas Kirkpatrick moved that the Skips present elect a new Skip, seconded by Mr Craike. On the motion being put Messrs. Craike, McMinn, Kirkpatrick and Thomson voted the amendment and for the motion Messrs. Beattie Johnstone, and Richardson for the motion. Whereupon Mr Kirkpatrick proposed Mr George Bate, Broadchapel – not seconded. Mr McMinn proposed Jacob Blacklock, the Secretary, as the Skip in place of Mr Dinwoodie, seconded by James Richardson and agreed to.

[*signed*] James McMinn

At Lochmaben the nineteenth day of February
Eighteen Hundred and sixty six convened the
sub committee of the Curling Society of Lochmaben
appointed at the General meeting of the Society
of Lochmaben Curlers of 4th Feb 1865 for
the purpose of getting up some suitable testimonial to
the President Mr Johnstone of Halleaths.

19th February 1866 [*date written in margin*]

Present: John Johnstone, David Beck and John Smith.

The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr Dinwoodie, the late secretary and person appointed by the said sub committee to order and obtain the present to Mr Johnstone of Halleaths, that Mr Dinwoodie stated the sum of five shillings reported in minute of 25th March 1865 to be subscribed by the late James Johnstone, Todhillmuir, had not been received and that he, Mr Dinwoodie, had paid the whole amount amounting to £6.4.6d thus leaving a sum due to him of 3/6d instead of a balance in favour of the club of 1/6d. The sub committee conceiving the sum so small resolve to subscribe the amount among themselves, which they accordingly did and cleared away the balance owing.

[*signed*] John Johnstone

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At the General Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben Curling club held within the Town Hall there upon the evening of Monday the twelfth day of November Eighteen Hundred and sixty six years.

Convened James McMinn, Vice President.

Samuel Dinwoodie, Benjamin Thomson, James Austin, James Richardson, John Haining, John White, James Dobie, John Johnstone, William Gibson, Robert Waugh, David Beck, James Baird, William Bell, William Earshman, Alex Haining, Thomas Johnstone, John Dobie, David Halliday, Peter Ross, Joseph Hamilton, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, James Craig, James Richardson [?(Black)], Archibald Richardson, William Cranston, Robert Robson, John Steel, Robert White, John Jardine, Benjamin Beattie, Jacob Blacklock.

Mr David Beck at this stage proposed that a committee be now appointed to draw up Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the Society at future elections. Seconded by Robert Robson. Mr Austin proposed that after the election such a committee be appointed. Seconded by Mr Benjamin Thomson, when on the Roll being called the motion of Mr Austin was carried by a majority of one.

Mr Dinwoodie proposed John Johnstone Esquire of Halleaths as President, which was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Mr James Dobie proposed Mr James McMinn as Vice President – seconded by Mr B. Thomson and agreed to. Mr Thomas Johnstone proposed Mr James Austin as Secretary – seconded by William Earshman and agreed to. Mr Thomson proposed Mr David Beck senior as Treasurer – seconded by James Dobie and agreed to. When the following gentlemen were elected and drawn against each other as following, *viz*:

President Johnstone	against	Charles Craike
Joseph Hamilton	agst.	Jacob Blacklock
William Earshman	agst.	Thomas Kirkpatrick
James McMinn	agst.	James Smith
James Richardson	agst.	Benjamin Thomson
Benjamin Beattie	agst.	William Craig
John Johnstone	agst.	John Beck

Vote of thanks to chairman was proposed. Thereafter the ~~remaining~~ members of the meeting proceeded to appoint a committee to frame Rules for the future guidance of the proceedings of the Society and resolved that such committee consist of seven members – when the following gentlemen were elected, *viz*. Mr J. Blacklock, S. Dinwoodie, Charles Craike, James Richardson, David Beck, John Johnstone, grocer, and Robert White ~~five~~ and John Haining and William

Earshman, five a quorum. Mr Blacklock convener, and adjourned the present meeting till such Rules are prepared. The convener of committee requested to intimate to President or Vice President when such Rules are ready to be submitted and for him to call such adjourned meeting in the usual way.

Thereafter thanks to chairman.

[*signed*] James McMinn

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The Medal was played for on the Broomhill Loch on Saturday the 5th of January 1867. When rinks stood as follows:

James Richardson	21	Benjamin Thomson	14
James McMinn	21	James Smith	18
Charles Craike	21	John Johnstone	13
Benjamin Beattie	21	William Craig	12
William Earshman	21	Thomas Kirkpatrick	14
John Beck	21	John Johnstone	19
James Hamilton	21	Jacob Blacklock	19

Second Day 11th January

James McMinn	21	Benjamin Thomson	13
Captain Johnstone	21	James Hamilton	16
Benjamin Beattie	21	John Johnstone	9
Jacob Blacklock	21	Charles Craike	[<i>blank</i>]
John Beck	21	William Craig	18
James Smith	21	William Earshman	15
James Richardson	21	Thomas Kirkpatrick	13

Benjamin Beattie winning the Medal.

The great annual Match betwixt the curlers of Dumfries & Lochmaben came off on the Halleaths Loch, Lochmaben on Saturday the 12th January 1867. The ice was firm and in good order, at the close of the game Victory again favoured the Lochmaben players. The following is a state of the Game:

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Lochmaben			Dumfries	
Jacob Blacklock	21	agst.	Stewart	3
Benjamin Thomson	21	“	McTurk	4
Benjamin Beattie	21	“	Young	10
James Richardson	21	“	Brown	11
Charles Craike	21	“	[?McNeil]	5
William Craig	21	“	Hutcheson	7
John Johnstone	21	“	Black	9
James Smith	21	“	Allan	12
Captain Johnstone	21	“	Anderson	14
James McMinn	21	“	Thomson	15
William Earshman	18	“	Edgar	18 drawn
James Hamilton	4	“	Lowther	21
Thomas Kirkpatrick	16	“	Watt	21
Mr Beck	13	“	Blacklock	21
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	261			166

Majority for Lochmaben 96.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met those of Dryfesdale on the Castle Loch on Monday the 14th current. The ice was keen and good. At the close the match stood as follows:

Lochmaben			Dryfesdale	
Charles Craike	21		William Bryden	3
Benjamn Thomson	21		A. Bell	5
Captain Johnstone	21		Gladstone	7
John Johnstone	21		J. Rogerson	9
James Hamilton	20		W. Jardine	21
J. Blacklock	21		G. Schoolar	11
W. Richardson	21		Dodds	7
B. Beattie	21		A. Donaldson	8
J. Kirkpatrick	21		A. Stewart	9
John Beck	21		J. Schoolar	11
J. Smith	21		William McIntosh	6
J. McMinn	21		John Smith	13
William Earshman	21		Carruthers	12
Craig	16		Donaldson	21
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	288			143

Majority for Lochmaben 145.

The curlers of Lochmaben met the curlers of Tinwald on Saturday the 19th current on the Castle Loch on hard good ice when the game stood as follows, *viz*:

Lochmaben		Tinwald	
Blacklock	21	Morton	12
Beattie	21	Dickie	7
Johnstone	21	Laurie	8
Thomson	17	[?Vass]	21
Craike	15	Dobie	21
McMinn	11	Dalziel	21
Richardson	21	Laurie	7
Smith	21	[?Pattie]	5
Kirkpatrick	8	Hiddleston	21
Craig	11	Barton	21
Beck	6	Wright	8
C. Johnstone	21	Carruthers	17
Hamilton	21	Boyd	19
Earshman	21	Kirkpatrick	17
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	236		205

Majority for Lochmaben 31.

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At the General Meeting of the Lochmaben
Curling Club held within the Town Hall there
upon the evening of the eleventh day of November
Eighteen hundred and sixty seven.

11th November 1867 [*date written in margin*]

Present: Benjamin Thomson, John White, James McMinn, John Lawson, William Bryden, James Brockie, David Burgess, William Ballantyne, James Dobie, James Richardson, Benjamin Beattie, William Bell, John Johnstone (Marjoriebanks), Peter Ross, David Beck, John Johnstone (grocer), Robert Waugh, William Smith, John Steel, John Jardine, Jacob Blacklock, Samuel Davidson, William Hume, Alexander Haining, James Austin, Joseph Hamilton, David Pagan, William Sanders, Robert Robson, Thomas Imrie, John Haining, William Earshman, William Craig.
James McMinn, Vice President, in the Chair.

Mr James Richardson proposed the re election of Mr Johnstone, Halleaths, as President. Seconded by Benjamin Beattie and agreed. John White proposed the re election of Mr McMinn as Vice President, seconded by John Lawson and agreed.

Mr John Johnstone, grocer, proposed the re election of James Austin as Secretary, seconded by David

Beck and agreed to. Mr Thomson proposed Mr David Beck as Treasurer, seconded by John White and agreed to.

Thereafter the meeting proceeded to the election of Skips for the ensuing year when the following gentlemen were elected and drawn against each other for the Medal:

Benjamin Thomson	[v.]	James Hamilton
William Earshman		James Richardson
William McIntosh		David Beck
J. Blacklock		James Smith
Benjamin Beattie		William Craig
William Bell		John Johnstone, Captain
John Johnstone, grocer		James McMinn

Jacob Blacklock, the convener, appointed at last annual meeting to have Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the club submitted a draft of such which were considered and approved and ordered to be inserted in this Minute Book as follows, *viz*:

The committee duly considered the subject remitted to them [and] submitted the following Draft of Rules.

1. That the members of the Society be composed of the Skips and such players as the skips shall report to the Secretary to have played for any parish medal or parish spiel and registered by the Secretary on or before 1st April in each year and each skip shall be bound so to register every such player as shall during the season have so played in his Board. And all the elected skips and all such players shall be the parties who have right to vote at the next General Election on 11th November on each year or next lawful day – if no ice in any season the members of last sederunt shall conduct next election.
2. That any such players shall be at liberty to examine the books of the Club after 1st April to ascertain whether his name has been so registered up to 1st May and in the event of the Skip neglecting to register any such player he the player shall before such 1st May leave with the Secretary a note requiring such to be done.
3. That the society be governed by a President & Vice President whose duty shall be to call all meetings general or special and preside thereat and who shall have a deliberative as well as casting vote in case of equality and at any meeting where there is no President or Vice President a chairman shall be chosen who shall likewise have both a deliberative as well as a casting vote.
4. That the General Annual Meeting of the club be held each year upon 11th November or next lawful day thereafter. At which meeting the club shall elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and skips and dispose of any other business brought forward.
5. That there be annually elected at such general meeting of the club fourteen skips who shall form fourteen Boards of four men each and that not less than fourteen Boards compete at any Parish Spiel.

6. That the skips or a majority of them shall have full powers to settle all disputes arising on the ice and also to accept challenges for spiels.

7. That shall be paid a sum of fourteen shillings yearly to cover any outlays or loss there may be at during the season, and at the end of the season each skip pay one shilling at the time of the registration of his players – for which sum the Secretary shall so register in the Minute Book all players, and conduct the whole correspondence, call all meetings of the skips and meetings General or extra ordinary of the club.

No Curling last season.

Lochmaben 11th November 1868

The Annual meeting of the Lochmaben Curling Club was held in the Town Hall on the Eleventh day of November Current, when the following members were present: Messrs. Benjamin Thomson, William Cranston, John Lawson, James Smith, B. Beattie, James Richardson, Peter Waugh, John White, Alexander Haining, John Johnstone, John Steel, William Craig, John Beck, William Mackintosh, Samuel Dinwoodie, John Johnstone, James Brockie, Archibald Richardson, David Beck, William Gibson, David J. Moffat, John Ballintyne, John Ross, Joseph Hamilton, William Smith, Robert Jardine, J. Dobie, William Sanders, John Johnstone, James Gray, James Richardson, Samuel Davidson, & John Wells. Mr Benjamin Thomson, Chairman.

When the following Gentlemen were elected office bearers for the ensuing season, *viz*:

John Johnstone Esquire, Halleaths, President, John Johnstone, Vice President, James Austin, Secretary, and David Beck, Treasurer. Skips Messrs. Benjamin Thomson, William Earshman, William Mackintosh, Jacob Blacklock, Benjamin Beattie, William Bell, John Johnstone, Joseph Hamilton, James Richardson, James Fergusson, James Smith, Captain Johnstone and James McMinn.

When the following Gentlemen were drawn to play against each other for the Parish Medal:

Benjamin Thomson	against	Benjamin Beattie
James Richardson	“	James McMinn
William Bell	“	William Craig
Captain Johnstone	“	Joseph Hamilton
William Earshman	“	James Smith
James Fergusson	“	William Mackintosh
John Johnstone	“	J. Blacklock

No Ice Season 1868-9.

At Lochmaben the Eleventh day of November Eighteen hundred and sixty nine convened the members of the Lochmaben Curling Society within the Town Hall – being the Annual Meeting.

Present: Samuel Dinwoodie, Chairman.

John Johnstone, grocer, John Lawson, Thomas Johnstone, Joseph Hamilton, William Ballintyne, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, William Craig, David Beck, John Steel, William Cranston, Peter Waugh, James Smith, Parkend, Alex Haining, David Robson, William Anderson, John Lauder, James Brockie, John Haining, Peter Ross, James Craig, William Sanders, Thomas Imrie, John Johnstone, mason, John White, John Jardine, James Austin, Benjamin Beattie, Jacob Blacklock, James Baird, John Dobie.

On the motion of John Lauder, seconded by William Cranston, John Johnstone Esquire of Halleaths was unanimously elected President. On the motion of David Beck, seconded by John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Mr John Johnstone, grocer, was unanimously chosen Vice President. Mr John Lawson proposed, seconded by Thomas Johnstone, that Mr James Austin be elected Secretary, which was also unanimously agreed to. Mr John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, proposed, seconded by William Cranston, that David Beck be appointed Treasurer, which was also unanimously agreed to. The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips for ensuing year. When David Beck proposed David Bell, flesher, as Skip in place of William Bell, said to have resigned. Seconded by John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, and agreed to. Mr Peter Waugh proposed Mr Adam Brown, St Thomas, as Skip in the place of James Fergusson, left the place, seconded by James Austin and agreed to. Mr John Lawson proposed David Robson, Smallholmburn, in the place of James Richardson, deceased. Seconded by Peter Waugh and agreed to. Mr James Austin proposed John Jardine in place of Benjamin Thomson, deceased, and seconded by William Cranston and agreed to. Also John Johnstone Esq., Halleaths, William Earshman, John Johnstone, grocer, Benjamin Beattie, James McMinn, William Craig, Joseph Hamilton, James Smith, William McIntosh and Jacob Blacklock were all unanimously re elected skips all for the current season – whereupon John Jardine objected to be put as Skip in the place of Benjamin Thomson but that he would take the Board of the late James Richardson to which desire the meeting agreed.

The meeting next proceeded to draw for the Parish Medal when the drawing stood as follows:

Captain Johnstone	against	Adam Brown
John Johnstone	“	Joseph Hamilton
James Smith	“	Benjamin Beattie
William Earshman	“	David Robson
James McMinn	“	J. Blacklock
John Jardine	“	William Craig
William McIntosh	“	David Bell

Vote of thanks to Chairman.

[*signed*] Samuel Dinwoodie

Lochmaben 3rd December 1869

First ice this day the various rinks met as above to play for the Parish Medal. Mr McMinn made no appearance and Mr Blacklock did not play the game and claimed his game and also his opponents' shots. This was disputed by the other skips present when an average of the winners was allowed Mr Blacklock when the game stood as under:

William McIntosh	21	David Bell	12
William Craig	21	John Jardine	14
Benjamin Beattie	21	James Smith	14
Jacob Blacklock	21	[<i>blank</i>]	14
Adam Brown	21	Captain Johnstone	16
William Earshman	21	David Robson	12
Joseph Hamilton	21	John Johnstone	16

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The following winners and losers were drawn as under to decide the Medal, *viz*:

James Smith	21	Jacob Blacklock	8
William McIntosh	21	John Johnstone	18
Benjamin Beattie	21	[<i>blank</i>]	14
Captain Johnstone	21	William Earshman	9
John Jardine	21	William Craig	18
Adam Brown	21	David Bell	18
David Robson	21	Joseph Hamilton	15

Eo die evening within the Town Clerk's office Lochmaben met the following skips and representatives, *viz*:

John Johnstone, Vice President.

Peter Waugh for Adam Brown, David Bell, Benjamin Beattie, Jacob Blacklock, John Jardine, James Smith, John Lawson for Captain Johnstone, William Cranston for Mr McIntosh.

The Vice President stated that at a meeting of the skips held on the ice last night Mr James Austin was elected in the room of James McMinn, who had not made appearance. Also that Mr Austin had intimated his resolution not to accept whereupon Mr James Smith proposed Mr Charles Craike, Esbie, in place of Mr McMinn. Seconded by Benjamin Beattie, which was unanimously agreed to and Mr Craike was elected accordingly.

The following skips met in the office
of the Town Clerk on evening of
Wednesday 8th December 1869, *viz*:

John Johnstone, Vice President. John Jardine, William McIntosh, Benjamin Beattie, David Robson and David Bell.

The Vice President brought before the skips the question of the disposal of the Medal, when Mr McIntosh proposed to give Mr Charles Craike the average of 7 shots and that he and Mr Benjamin Beattie compete for the Medal, which was seconded by James Smith and agreed to.

Lochmaben 28 December 1869

In terms of the arrangement the Boards of Messrs. Craike and Beattie played off the game for the Medal as follows of this date on Castle Loch.

Benjamin Beattie 21 Charles Craike 12

Mr Beattie thus had a majority of 4 shots over the whole play and won the Medal.

In terms of a challenge from the Dryfesdale curlers, the curlers of Lochmaben met on Castle Loch on 28th January 1870. At the close of the game the various rinks stood as under:

James J. Smith	21	against	John Smith Sen.	12
John Johnstone, grocer	21	“	G. Schoolar	11
John Johnstone, Halleaths	7	“	J. Smith Jr.	21
D. Robson	9	“	John Schoolar	21
David Bell	21	“	W. Dodds Jr.	11
William McIntosh	21	“	A. Donaldson	8
B. Beattie	10	“	J. Gladstone	21
William Earshman	21	“	A. McIntosh	7
A. Brown	13	“	Thomas Edgar	21
J. Blacklock	21	“	A. Bell	18
Joseph Hamilton	20	“	W. Dodds	21
John Jardine	16	“	W. Bryden	21
Charles Craike	17	“	J. Carruthers	21
William Craig	13	“	James Schoolar	21
	<u>231</u>			<u>235</u>

Majority for Dryfesdale 4 Shots.

The following are the persons entered by the respective skips as having played during the season 1869-70 for the Medal or at a parish spiel, *viz*:

Joseph Hamilton Skip
John Robertson, John Ross, Walter Hamilton

William McIntosh Skip
William Ballantine, William Cranston, John Johnstone, John Smith

Charles Craike Skip
William Boyd, William J. Smith, John Waugh

James T. Smith Skip
David Halliday, Mathew Grierson, John Richardson

John Johnstone, grocer, Skip
Samuel Dinwoodie, John White, Alexander Haining

William Craig Skip
William Sanders, James Muir, John Halliday

John Johnstone, Halleaths, Skip
John Lawson, John Haining, John Johnstone, John Lauder

Jacob Blacklock Skip
James Gray, David Beck, William Gibson, William Hume, William Smith,
William Carruthers, John Gray

William Robson Skip
John Wright, James Patterson, John Anderson, James Smith

William Earshman Skip
Robert Jardine, John Johnstone, William Bryden, George Brockie

Adam Brown Skip
Peter Waugh, Archibald Richardson, John Johnstone, James Brockie

Benjamin Beattie Skip
James Austin, John Steel, William Robertson, Robert Waugh

David Bell Skip
Thomas Imrie, Mathew Imrie

John Jardine Skip
Peter Ross, Alexander McGeachen, James Richardson, Fraser [*sic*]

At the Annual General Meeting of the Lochmaben
Curling Club held within the Town Hall
there upon the evening of Friday Eleventh day of
November Eighteen Hundred and Seventy.

Present: John Johnstone, Merchant, vice President.

