

The Minute Book of the
Lochmaben Curling Society
1823–1863

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FOREWORD

The Sources in Local History series was created by Professor Alexander Fenton, former head of the School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh, and founding director of the European Ethnological Research Centre (EERC). His aim was to publish and promote research into the diaries, account books, letters, journals and other 'ego-documents' of individuals from all walks of life, but in particular 'those holding lowlier positions in the world – in other words, the great majority'. Six volumes were published between 1994 and 1997 making available a range of original documents, from the diary of an Orkney farmer, 1766–76, to that of a Dundee millwright, 1864–65. The EERC is delighted to re-launch this series with the *Minute Book of the Lochmaben Curling Society, 1823–63*.

With its publication the series not only becomes a digital resource, but also broadens its coverage to include for the first time a document produced by a society rather than an individual. The new perspective it offers is to be welcomed: societies were an important aspect of local life in nineteenth-century Scotland, and catered for a wide range of cultural, political, religious and social interests. An increasing number of sporting societies were also established over the century, not least for curling, which during the period covered by the minute book was played by more people in Scotland than any other sport.

The book will naturally be of interest to historians of curling. The carefully set out minutes and regulations in themselves show the extent to which societies organised and formalised the local game in the early nineteenth century, and so ensured not only its continuance, but also its development. Details, such as the decision of the Lochmaben curlers to incorporate their rules with those of the Duddingston Curling Society, highlight how societies also helped to create both an awareness among their members of curling as a national game, and the organisational framework for it. The move towards standard rules and equipment was also encouraged by their promotion of local and, in particular, inter-parish spiels (the latter aided by ever-improving transport and communications). The minutes are replete with records of such matches, including a proposed inter-province spiel between Dumfriesshire and the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. That the curlers of Lochmaben repeatedly voted against adopting the two stone rule is a reminder that the creation of a uniform, national game was nonetheless a gradual process, with regional variations persisting even after the founding of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club in 1838. Indeed, it is revealed here that at the beginning of the 1860s the rinks from the neighbouring parishes of Lochmaben and Dryfesdale were playing different forms of the game.

The match statistics will also be of interest to curling historians, both for the

results themselves and for the scoring system used. There is evidence too of the wider traditions of curling, such as the curling court and the post-spiel dinners. These latter occasions, where rival rinks ate, drank and sang songs together, were seen by contemporary observers as epitomising the fraternal nature of the game. Importantly, they also helped to make good any ill-feeling that may have arisen during the day's play. The book indicates that disputes were not uncommon, with disagreements with the curlers of Closeburn, Dumfries and Johnston all recorded.

To its admirers, curling embodied the spirit not just of fraternity, but also of equality, with it being commonly noted that players came from across the spectrum of local society. The list of curlers appended to the book, which often includes occupations or farm names, will allow curling historians to scrutinise this claim and gain a better understanding of the social diversity of the game as it changed across the first half of the nineteenth century. The information it contains will also be useful to genealogists and those interested in local place names.

There is also much here to interest ethnologists. The extent to which local societies helped to shape and promote communal identity in the nineteenth century, for example, is evident throughout the book, but perhaps most noticeably in the preamble, with its list of opponents vanquished, recollection of local curling worthies and invocation of the 'Invincibles of Old Margery'. The curlers of Closeburn, moreover, provide an example of the archetypal 'other' against which club and parish identity could be further defined. Ethnologists interested in charting the gradual shift from communal to civil society in nineteenth-century Scotland will likewise find evidence for the intermediate stage in this process in the constitution and rules of the Lochmaben Curling Society, which characteristically formalised and regulated a well-established activity. Further insights into the fraternal ethos of the Society, and how the conduct of its members were guided, are offered by the regulations of the curling court, the rules and rituals of which can be compared with those of the many other mock-serious courts that appeared in various settings in Scotland during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

An indication of the rich lore that grew up around curling clubs is also given, and will intrigue ethnologists and historians alike. The memory of notable curlers of earlier generations, such as Walter Dryden, is invoked in both the preamble and the appended list of players. Such figures were accorded the role of founding fathers in a club's history, and among other things gave a sense of antiquity and continuity in an age of rapid change. The custom of giving nicknames not only to notable curlers (here 'Bonaparte' and 'the Tutor' stand out), but also to memorable stones is in evidence. To the curlers of Lochmaben, the names 'Wallace', 'the Hen' and 'the Craig' would have evoked heroic feats on the ice and prompted the retelling of well-known anecdotes. To later generations, they would have recalled an age when the highly individual 'channel stane', sometimes of prodigious size, had yet to give way to the standardised round stone.

Another feature of the nineteenth-century game was the club medal. The objects themselves have attracted much attention from scholars and collectors, and in their craftsmanship and local variety they exemplify curling's rich material culture. In the minute book there is documentary evidence of the origins of three such medals, with entries noting how the money for their purchase was to be raised and the competitions for which they were intended.

Lynne Longmore, herself a curler as well as a historian of curling, is to be congratulated on bringing this fascinating document to print. Her fine transcription not only makes available a wealth of information, but also points the way to further work in this field of study.

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EDITORIAL

The royal burgh of Lochmaben is situated in mid Annandale, the curling heartland of the south of Scotland during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Also referred to as 'Marjory o' the monie Lochs',¹ it lies some eight miles to the north east of Dumfries and four miles west of Lockerbie. It is surrounded by a considerable number of historical curling parishes including Dalton, Dryfesdale, Johnstone, Kirkmichael, Moffat and Tinwald. Described as 'a bonnie place, Nine lochs do it surround',² Lochmaben had an array of suitable curling venues, and at a time when winters were frequently colder than those of modern-day Scotland, it provided the perfect environment for curling to become a principal sport. Three lochs dominate the centre of the burgh, namely the Castle Loch, the Kirk Loch and the Mill Loch. Due to its considerable size, the Castle Loch was the favoured venue for major bonspiels. The Kirk Loch, however, being of smaller size, was always the first to freeze suitably enough for the curling season to commence. The Mill Loch was used by local industries and so was not known for its curling.

The dominant man-made feature of Lochmaben was undoubtedly the large stone castle built on the southern shore of the Castle Loch. An earlier wooden-framed castle was in existence by 1166, built by the Bruce Lords of Annandale. According to local tradition, it was the birthplace of Robert I, king of Scots. It now forms part of the town's golf course, although nothing remains bar the motte and the ditches which surrounded it. The stone castle replaced this earlier structure some time within the first quarter of the fourteenth century. Due to Lochmaben's strategic position, during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the castle was much fought-over by warring Scottish and English armies, and the burgh suffered heavily during these troubled times. The bloody battles between neighbouring countries were eventually replaced by battles on the ice between neighbouring parishes.

The old parish of Lochmaben covered nearly 17 square miles and within its barony included the villages of Hightae, Heck, Greenhill and Smallholm, collectively known as the Royal Four Towns.³ The year in which Lochmaben became a royal burgh is accepted as 1447.⁴ The associated privileges were granted by King James II 'in consideration of the many faithful and grateful services rendered to him and his predecessors by the Burgesses and Free inhabitants of the said Burgh of Lochmaben in all times past.'⁵ The original charter was reputedly destroyed in 1483; a new royal charter was granted in 1579 by King James VI.

By the early nineteenth century, the castle had long since fallen into ruin, but Lochmaben retained the physical symbols of a royal burgh, including a mercat cross

and a tolbooth. Notices were often fixed to the mercat cross, including announcements of curling matches arranged in hurried excitement when

O'er burn and loch the warlock frost,
A crystal brig has laid.⁶

The cross was situated at the north end of the long broad high street, where the statue of King Robert the Bruce now stands, looking south towards the castle, as though 'aye ready' to protect the burgh.⁷

The burgh's prestige and prosperity, however, suffered a number of setbacks in the opening decades of the nineteenth century. Firstly, the linen industry in the town went into decline. Secondly, after years of mismanagement by successive town councils, the burgh's assets were sequestered in 1824 to pay its debts and from then until 1838 its affairs were administered by a judicial factor. Thirdly, the decision in 1815 to build the Glasgow-Carlisle road through Lockerbie diverted traffic and trade away from Lochmaben and ensured that it would remain a small rural settlement.

Lochmaben nevertheless retained its local significance, not least as the main market town for mid Annandale. The pig sales in particular were an important social and economic occasion for the whole parish, and the crowds that attended them were well catered for by a goodly number of inns and spirit-houses. It was to these inns that curlers – tired, hungry and cold after playing for many hours outdoors – also retired, the victors and the conquered alike gathering to enjoy a hot, wholesome dinner of beef and greens and partake of 'a few drops of mountain dew, mingled with the water of the Kirk Loch'.⁸

The population of Lochmaben and its parish stood at almost 3,000 in 1841, and the Census of that year records a range of occupations characteristic of Lowland rural parishes, including blacksmiths, carters, coopers, joiners and slaters. Principally a farming community, agriculture dominated employment, with sixty farmers and 197 agricultural labourers also recorded in the Census. The local sandstone quarry at Corncockle to the north of Lochmaben meant that the town had more than its fair share of stonemasons. A large number of shoemakers also resided and worked locally. Although the manufacture of linen cloth was no longer a notable feature of the local economy, cotton weaving occupied forty-four people, while seventy stocking-makers resided in the town and its environs. Men from most of these occupations are listed in the Lochmaben Curling Society minute books, together with doctors, teachers, ministers and local lairds, confirming the adage that 'curling was and is a game for all', where all classes of the local population would come together for a day on the ice.

During the nineteenth century, Lochmaben could boast two curling clubs: the Lochmaben Curling Society and the Royal Bruce Curling Club of Lochmaben. Minute books survive from both clubs in the collection of their successor, the Lochmaben Castle Curling Club, providing the burgh with an excellent first-hand record of its early curling history.

The earliest extant minute book belonged to the Lochmaben Curling Society. Although dated 22 December 1823 to 11 November 1863, it was in fact begun in 1829. The original book had been mislaid and when re-discovered in 1829 was in a poor condition and moreover found only to contain the minutes of annual meetings held in 1823 and 1824. This was attributed partly to the then secretary, Captain Henderson, having left the burgh to join his regiment in the East Indies and partly to the lack of suitable ice conditions. Consequently, the president of the Society, Captain Sir James Broun, proposed to present it with a 'proper Book for the purpose'. In this new book, his eldest son and the Society's newly elected secretary, Richard, was authorised to copy the original minutes and to include any changes to the Society's resolutions and rules as agreed, as well as any 'various additional information inserted, interesting to the Society and worthy of preserving'. It is this book that is transcribed here.

The book obtained by Sir James was a fine quarto notebook half bound in red leather with marbled paper sides. A gilt-stamped, red leather title label, reading 'Minute Book of the Lochmaben Curling Society 1823', was attached to the front cover, and the same title written in a decorative script on the opening page of the book. The leather corners and spine of the book are now rather worn, and the marbled papers rubbed and peeling in places, but on the whole it is in a remarkably good condition considering its age and frequent use.

The pages of the book were unlined, which must have presented a challenge to successive secretaries, whose tasks included writing out tables of results. The entries, however, were neatly laid out and only for the list of Lochmaben curlers included at the end of the book were hand-drawn ruled lines added. Each secretary had their own style of writing, although all are legible and indicate a good level of penmanship.

In preparing the minute book for publication, the original spelling has been retained. *Sic* has been used sparingly, mainly to indicate misspellings 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 followed by [?]. Other editorial comments have been inserted in []. Dashes of various forms were used throughout the minute book as punctuation, text spacers and ornamentation. For clarity, they have been standardised or omitted. 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, again for greater clarity.

A glossary of Scots, Latin and curling terminology found in the minute book has been added, as has a note on further reading. Images of pages from the book are also included. Carefully chosen to bring life to the records, they not only show the original script, but also illustrate the care taken by the secretaries of the Society in recording the minutes of meetings and results of matches. They also help to convey the age of the book in a way that modern typeface cannot.

Notes

- 1 Burns, R. 'The Five Carlins', 1789.
- 2 Extract from an old Scottish verse, quoted in Broun, R. *Memorabilia Curliana Mabenensia*, Dumfries, 1830, 7.
- 3 The King's Kindly Tenants of the Royal Four Towns supposedly supported Robert the Bruce during the wars of independence and are said to have been gifted their lands as a reward. See Wilson, J B. *The Royal Burgh of Lochmaben*, Dumfries, 1988, 113.
- 4 Wilson, 1988, 50–6 and 198–201.
- 5 Extract from Lochmaben's Charter, translated in Wilson, 1988, Appendix 2, 198–201.
- 6 Extract from the 'Curling Song' by Reverend Henry Duncan of Ruthwell, quoted in Brown, 1830, 69.
- 7 The granite statue by John Hutchison RSA of Edinburgh was erected in 1879 and is situated where the mercat cross once stood.
- 8 *Dumfries Times*, 31 January 1838, local curling report.

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GLOSSARY

Ad interim – in the meantime, for the time being

Board – in curling, the team or rink

Bonspiel – a curling competition, especially between rival clubs, parishes or districts

Burnt – in curling, used to describe a stone that has been accidentally touched whilst it is in motion

De novo – anew, beginning again, from the beginning

Drug[g] – dragging, sticky, slow; especially in curling, of ice that has thawed slightly

Ex officio – by virtue or right of office or position

Hog – in curling, a stone that has failed to cross the hog score

Hog score – a distance line drawn across a curling rink over which every scoring shot has to pass

Leet – a list of candidates or nominees eligible for a post or office

Per tempore – for the time being, temporarily

Preses – president

Pro re nata – as required

Quod vide – see elsewhere within the document

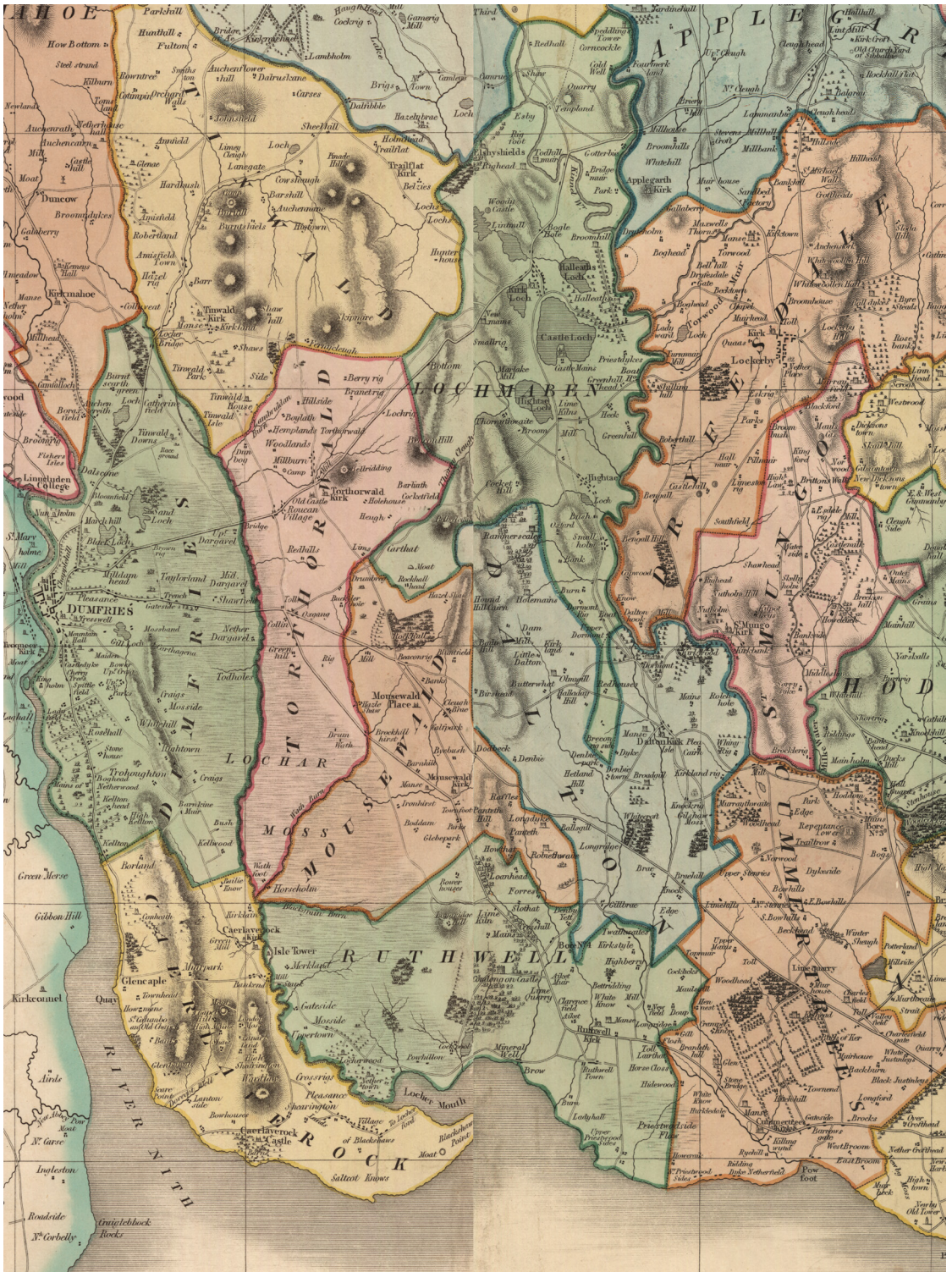
Quorum – the agreed minimum number of selected committee members

Sederunt – the gathered body of persons present at a meeting; the meeting itself

Spiel – a curling competition, especially between members of the same club or community (see also Bonspiel)

Ulto (from *ultimo*) – past or previous, last month

Viz. (from *videlicet*) – namely



A detail from John Thomson's *Atlas of Scotland* (1828), showing Lochmaben and neighbouring parishes. (Courtesy of the National Library of Scotland, <http://map.nls.uk>)

Lochmaben 12th Nov^r 1830.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Curling Society held this evening in Mr. Hetherston's.

