

BALLY HALY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



A History Part 1 (1908 – 1958)

Bally Haly Golf and Country Club gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Frank Graham and wishes to thank his estate for permission to use his extensive research related to the first 50 years of Bally Haly's history.

A long time member of Bally Haly, Frank was both an accomplished athlete and businessman. He was a star performer with St. Bon's, particularly its great hockey teams which were perennial winners of the Boyle Trophy in the halcyon days of "club" hockey in St. John's.

Upon his retirement from sport and business, Frank devoted his time to the history of sport in Newfoundland, virtually becoming a fixture in the archives of The Evening Telegram and the Colonial building. His contribution to our province's sports history was immense. In particular, his work on Bally Haly's history was outstanding and this book is dedicated to his memory.



A Touch of Nostalgia

FRONT ROW

Sir Edgar Bowring, Lady Bowring, Lady Winter, Lady MacCullum,
Sir Henry MacCullum, Mrs. John Browning, Miss Mary Browning,
Mr. J.R. Goodridge.

SITTING IN FRONT:

Mr. Henry Bowring

BACK ROW

Mr. John Browning, Mr C. McKay Harvey, Mr. Robert Watson
Mrs. Kenneth Prowse, Miss Lilly, Mrs. W.G. Gosling, Mrs. J.R.
Goodridge, Mr. J.H. Monroe, Miss Elizabeth Browning.

(Photo taken by W.G.Gosling about 1900)

Crest surmounts plaque
Latin inscription: Tiems Dominabitur Astris

In memory of William Haly Esq. of Bally Haly near this town

A Lieutenant Colonel in the British Army and President of the Council of Newfoundland

He was a member of an ancient Irish family who after a distinguished military career settled in this Colony where he died, respected and regretted by all classes 14th September, 1835 in the 65th year of his age.

Also in memory of Anne, his wife, daughter of the late George Hutchings Esq., who died 29th March 1833 in the 61st year of her age, and their deceased children viz:

Richard John Skerrett their eldest son who died January 6th, 1831 aged 30 years

William Henry died 1818 aged 7 years

John Haly Hutchinson died 1859 aged 55 years

George Thomas died 1807 aged 2 months

William O'Grady died 1815 aged 3 years

James Standish died 1837 aged 2 years

Anna Maria died 1817 aged 1 month

Alexander Aylmer died 1819 aged 1 year

And their youngest son William O'Grady Haly who settled at Taabianga in the Colony of Queensland where he was for many years acting Magistrate. He died at sea 26th April 1861 on his voyage to Australia after a visit to Newfoundland, aged 42 years.

'BALLY HALY'

A beauty spot reclining in a vale of changing scene,
Flanked by the hills of Avalon bedecked in verdant green;
Where burnished heath and mantling crags reflect the after-glow,
Whilst limpid streams and silver lakes flash brilliant far below.

No artist's brush e'er painted a scene more fair than this,
No poet's fancy ever dreamed that Nature's bounteousness
Could dress in wondrous grandeur a vale between the hills,
And garnish it with music sweet from tiny wand'ring rills.

Huge battlements of rocky peaks tower high against the sky,
And hold in thrall the mighty deep when winds blow shrill and high;
Behind the rocky ramparts that guard it from the sea,
There lies a gem of loveliness that's heavenly to me.

My heart goes out in rapture to this spot of pure delight,
It lives in all my waking thoughts, and in my dreams at night;
I breathe again the perfume of its verdant, shady bowers,
And hear again the singing of the birds through waking hours.

The sun is dying in the west, its beams flit o'er the sky,
And rest on magic glories that delight the artist's eye;
A gleam of sea, a golden cloud, a patch of evergreen,
And glinting stars above the trees, when night shuts out the scene.

Again there comes the sunshine, and the soft winds through the trees,
Are wafting scented zephyrs sweet, on every balmy breeze;
And sails of ships are dipping, as they beat far down the Bay,
While our hearts are filled with gladness at the coming of the day.

By P. C. Mars
"The Call of Terra Nova"
published February 1924

"THE PUTTER"

The Golf Bag hangs in the locker dim, the Clubs are having a rest,
And the Mashie says to the Cleek near by – "This season's been my best,
I have pitched them clean and dropped them dead within a foot from the Pin;"
But the Putter stutters and quietly mutters – "It was I who put them in."

The Driver brags of the drives he's had, three hundred yards and more,
And the Mid-iron says to the Jigger near, "The Baffie's getting sore,"
While the Sammy bright with all his might swears the Niblic fetched the Pin;
But the Putter mutters and quietly stutters – "It was I who put them in."