John Lawson, William Craig, David Beck, William Gibson, Joseph Hamilton, John Ross, William Smith, Alexander Haining, Peter Waugh, John Lauder, John Johnstone, mason, William McIntosh, William T. Smith, James T. Smith, Thomas Johnstone, William Earshman, Charles Craike, John Steel, William Ballantine, John Haining, George Brockie, Samuel Dinwoodie, John Johnstone, labourer, James Austin, Jacob Blacklock, James Gray, John White, Benjamin Beattie, David Halliday, Peter Ross, John Robertson.

The meeting in the first place proceeded to the election of a President – when Provost Dinwoodie proposed John Johnstone Esquire of Halleaths to be re appointed President, which was unanimously agreed.

Mr William Craig proposed John Johnstone, Merchant, as Vice President, which was also unanimously agreed to.

Mr Peter Waugh proposed that James Austin be re elected Secretary, which was also unanimously agreed to.

Provost Dinwoodie proposed that Mr David Beck be re elected Treasurer, which was also unanimously agreed to.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when John Johnstone of Halleaths was elected. Mr John Johnstone, merchant, was also elected. Mr James T. Smith was also re elected. Mr William Earshman was also elected. Mr John Jardine was also elected. William McIntosh was also elected. Mr Peter Waugh was also elected. Joseph Hamilton was also elected. Benjamin Beattie was also elected. David Robson was also elected. Jacob Blacklock was also elected. William Craig was also elected. Mr William Graham, Smallholm, was also elected. Mr Charles Craike was elected, all for the incoming season.

Provost Dinwoodie proposed that there be two new skips appointed to form two additional Boards. That these two young Boards should play for the Parish Medal but stand aside at a Parish Spiel for this year only. Seconded by Mr Peter Waugh.

Mr David Halliday proposed as an amendment that while agreeing with the proposal to have two additional rinks that instead of these new Boards standing out that the two Boards which fall lowest should stand out. Seconded by John Johnstone, labourer. On a shew of hands the motion as made by Provost Dinwoodie was carried.

No additional Skips were proposed.

The meeting next proceeded to Ballot for such Skips as shall come against each other for the Parish Medal, when the Skips were drawn as under –

John Jardine	[v.]	William McIntosh
Joseph Hamilton		William Craig
David Robson		Benjamin Beattie
Peter Waugh		James T. Smith
William Earshman		William Graham
John Johnstone, Merchant		Jacob Blacklock
John Johnstone, Halleaths		Charles Craike

A vote of thanks to Chairman closed the proceedings.

[signed] John Johnstone

Lochmaben 24 December 1870

The various skips with their players met this day on the [blank] Loch to compete for the Medal, at the close of the first day's play the game stood as follows:

William Earshman	21	William Graham	9
Benjamin Beattie	21	David Robson	11
James T. Smith	21	Peter Waugh	15
Jacob Blacklock	21	John Johnstone	17
William Craig	21	Joseph Hamilton	18
Charles Craike	21	John Johnstone Esq	19
William McIntosh	20	John Jardine	21

Second Day 26 December 1870

The various players again met this day on the Castle Loch, being a Pork Market day and Messrs McIntosh and Jardine having to finish their game it was rather late in commencing to play. The players were drawn and stood as follows:

Benjamin Beattie	21	John Johnstone Esq	6
Jacob Blacklock	15	John Johnstone	11
Peter Waugh	17	William Craig	13
John Jardine	14	William Graham	6
Charles Craike	[blank]	[blank]	
Joseph Hamilton	[blank]	[blank]	
David Robson	[blank]	[blank]	

Mr Benjamin Beattie having the first day scored 10 shots over his opponent and the second day scored 15 shots over his opponent was winner of the Medal.

Mr Earshman winner of Rink Medal first day and second day.

December [*blank*] 1870

The Lochmaben players having received a challenge to meet the players of Lockerbie met on the Pond at Lockerbie and played as under:

Benjamin Beattie	21	J. Schoolar	16
John Johnstone	19	Gladstone	21
William Earshman	21	W. Jardine	16
Peter Waugh	18	Mitchell	21
William Craig	10	G. Schoolar	21
Joseph Hamilton	11	Douglas	21
Charles Craike	21	I. Carruthers	6
James Smith	21	Edgar	15
John Johnstone	21	I. Schoolar	11
William Graham	19	A. Bell	18
David Robson	8	W. Dodds	21
William McIntosh	21	Bryden	16
John Jardine	12	McIntosh	21
Jacob Blacklock	9	A. Johnstone	21
	<u>232</u>		<u>245</u>

Majority for Dryfesdale 13 shots.

[*no date or month given*] 1870

The curlers of Dumfries met those of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch this day, at the close of the game the numbers were as under:

Benjamin Beattie	21	Edgar	15
John Johnstone Esq	6	Card	21
William Graham	18	Allan	21
James T. Smith	21	Kirkpatrick	15
Jacob Blacklock	7	Mitchell	21
Peter Waugh	18	Hart	21
William McIntosh	21	McNiel	20
John Johnstone	7	Stewart	21
David Robson	19	Anderson	21
John Jardine	9	Thomson	21
Charles Craike	15	Newlands	21
Joseph Hamilton	21	Soley	10
William Craig	21	Hunter	6
William Earshman	14	Hill	20
	<u>218</u>		<u>254</u>

Majority for Dumfries 36 shots.

30 January 1871

The players of Johnstone met those of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch of this date and at the close of the game stood as under:

Peter Waugh	21	John McAdam	10
Benjamin Beattie	21	Cap. J. H. Johnstone	10
James T. Smith	16	J. Johnstone	21
William Earshman	21	A. Jamieson	3
William Craig	21	C. Halliday	16
Joseph Hamilton	21	A. Halliday	9
John Johnstone Esq	21	W. Gillespie	18
Charles Craike	18	J. Lockerby	21
Jacob Blacklock	21	James Aitken	6
John Jardine	21	R. R. Jamieson	14
William Graham	18	W. Burgess	21
David Robson	21	J. Harkness	8
William McIntosh	21	J. Rogerson	4
John Jardine	21	J. Jardine	18
	<u>283</u>		<u>179</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 104 shots.

31 January 1871

The players of Kirkmichael and the players of Lochmaben met at a friendly match on the Castle Loch, at the close of the game the numbers stood as under, *viz*:

Benjamin Beattie	21	William Murdoch	12
John Jardine	14	Barbour	21
William Craig	21	S. Burgess	10
Joseph Hamilton	21	Farish	15
John Johnstone Esq	10	Patterson	21
Charles Craike	21	Gillespie	14
William Graham	21	Robson	9
David Robson	21	Johnstone	14
James T. Smith	21	Carruthers	14
John Johnstone	21	Vallance	20
Jacob Blacklock	21	Johnstone	12
Peter Waugh	17	McCall	21
William Earshman	16	Lyons	21
William McIntosh	21	Renwick	20
	<u>267</u>		<u>224</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 43 shots.

Lochmaben 2nd February 1871

The curlers of Tinwald met those of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch and played as under:

Benjamin Beattie	21	Kirkpatrick	2
John Jardine	18	Wilson	21
John Johnstone	21	Vass	13
John Johnstone Esq	7	Barton	21
William Earshman	21	I. Laurie	19
William Craig	21	A. Dobie	19
Charles Craike	13	Hiddleston	21
William Graham	20	Laurie	21
David Robson	21	Bell	11
Joseph Hamilton	14	Dobie	21
J. Blacklock	21	Dalziel	10
James T. Smith	21	Morton	5
Peter Waugh	5	D. Wright	21
William McIntosh	11	R. Hiddleston	21
	<u>235</u>		<u>226</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 9 shots.

The Skips who have reported the persons following as having played for a Medal or Parish Spiel are:

Benjamin Beattie	James Austin William Robson John Steel
David Robson	John Wright John Anderson James Smith
Jacob Blacklock	David Beck William Gibson William Bell Herbert Henderson
William Craig	James Muir John Halliday James Craig William Saunders

William Earshman	Thomas Johnstone William Bryden Robert Jardine Walter Hamilton
James T. Smith	David Halliday John Richardson W. Smith
Charles Craike	John Waugh Peter Ross John White
William McIntosh	William Ballantine [<i>blank</i>] Wells James Common
John Johnstone, merchant	Samuel Dinwoodie William T. Smith David Dinwoodie Robert Waugh
Joseph Hamilton	John Robson John Ross Robert Robson

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At the General Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben
Curling Club held within the Town Hall
on the evening of Monday the thirteenth day
of November eighteen hundred and seventy one.
The eleventh, the usual day of meeting being on a Saturday.

Present

John Johnstone Vice President.

Samuel Dinwoodie, John Lauder, John Haining, Thomas Johnstone, Joseph Hamilton, James Austin, John Steel, James Thomson Smith, David Beck, David Robson, John White, David Halliday, Jacob Blacklock, William Ballantine, John Anderson, William Craig, James Craig, Peter Ross, James Muir, William Sanders, Charles Craike.

John Johnstone Esquire of Halleaths was unanimously elected President. Baillie John Johnstone Vice President, Mr James Austin Secretary and David Beck Treasurer.

The Meeting next proceeded to the election of skips when the following gentlemen were duly elected and drawn against each other for the Club Medal as under:

John Johnstone Esq, Halleaths	against	Joseph Hamilton
Baillie Johnstone	against	William Graham
James T. Smith	against	Benjamin Beattie
William Earshman	against	Charles Craike
John Jardine	against	William Craig
William McIntosh	against	David Robson
John Waugh	against	William Fraser

The subject of the Lochmaben Curling Club joining the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was under consideration and various opinions expressed. It was agreed on the motions of Mr Craike that the Lochmaben Curling Club adopt the Rules of the game of the Royal Caledonian for the season, leaving it an after question for next year as to joining the Caledonian.

Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the proceedings.

[*signed*] John Johnstone

The competition for the Medal took place on [*blank*] Loch as under:

1st Day 8 December 1871

John Jardine	21	William Craig	11
Charles Craike	21	William Earshman	13
John Waugh	21	William Fraser	15
William Earshman	21	Baillie Johnstone	15
James T. Smith	21	Benjamin Beattie	19
Joseph Hamilton	21	Captain Johnstone	20
David Robson	21	William McIntosh	20

2nd Day 9th December 1872 [*i.e.* 1871]

Benjamin Beattie	21	William Graham	8
William McIntosh	21	John Jardine	8
Baillie Johnstone	21	John Waugh	9
William Craig	21	Robert David Robson	10
J. T. Smith	21	William Fraser	11
William Earshman	21	J. Hamilton	12
Charles Craike	21	Captain Johnstone	13

Mr Craike, having gained first day 8 shots and second day also 8 shots, won the Medal which was given up.

The following Skips reported these players as under:

Joseph Hamilton	Robert Robson John Ross John White
W. G. Graham	Archibald Richardson John Johnstone, labourer William Ballantyne
William Craig	James Muir William Sanders James Craig
William Earshman	John Beck Thomas Johnstone Robert Jardine William Bryden
William McIntosh	David Gibson Samuel Smith Robert Imrie
John Waugh	Andrew Taylor William Haining Thomas Little
James T. Smith	Herbert Henderson David Halliday Matthew Imrie
David Robson	John Wright John Anderson [?Chs] Bell
Charles Craike	John White Peter Ross William Gibson
Captain Johnstone	John Lawson John Lauder John Haining

Benjamin Beattie	James Austin John Steel William Robson
John Jardine	Alexander McGeachen Andrew Smith James Richardson
John Johnstone	Samuel Dinwoodie Jacob Blacklock David Dinwoodie John Johnstone, mason

At the general annual meeting of the
Lochmaben curling club held within the
Town Hall on the evening of
Monday 11th November 1872.

11th November 1872

Present John Johnstone, Vice President.

Samuel Dinwoodie, John Johnstone, labourer, David Beck, Jacob Blacklock, John Steel, Alexander McGeachen, Robert Imrie, Samuel Smith, John Johnstone, mason, John Lauder, William Craig, Robert Sanders, John Haining, James Muir, James T. Smith, Joseph Hamilton, John White, Robert Robison.

The minutes of last meeting were read over and approved. The meeting unanimously reelected John Johnstone Esquire, Halleaths, as President. Also unanimously selected John Johnstone, merchant, as Vice President. The meeting elected Jacob Blacklock, Town clerk, as Secretary and reelected David Beck, mason, as Treasurer. The meeting next proceeded to election of skips when the following were duly elected.

John Johnstone Esq, Halleaths, Joseph Hamilton, Baillie Johnstone, William G. Graham, James T. Smith, Charles Craike, John Jardine, William Craig, John Waugh, Jacob Blacklock, John Lauder, David Gibson, David Robson, and William Earshman. It was agreed this year as last to play according to the Rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, whereupon the several skips were drawn as follows, *viz*:

John Johnstone Esq.	against	William Earshman
John Jardine	“	W. G. Graham
William Craig	“	John Waugh
Jacob Blacklock	“	John Lauder
David Gibson	“	James T. Smith
Joseph Hamilton	“	C. Craike
David Robson	“	Baillie Johnstone

Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the Proceedings.

[signed] John Johnstone

Parish Spiel Medal.

The several Boards met on the Halleaths Loch 4th February 1873 to compete for the Medal and played as under by time, *viz*:

First Game	John Jardine	18	W. G. Graham	5
	William Craig	18	John Waugh	6
	Joseph Hamilton	13	Charles Craike	8
	William T. Smith	12	David Gibson	7
	John Lauder	11	Jacob Blacklock	8
	David Robson	10	Baillie Johnstone	6
	William Earshman	8	Major Johnstone	7
Second Game	Major Johnstone	13	John Jardine	11
	William Craig	23	Jacob Blacklock	9
	Joseph Hamilton	13	Baillie Johnstone	13
	William T. Smith	20	David Gibson	6
	David Robson	9	John Waugh	9
	William Earshman	17	W.G. Graham	10
	John Lauder	16	Charles Craike	11

Mr William Craig, having in all scored 41 shots and beaten his opponent First Game by 12 shots, Second Game by 14 shots, won the Medal which was handed to him on ice.

[*signed*] J. Blacklock, Secretary

Lochmaben v Tinwald

13 February 1873

The Parishes of Lochmaben and Tinwald after several delays met on Upper Loch and played as under:

Major Johnstone	18	Barton	18	Drawn
Baillie Johnstone	21	Dalziel, Tinwald Shaws	7	
J. Lauder	21	Mair	18	
J. Blacklock	8	Dobie, Handbush	16	Drawn
W. Earshman	21	Morton	3	
D. Gibson	21	Wilson	10	
D. Robson	21	Wright	15	
C. Craike	21	Dalziel, Blacksmith	9	
Joseph Hamilton	21	Hiddleston	7	
J. T. Smith	21	Kirkpatrick	14	
W. Craig	11	J. Laurie	21	
J. Waugh	5	D. Dobie	21	
J. Jardine	18	Bell	21	
W. G. Graham	15	Vass	21	
	<u>243</u>		<u>201</u>	

Majority for Lochmaben 42 shots.

The following players have been reported by the several skips as having played during season of 1872-73, *viz*:

William Earshman	Pd.
Walter Hamilton, John Beck, William Bryden, Thomas Johnstone	
Joseph Hamilton	
John Ross, John White, Robert Robison	
Jacob Blacklock	Pd.
Thomas Henderson, Benjamin Beattie, Mark Wells, William W. Blacklock	
William Craig	Pd.
William Sanders, Archibald Sanders, James Muir	
David Gibson	Pd.
William Baird, Samuel Smith, Robert Imrie	

John Jardine Andrew Smith, David McCall, Alex McGeachen, Mathew Imrie	Pd.
John Johnstone Esq John Lawson, William Robson, John Haining	Pd.
John Lauder John Johnstone, mason, William Ballantyne, David Beck	Pd.
John Johnstone, Baillie David Dinwoodie, Samuel Dinwoodie, David Richardson, John Steel	Pd.
David Robson John Wright, John Anderson, David Halliday, Robert Anderson, Robert Richardson & William Carruthers	Pd.
James T. Smith George Smith, Melville Smith, George Brockie	Pd.
Charles Craike William McKnight, William Gibson, Peter Ross	Pd.
William G. Graham Archibald Richardson, William Bell, John Smith	
John Waugh William Haining, Andrew Taylor, Thomas Little	

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At the General Annual Meeting of the
Lochmaben Parish Curling Club held within
the Town Hall Lochmaben upon the evening of
Tuesday the Eleventh day of November
Eighteen hundred and Seventy three years.

11th November 1873 [*date written in margin*]

Present: John Johnstone, Vice President.

John Lawson, David McCall, John Johnstone, mason, John Lawder, Robert Robison, William Ballantyne, David Beck, Walter Hamilton, David Gibson, William McKnight, John Steel, Thomas Henderson, David Robson, John Anderson, Mark Wells, William Sanders, John Jardine, James T. Smith, William Craig, William Baird, John Haining, Peter Ross, James Muir, William G. Graham, John Ross, Benjamin Beattie, John White, William Haining, Samuel Dinwoodie.

The members present first proceeded to the election of a President, when Mr Craike proposed that Mr Johnstone of Halleaths be reelected President. Seconded by William Craig and unanimously agreed to. Mr Craig further proposed the re election of Baillie Johnstone as Vice President. Seconded by Mr Lawson and unanimously agreed to. Mr David McCall proposed Jacob Blacklock, Town Clerk, for reelection as Secretary. Seconded by William Craig and unanimously agreed to. Mr Craig also proposed Mr David Beck for re election as Treasurer. Seconded by John Lawson and unanimously agreed to.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when Major Johnstone, Baillie Johnstone, John Lauder, Jacob Blacklock, David Gibson, David Robson, Charles Craike, James T. Smith, William Craig, John Jardine, William G. Graham were all re elected. Messrs. Robert Robison, William Sanders and James McMinn were re elected in the room of Messrs. Joseph Hamilton, deceased, and Earshman and John Waugh, resigned.

The meeting next proceeded to draw for opponents for the match for Parish Medal and the [illegible] skips drawn against each other were as under:

Major Johnstone	[v.]	William Sanders
David Gibson		Baillie Johnstone
James McMinn		James T. Smith
William Craig		William G. Graham
John Jardine		David Robson
Chas Craike		Robert Robison
John Lauder		Jacob Blacklock

The meeting by a great majority resolve to play this year as last by the Rules of the Royal Caledonian Club Rules. Vote of thanks to the chairman.

[signed] John Johnstone, V.P.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben Curling club held within the Town Hall there upon the evening of Wednesday the Eleventh day of November Eighteen hundred and seventy four.

11th November 1874 [*date written in margin*]

Present: John Johnstone Vice President.

John Lauder, Jacob Blacklock, John Lawson, John Johnstone, mason, Alexander McGeachen, William McKnight, James McMinn Senr., James T. Smith, William G. Graham, John Steel, William Ballantyne, Samuel Dinwoodie, Thomas Henderson, William Sanders, John Smith Hower, William Haining, William Carruthers, William Craig, Peter Ross, James Muir, Archibald Sanders, Walter Hamilton, John White, John Haining, Benjamin Beattie, Robert Robison, Andrew Smith.

The members present in the first place proceeded to the election of a President when Mr William Craig proposed the re election of John Johnstone Esq. of Halleaths, seconded by Mr John Lawson and unanimously elected President. Mr John Lawson proposed Mr John Johnstone, Baillie, as Vice President, seconded by Provost Samuel Dinwoodie and unanimously elected Vice President. Mr James T. Smith proposed Jacob Blacklock, Town Clerk, as Secretary, seconded by Benjamin Beattie and unanimously elected secretary. Mr Provost Dinwoodie proposed David Beck, Rigside, as Treasurer, seconded by William McKnight and he was unanimously elected Treasurer. The meeting next proceeded to the election of skips when Major Johnstone, James McMinn, William Craig, John Lauder, John Johnstone, Baillie, James T. Smith, William G. Graham, David Robson, Robert Robison, Jacob Blacklock, William McKnight, John Lawson, Walter Hamilton, John Johnstone, mason.

