

A scenic view of a golf course. In the foreground, four people are on a green. One person in a blue shirt is bent over, possibly preparing a shot. Another person in a red jacket stands nearby. A third person in a light blue shirt is walking towards the green. A fourth person in a dark jacket is standing to the left. The background features a dense line of trees, rolling hills, and a clear blue sky.

Gatehouse Golf Club
Centenary
1921 - 2021

R&A *A Message from Home*



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Dear Captain,

On behalf of the Members of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, I send you our warmest congratulations on your Club's Centenary.

We trust that your Members both present and future will enjoy their golf and the friendships made and renewed during your celebrations.

With all good wishes for your Club's continued success,

Yours sincerely

Clive Edginton

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Captain

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The Club is Formed

Despite the claim that Scotland is the home of golf, it didn't come to Gatehouse until the end of the 19th century, when a 9-hole course was laid at Belvedere Park in the Cally grounds. This course seems to have not been managed during WW1 and was not maintained after the war.

By 1921 a group of local golf enthusiasts had organised two public meetings. At the second meeting in May 1921, chaired by Provost Laurie, a decision was taken to form a golf club and the course was to be laid out on part of the Fleuchlarg farm.

Colonel Murray Baillie (of Cally) was appointed president

Mr Fred Turner (Cally Factor) was vice-president

The management committee comprised :

Mr D A Miller, captain

Mr Norman S Munro (banker), secretary

Mr George M Stark (chemist), treasurer

+ Messrs Joe Dignam, James Johnstone, Robert S Glover & Dr
Colin Philip



G M Stark



J Dignam, D A Miller, C C Philip, A McCutcheon, N S Munro



J Johnstone

Annual membership fees were fixed for both gents and ladies and guest fees were also agreed. Willie Worrell was appointed as groundsman.

On 8th December 1921 Mrs Cross, from Cumstoun and formerly of Cally House, agreed to sponsor a monthly medal competition.

In May 1922 club rules were agreed at an AGM in the Town Hall.

The course was formally opened on 6th July 1922 by Mrs Cross.

The Course is Opened

6th July 1922



N S Munro, T Fernie & W J H Campbell

Mr Munro was the club's first secretary.
Mr Fernie was the course designer from Troon.
Mr Campbell was a guest from Castle Douglas.
The 3 gentlemen played the first round on the
formally opened course.



2021 R&A Captain Clive Edginton sends good wishes for the Gatehouse Golf Club Centenary

*Something to Write
Home About*



Postcards of Gatehouse Golf Course



A Postcard with a Difference

We actually know the names of the people in it



Group on left

Dr Alexander Craig
William Hay
Robert Hay
Charles Dalrymple

Group on right

James Johnstone
Jimmy Laird
Forrest Hume
Sandy Kenna

The group on the right are playing the 1st hole. The group on the left are watching from near the 8th tee (which at that time would have been the 2nd tee).
Photo would have been taken in the 1920s.

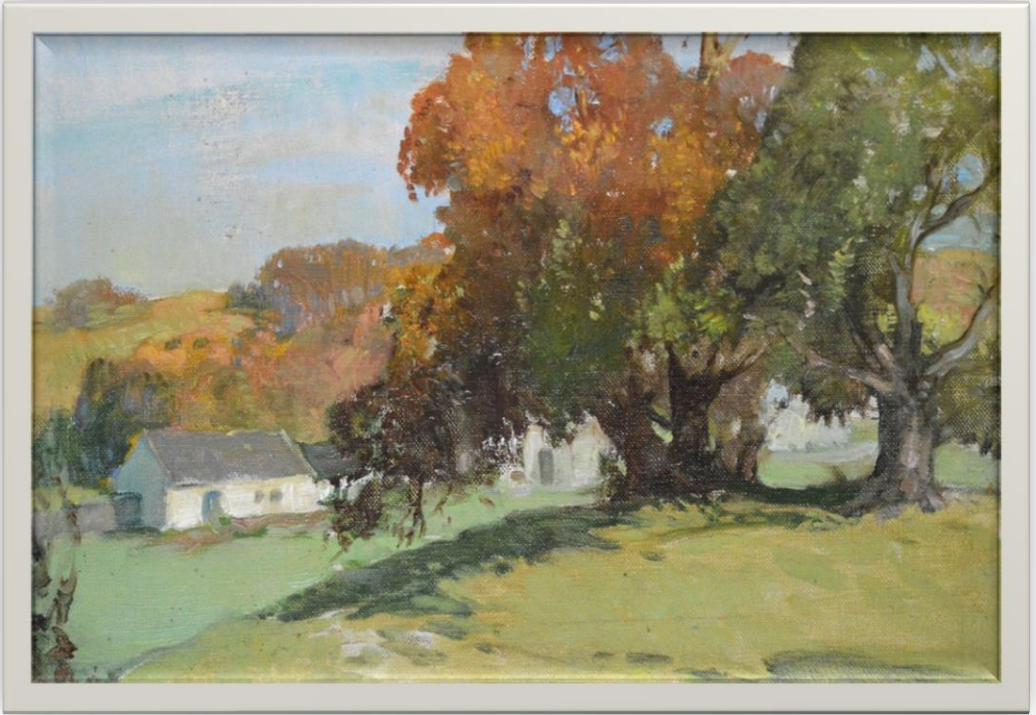


Old Gatehouse Ball Marker

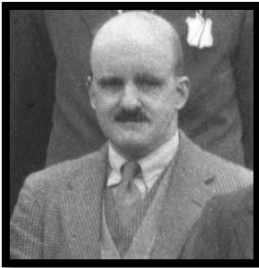


Plastic Membership Discs
were first used at
Gatehouse in 1979-80

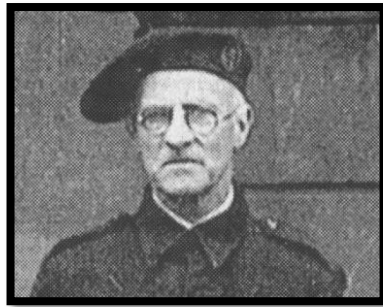
Winners Get Prizes



Trees at Little Boreland



One of the most famous artists to live in Gatehouse was Alick Sturrock – left (1885-1953). He was captain of Gatehouse Golf Club from 1928 to 1930. He painted the above picture and donated it as the 1928 Captain's Prize to William Hay (below).