Gone are the days of the Nineteenth hole when golfers 'told the tale':
Now the clubs in his bag are just as bad as he who quaffed the ale,
And told of his record drives and putts and mashies dead to the pin;
But the Putter still stutters and quietly mutters – "It was I who put them in".

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BALLY HALY

In sunrise hour I have strode
To seek their stillness daily
Past the black marsh that lines the road
Towards the pines of Bally Haly.

Reclined upon their needle bed
The small birds singing gaily
The wide spread branches overhead
Of the pines of Bally Haly.

With rippling oat fields lovely view
Queen Nature proud did hail me
The spotless farmhouse of LeDrew
And the pines of Bally Haly.

When Heaven lent its quickening rod
And sorrows did assail me
There Mortal met Immortal God
'Neath the pines of Bally Haly.

No matter where my life's road twine
Their meaning will avail me
To drink the waters of Auld Lang Syne
To the pines of Bally Haly.

By W. T. H. Salter
Dorchester Mass
Published May 9th, 1910

GOLF

The game of golf I once believed
Was sport designed for leisure
That when they played all men received
A sweet reward of pleasure.

But, always when a round is done
In grief the players languish
Instead of having any fun
They've suffered bitter anguish.

The benches of the locker room
Are occupied with mourners
No smiles can dissipate the gloom
No laughter still the groaners.

Though 'twas for fun the game began
Hope vanished like a bubble
The sad report of every man
Is one of endless trouble.

I sit and listen to their woes
With patience never failing
For I am one who truly knows
The reasons for their wailing.

Though golf for pleasure was begun
Man's grief it seems to double
Though many take it up for fun
They seem to end in trouble.

By Edgar Guest

Published July 2, 1957

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Preface

Early in May 1896 a group of enterprising St. John's citizens decided to introduce the game of golf to Newfoundland. A barrens of low-lying scrub located north of LeMarchant Road and in an area known as Buckmaster's Field near Pennywell Road was chosen as the site of the proposed links. The area, virtually devoid of trees of consequence was, at that time, regarded as an excellent haunt for partridge. By late June of 1896 the chosen site had been cleared of much of the overburden of gorse and the area had taken on a landscaped look. Nine reasonably level and strategically located sodded areas known as greens along with nine approaches or fairways abounding in many natural hazards, including the presence of a bog, completed the construction of what became known as the Newfoundland Golf Club.

At 2:30 in the afternoon of 25 June 1896, His Excellency the Governor Sir H. H. Murray accompanied by the president of the newly organized golf club, John Browning Esq. and members of the committee arrived on the grounds and the Newfoundland Golf Club was officially declared open for play.

The newspapers of the day, in reporting on the opening ceremonies, stated that play was commenced by His Excellency 'who went at it like a veteran driving off the tee'. Mrs. Browning, wife of the president was paired with Governor Murray and competed against Sir William Whiteway and Mrs. McNamara with other mixed foursomes following. Tea and refreshments were later served in the two marquees erected on the course.

Early in 1896 a Scotsman, Neil Shannon had been brought from Troon, Scotland to St. John's to lay out the golf course at Buckmaster's Field and supervise its construction. Hailing from the land which had given birth to the game, Shannon was a member of a family with a lengthy association with golf and experience with course construction. The situation confronting him at Buckmaster's meadow, as he set in motion his plan to design a golf course, was not dissimilar to problems which had earlier confronted him in his native Scotland. He readily accepted the challenge. In addition to his architectural ability and artistry in laying out golf courses, Shannon was quite proficient as a golfer as well. He was retained as the new club's professional instructor.

By 1906 as a result of the sustained attention paid to course upkeep and improvement, under the supervision of Neil Shannon who continued to return to St. John's year after year to spend the golfing season here serving in the dual capacity of golf mentor and supervisor of the groundsmen responsible for course maintenance, an amazing transformation had taken place both in the general appearance of the links and the proficiency of the club members as golfers.

Commensurate with the noticeable general improvement in the playing ability of his pupils, Shannon himself, when afforded relief from his tutorial responsibilities as a golf pro, was able to devote much of his spare time to the improvement of his own game. He had by 1905 so familiarized himself with the nine hole course and its hazards that, unlike many of his pupils among the members, he was less likely to come to grief when confronted with bunkers and difficult lies. In 1905 when, by then the Buckmaster's meadow course had been in operation ten years, Shannon on 13 June of that year while playing a round with club member William C. Job carded a most respectable score of 40 for nine holes. It was hailed as a course record. Shannon's score in sequence of holes read 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 7 and 3 to total forty. But for a disastrous eighth hole where he had a double bogie of seven, he would have bettered his score.