Robert Henderson Esquire in the Chair

Present, Sir James Brown, Baronet - Messrs D. Irving
John Watt - Jas. Mangoff, Dr. Farish junr, Mr. Neilson - Mr.
Graham - Mr. Beattie - John Wells - R. L. Grueckshank -
John Bell, John McKay, Jas. Graham, John Clark, John
Hetherston, Gze Green, George Richardson, John Henderson
Missie Hartkopf &c -

Upon the motion of the Secretary, the Provost, ad
intim, was called to the Chair.

The Resolutions of the Society were then read by the
Secretary.

The Society then according to the Resolution 3^d
proceeded to the election of the five Skippers for the
year ensuing when Sir James Brown, Messrs Irving

1. The minute of the meeting held on 12 November 1830. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

P. 1. The Parties according to allotment met when the 4th at 10 upon the Hallcath's Loch. The day & ice were remarkably fine, & after a hard contest the game stood as follows in favour of Lochmaben.

In James Brown's Board	21.	v.	Mr. Stewart's	15
Mr. Inings	do		21. v President, Dr. Coburn	14
Mr. Johnstone's	do		21. v Mr. Gillespie's	13
Mr. Watts	do		18. v Mr. Boyd's	21
Mr. Bitch's	do		14 v Mr. Porteus's	21
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2. The record of the match played between Lochmaben and Johnstone, 4 February 1830. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

1809	Gibson, the Rev. Tho. Minister of Lochmaben.
1820	Gibson, William, Lochmaben Mill
* 1800	Giddes, Melwood, farmer Esbie
© 1812	Glover, David, Schoolmaster, Lochmaben
1814	Galloway, John, and William, do
© 1817	Graham, Matt. of Priesthods
1825	Graham, Wm. - his brother
© 1790	Graham, James, at Hallcath's
© 1812	Green, George farmer Larrick-hall
1790	Gregan, Wm. farmer, Belries
© 1820	Grier Thomas Nitae
1844	Graham Francis Joiner

3. An excerpt from the List of Curlers. (Courtesy of Lochmaben Castle Curling Club)

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Great obscurity hangs over the origin of the Game of Curling. It is not known in which Country it first originated. Some consider it an amusement originally Scottish; others that it was introduced into this country from the Low Countries, or Germany. The latter supposition is supported by the technical language of the Game being all continental: the former by the rude state of the game down to a very late period.

Neither is it known at what date the game first began to be played in Scotland. Cambden is the first author who incidentally mentions it in 1607.^[1] We may conclude therefore that its introduction or invention took place about the middle or end of the 16th century. Subsequent to this period, the allusions to it are such in the writings of the poets, historians etc. as clearly show that it was pretty generally practised throughout the South of Scotland.

No records exist to inform when the Game first commenced to be played at Lochmaben. From the facilities afforded by the numerous Lochs in the vicinity – and from the excellence of her Curlers of the olden times, no doubt however need be entertained that it has existed in the Parish from the very earliest period of its appearance in the country.

Neither does it appear at what time the Curlers of Lochmaben constituted themselves into a Society no regular minutes existing prior to the date 22nd December 1823. Upon that day a meeting of the Curling Society of the Parish was held in the Town Hall, when a committee was appointed to draw up regulations and rules for the Society – and which form the only written records of the Society that now exist.

This is the more to be regretted, as from the want of a Minute Book, no regular memorabilia exist of the exploits upon ice of those Champions of the Broom, whose fame is still fresh in the grateful recollection of their curling fraternity. We can only mention generally that under Walter Dryden the fame of the Lochmaben Curlers acquired an eminent height at an early period in the 17th [18th] Century – that under his successor James Carruthers the redoubted Bonaparte, that fame was upheld and increased by numerous victories over all the surrounding Parishes – and that in our own day, under Sir James Broun the Invincibles^[2] of Old Margery^[3] have fought and conquered Mouswald, Torthorwald, Dumfries, Cummertrees, Annan, Dryfesdale, Hutton, Wamphray, Applegarth, Tinwald, Johnstone etc etc.

These we pass over with a bare enumeration but the feelings which have led to the fighting over again of the Great Bonspiels with Closeburn upon black and white – with a libellous acrimony on their part – and a bantering retort upon ours – require that we should not pass in so cursory a manner these memorable contests.^[4]

The curlers of Closeburn, as renowned upon the banks of the Nith for their prowess upon ice, as those of Lochmaben upon the banks of the Annan, resolved during the ice campaign 1819–20 to try which party should bear the palm, accordingly they sent a challenge, which being cordially accepted of, the combatants to the number of eighty met upon the Kirk Loch and after a keen battle the game stood as follows – victory remaining with Lochmaben.^[5]

Captain (now Sir) James Broun's Board	21	v.	Mr Hunter's	9	
Mr Farish's	ditto	21	v.	Mr Porteous'	19
Mr Smith's	ditto	18	v.	Mr Kirkpatrick's	21
Mr Irving's	ditto	6	v.	Mr Thomas Hunter's	21
Mr Brotch's	ditto	21	v.	Mr Alexander's	20

It was this same Bonspiel that a Rev. Professor laid hold of to serve up in a caricaturing article in Blackwood's Magazine for Feb 1820, and which occasioned a proper controversy which was renewed upon the other Bonspiels and is still fresh in the recollection of all concerned.

It was not till the winter of 1822–3 that an opportunity presented for Closeburn to regain her honour. The parties met upon the Halleaths loch. Lochmaben at the commencement of the spiel were gaining upon every Rink and were upwards of 40 shots clear, when the day became soft and the water from the immense crowds of spectators, sprang – the contest then became a trial of strength and Lochmaben under these disadvantages lost.

The game stood as follows:

Sir James Broun's Rink	21	v	Mr Hunter's	18	
Mr Farish's	<i>do.</i>	18	v	Mr Laurie's	21
Mr Smith's	<i>do.</i>	21	v	Mr Kirkpatrick's	18
Mr Irving's	<i>do.</i>	16	v	Mr Thomas Hunter's	21
Mr Brotch's	<i>do.</i>	9	v	Mr Alexander Kirkpatrick's	21

It was not until winter 1826–7 that ice served to permit Lochmaben to go to Closeburn.

In the end of January our party headed by Sir James Broun took up their position upon the Closeburn ice. The state of the weather was however such that the parties only agreed to play the Bonspiel upon the understanding that the palm of victory should be decided at another and more favourable meeting. The two Preses again met each other – and after a mere trial of strength by which Lochmaben lost, and Closeburn gained no honour, the game stood as follows:

Sir James Broun's Rink	4	v	Mr Hunter's	21	
Mr Irving's	<i>do.</i>	21	v	Mr Alexander Kirkpatrick's	17
Mr Jardine's	<i>do.</i>	18	v	Mr Thomas Kirkpatrick's	21
Mr Johnstone's	<i>do.</i>	18	v	Mr Thomas Hunter's	21
Mr Brotch's	<i>do.</i>	21	v	Mr William Hunter's	9

This brings us down to the campaign 1829.30 – for account of which we refer to the regular minutes of the Society.

Formula for General Annual Meeting

- 1st. The Secretary shall call a Member, not an office bearer to the Chair.
- 2nd. The Secretary shall read the resolutions of the Society.
- 3rd. The Meeting shall proceed to the election of the Skippers.
- 4th. The Meeting shall elect the President.
- 5th. The Skippers shall fill up the deficiencies in their boards.
- 6th. The Meeting shall elect a Secretary.
- 7th. Motions; and all other routine business; enrolling Members names etc.
- 8th. The Secretary shall read the Rules to be observed in Curling.

Resolutions of the Lochmaben Curling Society

The Curling Society of Lochmaben shall consist of a President, a Secretary, 4 Skippers, 5 vice-skippers and any Curler belonging to the Parish who will conform to the following resolutions.

Considering that the honour of the Society can at all times be amply supported by a limited number of its members, and that it is highly desirable that it should always be select, respectable, and efficient, it is resolved.

1st. That forty of the best players in the Society shall be chosen annually to play in all Parish Bonspiels; to be divided into five Boards, *viz.* the 1st or Senior Board, to be headed by the President – the 2nd by the senior Skipper – the 3rd by the next *Ditto* – the 4th by the third *Ditto* – the 5th or junior board by the 4th *Ditto*.

Considering that to allow the supernumerary members to have a vote in the Society would be to introduce anarchy and insubordination, it is resolved.

2nd. That the said forty Curlers shall alone have the privilege [*sic*] of speaking and of voting in the Society.

Considering that it is desirable that the Skippers should be acceptable to the whole players and that the Society may be enabled to exercise a due cognizance over the conduct of each Skipper it is resolved.

3rd. That the five Skippers shall be elected annually and by the votes of the Society. The vice-skippers of the previous season to have each in rotation the privilege of first nominating one candidate for the office, each dissentient member of said electing Board, one, and the vice-skippers of the other four boards each one. From this leet one shall be preferred by the general vote of the Society. It being always however to be understood that if a majority of the electing Board be unanimous for retaining their old Skipper, the right of the minority of said Board and of the vice-skippers of the other four, to nominate candidates shall be superseded: unless in cases where it happens that the said old Skipper may have rendered himself illegible [*ineligible*] in terms of the next resolution, or of the 12th or 13th following.

Considering how important it is that each board be kept in due order and subordination, it is resolved.

4th. That each Skipper shall direct his game and control his players: and that any Skipper failing to do so by deputing another to fill his place to exercise his authority or mark the direction, shall render himself illegible [*ineligible*] for the office a second time.

Considering that no person can be properly qualified to discharge the duties attached to the office of heading the Society but a member who has a thorough practical knowledge of the game, and of direction, it is resolved.

5th. That the President of the Society shall always be elected from amongst the Skippers. The vice-skipper of the board having each the privilege of nominating one of the said five Skippers as their candidate – and the leet being complete one shall be preferred by the general vote of the Society.

Considering that Annual General Elections would have the effect of disorganizing each Board – and of continually breaking up the harmony, and destroying the emulation which is fostered by unity, it is resolved.

6th. That the general Election in November annually shall only be for the purpose of re-electing in each board the former players; and for the filling up the vacancies that may be occasioned by casualties. Each skipper upon being re-elected shall therefore at the Annual election submit a list of his former players as he chooses [*sic*] to retain and whose consent he has obtained to remain with him. The deficiencies of the whole Board to be filled up in rotation from the supernumerary list of the Society. In great cases when a new general organisation of the Board shall be considered advisable, the Skippers shall draw lots, and choose in rotation from the general list of the members.

Considering that the freedom of this annual election will be infringed upon by any Skipper privately or previously tampering with individual members to get them into their boards – and that there will be an end of all subordination – and virtually a continual holding out of an inducement to violate the honour, laws and gentlemanly feeling of the Society, it is resolved.

7th. That any Member refusing to play in the Board to which he is elected unless he shall state at the moment a reason for his refusal which shall be sustained by the Society shall be expelled from the Society: and any Skipper receiving a person so expelled into his board shall forfeit his office and subject himself to have his name expunged from the roll of the Society and to have a vote of censure upon his conduct. Any Skipper that can be detected in an attempt to seduce a player from another Board into his own shall subject himself to the same punishment.

Considering that general meetings cannot be conveniently summoned at all times for the despatch of business, it is resolved.

8th. That a Committee of the Society shall have the power of giving and of accepting challenges, managing the routine business etc. and that the said Committee shall *ex officio* consent of the office bearers of the Society *viz.* the President, the Secretary, the Skippers and their vices.

Considering that it is important that the Society have one great general Annual Meeting for elections etc, it is resolved.

9th. That a general annual Meeting of the Society shall be held about the 12th

November annually: the same to be notified by advertisements for a week previous. That at this General Meeting, a Member, not an office bearer, shall *per tempore*, be called to the chair: that the Secretary shall then read over the Resolutions for the regulation of the Society, after which the Meeting shall proceed to the election of the office bearers, when the President and Secretary shall be installed in the respective seats. The Skippers shall then exhibit a list of players and afterward fill up according to Resolution 6th any deficiencies in their boards the Secretary shall then read the Rules to be observed in playing the games: after which a Minute of the sederunt, according to the formula of preceeding years shall be written, to be signed by the President in name of the Meeting.

Considering that the routine business of the Society can only be properly conducted by a member specially appointed for the purpose, it is resolved.

10th. That a Secretary shall for that purpose be annually elected. The Skippers to have each the priviledge of nominating a Candidate: one of which shall be preferred by the vote of the Society.

Considering that it is necessary to provide for the support of due subordination in the Society and that the priviledges of the Office Bearers may be understood and defined, it is resolved.

11th. (1st) That the President shall, *ex officio* be Chairman of the Committee, Skip the Senior Board, call the Annual and other General Meetings of the Society, Preside in all these meetings, have a casting vote and absolute authority in the regulation of his own Board.

(2nd) That the Secretary shall, *ex officio* be a member of the Committee, conduct the routine business of the Society, write the correspondence in giving or accepting of challenges, advertise the Annual and General Meetings, bring under the cognizance of the Society the conduct of all such members as infringe the Resolutions and Rules of the Society, keep the Minute Book, act as Treasurer etc.

(3rd) That the other four Skippers shall be *ex officio* vice-president of the Society, be members of the Committee, preside in rotation at all meetings in the absence of the President and have the absolute authority in the regulation of their respective Boards.

(4th) That the vice-skippers shall be, *ex officio* members of the Committee and have the priviledge at the annual election of proposing in rotation, a candidate for the Skippership of their respective Boards.

Considering that it is important that the above Office Bearers should do their duties strictly, impartially and faithfully, it is resolved.

12th. That any Office-Bearer sanctioning the infringement or infringing any of the above Resolutions, or Rules in curling appended; or guilty of any irregularity of conduct, shall forfeit his office and be expelled from the Society.

And lastly Considering that the spirit of the above resolutions would be violated from

selfish motives were a Board to be disorganised in consequence of the misconduct of its head – it is resolved.

13th. That when from misconduct, old age, or death, or any other cause a Skipper is displaced from his office, the Board he headed shall not in consequence be disorganised but have the right of electing another Skipper in terms of the 3rd Resolution. In all cases however where it appears that both Skipper and Board colleague to violate the resolutions and Rules of Curling, of the Society, they forfeit their place, and the Society have it in their power to elect a new Board instead. The candidates for the Skippership to be nominated by the other Skippers and the individual chosen to select a new board from the list of the super-numerary members of the Society.

With regard to Parish Bonspiels it is resolved.

14th. That the Society shall not play the same party twice during the same ice campaign.

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Minutes of the Lochmaben Curling Society

At a meeting of the Curling Society of the Parish of Lochmaben, held in the Town Hall of the Burgh, upon the 22nd of December 1823.

Mr David Farish, Bankhead in the Chair. The following Resolutions were entered into
1st. That the Meeting proceed to the election of a President of the Society for the ensuing season, when Captain Broun of Colstoun-Park being proposed for that office, and the motion seconded and put to the vote, it was unanimously carried.

2nd. That a Committee of ten players be named for the season in order to assist the President in drawing up articles and regulations for behoof of the Society during the ensuing ice campaigns. The Committee named being to continue for the season. The following Gentlemen were named to act with the President, *viz.* Mr Farish, Bankhead – Mr Irving, Righead – Mr Broth, Castlemains – Mr Smith, New Mains – Mr Johnstone, Thornywhat – Provost Henderson – Capt. John Henderson – Messrs. John Hetherton, James Jardine and Robert Burgess, Lochmaben.

Five shall be a quorum and have power to conduct any business that may come before the Committee.

3rd. Resolved, that a General Meeting be called to sit upon the 30th Decr. curt. at 5 o'clock p.m. in order to consider the Resolutions & Rules that may be submitted to them by the committee.

4th. Resolved that a subscription be entered into by the members of the Society to present a Curling Stone to Captain Broun as a small testimony of the high sense they entertain of him as a player – and of the ability and zeal which he has always displayed in the cause of the Lochmaben Curlers.

Captain Henderson appointed Secretary to the Society.

The Meeting then adjourned.

(Signed) James Broun. P.

At a General Meeting of the
Lochmaben Curling Society,
held in the Town Hall 30th Dec. 1823.

Captain Broun, President in the Chair.

Present Messrs. Farish, Irving, Broth, Smith, Johnstone, Fead of Duncow, Graham

of Priesthead, Grieve, Hitae, James Burgess, William Smith, John Henderson, Hitae, Mr Broun, Captain Henderson etc. etc.

Certain Resolutions and Rules for Curling proposed by a quorum of the Committee named at the last general meeting being laid before the Society and the same being discussed and partially altered were unanimously adopted.

(These Resolutions and Rules since enlarged and incorporated with the Duddingston rules etc. are given apart *quod vide*).

Thereafter the Meeting proceeded to the election of Skippers for the season when the following Gentlemen were in rotation unanimously elected by the vices of the society. Viz. Captain Broun, Messrs. Farish, Irving, Smith and Broctch.

Thereafter the meeting resolved that a Committee of fifteen players be named to manage for the season the business of the Society and that the Skippers be of the Committee, together with the players whose names follow:

Provost Henderson – Captain Henderson – Messrs. Johnstone, Thornywhat, Hetherton, James Jardine, Robert Burgess, Fead, William Smith, Matthew Graham, Lochmaben, John Henderson, Hitae.

The Meeting then adjourned.

(Signed) James Broun. P.

Lochmaben 9th December 1824
At a General Meeting of the
Lochmaben Curling Society
held this evening in the Town Hall.