The meeting next proceeded to draw for opponents for match for Parish Medal and the [?parties] skips drew as follows:

William McKnight	agst	James McMinn
Major Johnstone	agst	Jacob Blacklock
David Robson	agst	John Johnstone, mason
James T. Smith	agst	John Johnstone, Baillie
William G. Graham	agst	Walter Hamilton
William Craig	agst	John Lawson
John Lauder	agst	Robert Robison

The meeting as formerly resolve to play according to the Rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Two panes of glass or more were reported as broken in the Ice House. Vote of thanks to chairman.

[*signed*] John Johnstone, V.P.

The curlers of Lochmaben met on Halleaths Loch and competed for the medal as under on Tuesday 15 December 1874:

James McMinn	21	against	William McKnight	14
Major Johnstone	21	"	J. Blacklock	16
D. Robson	14	"	John Johnstone, mason	21
J. Johnstone, Baillie	21	"	James T. Smith	19
William G. Graham	21	"	Walter Hamilton	9
John Lawson	21	"	William Craig	11
Robert Robison	21	"	John Lauder	20

Halleaths Loch 16 December 1874.
The curlers competed their second day as under:

William G. Graham	8	against	John Lauder	21
John Lawson	16	“	James T. Smith	21
John Johnstone, mason	20	“	J. Blacklock	21
James McMinn	16	“	D. Robson	21
Major Johnstone	5	“	William McKnight	21
Baillie Johnstone	12	“	William Craig	21
Robert Robison	21	“	Walter Hamilton	9

[Above scores entered in pencil]

Mr Lauder, having first day scored 20 and second day 21 shots with 13 from his opponent, making in all a score of 54 shots and won the Medal.

The curlers of Dumfries and Lochmaben met on Auchencrieff Loch on Monday 21 December 1874. The result being a majority of shots in favour of Dumfries of 33. The ice very much broken up and had to play on old Boards, *viz*:

Lochmaben		Dumfries	
John Lawson	13	D. Bell	21
Jacob Blacklock	10	Mr Hart	21
Robert Robison	21	James Young	14
Baillie Johnstone	17	John Thomson	21
William Craig	8	William Allan	21
W. G. Graham	21	John McNeil	20
William McKnight	13	J. Lockerbie	21
Walter Hamilton	18	John Thomson	21
James McMinn	15	William Lauder	21
John Johnstone, mason	16	Thomas Anderson	21
John Lauder	21	Joseph Mitchell	20
Major Johnstone of Halleaths	21	Baillie Nicholson	20
David Robson	21	William Craig	20
James T. Smith	21	William McCubbin	17
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	236		279

The Curlers of Lochmaben met those of Lockerbie on Tuesday 22nd December 1874 on Quaas Loch shewing a majority for Lockerbie of 27 shots as under:

Note John Lawson claims to have falled [*sic*] at 16 not 19 – majority only 24 if so.

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John Lauder	16	J. Scholar	21
David Robson	21	Captain A. Douglas	3
James McMinn	21	John Carruthers	19
James T. Smith	18	George Ewart	21
Major Johnstone	7	John Mitchell	21
John Lawson	19	A. Bell	21
Robert Robison	21	William Lawson	19
Jacob Blacklock	10	J. Laidlaw	21
Baillie Johnstone	6	Thomas Edgar	21
William G. Graham	21	A. Halliday	19
William Craig	21	G. Scholar	15
William McKnight	6	C. [?Crenan]	21
Walter Hamilton	21	John Smith	13
John Johnstone	21	J. Gladstone	18

The curlers of Lochmaben met those of Johnstone on Castle Loch on Wednesday 23rd December 1874 and played as under, majority for Lochmaben of 114 shots:

Jacob Blacklock	21	William Gillespie	15
James McMinn	21	J. Harkness McAdam	5
William Craig	21	Fraser Lockerbie	17
John Johnstone (Baillie)	15	Walter Burgess	21
Robert Robison	21	John Jardine	14
John Lauder	21	Ewart	4
William G. Graham	21	Halliday, Woodend	7
James T. Smith	21	Halliday, Greigsland	4
Major Johnstone	21	James Aitken	15
John Lawson	21	Johnstone	19
John Johnstone (mason)	21	Mundell	13
Walter Hamilton	21	J. Rogerson	18
William McKnight	21	Jamieson, Kirkbank	14
David Robson	21	McAdam	8
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	288		174

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The curlers of Lochmaben met those of Tinwald on the Kirk Loch on Friday 25th December 1874 and played as under, the majority for Lochmaben at close being 20 shots:

Jacob Blacklock	21	John Laurie	12
John Johnstone (Baillie)	21	J. Dobie	9
Walter Hamilton	21	J. Barton	8
Robert Robison	21	J. Rogerson	18
William McKnight	13	A. Maxwell	21
James T. Smith	21	A. Wilson	15
John Johnstone, mason	5	A. Vass	21
Major Johnstone	9	David Dobie	21
John Lauder	21	J. Hiddlestone	16
James McMinn	21	D. Bell	19
William G. Graham	20	D. Wright	14
David Robson	15	Andrew Kirkpatrick	21
William Craig	21	William Boyd	16
John Lawson	21	J. Hyslop	20
	<u>251</u>		<u>231</u>

The Curlers of Lochmaben met those of Kirkmichael on the Castle Loch on Thursday 31st December 1874, at close of game Lochmaben had a majority of 34 shots as under:

Jacob Blacklock	21	Burgess	20
James T. Smith	21	William Murdoch	8
Walter Hamilton	21	Johnstone, Cumlees	12
Major Johnstone	10	Johnstone, Garrell	21
David Robson	6	McCall	21
John Lauder	19	Gavin Barbour	21
Robert Robison	21	J. Patterson	15
John Johnstone (Baillie)	21	W. R. Farish	15
John Johnstone, mason	18	W. K. Renwick	21
John Lawson	21	J. Carruthers	15
William Craig	21	Vallance	4
James McMinn	21	Lyon	3
William G. Graham	16	J. Gillespie	21
William McKnight	15	Samuel Farish	21
	<u>252</u>		<u>218</u>

[*The following two tables were completed on a single leaf*]

Analysis of Play for Season 1874-75

The Skips scored as under:

	Medal	Dumfries	Lockerbie	Johnstone	Kirkmichael	Tinwald	Total
Major Johnstone	26	21	7	21	10	9	94
James McMinn	37	15	21	21	21	21	136
J. Blacklock	37	10	10	21	21	21	120
D. Robson	35	21	21	21	6	15	119
Baillie Johnstone	33	17	17	15	21	21	113
W.G. Graham	29	21	21	21	16	20	128
J. Lawson	37	13	19	21	21	21	132
R. Robison	42	21	21	21	21	21	147
J. Johnstone, mason	41	16	21	21	18	5	122
William Craig	32	8	21	21	21	21	124
William McKnight	35	13	6	21	15	13	103
John Lauder	41	21	16	21	19	21	139
J. T. Smith	40	21	18	21	21	21	142
Walter Hamilton	18	18	21	21	21	21	120

Average 124.21 for 7 games.

Analysis shewing the loss and gain of each Skip for the Season, gain marked + loss -

Major Johnstone	-10	+1	-14	+6	-11	-12	-41
James McMinn	+2	-6	+2	+16	+18	+2	+34
J. Blacklock	-4	-11	-11	+6	+1	+9	-10
D. Robson	-2	+1	+18	+13	-15	-6	+9
Baillie Johnstone	-7	-4	-15	-6	+6	+12	-14
W.G. Graham	-1	+1	+2	+14	-5	+6	+17
J. Lawson	+3	-8	-2	+2	+6	+1	-2
R. Robison	+13	+7	+2	+7	+6	+3	+38
J. Johnstone, mason	+6	-5	+3	+8	-3	-16	-7
William Craig	+1	-13	+6	+4	+17	+5	+20
William McKnight	+9	-8	-15	+17	-2	+5	-21
John Lauder	+12	+1	-5	+17	-2	+5	+28
J. T. Smith	+3	+4	-3	+17	+13	+6	+40
Walter Hamilton	-24	-3	+8	+3	+9	+13	+6

The following Skips have given in their players for Season 1874-75 as under:

James T. Smith 1/pd	George Smith Thomas Little John Richardson
Walter Hamilton	William Earshman John Beck John White
Jacob Blacklock	Benjamin Beattie A. Marchbank John Steel William Robson
William Craig 1/pd	James Muir Andrew Tweedie Peter Ross
David Robson	John Wright John Anderson David Halliday
John Lawson 1/pd	Archibald Richardson Samuel Smith Samuel Rogerson Robert Bryden James Bell
John Lauder 1/pd	John Henderson, West-Cottage William Ballintyne David Beck
John Johnstone Esq 1/pd	John Hainin Alexander McGeachen William Haining James Haining
John Johnstone, Bailie 1/pd	Samuel Dinwoodie David Dinwoodie David Richardson William Bell
John Johnstone, mason 1/pd	Robert Imrie Andrew Smith William Johnstone

William McKnight	William Gibson
1/pd	David Gibson
	William Carruthers
William G. Graham	Andrew Stewart
1/pd	John Smith
	John Waugh
Robert Robison	John White
1/pd	John Ross
	William Saunders
Thomas Henderson	John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks
1/pd	Matthew Imrie

At the annual General Meeting of the Curlers
of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall there upon
the evening of Thursday the eleventh day of November
Eighteen Hundred and Seventy five years.

11th November 1875

Present: John Johnstone, Baillie, Vice President.

John Johnstone, West-Cottage, John Lauder, Andrew Smith, William McKnight, William Ballantyne, William Carruthers, William Johnstone, James Haining, John Steel, William G. Graham, George Smith, John Waugh, David Beck, Walter Hamilton, John Haining, Peter Ross, William Craig, Andrew Tweedie, Samuel Smith, Benjamin Beattie, Samuel Dinwoodie, Thomas Henderson, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks.

In respect James McMinn a skip of last season has failed to register the names of himself and his players and some of such players being present in such special circumstances and Mr William Johnstone having paid the Registration fee to the clerk, the meeting authorise the names of such players to be added to this sederunt. The members present in the first place proceeded to the election of a President when Mr William Craig proposed the election of Major John Johnstone of Halleaths as the President, seconded by Provost Dinwoodie and the said Major Johnstone was and is hereby elected President. Provost Dinwoodie proposed Baillie Johnstone as Vice President, seconded by William Craig and the said Baillie Johnstone was and is elected Vice President. Mr Robert Robison proposed Jacob Blacklock, town clerk, as Secretary or Clerk, seconded by Thomas Henderson and the said Jacob Blacklock was and is hereby re elected Clerk. Provost Dinwoodie proposed David Beck, Rigside, as Treasurer, seconded by John Lauder and the said David Beck was and is hereby re elected Treasurer.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when the following were chosen and drawn to play for the Medal as under:

William Johnstone	against	William G. Graham
John Waugh	agst	William McKnight
Baillie Johnstone	agst	Robert Bryden
Walter Hamilton	agst	John Lauder
Robert Robison	agst	John Johnstone, West-Cottage
John Anderson	agst	William Craig
Major Johnstone	agst	Jacob Blacklock

The Vice President brought before the meeting the complaints of last year by several of the neighbouring parishes, that their skips has [sic] been charged and even over charged for cleaning Boards. The meeting appoint a committee of the vice President William McKnight and John Johnstone, West-Cottage, to take a charge of the cleaning of Boards and collecting the necessary money from the several skips. Mr William G. Graham proposed that a sum of 2/6d be paid by each skip to cover the expense of cleaning Boards, ménage etc and that the committee collect such and pay into hands of the Treasurer for that purpose, which was agreed to. Mr William G. Graham proposed that the medal be played in one day and in two games by time. Mr Robert Robison moved the previous question and on the Roll being called and a vote taken it was carried by a great majority that the medal be played for in two days as formerly.

Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the proceedings.

[signed] John Johnstone

Lochmaben 7th December 1875

The curlers met on Halleaths Loch to compete for the Medal for first day as follows:

Major Johnstone	21	Jacob Blacklock	9
John Anderson	21	William Craig	13
John Waugh	21	William McKnight	16
William G. Graham	21	William Johnstone	18
Baillie Johnstone	21	Robert Bryden	14
Robert Robison	21	John Johnstone, West-Cottage	10
John Lauder	21	Walter Hamilton	19

Second day's play also on Halleaths Loch, 8th December 1875

Major Johnstone	21	Walter Hamilton	10
John Lauder	21	Jacob Blacklock	5
Baillie Johnstone	21	Robert Bryden	11
Robert Robison	21	William Johnstone	17
W. G. Graham	20	John Johnstone	21
William McKnight	20	John Anderson	19
John Waugh	[blank]	William Craig	[blank]

Major Johnstone, having first day gained from his opponent 12 shots and on second day 11 shots, gained the Medal by a majority of 5 shots. Mr Lauder being second and Baillie Johnstone third.

The following Skips have given in the names of their players for season 1875-76:

John Johnstone, West Cottage 1/- pd	Archibald Richardson David Richardson George Smail
William Craig 1/- pd	James Muir Andrew Tweedie Peter Ross
Jacob Blacklock	Benjamin Beattie Samuel Rogerson Walter Blacklock Thomas Charlton
William McKnight 1/- pd	William Gibson David Gibson John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks
John Johnstone, High Street 1/- pd	Samuel Dinwoodie David Dinwoodie Senr. David Dinwoodie Jnr. Robert Imrie, John McVitie
John Lauder 1/- pd	William Ballantyne John Smith, Mason, Castle St. David Beck
Robert Bryden 1/- pd	Samuel Smith Thomas Henderson William Baird
William Johnstone 1/- pd	John Lauder John Johnstone, mason Andrew Smith
John Waugh 1/- pd	James T. Smith George G. Smith Thomas Little
William Graham 1/- pd	Andrew Stewart James Smith James Haining
John Anderson 1/- pd	John Wright James Patterson David Halliday
Robert Robison 1/- pd	John White William Sanders William White

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At the General Annual meeting of the Lochmaben
Parish Curling club held within the
Town Hall there on the evening of
Saturday the eleventh day of November
Eighteen hundred and seventy six.

11th November 1876

Present Robert Bryden, Baillie, William McKnight, John Lauder, James T. Smith, John Lawson, William Craig, Andrew Tweedie, Benjamin Beattie, Peter Ross, Thomas Henderson, Samuel Smith, James Muir, Archibald Richardson, William Gibson, David Gibson, George Smail, William G. Graham, James Haining, John Anderson, John Wright, Andrew Smith, Robert Robison, John White, William White, David Dinwoodie, Jacob Blacklock, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks.

James T. Smith elected Chairman.

The meeting in the first place proceeded to the election of a President when William G. Graham proposed the re election of Major Johnstone of Halleaths as the President which was unanimously agreed to. Mr John Lauder proposed Mr James T. Smith, Parkend, as the Vice President which was also unanimously agreed to. Mr Jacob Blacklock, Town Clerk, was also unanimously re elected Secretary and Mr David Beck, Riggfoot, the Treasurer. The following skips were proposed and elected and were drawn to compete for the Parish Medal as under:

Major Johnstone	against	William McKnight
Jacob Blacklock	“	Robert Bryden
James T. Smith	“	Robert Imrie
William G. Graham	“	John McVitie
John Anderson	“	John Lauder
Robert Robison	“	George Riddick
William Craig	“	George G. Smith

Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the proceedings.

[signed] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 10 November 1877
At the Annual General Meeting of the
Lochmaben Curling Club held
of this date within the Armoury, Lochmaben.

Present William Craig, John Lawson, Mark Wells, Peter Ross, David McCall, James Muir, John Tweedie, John White, John Johnstone, John Anderson, William Gibson, William G. Graham, Alex McGeachen, William McKnight, David Beck, John Steel, John Haining, James T. Smith, Robert Imrie, Archibald Richardson, John Johnstone, mason, John Lauder, John Smith, Hewan, George G. Smith, Andrew Smith, Thomas Henderson.
James T. Smith, Chairman.

The meeting in the first place proceeded to the election of President. Mr Mark Wells proposed Major Johnstone of Halleaths as President, seconded by John Lawson, and unanimously agreed to. Mr Craig proposed Mr James T. Smith, Parkend, as Vice President, seconded by David Beck also unanimously agreed to. Jacob Blacklock, town Clerk, appointed Secretary and Mr David Beck Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were appointed Skips, *viz.* Messrs. Robert Robison, John Anderson, Major Johnstone, William G. Graham, William McKnight, Herbert Henderson, John Lauder, William Craig, James T. Smith, George G. Smith, David Beck, Robert Imrie, Walter Blackstock, Melville Smith.

Draw as follows:

Mr Graham	against	William Craig
John Anderson	agst	Robert Robison
Herbert Henderson	agst	Melville Smith
James T. Smith	agst	Walter Blackstock
George G. Smith	agst	Robert Imrie
David Beck	agst	John Lauder
Major Johnstone	agst	William McKnight

A vote of thanks to Chairman.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 11 November 1878
 Convened within the Council Chambers
 Lochmaben the following members of the
 Lochmaben Curling Club, *viz.*

John Lawson, Alexander McGeachen, John Lauder, John Smith, William McKnight, Robert Robison, John Steel, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, William Craig, Jacob Blacklock, John White, Andrew Tweedie, Peter Ross, John White, David Gibson, William Gibson, William Haining, John Anderson, John Wright, David McCall, Thomas Henderson, James T. Smith, John Johnstone, mason, Samuel Dinwoodie, Benjamin Beattie, William Ballantyne, David Beck.

Mr James T. Smith, Vice President, Chairman.

The meeting first proceeded to the election of a President when on the motion of the chairman Major Johnstone of Halleaths was unanimously re elected President. Mr Alexander McGeachen proposed, seconded by John Anderson, the re election of James T. Smith as Vice Chairman, who was also unanimously re elected Vice President. Mr Jacob Blacklock appointed Secretary and on the motion of John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, seconded by John Steel. Mr David McCall was elected Treasurer and requested to uplift any balance from the last Treasurer David Beck and give an account of the same.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when the following gentlemen were chosen and drawn as follows by the Ballot, *viz*:

John Anderson	against	William Gibson
Walter Blackstock	agst	John Lauder
George G. Smith	agst	Andrew Tweedie
Robert Robison	agst	James T. Smith
Major Johnstone	agst	Thomas Henderson
William McKnight	agst	James Affleck
William G. Graham	agst	David Beck

Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the proceedings.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 9 December 1878

The several skips above named met on Castle Loch this day when at close of competition on very good ice the following was the result:

George G. Smith	21	Andrew Tweedie	8
William Gibson	21	John Anderson	9
James Affleck	21	William McKnight	13
Major Johnstone	21	Thomas Henderson	11
J. Blacklock	21	John Lauder	16
William G. Graham	21	David Beck	17
Robert Robison	21	James T. Smith	20

10 December 1878

The result of the second day's competition was as follows, *viz*:

Thomas Henderson	21	J. Blacklock	10
Robert Robison	21	Andrew Tweedie	14
James Affleck	21	William McKnight	9
William Gibson	21	David Beck	9
Major Johnstone	21	John Lauder	15
James T. Smith	21	George G. Smith	19
William G. Graham	20	John Anderson	12

Auchencrieff Loch 13 December 1878.

The curlers of Dumfries met Curlers of Lochmaben on Auchencrieff Loch following result:

Houston	9	against	William Gibson	21
Stewart	21	agst	William McKnight	7
Hart	21	agst	Robert Robison	16
Allan	21	agst	J. Blacklock	20
Lockerbie	20	agst	J. T. Smith	21
J. T. Stewart	21	agst	John Lauder	19
William Lowther	21	agst	David Beck	14
J. Craig	12	agst	William G. Graham	21
Baillie Nicholson	8	agst	Herbert Henderson	21
W. McCallister	15	agst	G. G. Smith	21
Thomas Anderson	16	agst	John Anderson	16
A. McMurray	20	agst	Major Johnstone	21
J. McNeil	21	agst	James Affleck	20
William Hill	13	agst	Andrew Tweedie	21
	<u>239</u>			<u>259</u>

Majority to Lochmaben 20 shots.