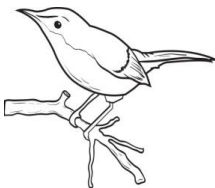
50th Anniversary of Gatehouse Golf Club

To mark this occasion in 1971 a number of past captains and club officials gathered together for a celebration dinner in the Murray Arms Hotel

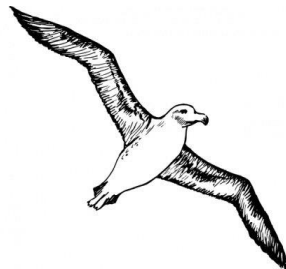


Back Row : W Sim, J Reid, George Murray, Ian McConchie, Bill Blaen, Bill Hannay, J M Goodall, Bob Graham (treasurer).

Seated : J D Kennedy (secretary), James Gordon, Willie Worrall (ex greenkeeper), Provost G A McMurray, Arthur Hunter, Bert Nicol, Donald Veitch.



Wildlife that is
welcome on any
golf course



birdie, eagle, albatross

Daylight Robbery

1969

14 year-old Rob Livingston once lived at Borgue where his parents farmed, but had moved away. Rob visited Gatehouse again with his parents in 1969, staying at a local caravan park. During this visit Rob was joined by 3 mates and the 4 played a round at the Gatehouse course.

After the round Rob and 2 of his pals raided the honesty box which was the club's traditional means of recovering visitors' green fees. The amount stolen was £6 12s, which was split 3 ways – one teenager refused to be involved.

In 2020, after over 50 years of remorse, the “loan”, which, after allowing for inflation amounted to £120, was finally repaid.

Rob, who by 2020 lived in Perth, had always felt hypocritical when teaching his own children about honesty, particularly where money is concerned.

He phoned the Gatehouse Club Captain Pete Haslam to confess his sins and paid the £120 by bank transfer.

Pete offered a free round of golf if Rob is ever in the area again,

It is unlikely that a similar incident could happen again as a safe has now been installed in the clubhouse to take fee payments.

Overnight Robbery

1973

Gatehouse golfers had the same easy-going attitude to life as the Gatehouse people of the time. Many players kept their gear and clubs in lockers in the changing rooms.

One night in the early 1970s, possibly 1973, the clubhouse was broken into and raided by a gang who broke down the locks and stole about 20 sets of clubs, each in their bags.

This came as a great shock to local golfers who had used the clubhouse in this way for decades.

Probably as a result of this incident, the lockers have been removed from the changing rooms and since that date players have always taken their clubs home.



Competitions

The **Monthly Medal** competition is so-called because the prize is a solid silver medal which is engraved with :

“Monthly Medal Presented by Mrs Malcolm Cross to Gatehouse Golf Club
November 1921”

The medal is presented to the competition winner each month who then ensures that it is available to be presented to the next month’s winner.

The wooden plinth was added in 1982 by Alan McCreath.



The **Cally Cup** was presented by Miss Elizabeth Murray Baillie in 1928. The competition is open to players from clubs within the counties of Dumfries and Wigtown plus the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.



The **Freedom Trophy** was donated by Mrs Murray Usher in 1973 when she was awarded the Freedom of the Burgh of Gatehouse of Fleet. It is awarded to the Club Champion each year.



Over time new competitions have been introduced in various formats. Some are no longer played, but we do have a full calendar of events.

Competitions - Open

Cally Cups : singles, 18 holes, strokeplay, handicap

Donated by Mrs Murray Usher

Cally Cup – Gents, 1st played in 1928

Murray Usher Shield – best Gatehouse performance

Ladies Cally Cup – 1st played in 1949, but not 1955-1983.

Ladies Murray Usher Shield – best Gatehouse performance

Junior Cally Cup

Junior Murray Usher Shield – best Gatehouse performance

Pairs: 18 holes, handicap

Jubilee Trophy – 2 man Texas Scramble / Greensomes

Fleet Valley Trophy - 4 ball, better ball

Club Competitions – Gents (1)

Monthly Medals - 18 holes, singles, strokeplay, handicap

Medal – 1st Sunday of each month (Cross Medal)

Seniors Medal – 1st Tuesday of each month

Daisy Gordon Trophy – 3 best nett scores in summer medal

McHarg Trophy - 3 best nett scores in winter medal

Championships - 18 holes, singles, matchplay, scratch

Club Championship for Freedom Trophy

top 8 players based on scratch scores in May / June medals and 1st 2 rounds of Russell Cup

Club “B” Championship

top 8 players with handicap 10+ based on scratch scores in May / June medals and 1st 2 rounds of Russell Cup and not in main Club Championship

Club Competitions — Gents (2)

Stableford

Arthur Mead Trophy – 18 holes

Howard Forsyth Memorial Trophy – 18 holes

Irvine Hannah Trophy – 18 holes

Masonic 19th Hole Cup – 36 holes

Lindsay Morris Cup – 72 holes

Strokeplay, handicap

Auchenlarie Cup – singles, 18 holes

Closing Competition Shield – singles, 18 holes

Gray Cup – singles, 18 holes

Jim Irvine Memorial Cup – singles, 18 holes

Rover Cup – singles, 18 holes

Russell Cup – singles, 36 holes

Bank of Fleet Trophy – 4BBB

Criffel Cup – 4BBB

Fred Thorpe Trophy – 4BBB

Greensomes Cup – pairs, best drive then alternate

Matchplay, 18 holes, handicap

Murray Arms Trophy – singles

Anwoth Cup – 4BBB

Winter Pairs Cup – League, 4BBB

Other

William Telfer Memorial – pairs, Texas Scramble

Club Texas Scramble – teams of 3, strokeplay, handicap (1st held 1995)

Spring Scramble Salver – teams of 4, 18 holes, handicap

Captains Shield – singles, format decided by captain

Half Century Cup – (donated by Mrs Murray Usher)

Competitions - Ladies

9 hole Stableford – 7 competitions per year
18 hole Stableford – 1 competition per year
18 hole medal – 6 per year, 1st played in 1925.

Ladies Cally Cup

Ladies Murray Usher Shield (Gatehouse best)

Ladies Cally Saucer (9 holes)

Invitational 13 holes

Fun 2 ball foursomes

Coronation 4s

Fun Greensomes

3-club competition

Fred Farrie Trophy

Texas Scramble

Macmillan Greensomes

Fox and Rabbit

Ferguson Cup

9 hole 4BBB

9 hole Am Am



The impressive-looking
Fred Farrie Trophy



Ladies Cally Cup & Cally Saucer either
side of the Murray Usher Shield

A Brief Club History (1)

The Minutes of Committee Meetings and AGMs are dominated by lists of competition winners and the financial wellbeing of the Club. The following summarises other issues from the minutes, plus a few other memories.