Captain Broun, President, in the Chair.

Present Messrs. Irving, Robert Smith, Robert Henderson, Broun, James Graham, Baillie Wells, James Burgess, William Irving, John Maxwell, William Thorburn, D. Irving, Barras, Hetherton, Jardine, John Wells, Baillie Bryden, Provost Henderson, William Smith, John Watt etc. etc.

In consequence of the unanimous resolution of the Society to present their worthy President with a Curling Stone – the Meeting proceeded to place in his hands the said stone, which had previously been submitted to the inspection of the Meeting and highly approved of after a short address from Provost Henderson.

After which the Meeting adjourned.

(Signed) James Broun. P

From this time till the General Meeting in November 1829, no minutes seem to have been kept of the General Meetings of the Society, probably in consequence of the minute Book having been lost from the period that the Secretary Captain Henderson left the Burgh to join his Regiment in the East Indies. During this interval, however,

partly from the want of ice and from the engagement entered into with Closeburn to play in Parish Bonspiels till such time as the palm was decided, nothing of consequence took place. The Minute Book having been found after considerable search by the Reverend [*sic*] Richard Broun, previous to the Annual Meeting in 1829 and in a most mutilated state, the President proposed to present the Society with a proper Book for the purpose – and the Secretary being authorised to transcribe the same with such alterations in the Resolutions and Rules of the Society as were proposed to be amended, or enlarged at the Meeting, the same has been done and various additional information inserted, interesting to the Society and worthy of preserving.

[signed] Richard Broun. Secretary
Colstoun-Park 6th January 1830

Lochmaben 12th November 1829
At a General Meeting of the
Lochmaben Curling Society
held this evening within Mr Hetherton's.^[6]

Sir James Broun Baronet in the Chair.

Present Messrs. Johnstone, Irving, Watt, Hetherton, Green, James Graham, James Burgess, James Jardine, Glover, Mr Richard Broun etc. etc.

The Society in terms of the 3rd Resolution proceeded to the election of the five Skippers for the ensuing season, when the following Members were in rotation, unanimously elected:

Sir James Broun, Baronet

Messrs. D. Irving, J. Johnstone, J. Watt, and J. Brotch.

The Society next proceeded to elect a President, when Sir James Broun was proposed and unanimously re-elected.

The Skippers considering that no regular election had taken place for many years, next proceeded to elect *de novo* their respective Boards, when the following players were alternately and respectively chosen by them.^[7] Viz.

<i>1st.</i>	Sir James Broun's Board	<i>2nd.</i>	Mr Irving's Board
Messrs	James Burgess		William Graham
3	David Glover		John Galloway
4	David Farish, Jun.		Duncan Imrie
5	Rev. Richard Broun		William Beattie
6	Edward Patterson		David Irving
7	William Neilson		John Wells
8	William Galloway		James Baird

Supernumerary Players

John Halliday v. 3rd Richard L. Cruickshank v [blank]
 Robert Beck v. 6
 James Aitken v. 3rd

3rd.	Mr Johnstone's Board	4th.	Mr Watt's Board
Messrs.	Thomas Johnstone Jun.		James Jardine
3	George Johnstone		John Hetherton
4	John Bell		George Green
5	John McKeg		Edward Beck
6	David Bell		David Beck
7	Thomas Wells		Benjamin Johnstone
8	John Clerk		John Thorburn

Supernumerary Players

James Graham v. 8 Benjamin Beattie v. 5th

Mr Brotch brings as usual his Board of Hitae players.

The Society then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Richard Broun was proposed and unanimously elected.

Upon a motion made by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr Hetherton it was unanimously resolved – That the Rules in Curling adopted by the Duddingston Curling Society shall be incorporated with those of the Society.

After which the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. Preses

Lochmaben 19th January 1830
 At a General Meeting of Curling Society
 Held this evening in Mr Hetherton's.

Mr Brotch in the Chair.

Present Messrs. Irving, Watt, Glover, Patterson, Green, Hetherton, Halliday *et al.* in all upwards of thirty members of the Society.

In the absence of the President, Mr Brotch, upon the motion of the Secretary was called to the Chair.

The Secretary then proceeded to read the Minutes of the General Meeting in November last. The enlarged and amended Resolutions and Rules in Curling for the regulation of the Society were then read, cordially approved of and unanimously agreed to be adopted as the Standard Regulations of the Society in all time coming. The Secretary next by the direction of the Society wrote a challenge to the Curlers of

Closeburn to meet them upon Friday next, the 22nd current.
 After which a Curling Court was held – several members initiated – and the Society adjourned.

[signed] R.B. Sec.

P.S. The Lochmaben Curlers appeared upon the Closeburn ice upon Friday the 22nd *ult.* But in consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather and ice, there was no possibility of playing the Bonspiel. The parties dined together at Brounhill and parted in hopes of meeting under more favourable circumstances next season.

Lochmaben January 25th 1830
 At a *pro re nata* Meeting of the Society,
 Held this morning within Mr Hetherton's.

Mr Vice President Irving in the Chair.

Present Messrs. Watt, Green, Farish, Bell, Beck, Galloway *et al.* In the absence of the President Mr Irving filled the chair.

A challenge having been received this morning from the Curlers of Tinwald, a Meeting was held to determine whether it should be accepted of considering the engagement with Closeburn that neither Parish should take up a challenge until the decision of their contest. The meeting conceiving that they had exonerated themselves by the late position which they had taken up upon the Closeburn ice, from an engagement which for ten years had prevented them from meeting their old friends the curlers of the adjoining Parishes, were unanimously of opinion to accept of the challenge – and resolved to meet them upon Thursday next. The Secretary being directed to communicate the same, the meeting adjourned.

[signed] R.B. Sec.

P.S. The Curlers of Lochmaben and Tinwald met upon Thursday the 28th *ulto.* On the Halleaths Loch. The day was extremely fine and the ice most excellent. After a well contested game, victory determined for Lochmaben.

The game stood as follows:

Sir James Broun's Board	21	v.	William Cruickshank Esq.	15
Mr Irving's <i>ditto</i>	21	v.	President Laurie's	15
Mr Johnstone's <i>ditto</i>	21	v.	Mr Barton's	14
Mr Watt's <i>ditto</i>	16	v.	Mr Beck's	21
Mr Brotch's <i>ditto</i>	<u>21</u>	v.	Mr Edgar's	<u>12</u>
	100			77

Lochmaben January 28th 1830
 At a meeting of the Curling Society
 Held this morning in Baillie Harkness's^[8]

Sir James Broun in the Chair.

It was resolved unanimously to challenge the Dumfries Curlers to meet us upon their own ice tomorrow, or upon Monday next.

Which accordingly been done, the meeting adjourned.

[signed]

R.B. Sec.

P.S. Our challenge having been accepted of for Monday, the parties met upon the Sands Loch, and after a keen game, Lochmaben was victorious. The day and ice were exceedingly fine. The game stood as follows:

Mr James Broun's Board	21	v.	Mr Goodall's	8
Mr Irving's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	Mr Wilson's	19
Mr Johnstone's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	Mr McGowan's	15
Mr Watt's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	Mr Patterson's	14
Mr Brotch's <i>do.</i>	<u>21</u>	v.	Mr President Harkness'	<u>11</u>
	<u>105</u>			<u>67</u>

Lochmaben 30th January 1830
 At a Meeting of the Curlers held today in Mr Hetherton's.

It was resolved to accept of a challenge sent by the Curlers of the Parish of Johnstone, for Thursday next the 4th of February.

[signed]

R. B. Secy.

P.S. The Parties according to appointment met upon the 4th *ulto.* upon the Halleaths Loch. The day and ice were remarkably fine and after a hard contest the game stood as follows in favour of Lochmaben:

Sir James Broun's Board	21	v.	Mr Stewart's	15
Mr Irving's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	President Dr Colvin	7
Mr Johnstone's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	Mr Gillespie's	13
Mr Watt's <i>do.</i>	18	v.	Mr Boy's	21
Mr Brotch's <i>do.</i>	<u>7</u>	v.	Mr Porteous'	<u>21</u>
	<u>88</u>			<u>77</u>

Lochmaben 3rd February 1830
 At a Meeting of the Curlers held today in Mr Hetherton's.

A challenge having been received today from the Curlers of Dryfesdale for Friday next, it was unanimously accepted of – and a reply returned to that effect.

[signed]

R.B. Secy.

P.S. According to agreement, the parties met upon the Halleaths upon Friday the 5th *ulto*. Under the most favourable circumstances of ice and weather, and after a keen contest, victory remained with Lochmaben: the game standing as follows:

Sir James Broun's Board	21	v.	Mr President Hetherton's	15
Mr Irving's <i>do.</i>	19	v.	President Williamson's	21
Mr Johnstone's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	Mr Johnstone's	7
Mr Watt's <i>do.</i>	21	v.	Mr Bryden's	6
Mr Brotch's <i>do.</i>	<u>15</u>	v.	Mr Waugh's	<u>21</u>
	97			61

Thus terminated the glorious campaign of winter 1829–30. Few seasons have been more favourable for the delightful amusement of Curling. The game commenced to be played so early as the 14th November and with but a short interruption, continued down to the 22nd February. The five Boards, reckoning up their overplus shots in the various Parish Bonspiels, bear to each other the follow proportion – Sir James Broun +40, Mr Irving +21, Mr Johnstone + 34, Mr Watts +14, Mr Brotch -1.

[signed]

R.B. Secy.

Lochmaben 12th November 1830.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Curling Society held this evening in Mr Hetherton's.

Robert Henderson Esquire in the Chair.

Present, Sir James Broun, Baronet – Messrs. D. Irving, John Watt, James Burgess, D. Farish junior, William Neilson, William Graham, Mr Beattie, John Wells, R. L. Cruickshank, John Bell, John McKeg, James Graham, John Clark, John Hetherton, George Green, George Richardson, John Henderson, Baillie Harkness *et al.*

Upon the motion of the Secretary, the Provost *ad interim* was called to the Chair.

The Resolutions of the Society were then read by the Secretary.

The Society then according to the Resolution 3rd proceeded to the election of the five Skippers for the year ensuing when Sir James Broun, Messrs. Irving, Johnstone, Watt and Brotch were re-elected.

The Society then in terms of the 5th resolution elected a President when Sir James Broun was unanimously re-elected and accordingly took the Chair.

The Skippers should next in terms of the 6th Resolution have proceeded to fill up their Rinks, but not being all present, the same was deferred to a general meeting to be held for the purpose after the setting in of frost.

The Secretary then thanked the Society for the honour they had done him in electing him to that office during the year past – and tendered his resignation in consequence of his not going to be resident in the Parish during the winter. A leet was then proposed according to Resolution 10th, when Mr Glover was elected to the office for the year ensuing.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Secretary for his conduct in the office: after which the meeting adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. P

Lochmaben 28th December 1830

The Curling Society met here according to intimation.

Present Sir James Broun, Messrs. John Bell, Thomas Johnstone, John Henderson, George Richardson, Benjamin Johnstone, J. Clark, James Baird, George Green, John Galloway, John McCaig, John Wright, Mathew Wilson, Thomas Grieve, John Watt, Edward Patterson, David Irving Senior.

The President then proposed that a challenge should be sent to Closeburn as early as possible, which was unanimously approved of. The day to be fixed on Friday first when the boards are to be filled up and to play together, after which the meeting adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. P.

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1831

At the general meeting of the Curling Society
held in Mr Hetherton's.

John Bell of Lochbank in the Chair.

Present Sir James Broun, David Irving, John Bell, W. Broach, William Graham, David Farish, David Farish, Kings Arms, George Green, J. Hetherton, David Irving, Duncan Aimer, John Thorburn, James Baird, William Beattie, John Watt, Thomas Johnston Senr. and Thomas Johnston Junior, James Burgess.

The Resolutions of the Society were then read by the Secretary – the Society according to Resolution 3rd proceeded to elect their Skippers, which was unanimously agreed to be seven in number. *Viz.* Sir James Broun, David Irving, Thomas Johnston, John Watt, David Farish, John Bell, John Broch. In terms of the 5th Resolution the Society then elected a President, when Sir James Broun was duly elected. J. Hetherton was elected Secretary. The vote was then taken whether the Parish should accept of a challenge for a less number of boards than seven, when it was unanimously agreed to accept of none under seven. Sir James Broun then presented the beautiful copy of *Memorabilia Curliana* as a present to the Society from the author.^[9] The meeting then,

as an expression of their gratitude to Mr Broun, gave an unanimous vote of thanks, for the handsome present and also for his numerous acts of kindness to the Society – the Meeting then adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. P.

The year of 1831 has been most unfavourable to our favourite amusement – not a single bonspiel having been played.

Lochmaben 13th Nov. 1832

At the General Meeting of the Curling Society held in Mr Hetherton's, David Farish, Kings Arms, in the Chair.

Present Sir James Broun, John Bell, Lochbank, W. Graham, Benjamin Beattie, David Irving also Righead, James Burgess, George Green, David Farish, Todhillmuir, John Watt, Duncan Aimer, James Baird. Thereafter the Meeting proceeded to the Election of Skippers – when the following Gentlemen were duly elected: Sir James Broun, Mssrs. Thomas Johnstone, Thornewhate, John Watt, David Farish, Todhillmuir, John Bell, Lochbank – leaving John Brotch and David Beck, Barras to arrange their own Boards. Sir James Broun was then elected Preses and John Hetherton Secretary – the Meeting then adjourned.

[signed] James Broun Preses

The following is a list of the Players in the several boards.

Sir James Broun	John Watt sk[ipper].	John Bell
James Burgess	George Grieve	David Irving
William Graham	John Galloway	David Bell
John Smith	John Hetherton	Thomas Aimer
Benjamin Beattie	John Thorburn	James Graham
James Kelton	David Farish	Edward Patterson
Mathew Carruthers	[blank]	John Clark
William Lindsay	Benjamin Johnstone	George Dobbie
Thomas Johnstone skip[pe]r	David Farish	
Thomas Johnstone	Duncan Aimer	
John Crow	William Beck	
George Johnstone	James Baird	
Peter Graham	Robert Beck	
Thomas Lawder	James Bell	
George Roddick	John Boyes	
John Boyes, Kinnelbank	Ned Thomson	

Received a Challenge from the Curlers of Johnstone which was played on the 18th January 1833. The Game stood as follows:

Sir James	21	Dr Colvend	14
Thomas Johnstone	12	Springwell	21
John Hall	21	M. Wilson	15
John Broach	21	W. Boyes	11
W. Beck	21	Lochwood	17
Mr Farish	21	M. Rogerson	11
John Bell	<u>21</u>	M. Charteris	<u>15</u>
	138		104

The day was fine the ice keen and the sport excellent – our Johnstone friends as will be observed were beat by 34 shots.

Received also a Challenge from the Curlers of Dumfries on the 7th January 1833, which was accepted of and played on Broomhill Loch today, after the Johnstone spiel as discussed above, the weather continued fine, and after a well contested spiel, victory was declared in favour of Old Margery, she gaining in 4 Rinks and Dumfries 3.

Received also a Challenge from Mr Murray of Murraywhat to play a private game with 10 of the veterans of Cummertrees 5 each rink with 2 stones each player, which Challenge being accepted was played with great sport on the Kirk Loch a fun day, after the Dumfries spiel, and tho the Gentlemen from Cummertrees played with great dexterity, victory was most triumphant on the Loch of Lochmaben which will be seen from the following statement –

Sir James Broun Board	21	Mr Murray, Do.	6
Mr John Watts Do.	<u>21</u>	Mr Harry Murray	<u>4</u>
	42		10

Lochmaben 11th November 1833

At the general meeting of the Curling Society held in J. Hetherton's.

David Farish Innkeeper in the Chair.

Present Sir James Broun, Thomas Johnstone Senior, John Watt, David Farish, John Bell, Thomas Johnstone Junior, George Green, William Graham, James Burgess, George Johnstone, Reverend Beattie, David Farish, John Hetherton, James Graham. The Meeting then elected their office bearers for the ensuing season. Sir James Broun, Preses, and J. Hetherton Secretary. Skippers, Sir James Broun, Thomas Johnstone Senior, John Watt, David Farish, John Bell, David Beck, George Richardson, Hightae.

There being no more business before the Society it adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. P

Lochmaben 21st January 1834

Curling Society met agreeable to advertisement. Present Sir James Broun, John Watt, David Farish, John Hetherton, James Burgess – when the President laid before the meeting a circular from the President of the Dumfries Curling Society requesting an answer to the following queries respecting a proposed Bonspiel, betwixt the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and the county of Dumfries, 1. Whether the Curlers in your Parish, have formed themselves into a Society, and if so how long ago. 2. How many official rinks you have. 3. How many rinks you usually turn out in Parish Spiels. 4. The names and designations of all your office bearers as well as your Skips and Vice Skips. 5. Would your Parish be pleased to appoint one of their number to attend a general meeting of Deligates [*sic*], from other Parishes to be held at Dumfries in order to deliberate upon the matter and adopt such measures as may be considered expedient by the majority of deligates. The meeting having taken the above into consideration, unanimously agree to the following answer, to be sent to the President of the Dumfries Curling Society.

1. That our Society was Constituted 22nd Dec. 1823.
2. That our Society consists of seven rinks.
3. That we usually turn out 7 rinks at Parish Spiels.
4. That our Skips are Sir James Broun, Thomas Johnstone of Thornewhat, John Watt, Merchant Taylor Lochmaben, David Farish Esq. Todhillmuir, John Bell, Farmer Lochbank, David Beck, Farmer, and George Richardson, Farmer Newhouses. Vice Skips, James Burgess, Curling Stone Maker, Lochmaben, Thomas Johnstone, Farmer Blackriggs, George Green, Farmer Laverock Hall, Duncan Aimer, Mason Lochmaben, David Irving, Blacksmith Lochmaben, Thomas Watt, Barras, Thomas Green, Cattle dealer Hightae – Sir James Broun President and J Hetherton Secretary.
5. Yes, and Sir James Broun is appointed deligate.