Lockerbie Loch 16 December 1878

Of this date the Curlers of Lochmaben met those of Dryfesdale at Lockerbie following the result:

Major Johnstone	21	James Morton	20
James T. Smith	19	George Schoolar	17
John Lauder	21	John Laidlaw	10
David Beck	21	James Blacklock	10
Andrew Tweedie	6	John Carruthers	21
Robert Robison	11	James Mitchell	21
Thomas Henderson	20	A. J. Douglas	20
John Anderson	10	D.W. Stewart	21
George G. Smith	21	Charles Crenan	12
William Gibson	20	Thomas Gladstone	21
Jacob Blacklock	7	John Schoolar	21
James Affleck	21	James Hunter	17
William McKnight	6	Thomas Edgar	21
William G. Graham	21	William Lawson	12

Majority for Dryfesdale 19 shots.

Castle Loch Lochmaben
20th December 1878

The Curlers of Johnstone met those of Lochmaben on Castle Loch of this date and at the close of the game the numbers were as follows, *viz*:

Lochmaben		Johnstone	
Major Johnstone	17	J. Jardine	14
John Anderson	21	Frances Lockerbie	8
Jacob Blacklock	21	Samuel Cowan	12
William G. Graham	21	J. Ewart	9
David Beck	21	William Thorburn	2
William McKnight	21	David Johnstone	19
Andrew Tweedie	12	P. H. Johnstone	16
Robert Robison	21	James Aitken	4
John Lauder	12	Walter Burgess	15
Thomas Henderson	21	William Halliday	12
James T. Smith	15	J. Rogerson	10
George G. Smith	21	John Halliday	14
James Affleck	20	James Harkness	21
William Gibson	21	A. Halliday	9
	<u>265</u>		<u>165</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 100 shots. Castle Loch Lochmaben

21st December 1878

The Curlers of Lochmaben met those of Kirkmichael on Castle Loch this day and at the close of the game the number were as follows:

Lochmaben		Kirkmichael	
James T. Smith	21	Captain Lyon	11
William Gibson	21	William Johnstone	11
William McKnight	21	B. Farish	15
Jacob Blacklock	15	William Murdoch	21
Major Johnstone	21	Gavin Barbour	5
John Anderson	21	Robert Smith	6
James Affleck	7	William Renwick	21
Robert Robison	21	George McCall	19
David Beck	18	James Burgess	21
William G. Graham	20	James Carruthers	18
John Lauder	21	J. Robison	13
George G. Smith	13	J. Johnstone	21

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Thomas Henderson	21	Thomas Gillespie	20
Andrew Tweedie	<u>21</u>	J. W. Patterson	<u>18</u>
	262		220

Majority for Lochmaben 42 shots.

Castle Loch Lochmaben
23rd December 1878

Of this date the Curlers of Tinwald met those of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch who played a match by time. Closing at 3 o'clock pm at which time the game stood as follows:

Lochmaben		Tinwald	
J. T. Smith	22	J. Dalziel	17
David Beck	18	D. Dobie	15
William Gibson	15	J. Laurie	13
Major Johnstone	18	D. Bryden	6
James Affleck	20	A. Vass	17
William G. Graham	12	Alex Dobie	12
John Lauder	6	William Bell	16
Robert Robison	16	J. Farish	8
William McKnight	15	Wilson	11
George G. Smith	14	J. Hiddlestone	13
Thomas Henderson	12	J. Kirkpatrick	13
John Anderson	14	William Barton	8
Jacob Blacklock	12	John J. Haining	23
Andrew Tweedie	<u>12</u>	A. Johnstone	<u>17</u>
	206		189

Majority for Lochmaben 17 shots.

Castle Loch Lochmaben
11th January 1879

The curlers of Lochmaben met those of Kirkmahoe on Castle Loch this day as follows, *viz*:

Lochmaben		Kirkmahoe	
Major Johnstone	18	William Wallace	16
Robert Robison	21	J. Hiddlestone	9
William G. Graham	21	William Kennedy	15
Andrew Tweedie	17	J. Kerr	19
John Lauder	21	David Brown	16
William McKnight	16	John Hamilton	17
John Anderson	18	John McNae	16
Herbert Henderson	21	J. Mitchell	8
George G. Smith	21	Dave Carruthers	14
David Beck	20	James [<i>illegible</i>]	17
James Affleck	21	Joseph Edgar	7
James T. Smith	21	Captain Leny	10
William Gibson	9	Dave Kennedy	21
J. Blacklock	11	J. Dinwoodie	21
	<u>256</u>		<u>206</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 50 shots. Castle Loch Lochmaben

21st January 1879

This day the curlers of Corrie and Hutton met on the Castle Loch for a friendly match, the arrangements 14 Boards each side. Two Boards from Corrie and Hutton failed to put in an appearance and the following is the result:

Lochmaben		Corrie and Hutton	
David Beck	21	J. Common, CL	14
William G. Graham	15	J. McGlasson	16
Robert Robison	21	Mitchell	9
Andrew Tweedie	16	J. Graham	16
George G. Smith	16	Robertson	13
William Gibson	13	M. Halliday	14
James T. Smith	21	William Robison	12
John Lauder	14	Jardine	21
Major Johnstone	16	James Lindsay	21
J. Blacklock	16	Richard Common	14
John Anderson	21	John Common	11
Herbert Henderson	10	William Sommerville	13
	<u>200</u>		<u>174</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 26 shots.

In respect only 12 Boards competed it was objected that the competition was not a Parish Spiel. Mr Robert Robison having claimed the Spiel Medal in respect he had put his opponent down lowest as above while Mr James Affleck, who holds such Medal, objected to part with the Medal until it was won and that he, Mr Affleck, had not been drawn to play. Mr McKnight also supported such view in respect he also was not drawn and that in any view the spiel could not be held as a Parish Spiel. The several skips who met and heard the subject debated were divided in opinion.

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[*List of skips and their boards*]

William G. Graham Pd.	Mathew Imrie J. Brockie David Dinwoodie
Robert Robison Pd.	John White William White Thomas Robison Archibald Robison
William Gibson Pd.	Archibald Richardson David Gibson David Richardson
Jacob Blackstock	Samuel Dinwoodie John Johnstone, Ex Baillie William Pagan
William McKnight Pd.	Walter Blackstock John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks Andrew Smith
John Lauder Pd.	John Johnstone, mason William Ballantyne John Smith, Hewer William Bryden Peter Waugh
John Johnstone Esq Pd.	John Haining Alexander McGeachen William Haining
James Affleck Pd.	John Lawson John Beck Ninian Halliday
James T. Smith Pd.	Thomas Little James Wright John Waugh
John Glendinning one William Craig one of David McCall also William Baird one of	of Dave Park's players Herbert Henderson's players one of Herbert Henderson's players Dave Beck's players
John Anderson Pd.	John Wright David Robson James Patterson

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Lochmaben 11th November 1879
 Convened within the Town Hall Lochmaben
 the following members of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club
 being the Annual Meeting, *viz:*

Samuel Dinwoodie, John Lawson, James Affleck, David Gibson, John Haining, William Gibson, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Alex McGeachen, John Johnstone, High Street, William G. Graham, Andrew Smith, William Ballantyne, John Smith, Hewer, John Beck, William McKnight, John Lauder, William Haining, James T. Smith, James Wright, Robert Robison, Archibald Robison, Mathew Imrie, Thomas Robison, John Glendinning, John White, William White, Peter Waugh, William Craig, David McCall, John Anderson, John Brockie, William Baird, Peter Ross, Jacob Blacklock.

Mr James T. Smith, Chairman.

The members present first proceeded to the election of a President when Major Johnstone of Halleaths was unanimously re elected President and Mr James T. Smith, Parkend, also unanimously re elected Vice President. Jacob Blacklock continued Secretary and David McCall also re elected Treasurer.

The Treasurer submitted his state of intromissions during, shewing income to be £2.12.6 and outlay £2.17.6, which the meeting find correct, leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of 5/ and a balance due to Mark Wells of 3/6d.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips for ensuing Season when the following were elected:

John Anderson – William Gibson – John Lauder – George G. Smith – Andrew Tweedie – Robert Robison – James T. Smith – Major Johnstone – William McKnight – John Lawson – William G. Graham – James Wright – William Craig – Joseph Dobie.

Whereupon the several skips were drawn for the Parish Medal as under:

John Lawson	against	John Lauder
William Gibson	“	George G. Smith
Andrew Tweedie	“	William McKnight
Major Johnstone	“	William G. Graham
John Anderson	“	William Craig
Robert Robison	“	Joseph Dobie
James Wright	“	James T. Smith

Mr Affleck proposed as an addition to the Rules that all games by the Club be played at a 21 shot game and not by time. Seconded by Mr John Lawson. Mr William G. Graham proposed as an amendment that the Club be not bound in every instance to play by a 21 shot game. Seconded by Mr William Haining. Mr William Ballantyne proposed that it be the Rule that all the games be

played by time. Seconded by Mr Alex McGeachen. The Roll having been called it was carried by a great majority to play by game and not time. It was resolved that to defray the necessary expenses the Skips pay to the Treasurer 2/6d each which he is to account for.

A vote of thanks to Chairman.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 4th December 1879

The several Boards met on Castle Loch to compete for Medal. Result as under:

George G. Smith	21	against	William Gibson	3
Major Johnstone	21	against	William G. Graham	12
James T. Smith	21	against	James Wright	14
John Lawson	21	against	John Lauder	11
Robert Robison	21	against	James Dobie	11
William McKnight	21	against	A. Tweedie	20
John Anderson	21	against	William Craig	14

On the principle of the highest Winner meeting the highest Loser the draw stood as under:

George G. Smith	21	against	Andrew Tweedie	15
Robert Robison	21	against	James Wright	14
John Lawson	19	against	William Craig	21
James T. Smith	6	against	John Lauder	21
Major Johnstone	21	against	William G. Graham	17
John Anderson	21	against	Joseph Dobie	18
William McKnight	21	against	William Gibson	6

From the above it appears that on first day's match he (George G. Smith) had 18 and second day 6 shots making in all a gain of 24 shots and won the Medal having a clear majority of seven shots.

Lochmaben 13th December 1879

The Curlers of Dumfries and Lochmaben met this day on the Castle Loch. Very soft and watery ice. Under noted is the state of the game:

William Gibson	21	Mr McLeod	16
William McKnight	15	J. McNeil	21
Major Johnstone	21	McMahon	10
James Wright	16	Dickie	21
Andrew Tweedie	21	Stewart	17
William Craig	21	Kerr	11
James T. Smith	21	Nicholson	15
William G. Graham	10	J. Lockerbie	21
George G. Smith	21	Houston	16
J. Anderson	9	Stewart	21
J. Dobie	20	McMurray	21
John Lauder	21	J. Anderson	10
John Lawson	11	Craig	21
Robert Robison	21	[<i>blank</i>]	18
	<u>249</u>		<u>239</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 10 shots.

Lochmaben 21st January 1880

The which day the curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Lockerbie on the Lockerbie ice. After the close of the game the result was as follows:

Lockerbie		Lochmaben	
J. Mitchell	21	James T. Smith	17
A. J. Douglas	21	W. McKnight	9
James Blackstock	20	J. J. Dobie	21
McKnight	21	William Gibson	13
A. McIntosh	16	William G. Graham	21
Thomas Schoolar	21	John Lawson	15
James Callandar	21	John Anderson	15

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Lockerbie		Lochmaben	
John Carruthers	21	John Lauder	6
John Laidlaw	21	A. Tweedie	10
J. Hunter	21	Robert Robison	15
Dave Dobie	15	Major Johnstone	21
D. W. Stewart	18	William Craig	21
Thomas Gladstone	21	James Wright	16
William Lawson	21	G. G. Smith	6
John Carruthers	21	John Lauder	6

Lockerbie in whole 279.
Lochmaben in whole 206.

Majority for Lockerbie 73 shots.

Lochmaben 22 January 1880

The parishes of Lochmaben and Kirkmichael met this day on Castle Lochmaben [*sic*] at the close of the game the numbers [*sic*] were as under:

Lochmaben		Kirkmichael	
Major Johnstone	19	John Robson	21
James T. Smith	16	J. McCall	21
William Gibson	5	J. Burgess	21
J. J. Dobie	20	J. Carruthers	21
George G. Smith	21	J. Patterson	7
Robert Robison	21	Thomas Gillespie	11
William McKnight	21	William Murdoch	10
James Wright	17	William K. Renwick	21
Andrew Tweedie	21	Samuel Farish	10
William G. Graham	14	J. Johnstone	21
John Lawson	21	Gavin Barbour	17
John Lauder	21	Robert Smith	7
William Craig	21	William Johnstone	12
John Anderson	21	William Riddick	4
	<hr/> 259		<hr/> 204

Majority for Lochmaben 55 shots.

Lochmaben 26th January 1880

This day the Curlers of Tinwald met those of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch when at the end of the game the numbers stood as follows, *viz*:

Lochmaben		Tinwald	
William Gibson	21	John Laurie	13
John Lauder	16	Samuel Bryden	17
James Wright	21	David Dobie	20
Andrew Tweedie	21	J. Dalziel	20
John Lawson	19	J. Hiddlestone	21
Robert Robison	21	A. Johnstone	18
G. G. Smith	21	J. J. Haining	15
J. J. Dobie	19	A. Dobie	21
J. T. Smith	12	J. Dickie	21
Major Johnstone	15	William Farish	21
John Anderson	21	J. Bell	7
William Craig	21	A. Vass	19
William G. Graham	21	A. Kirkpatrick	9
William McKnight	21	J. Henderson	11
	<u>270</u>		<u>233</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 37 shots.

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[*List of Members*]

George G. Smith Benjamin Beattie, William Earshman David Dinwoodie, Snr., David Dinwoodie Junior, Melville Smith	P ^d . 13 March 1880
William Gibson David Richardson, David Gibson, Archibald Richardson, David Beck	P ^d . 7 October 1880
Jacob Blacklock Samuel Dinwoodie, James Wright, William Pagan	P ^d . 7 October 1880
William McKnight John Johnstone, High Street John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Andrew Smith, Peter Waugh	1/- P ^d . 8 Nov 1880
William Craig David Ross, James Bell, Thomas Henderson	10 Nov 1880 not paid
John Anderson John Wright, J. Patterson, Dave Halliday	11 Nov 1880 1/- P ^d .
John Lawson John Beck, James Affleck, Ninian Halliday	11 Nov 1880 1/- P ^d .
John Lauder John Johnstone, Mason, John Smith, Hewer, McVitie, John Johnstone, West Cottage	11 Nov 1880 1/- P ^d .
James T. Smith John Waugh, Thomas Little, James Patterson, James Muir	1/- P ^d .
William Graham David Robson, Matthew Imrie, John Brockie, John Richardson	1/-
Major Johnstone William Haining, James Haining, William Baird, Andrew Beattie Jnr., Alex. McGeachen	1/-
Mr Joseph J. Dobie Thomas Dobie, Archibald Robison, John Glendinning, Herbert Henderson	1/-
Robert Robison John White, Thomas Robison, William White	1/-
Andrew Tweedie Peter Ross, John White, John Tweedie	1/-

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At the General Annual Meeting of the curlers
of the Parish of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall
upon the evening of Thursday the Eleventh day of
November Eighteen Hundred and Eighty.

11th November 1880

Present James T. Smith, vice Chairman.

James Wright, John Lauder, James Affleck, John Johnstone, High Street, John Lawson, Samuel Dinwoodie, Benjamin Beattie, Alex. McGeachen, Joseph J. Dobie, George G. Smith, John Lawson, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, David Gibson, David Robson, Thomas Dobie, William Haining, William Gibson, John Smith, Hewer, John Brockie, Andrew Smith, John Waugh, William G. Graham, Thomas Robison, Thomas Henderson, James Bell, Andrew Tweedie, Peter Ross, John White, Robert Robison, William White, William Baird, Jacob Blacklock.

The members first proceeded to the election of a President when Major Johnstone of Halleaths was unanimously elected and James T. Smith, Parkend, re elected Vice President. Also re elected Jacob Blacklock, Town Clerk, as Secretary. Mr Andrew Smith, Mason, Bruce Street, elected Treasurer. Mr McGeachen proposed that a committee of three gentlemen in the Town be appointed to act as a Managing committee. Seconded by Mr Joseph J. Dobie. Mr John Waugh moved an amendment that it be incumbent on the Skips to appoint such a committee. Seconded by Benjamin Beattie – whereupon Mr McGeachen withdrew his motion and the amendment of Mr Waugh was thereupon agreed to.

The Treasurer submitted his report stating that he had received from each of 13 skips 2/6

Together	£1.12.6
Paid out	£1.3.8
Balance in hand	£0.8.10

Besides the Vice President stated that he had paid about 23/6d and that the Secretary had paid out in Telegrams about 5/- making the debt due of 28/- subject always to the above sum of 8/10d to be got from the late Treasurer.

Mr Graham proposed that the old skips be called on to pay a contribution of 2/- each to clear off the old debt and that the new skips to be afterwards appointed be called on to pay the usual contribution towards the Season's expenses which was agreed to and a subscription having been made all the skips of last year except those not present paid 2/- and cleared off the debt.

Mr John Waugh proposed that all the skips of last year be re appointed – upon which Messrs. John Lawson, William Gibson, William McKnight and James T. Smith declined to continue Skips.

Mr James Affleck proposed as a Skip Mr Thomas Henderson, High Street, seconded by John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks. Mr David Gibson proposed Mr Archibald Richardson, Mason, as a Skip, seconded by Thomas Robison. Alex. McGeachen proposed Thomas Dobie, Dam House, seconded by Benjamin Beattie. Mr B. Beattie proposed that Mr James T. Smith be re elected, seconded by

Mr Samuel Dinwoodie – all of which nominations were agreed to and the gentlemen proposed and seconded duly elected.

Mr McGeachen proposed that there be sixteen skips elected instead of fourteen skips as heretofore, seconded by Samuel Dinwoodie, it being understood that the two rinks falling lowest at each competition fall out at the next competition. Mr John Waugh moved as an amendment that there be only 14 boards as usual, seconded by Mr B. Beattie. On a vote it was carried by a considerable majority in favour of the motion and Messrs. John Watret, Johnsfeld and Robert McGregor, Bellridding, were unanimously elected such additional skips.

Whereupon the whole Skips old and new were drawn as under for the competition for the Medal:

Andrew Tweedie	against	Thomas Dobie
Major Johnstone	“	William G. Graham
John Anderson	“	J. Dobie
Robert Robison	“	William Craig
James Wright	“	John Watret
John Lauder	“	Thomas Henderson
George G. Smith	“	Robert McGregor
James T. Smith	“	Archibald Richardson

It was also resolved that all of the newly elected Skips pay each the sum of 2/6 towards the necessary expenses of the season.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 11th November 1880

At a meeting of the skips elected by the preceding minute Messrs. James Wright, Archibald Richardson and Thomas Henderson were duly appointed a committee of management as set forth in the minute and appoint the Vice President to sign the minute.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

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Lochmaben 28th December 1880

This day the several Boards competed for the Parish Medal with the following result for the first day's competition on Broomhill Loch:

George G. Smith	21	Robert McGregor	10
William Craig	21	Robert Robison	13
James T. Smith	21	Archibald Richardson	14
Major Johnstone	21	William G. Graham	15
Thomas Dobie	18	A. Tweedie	10
Joseph J. Dobie	21	John Anderson	17
Thomas Henderson	21	John Lauder	18
James Wright	21	John Watret	19

31 December 1880 on Broomhill Loch.

The second day's play.

George G. Smith	18	John Watret	21
Thomas Dobie	21	John Lauder	4
William Craig	12	John Anderson	21
James T. Smith	21	William G. Graham	11
Major Johnstone	8	A. Richardson	21
Joseph J. Dobie	17	Robert Robison	21
Thomas Henderson	21	A. Tweedie	14
James Wright	11	Robert McGregor	21

On the Competition Mr Thomas Dobie got the Medal.

Lockerbie and Lochmaben
10th January 1881 at Quaas Loch or Pond.