1922

The committee agreed to pay William Corson £5 per year to keep his cattle off the course.

Mr Straiton was paid 10/- to repair damage done to the course by sheep when players left the gate open..

It was agreed to buy a silver medal for the Ladies Monthly Medal, but this was not contested until May 1925.

1923

After several attempts, it was finally agreed to allow members to play golf at Gatehouse after 2pm on Sundays.

1925

May - Ladies Monthly Medal introduced.

September - new pavilion opened by Miss Murray Baillie.

1928

Golf Club and nearby Tennis Club agreed to acquire the land between them to be used as a car park.

Miss Murray Baillie presented **The Cally Cup**, to be competed for by members of any golf club in the counties of Dumfries, Wigtown or Kirkcudbright. First competed for on 12th June.

Greenkeeper Willie Worrall was asked to stop selling clubs from within the clubhouse, but could do so if he erected an adjoining shed for the purpose.

1929

“a ball lying in a rabbit scrape” could be lifted and dropped without penalty.

1931

The Club was now free of debt after the building of the clubhouse.

Scratch score for course set at 68 by Scottish Golf Union.

Cally Cup - won for first time by local member, James McKinna.

New tees were made at the 1st, 2nd & 4th holes. The 6th green was levelled.

The 1st hole once had a “water hazard”. The minutes of a committee meeting recorded that a “Ball in the burn at the 1st hole is considered out of bounds.”



Neil Munro
Capt. 1924-26 & 1937-39



Alex. McCutcheon
Capt. 1926-28

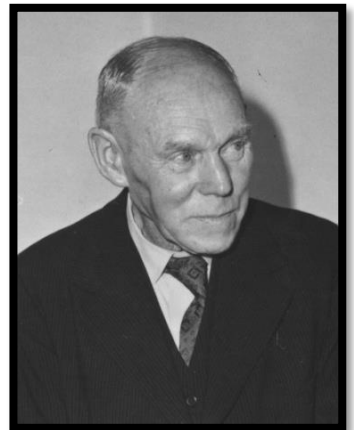


Dr Alexander Craig
Capt. 1932-33



Alexander Stewart
Capt. 1933-36

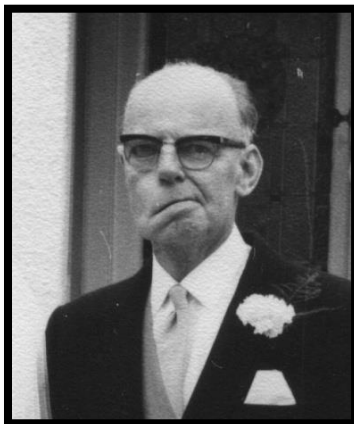
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Faces*



William Trainer
Capt. 1942-48



Bert Nicol
Capt. 1948-49



Arthur Hunter
Capt. 1964-66



John Sommerville
Capt. 1966-68

A Brief Club History (2)

1938

2nd green extended and a bunker add to its left. Dyke between 2nd and 8th fairways removed. Ground around the 9th green was levelled.

1939

Sunday golf approved for members only from April to September and from 10am until 8pm light permitting. Extra charges made for Sunday play.

No hired caddies allowed on Sundays.

No Cally Cup because of Second World War.

1940

Teachers at Cally House School allowed to play at Gatehouse as guests. Pupils could join but none did.

1943

Due to lack of members (35), the club asked Mrs Murray Usher for a reduction in rent during war years (she agreed) and Willie Worrall took a cut in pay.

1944

Approach from Tennis Club to ask if Golf Club would consider taking over the tennis club. Golf Club, which was also in a difficult financial position, could not oblige.

1944-45

In December 1944 Mrs Murray Usher engaged a golf architect from Edinburgh to survey the course. He recommended an 18 hole course on a different site, but no action taken.

Golf Club took over car park as Tennis Club was now defunct.

1947

Cally Cup played for first time since war. Mr Kirkpatrick of Kirkcudbright won after a play off with Bob Graham.

Junior Cally Cup (Boys' Cally Cup) presented by Mrs Murray Usher for under 18s.

Ladies Cally Cup also presented by Mrs Murray Usher.

1949

Electricity was connected to the clubhouse mainly for lighting, but a single power socket was included.

“a ball on the Putting Green may be lifted and cleaned”



Robert Davidson
1968 Cally Cup winner



Bob Graham
Capt. 1968-73



Ian McConchie
Capt. 1976-78 & 1990-91



Irvine Hannah
Capt. 1986-87

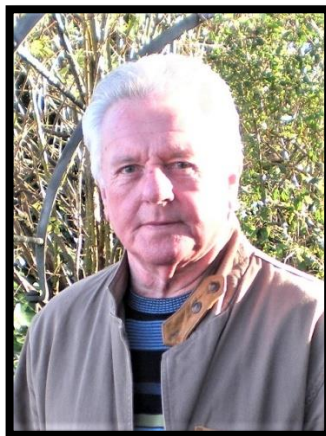
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Eddie Bryan
Capt. 1988-89



Willie McMillan
Capt. 1992-93



Brian Jones
Capt. 1996-97



Steve Groome
Capt. 2006-07

A Brief Club History (3)

1950's

Membership numbers continued to be a problem, and this affected discussions about annual course rental.

1955 was the last year that the Ladies Cally Cup was played until 1984.

1960's

Lease negotiations continued to be a problem, exacerbated by Mrs Murray Usher resigning as Honorary President.

William Worrall had been the greenkeeper since the course opened in 1921 and he tendered his resignation due to ill health.

The lease was extended in 1962, and Mrs Murray Usher was reinstated.

William Worrall's health improved and he managed to continue work until 1969.

1969

After agreeing to look after the greens when the club was formed in 1921, Willie Worrall finally put his mower away after 48 years.

1970

By 1970, the issue of the lease was still not resolved, 12 years after the original expired.

1971

The 50th anniversary of the club. A "Half Century Cup" was presented by Mrs Murray Usher and was won by Dr McMyn.

1972

Until 1972 Mrs Murray Usher was allowed to graze sheep on the course during the winter months probably as part of the annual course rental agreement.

1973

Mrs Murray Usher was awarded the Freedom of the Burgh of Gatehouse. To celebrate, she presented the "Freedom Trophy" which has become the prize for the Club Matchplay Championship.