By 1905 and the tenth year of the Newfoundland Golf Club's operation at the links at Buckmaster's meadow the game of golf had taken the fancy of the fortunate few who had tried their hand at the pastime. Membership was still restricted to fifty members and enrolment had virtually reached its full compliment by 1897, the second year of the club's operation, with 25 gentlemen and 24 ladies participating in the game. Reports presented at annual meetings held in the early years of the club's history make repeated references to membership applications being received but not entertained on the grounds that no vacancies were open. If a situation did arise from one annual meeting to another whereby either through the resignation of or demise of a member a vacancy was created priority was given to a carefully screened waiting list. To be accepted as a member of the Newfoundland Golf Club a person could consider himself or herself as being invited to join a very select company indeed. The circumstances obtaining reflected the caste system operating at its ignoble worst.

The acknowledged guiding spirit both in the introduction of golf to Newfoundland with the formation of the Newfoundland Golf Club at Buckmaster's meadow near Pennywell Road in 1896 and the shepherding of the new pastime to a point of general acceptance by select segment of society, was Hon. John Browning. He was elected president of the Newfoundland Golf Club in 1896 the year of its formation. He continued in that

capacity to guide the destinies of the club for the next thirteen years. As if such a lengthy tenure of office was not sufficient to establish his dedication to the game, he added to his prestige as a competent and capable organizer when in 1908 he was invited to assume the role of president of the newly inaugurated Bally Haly Golf and Country Club and give direction and purpose to that undertaking.

Hon. John Browning the man to whom the game of golf in Newfoundland owes such a deep debt of gratitude was born in St. John's in 1856 and received his education in the capital city. His father Gilbert Browning founded a biscuit manufacturing business in the west end of St. John's in 1869. John, the son, on leaving school joined his father's firm which would later do business under the name and style of G. Browning & Son. On the death of his father in 1882 John, the son, took over the management of the biscuit bakery. A born organizer with an astute business sense, under his aegis, the business flourished. John Browning was a man of many parts and associated with many local business enterprises apart from his own particular role as a biscuit manufacturer. He was vice-president of the local Manufacturers' Association and President of the Newfoundland Foundry. In 1920 he became a member of the Legislative Council. He was president of the St. Andrew's Society and during the Great War of 1914-1918 was Chairman of the Patriotic fund.

It is of interest to recall the names of some of those who were associated with Hon. John Browning in the formation of the Newfoundland Golf Club and the introduction of the pastime to Newfoundland. That pioneering group consisted of the following, Honorary president, His Excellency the Governor Sir H. H. Murray, H. A. Bowring Secretary - Treasurer, committee members, Messrs. W. C. Job, W. A. Stavert, H. D. Reid, D. Fraser, W. Scott and K. R. Prowse.

When in June 1896 the Newfoundland Golf Club began operating on the links at Buckmaster's meadow near Pennywell Road membership consisted of fifty members equally divided between gentlemen and ladies as would-be golfers. With the game of golf involving physical exertion, lady members at the outset showed a somewhat restrained interest in the pastime. However, they were quick to sense that the game was not without its advantages in providing one with an excellent opportunity to fulfill oneself socially. It was an era when to meet and mingle with one's social equals took precedence over all other considerations even to the point where, at times, one might be obliged to endure some personal inconvenience in the fulfilment of that desire. If, at the outset, the would-be distaff devotees of the new pastime were somewhat luke-warm in their acceptance of the game it must be realized as well that at the turn of the century it was considered unladylike to exert oneself physically.

It must be realized also that ladies' acceptance of golf was at a disadvantage in 1896 when it is considered that while, at that time, there was the vague stirring of a desire for physical freedom on the part of women there was also the unwillingness to relinquish the advantages obtainable from clinging to femininity. The ladies who pioneered golf in Newfoundland at the Pennywell Road links just before the turn of the present century were confronted with still another problem involving the tightly corseted figure and elaborate grandeur in dress. The demands of golf and any hoped-for proficiency at the game could never be satisfactorily resolved while women continued to be encumbered with an excess of clothing. Golf was the one game, beyond all other pastimes, where there could be no restraint in free flowing movement of a coordinated effort in the execution of a golf shot. Of that the would-be-distaff-aspirants would become all too well aware as they attempted to surmount their difficulties at the Buckmaster's meadow links near Pennywell Road back in 1896.