James Wright	18	John Schoolar	21
Thomas Henderson	7	A. McIntosh	21
Robert McGregor	5	McKnight	21
J. Anderson	8	Thomas Gladstone	21
A. Tweedie	18	James Hunter	21
A. Richardson	20	Mitchell	21
J. Watret	21	J. Dodds	9
Major Johnstone	21	Mr James Schoolar	6
George G. Smith	21	D. Matheson	14
William Craig	21	William Lawson	15
James T. Smith	21	Dave Dobie	16
Thomas Dobie	10	Callender	21
Joseph J. Dobie	13	Thomas Edgar	21
Robert Robison	15	Carruthers	21
	<u>219</u>		<u>249</u>

Majority for Dryfesdale 30 shots.

14th January 1881

The Curlers of Lochmaben of this date met the Curlers of Dumfries on the Castle Loch. Keen good ice, as follows:

Lochmaben		Dumfries	
Robert Robison	21	Mr Jackson	7
William G. Graham	21	J. Lockerbie	9
James T. Smith	15	A. McMurray	21
John Anderson	21	J. McNeil	18
Joseph J. Dobie	6	W. Dickie	21
A. Richardson	21	James Craig	5
Major Johnstone	21	Thomas Anderson	9
John Lauder	21	A. Aitken	8
Thomas Dobie	11	J. Bell	21
John Watret	21	J. T. Stewart	17
William Craig	21	P. Machon	17
George G. Smith	21	William Stewart	17
James Wright	19	J. Houston	21
Andrew Tweedie	16	William McLeod	21
	<u>256</u>		<u>212</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 44 shots.

18th January 1881

The Curlers of Tinwald met the Curlers of Lochmaben this day on the Castle Loch with following result:

Lochmaben		Tinwald	
James Wright	21	J. Dalziel	7
Andrew Tweedie	11	J. Bryden	21
Archibald Richardson	19	J. Farish	21
Robert Robison	21	J. J. Haining	7
Major Johnstone	21	A. Johnstone	10
William G. Graham	8	J. Dickie	21
John Anderson	9	Thomas Hiddleston	21
John Watret	19	John Laurie	21
George G. Smith	21	J. Henderson	18
John Lauder	19	Dobie	21
Robert McGrigor	21	A. Vass	17
William Craig	19	J. Bell	21
James T. Smith	15	D. Bell	21
Thomas Henderson	13	Thomas Hiddleston	21
	<u>237</u>		<u>248</u>

Majority Tinwald 11 shots.

Lochmaben 24th January 1881

Lochmaben		Kirkmichael	
John Watret	14	J. Patterson	21
A. Richardson	15	Thomas Gillespie	21
Thomas Henderson	17	Gavin Barbour	21
George G. Smith	20	Robert Smith	21
Andrew Tweedie	12	J. Renwick	21
Robert Robison	14	James Johnstone	21
John Lauder	21	J. Burgess	15
Thomas Dobie	14	D. Farish	21
Robert McGregor	21	William Murdoch	13
Joseph J. Dobie	21	William Johnstone	13
James Wright	21	George McCall	5
James T. Smith	21	J. Rutherford	11
William Craig	21	J. Robertson	20
Major Johnstone	9	Carruthers	21
	<u>241</u>		<u>245</u>

Majority for Kirkmichael 4 shots.

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[*Skips and their rinks*]

Thomas Dobie	John J. Hastie John Halliday William Graham Robert Wells	1/ Pd.
William Craig	James Saunders William Halliday James Bell David Ross	1/ Pd.
James Wright	Samuel Dinwoodie Jacob Blacklock William Pagan Alexander Henry	1/ Pd.
John Anderson	John Wright James Patterson John Henderson	1/ Pd.
John Lauder	John Johnstone, Mason John Smith, Hewer Archibald Robson	1/ Pd.
Archibald Richardson	David Gibson William Gibson David Richardson David Beck	1/ Pd.
William G. Graham	John Brockie Matthew Imrie David Robson John Richardson, Hitae	1/ Pd.
James T. Smith	John Waugh Thomas Little James Muir	1/ Pd.
Robert Robison	Thomas Robison Irving Carlyle William White	1/ Pd.

John Watret	John Lawson John Beck N. Halliday	1/ Pd.
Joseph Dobie	Andrew Smith Archibald Robison William Mc Knight	1/ Pd.
Andrew Tweedie	Peter Ross John White John Tweedie	
Major Johnstone of Halleaths	James Haining Andrew Beattie Jnr. William Baird Lord Adam	1/ Pd.
Robert McGregor	John Johnstone of High Street John Johnstone of Marjoriebanks David Dinwoodie	
William White	David Ross Thomas Robison Archibald Robison	1/ Pd.

At the annual General Meeting of the Curlers
of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall there upon
the evening of Friday the Eleventh day
of November Eighteen Hundred and Eighty one years.

11th November 1881

Present John Lauder, Thomas Dobie, James Wright, David Gibson, John Johnstone, mason, Robert Wells, William G. Graham, John Brockie, William Craig, Thomas Robison, Samuel Dinwoodie, William Gibson, John Waugh, William White, John Lawson, John Beck, James Muir, Archibald Robison, Andrew Tweedie, Peter Ross, Ninian Halliday, John Smith, Hewer, John Watret, James Haining, William Baird, David Ross, Jacob Blacklock, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Joseph J. Dobie.

James T. Smith, Vice President, in the Chair.

The meeting in the first place proceeded to the Election of President when Major Johnstone of Halleaths was unanimously re elected President. The meeting also unanimously re elected Mr James T. Smith Vice President. The meeting also re elected Jacob Blacklock Secretary and also elected the said Jacob Blacklock Treasurer for the ensuing season. A statement of the late Treasurer, Mr Andrew Smith, who has now left the country, was submitted shewing a balance in favour of the club of 4/3 which the secretary stated had been left with him and which statement of income and outlays was read over.

The meeting had come under consideration whether there should be 14 or 16 Boards where Mr John Waugh proposed that there be only 14 Boards this year, seconded by James Haining, and there being no counter motion the motion was carried unanimously, when the following gentlemen were appointed:

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| 1. | James T. Smith | Parkend |
| 2. | John Watret | Johnsfield |
| 3. | Major Johnstone | of Halleaths |
| 4. | James Wright | Lochmaben |
| 5. | William White | Templand Village |
| 6. | Joseph J. Dobie | Dam |
| 7. | John Lauder | Burnside |
| 8. | William G. Graham | Smallholm |
| 9. | William Craig | Templand Village |
| 10. | John Beck | Lochside |
| 11. | John Anderson | Smallholm |
| 12. | Archibald Richardson | Lochmaben |
| 13. | Thomas Dobie | Dam |
| 14. | John Hastie, Senior | Bruce Villa |

And the above several skips having been drawn for the competition the draw stood as follows for the Parish Medal:

James Wright	[v.]	Thomas Dobie
William G. Graham		William White
James T. Smith		John Beck
William Craig		Archibald Richardson
John Anderson		Joseph J. Dobie
Major Johnstone		John Lauder
John Watret		John Hastie

Mr John Lawson proposed that every skip clean or get cleaned his own Board. Seconded by William Craig. Mr Joseph J. Dobie moved as an amendment that the Boards be cleaned by the club as formerly, seconded by Archibald Robson, when on a shew of hands the amendment was carried. Appoint a committee of Messrs. J. Wright, John Beck, Archibald Richardson and John Hastie a committee of management generally.

Mr Joseph J. Dobie moved that the Medal this year be played for by [?running] down each rink according to the Caledonian Rules, seconded by John Watret. Mr J. Waugh proposed the previous question, seconded by James Wright. On a shew of hands it was carried against the motion.

[signed] James Smith

At the Annual General Meeting of the
Curlers of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall
there upon the evening of Saturday the Eleventh day of
November Eighteen Hundred And Eighty Two.

Present James T. Smith, Vice President.

Samuel Dinwoodie, William Gibson, James Wright, James Haining, William G. Graham, John Waugh, John Brockie, David Gibson, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Peter Ross, Thomas Robison, Joseph Dobie, Thomas Dobie, William Graham, James Muir, Robert Wells.

The said James T. Smith, Vice President, in the Chair.

The meeting in the first place unanimously re elected Major Johnstone of Halleaths as President. Also re elect the said James T. Smith as Vice President. The meeting also re elect the said Jacob Blacklock as Secretary. Appoint Mr Alexander McGeachen, Inspector of Poor, as Treasurer. The Secretary reported there were [*sic*] to the credit of the club the sum of £ [*no amount given*].

The following skips were appointed:

1. James T. Smith, Parkend
2. Major John Johnstone of Halleaths
3. James Wright, Lochmaben
4. William White, Templand Village
5. Joseph J. Dobie, Dam Declined
6. William G. Graham, Smallholm
7. John Beck, Lochside
8. Archibald Richardson, Lochmaben
9. Thomas Dobie, Dam
10. William Gibson, Barras
11. John Richardson, Heck
12. Thomas Robison, Templand Village
13. Alex Douglas, Lochmaben
14. John Johnstone, Watchhill
15. John Watret, Johnsfield

And the above several skips having been drawn for the competition for the Medal as follows:

Thomas Dobie	v	Thomas Robison
Major Johnstone	v	William G. Graham
James Wright	v	John Richardson
John Beck	v	Alexander Douglas
Archibald Richardson	v	William White
John Watret	v	J. T. Smith
John Johnstone	v	William Gibson

Appoint a managing committee of Messrs. James Wright, John Beck, Archibald Richardson and William Gibson. Agreed to a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

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James Wright	Samuel Dinwoodie Samuel Smith Jacob Blacklock James W. Geddes	P ^d .
William Gibson	David Gibson William Graham John Brockie	P ^d .
John Johnstone, Watchhill	John Johnstone, High St.	P ^d . 3 ^d
William White	David Ross Senr. William Craig Jnr. James Sanders	P ^d .
Thomas Robison	Peter Ross John Tweedie David Ross Jnr.	P ^d .
William Craig		3 ^d P ^d .
James T. Smith	John Waugh James Muir William Halliday	P ^d .
Major Johnstone	William Baird Andrew Beattie James Haining	P ^d .
Thomas Dobie	John Halliday William Carruthers Mark Wells Andrew Wells John Glendinning Alexander Douglas Matthew Imrie George Burgess Robert Wells	P ^d .

At the Annual Meeting of the members of the
Lochmaben Parish Curling Club held
within the Market Hall Lochmaben upon the
evening of Monday the twelfth day of November
Eighteen hundred and eighty three years.

12th November 1883

Present James T. Smith, Vice President.

James Wright, Samuel Dinwoodie, Jacob Blacklock, William Gibson, James W. Geddes, David Gibson, William G. Graham, John Johnstone, High Street, William White, John Waugh, William Halliday, William Craig, John Brockie, Thomas Robison, Peter Ross, James Haining, William Baird, Thomas Dobie, Mark Wells, John Halliday, John Glendinning, Robert Wells, Samuel Smith, Andrew Wells.

The meeting proceeded to the election of the President, when Mr William Craig proposed Major Johnstone of Halleaths, seconded by Mr James Wright, who was and is hereby unanimously elected President.

Mr John Johnstone, High Street, proposed Mr James T. Smith, Parkend, as Vice President, seconded by Mr Thomas Dobie, when the said James T. Smith was unanimously elected Vice President. The meeting re elected Jacob Blacklock, Town Clerk, as Secretary, also re elect Alexander McGeachen, Inspector of Poor, as the Treasurer, when a Statement of the funds was submitted shewing a balance in favour of the club of £ - 14 [*i.e.* 14/-].

The following gentlemen were elected skips:

1. James T. Smith, Parkend
2. Major Johnstone of Halleaths
3. James Wright, Lochmaben
4. Thomas Dobie, Dam
5. William Gibson, Barras
6. John Richardson, Heck
7. Thomas Robison, Templand Village
8. Alexander Douglas, Lochmaben
9. James McNoe, Esbie
10. William Craig, Templand Village
11. Andrew Tweedie, Redhall
12. John Wright, mason, Smallholm
13. William Ballantyne, Hewer, Lochmaben
14. John Waugh, Castle Hill

And the above skips having been balloted for as follows for the competition for the medal as under:

John Wright	against	Alexander Douglas
James McNoe	agst	John Waugh
James Wright	agst	Thomas Robison
John Richardson	agst	Andrew Tweedie
William Ballantyne	agst	James T. Smith
Major Johnstone	agst	Thomas Dobie
William Gibson	agst	William Craig

It was resolved that in future the annual meeting of the Club be on the first Saturday after the 11th of November.

Appoint a managing committee of Messrs. James Wright, William Gibson and John Brockie.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

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At the annual meeting of the members of
Parish Curling Club of Lochmaben held within
the Town Hall Lochmaben in terms of arrangement of last year
on the evening of Saturday the fifteenth day of
November Eighteen Hundred and eighty four at seven o'clock.

Present James Wright, Samuel Dinwoodie, John Lawson, David Gibson, John Brockie, William Gibson, James T. Smith, Thomas Robson, Peter Ross, John Halliday, Thomas Henderson, Andrew Wells, Samuel Smith, James Geddes, Jacob Blacklock, John Smith, William Tweedie, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, John Glendinning, Mark Wells, Robert Wells.

On account of the smallness of the number of Curlers it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to this day week at 7 o'clock, meantime the Clerk instructed to put notice of the meeting in the several Newspapers of Dumfries and the Annandale Herald.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

At an adjourned meeting of the Curlers of the
Parish of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall
of Lochmaben upon the evening of Saturday the
Twenty second day of November Eighteen
Hundred and eighty four. Called by special advertisement
in the several local papers for this evening.

Present William Gibson, James Wright, William Craig, William Carruthers, Peter Ross, David Gibson, John Glendinning, James Geddes, James Haining, James T. Smith, John Brockie, Mark Wells, John Lawson, James McNoe, John Richardson, Heck, John Tweedie, Samuel Dinwoodie, Thomas Robson, Samuel Smith, James Muir, David Ross, Andrew Wells, Thomas Dobie, Jacob Blacklock, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks.

The meeting proceeded to the election of President when Mr William Craig proposed the re election of Major Johnstone of Halleaths, seconded by James Wright. Upon which Major Johnstone was hereby unanimously elected President. Mr McNoe proposed for re election James T. Smith, Parkend, as Vice President, seconded by Mr Wright, upon which the said James T. Smith was and is hereby re elected Vice President. Mr James T. Smith proposed Jacob Blacklock, Town Clerk, as secretary and Alex McGeachan, Inspector of Poor, as Treasurer, upon which the

said Jacob Blacklock was elected as Secretary and the said Alexander McGeachan was elected Treasurer.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when the following Gentlemen were elected: Major Johnstone of Halleaths, James Wright, Lochmaben, Thomas Dobie, Dam, William Gibson, Barras, John Richardson, Heck, Thomas Robison, Templand Village, James McNoe, Esbie, William Craig, Templand Village, Robert Wells, Lochmaben, Andrew Tweedie, Red Hall, John Waugh, Castle Hill, John Beck, Laverockhall, (William Halliday and Alexander McGeachan) and the several skips having been drawn to play for the Medal resulted as follows on going over the list of skips when Messrs. William Halliday and Alexander McGeachan declined to take office. It was resolved that the above named skips be instructed to seek out other two skips and to declare such two persons skips for this year. The draw for the competition for the Medal to take place on the Ice.

Appoint a managing Committee of Messrs. James Wright, William Gibson and John Brockie – Mr Wright convener.

Mr William Craig moved that in future the annual meeting of the Curlers be on the evening of 11th November in each year, seconded by James Haining, and there being no counter motion it was so resolved.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 27 December 1884

At a meeting of the Skips named in the
Preceding minute held within the Mason
Hall on the evening of Saturday the
27th day of December 1884.

Present James Wright, John Waugh, John Beck, William Gibson, Matthew Imrie, Robert Wells.

John Waugh, Chairman.

It was reported that in addition to the skips appointed at the General Meeting Mr Matthew Imrie had consented to be a skip thus leaving only one skip wanting. The Secretary stated that in consequence of the death of Major Johnstone, the President, and his Funeral this day, no notice had been sent to the Halleaths Rink of which Major Johnstone was the Skip. Mr A. Beattie of Maxwellbank accepted the vacant skipship. Resolve to play for the Medal on Monday next.

[*signed*] John Waugh

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Lochmaben 29th December 1884

The several Rinks met on the Castle Loch and competed as under. Ice very bad.

John Beck	21	James Wright	4
William Gibson	21	Robert Wells	8
A. Beattie	21	Thomas Robison	8
A. Tweedie	21	John Waugh	12
James McNoe	19	W. Imrie	15
Halleaths Board	10	W. Craig	10
Thomas Dobie	8	John Richardson	8

Lochmaben 30th December 1884

The several Rinks concluded the competition for the Medal as follows. Ice hard & good.

James Wright	21	James McNoe	8
Andrew Tweedie	21	Thomas Robison	4
William Craig	21	Halleaths Rink	2
William Gibson	21	John Waugh	10
Robert Wells	21	Thomas Dobie	15
W. Imrie	21	John Beck	15
John Richardson	21	Andrew Beattie	11

Mr Andrew Tweedie having scored from his opponent first day 9 free shots and on second day 17 shots, in all 26 shots, won the Medal.

[*signed*] J. Blacklock, Secretary

3rd January 1885

This day the Lochmaben Curlers met the curlers of Kirkmichael on the Meikleholm Pond. Ice good. The following is the result. In consequence of the intimated resignation of Mr John Waugh, Castlehill, his Board was taken up by William Halliday, Lochbank.

James Wright	21	G. Barbour	18
Halleaths Rink	21	S. T. Farish	20
Thomas Robison	21	William Riddick	12
John Beck	21	T. Gillespie	20
William Halliday	19	J. Patterson	21
James McNoe	17	J. Johnstone	16
Andrew Tweedie	20	R. Smith	21
Andrew Beattie	21	William Murdoch	15
Thomas Dobie	21	J. Baird	9
William Gibson	19	William McCall	21
John Richardson	8	J. Renwick	21
Matthew Imrie	21	J. Rutherford	8
William Craig	21	William Johnstone	15
Robert Wells	21	James Carruthers	6
	<u>272</u>		<u>223</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 49 shots.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met those of Dryfesdale or Lockerbie of this date 24th January 1885 on the Quaas Loch. Ice very soft.

Results as under:

1	Robert Wells	21	A. McIntosh	5
2	A. Beattie	5	D. Matheson	21
3	William Gibson	21	Robert McKay	18
4	John Richardson	14	William Lawson	21
5	Halleaths Rink	7	Thomas Schoolar	21
6	James Wright	11	William Robson	21
7	Thomas Robson [<i>sic</i>]	9	Thomas Gladstone	21
8	William Halliday	21	J. Laidlaw	18
9	Andrew Tweedie	10	A. Douglas	19
10	John Beck	6	Mitchell	21
11	Thomas Dobie	21	D. Dobie	8
12	William Imrie	13	J. Carruthers	21
13	James McNoe	13	J. Callandar	21
14	William Craig	10	J. McKnight	21
		<u>182</u>		<u>257</u>

Leaving a majority in favour of 75 shots of Lockerbie.

[*List of Skips and their rinks*]

James Wright P ^d	Jacob Blacklock Samuel Smith Samuel Smith
Thomas Dobie	William Graham James Beck Mark Wells James Gardiner
William Craig P ^d	John Jardine William Craig Jnr. Dave Ross (2 nd)
William Gibson P ^d	David Richardson David Gibson John Brockie
Thomas Robison P ^d	Peter Ross Kirk Smith David Ross (1 st)
Andrew Tweedie P ^d	David King John Halliday John Tweedie
Robert Wells P ^d	J. J. Dobie David McCall Andrew Wells
James Haining P ^d	John Johnstone John Lauder George Haining
James McNoe P ^d	John Fergusson John Johnstone Robert Johnstone

At the Annual General Meeting of the Curlers
of Lochmaben held within the Town Hall
there upon the evening of Wednesday the eleventh day
of November Eighteen hundred and eighty five years.