1976

Quite an upsurge in membership to 294, but the following year it dropped to 234 members (135 male, 31 female, 12 juniors 16-18, 56 under 16).



Bill Blaen
Club Champ 1974, 75, 78, 80



Graham McMillan
Club Champ 12 times



Mark Durham
Club Champ 2018, 19, 20



Mike Ashmore
Capt. 2010-11

*More
Recent
Photos*



Gary McClymont
Capt. 2014-15



Stevie Thomson
Capt. 2016-17



Pete Haslam
Capt. 2018-20



Douglas McDavid
Capt. 2021

A Brief Club History (4)

Quotation from club captain Douglas McDavid :

“Creetown juniors flocked to Gatehouse Golf course during the 70’s, by bus, by bike and overloaded cars without a seatbelt in sight. All great supporters of the “Rendezvous” Cafe in the High St. for their post golf refreshments. Creetownian Billy Blaen set a good example to the juniors winning the club championship 4 times, 1974, 1975, 1978 & 1981. He had been part of the bowling rink that won the Scottish Championships and starred for Creetown FC as a centre half through the 1950’s. His brother Jim, came late to the game of golf and also had a successful period alongside his brother. Trophy winners that followed for Creetown were Gary Murray and Joseph McDavid as juniors, and Peter Kosminski & Andrew Tweedie in the Gents section.”

1980

Charlie Pickthall achieved his 3rd hole-in-one whilst playing in the Auchenlarie Cup.

1982

Laurieston Road residents complained about silt from near the tractor shed being washed into gardens. The Club complained that some residents dumped garden rubbish on the course.

1984

After a gap of 29 years, the Ladies Medal competition was re-instated, but was cancelled again in 1985 as there were insufficient entries.

Mid-1980s

Water supplied to greens.

In the original course design the route from the 9th tee to the 9th green was direct. It was treacherous in wet conditions, so much to the dislike of local youngsters who lost their winter sledging run, the current “dog-leg” route was constructed. About 50 years earlier Dr Alexander Craig “came a-cropper” on his way down the 9th and crushed an ornately decorated silver cigarette case that was in his back pocket. This has since been restored and is now a table ornament for his son, Billy, in Wigtown.

1985

A runaway tractor damaged the fence of Mr Longford who lived in one of the Laurieston Road houses adjacent to the course.

1986

Shooting parties organised to eradicate rabbits from the course.



Bel Adams
Kbt Rosebowl 1950s



Jean Kelly
Committee member



Margaret Swann
Capt. 1992-93 & 1997-2003



Sally Downs
Capt. 2009-11

*Ladies
Photos*



Jean Prentice
Capt. 2012-13 & 2021



Liz Dodds
Capt. 2014



Lorna Colquhoun
Capt. 2015-16



Marian Rochester
Capt. 2018-19

A Brief Club History (5)

1988 Course Ownership

Until now the **course had been rented** from Mrs Murray Usher. There were often disputes about how much the annual rent should be. In this year it was finally agreed that the club would pay **£15,000 for freehold** ownership. This was partly funded by a grant of £7,500 from the Stewartry District Council.

1988 Ladies Medal

Due to lack of lady players there had been *no ladies competitions since 1959*. During the 'closed period' the original silver medal was lost. In 1988 the Ladies Section of the club was re-formed and a *bronze medal* was acquired as a prize for the Ladies Medal Competition. Subsequently the silver medal has been retrieved.

1988

In 1988 the old 2nd and 8th holes were swapped. Ten years later the 2nd green was moved to the SE corner of the course making the hole longer. At the same time the 3rd tee was moved from the top to the bottom of the hill, making the 3rd longer as well.

1988-89

Major clubhouse extensions and modifications plus new tractor.



A Brief Club History (6)

1990

AGM recorded the death, in 1989, of Mrs Murray Usher who had supported the club for over 60 years.

Electric heating installed in the clubhouse.

Tractor shed doubled in size.

The club bought 3 new shields to be used in memory of Mrs Murray Usher.

They were called the *Murray Usher Shield*, the *Ladies Murray Usher Shield* and the *Junior Murray Usher Shield*. They were to be presented each year to the best performance by a Gatehouse golfer in the 3 respective Cally Cup Competitions.

1992

The club agreed to paint the old shed to appease Laurieston Road residents.

1993

New Constitution agreed which followed general SGU guidelines.

1994

Opening of Cally Golf course significantly affected the club's finances.

Two new bunkers were created by 9th green, maybe to stop balls bouncing into the garden of Barlay Cottage.

1996

Funding was secured in late 1996 to build a new 2nd green and 3rd tee. Work continued throughout 1997, with the formal opening in April 1998.



April 1998 : Opening of new 2nd green and 3rd tee

A Brief Club History (7)

1998

The career highlight of greenkeeper Charlie Pickthall was winning the Club Championship in 1998, beating Ian Black on the 35th hole of the 36 hole final.

By the end of the 20th Century the club was well established and the course was being well looked after with no real need for major developments.

2000+

The new millennium brought many improvements to the club.

Enthusiastic Junior Conveners gave a lot of their time and energy to develop the juniors but unfortunately insufficient youngsters were tempted to join and remain at the club.

2010+

From 2010 onwards membership & visitor income has dropped each year and the committee has had a difficult job keeping the club afloat.

2020

There are signs of green shoots for the club with an increase in members & visitors, mainly because golf became an outlet to escape constraints imposed during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Captain for the last three years Pete Haslam has taken on extra duties just to keep the club alive.

2021

There are various events being organised to celebrate the Club's Centenary. Hopefully 2021 will see the Club moving forward from strength to strength into our next century, including a recruitment drive to promote the long term future of Juniors within the club. See inside back cover for details of events in 2021.



1997-98 : before and after creation of new 2nd green (photos : Brian Jones)

Willie Worrall

In its first Century, Gatehouse Golf Course has been managed for 82 years by just two Greenkeepers.

William Worrall was the greenkeeper from 1921-1969 and Charlie Pickthall for the last 34 years, leaving 18 years between 1969 and 1987 when various shorter-term appointments were made.

William Worrall was born in Preston, Lancashire. His mother died when he was just 4, so much of his childhood was spent with his maternal grandparents in Gatehouse. During WWI he served with the Highland Light Infantry. After he was de-mobbed he came back to Gatehouse and looked after the nearby tennis court which had a grass surface in those days.

1921 A Golf Club Greens Committee was set up, and work started on preparing the course. It is likely that William acted as groundsman at this time, although his position was not formalised until the following year.