Thereafter the meeting adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. P

The year ending 1833 has been most unfavourable to our favourite Game. Not a single shot having been played.

[signed] J.H. S.

Lochmaben 11th November 1834

At the Annual Meeting of the Curling Society held in Hetherton's, Mr Johnstone of Thornewhat in the Chair.

Present Messrs. David Farish, Loch., George Dobbie, John Bell, J. Hetherton, Benjamin Beattie, Thomas Johnstone Junior, John Watt, John Galloway, James Burgess, David Farish Esquire, Todhillmuir, James Graham, Boathouse, James Bell, Brigmuir, Thomas Johnstone Senior, and Sir James Broun.

The Meeting then re-elected all their Skippers, President and Secretary. The Meeting then resolved to elect a Vice President, when David Farish Esq. Todhillmuir was duly elected – it was proposed by Thomas Johnstone Esq. Thornewhat, that a Silver Medal should be subscribed for by the Players and it was unanimously agreed that the sum of 3/ should be collected from each Board. Mr Johnstone was directed to procure the medal as soon as possible, then being no other business before the Society, the Meeting adjourned.

[signed] James Broun. P

The year ending in 1834 and beginning 1835 has been most unfavourable for Curling. A challenge was given by the Johnstone Curlers with seven Rinks and accepted by us to be played on the 17th January but weather unfortunately did not permit it altho we had a few days practise at home not a single Bonspiel has been played.

[signed] J. H. Secy.

Lochmaben 12th November 1835

The Annual Meeting of the Curling Society held in J. Hetherton's. Present Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, Thornewhat, George Johnstone, Do., David Farish, Loch., George Dobbie, James Kelton, Benjamin Beattie, James Burgess, J. Hetherton, James Graham, Sir James Broun, William Farish of Todhillmuir, John Watt, John Thorburn, William Irving. The Meeting then proceeded to elect five Skippers leaving the Barras and Hightae Boards to elect their own, when Sir James Broun, Thomas Johnstone, John Watt, William Farish, Todhillmuir, and John Bell, Priest Head, were duly elected. Sir James Broun President, Thomas Johnstone of Thornewhat Vice President and J. Hetherton Secretary. As the Silver Medal proposed to be bought for the Society, last year, was not subscribed for it was unanimously agreed to purchase this year and the Skippers present generously agreed to supply the said medal. There being no other business before the Society it adjourned.

Signed for Sir James Broun.
J. Hetherton.

This year afforded only one day Curling.

Lochmaben 11th November 1836

Curling Society met agreeable to notice.

Present, Thomas Johnstone of Thornawhate, John Watt, Benjamin Beattie, James Burgess, David Farish, Lochmaben, J Hetherton, John Henderson, Merchant, Hightae, John Galloway, James Graham, Thomas Grierson, James Kelton, John Bell, William Wright.

William Wright in the Chair. The following Gentlemen were then duly elected office bearers – James Kelton, Thomas Johnstone, John Watt, John Bell, John Henderson, Hightae, and George Richardson, Newhouses, Skippers, leaving Barras board to elect their own Skipper – John Bell President, James Kelton vice., J. Hetherton Sec.

[signed] Mr Bell Pr.

This year afforded almost no sport. A challenge was issued upon the Gentlemen Curlers of Dumfries, on the 28th December – but the weather did not permit the match to be played. We had only about a weeks practise at home and the ice not strong.

[signed] J. Hetherton, Secy

Lochmaben 13th November 1837

The Annual Meeting of the Curling Society met. Present Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, James Burgess, James Craig, Merchant, David Farish, Lochmaben, John Watt, James Graham, John Hetherton, John Galloway, John Thorburn, William Lindsay – David Farish in the Chair. The following Gentlemen were then duly elected. Skippers James Kelton, Thomas Johnstone, Thornewhate, John Watt, John Bell, leaving Barras and Hightae consisting of three boards to elect their own Skippers. John Bell Preses, James Kelton Vice P, and John Hetherton Secretary. There being no other business before the Meeting, it was adjourned.

[signed] Mr Bell Pr.

The Curlers of Dryfesdale and Lochmaben met on the 16th January (Tuesday) on Broomhill Loch and after a well contested game victory was declared in favour of Lochmaben.

The Game stood as follows:

Messrs. John Bells rink	21	Alexander Schooler	15
Thomas Johnstone Junior	21	Mr Turner	17
John Watt	21	Richard Hetherton	20
James Kelton	11	Mr Shankland	21
David Beck	5	Mr Bryden	21

George Richardson	21	Mr Waugh	3
John Henderson	<u>17</u>	Mr Jardine	<u>21</u>
	117		118

The Curlers of Johnstone and Lochmaben met on the Castle Loch on Monday the 22nd January. The ice was wet and only after the day was pretty far-advanced 2 Rinks fell on either side 14 & 14 on another & 16 for Loch & 12 for Johnstone on another when unfortunately on the 7 Rink a dispute arose between Mr Rogerson, Cleugh, and Mr Bell, Lochbank, while a Lochmaben stone was being played to the face of another of their stones which lay near the Tee a Johnstone player in the act of sweeping came into contact with said stone. It was then considered to be burnt and put on the lip of the tee, after 4 stones was played. Johnstone refused to play and so ended the spiel between Johnstone and Lochmaben.

The Curlers of Dumfries and Lochmaben met on the Castle Loch on Friday the 26th January. The day was delightful and the ice keen. Victory after a hard fought Battle was declared in favour of Dumfries.

The Game stood as follows:

Messrs.	John Bell Rink	21	Mr Goodwill	5
	Thomas Johnstone	21	Mr Laurence	13
	John Watt	18	Mr McGill	21
	James Kelton	11	Mr Harkness	21
	David Beck	19	Mr Halliday	21
	John Henderson, Hightae	21	Mr Bell	18
	George Richardson Do.	<u>8</u>	Mr Edgar	<u>21</u>
		119		120

The Curlers of Lochmaben and Kirkmichael met on the Mickleholm Loch on Monday the 29th January. The day was fine but the ice uneven & rough. The spiel was contested with great sport and Lochmaben was victorious.

The Game stood as follows:

Messrs.	John Bell	21	Francis Bell	18
	James Kelton	21	Peter Blacklock	20
	Thomas Johnstone	15	James Farish	21
	John Watt	21	Mr Dinwoodie	2
	David Beck	18	Mr Wightman	21
Hightae	{ George Richardson	21	Mr Wilson	17
	{ John Henderson	<u>18</u>	Mr Johnstone, Cumrue	<u>21</u>
		135		120

The Curlers of Tinwald and Lochmaben met on the Castle Loch on Tuesday the 6th February. The day was exceedingly fine, the Loch covered with Snow, some of the rinks were fine and keen, but the greater number rough and uneven. The spiel was won by the Curlers of Tinwald, they gaining in 5 rinks & Lochmaben in two.

The Game stood as follows:

Messrs.	John Bell	18	Mr Lawrie	21
	Mr Johnstone	14	Mr Mouncy	21
	John Watt	18	Mr Edgar	21
	James Kelton	20	Mr Gillespie	21
	David Beck	21	Mr Gillespie	19
Hightae	{ John Henderson	9	Mr Thomson	21
	{ George Richardson	21	Mr Barton	4
		<u>121</u>		<u>128</u>

Lochmaben 12th Nov. 1838

The Annual Meeting of the Curling Society took place, present John Galloway, John Watt, Thomas Johnstone, Blackriggs, Benjamin Beattie, William Lindsay, James Graham, James Burgess, George Dobbie, John Bell, John Thorburn, James Paton, David Irving, J. Hetherton. James Graham in the Chair. The following Gentlemen were then duly elected as office bearers for the ensuing year – Skippers Messrs. James Kelton, Thomas Johnstone, Thornawhat, John Watt, John Bell, leaving Barras and Hightae Boards to elect for themselves. John Bell, Lochbank, Preses, James Kelton Vice *Do.*, J. Hetherton Secy. There being no other business before the meeting it adjourned.

Lochmaben 1838 & 1839

This season, not a single parish spiel was played, but a very keen and animated contest took place for the first silver Medal which was purchased by subscription and won by Mr Johnstone of Thorniwhate. He also had the honour of gaining it the year previous which was the first year it was played for.

A second Medal was also purchased by the Society, but was not played for.

Lochmaben 11th November 1839

The annual meeting of the Curling Society met. Present James Graham, Benjamin Beattie, James Austin, J. Hetheron, James Craig, John Thorburn, George Dobbie, John Galloway, John Watt, William Beattie.

John Galloway in the Chair. The following Gentlemen were then duly elected as office bearers for the ensuing year. Skippers, Benjamin Beattie, Thomas Johnstone, Thorniwhate, John Watt, John Bell, leaving Hightae and Barras Boards to elect their own Skippers. John Bell Preses & John Watt vice Do., J. Hetheron Secretary. Mr Watt then proposed that as the second Medal had not been agreed on, respecting the manner to be played for and being put to the vote, it was unanimously agreed that it shall be given to the Skipper whose Board has gained the greatest number of shots over his opponent, when playing a Parish Spiel. There being no other business before the meeting it adjourned.

[signed] J. Hetheron P. L.

Lochmaben 11th November 1840

The annual meeting of the Curling Society met.

Present James Graham, Benjamin Beattie, James Austin, J. Hetheron, John Johnstone, Thomas Johnstone, John Jardine, John Thorburn, John Watt, John Galloway, Thomas Johnstone, James Graham in the Chair. The following Gentlemen were then duly elected office bearers for the ensuing year – Skippers, Messrs. Benjamin Beattie, Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate, John Watt, Thomas Johnstone, Blackriggs, leaving Hightae and Barras Boards to elect their own skippers. Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate, Preses and J. Hetherington Secy. There being no other business before the meeting it adjourned.

[signed] Thomas Johnstone

This year the frost began about the middle of December and our Medal was played for on the 24th - 25th - 26th Dec. The game stood as follows:

First Day

Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate	21	George Richardson	11
John Watt	21	Benjamin Beattie	19
John Henderson, Hightae	21	David Beck	13

Second Day

Messrs. Thomas Johnstone Senior	21	J. Watt	12
Thomas Johnstone Junior	21	J. Henderson, Hightae	15

Third Day

Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg	21	Won the Medal
Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate	3	

This last day the ice was excellent and our Preses who had won the Medal for two years fell before his eldest son who was newly elected Skipper, this being his first appearance in that Capacity.

The Curlers of Lochmaben challenged those of Dumfries. And the Bonspiel was played on the Sand Loch on Monday the 28th December. The day was good – and the ice fine. Dumfries decidedly victorious. The Game stood as follows:

John Watt	19	Mr Mc. Burnie	21
Benjamin Beattie	7	Mr Henderson	21
Mr Johnstone, Thorniewhate	21	Mr Robson	17
T. Johnstone, Blackrigg	9	Mr Edgar	21
John Henderson, Hightae	8	Mr Crombie Preses	21
David Beck	21	[blank]	16
George Richardson, Hightae	<u>14</u>	Thomas Harkness	<u>19</u>
	99		<u>136</u>

Mr Beck gained the Spiel Medal.

The Curlers of Kirkmichael challenged those of Lochmaben and the spiel was played on Broomhill Loch on Saturday the 9th Jan. 1841. Victory on the side of Lochmaben.

The day was good and the ice fine.

John Watt	21	Mr Wightman Secy.	8
Benjamin Beattie	21	Mr Johnstone, Cumbrue	15
Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg	20	Mr Bell, [?Merkland]	21
Mr Johnstone Preses	21	Mr Farish, Kirkland	15
David Beck	21	Mr Lyon Preses	10
George Richardson, Hightae	21	Mr Smith, Dalfibble	16
J. Henderson, Hightae	<u>21</u>	Mr Dinwoodie, [?Townhead]	<u>16</u>
	146		101

Mr Watt gained the Spiel Medal.

The Curlers of Dryfesdale and Lochmaben met on Broomhill Loch on Tuesday the 19th January the day was fine the ice keen and tho the Lads O Dryfe fought like men, they fell before the sons of Marjory – the game stood as follows:

Thomas Johnstone Preses	21	Mr Furness	6
John Watt	21	Richard Hetherington	12
Benjamin Beattie	21	Mr Shankland	13
Thomas Johnstone	21	Mr Waugh	14

David Beck	21	Mr Bryden	20
George Richardson	21	Mr Black	19
John Henderson	<u>21</u>	Mr Johnstone	[<i>blank</i>]
	147		84

Mr Johnstone Preses gained the Spiel Medal.

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1841

The annual Meeting of the Curling Society met, present, Messrs. John Moffat, Hightae, John Henderson, George Richardson, James Graham, John Lawder, Benjamin Beattie, George Dobie, James Austin, Thomas Johnstone, J. Hetherton, Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate, George Roddick, George Johnstone, John Watt.

Mr Johnstone of Thorniewhate in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected office bearers for the ensuing year. Skippers Messrs. Benjamin Beattie, Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate, John Watt, Thomas Johnstone, David Beck, John Lawder, John Moffat, Hightae, John Henderson. Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate, Preses, John Moffat vice Preses, J. Hetherton Secretary, and James Austin Treasurer. The Meeting agreed to send a deputation to the Brucians,^[10] when John Watt and John Moffat were sent to ask them if they were willing to join the Parish Players with a Board at every parish spiel, they expressed their entire willing, the meeting then agreed to adopt the following plan of playing for the Medal, that 4 Rinks shall play against 4 and the 4 losing Rinks shall play in the following manner, that the losing rink having the greatest number of shots shall meet the best winner and the same to be continued till the whole be plaid [*sic*] and the Rink having the greatest number of shotts [*sic*] shall be declared the winner of the Medal, at the end of 2 days. There being no other business before the meeting it adjourned.

[signed] Thomas Johnstone

This year the frost began about the 1st of January 1842. But owing to a fall of snow our lochs were unplayable, so much so that we could not welcome the Gentlemen of Kirkmichael on the day agreed to meet them. We then played for our Medal agreeable to our resolution on the 11th Nov.

January 18th – The game stood as follows:

	First Day		
Benjamin Beattie	8	David Beck	21
John Watt	15	Thomas Johnstone	21
John Lawder	11	Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg	21
John Moffat, Hightae	18	John Henderson, Hightae	21

Second Day
21st January

David Beck	11	Mr Moffat	21
John Watt	21	Thomas Johnstone	12
Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate	21	John Lawder	19
John Henderson	21	Benjamin Beattie	15

J. Henderson gained the Medal having won 9 shotts during the 2 games.

A Challenge was sent to Tinwald on Saturday the 29th January 1842 and was accepted. Their ice was good and the spiel terminated in favour of Lochmaben.

Benjamin Beattie	21	William Barton	13
John Watt	21	Mr Gibbson	16
Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate	13	D. Crichton	13
Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg	21	Mr Thomson, Parkburn	9
Rev. Thomas Marjorybanks	18	Mr Bell, Amisfield	21
John Henderson, Hightae	21	Mr Laurie	5
John Lawder	<u>21</u>	Mr Mouncey	<u>14</u>
	136		91

A Bonspiel was also played between Lochmaben and Dumfries on the Sand Loch, the next day, which unfortunately turned out a very unfavourable one. Many of the rinks did not finish their games and almost the whole of Lochmaben players were unable to play over the hog score. Dumfries won easy.

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1842

The annual meeting of the Lochmaben Curling Society
met in the Town Hall.

Present Messrs. John Moffat, Thomas Johnstone Senior, Thomas Johnstone Junior, George Carlisle, George Johnstone, David Beck, D. Bell, Benjamin Beattie, John Beck, Peter Imrie, William Graham, George Wells, James Thomson, James Baird, David Irving, Joseph Harkness, Edward Thomson, Robert Thomson, James Bryden, Robert Davidson, J. Henderson, J. Lawder, Thomas Ferguson, Thomas Johnstone, Will Craig, George Dobbie, John Steel, George Roddick, John Richardson, J. Hetheron, B. Beattie, John Watt, George Morrison, John Galloway, Mathew Carruthers, James Bell. Thomas Johnstone Senior in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were then duly elected by Ballot office bearers for the ensuing year; Andrew Johnstone Esq., of Halleaths, President, Messrs. George Carlyle, Thomas Johnstone Snr., John Watt, Thomas Johnstone Jnr., John Lawder, John Moffat, John Henderson, David Beck, Skippers. Thomas Johnstone Deputy

President, John Moffat Vice President, J. Hetherton Secretary, and David Black Treasurer. A Committee consisting of the whole of the Skippers, to manage the business of the Society during the season, three to be a quorum for the purpose of defraying incidental expenses. It was unanimously agreed that each skipper shall pay the treasurer 2/ this year to be collected from their respective Boards, there being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

[signed] John Moffat

1843

This year the frost began about the 1st of January. But there was little or no playing till the 16th February when the Medal was keenly contested for on Broom Hill Loch, the day was fine and the ice keen, the result was as follows:

1st Game

Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg	21	T. Johnstone, Thorniewhate	12
John Lawder, Templand Village	21	J. Watt, Lochmaben	14
George Carlisle, Lochbank	21	J. Henderson, Hightae	14
David Beck, Lochside	21	J. Moffat, Hightae	14

2nd Game

Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg	21	John Watt	12
Thomas Johnstone, Thorniewhate	21	J. Lawder	15
John Moffat, Hightae	19	George Carlisle	18
David Beck, Lochside	16	J. Henderson	14

Thomas Johnstone of Blackrigg having gained the Medal by a majority of 10 shotts.