Present William Craig, Thomas Dobie, James Wright, William Gibson, James T. Smith V.P., Joseph Dobie, James Haining, Alexander McGeachan, George Haining, John Johnstone, High Street,

Peter Waugh, Andrew Tweedie, John Waugh, Andrew Wells, Robert Wells, David McCall, William Tweedie, John Halliday, John Brockie, David Ross, James Muir, Thomas Robison, Thomas Henderson, James McNoe, John Bell, Robert McMillan, James Geddes, Mark Wells, Andrew Beattie.

The Members present first proceeded to the election of President when Mr Andrew Johnstone of Halleaths residing at Broadholm was unanimously elected President. Mr James T. Smith was unanimously elected Vice President, who returned thanks. Mr Jacob Blacklock was elected Secretary. Mr Alexander McGeachan, Inspector of the Poor, elected Treasurer. Mr Peter Waugh suggested to the meeting that since last election of office Bearers the Curling Club had sustained a great loss by the death of the President Major Johnstone of Halleaths and proposed that the Club record in their minutes their sense of the great loss. Agreed to.

Mr Blacklock stated that the last balance of the Funds shewed a balance in favour of the Club of £-.14.7 and that the outlay of last year amounted to £1.1.11d thus leaving the Club in debt to the extent of seven shillings and four pence sterling.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when Mr J. J. Dobie proposed that the number of skips be 16 instead of 14 skips as formerly. Not seconded. The following elected:

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| 1. Mr Andrew Johnstone | of Halleaths |
| 2. James T. Smith | Lochmaben |
| 3. Andrew Tweedie | Red Hall |
| 4. William Gibson | Barras, Lochmaben |
| 5. Joseph J. Dobie | [<i>blank</i>] |
| 6. William Craig | Templand |
| 7. James Wright | Lochmaben |
| 8. [<i>blank</i>] McMillan | Vendace Burn |
| 9. Thomas Dobie | Dam |
| 10. James McNoe | Esbie |
| 11. Captain William V. Hopegood | of Elshieshiels |
| 12. Mr Joynson | Halleaths |
| 13. Dave Broatch | Smallholm |
| 14. Matthew Imrie | Lochmaben |

The several having been drawn to compete for the Medal as follows:

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|----------------|------|------------------|
| Mr McMillan | agst | Captain Hopegood |
| Mr Joynson | agst | William Imrie |
| James McNoe | agst | William Craig |
| William Gibson | agst | A. Tweedie |
| James Wright | agst | A. J. Johnstone |
| J. J. Dobie | agst | Dave Broatch |
| Thomas Dobie | agst | James T. Smith |

The meeting appoint a managing committee of Messrs. James Wright, William Gibson and John Brockie to take a general charge for season.

[*signed*] J. T. Smith

Lochmaben 11th December 1885

The several rinks competed of this date as under:

David Broatch	21	J. J. Dobie	11
Robert McMillan	21	Captain Hopegood	13
William Craig	21	James McNoe	15
Matthew Imrie	21	Joynson	12
Andrew Tweedie	21	William Gibson	13
Andrew Johnstone	21	James Wright	18
James T. Smith	21	Thomas Dobie	15

On a draw of the highest winner against the highest loser it was as follows:

Dave Broatch	15	agst	James Wright	11
Matthew Imrie	18	agst	Thomas Dobie	12
Andrew Tweedie	21	agst	James McNoe	2
William Craig	12	agst	William Gibson	2
J. T. Smith no play	[<i>blank</i>]	agst	Captain Hopegood	[<i>blank</i>]
R. McMillan	15	agst	Joynson	21
Andrew Johnstone	4	agst	J. J. Dobie	21

Mr Andrew Tweedie having a majority of 8 shots first day and 19 the second day making together a majority of 27 shots.

Lochmaben 12 January 1886

This day the above competition for playing off for the Medal. Very soft and watery ice.

[*signed*] J. Blacklock, Secretary

Lockerbie and Lochmaben
19th January 1886 Quaas Loch

William Craig	14	D. Dobie	21
J. J. Dobie	21	R. Robson	12
William Gibson	19	J. S. DalGLISH	21
F. Joynson	11	A. J. Douglas	21
Thomas Dobie	10	J. Schoolar	21
James Wright	15	J. Taylor	21
William Tweedie	21	William Lawson	20
R. McMillan	21	N. Gladstone	18
Captain Hopegood	12	D. Mathieson	21
J. Imrie	4	T. Gladstone	21
A. J. S. Johnstone	14	J. Gardner	21
D. Broatch	13	J. Hunter	21
J. McNoe	6	J. Callander	21
J. T. Smith	21	R. McKay	18
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	202		278

The majority for Dryfesdale 76 shots.

Lochmaben 19th January 1886
At a meeting of the Skips held within the Mason Hall
on the evening of Tuesday the 19th day of January 1886.

Present:

Captain Hopegood	James Wright
William Gibson	James McNoe
J. J. Dobie	R. McMillan
T. Dobie	D. Broatch
For Johnstone, J. Haining	T. Henderson for Joynson
For J. T. Smith, J. Waugh	[<i>blank</i>]

Captain Hopegood, Chairman.

Captain Hopegood moved that the stones presented by Mr A. J. S. Johnstone to the Curlers of the Parish of Lochmaben to be played for by points to be wone [*sic*] 2 years in succession or three years in all. Seconded by Mr James Haining and unanimously agreed to. Mr James Wright moved to meet on Wednesday the 20th to play for the stones on the Castle Loch at half past ten o'clock A.M. Robert McMillan and John Brockie appointed umpires for the match, seconded by James McNoe. Thomas Dobie and John Waugh, Castlehill, was appointed as deputation to attend the meeting of the Curlers of Dumfriesshire as to the play for Sir Sydney Waterlow's Cup.

Lochmaben 20 January 1886

Thirty members competed for the stones on the Castle Loch of this date. James Haining wone [*sic*] by 9 points. John Lauder, James McNoe, Thomas Robison having 8 points each.

Lochmaben 21 January 1886

Dumfries and Lochmaben met on the Castle Loch of this date. Ice very soft. Result as under:

James Wright	21	R. Ireland	9
James McNoe	12	J. Houstin	21
T. Dobie	20	Mr Dickie	21
J. J. Dobie	21	J. S. Stewart	11
William Imrie	15	P. [?Mckill]	21
J. Lauder	21	McCloud	8
D. Broatch	8	R. Cowan	21
C. Hopegood	7	W. Stewart	21
F. Joynson	9	P. McMachon	21
William Gibson	21	T. Anderson	14
J. T. Smith	10	J. McNeal	21
A. J. S. Johnstone	15	James Houstin	17
R. McMillan	15	A. McMurray	21
William Craig	21	R. Moffat	15
	<u>216</u>		<u>242</u>

Majority for Dumfries 26 shots

Castle Loch 22 January 1886

A Cup presented by Mr A Porthouse.

1 Game

D. Broatch	13	R. McMillan	1
T. Dobie	13	J. J. Dobie	11
James McNoe	13	A. J. S. Johnstone	5
J. Wright	13	William Craig	4
William Gibson	13	A. Tweedie	9
F. Joynson	13	J. T. Smith	11

2 Game

A. Tweedie	13	J. J. Dobie	9
J. Wright	13	D. Broatch	12
R. Mcmillan	13	T. Dobie	11
James McNoe	13	William Craig	11
F. Joynson	12	A. J. S. Johnstone	9
William Gibson	13	J. T. Smith	5

William Gibson the winner of the Cup. Majority 1.

Lochmaben 23 January 1886

At a meeting of the Skips held within the Mason Hall
on the evening of Saturday the 23 day of January 1886.

Present A. J. S. Johnstone, J. J. Dobie, D. Broatch, James Wright, James McNoe, T. Dobie, William Gibson, Captain Hopegood, D. King for A. Tweedie, T. Henderson for F. Joynson, D. Ross for William Craig, J. Waugh for J.T. Smith. Mr Johnstone, Chairman.

The chairman stated this meeting was called to see how many skips to be sent to play for to play at [*sic*] the match for Sir Sydney H. Waterlow's Cup. Mr James McNoe proposed that 10 Rinks be sent to play for the Cup, seconded by J. J. Dobie. Mr D. King proposed to send 14 rinks to play for the Cup, seconded by William Gibson. Mr James McNoe motion was carried. Mr McNoe moved that ten Rinks that stood best in local and foreign spiels, seconded by Mr Broatch and agreed to.

Lochmaben and Kirkmichael
Castle Loch 25 January 1886

Ice soft – result as under:

William Gibson	21	R. Smith	19
J. T. Smith	21	J. Rutherford	14
R. McMillan	21	W. McCall	12
William Craig	6	Mr Renwick	21
T. Dobie	21	James [?Gracey]	18
Captain Hopegood	13	James Johnstone	21
A. J. S. Johnstone	21	J. Carruthers	10
J. J. Dobie	21	Mr Whiteman	7
F. Joynson	21	G. Barbour	7
D. Broatch	21	William Murdoch	10
James McNoe	4	S. Farish	21
M. Imrie	21	Mr Gillespie	2
A. Tweedie	21	Mr Paterson	6
James Wright	11	Mr Roddick	21
	<u>244</u>		<u>189</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 55 shots.

At a general meeting of the Curlers of the Parish of
Lochmaben held on the evening of Saturday
the 20th day of March 1886 within the
Mason's Hall called by Public advertisement.

Present James Wright, William Gibson, David McCall, Mark Wells, Alexander McGeachan, Jacob Blacklock, Peter Waugh, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, David Gibson, Joseph J. Dobie, Alexander Graham, Robert Wells, Andrew Wells.

Mr Peter Waugh appointed Chairman.

The Treasurer Alexander McGeachan submitted a state of the funds which shewed a balance in favour of the club of 7d. The abstract was submitted, gone over and found correct and duly signed by the Chairman. In respect of the smallness of the meeting delay consideration of the subject of a Curlers Dinner until the annual general meeting 11 November next. Instruct the Chairman, Mr Waugh, to get the Life Buoy painted and put into order. It was resolved that two persons be named to represent the Parish at the General representations of the Sidney Waterlow competition cup and that such person be the President, Mr Johnstone, Halleaths, and Mr Peter Waugh.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman.

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[Skips and their rinks]

William Gibson	David Richardson David Gibson John Brockie Thomas Robison
McMillan	Andrew Beattie Jnr. John Johnstone, Princes Street William Beck John Smith, Princes Street
David Broatch	John Anderson John Henderson David Moffat Robert Henderson
Andrew Tweedie	David King John Halliday John Tweedie
Mr Joynson	Samuel Smith Thomas Henderson Alexander Graham William Carruthers
Captain W. V. Hopegood	John Lawson William Halliday John McVitie
Joseph Dobie	David McCall Andrew Wells Robert Wells
James Wright	Peter Ross Jacob Blacklock
J. T. Smith	John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks James Muir
John Beck	John Glendinning
James McNoe	Thomas Robison John Bell

At the General Annual Meeting of the
Lochmaben Curling Club held within the Town Hall
there upon the evening of Thursday the Eleventh day
of November Eighteen hundred and Eighty six years.

Present

McMillan	William Gibson
Andrew Tweedie	James Haining
David McCall	John Lawson
Alex Graham	David Broatch
John Anderson	David Gibson
John Brockie	Robert Wells, Marjoriebanks
John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks	John Halliday
Thomas Henderson	Mark Wells
John Glendinning	Robert Imrie
Samuel Smith	Robert Green
David King	James Smith
James Jamieson	Samuel Davidson
Robert McVitie	Alex McGeachan
Jacob Blacklock	

The Members present in the first place considering that the Chairman of last, James T. Smith, is dead since the date of last meeting, Mr R. McMillan was elected Chairman *pro tempore*.

The meeting in the first place proceeded to the election of President when Mr Andrew J. S. Johnstone of Halleaths was unanimously elected. Mr David McCall proposed Mr James Haining as the Vice President, seconded by John Johnstone. Mr John Lawson proposed Capt. Hopegood of Elshieshields, seconded by John Halliday. On a vote Mr Haining was elected Vice President.

Mr Haining proposed Alexander McGeachan as Treasurer which was unanimously agreed to. The meeting also unanimously elected the said Alexander McGeachan as Secretary. The meeting resolved to put in their minutes the sense of loss to the Club by the deaths of James T. Smith and Mr Peter Waugh both of whom have passed away since last meeting.

The treasurer reported that the whole income for past year was £2.2/- and the expenditure £2.1.5 leaving balance of 7d which latter figure has been expended and a sum of 2/ got thus leaving in hands of Treasurer a sum of five shillings.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of Skips when the following gentlemen were reelected:

1	Messr.	Andrew J. S. Johnstone	of Halleaths
2	“	Andrew Tweedie	Redhall
3	“	William Gibson	Barras
4	“	William Craig	Templand
5	“	R. McMillan	Vendace Burn
6	“	Captain W. V. Hopegood	Elshieshields
7	“	Fraser Joynson	Halleaths
8	“	David Broatch	Smallholm
9	“	Alexander Graham	Lochmaben
10	“	Samuel Davidson	Lochmaben
11	“	John Waugh	Castlehill
11 [<i>sic</i>]	“	John Wright, shoemaker	Hightae
[<i>blank</i>]	“	Joseph Dobie	Dam (declined)

In respect there are only Twelve Skips proposed and no other being ready, it was resolved to adjourn the present meeting to evening of Saturday 20th current at 8 o'clock – notice of adjournment to be made in the Annandale Herald of Thursday 18th.

[*signed*] R. McMillan

At an adjourned meeting of members of the
Lochmaben Parish Curling Club
held within the Town Hall on the evening of
Saturday the 20th day of November 1886
called by Public Advertisement in the
Annandale Herald in terms of last minute.

Present

James Haining, R. McMillan, Alexander McGeachan, Daniel Gibson, John Beck, John Brockie, William Gibson, John Bell, John Glendinning, John Anderson, Dave Broatch, John Lawson, Thomas Robison, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, Peter Ross, Alex Graham, Robert Wells, William Carruthers, John Halliday, Samuel Smith, James Muir, Andrew McKaig, John McVitie, Andrew Wells, John Tweedie, Thomas Henderson, William Pagan, William Beck, Daniel Richardson, Dave King, William Imrie, David McCall, Dave Steel, John Gordon, Robert Green, Thomas Carlyle, William Hume, Walter Dryden, John Bell, Templand, James Jamieson.

12 Mr Alexander Graham being present stated he declined to accept office as skip.

13 Mr John Bell, joiner, proposed Mr Thomas Douglas of the Commercial Hotel, Skip, seconded by John Beck.

14 Mr Thomas Robison proposed David King as Skip, seconded by John Beck, whereup Mr Alexander Graham withdrew his declination.

Whereup the several skips were drawn as under to compete for the Medal:

William Gibson	against	Andrew Tweedie
R. McMillan		Dave King
William Craig		John Wright
Thomas Douglas		Samuel Davidson
Alexander Graham		Dave Broatch
Mr A. J. S. Johnstone		Captain Hopegood
Mr Joynson		J. Waugh J. T. Laidlaw

Mr McGeachan stated that Mr Johnson of Mayfield proposed to present to the club a pair of Curling Club [*i.e* stones] to be competed for yearly. The meeting gladly and thankfully accept the generous gift.

It was resolved to permit the Skips as a committee to go over and revise the Rules of the Club and to report to the Curlers at a subsequent meeting to be called. Appoint a managing committee of Messrs. William Gibson, John Brockie and James Wright and David McCall and Robert McMillan.

[*signed*] R. McMillan

Lochmaben Parish Curling Club

At a meeting of Skips held in Secretary Office on 4th day of December 1886 at 8pm.
In revising Rules as sanctioned at General Meeting.

Present

Messr.	A. Graham	High Street
"	William Gibson	Barras
"	Samuel Davidson	High Street
"	Thomas Henderson	for Mr Joynson, Halleaths
"	John Wright	Hightae
"	David King	Templand
"	Andrew Tweedie	Redhall
"	David Broatch	Smallholm
"	Captain Hopegood	Elshieshields
"	John Haining	for A. J. S. Johnstone
"	John Laidlaw	Hightae
"	J. Blacklock	Lochmaben
"	R. McMillan	Vendace Burn

Mr McMillan elected Chairman of said meeting.

It was intimated that John Waugh of Castle Hill declined the Skipship, offered to John Laidlaw who

accepted and stated he would do his utmost for the honour of the Parish.

The following Rules were read and approved of. It was resolved to appoint a small committee along with (Secretary) to prepare Rules for public meeting to be held in Masons Hall on the evening of the 11th December 1886.

[signed] R. McMillan (Chair)

Names of Sub Committee

Messrs.	R. McMillan	Vendace Burn
"	J. Blacklock	High Street
"	W. Gibson	Barras
	and Secretary	

Mr McMillan Convener.

Said Committee met in Secretary office on the 7th day of December 1886 and unanimously agreed to submit the following Rules (see copy) and recommend their adoption by the Club at the General Meeting to be held on Saturday Eleventh December in Masons Hall.

[signed] R. McM (Convener)

Lochmaben 11th December 1886

Which evening a Meeting of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club was held in Masons Hall at 8PM and was well attended by members and others interested in the Parish Club.

The Rules as revised were read over by Secretary and after discussion were unanimously adopted and the Secretary instructed to get the same printed in Book form for the use of Members at a cheap a rate as possible. The Secretary also intimated that he had entered Club for the Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup. Ten Rinks at 2/- each rink in accordance with printed instructions [*illegible*] for the Game.

It was unanimously agreed to that the Rinks competing for Sir S. W. Cup be chosen by merit and that all public Competitions count in order of merit. Each skip must hand into Secretary his score at the [*illegible*] competitions with date and signed correctly so as to enable the Committee to select the representation for competition.

The Secretary requested permission to write to Parties whose names were submitted to be Patronesses, unanimously agreed to.

(The chairman complimented the members present for having such a harmonious meeting and expressed the hope that all would stand shoulder to shoulder and beat all our opponents and also for the Handsome trophy presented by Sir S Waterlow.)

[signed] R. McMillan (Chairman)

Lochmaben 20th December 1886

1st Competition for Medal. Snow deep.

A. S. J. Johnstone	21	Captain Hopegood	11
David King	21	R. McMillan	17
F. Joynson	21	J. T. Laidlaw	8
D. Broatch	21	Alexander Graham	13
T. Douglas	21	Samuel Davidson	20
J. Wright	21	William Craig	17
A. Tweedie	21	William Gibson	19

Lochmaben 21st December 1886

Second Competition for Medal.

Frances Joynson	21	S. Davidson	8
David King	21	William Craig	7
A. Tweedie	21	Captain Hopegood	6
R. McMillan	21	D. Broatch	20
T. Douglas	21	J. T. Laidlaw	16
A. J. S. Johnstone	14	W. Gibson	14
J. Wright	19	A. Graham	17

Frances Joynson Esq having 26 shots extra won the Medal by 8 shots of a majority.

Analysis as under in order of merit.

3 v	1	Frances Joynson	No. Gained	26
10 v	2	David King	"	18
7 v	3	A. Tweedie	"	17
2 v	4	A. J. S. Johnstone	"	11
8 v	5	D. Broatch	"	7
1 v	6	Tom Douglas	"	6
5 v	7	John Wright	"	6
6 v	8	R. McMillan	Total Points	41
9 v	9	W. Gibson	"	33
4 v	10	A. Graham	"	30
	11	S. Davidson	"	28
	12	W. Craig	"	24
	13	L. T. Laidlaw	"	24
	14	Captain Hopegood	"	17

The first ten to compete for Cup on Friday 24th 1886. (Played on Castle Loch.)

Lochmaben 27th December 1886
(Ice fair but not strong.)

Competition for Cloth and other Prizes presented by Thomas Douglas, Commercial Hotel, at the above date.

Single Handed by Points competition to members.

George Haining	Halleaths	11	} Tie
David King	Templand	11	

After being played off stood as under written:

1 st	George Haining	Halleaths	12
2 nd	David King	Dam	11
3 rd	J. T. Grierson	Hightae	10

Played on Castle Loch.

Stones presented by Robert Johnson Esq of Mayfield
(bearing the following inscription –
*“In memory of ex Baillie Johnstone and Peter Waugh
25th December 1886”*

1st. The Stones shall and will be for ever the Property of the Lochmaben Parish club.