He loved his job and enjoyed chatting with golfers. He looked after the course, cared for the clubhouse and collected green fees. He also sold golf equipment in a small metal hut behind the clubhouse.

1937 John Hay was appointed temporary groundsman during William Worrall's serious illness.

1938 Course improvements were postponed due to Mr Worrall's absence.

1943 Mr Worrall accepted a reduction in his wage to keep the club solvent and Commander Cochrane and others cut the grass free of charge.

1960 Mr Worrall took seriously ill and tendered his resignation, which the committee refused and they wished him a speedy recovery.

1962 Presentation to Mr Worrall to commemorate his 40 years as greenkeeper.

1969 Willie Worrall retired after 48 years service. He died in 1975 and is buried at Girthon Graveyard.



Willie Worrall
Greenkeeper 1921-69

Julian Frullani remembers "Wullie"

Wullie always called it "**The Hill**", never the Golf Course. From his garden (NW corner of Digby St & Catherine St) he could actually see players going from the second tee to the green. I had better eyesight, so he would ask: "Can ye see onybody up on the hill"?

The **clubhouse main room** had lockers all round. A large table sat in the middle against the back wall on which there was a lemonade crate (Coulter's Lemonade) on its side ready to extract your bottle, a box with straws and one for your 6d, the cost of the drink. A door on the right opened to a narrower room lined with lockers, at the end of which was the Ladies' toilet.

The door on the left of the entrance led to the Gents' toilet. Again, a room with lockers. In the Gents, at the right-hand back corner, beside the window, there was a kind of wooden cage, waist high, for golf bags and odd clubs left by players who did not use them any longer for some reason. You could take one if you wanted. I got my first clubs there because it was the only place I could find lefthanded clubs.

Above the sink was a shelf with a glass for drinking water, another glass with a toothbrush standing in it; and toothpaste; and a scrubbing brush. Behind the main clubhouse there was a smaller building, a shop where you could buy golfballs, golfbags, tees, and so on.

The **tractor shed** on the hill was invaded by a sweet-scented smell of burnt oil, a place of a hundred iron bits and pieces, of broken pins with the flags still attached, the iron "hole cylinder" with a hole in the bottom, empty petrol cans with their acrid smell, tools, and a lawnmower. Atco? On the grass mower was a seat at the back on which I used to sit, third row, I think. This was dragged by the tractor when Wullie was cutting the fairways. A masterpiece, a cacophony of clinking, rattling chains. I bet it is still there somewhere.

Every Saturday morning in the season, I went to The Hill with Wullie. Up the Cape on his World War I bike, to **catch rabbits**. He had **three ferrets** in a large box in his garden. We would place the nets then he put his ear to the ground and waited for the rumble below when the rabbit bolted, up and into the net.

The scourge of Uncle Wullie's life were the **moudies**. We laid about 20 traps on each expedition. His language describing this moudie devastation, I can say, was "braw". The best days of my life. In particular there was a well-colonised warren near the burn down to the left from the first green.

There were **shelters** along the course. One near the wood at the 4th tee, and one along the Long Hole fairway. The Cally Cup, foursomes, and similar "quasi-religious ceremonies" were moments of great agitation. I used to caddie for John Trainer. "Half a croon, aye, thank you". And for Ms Gault of Cree Mills.

Other Important Contributors

1969

When Willie Worrall retired, the course was looked after by **Jamsie Gordon** (late uncle of Josephine McCreath). His wife **Daisy Gordon** looked after the clubhouse. She checked almost every day to make sure that all rounds had been paid for. Mr & Mrs Gordon made a remarkable contribution to the club.

mid 1970s

James Pickthall (Charlie's father) then helped out for 2 years or so.

1976-77

David Twiname worked on the course but he could only work part-time because he also ran the Bank of Fleet Hotel.

1978

Duncan Gray took the reins until March 1980.

1980

David Shields was appointed, but he took ill and committee member **Charlie Pickthall** with the help of volunteers and some casual labour kept the course in good condition.

1982

Kenny McQuat from Kirkcudbright was employed for a single season. He was followed by **Terence Jowle** and then **Ian Semple** from Kirkcudbright who served 5 years before going on to further his career at some top courses around the country.

1986

In June 1986 **Howard Forsyth** took the position on a part-time basis, but very sadly died suddenly on the course a year later.

1987

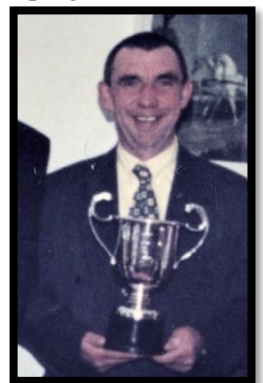
Charlie Pickthall then took on the role of full time greenkeeper in July 1987 and for 3 years visited the college in Ayr on a day release to achieve his greenkeeping qualification and he was awarded Student of the Year. Over the next 33 years he has had various paid assistants and volunteers.

1992

William Bryan started 5 years as part time service. Other names who were employed were **Colin Scott**, **Alan Carter** and **Nigel Newbold** who left the job to work for royalty at Balmoral Castle. Latterly, due to tight finances, all the help has been volunteers with **Martin McDowall**, **Steven Pickthall** & **Phil Downs** all doing sterling work. Also Past Captain **Brian Jones** helped out and more recently **Eddie Bryan** and champion strimmer of the year, **Alan McCreath**. All their work has been very much appreciated by the members and committee.