[signed] John Moffat

Lochmaben 11th November 1843
The Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben
Curling Society met in the Town Hall.

Present Messrs. John Moffat, Peter Imrie, Benjamin Beattie, George Dobbie, William Kelton, George Carlyle, William Beattie, Joseph Harkness, John Beck, William Robson, William Craig, Thomas Johnstone, Thomas Fairgray, John Lawder, Edward Thomson, John Watt, James Bryden, William Graham, James Watt, David Johnstone, James Brockie, William Davidson, David Rogerson, James Baird, John Wright, David Bell.

John Moffat Esq., in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected – Messrs. George Carlyle, Thomas Johnstone Junior, James Austin, Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, John Lawder, John Moffat, John Henderson, David Beck, Andrew Johnstone Esq., Halleaths, President, Thomas Johnstone Esq. Deputy, John Moffat Esq. Vice President, J. Hetherton Secretary & David Beck Treasurer. The Skippers and Presidents to manage the business of the Society during the Season. It was agreed that when the Medal is played for the rink which falls lowest, shall stand out, at first parish spiel and the rink that is lowest at first spiel shall stand out also & so on, according to the number of spiels played.

[signed] John Moffat

Lochmaben 11th November 1844
The Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben Curling Society
was held in the Town Hall.

Present Messrs. John Moffat, James Austin, William Beattie, George Carlyle, William Robson, George Dobbie, J. Hetherton, John Watt, David Rogerson, John Beck, John Johnstone, Thomas Johnstone, William Kelton, John Lawder, William Craig, Thomas Fairgray, James Bryden, Thomas Johnstone, Benjamin Beattie, John Thorburn, James Brockie. Mr Moffat in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected Skippers, George Carlyle, Thomas Johnstone Senior, James Austin, Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, John Lawder, John Moffat, John Henderson, David Beck. Andrew Johnstone, Halleaths, President, Thomas Johnstone Senior Deputy *Ditto*, John Moffat Vice *Ditto*, J. Hetherton Secretary, and David Beck Treasurer. The Meeting then agreed that a subscription of 6d each player, shall be entered into, to purchase a Medal, to be Competed for Single Handed, the manner of playing for it shall be left to a Committee, who shall be authorized to purchase a Medal, and secure subscriptions to it. The Committee to consist of all the Skippers.

It is understood that none shall play for this medal, but those who have actually paid their subscriptions, should there be surplus money after the Medal is paid for, such money is to be handed to the Treasurer for behoof of the society.

Their being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Medal played for on the 12th & 13th Dec. Halleaths Loch.

1st Day

Mr Moffat	21	Mr Johnstone Senior	7
Mr James Austin	21	Mr John Henderson	20

Mr Thomas Johnstone	21	Mr John Lawder	14
Mr David Beck	21	Mr George Carlyle	11

2nd Day

Mr Moffat	21	Mr John Henderson	16
Mr George Carlyle	21	Mr Thomas Johnstone	10
Mr Lawder	21	Mr Beck	10

Mr Austin & Mr Johnstone did not play.
Mr Moffat having gained 19 secured the Medal.

A Challenge was given by us and accepted by the curlers of Dumfries, they met on Auchen Crief Loch on Monday the 16th Dec. The ice was too weak and the spiel was dropped by mutual consent. It was however resumed on the 26th Dec. Thursday, when victory was declared in favour of Dumfries. The game was not begun anew, the Gentlemen from Dumfries having insisted in counting the shotts gained in the former day. Dumfries gained by 51 shotts.

	Shotts		Shotts
Mr Austin	13	Mr Edgar	21
D. Beck	13	Mr Halliday	21
J. Lawder	0	Mr Thomas Halliday	21
Mr Moffat	21	Mr Bell	13
J. Henderson	21	Locharbriggs	19
T. Johnstone, Blackrigg	0	Mr Dickie	21
Mr Carlyle	<u>18</u>	Mr Anderson	<u>21</u>
	86		137

Our Curlers accepted a Challenge from the Curlers of Torthorwald, with 7 rinks, which was played on the Broomhill Loch on Friday the 27th December. The game terminated as follows in favour of Lochmaben by 51 shotts:

Mr Austin	21	Mr [?]	11
Mr Moffat	21	Mr Smith	11
Mr Henderson	21	Mr Potter	8
David Beck	21	Mr Little	15
John Lawder	21	Mr Swan	17
Thomas Johnstone	21	Mr [?]	11
Mr Carlyle	<u>19</u>	Mr Grierson	<u>21</u>
	145		94

A Challenge from the Curlers of Tinwald was played on the Broom Hill Loch on Monday the 30th Dec. 1844. A well contested game – victory was declared in favour of Old Margery by 4 shotts.

Mr Moffat	21	Mr Crichton	13
Mr Henderson	21	Mr Gillis	16
Mr Carlyle	21	Mr Edgar	18
Mr Lawder	21	Mr Glendinning	16
Mr Austin	20	Mr Barton	21
Mr Johnstone, Blackrigg	18	Mr Thomson	21
Mr Bell	<u>8</u>	Mr Haining	<u>21</u>
	130		126

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Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1845
The Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben
Curling Society met in the Town Hall.

Present Messrs. William Robertson, Benjamin Beattie, George Carlyle, William Frazer, John Richardson, J. Austin, James Watt, Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, David Rogerson, Provost Thomson, J. Lawder, James Bryden, William Craig, Thomas Fairgray, William Kelton, William Beattie, James Brockie, J. Hetherton, George Roddick, Richard Lesley, James Richardson, John Richardson, G. Dobbie, John Johnstone.

Thomas Johnstone Esq. Blackrigg in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected Office Bearers. Andrew Johnstone Esq. of Halleaths President, Thomas Johnstone Esq., Thorniwhate, Deputy, John Moffat Esq., Preston House, Vice *Ditto*, David Beck Treasurer, & J. Hetherton Secretary. Messrs. George Carlyle, Thomas Johnstone, Thorniwhate, James Austin, Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, William Craig, John Moffat, George Roddick & David Beck, Skippers. The Meeting then resolved that on the Annual elections, every Skipper must be present, or some person to act for them, there being no other business, the meeting then adjourned.

[signed] T. Johnstone

Season 1845 & no Ice
& no
Curling

[signed] J.H

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1846
 The Annual Meeting of the Curling Society
 of Lochmaben took place, in
 Mr James Austin's Lounge Room^[11]

Present Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, John Lawder, John Moffat, George Carlyle, George Roddick, J. Johnstone, William Craig, Richard Lesley, James Richardson, David Rogerson, James Richardson, Benjamin Thomson, John Richardson, Thomas Imrie, James Austin, John Beck, Robert Milligan, John Beattie, Alexander Lister, John Frazer, David Moffat, Mathew Carruthers, George Dobbie, James Brockie, William Kelton, J. Watt, J. Bryden, John Lawson, James Watt, Benjamin Beattie, and J. Hetherton.

John Moffat Esq. Preston House in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected by Ballot as office bearers for the ensuing year: Andrew Johnstone Esquire, of Halleaths, President, John Moffat Esq. Deputy, John Watt Vice *Ditto*, David Beck Treasurer, and J. Hetherton Secretary. Skippers Messrs. George Carlyle, John Lawder, James Austin, Thomas Johnstone of Blackrigg, William Craig, Benjamin Thomson, John Moffat & George Roddick, there being no other business before the meeting, it adjourned.

[signed] John Moffat Dep. P.

The Parish Medal was played for on the Castle Loch on Saturday the 12th December 1846.

The Game stood as follows:

First Day

James Austin	21	John Moffat	18
George Carlyle	21	John Lawder	17
Thomas Johnstone	21	George Roddick	20
Ben Thomson	21	William Craig	19

Second Day

James Austin	21	William Craig	5
George Roddick	21	George Carlyle	17
John Lawder	21	Thomas Johnstone	8
Ben Thomson	18	John Moffat	18

Mr Austin thus gaining by 10 Shots and entitled to the Medal for Campaign 1846. Both days were good and keen ice and all the games played with dexterity.

The Curlers of Dryfesdale was challenged by those of Lochmaben and they met on Broom Hill Loch on Tuesday the 15th December and after a friendly game on keen

ice, the Bonspiel was declared for Old Margery by 27 shots.

Dryfesdale		Lochmaben	
Mr Bryden Senior	12	Mr Carlyle	17
Mr Shankland	17	Mr Moffat	21
Mr J. Moffat	7	Mr Lawder	21
Mr Bryden Junior	21	Mr B. Thomson	13
Mr Farish	19	Mr Thomas Johnstone	21
Mr Waugh	15	Mr Austin	21
Mr Turner	<u>17</u>	Mr G. Roddick	<u>21</u>
	108		135

A Challenge was accepted by the Curlers of Dumfries and a spiel was played on Auchen Crief Loch on the 18th December Friday, victory declared for Dumfries 16 shots.

Dumfries		Lochmaben	
Mr Clark	21	Mr Austin	19
Mr Edgar	21	J. Lawder	3
Mr Crombie	21	W. Craig	7
Mr Houston	11	T. Johnstone	21
Thomas Halliday	21	G. Carlyle	13
Robert Bell	10	G. Roddick	21
Mr Dickie	<u>16</u>	Mr Moffat	<u>21</u>
	121		103

The day was favourable till afternoon when a thaw came on and made the ice drugg.

The Curlers of Tinwald and Lochmaben met on the Castle Loch on [date left blank] when after a keen contest on keen ice Old Marjory's warriors gained by 44 shots.

Lochmaben		Tinwald	
Messrs. George Carlyle	21	Messrs. Barton	16
Thomas Johnstone	21	James Jardine	6
Benjamin Thomson	21	Johnstone Wright	9

James Austin	21	M. Bell	18
George Roddick	21	M. Crichton	14
William Craig	18	W. Haining	21
John Moffat	<u>21</u>	M. Thomson	<u>16</u>
	144		100

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1847

The annual election of the Lochmaben Curling Society
was held in Mr Austin's Kings Arms Inn.

Benjamin Thomson in the Chair.

Present Messrs. Mathew Carruthers, W. Craig, William Bryden, James Thomson, David Johnstone, James Brockie, William Kelton, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Thomas Rae, John Galloway, James Austin, Alex. Lester, John Beck, J. Steel Johnstone, John Beck, J. Lawder, James Richardson, Archibald Richardson, James Richardson, Joseph Harkness, James Watt, Benjamin Beattie, John Lawson, George Dobbie, Thomas Imrie, William Frazer, David Beck, Thomas Johnstone, J. Hetherton, J. Watt, David Moffat, Provost Thomson, John Moffat. When the following Gentlemen were unanimously re-elected, President Andrew Johnstone Esquire of Halleaths, Deputy John Moffat Esquire Preston House, Vice Mr John Watt, Mr David Beck Treasurer and J. Hetherton Secretary. Skippers Messrs. John Lawder, James Austin, William Craig, Benjamin Thomson, John Moffat, & By Ballot Messrs. W. Kelton, Thomas Kirkpatrick and James Richardson, Heck. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

On the Castle Loch

The Curling Society's Medal was played for in the end of January 1848 when Mr Craig and his men gained it. The Game stood as follows:

Mr Austin	21	Mr Moffat	12
Mr Lawder	21	Mr Kirkpatrick	19
Provost Thomson	21	Mr Richardson	19
Mr Craig	21	Mr Kelton	18

Second Game

Mr Richardson	21	Mr Austin	12
Mr Moffat	21	Provost Thomson	17
Mr Lawder	21	Mr Kelton	10
Mr Craig	21	Mr Kirkpatrick	9

The ice was covered with snow and not very keen.

Lochmaben 10th Nov. 1848
 The annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Society
 was held in the Lower Hall.

Mr John Watt in the Chair.

Present Messrs. William Beattie, James Watt, A. Lister, William Fraser, James Watt, William Kelton, James Brockie, Thomas Johnstone, William Craig, Mathew Carruthers, John Lawder, Arch. Richardson, John Lawson, James Dixon, Thomas Johnstone, John Watt, George Dobbie, David Bell, Duncan Imrie, James Richardson, James Richardson, Matthew Rae, Robert Milligan, David Jardine, John Beck, John Thorburn, Robert Wright, Joseph Harkness, Thomas Rae, David Johnstone, William Johnstone, Thomas Kirkpatrick, B. Beattie, William Bryden, John Johnstone, John Smith, when the following Gentlemen was unanimously elected, President Andrew Johnstone Esq. of Halleaths, Deputy John Moffat Esq. of Preston House, Vice John Watt, Lochmaben, Mr David Beck Treasurer, and James Austin Secretary. Skippers Messrs. John Lawder, William Fraser, William Craig, Provost Thomson, John Moffat, William Kelton, Thomas Johnstone, James Richardson.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

[signed] John Watt

The Parish Medal was played for on the Castle and Kirk Loch on Friday and Saturday 5th & 6th January 1849.

The Game stood as follows:

First day Castle Loch

William Fraser	21	Provost Thomson	16
William Kelton	21	William Craig	9
Thomas Johnstone	21	James Richardson	14
John Lawder	21	John Moffat	19

Second day Kirk Loch

William Fraser	21	James Richardson	16
William Kelton	21	John Moffat	15
Thomas Johnstone	21	Provost Thomson	10
John Lawder	21	William Craig	16

William Kelton & Thomas Johnstone tied for it both being 60 shots.

Our Curlers accepted a Challenge from the Curlers of Dryfsedale with 7 Rinks which was played on the Castle Loch on Thursday 4th January and after a friendly Game on watery ice the Bonspiel was declared for Old Marjory by 30 shots.

Lochmaben		Dryfesdale	
Provost Thomson	21	Mr Douglas	4
Mr Fraser	21	Mr Bryden	11
Mr John Lawder	21	Mr Carlisle	12
Mr Richardson	21	Mr Waugh	17
Mr Johnstone	20	Mr Shankland	14
Mr Moffat	16	Mr Moffat	17
Mr Kelton	<u>6</u>	Mr Bryden	<u>21</u>
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Lochmaben 12th Nov. 1849

The Annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Society
was held in the Town Hall.

John Lawder Chairman.

Present Messrs. D. Bell, Robert Thomson, Robert Jardine, D. Johnstone, W. Fraser, Thomas Johnstone, James Richardson, George Johnstone, George Dobie, W. Kelton, John Beck, J. Johnstone, Will Halbert, John Lawson, Thomas [?Pherson], John Lawder, James Richardson, R. Babbie, Matthew Rae, J. Johnstone, Thomas Imrie, Provost Thomson, James Austin, B. Beattie, James Anderson, D. Smith, James Brockie, Thomas Johnstone, D. Wright, James Corrie, Will Bryden, W. Craig, D. Jardine, D. Sanders, Thomas Gillespie, W. Ershman, Robert White, James Watt, John Moffat, when the following Gentlemen were unanimously re-elected, Andrew Johnstone Esq. of Halleaths, President, John Moffat Esq. Preston House, Vice, & John Watt Deputy. D. Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary. Skippers John Lawder, Will Fraser, Will Craig, Provost Thomson, John Moffat, Will Kelton, Thomas Johnstone, James Richardson.

There being no other business before the meeting, it adjourned.

The Parish Medal was played for on the Castle Loch on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th January 1850. The Game stood as follows:

1st Day	William Craig	21	Provost Thomson	7
	William Kelton	21	James Richardson	9
	Thomas Johnstone	21	Will Fraser	11
	John Moffat	21	John Lawder	14

2nd Day	John Moffat	21	Provost Thomson	9
	John Lawder	21	Will Craig	8
	William Fraser	21	Will Kelton	15
	Thomas Johnston	21	James Richardson	18

Mr Moffat thus gaining by 6 shots the Medal for 1850 the ice good both days & keen.

Our Curlers accepted a Challenge from the Curlers of Dryfesdale with 7 Rinks which was played on the Castle Loch on Saturday the 12th January and after a keen & friendly Game on hard keen ice the spiel was declared for Old Marjory by 2 shots.

Lochmaben		Dryfesdale		
Messrs.	Thomas Johnstone	21	Messrs. David Dobie	16
	John Moffat	21	William C. Farish	18
	Will Fraser	21	William Johnstone	19
	John Lawder	21	Douglas	20
	Will Craig	21	William Blake	20
	James Richardson	17	Moffat	21
	William Kelton	<u>15</u>	Joseph Bryden	<u>21</u>
		137		135

The Curlers of Dumfries and the Curlers of Lochmaben met on Auchen Crieff Lochan on Monday 14th January 1850 when after a keen contested Game Dumfries gained by 20 shots.

Dumfries		Lochmaben		
Messrs.	Robert Bell	21	Messrs. William Craig	2
	William Edgar	21	William Fraser	10
	Halliday	21	John Moffat	17
	Clark	18	Provost Thomson	18
	Dickie	21	James Richardson	18
	Crombie	12	John Lawder	21
	Houston	<u>14</u>	William Kelton	<u>21</u>
		128		107

The Curlers of Tinwald and the Curlers of Lochmaben met on the Castle Loch on Friday 18th January when Old Marjorie came of victorious [*sic*] by 40 shots.

Lochmaben		Tinwald		
Messrs.	John Lawder	21	Messrs. Gillison	9
	Will Fraser	21	William Barton	11
	Will Kelton	21	David Creighton	13
	Provost Thomson	21	Johnstone Wright	14

James Richardson	21	James Thomson	15
Thomas Johnstone	21	James Jardine	15
John Moffat	<u>11</u>	John Haining	<u>21</u>
	137		97

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1850
The Annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Society
was held in the Town Hall.

Benjamin Thomson Chairman.