2nd. The said Stones will be competed for annually by rinks of 4 men each.

3rd. The winning Rink of said Stones at annual competition shall be entitled to keep the stones for the remainder of season and at the end of Season shall deliver up to the Secretary for the time being the said stones in fair order (accidents excepted).

4th. The winning Rink will settle among themselves who will have the custody of said Stones by playing for them or otherwise as they think fit.

5th. It is expected that the Stones will be played in all matches of the above Club at Home and abroad. (Competitor must be member of club of year played for.)

Lochmaben 25th December 1886 [signed] A. W. G. (Secretary)
R. J. Mayfield

Lochmaben 27th December 1886

At a meeting of Curling Club (Parish)
held in Secretary office in the evening of
Monday the 27th Day of December 1886 year.

Present Messrs. R. McMillan, (Vendace Burn) Convener
William Gibson, Barras
D. McCall, High Street

An application for glass to be put into window at Stone House (Secretary): authorised have it done
and wood shutter fastened with bolts: *Ditto*

Rope for buoy to be supplied from funds of LPC Club: *Ditto*

The whole question of fitting Life apparatus in case of accident to be submitted to general meeting
and the adoption seconded of fitting Rope Ladder and Hook at least and to have a [*two words illegible*]
man in attendance.

The Draw next took place for SSW Cup see curlers opposite the respective names under Blue and
White Flags.

The Secretary intimated that he had seen the donor of Stones who was delighted with them and also
expressed satisfaction with the conditions attached. If frost continues play for the same tomorrow at
10 am at Loch.

Competition for Stones presented by Robert Johnstone Esq., Mayfield, by Rink
(At Date 30th December 1886)

2 Games 13 Head each

1st Game

1	S. Davidson	13	F. Joynson	2
2	D. Broatch	13	T. Douglas	3
3	W. Gibson	13	J. T. Laidlaw	2
4	D. King	13	R. McMillan	8
5	W. Craig	13	A. Graham	11

2nd Game

1	William Craig	13	J. T. Laidlaw	11
2	William Gibson	13	A. Graham	10
3	R. McMillan	13	S. Davidson	12
4	D. Broatch	13	T. Douglas	2
5	D. King	13	F. Joynson	10

Broatch the winner by 21 Majority for year 1886, 6 shots above all competitors.
 Played on Castle Loch.

[*signed*] J. J. MG.

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Competition for Stones presented by A. J. Johnstone Esq., Halleaths
 President.

Points.

John Gordon	9	} Tie	John Gordon	1
John Jardine	9		John Jardine	2
William Tweedie	8			
David King	8			
John Dobie	8			

Played for December 31st 1886.
 (Ice Good.)
 Played on Castle Loch.

[*signed*] J. J. MG.

Lochmaben P.C. Club v Kirkmichael P.C. Club
14th January 1887 – Ice Good (as under)

Played on Castle Loch

1	A. McMillan	21	G. Barbour	7
2	A. Graham	8	T. Rutherford	21
3	John Wright	21	James Carruthers	16
4	J. T. Laidlaw	21	D. Johnstone	17
5	D. King	13	R. Smith	21
6	A. J. S. Johnstone	21	S. T. Farish	8
7	S. Davidson	18	S. Renwick	21
8	W. Craig	21	J. S. Wightman	4
9	A. Tweedie	21	J. Paterson	14
10	William Gibson	21	George Baird	7
11	Thomas Douglas	13	William Murdoch	21
12	Captain Hopegood	21	William McCall	11
13	D. Broatch	21	Thomas Gillespie	15
14	F. Joynson	10	William Riddick	21
		<u>251</u>		<u>204</u>

Majority of 47 for Lochmaben.

Tinwald v Lochmaben

Played on the 15th January 1878 [*i.e.* 1887]

Murder Loch Shieldhill

1	David King	17	William Pagan	21
2	William Craig	21	W. R. Farish	10
3	A. Tweedie	12	J. P. Laurie	21
4	F. Joynson	20	A. Kirkpatrick	21
5	S. Davidson	20	J. Todd	21
6	D. Broatch	17	J. Wright	21
7	R. McMillan	21	James Bell	7
8	A. J. S. Johnstone	8	John Bell	21
9	J. Wright	21	A. Johnstone	20
10	J. T. Laidlaw	20	J. Wylie	21
11	William Gibson	21	J. Edgar	17
12	A. Graham	13	J. Henderson	21
13	T. Douglas	10	J. Hiddlestone	21
14	Captain Hopegood	14	J. Howie	21
		<u>235</u>		<u>264</u>

Majority for Tinwald 29.

Lochmaben v Lockerbie

Played at Lockerbie 17th January 1887

1	F. Joynson	14	J. McKnight	21
2	J. T. Laidlaw	14	Thomas Schoolar	21
3	Captain Hopegood	6	William Gladstone	21
4	A. Graham	10	David Dobie	21
5	A. Wright	18	William Lawson	21
6	D. King	11	J. Gardner	21
7	R. McMillan	21	W. Dinwoodie	17
8	W. Gibson	5	Thomas Gladstone	21
9	W. Craig	21	J. S. Dagleish	9
10	D. Broatch	9	J. B. Hewit	21
11	T. Douglas	21	J. Laidlaw	15
12	S. Davidson	19	J. Callander	19
13	A. Tweedie	8	D. Mathison	14
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Majority for Lockerbie 65 shots.

(Ice very bad – heavy fall of snow) [*pencil note written in margin*]

Lochmaben 8th November 1887

At a meeting of Lochmaben Parish C Club. Committee held on the Eighth Day of November 1887 year.

Present Messrs. William Gibson, Barras,
James Wright, Queen Street,
David McCall, High Street,
Robert McMillan, Vendace Burn,
who was elected Chairman of said meeting.

The Treasurer submitted an abstract of accounts which were found correct, shewing a balance in favour of Club of 12/3 at date the 8th Day of November 1887 Year.

It was proposed to recommend to general meeting on the 11th to reduce the Committee to three members instead of five.

Secretary instructed to write and ask Mr. W. B. McDonald of Rammerscales if he would accept the office of Skip if elected at Annual Meeting & Vice Presidency.

It was also unanimously agreed to recommend that only seven Rinks be entered to compete for Sir Sidney Waterlow Cup.

The Secretary authorized to advertise meeting on Thursday in Annandale Herald.

[<i>illegible</i>]	Members	1/-	✓
[<i>illegible</i>]	Members	2/6	✓
	Skips	2/-	✓

[*signed*] R. McMillan, Chairman

At the Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben
Parish Curling Club held in the Mason's Hall
Lochmaben on the evening of Friday
the Eleventh Day of November 1887 Year.

Sederunt Messrs. The members who had paid their annual subscription. The advertisement calling the meeting held was read.

In the absence of President and Vice President Mr J Blacklock was elected Chairman (*pro tempore*).

The following whose names as underwritten were unanimously elected:

President –
A. J. S. Johnstone of Halleaths

Vice President –
W. B. McDonald of Rammerscales

Treasurer and Secretary –
J. McGeachan, Lochmaben

Managing Committee –
Messrs. B. McMillan, Vendace Burn,
J. Wright, Queen Street,
William Gibson, Barras.

The Treasurer read abstract of accounts for past year shewing a balance in favour of Society of twelve shillings and 3d pence [*sic*]. Satisfaction was expressed with the same.

The appointment of Skips was procured with the following result:

1	A. J. S. Johnstone	of Halleaths
2	Andrew Tweedie	Redhall
3	William Craig	Templand
4	Robert McMillan	Vendace Burn
5	Captain Hopegood	Elshieshields
6	John Anderson	Smallholm
7	J. T. Laidlaw	Hightae
8	Thomas Douglas	Commercial Hotel, Lochmaben
9	Jacob Blacklock	Hightae
10	John Wright	Lochmaben
11	Alexander Graham	Lochmaben
12	Captain Hewitt	Mayfield
13	John Gardner	Halleaths
14	David McCall	Lochmaben

Left to Managing committee to fill up vacancies and report to Secretary who will call a meeting of Skips and have draw ready completed to be ready to play for Medal when an opportunity occurs. Meeting adjourned for the above purpose.

A vote of thanks to Chairman for presiding over the proceedings.

[*signed*] J. Blacklock, Chairman

At a special meeting of Skips called by Post Cards on the evening of Monday 28th in Market Hall, Lochmaben, at 8 PM.

Sederunt Messrs. William Gibson, Barras
Robert McMillan, Vendace Burn
Alexander Graham, High Street
J. T. Laidlaw, Hightae
D. McCall, Lochmaben
John Gardner, Halleaths

Mr R. McMillan was elected Chairman of said meeting and explained the object of the meeting to draw for playing for Medal and to enter for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup the time for doing so extending to Thursday 1st December 1887. Entrance fee 2/- each Rink.

Draw for Medal:

A. J. S. Johnstone	v	Andrew Tweedie
William Craig		John T. Laidlaw
Captain T. Hopegood		John Wright
R. McMillan		John Anderson
Thomas Douglas		John Gordon
Jacob Blacklock		Alexander Graham
Captain Hewitt		David McCall

It was unanimously agreed that seven Rinks be sent to compete for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup. Secretary requested to enter the above number and forward entry money to Secretary. After a long discussion it was proposed and seconded that the Skips be balloted to compete for said Cup, a difference of opinion was expressed about selecting the Players it was finally agreed to delay the selection until a full meeting of Skips could be present. Meeting adjourned accordingly.

Competition 1st Day for Medal.

In Broomhill Loch. Ice good. 23rd December 1887

1. A. J. S. Johnstone	15	Andrew Tweedie	21
2. William Craig	11	John T. Laidlaw	21
3. Captain Hopegood	12	John Wright	21
4. R. McMillan	21	John Anderson	19
5. Thomas Douglas	6	John Gardner	21
6. Jacob Blacklock	21	Alex Graham	12
7. John Glendinning	21	McCall (Resigned)	0

Minute deleted as ordered.

[This instruction was inserted preceding the following minute, which was officially deleted, as requested at meeting dated 28th December 1887]

At an adjourned meeting of members of Club held in Town Hall on the evening of Friday 23rd Day December there were a large turnout of members.

It was proposed and seconded that owing to the inclemency of the weather we should proceed to business, unanimously agreed to. It was proposed and seconded that Captain Hopegood take the Chair, also unanimously agreed to.

The following were proposed, seconded and agreed to represent the Club in the Competition for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup and to act as Skips and were elected as underwritten:

1	John Anderson	Draw Ticket	1	✓
2	Jacob Blacklock	“	3	✓
3	John Gordon	“	4	✓
4	John Wright	“	6	✓
5	Andrew Tweedie	“	7	✓
6	Captain Hopegood	“	2	✓
7	John Glendinning	“	8	✓
8	R. McMillan	“	5	✓

It was also proposed, seconded and agreed to that each Skip selects his own men to play for the Cup above referred to, preference being given to Members of the Club who are regular players.

It was intimated that the Draw for Second Day of playing for the Medal could not be declared as the return of 2 Boards had not yet been sent in.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

[*signed*] Captain Hopegood, Chairman

Second Competition for Medal as under on
Broomhill Loch 24th December 1887.

Ice Soft.

1.	William Craig	21	v	J. Glendinning	8
2.	John Wright	21		Captain Hopegood	7
3.	J. Blacklock	21		A. Graham	13
4.	A. Tweedie	21		T. Douglas	12
5.	J. Gordon	21		J. Anderson	16
6.	A. J. S. Johnstone	20		J. T. Laidlaw	11

Mr McMillan a Bye.

Mr John Wright gained a majority of 23 shots and won the Medal.

1st Mr John Wright
2nd Mr Jacob Blacklock
3rd Mr John Gordon

The Medal was presented to Mr John Wright at Date 24th December 1887.

Competition for Pair of Curling Stones
presented by the late Mr Johnson of Mayfield.

1st Game of 13 up.

1. Douglas	13	v	Hopegood	3
2. Graham	13		McMillan	6
3. A. Johnstone	13		Glendinning	3
4. Gordon	13		W. Craig	3
5. Tweedie	13		J. Blacklock	8

2nd Game of 13 up same day.

26th Day of December 1887

Broomhill Loch.

1. Douglas	13	v	McMillan	1
2. Hopegood	13		Glendinning	2
3. A. Johnstone	4		Blacklock	6
4. Gordon	9		Craig	2
5. Tweedie	9		Graham	4

Douglas having a majority of 22 shots won the Stones for Season 87-88.

Lochmaben 28th December 1887

At a meeting of Skips held in Commercial Hotel
on the evening of Wednesday the 28th Day of
December 1887 at 7.30 pm.

Sederunt

Messrs.	J. T. Laidlaw	Hightae
"	James Haining Jnr	Halleaths
"	John Wright	Hightae
"	William Craig	Templand
" X	J. J. Dobie	for Douglas
"	R. McMillan	Vendace Burn,
"	John Gordon	Halleaths
"	A. Graham	High Street
"	David McCall	High Street
"	John Glendinning	Barras
" X	Robert Wells	for Hopegood
"	A. Tweedie	Redhall
"	David King	for Blacklock
"	John Anderson	Smallholm

Mr James Haining was elected Chairman of said meeting in the absence of President and Vice President.

Mr James Wright explained the object of the meeting and stated through some misunderstanding great dissatisfaction had been expressed at the proceedings at a meeting held on the 23rd in reference to the method then adopted of choosing Skips and protest had been made by some members of the club who were prevented being present owing to their games not being finished.

A question had then been put to McCall if he intended to play in all matches in future if selected Skip and on giving a satisfactory reply, he was selected Skip and allowed to remain and take part in the Business of the meeting. Mr John Gordon proposed that the Skips should be chosen by merit and that this meeting proceed with the appointment, seconded by J. J. Dobie, Dam.

An amendment was proposed by Mr David King that a public meeting be called of all the members of the Club for the purpose of choosing 8 Skips to represent the club in match for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup, seconded by Robert Wells.

On a vote being taken those voted for the amendment – none – for the motion 11 declared – carried by Chairman.

The Minutes of meeting of date 23rd December '87 ordered to be deleted.

On an examination and analysis of the playing for the Medal the following it was found stood highest in Order of Merit:

			Points	Cup
1.	John Wright	Hightae	✓ 65	2
2.	John Gordon	Halleaths	✓ 62	6
3.	Joseph Blacklock	Lochmaben	✓ 59	4
4.	A. Tweedie	Redhall	✓ 57	7
5.	R. McMillan	Vendace Burn	✓ 52	1
6.	A. S. J. Johnstone	Halleaths	✓ 49	3
7.	W. Craig	Templand	✓ 45	5
8.	J. T. Laidlaw	Hightae	✓ 42	8

It was agreed to delete minutes of Date 23rd Dec and abide by the decision now agreed above.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Chairman for presiding.

Delete minute Dec-23-87 [*note written in margin*]

[*signed*] James Haining, Chairman

At the Annual Meeting of Lochmaben Parish
Curling Club held in Mason's Hall on the evening
of Monday the 12th Day of November 1888 at 8pm.

Sederunt – Messrs. Those who have paid subscriptions for year 88 and 89 – see Members List Book.
A. J. S. Johnstone, President, occupied the Chair.

The Circular calling meeting held was read. The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed and ordered to be signed by Chairman.

A. J. S. Johnstone of Halleaths elected President.

C. L. Johnstone of Broadholm, Vice President.

A. McGeachan, Treasurer and Secretary.

Committee Messrs. James Wright, Queen Street, William Gibson, Barras, R. McMillan, Vendace Burn.

The Treasurer read abstract of Accounts to the meeting. Shewing in favour of the Club of £1.19.6 which was considered very satisfactory. The President gave a donation of £1.00 to the fund and expressed the hope that all would stand to their games and do their best for the good of the Club as he intended to his utmost for the good of the Club, and sentiment warmly applauded.

The following were unanimously elected Skips:

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| 1. | A. J. S. Johnstone | of Halleaths | |
| 2. | A. Tweedie | Redhall | Lochmaben |
| 3. | William Craig | Templand | Lochmaben |
| 4. | Robert McMillan | Vendace Burn | |
| 5. | John Anderson | Smallholm | |
| 6. | J. T. Laidlaw | Hightae | |
| 7. | James Wright | Queen Street | |
| 8. | Joseph Blacklock | High Street | |
| 9. | A. Graham | High Street | |
| 10. | W. Gibson | Barras | Lochmaben |
| 11. | A. Beattie | Maxwellbank | |
| 12. | John White | Templand | |
| 13. | W. B. McDonald | Rammerscales | |
| 14. | John Johnstone | High Street | |

It was agreed after discussion to send 7 Rinks to compete for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup.

It was also unanimously agreed to choose said Rinks by merit, those standing highest for Medal or in Spiel played before the Competition for S. S. [*i.e.* Sir Sidney] Cup. Home Matches not to count – only Medal Comp.

It was also proposed, seconded and agreed to that the Committee be empowered to fill up vacancies if any, draw for Medal as soon as there is any prospect of playing.

In answer to question the Secretary reported a considerable addition of members who have paid their annual subscriptions and were enrolled.

A very cordial vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to Mr Johnstone for presiding. Carried with acclamation, who returned thanks and again wishes the Club great success, which closed a very agreeable meeting, the prospect for the future being brighter than for many years past.

[signed] James Wright, Chairman

Lochmaben 11th February 1889

At a meeting of L.P.C. Club Committee held on the Eleventh Day of February 1889 year.

Sederunt: Messrs. W. Gibson Queen Street,
J. Wright, Queen Street,
R. McMillan, Vendace Burn

It being reported that the ice after examination was in good order for play and that Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup would be competed for on Saturday if examination favourable. It was agreed to send notice at once to all the Skips that the Medal will be competed for tomorrow the 12th at 11am prompt Castle Loch – the following being the draw for first day of play:

Skips	A. J. S. Johnstone	Halleaths	Skips	C. Beattie	Maxwellbank
“	A. Tweedie	Red Hall	“	W. Craig	Templand
“	Robert McMillan	Vendace Burn	“	W. B. McDonald	Rammerscales
“	John Anderson	Smallholm	“	John White	Templand
“	J. T. Laidlaw	Hightae	“	John Johnstone	High Street
“	James Wright	Queen Street	“	William Gibson	Barras
“	Joseph Blacklock	High Street	“	A. Graham	High Street

Lochmaben Parish Curling Club

At the annual meeting of the above Club
held in Town Hall on the evening of
Monday the 11th day of November 1889 year.

Sederunt: Messrs. Those Members who have paid subscriptions for year 1889-90. See List of Members Book.

In the absence of President, Mr James Wright was elected Chairman *pro tempore* of said meeting.

The Circular calling meeting held was read.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read, approved of and Chairman authorised to sign the same.

The following were elected Skips:

A. J. S. Johnstone	Halleaths
A. Tweedie	Redhall
Andrew Stewart	Gotterbie
A. McMillan	Vendace Burn
John Anderson	Smallholm
J. T. Laidlaw	Hightae
James Wright	Queen Street
David King	Templand
Thomas H. Graham	High Street
William Gibson	Barras
A. Beattie	Maxwellbank
John White	Templand
James Blackwood	High Street
David McCall	Queen Street

Read over revised Rules and approved of.

Motion made by William Wright referring to Rule 6 that in future each Member pay annually 1/-, ice or no ice, on or before 11th November in each year.

It was also unanimously agreed to send 7 Rinks to compete for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup. Rinks to be chosen by merit.

The Secretary intimated to write and thank Major MacDonald for the handsome present to the Club of a pair of Curling Stones. It was also unanimously agreed to play for said stones Single Handed by Points, to become the property of the winner so long as a member of the Club and resident in the Parish, should he leave the Parish stones to be returned in fair order.

The following is the draw for first day of Medal playing:

T. W. Graham	v	J. T. Laidlaw
R. McMillan	v	James Blackwood
James Wright	v	William Gibson
A. Stewart	v	A. J. S. Johnstone
A. Tweedie	v	A. Beattie
David McCall	v	D. King
John Anderson	v	John White

A vote of thanks to Chairman closed a very agreeable meeting.