Daisy Gordon



Charlie Pickthall
Greenkeeper 34 yrs

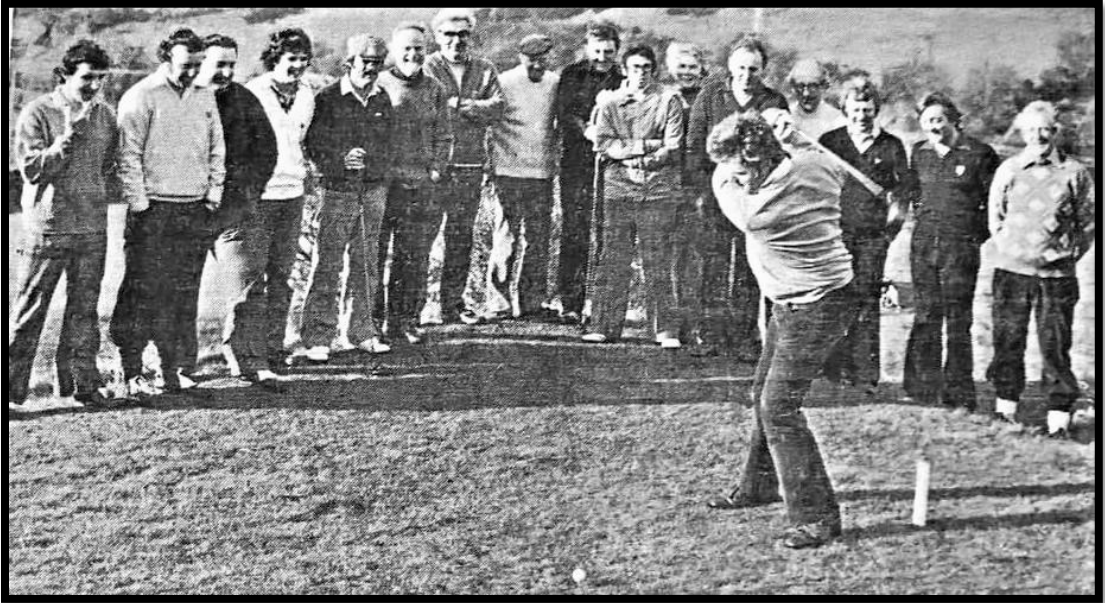
Club Champions—Gents

1973	D T McRae	1997	G McMillan
1974	W Blaen	1998	C Pickthall
1975	W Blaen	1999	G McMillan
1976	A G Hannay	2000	G McMillan
1977	D Gray	2001	G McMillan
1978	W Blaen	2002	A I Hannah
1979	A G Hannay	2003	R Hope
1980	W Blaen	2004	E J Bryan
1981	E J Bryan	2005	I J Black
1982	E J Bryan	2006	R Hope
1983	W Guthrie	2007	E J Bryan
1984	A I Hannah	2008	A I Hannah
1985	S Martin	2009	R Hope
1986	E J Bryan	2010	G McMillan
1987	W Guthrie	2011	G McMillan
1988	I J Black	2012	G McMillan
1989	G McMillan	2013	G McMillan
1990	E J Bryan	2014	I J Black
1991	E J Bryan	2015	G McMillan
1992	A I Hannah	2016	G McMillan
1993	I J Black	2017	G McMillan
1994	A I Hannah	2018	M Durham
1995	A I Hannah	2019	M Durham
1996	R Hope	2020	M Durham

Congratulations to Graham McMillan

Graham McMillan won his first of 12 Club Championships in 1989 when he was only 22. On this occasion he played Eddie Bryan in the 36 hole final. Seven up after 18 holes and all square after 36 holes, Graham stood on the 37th tee (1st) and hit his 5 wood to within a foot of the pin to clinch victory. He has also been beaten finalist on 6 occasions, so he has been quite a force over the last 30 years. He also holds the course record which he set in 2000 and equalled in 2010.

First Hit of the Year



1980 : Club Captain, Billy Irvine, first shot of the new season,
teeing off in the Auchenlarie Cup



1986 : Club Captain, Irving Hannah, first shot of the new season,
teeing off in the Auchenlarie Cup



1992 : Club Captain, Willie McMillan, first shot of the new season, teeing off in the Auchenlarie Cup

Centenary Year Celebrations

A number of Centenary Events are planned for 2021. These include :

Monday 24th May : Mixed match v Kirkcudbright at Gatehouse.

Saturday 12th June : Members' "Away Day" at Cally Palace Golf Course.

Saturday 21st August : Members' Centenary Day at Gatehouse.

Saturday 18th September : Past Captains' Golf Day at Gatehouse

(Past Captains or family representatives will be invited to take part in a fun tournament).

Club Records

In terms of Club Records, there are '3 different courses'.

1. The original 9 holes, played twice as an 18 hole course.
2. The same course but with holes 2 and 8 swapped.
3. As course 2 but with the 2nd and 3rd holes lengthened (plus others re-measured).

On 3rd July 1983 **Stewart Martin** created a club record of 60 for course 1 above.

On 23rd June 1993 **Graham McMillan** created a club record of 63 for course 2 above. These 2 records will never be beaten as those courses no longer exist. They are scored in grey and blue below.

On 30th July 2000, whilst competing in the Howard Forsyth Trophy competition, **Graham McMillan** set a club record of 62 for the current course layout. This is scored in pink below.

Hole	yds	score
1	214	3
2	185	2
3	251	4
4	328	4
5	137	3
6	545	5
7	283	3
8	293	5
9	162	2
Out		31
1	214	4
2	185	3
3	251	3
4	328	3
5	137	3
6	545	5
7	283	3
8	293	3
9	162	2
In		29
Total		60

Hole	yds	score
1	214	4
2	293	3
3	251	4
4	328	4
5	137	3
6	545	5
7	283	3
8	185	3
9	162	2
Out		31
1	214	4
2	293	4
3	251	3
4	328	3
5	137	3
6	545	5
7	283	3
8	185	4
9	162	3
In		32
Total		63

Hole	yds	score
1	211	2
2	354	3
3	288	4
4	320	3
5	131	2
6	549	6
7	280	4
8	189	4
9	165	2
Out		30
1	211	2
2	354	4
3	288	5
4	320	4
5	131	3
6	549	5
7	280	3
8	189	3
9	165	3
In		32
Total		62

The Kirkcudbrightshire



2017

The Gatehouse pairing of George Taylor and Alan McCreath defeated father and son pairing Wesley and Greig Blayney (Southernness) by one hole in a closely contested final of the Kirkcudbrightshire Golfers Association four-ball match-play championship at Kirkcudbright Golf Club. The photo shows KGA president Pete Haslam presenting the trophy to the winners. Pete refereed the final.

The top four in the Clubs' Fred Thorpe Trophy in September 2016 qualified to enter the 'Kirkcudbrightshire' in 2017. Once qualified, pairings then had to win five more matches to win the trophy.

The only other Gatehouse pairing to win this prestigious event were Eddie Bryan and Charlie Pickthall in 1994, the first year it was contested. Eddie had a hole in one on the 16th at Kirkcudbright to win the match 4 and 2, what a way to win the trophy.