Present Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, John Smith, Matthew Carruthers, Duncan Imrie, George Dobie, James Proudfoot, John Brockie, Robert Wells, Archie Richardson, Robert Wright, Thomas Imrie, John Beck, James Richardson, Will Richardson, Thomas Richardson, James Austin, Will Kelton, Will Bryden, Matthew Rae, Will Halbert, Thomas Johnstone, Will Beattie, John Watt, Robert Babbie, Will Fraser, Benjamin Thomson, John Galloway, D. Bell, John Lawder, John Johnstone, J. Richardson, Benjamin Beattie, John Moffat, Thomas Grierson. The following Gentlemen were then duly elected by Ballot for Office Bearers for the ensuing year – Andrew Johnstone Esq., of Halleaths, President, John Moffat, Esq. Prestonhouse, Vice, John Watt Deputy, David Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary. There was a motion made to reduce the number of players from 8 in each Rink to 4 and to play two stones each which came to a vote 9 for & 26 against.

Skippers John Lawder, William Fraser, William Craig, Benjamin Thomson, John Moffat, William Kelton, Thomas Johnstone, James Richardson.

[signed] Benjamin Thomson

Season 1850 No Ice.

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1851
The Annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Club^[12]
was held in the Town Hall.

Benjamin Thomson Chairman.

Present Messrs. D. Bell, R. Jardine, D. Johnstone, Will Fraser, Thomas Johnstone, J. Richardson, George Dobie, J. Beck, J. Johnstone, William Halbert, John Lawson, John Lawder, J. Richardson, R. Babbie, M. Rae, J. Johnstone, J. Imrie, B. Thomson, D. Austin, B. Beattie, J. Brockie, T. Johnstone, W. Bryden, W. Craig, D. Jardine, D. Sanders, W. Ershman, Robert White, J. Watt, when the following Gentlemen were unanimously re-elected – Andrew Johnstone Esq. President, John Moffat Esq. Vice, &

John Watt Deputy, D. Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary. Skippers John Lawder, Will Fraser, Will Craig, R. Babbie, John Moffat, William Bryden, Thomas Johnstone, J. Richardson. There being no other business before the meeting it adjourned.

[signed] Benjamin Thomson

The Medal was played for on the 5th & 6th December 1851 and after a hard contest it was won by Mr John Lawder's rink.

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1852

The Annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Society
was held in the Town Hall

Present Messrs. B. Beattie, J. Henderson, D. Bell, D. Jardine, Thomas Johnstone, R. Jardine, J. Richardson, J. Grieve, W. Richardson, J. Lawder, W. Ershman, W. Craig, G. Dobie, J. Boyd, J. Harkness, John Beck, Thomas Johnstone, J. Johnstone, J. Richardson, J. Watt, G. Johnstone, R. Babbie, J. Johnstone, W. Beattie, J. Smith, R. Wright, W. Bell, A. Richardson, J. Beck, B. Thomson, J. Johnstone, when the following Gentlemen were unanimously elected – Andrew Johnstone Esq., Halleaths, President, Mr Benjamin Thomson Vice, John Watt Deputy, David Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary, Skippers Messrs. John Lawder, Will Craig, Will Bryden, Thomas Johnstone, James Richardson, Benjamin Thomson, Robert Babbie, George Johnstone.

[signed] Benjamin Thomson C M

The Parish Medal was played for on the Broomhill Loch on the 14th & 15th of February 1853 when the Games stood as follows:

First Day

Messrs.	B. Thomson	21	William Bryden	1
	R. Babbie	21	Will Craig	6
	G. Johnstone	21	James Richardson	13
	J. Lawder	21	Thomas Johnstone	18

Second Day

	B. Thomson	21	Thomas Johnstone	11
	James Richardson	21	Robert Babbie	9
	John Lawder	21	Will Bryden	16
	William Craig	15	George Johnstone	13

Mr Thomson thus gaining the Medal by a majority of 22 over the rink nearest them & 55 shots over the lowest.

The Curlers of Tinwald met the Curlers of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch on Thursday 3rd March with 56 players a side and after a hard fought Battle the Game stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Tinwald	
Messrs.	Thomas Johnstone	21	James Thomson	3
	B. Thomson	21	James Laurie	10
	J. Lawder	21	Thomas Hiddleston	20
	James Richardson	21	Johnstone Wright	15
	William Craig	20	James Jardine	16
	George Johnstone	0	William Barton	21
	Robert Babbie	<u>19</u>	John Gillison	<u>21</u>
		123		106

The Curlers of Dryfesdale met the Curlers of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch on Tuesday the 8th March with 56 players a side and after a hard fought Battle the Game stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Dryfesdale	
Messrs.	B. Thomson	21	William Black	0
	James Richardson	21	David Dobie	2
	William Bryden	17	Francis Moffat	4
	John Lawder	10	John Smith	6
	William Craig	7	Gladstone	14
	Thomas Johnstone	4	G. McDowal	4
	Robert Babbie (absent)	<u>0</u>	R. Douglas	<u>21</u>
		80		51

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1853
The Annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Club
was held in the Town Hall.

When the following members were present –

Messrs. John Moffat, George Johnstone, James Austin, J. Johnstone, J. Lawder, J. Bryden, J. Johnstone, J. Cranston, B. Beattie, B. Thomson, J. Brockie, J. Lawder, D. Bell, J. Smith, W. Robertson, G. Dobie, W. Imrie, D. Imrie. John Moffat Chair. When the following Gentlemen were unanimously Elected – Andrew Johnstone Esq. President, Benjamin Thomson Vice, D. Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary. Skips, John Lawder, B. Thomson, James Richardson, Thomas Johnstone, W. Bryden, J. Moffat, George Johnstone, Thomas Kilpatrick.

[signed] Mr Moffat. Pp.

The Parish Medal was played for on the Castle Loch on 31st December 1853 & 2nd January 1854 when the Games stood as follows:

First Day

Messrs.	George Johnstone	21	John Moffat	6
	James Richardson	21	Thomas Kilpatrick	9
	Thomas Johnstone	21	B. Thomson	19
	Will Bryden	21	John Lawder	19

Second Day

B. Thomson	21	George Johnstone	7
James Richardson	21	John Lawder	14
Thomas Johnstone	21	Thomas Kirkpatrick [<i>sic</i>]	19
Will Bryden	21	John Moffat	19

Mr James Richardson thus gaining the Medal by a majority of 8 shots over the Rink nearest him & 38 shots over the lowest.

The Curlers of Dryfesdale met the Curlers of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch on Thursday 5th January 1854 with 56 players a side when the Game stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Dryfesdale	
Messrs.	Thomas Kilpatrick	21	J. Moffat	7
	B. Thomson	21	J. Smith	8
	Thomas Johnstone	21	Donaldson	12
	James Richardson	13	Gladstone	21
	George Johnstone	10	C. Maxwell	21
	John Lawder	9	D. Dobie	21
	Will Bryden	4	W. Black	21
		<u>90</u> ^[13]		<u>111</u>

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Dumfries on the Auchencrief Loch on Saturday 7th January 1854 with 56 players a side when victory was gained by Dumfries.

The Curlers of Tinwald met the Curlers of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch on Thursday 12th January 1854 when after a keen Game the Rinks stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Tinwald	
Messrs.	Thomas Kirkpatrick	21	James Thomson	3
	John Moffat	21	James Gillespie	3
	James Richardson	21	D. Creighton	10
	B. Thomson	21	J. Jardine	13
	Thomas Johnstone	21	W. Baxter	15

John Lawder	21	Creighton	10
George Johnstone	<u>17</u>	Thomas Hiddleston	<u>21</u>
	143		75

Majority for Lochmaben 68 shots.

Lochmaben 11th Nov. 1854
The Annual Election of the Lochmaben Curling Club
was held in the Town Hall
when the following members was present.

Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, James Richardson, Robert Babbie, George Dobie, John Moffat, James Austin, John Johnstone, William Beattie, John Johnstone, Thomas Grieve, Robert Fergusson, Thomas Johnstone, George Johnstone, John Richardson, B. Thomson, B. Beattie, M. Imrie, D. Imrie, M. Carruthers, R. Waugh, W. Smith, John Johnstone, D. Beck, Thomas Imrie, John Moffat Chairman. When the following Gentlemen were elected – Andrew Johnstone Esq. President, Benjamin Thomson Vice, D. Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary. Skips John Lawder, Ben Thomson, James Richardson, Thomas Johnstone, William Bryden, John Moffat, George Johnstone, Thomas Kirkpatrick.

[signed] Jno. Moffat. Pp.

The Parish Medal was played for on the Kirk Loch on 30th & 31st January 1855 when the Games stood as under –

First Day

Messrs.	Moffat	21	Thomas Johnstone	8
	James Richardson	21	John Lawder	8
	Thomas Kilpatrick	21	George Johnstone	17
	Benjamin Thomson	21	William Bryden	18

Second Day

Messrs.	John Moffat	21	William Bryden	10
	Benjamin Thomson	21	Thomas Johnstone	13
	T. Kilpatrick	21	J. Lawder	14
	G. Johnstone	21	J. Richardson	18

Mr Moffat thus gaining the medal.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Dryfesdale at Lockerby on the 1st February 1855 when the Game stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Dryfesdale	
Messrs.	George Johnstone	21	W. Black	14
	James Richardson	21	J. Moffat	17
	Will Bryden	20	W. Graham	21
	J. Lawder	15	Douglas	21
	J. Moffat	10	Maxwell	21
	T. Kilpatrick	10	D. Dobie	21
	B. Thomson	<u>8</u>	A. Smith	<u>21</u>
		105		136

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Tinwald on the Castle Loch the 10th February 1855 when after a Keen Game on hard ice the rinks stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Tinwald	
Messrs.	T. Kilpatrick	21	Johnstone Wright	10
	George Johnstone	21	A. Hiddleston	11
	W. Bryden	21	W. Barton	11
	J. Richardson	21	J. Jardine	17
	Thomas Johnstone	21	D. Creighton	13
	J. Moffat	21	J. Thomson	19
	J. Lawder	<u>20</u>	J. Hiddleston	<u>21</u>
		146		102

Majority for Lochmaben 44 shots.

The Curlers of Applegarth met the curlers of Lochmaben on the Castle Loch on the 15th February 1855 after a hard fought Battle on good ice the Rinks stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Applegarth	
Messrs.	B. Thomson	21	Matthew Carruthers	7
	J. Johnstone	21	G. H. Johnstone	10
	J. Richardson	21	A. Jardine	12
	G. Johnstone	21	J. Jardine	12
	T. Kilpatrick	21	Little	14
	J. Moffat	21	Sanders	20
	Will. Bryden	<u>15</u>	J. Brockie	<u>21</u>
		141		96

Majority for Lochmaben 45 shots.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Dumfries on the Auchencrieff Loch on the 17th February 1855 on hard good ice when the rink stood as follows:

Lochmaben			Dumfries		
Messrs.	James Richardson	21	Messrs.	Dickie	6
	B. Thomson	21		Halliday	11
	G. Johnstone	21		Goodall	16
	T. Kilpatrick	21		Broatch	17
	J. Lawder	21		Thomson	20
	T. Johnstone	12		R. Bell	21
	J. Moffat	<u>10</u>		Edgar	<u>21</u>
		127			112

Majority for Lochmaben 15 shots.

Lochmaben 12th Nov. 1855

The Annual meeting of the Lochmaben Curling Club
was held in the Town Hall.

When the following members was present – Messrs. J. Moffat, B. Thomson, S. Dinwoodie, J. Johnstone, W. Lawder, J. Johnstone, W. Carruthers, A. Richardson, M. Carruthers, W. Harkness, T. Johnstone, B. Beattie, J. Halliday, W. Beattie, R. Jardine, W. Craig, G. Brockie, M. Imrie, D. Imrie, J. Clark, Thomas Johnstone, J. Richardson, Capt. Glover, George Johnstone, J. Beck, J. Baird, J. Steel, J. Smith, J. Johnstone, T. Johnstone, G. Johnstone, R. Waugh, George Johnstone, Broomhill, Chairman.

The following Gentlemen were elected Office Bearers for the ensuing season – A. Johnstone Esq. President, B. Thomson Vice, D. Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary. Skips John Lawson, B. Thomson, James Richardson, Thomas Johnstone, Robert Jardine, John Moffat, George Johnstone, Thomas Kirkpatrick.

The Medal was played for on Thursday 13th December & 14th when the Rinks stood as follows:

George Johnstone	21	Robert Jardine	11
B. Thomson	21	James Richardson	15
J. Lawson	21	John Moffat	15
T. Johnstone	Bye		

2nd Day

George Johnstone	21	John Lawson	11
B. Thomson	21	Thomas Johnstone	12

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B. Thomson	21	George Johnstone	9
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Provost Thomson's Rink thus gaining the Medal.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the curlers of Dryfesdale at Lockerby on Tuesday 15th January 1856 when the Game stood as follows:

	Lochmaben		Lockerbie	
Messrs.	Thomas Johnstone	21	John Dobie	7
	George Johnstone	21	Will Black	10
	J. Moffat	21	W. Dods	10
	James Richardson	21	D. Dobie	19
	John Lawson	21	R. Douglas	15
	B. Thomson	15	J. Smith	21
	R. Jardine	<u>8</u>	W. Graham	<u>21</u>
		128		103

Majority for Lochmaben 25 shots.

Lochmaben 12th Nov. 1856

The Annual Meeting of the Lochmaben Curling Club
was held in the Town Hall.

When the following members was present – Messrs. John Richardson Chairman, Benjamin Thomson, B. Beattie, Thomas Johnstone, Sam Dinwoodie, J. Lawson, G. Morrison, J. Lawder, W. Robertson, James Baird, J. Richardson, M. Carruthers, George Dobie, W. Richardson, W. Beattie, D. Imrie, J. Austin, Thomas Imrie, J. Johnstone, J. Grieve, R. Jardine, R. Waugh, when the following Gentlemen were elected Office Bearers for the ensuing Season – Andrew Johnstone Esq. President, Benjamin Thomson Vice, D. Beck Treasurer, James Austin Secretary, Skips Samuel Dinwoodie, Benjamin Thomson, James Richardson, Thomas Johnstone, Robert Jardine, John Richardson.

The Medal was played for on Tuesday 2nd December and Wednesday the 3rd when the Rinks stood as follows:

Robert Jardine	21	James Richardson	6
George Johnstone	21	Thomas Johnstone	14
Samuel Dinwoodie	21	John Richardson	18
Benjamin Thomson	Bye		

2nd Day

George Johnstone	21	Thomas Johnstone absent	[blank]
Benjamin Thomson	11	James Richardson	16

elected Office Bearers for the Season – John Johnstone Esq., Halleaths, President, William Kinross Vice President, James Austin Secretary, D. Beck Treasurer. Skips Samuel Dinwoodie, B. Thomson, James Richardson, Will Craig, George Johnstone, Dr Dickson, John Richardson, & James McMinn.

The Medal was played for on the Castle Loch the 19th & 20th December 1859 when the Rinks stood as follows:

1st Day

John Richardson	21	Samuel Dinwoodie	14
B. Thomson	21	George Johnstone	15
James McMinn	21	James Richardson	16
Dr Dickson	[blank]	William Craig	[blank]

2nd Day

Samuel Dinwoodie	21	Dr Dickson	9
James McMinn	21	George Johnstone	11
B. Thomson	21	James Richardson	16
John Richardson	21	William Craig absent	[blank]

James McMinn winning the Medal.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Dryfesdale on the Castle Loch with 56 players a side when the game stood as follows:

Messrs.	George Johnstone	21	Messrs.	A. Stewart	6
	Dr Dickson	21		J. Edgar	12
	John Richardson	21		J. Rogerson	15
	James Richardson	21		Lawson	17
	James McMinn	19		W. Dodd	21
	Benjamin Thomson	14		W. Jardine	21
	Samuel Dinwoodie	<u>8</u>		J. Smith	<u>21</u>
		125			113

Majority for Lochmaben 12.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Tinwald on the Castle Loch Monday 13th February 1860 when the Game stood as follows good ice:

Messrs.	James McMinn	21	Messrs.	Hiddleston	4
	Will Craig	21		D. Creighton	7
	George Johnstone	21		J. Barton	9
	Dr Dickson	21		J. McMinn	11
	James Richardson	21		Wright	12
	Benjamin Thomson	21		Hiddleston	18

J. Richardson	<u>17</u>	D. Dobie	<u>21</u>
	143		82

Majority for Lochmaben 61.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the curlers of Dumfries on the 16th February 1860 on bad ice when the Game stood as follows:

Messrs.	James McMinn	21	Messrs.	Edgar	8
	Dr Dickson	21		T. Lawder	10
	Samuel Dinwoodie	21		Broatch	12
	James Richardson	20		A. Latimer	21
	George Johnstone	14		N. Dickson	21
	Benjamin Thomson	9		J. Thomson	21
	William Craig	<u>8</u>		R. Bell	<u>21</u>
		114			114

Lochmaben 12th Nov. 1860

At the General Annual Meeting of the Curling Society
held this evening in the Town Hall
James McMinn of Esbie in the Chair.

Present – Messrs. James McMinn, M. Carruthers, S. Dinwoodie, W. Craig, Ben Beattie, G. Dobie, G. Johnstone, T. Anderson, James Austin, J. Harkness, G. Brockie, William Kennedy, R. White, R. Jardine, J. Ross, J. Steel, J. Irving, J. Johnstone, A. Richardson, D. Beck, J. Lauder, J. Beck, B. Thomson, William Beattie, R. Waugh, J. Baird, J. Cowden, G. Coltart, W. Smith, J. Smith.