Lochmaben 11th November 1890

At the annual meeting of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club
held in the Mason's Hall on the evening of
Tuesday the 11th day of November 1890 at 8pm.

Messrs. Those members who had paid subscriptions for year 1890-91, see List of Members Book.

In the absence of the President and Vice President Mr Andrew Stewart was elected Chairman of said meeting.

The Chairman stated as there was no Secretary the Business was to appoint a Secretary. On the motion of A. Graham, seconded by William Gibson, that David McCall be appointed Secretary and agreed to. And William Gibson, Barras, was proposed as Treasurer and agreed to.

As it was but a small meeting it was postponed till the evening of Saturday 15th November in the Town Hall at 7pm. The Secretary was instructed to write the President and the Skips that were not present at the meeting and some few gentlemen also.

Lochmaben 15th November 1890

A Special meeting of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club held in the Town Hall on the evening of Saturday 15th November 1890 at 7pm.

In the absence of the President Mr A Stewart was elected Chairman of this meeting.

A. J. S. Johnstone was reelected President,
W. B. MacDonald of Rammerscales, Vice President,
David McCall, Secretary,
William Gibson, Barras, Treasurer.

The following were elected Skips:

A. J. S. Johnstone	Halleaths
A. Tweedie	Redhall
A. Stewart	Gotterbie
Robert McMillan	Vendace Burn
J. T. Laidlaw	Hightae
James Wright	Queen Street
T. W. Graham	High Street
William Gibson	Barras
A. Beattie	Maxwellbank
D. McCall	Castle Street
D. King	Templand

John Richardson Barras
 David Dobie High Street
 Robert Johnstone Castle Street

Draw first game for Medal.

A. Beattie	against	D. King
T. W. Graham	“	R. McMillan
David McCall	“	R. Johnstone
John Wright	“	A. Tweedie
Andrew Stewart	“	A. J. S. Johnstone
D. Dobie	“	John Richardson
William Gibson	“	J. T. Laidlaw

It was also unanimously agreed that the 7 Rinks for Sir Sydney Waterlow cup be chosen by merit those standing highest for Medal or in Parish Spiels played before the Competition.

A vote of thanks to Chairman closed the meeting.

Lochmaben 16th December 1890

At a meeting of Lochmaben Parish Curling Club
 Committee held on the 16th of December 1890.

Sederunt: Messrs. William Gibson, James Wright, Robert McMillan.

It being reported that the Ice after examination was in good order for play it was agreed to send notice to the Skips that the Medal will be competed for tomorrow the 17th December to meet at Ice House at 10 o'clock AM the following being play on Broomhill Loch.

The following being the First Days play for the Medal:

Robert Johnstone	21	D. McCall	5
William Gibson	21	J. T. Laidlaw	2
Robert McMillan	21	T. W. Graham	11
A. Stewart	21	A. J. S. Johnstone	Absent
James Wright	21	A. Tweedie	Absent
John Richardson	21	D. Dobie	Absent
A. Beattie	A Bye		

Second Game 18th December 1890

A. Beattie	21	v	A. Stewart	18
D. McCall	21		R. Johnstone	11
W. Gibson	21		T. W. Graham	9
R. McMillan	21		J. T. Laidlaw	11
James Wright	21		A. J. S. Johnstone	Absent
John Richardson	21		A. Tweedie	Absent

Mr William Gibson, having a majority of 19 shots the First Game and 12 shots the Second Game, making together a majority 31 shots, he is the Winner of the Medal for the Season.

At a meeting of the Skips of the L.P.C. Club held on the evening of Thursday the 18th December 1890 in the Commercial Hotel at 8 o'clock.

Present: Messrs. William Gibson, R. McMillan, Robert Johnstone, T. W. Graham, D. McCall, James Wright, William Carruthers for J. Richardson, J. Glendinning for A. Stewart.

On the motion of Robert Johnstone Skip, Thomas W. Graham was elected Chairman of the meeting.

[From this point, a single leaf is loose within the Minute Book]

The Secretary stated that he had received a note from D. King stating that he would not accept of the Skippership that he was elected to at the last meeting. The Committee was requested to try and find Skip for the vacancy. The Secretary also stated that he had received a note from Mr D. Dobie stating that through an accident he was unable to turn out with his Rink for the Medal. Mr R. McMillan was to call on Mr D. Dobie and see if he could not get one to fill his place at present.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr A. J. S. Johnstone of Halleaths to try and get him to alter the conditions of the Stones presented by him to the Club from Points to Games to be played for Annually on the same conditions as those Presented by the late Mr Robert Johnstone of Mayfield. The Secretary read a letter from Mr W. B. McDonald of Rammerscales thanking the members of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club for doing him the honour of electing him Vice President. And reminding us of the promises that he made to the late Mr McGeachan of a pair of Curling Stones still to hold good if there be ice this year. As he knows nothing about the noble game, leaves it to the Committee to draw up the Rules. The Committee agreed that the stones be played on the same condition as late Mr Johnstone of Mayfield stones. It was agreed to arrange the Skips for Sir Sydney Waterlow Cup. The following are the Skips:

1. Robert Johnstone
2. William Gibson
3. John Richardson
4. James Wright
5. A. Beattie
6. A. Stewart
7. R. McMillan

It was agreed to play for the Curling Stones presented by the late Mr Robert Johnstone of Mayfield on Friday 19th December on Broomhill Loch commencing after o'clock am [*sic*] and Draw on the Ice.

The following is the Draw for First Game:

Jas. Wright	13	Robert McMillan	9
Robert Johnstone	13	A. Stewart	2
John Richardson	13	D. McCall	1
William Gibson	13	T. W. Graham	12

Second Game

John Richardson	13	T. W. Graham	0
Robert Johnstone	13	R. McMillan	2
James Wright	13	A. Stewart	8
William Gibson	7	D. McCall	7

Mr John Richardson, having a majority of 12 shots the First Game and 13 Shots the Second Game, making together a majority of 25 shots, he is the winner of the Stones for the season.

The following are the Skips that competed at competition for the Waterlow Curling Cup:
Played on the Castle Loch on Tuesday 23rd December 1890.

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Lochmaben	Shots			Shots
1. Robert Johnstone	12	W. Thorburn	Johnstone	27
2. William Gibson	10	P. B. [?McKill]	Dumfries	17
3. John Richardson	23	W. Carlyle	Springkell	14
4. James Wright	8	T. Gladstone	Dryfesdale	37
5. Andrew Beattie	23	W. Murray	Dalton	15
6. Andrew Stewart	18	W. Johnstone	Holywood	9
7. Robert McMillan	10	A. H. J. Douglas	Dryfesdale	21
	<hr/> 104			<hr/> 140
				<hr/> 104
		Lost 36 Shots. Average 5 1/7 per Rink.		36

Competition for Stones presented by Mr Johnstone ex Vice President of this Club by Rinks.
Games 21 shots.

Date 25th December 1890

First Game

J. T. Laidlaw	21	T. W. Graham	13
A. Stewart	21	William Gibson	9
John Richardson	21	R. Johnstone	7
Robert McMillan	21	D. McCall	13
David King	15	A. Tweedie	9

D. Dobie a Bye.

Second Game

J. T. Laidlaw	21	John Richardson	19
A. Stewart	21	David King	17
R. McMillan	21	D. Dobie	18

Third Game

A. Stewart	21	R. McMillan	7
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J. T. Laidlaw a Bye.

Final

A. Stewart	21	J.T. Laidlaw	13
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Played on Castle Loch.

Mr Andrew Stewart's Rink becomes the winner of the Stones
becoming his own property.

Competition for Curling Stones presented to the Club by William B. McDonald Esq. of Rammerscales. Also a pair presented by Mr Crichton, Church Place, Lochmaben played for by Rinks to Game of 13 shots up. The Rink scoring most shots to get the choices of the stones and the next highest to get the other pair of stones.

January 7th 1891

First Game

R. McMillan	13	T. W. Graham	0
J. Richardson	13	A. Beattie	4
J. T. Laidlaw	13	R. Johnstone	7
D. King	13	James Wright	9
William Gibson	13	A. J. S. Johnstone	8

Second Game

R. McMillan	13	James Wright	1
J. Richardson	13	A. J. S. Johnstone	6
R. Johnstone	13	J. T. Laidlaw	11
D. King	13	T. W. Graham	2
William Gibson	13	A. Beattie	3

Robert McMillan, having a majority of 13 shots the first Game and 12 Shots the second game, making altogether a majority of 25 shots, he is the winner of the first pair of stones. (Mr McDonald's presentation stones.) J. Richardson, being second by a majority of 16 shots, he is the winner of the second pair of stones. (Mr Crichton's presentation stones).

They are the holders of the stones for the season the same to be handed back to the Secretary for time being at the end of season.

January 8th 1891

The Curlers of Lochmaben of this date met the curlers of Tinwald on the Shieldhill Pond.

The following is the result:

R. Johnstone	12	William Farish	18
A. Stewart	21	J. P. Laurie	14
D. Dobie	21	James Bell	10
D. King	21	James Henderson	20
R. McMillan	21	William Richardson	11
R. Beattie	21	James Bell	9
T. W. Graham	7	William Pagan	21
A. J. S. Johnstone	21	John Bell	10
William Gibson	21	Thomas Richardson	11
D. McCall	17	John Todd	21
J. T. Laidlaw	7	Andrew Brown	21
J. Richardson	21	James Edgar	18
J. Wright	19	James Wyllie	21
A. Tweedie	21	D. Kirkpatrick	16
	<u>251</u>		<u>207</u>

Majority for Lochmaben 44 shots.

At a meeting of Skips held in the Commercial Hotel on this evening of Friday 9th January 1891 at half past six o'clock.

Present: A. J. S. Johnstone, James Wright, A. Stewart, A. Beattie, Robert McMillan, A. Tweedie, David King, W. Carruthers, rep for J. Richardson, R. Johnstone, D. McCall, William Gibson, J. T. Laidlaw, T. W. Graham.

A. J. S. Johnstone, President, in the Chair.

The Chairman stated this meeting was called to consider a protest from Mr Andrew Beattie Jnr., Maxwellbank, as not having got proper notice of the play for Mr C. L. Johnstone Curling Stones, won by Andrew Stewart. Mr Andrew Beattie being present at the meeting, after making a few remarks, he withdrew his protest. The Chairman also stated to the meeting that the Curlers of Kirkmichael had challenged the Curlers of Lochmaben to have a friendly game at the Ice with 11 Rinks a side. This meeting was to consider if they be accepted or not. And how the 11 rinks were to be drawn. It was agreed that all the names of all 14 Skips be put down on a slip of paper and each Skip be handed one of the same. It was agreed that a X be put to the names of the Skips that they wish to stand out for that game. The following are the names of the three that stand out: T. W. Graham, D. McCall, J. T. Laidlaw.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the Business of the meeting.

January 10 1891

The curlers of Lochmaben of this date met the
Curlers of Dryfesdale on Lochside pond.

The following is the result:

Lochmaben		Dryfesdale	
A. J. S. Johnstone	8	James Hunter	21
T. W. Graham	16	James Callander	21
James Wright	12	John Gardiner	21
A. Stewart	7	John Schoolar	21
R. McMillan	21	Thomas Wright	16
J. T. Laidlaw	21	James McKnight	3
A. Tweedie	12	R. Robison	21
D. King	15	R. Dodds	21
Robert Johnstone	6	Thomas Gladstone	21
David McCall	15	L. Borthwick	21
J. Richardson	21	D. Mathieson	13
W. Gibson	20	J. Laidlaw	21
D. Dobie	21	George Gardiner	19
A. Beattie	21	William Henderson	13
	<u>216</u>		<u>253</u>

Majority for Dryfesdale 37 shots.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Kirkmichael on January 15th with Eleven rinks a side on the Castle Loch. The following is the result:

Lochmaben		Kirkmichael	
A. Tweedie	21	J. S. Lyon	18
David King	18	T. McV. [?Gilespie]	21
William Gibson	21	G. Barbour	8
J. Richardson	21	R. Paterson	16
R. Johnstone	21	T. Gilespie	14
David Dobie	18	William Murdoch	21
James Wright	21	J. S. Wightman	9
A. Stewart	21	J. Carruthers	20
R. McMillan	10	Captain Baird	21
A. Beattie	21	Rev. J. Bremner	12
A. J. S. Johnstone	21	T. Farish	9
	<u>214</u>		<u>169</u>

Majority for Lochmaben of 45 shots.

The Curling Stones presented by the President Mr A. J. S. Johnstone was played for on Monday the 19th January 1891, Single Handed by Points. 24 of the members of the Lochmaben P.C. club competed for the Stones on Castle Loch and was [*sic*] won by David King, Templand, with 10 points. J. T. Laidlaw second with 8 points.

Ice Soft.

[*signed*] A. Stewart, Act. Chairman.

Lochmaben Curling Club Dinner

A Dinner in connection with the Parish Curling Club Lochmaben was held in the Mason's Hall on Tuesday evening January 20th 1891. There was a fair turnout of the members present. Mr A. J. S. Johnstone of Halleaths, President, in the Chair. Mr Andrew Stewart of Gotterbie acted as croupier. Dinner was purveyed and served by Mr Thomas Douglas, Commercial Hotel. After Dinner the Chairman intimated apologies for absence from Major Bell MacDonald of Rammerscales, Vice President of the Club, and Mr J. T. Wightman of Courance & Mr T. Farish of Kirkland. Mr J. S. Lyon of Kirkmichael supported the Chairman on the right and Mr Thomas Dobie, Dam House, on the left. The croupier was supported on the right by Mr Andrew Tweedie, Redhall, and on the left by D. McCall, Secretary.

The Chairman gave the toast of the Queen and the members of the Royal Family. Next the Army and Navy and Reserve Forces. Replied to by Mr A. Tweedie. The other toasts were success to Lochmaben Curling Club, their opponents coupled with the name of Mr J. S. Lyon of Kirkmichael. The croupier gave the Health of the President of the Club, A. J. S. Johnstone Esq. of Halleaths. The Chairman gave the health of the croupier, Mr Andrew Stewart, Gotterbie. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Skips, Vice Skips, New Skips, The players, The Town and Trade of Lochmaben, The Purveyor, The Press. During the evening, songs were sung by Mr Smith, Mr Alex Graham, Mr William Rogerson, Mr John Glendining, Mr James Graham. The proceedings ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

At the dinner of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club, the President brought up the question, whether as a club they were agreeable to do away with tramps in playing their matches, as they were aware there was a movement in favour of doing away tramps throughout the country, only allowing old men to continue to use them as hitherto. Although they had plenty of ice here, in some places curlers had not much ice and must play without tramps. It would be well therefore, that the Lochmaben curlers should agree to play without tramps if the other clubs of the country agreed to that course, so as to be able to meet other clubs on equal terms.

After some conversation favourable to the proposal, the meeting gave a unanimous Vote in favour of disusing tramps and authorized Mr A. J. S. Johnstone, the President, to report accordingly to the Committee appointed for the purposes of furthering the movement.

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[The following 'Rules for Stones' was written on a loose leaf, from a different journal. The leaf, with three obvious fold lines, and slight tears and nibbles to all four edges, has been inserted into the end of the Minute Book]

Rules for Stones presented by
Robert Johnson Esq. (Mayfield)

1. The Stones shall and will for ever be the property of the Lochmaben Parish Curling Club.
2. The said Stones will be competed for annually by Rinks of 4 men each.
3. The Winning Rink of said Stones at annual Competition will be entitled to keep the same for the season and at the end of season shall declare up to Secretary for the time being the said stones in fair order (accidents excepted.)
4. The Winning Rink will settle amongst themselves who will have the control of said stones by playing for them or otherwise for the season.
5. It is expected that Stones won will be played in all matches of the above club at home and abroad.

By Order.

[signed] Secretary

Lochmaben 21st December '86

FURTHER READING

For the local historical and social context the works of Lochmaben historian John B. Wilson should be consulted, for example: *Lochmaben, its Historic Past*, Dumfries, 1984; *The Royal Burgh of Lochmaben*, Dumfries, 1988; *Minute by Minute: 300 Years of Lochmaben History*, Lochmaben, 2007; and *Further Glimpses into Lochmaben's History*, Dumfries, 2008. See also Fairn, A. *Seven Centuries in the Royal Four Towns of Lochmaben*, Dumfries, 1998.

For contemporary descriptions of Lochmaben, see Wilson, J M, ed. *The Imperial Gazetteer of Scotland, or, Dictionary of Scottish Topography*, 2 vols, Edinburgh, 1868, II, 356-60; and Groome, F H, ed. *Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland*, 6 vols, Edinburgh, 1884-5, V, 538-42. See also the *Annandale Herald* and other Dumfriesshire newspapers for useful contemporary views of local society.

Biographical information about many of the people mentioned in the minutes can be found in the 1861-1891 Census returns for Lochmaben, which are accessible online at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>.

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For the Lochmaben Curling Club in the first half of the nineteenth century, see the present editor's *A Summary of the Minute Book of the Lochmaben Curling Society 1823-1863: Minutes of Note Book (1)*, Dumfries, 2012, and her *The Minute Book of the Lochmaben Curling Society, 1823-1863*, Sources in Local History online, 2015: <http://www.regionalethnologyscotland.llc.ed.ac.uk/written/minute-book-lochmaben-curling-society-1823-1863>. See also Broun, R. *Memorabilia Curliana Mabenensia*, Dumfries, 1830. Accounts of other Dumfriesshire clubs are available in: Brown, J. *A History of the Sanquhar Curling Society*, Dumfries, 1874; Thomson, R B. *A History of the Morton Curling Club*, Dumfries, 1911; Downs Rose, G. 'The Wanlockhead Curling Society', *Transactions of the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society*, 3rd series, 54 (1979); Morton, *1794-1984. 200 years of Curling*, Thornhill, 1984; and Stewart, F J. 'The New Abbey Curling Club: a history', *TDGNHAS*, 3rd series, 66 (1991).

The *Dumfries and Galloway Standard and Advertiser* is an excellent source of first-hand documentation reporting the activities of curling clubs in Dumfriesshire. As well as printing club notices and match reports, it reported on club dinners and other social events, sometimes reproducing the songs and poems that were recited at them. Examples relating to Lochmaben have been printed in the present editor's *Minutes of Note*, and to Dumfries and Galloway in general in Macleod, I F. *Where the Whaups are Crying: a Dumfries and Galloway Anthology*, Edinburgh, 2001.

Curling has its own material culture, most obviously the stones with their associated baskets and crates for storage and transportation, but also the brooms, footboards, tramps, tee ringing equipment and so on. The significant proliferation of curling silverware, including medals and trophies presented to the clubs to promote reward for healthy competition, has been extensively researched, in particular in the parishes across Dumfriesshire, with the findings published. As a consequence of

the popularity and rapid growth of curling throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, there is a vast array of curling-related memorabilia, which is mostly based on the curling stone form, including inkwells, paperweights, desk sets, and salt and pepper condiment sets. They were produced throughout the period in a range of materials, including silver, china and glass, and can be found frequently at antique auction sales. The Curling History Blogspot (<http://curlinghistory.blogspot.co.uk/>), authored by Dr Robert Cowan, is a good source of information, with objects providing the focus for many of the entries. Museum websites are also a useful source of information: <http://www.dumfriesmuseum.demon.co.uk/curlingtour/curl%20intro.html> has an illustrated account of curling in Dumfries and Galloway, while the Future Museum website (<http://www.futuremuseum.co.uk/>) contains a number of curling items from the south west. Printed studies include David B Smith's 'Some decorated curling stones', *Review of Scottish Culture*, 8 (1993), and his 'Curling medals with miniature stones', *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, 139 (2009). See also Longmore, L J M. 'Scottish silver curling medals: a hidden collection from the curling clubs of Annandale in Dumfriesshire', M.Phil. dissertation, University of Glasgow, 2003, and Longmore, L J M. 'Curling medals in nineteenth century Scotland: their historical, social and cultural significance within rural parishes of Dumfries and Galloway', *Review of Scottish Culture*, 26 (2014), which provide studies of curling medals from the clubs of Lochmaben and neighbouring parishes.