Captains — Gents

1921 – 1924	D A Miller	1980 – 1981	W Irvine
1924 – 1926	N S Munro	1982 – 1983	W N Telfer
1926 – 1928	A McCutcheon	1984 – 1984	W J A Bryan
1928 – 1930	A R Sturrock	1986 – 1987	A I Hannah
1930 – 1932	C B Langlands	1988 – 1989	E J Bryan
1932 – 1933	A C Craig	1990 – 1991	J S McConchie
1933 – 1936	A A Stewart	1992 – 1993	W E McMillan
1936 – 1937	C B Langlands	1994 – 1995	L J Morris
1937 – 1939	N S Munro	1996 – 1997	B L Jones
1939 – 1942	A C McKellar	1998 – 1999	A R McLaren
1942 – 1948	W Trainer	2000 – 2001	D Gray
1948 – 1949	R G Nicol	2002 – 2003	I D Allison
1949 – 1951	D C Cochrane	2004 – 2005	F Maycock
1951 – 1957	W E Cliff-McCulloch	2006 – 2007	S M Groome
1957 – 1962	Rev. J B F Montgomery	2008 – 2009	A McGougan
1962 – 1964	J J Trainer	2010 – 2011	M Ashmore
1964 – 1966	A J Hunter	2012 – 2013	R Hope
1966 – 1968	J H Sommerville	2014 – 2015	G McClymont
1968 – 1973	R Graham	2016 – 2017	S Thomson
1973 – 1974	J D Kennedy	2018 – 2020	P Haslam
1974 – 1976	M J Williamson	2021	H D McDavid
1976 – 1978	J S McConchie		
1978 – 1979	W Hannay		



*You drive for show
and putt for dough*



Captains – Ladies

1988 – 1989	H Ferguson	2009 – 2011	S Downs
1990 – 1991	J Jarmy	2012 – 2013	J Prentice
1992 – 1993	M Swann	2014	E Dodds
1994	E McCarlie	2015 – 2016	L Colquhoun
1995	H Ferguson	2017	M Watson
1997 – 2003	M Swann	2018 – 2019	M Rochester
2004 – 2006	K Benney	2020	H McQueen
2007 – 2008	H McQueen	2021	J Prentice

Centenary Year Office Bearers 2021

Club Captain	Douglas McDavid
Club Vice Captain	Willie McMillan
Club Secretary	Pete Haslam
Club Treasurer	Robert Hope
Club Membership Secretary	Jean Prentice
Club Minutes Secretary	Lorna Colquhoun
Gents Match Secretary	Gary McClymont
Gents Handicap Secretary	Alan McCreath
Ladies Captain	Jean Prentice
Ladies Secretary	Lorna Colquhoun
Ladies Treasurer	Agnes Watson
Ladies Handicap Secretary	Sally Downs
Greens Convenor	Phil Downs
Health & Safety Convenor	Phil Downs
Junior Convenor	Ryan Fortnum
Website Convenor	Pete Haslam
General Committee	Jack Donald

1978 Prize Winners



1984 Prize Winners



1990 Prize Winners



1991 Prize Winners



1993 Prize Winners



1996 Prize Winners



1997 Prize Winners



1998 Prize Winners



2002 Prize Winners



2004 Prize Winners



Meeting held in a marquee in the Masonic Arms garden.

2012 Prize Winners



2017 Prize Winners



Ladies Cally Cup Winners



2011 : Jean Prentice,
Margaret McGarrie & Joyce Jarmy



2012 : Margaret Sloan,
Pam Watson & Mary Robertson



2013 : Pat Wallace,
Margaret Locke & Liz Dodds



2016 : Chris McIntyre, Toni
McAllister & Lorna Colquhoun

*More
Ladies
Cally Cup
Winners*



2018 : Jean Prentice,
Marian Rochester & Margaret Sloan



2018 Prize Winners



Cally Cup Winners—Gents

1928	J Lamont	1966	J Crossan (Kbt)
1929	A W Hubertson (NS)	1967	D Wood (NS)
1930	G P Cowburn	1968	R T Davidson
1931	J McKinna	1969	Sgt W M Boyd (Kbt)
1932	W E Cliff-McCulloch	1970	B Girgan (Kbt)
1933	W E Cliff-McCulloch	1971	E H White
1934	P Watson	1972	J Green (CD)
1935	G J McDonald	1973	A I Hannah
1936	J Hall (Kbt)	1974	A I Hannah
1937	T Hamilton	1975	J L Watson (Kbt)
1938	A G McKeller	1976	W A Rutherford (CD)
1939	J K Henderson	1977	W N Telfer
		1978	J Kirk (Kbt)
1946	J J Trainer	1979	D L Picken (Kbt)
1947	R J Clingan	1980	W E McMillan
1948	W Kirkpatrick (Kbt)	1981	D A Porteous (NG)
1949	J J Trainer	1982	W Carruthers
1950	J P Boyle	1983	W Guthrie
1951	E D Coulthard	1984	E J Bryan
1952	A C Brown	1985	J Baty (Kbt)
1953	A Houston (CD)	1986	W Irvine
1954	D Maxwell (Kbt)	1987	W Irvine
1955	I C McGregor (NS)	1988	J McCreadie (Kbt)
1956	E J Woodley	1989	D Stitt (Kbt)
1957	C L Padfield (CD)	1990	A McLeod
1958	J M Welsh (NS)	1991	A Macrae (Kbt)
1959	M McKenna (Kbt)	1992	J Hair (S'ness)
1960	D Shamash	1993	A B Durham (CD)
1961	J Thomson	1994	E J Bryan
1962	F Milligan (Kbt)	1995	G McClymont
1963	P Whillis (Dfs&Co)	1996	K Hartley
1964	J S McConchie	1997	I J Black
1965	J L Paterson (Kbt)	1998	R Douglas (Kbt)
		1999	J Donald

Gary McClymont remains the only person to have won the Junior Cally Cup (1989), the Cally Cup (1995) and the Murray-Usher Shield (1995 & 2006).

Cally Cup Winners—Gents

2000	K E Pickthall	2011	W H Roff (Kbt)
2001	E J Bryan	2012	I J Black
2002	G W Taylor	2013	M Kirkwood (Kbt)
2003	B Kirkpatrick (CD)	2014	R Niven (Kbt)
2004	N Barker-Smith	2015	D Shamash (Kbt)
2005	D Broadfoot (Kbt)	2016	J Menzies (Kbt)
2006	B Kirkpatrick (CD)	2017	E J Bryan
2007	J MacTaggart (Kbt)	2018	P J Picken (Kbt)
2008	G McMillan	2019	J Menzies (Kbt)
2009	K Telfer	2020	S Telfer
2010	S Brown (B Bay)		

Sean Telfer
Holder



Well Done Eddie Bryan

Most wins of the Cally Cup with 4 (also 5 Murray Usher Shields).
4 wins over 4 different decades : 1984, 1994, 2001 & 2017
Aged 33 for his first, aged 66 for his last.
Will there be a historic 5th victory in the 5th decade ?