The following were unanimously elected Office Bearers – John Johnstone Esq., Broadholm, President, James McMinn of Esbie Vice *do.*, The Reverend William Graham Chaplain, Hugh B. Currie Secretary, David Beck, Lockerbie, Treasurer.

Skippers – Samuel Dinwoodie, B. Thomson, James Richardson, William Craig, James Johnstone, John Richardson, James McMinn & the President Johnstone.

The following was drawn to compete for the Medal –

Samuel Dinwoodie	v	J. Johnstone P[resident]
B. Thomson	v	James McMinn
William Craig	v	John Richardson
James Richardson	v	James Johnstone

The above Skippers with their respective Rinks met on the Castle Loch on 25th & 26th December to play for the Medal when after a keen contest it was won by James Richardson's Rink.

The Curlers of Lochmaben and the Curlers of Lockerbie met on the Castle Loch on the 28th December for a friendly game & after a keen contest victory was declared for Lochmaben by a majority of 14 shots.

The Game stood as follows:

James Johnstone	21	V	Edgar	12
P[resident] J. Johnstone	21		Smith	12
B. Thomson	21		Schoolar	15
J. McMinn	19		Gray	21
James Richardson	12		[?Jardine]	21
S. Dinwoodie	18		Lawson	21
John Richardson	21		Dodds	17

Lochmaben 31st December 1860

The Curlers of Lochmaben & the Curlers of Tinwald met this day (Monday) on the Castle Loch and after a well contested Game Old Marjory was victorious by 37 shots. The day & ice was very fine.

The Game stood as follows:

Mr President Johnstone's Board	21	V.	Mr Hiddleston's	2
William Craig	21		A. Hiddleston	5
John Richardson	21		Dickie	9
B. Thomson	13		Barton	21
J. McMinn	17		Dobie	21
James Johnstone	21		Laurie	14
S. Dinwoodie	<u>16</u>		J. Wright	<u>21</u>
	130			93

Lochmaben Saturday 5th January 1861

On the Castle Loch this day on beautiful ice the Lochmaben Curlers met those of Dumfries and after a first rate Game, Old Marjory was again declared victor by a majority of 57 shots.

Lochmaben 11th November 1861

At the General Meeting of the Curling Society of Lochmaben held this evening.

Present

Messrs. B. Thomson, J. McMinn of Esbie, J. Austin, James Richardson, T. Anderson, James Bryden, R. White, J. Richardson, J. Lawson, James Johnstone, B. Beattie, J. Lawder, J. White, Dr Scott, R. Waugh, John Steele, D. Imrie, M. Imrie, Thomas Imrie, W. Dalgliesh, M. Carruthers, W. Smith, Joseph Harkness, G. Brockie, James Steele, D. Beck Jnr., J. Smith, *et al.*

Mr McMinn of Esbie was called to the Chair. Mr B. Thomson proposed the re-election of John Johnstone Esq., as President which was unanimously passed. And James Austin proposed Mr McMinn of Esbie for vice President which was also passed unanimously. David Beck was elected Treasurer & Hugh B. Currie Secretary. The Secretary read to the meeting a communication from the Secretary of the Curling Society of Dryfesdale in which it was stated that their Society had resolved that each player should play two stones each.

Mr B. Thomson seconded by Mr Thomas Anderson proposed that the Curlers of Lochmaben should also adopt the Two Stone principle.

Mr John Steele seconded by Mr John Beck proposed that the old system of one stone each should be continued and on the vote being taken those voted for Mr Thomson's motion 14, and for Mr Steele's 16, being 2 over Mr Thomson's motion. The following were elected Skippers – The President, Messrs. Dinwoodie, Scott, Imrie, Anderson, McMinn, D. Beck, & James Richardson.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met on Monday & Tuesday 30th & 31st December '61 to compete for their Medal when after two days' spirited competition victory was declared in favour of the rink headed by David Beck Jun.

Lochmaben Saturday 4th January 1862

A challenge having been received from the Parish of Dryfesdale, it being accepted they were met by the Lochmaben players on the above date on the Castle Loch. The day was fine & the ice good. The following was the state of the Game –

Lochmaben	V.	Dryfesdale	
President Johnstone	19	Schooler	21
David Beck	21	J. Smith	8
J. McMinn	21	G. Stewart	9
James Richardson	21	Blacklock	11
Dr Scott	21	Kerr	12
J. Anderson	21	J. Douglas	18
Duncan Imrie	<u>10</u>	Wilson	<u>21</u>
	134		100

Majority in favour Lochmaben 34.

The Curlers of Lochmaben met the Curlers of Dumfries on Tuesday 7th January at Halleaths Loch – owing to the day being so unfavourable & the badness of the ice the Game could not possibly be played out.

Lochmaben Friday 10th January 1862

The Curlers of Lochmaben and the Curlers of Tinwald met on the above date on the Castle Loch for a friendly game and after a keen contest victory was declared in favour of Lochmaben.

At a General Annual meeting of the
Curling Society of Lochmaben, held in
the Town Hall on the evening of
Wednesday 12th November 1862 at 7 o'clock.

Present,

Messrs. McMinn, Dr Scott, James Imrie Junior, David Beck, Robert White, William Bryden, John Smith, Alexander Haining, Thomas Johnstone, William Smith, John Steele, Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, G. Johnstone, James Baird, William Gibson, George Brockie, Benjamin Thomson, James Austin, Thomas Anderson, Joseph Harkness, Thomas Imrie, John Johnstone, Mason, A. Richardson, Matthew Imrie, James Johnstone, Chapelcroft, James Richardson, Heck, Bailie Jardine, S. Dinwoodie, Robert Waugh, James Steele, Matthew Carruthers, Duncan Imrie, William Dalgliesh, Samuel Smith, D. Burgess, J. Ballintyne, John Lauder, John Johnstone, Church Place, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, J. Dobie, George Morrison, John Lawson, H. B. Currie, David Halliday, Hightae, Joseph Wilson, *ditto*, – Mr James McMinn was chosen Chairman to the Meeting.

Dr Thomas Scott then proposed that the players of Lochmaben adopt the principle of playing two stones each & preceded [*sic*] it with a few remarks, this proposal was duly seconded. Mr George Johnstone, Church Place, proposed an amendment that the old system of one stone each should still be continued, this was also seconded and on the vote being taken there voted for Dr Thomas Scott's motion 23, for Mr Johnstone's 21, being a majority of 2 votes for Dr Thomas Scott's motion.

The following were elected Skippers –

John Johnstone, Esq. Broadholm, Messrs. James McMinn, High Street, Lochmaben, James Richardson, Heck, Samuel Dinwoodie, Lochmaben, Dr Scott, *Do.*, Matthew Imrie, *Do.*, Thomas Anderson, Templand Village, David Beck Junior, Barras, Ben Thomson, Beauflat, James Johnstone, Chapelcroft, Robert White, Corncockle, William Gibson, Barras, George Johnstone, Church Place, Lochmaben, David

Halliday, Hightae, John Richardson, Smallholm, John Richardson, Priesthead. The following were unanimously elected Office Bearers – J. Johnstone Esq. President, Mr James McMinn, Lochmaben, Vice *do.*, Hugh B. Currie Secretary, David Beck, Lochside, Treasurer.

The following were drawn to play for the Medal:^[14]

President Johnstone	V.	Dr Scott
James Johnstone, Chapelcroft		J. Richardson, Priesthead
J. Richardson, Smallholm		J. Richardson, Heck
Robert White		S. Dinwoodie
George Johnstone		Matthew Imrie
David Beck		Thomas Anderson
B. Thomson		William Gibson
David Halliday		J. McMinn

After a vote of thanks having been given to the Chairman, the meeting adjourned.

The Lochmaben Curlers met on the Kirk Loch
On Thursday & Friday the 27th & 28th
November 1862 to compete for their Medal.

At the close of each day the Rinks stood as follows:

1st Day

Captain Johnstone	21	V.	Dr Scott	5
Benjamin Thomson	21		William Gibson	7
Thomas Anderson	21		David Beck	7
D. Halliday	21		G. Johnstone	11
James Johnstone	21		James Richardson	12
Robert White	20		Samuel Dinwoodie	14

2nd Day

Samuel Dinwoodie	21	V.	Captain Johnstone	4
Robert White	21		Dr Scott	6
Benjamin Thomson	21		George Johnstone	7
James Richardson	21		Thomas Anderson	10
James Johnstone	21		David Beck	13
William Gibson	21		David Halliday	14

The Rink headed by Mr B. Thomson “alias the Bloomer Rink” gained the Medal easily – both days drug ice.

During Season 1862–63.
No Parish Spiels played.

At a General Annual Meeting of the
Curling Society held in Mr Ferguson's
School on the evening of Wednesday the
11th November 1863 at 8 o'clock.

Present –

Messrs. Thomas Anderson, Templand Village, Benjamin Thomson, James Austin, Dr Thomas Scott, Bailie Jardine, William McIntosh, David Beck Junr., William Smith, John Johnstone, Marjoriebanks, James Baird, *do.*, John Steele, *do.*, John Beck, *do.*, George Brockie, Joiner, John Ross, Mason, William Ballantyne, James Steele, David Burgess, Samuel Smith, John Smith, Mason, John Haining, Halleaths, James Imrie, George Johnstone, Churchplace, James McMinn, Joseph Harkness, William Bryden, Templand Village, Samuel Dinwoodie, Robert Jardine, T. Village, John Beck, Lochside, Thomas Johnstone, Blackrigg, Alex Haining, Ben Beattie, John Ballantyne, John White, Robert Waugh, Thomas Johnstone, T. Village, John Cowdan, George Dobie, John Johnstone Churchplace, John McMinn, Jacob Blacklock, John Johnstone, Hightae, James Richardson, Heck, David Halliday, Hightae, John Lawson.

Mr Thomas Anderson Templand Village was called to the Chair – Mr David Beck then proposed that Mr Johnstone of Broadholm be re-elected President which was unanimously agreed to and Mr James McMinn *Vice do.*, Mr Samuel Dinwoodie Secretary & Mr David Beck, Lochside, Treasurer. It was also carried by a majority of one that each Curler to play two stones. The following Gentlemen were also chosen Skippers, *vizt.* President Johnstone, James McMinn, James Richardson, Samuel Dinwoodie, Dr Scott, William McIntosh, Thomas Anderson, David Beck, Benjamin Thomson, James Johnstone, Robert White, George Johnstone, Thomas Johnstone, Adam Lawson.

The following was the state of the respective rinks after having been drawn to compete for the Medal –

Dr Scott	V.	President Johnstone
James Johnstone		B. Thomson
James Richardson		Adam Lawson
Thomas Anderson		Robert White
Thomas Johnstone		Samuel Dinwoodie
George Johnstone		David Beck
William McIntosh		James McMinn

After which the meeting separated.

List of the Curlers of Lochmaben from the middle of the 18th Century to the present time.^[15]

Those marked V were Presidents of the Society

Those marked Δ were Skippers

Those marked * were of the Invincible Board

Those marked ⊙ played in one or other of the Closeburn Bonspiels

Those marked S were Secretarys of the Society

	Comm- enced Circ. AD		Died Cir.
	1829	Aitken, James	
Δ S	1838	Austin, James, Merchant, Lochmaben	
V Δ * ⊙	1798	Broun, Sir James Baronet, Colstounpark ^[16]	1844 30th Nov.
S	1829	Broun, Richard Jr., ^[17] Colstounpark	
⊙	1819	Broun, Robert H., R. N. and William, Colstounpark	
	1830	Broun, Hugh, McBryde, ^[18] Colstounpark	
Δ	1812	Broun, William, Esquire of Newmains	1831
	1819	Broun, Richard, McBryde, Newmains	
	1795	Brown, Thomas, Surgeon, & Bailie of Lochmaben	1829
	1826	Brown, John, Lochmaben	
	1795	Brown, Andrew, Lochmaben Muir	
Δ ⊙	1810	Brotch, John, Farmer, Castlemains	1833
	1780	Bryden, John, Bailie of Lochmaben	
	1810	Bryden, Robert, Bailie of Lochmaben	
	1810	Bryden, John, Bailie of Lochmaben, Farmer of Whitehills	
⊙	1800	Burgess, Robie, Flesher, Lochmaben	1826
⊙	1808	Burgess, James, Weaver, Lochmaben, (Curling stone maker)	1839
* ⊙	1790	Bell, Francis, Bailie of Lochmaben	1822
*	1800	Bell, Robert and John, Farmers, Elshieshields	
⊙	1800	Bell, James, Farmer, Park	1827
	1826	Bell, John, Farmer, Lochbank	1840
⊙	1816	Bell, David, Shoemaker, Barras	
	1828	Beattie, Benjamin, Lochmaben	
	1820	Beattie, William, Tailor, Lochmaben	
	1810	Beck, William, ^[19] ⊙ David & John, Lochside, Lochmaben	
	1827	Beck, Edward, Farmer, Righeads	
	1826	Beck, Robert, Gotterby	
	1824	Baird, James, Lochmaben	
⊙	1816	Boyes, Joseph, Hitae	
	1832	John Boyes at Kinnelbank	

	1830	Beck, William, Gotterby	
	1830	Beck, John, Gotterby	
	1836	Beattie, William, Plasterer	
V Δ	1780	Carruthers, Bailie James – (the redoubted Bonaparte)	
	1800	Carruthers, George, Farmer, Redhall	
	1800	Carruthers, Robert, Farmer, Watchhill	
	1780	Clapperton, Dr Hugh, Lochmaben	
⊙	1820	Clapperton, Captain Hugh, (the African Traveller) ^[20]	1828
	1829	Cruikshank, Richard L. Esq. of Broomhills	
	1820	Clerk, John, Blacksmith, Lochmaben	
	1786	Clapperton, Alex., Dr, Lochmaben, (Left £10 to Curling Society)	
	1836	Crig, James, Merchant, Lochmaben	1846
Δ	1770	Dickson – The famous Tutor –	
	1779	Dickson, David, Provost of Lochmaben	
V Δ	1770	Dryden, Walter, Mason, ^[21] Lochmaben	
	1830	Dalzell, [<i>blank</i>], M.D., Lochmaben	
	1790	Dickson, Alex, Joiner, Lochmaben, (son of the Tutor)	
	1832	Dobbie, George, Lochmaben	
	1770	Edgar, Theodore, Esquire of Elshieshields	
		Edgar, John, Lochmaben, (channelstone maker)	
	1770	Fergusson, Convener John, Lochmaben	
	1770	Fergusson, James, Shoemaker, Lochmaben, (played the Hen) ^[22]	
⊙	1817	Fergusson, Captain William, R.N.	
Δ ⊙	1795	Farish, David, Farmer, Bankhead	
	1829	Farish, David, Jr., Todhillmuir	
⊙	1800	Farish, David, Farmer, Slacks, Joiner	1838
⊙	1818	Fead, Bailie John of Duncow	
	1829	Forrest, William, Lochmaben	
	1829	Fraser, Andrew, Lochmaben	
	1790	Forrest, Peter, Innkeeper, Lochmaben, (played the Craig)	
	1844	Frazer, William, Watchhill	
	1809	Gibson, the Rev. Thomas, Minister of Lochmaben	1834
	1820	Gibson, William, Lochmaben Mill	
*	1800	Geddes, Welnood, Farmer, Esbie	
⊙	1812	Glover, David, Schoolmaster, Lochmaben	16th Nov. 1830
	1817	Galloway, John and William, Lochmaben	1856
⊙	1817	Graham, Matthew of Priestheads	1830
	1825	Graham, William – his brother	29th Nov. 1833
⊙	1790	Graham, James, at Halleaths	1842
⊙	1812	Green, George, Farmer, Lavrock-hall	1845
	1790	Gregan, William, Farmer, Belzies	

⊙	1820	Grier, Thomas, Hitae	
	1844	Graham, Francis, Joiner	
Δ	1780	Henderson, John A. M. Esq. of Newmains	
	1780	Henderson, Mr, Writer, Lochmaben (played steel cap)	
	1780	Henderson, Robert Esq. of Cleughheads, Provost of Lochmaben	1808
⊙	1822	Henderson, Robert, Provost of Lochmaben	
S ⊙	1822	Henderson, Captain John, G. L., Lochmaben	
	1800	Henderson, Alex., & his son Thomas, Shoemakers, Lochmaben	
	1828	Halliday, John, Jr. of Dam – Broadholm	
*	1800	Harkness, Alexander, Farmer, Gotterby	1812
	1828	Harkness, William, Farmer, Gotterby	
Δ	1828	Harkness, Bailie William, Lochmaben	
⊙	1826	Hope, Robert, Lochmaben	
	1790	Hetherington, Hector, Lochmaben	
S ⊙	1816	Hetherton, John, Merchant, Lochmaben	1848
Δ	1780	Hoggan, Provost William, of Lochmaben	
Δ	1795	Hoggan, Captain William, R.N.	
⊙	1820	Henderson, John, Hitae, Joiner	
		Henderson, John 2nd, Hitae, Carrier	
		Henderson, James, Hitae & James	
V	1700	Jardine, Deacon, Lochmaben, Joiner ^[23]	
	1778	Jeffrey, Rev. Andrew, Minister of Lochmaben	
Δ * ⊙	1800	Irving, David, Farmer, Righeads	1832
⊙	1813	Irving, David, Blacksmith, Barras	
	1790	Irving, Bailie Francis, Lochmaben	
	1770	Johnstone, John, Esq. of Thornywhat	
*	1800	Johnstone, James, Farmer, Belzies	
	1795	Johnstone, William, Esq. of Todhillmuir	
Δ ⊙	1824	Johnstone, Thomas, Farmer, Thornywhat	
	1824	Johnstone, ⊙ Thomas Jn. & George, Farmers, Blackriggs	
	1800	Jardine, Walter, Shoemaker, Lochmaben	
Δ ⊙	1810	Jardine, James, Shoemaker, & Robert	
⊙	1823	Imrie, Duncan, Mason, Lochmaben	
	1830	Imrie, James & Peter, Masons, Lochmaben	
	1820	Jardine, James, Town Clerk of Lochmaben	
	1829	Jardine, John, his brother	
	1816	Irving, ⊙ William & his son George, Shoemakers, Lochmaben	
	1820	Johnstone, Benjamin, Lochmaben	
	1820	Johnstone, John, Smallholm	
	1852	Johnstone, Thomas, Blackriggs	
	1770	Kennedy, Dr of Halleaths	
	1820	Kirkpatrick, John, Hitae	
	1833	Kelton, James, CastleHill	1839

	1800	Laurie, the Rev. Henry, Minister of Lochmaben	1809
	1795	Lindesay, John, Writer, Lochmaben	1809
	1810	Lindesay, John, Stockingmaker, Lochmaben	
	1826	Lindesay, William, Stockingmaker, Lochmaben	
	1832	Lawder, Thomas, Loch, Lochmaben Moor	
	1839	Lawder ^[24] , John, Templand Village	
	1780	Maxwell, Robert of Castlehill, Provost of Lochmaben	
⊙	1818	Maxwell, John, Stockingmaker, Lochmaben	
	1818	Mitchell, William, Bailie of Lochmaben	
	1790	Millar, John & William, Shoemakers, Lochmaben	
	1825	McKeg, John, Gardener, Barras	
	1829	Martin, Mungo, Surgeon, Lochmaben	
	1789	Moffat, Laird & Thomas, Hitae (who played Wallace)	
	1841	Moffat, John, Hightae, son of the above T. Moffat	
	1816	Nichol, James	
⊙	1818	Nielson, William, Farmer, Hunterhouse	
	1820	Nicholson, John, Hitae	
⊙	1820	Nicholson, Robert, Hitae – ⊙ Robert N. 2nd Hitae	
Δ	1796	Nicholson, Matthew, Hitae	
	1795	Paul, Robert, Lochmaben	
	1823	Patterson, Edward, Farmer, Broomhill	
	1830	Patterson, James, Hitae	
	1838	Paton, James, Innkeeper	
Δ	1800	Richardson, Robert of Hitae & Δ Thomas & John	
⊙	1820	Rae, William, Surgeon, R.N., Lochmaben	
	1823	Richardson, James, Postmaster of Lochmaben	
	1800	Richardson, John, Lochmaben	
	1795	Robertson, Charles, Lochmaben	
	1818	Rogerson, David of Maryfield	
⊙	1820	Richardson, George, New-houses	
	1800	Richardson, John, Heckler, Hitae	
	1800	Richardson, George, Hitae	
	1820	Richardson, John Broom & Thomas R. Bank	
⊙	1816	Rae, Matthew, Hitae	
	1832	Roddick, George, Greenhillhead	
Δ	1834	Richardson, James, Heck	1869
* ⊙	1795	Smith, Bailie William, Lochmaben	
⊙	1816	Smith, William Junr., Lochmaben	
⊙	1795	Smith, John, Weaver, Barras	1847
Δ ⊙	1816	Smith, Robert, Farmer, Newmains	
⊙	1800	Steel, Joseph, Lochmaben	

- 1812 Thomson, John, Blacksmith, Lochmaben
- 1827 Thomson, Edward, Flag-Quarry
- ⊙ 1800 Thorburn, William, Stockingmaker, Lochmaben
- 1823 Thorburn, James & John, Stockingmaker, Lochmaben

- 1795 Wallace, John, Farmer, Elshieshields
- Δ ⊙ 1810 Watt, John, Tailor, Lochmaben
- ⊙ 1814 Wells, John & ⊙ Thomas, Lochmaben
- 1800 Wells, Bailie John, of Lochmaben
- 1820 Wilson, Mat & William, Hitae
- 1820 Wright, John & Jacob, Hitae
- 1820 Wright, John & James, Smallholm
- 1838 Wright, John, Merchant, Lochmaben
- Wright, John & ⊙ Joseph, Hitae
- Wilson, Joseph, Hitae

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Regulations

For forming and conducting a Curling Court

The Curling court is a sort of game of High Jinks or Forfeits held under the Regulations following & before which all trivial offences upon the ice are to be tried.

No Curler can be a member of the Court without a previous invitation & coming under certain engagements to be communicated orally by the initiating members & in a private apartment. All the members of the Society however are privileged to sit in court & to join in the amusement.

Fines are imposed for offences upon the ice – for sitting in certain positions – for being silent for a length of time – for addressing anyone except by his Christian name – for refusing to obey “My Lord” when he calls for a song, toast etc. – The following are the regulations for holding a Court.

“Any seven Curlers may at any time hold a Court – viz. two for “My Lord” & his Officer – three to initiate new members – & the remaining two to sit in Court whilst the others are absent.

“My Lord” is elected from the members of Court present any one of them being eligible. He must know the forms of Court so as to regulate all & be able to decide in all disputes. Being absolute “My Lord” decision cannot be resisted. If a member, however find himself aggrieved by a decision not according to Law, he may insist upon the Court considering it. If he is in the wrong, he must be fined at the discretion of the Court.

If “My Lord” fail in performing the duties of the Chair he is to be deposed – & is incapable of ever occupying it again. But if he see any danger of this, he may avert it by resigning his seat, which the Court may allow him to do, or not as they consider fit. If they accept his resignation he must pay a fine of one shilling.

If “My Lord” deem himself unqualified when chosen he may refuse to accept & be excused upon paying six pence.

“My Lord” appoints his Officer who if he refuses to act is fined three pence. If the Officer fail in his duty, he may be deposed & rendered incapable of being officer again – or the Court may accept of his resignation upon his paying six pence. His duty is to fence the Court – collect the fines & roup the stoup. His authority is absolute.

All offences upon the ice are to be tried before the court. And no fine for any of them to be less than one penny. For all offences against the laws of the Court which are proclaimed aloud by the Officer when he fences it, fine also a penny. When the Officer

rattles his stoup at any member he must put in his fine. If he be wrong charged he may bring it before the Court. If he be right, the member who charged him is fined – if wrong he is to be fined double – both at the discretion of the Court.

Any member refusing to submit to the Regulations – or otherwise behaving improperly may be expelled – after which any member playing with him is liable to expulsion.

Any member who has been curling the same day may be brought to the Court, first by sending him notice where the Court is met – & then by sending for him two members with their besoms – whom he must obey under pain of expulsion, which unless the Court sustain his excuse. But no member can be forced to attend if he has not been curling upon the same day.

The contents of the stoup, when all the fines are collected, is to be roused & the price of it is to go in discharge of the reckoning.”

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Rules in Curling

To be observed by the

Lochmaben Curling Society

1st.

The length of the Rink shall be forty-two yards. Any deviation from this length, occasioned by circumstances shall be by mutual agreement of parties. When a game is begun, the Rink is not to be changed, or altered, unless by consent of the majority of players: nor is it to be shortened unless it clearly appears that the majority are unable to make up. – *vide* 14.

2nd.

The hog-score to be one-seventh part of the length of the rink distant from the tee. And every stone to be deemed a hog the whole of which does not clear the score: except in instances when its progress is impeded by another stone just over the hogscore.

3rd.

Each player to foot in such a manner, that in delivering his stone, he brings it over the tee. Any player stepping aside to take an in-ring, or shot, shall forfeit his stone.

4th.

If the adverse party, shall challenge a player, observing the above rule, whilst in the act of playing, they shall forfeit the end, & one shot shall be added to their opponents game.

5th.

The rotation of play adopted at the beginning must be observed during the whole course of a game.

6th.

All curling-stones to be of a circular shape. No stone to be changed throughout a game unless it happens to be broken and the largest fragment of such stone to count, without any necessity of playing with it more. If a stone rolls, or it is upset, it must be placed upon its sole where it stops. Should the handle quit a stone in the delivering, the player must keep hold of it otherwise he will not be entitled to replay the shot.

7th.

The sweeping department to be under the exclusive control of the Skipper. A player may sweep his own stone the whole length of the rink; his party not to sweep until it has passed the hog-score at the farther end; & his adversaries not to sweep until it has

passed the tee. The sweeping to be always to a side. Previous to direction being given, the adverse party are entitled to sweep the Rink.

8th.

None of the players, upon any occasion to cross or go upon the middle of the Rink. The Skippers alone to stand upon the tee. Their party, equally divided & according to their rotation of play, to take their positions down to the hogscore.

9th.

If, in sweeping or otherwise, a running stone is marred by any of the party to which it belongs, it must be put off the ice: if by any of the adverse party, it must be placed agreeably to the direction which was given to the player; & if it be marred by any other means, the player may take his shot again. Should a stone at rest be in sweeping or otherwise accidentally displaced, it must be put as nearly as possible in its former position.

10th.

Every Player to be ready when his time comes & to take no more than a reasonable time to play his shot. Should he, by mistake play with a wrong stone it must be replaced where it stops, by the one with which he ought to have played.

11th.

No measuring allowable until the conclusion of each end. A doubtful shot to be measured by some neutral person, whose determination shall be final.

12th.

The Skippers shall have the exclusive regulation & discretion of the game – & may play in what part of it they choose. The players on each side may give their advice, but cannot control their direction, nor are they to address themselves to the person who is about to play. Each director, when it is his turn to play to name one of his party to take charge for him. Every player under pain of expulsion to follow the direction given to him.

13th.

Every player to come furnished with a besom, crampets & stone.

14th.

In all cases, in Parish Bonspiels, when it so happens, from springing of water, or any other cause, that players are unable to make up, the rink shall be changed – neither party having any right to object – as the contest must be decided upon principles of fair science – not of brute-strength.

15th.

A player, after delivering his stone, shall not remain longer there, than to see that his next opponent fits his tee: he shall not, under pain of expulsion, remain to give his advice or directions to the next of his own party who plays.

16th.

If any question arise, the determination of which may not be provided for by the words and spirit of the rules now established, it shall be referred to the opinion of the Annual Committee of the Society whose decision shall be final.

Directions for polishing – or Water-of-Airing Curling Stones.

The simple method is just to hose the bottom well with a Water-of-Air sharpening stone^[25] & warm water.

A very fine & superior polish can be given to stone by rubbing the bottom with the bottom of a bottle.

The following is the method to make a stone resist damp & run equally well in water as upon hard ice.

Set the stone before a fire, at first at some distance – bring gradually nearer till it becomes effectually heated; then apply oil till it will absorb no longer:- next allow it to cool by gradually removing it from the fire. When perfectly cold immerse it all but the sole in a pail of water & expose it to the frost all night. Next day hose it with warm water till it is thoroughly polished. It will then run through thick and thin.

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Contents of Minute Book.

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Notes

- 1 Camden, W. *Britannia*, London, 1607.
- 2 The title the 'Invincibles' was accorded to the curlers of Lochmaben on account of their numerous victories over the curlers of neighbouring parishes, and echoed the name popularly given to one of Napoleon's regiments. In the same spirit, James Carruthers, who preceded Richard Broun as president of the Society, was nicknamed 'Bonaparte'.
- 3 'Old Margery' was a nickname for Lochmaben. While both Marjorie, eldest daughter of Robert the Bruce (who had a castle at Lochmaben), and Magdalene, the town's patron saint, have been suggested as the source for this name, its origins remain unclear. It was current, however, at least by the late eighteenth century, when Robert Burns referred to 'Marjorie o' the Monie Lochs' in his poem 'The Five Carlins' (1789). The Marjorie Burn runs to the north of the town.
- 4 These contests, and the controversy surrounding them, are discussed at greater length by Richard Broun in his *Memorabilia Curliana Mabenensia*, Dumfries, 1830, 28–39.
- 5 In contrast to the modern club game, where eight ends and two hours of play are the norm, the games recorded in the minute book appear to have had no time limit, victory being claimed by the first rink to reach twenty-one points. This must have resulted in some very long games. A game held in February 1830 between Lochmaben and Closeburn did not finish until 6.30 p.m. (Broun, 1830, 39). Although for most the constraints of suitable light conditions in the depths of winter would have effectively ended play by late afternoon, it was not unknown for curlers to play by the light of the moon or by artificial light (Burnett, J. *Riot, Revelry and Rout: Sport in Lowland Scotland before 1860*, East Linton, 2000, 54). Indeed, a match in 1861 between the town council of Lochmaben and Dr Scott's rink went on until nearly 6 p.m., with the last two hours being played by candlelight (Report from the *Dumfries Courier*, quoted in Wilson, J B. *The Royal Burgh of Lochmaben*, Dumfries, 182–3).
- 6 John Hetherington was a general merchant, spirit dealer and bookseller in Lochmaben.
- 7 Again in contrast to the modern club game, where rinks are composed of four players, each throwing two stones per end, rinks in the early nineteenth century usually comprised eight players each playing a single stone.

- 8 Baillie Harkness owned The Mason's Arms, today known as The Bruce Arms.
- 9 *Memorabilia Curliana Mabenensia*, published in Dumfries in 1830, was one of the earliest books on the rules, techniques and traditions of curling. It was inscribed by Richard Broun to the president (his father, Sir James Broun of Colstoun), office-bearers and members of the Lochmaben Curling Society.
- 10 There were two main curling clubs in Lochmaben at this time, The Lochmaben Curling Society (latterly known as The Parish Curling Club) and the Royal Bruce Curling Club, here referred to as the 'Brucians'. The two clubs amalgamated at the end of the nineteenth century.
- 11 James Austin owned The King's Arms Inn.
- 12 The first instance in the Minute Book of 'Club' being used instead of 'Society' in its title.
- 13 The correct score of 99 was entered originally. It was subsequently overwritten to give the score as 90, and a question mark inserted alongside it.
- 14 Following the decision to adopt the two stone principle, the draw for the parish medal now lists sixteen rinks as opposed to the previous eight.
- 15 Further information about some of the people listed here can be found in the various local history books written by John Wilson (see Further Reading).
- 16 Sir James Broun, 7th baronet of Colstoun, (1768–1844) lived in Mayfield, Lochmaben. His father, the 6th baronet, was the Reverend Richard Broun, minister in Lochmaben from 1765–83.
- 17 Sir Richard Broun, 8th baronet of Coulston, (1801–58), the aforementioned author of *Memorabilia Curliana Mabenensia*.
- 18 The Reverend Hugh McBryde Broun was the first minister of the Lochmaben Free Church.
- 19 William Beck was the local Inspector of the Poor.
- 20 Captain Hugh Clapperton was born in Annan (Dumfriesshire) in 1788. After being retired on half pay from the Royal Navy in 1817, he spent time at his aunt's house in Thorniethwaite, Lochmaben. There he took part in a number of curling spiels, playing the 'Hen' (see endnote 22). He later travelled extensively in Africa, where he died in 1827. See Broun, 1830, 40–1; Lockhart, J B. *A Sailor in the Sahara: The Life and Travels in Africa of Hugh Clapperton, Commander RN*, London, 2008.

- 21 'Walter Dryden ... flourished about the middle of the [eighteenth] century. Great things are spoken of his skill and prowess; and of the numerous bonspiels he fought and won' (Broun, 1830, 26).
- 22 The 'Hen', a mighty sized stone, was so called because it was found by Provost Henderson. It was used regularly in Lochmaben spiels and was renowned for being unmovable (Broun, 1830, 40).
- 23 'Deacon William Jardine who flourished from the beginning of the 18th century downwards, a very celebrated player and the oldest Preses of the Lochmaben rinks and whose name has survived the lapse of a hundred and thirty years' (Broun, 1830, 25).
- 24 The variant spelling 'Lauder' is used in the minutes of the meetings held on 12 November 1860 and 12 November 1862.
- 25 This should be read as 'Water of Ayr'. Stones from the bed of the River Ayr were used as 'polishing stones' to rub the bases of curling stones 'and will enable the weakest player, with comparative ease, to throw his stone fully thirty yards beyond the limit of his former utmost stretch' (Broun, 1830, 49).

FURTHER READING

For an in-depth analysis of the minute book, 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.

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.

The entries for Lochmaben and surrounding parishes in the *Second (New) Statistical Account for Scotland* give a useful contemporary view of local society in the 1840s, as do local newspapers from across the period covered by the minute book.

Genealogical information about many of the people mentioned in the minutes can be found in the publications of the Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society, which include the 1841 Census returns for Lochmaben.

For a general history of curling in Scotland, see David B. Smith's *Curling. An Illustrated History*, Edinburgh, 1981. See also his chapter in Jarvie, G and Burnett, J, eds. *Sport, Scotland and the Scots*, East Linton, 2000, and W. H. Murray's *The Curling Companion*, Glasgow, 1981.

For curling's place in the wider sporting landscape of early nineteenth-century Scotland, and its social and cultural context, see John Burnett's *Riot, Revelry and Rout: Sport in Lowland Scotland before 1860*, East Linton, 2000.

A contemporary account of curling in early nineteenth-century Scotland, with particular reference to Lochmaben, can be found in Richard Broun's *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; Stewart, F J. 'The New Abbey Curling Club: a history', *TDGNHAS*, 3rd series, 66 (1991).

Local newspapers, such as the *Dumfries Times*, frequently carried reports of matches and subsequent dinners. They often convey the excitement, rivalry and social role of curling, and reveal its wider culture, including the song and poetry that it inspired among its players. 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, brooms and irons used in its playing, and the medals and other trophies awarded at all levels of the game, but also a range of curling-related memorabilia. The online resource <http://curlinghistory.blogspot.co.uk/> 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, which provides a detailed study of silver curling medals from the clubs of Lochmaben and neighbouring parishes.