Murray Usher Shield — Gents

1990	A McLeod	2006	G McClymont
1991	A I Hannah	2007	J MacTaggart
1992	I J Black	2008	G McMillan
1993	G Poland	2009	K Telfer
1994	E J Bryan	2010	G McMillan
1995	G McClymont	2011	A I Hannah
1996	K Hartley	2012	I J Black
1997	I J Black	2013	G Poland
1998	N R Picken	2014	G McMillan
1999	J Donald	2015	I J Black
2000	K E Pickthall	2016	I Pickthall
2001	E J Bryan	2017	E J Bryan
2002	G W Taylor	2018	G McMillan
2003	G Poland	2019	E J Bryan
2004	N Barker-Smith	2020	S Telfer
2005	E J Bryan		

Cally Cup Winners—Ladies

1949	A J Easton	1998	M Stryjewski (Kbt)
1950	C Cochrane (Dfs&Co)	1999	J Prentice
1951	J J Morton (NS)	2000	A Beaton (Kbt)
1952	J A Jack (CD)	2001	A Carson CD)
1953	J J Morton (NS)	2002	A Carson (CD)
1954	J A Jack (CD)	2003	J Jarmy
1955	D Sherwin	2004	S Semple (Kbt)
.....	<i>not contested</i>	2005	E Dodds
.....		2006	M Locke (Kbt)
1984	A M Y Picken (Kbt)	2007	P Watson
1985	<i>not contested</i>	2008	P Watson
1986	M E McGarrie (Kbt)	2009	J F Campbell (CD)
1987	J Welsh (NS)	2010	T Pollock
1988	Mrs McCrosbie	2011	M E McGarrie (Kbt)
1989	C R Houston (Kbt)	2012	P Watson
1990	E McCarlie	2013	M Locke (Kbt)
1991	M Williamson (Dfs&Co)	2014	H McQueen
1992	A Beaton (Kbt)	2015	I Watson (Kbt)
1993	S Semple (Kbt)	2016	T McAllister
1994	C Houston (Kbt)	2017	M Locke (Kbt)
1995	M Swann	2018	J Prentice
1996	J Ross (Lockerbie)	2019	C Loe (Dfs&Co)
1997	K J Thom (Colvend)	2020	S Downs

2019 at The Ship Inn



Murray Usher Shield – Ladies

1990 E McCarlie

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1992 E McCarlie

1993 J Jarmy

1994 J Jarmy

1995 M Swann

1996 L Poland

1997 M Crosbie

1998 M McGarrie

1999 J Prentice

2000 H Hill

2001 J Jarmy

2002 P Maycock

2003 J Jarmy

2004 J Prentice

2005 E Dodds

2006 E Dodds

2007 P Watson

2008 P Watson

2009 T Pollock

2010 T Pollock

2011 J Prentice

2012 M Robertson

2013 E Dodds

2014 H McQueen

2015 E Dodds

2016 T McAllister

2017 T McAllister

2018 J Prentice

2019 S Downs

2020 S Downs

2018 at Headlam Hall



Ladies Cally Saucer — 9 holes

2010 A Stanford
 2011 J Jarmy
 2012 M Sloan
 2013 P Wallace
 2014 M Sloan
 2015 M Sloan

2016 M Sloan
 2017 M Icton
 (played over 18 holes at Cally)
 2018 M Sloan
 2019 *not contested*
 2020 *not contested – Covid 19*

Ladies Cally
Saucer



Ladies Handicap
Shield



Ladies Handicap Shield

1989 M Crosbie
 1990 C Cummins
 1991 M Crosbie
 1992 M Swann
 1993 M Crosbie
 1994 J Jarmy
 1995 J Jarmy
 1996
 1997 M Crosbie
 1998 H Hill
 1999 M Swann
 2000 E Dodds
 2001 J Prentice
 2002 M Swann
 2003 M Swann
 2004 P Wallace
 2005 T Pollock

2006 S Downs
 2007 S Downs
 2008 M Sloan
 2009 S Downs
 2010 T McAllister
 2011 S Downs
 2012 E Dodds
 2013 E Dodds
 2014 A Stanford
 2015 S Downs
 2016 E Dodds
 2017 L Colquhoun
 2018 T McAllister
 2019 J Prentice
 2020

Cally Cup Winners—Juniors

1948	John Davidson	1985	A Learmonth
1949	Peter Kelt	1986	Robert Hope
1950	Campbell White	1987	Stuart Davidson
1951	James Patterson	1988	Neil Pickthall
1952	James Patterson	1989	G McClymont
1953	John Miller	1990	Alexander Ray
1954	Edward M Shamash	1991	Gary Smith
1955	Terrance J Farrall	1992	Kerr Telfer
1956	Alex M Dougall	1993	David T Jones
1957	Robert Derby	1994	David Murphy
1958	Ronald Woodley	1995	J McQuarrie
1959	Iain Maxwell	1996	Andrew Kirk
1960	Brian Girgan	1997	Robin Wallace
1961	John Laurie	1998	Greg Taylor
1962	Eric Guthrie	1999	R McCrindle
1963	Eric Guthrie	2000	S King
1964	Ronald Houston	2001	Kevin Kerr
1965	?	2002	A McCleary
1966	James White	2003	A McCleary
1967	Neil Franklin	2004	Robbie McCreath
1968	Clifton Wright	2005	Lewis Singh
1969	Andrew Hannay	2006	John Innes
1970	David A J Fulton	2007	Robert Patterson
1971	Brian M Williamson	2008	Kyle Veitch
1972	Brian M Williamson	2009	Hugh McDavid
1973	Wyatt Ormond	2010	<i>not contested</i>
1974	Gary Murray	2011	<i>not contested</i>
1975	Joseph McDavid	2012	<i>not contested</i>
1976	Ewan McClymont	2013	Callum McMillan
1977	Jonathan B Dale	2014	Callum McMillan
1978	David W Watson	2015	<i>not contested</i>
1979	Robert A Patterson	2016	<i>not contested</i>
1980	Derek Thomson	2017	<i>not contested</i>
1981	G Kirkpatrick	2018	<i>not contested</i>
1982	John Campbell	2019	<i>not contested</i>
1983	A Forysth	2020	<i>not contested</i>
1984	Edward Russell		

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