Initially the members of the Newfoundland Golf Club, all would-be golfers both male and female, found themselves very much in one another's company with the result that at the Buckmaster's meadow links before the turn of the century mixed foursomes became very much the order of the day. Gradually however two separate divisions began to emerge, one for the male golfers and the other for the distaff devotees of the game.

It was only natural that as time went on the gentlemen golfers took more readily to the game. The element of competitiveness inherent in the male character sought greater challenge and a desire to excel. By then as well under the tutelage of the club's golf professional Neil Shannon a few local golfers notably R. B. Job and his brother William along with Arthur Donnelly, W. H. Green and A. S. Rendell began to attain proficiency at the game. At the same time the club was welcoming into its ranks an experienced golfer and newcomer to St. John's W. C. Gosling who had arrived here from Bermuda to join the local firm of Harvey & Co.

By 1901 ladies' membership strength still continued to comprise fifty per cent of the total club enrollment. With the men's division going its own independent way, save for the mixed competitions arranged for the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday, the ladies from their numerical position elected to organize their own ladies section within the club. Accordingly they elected as their first president Mrs. John Browning and a Miss Neville as secretary.

The first trophy offered to the club as emblematic of the ladies' golf championship was presented by Commodore Robert A. C. Montgomerie, the senior officer of Her Majesty's North American Naval Squadron.

Apart from his overall administrative duties, involving Britain's interests along the Atlantic seaboard extending from Bermuda through Halifax to St. John's, Commodore Montgomerie also captained his flagship H.M.S. Charbydlis. As a frequent visitor to St. John's aboard his flagship and an enthusiastic golfer to boot, the Commodore along with the officers under his command often enjoyed the courtesies of the Newfoundland Golf Club. As an appreciative gesture in tangible recognition of the hospitality of his hosts he donated a magnificent silver trophy to the club with the expressed wish that it be placed in competition as emblematic of the ladies' golf championship. Permanent ownership of the cup was contingent on it being won any three years by a lady golfer.

The first lady golfer to win acknowledgement for outstanding proficiency at the game and a deserved winner of the Montgomerie Cup was Mrs. Fred Alderdice. She succeeded in carrying off the honor in 1902 and was to repeat her performance the following year. On 4 September 1904 she captured the Montgomerie trophy for the third time and became its permanent owner.

It should be mentioned here that the Montgomerie Cup was to prove the catalyst in a binding and enduring relationship between the executive of the Newfoundland Golf Club and the officers of visiting ships of Her Majesty's navy. That association would be further consolidated years later when Bally Haly Golf and Country Club came into existence, when captains of visiting British warships would make available to the club an entire ship's company to launder fairways, removing stones, burning wind-falls of dead trees and attending to general housekeeping chores in tidying the golf course. Naturally, courtesies in the form of refreshments would be extended to the ratings in appreciation for the assistance rendered.

When, early in March 1896, Neil Shannon arrived in St. John's from Troon, Scotland to carry out his contract with the Newfoundland Golf Club in laying out the golf course at Buckmaster's meadow near Pennywell Road, he looked for a boarding house which would be convenient to his work. His quest ended when he became a lodger at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Chancey on Pennywell road. Shannon's decision to board with the Chancey family was destined to set in motion a train of events far reaching in consequence. It would ultimately result in launching the golfing career of the Chancey's young son Lloyd who was four at that time.

Throughout the thirteen years Shannon was to spend in his dual capacity of being responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the golf links at Buckmaster's meadow and his additional duty in tutoring members, his annual schedule saw him arriving at St. John's early in March of each year, spending the golfing season attending to his responsibilities at the golf club and returning to his home in Troon, Scotland each fall. While in St. John's he continued to stay with the Chancey family on Pennywell Road having by now attained the status of their star boarder and an accepted member of the family.

In 1904 the Chancey's young son Lloyd then a youth of 12 was very much the envy of his school companions in having a celebrity like Neil Shannon living at the Chancey home. By then too, young Chancey was spending much of his time, outside school hours, on the golf links near his home invariably in the company of his school chums. There, in goggle-eyed amazement, they watched grown men and their ladies armed with what appeared to be inverted walking canes whacking the daylights out of small balls and pursuing their flight all over the place. To the youth the game of golf seemed a senseless exercise until they learned that pocket money could be earned from toting members' golf bags complete with clubs over a nine holed distance for the duration of a game. Caddies were then paid the munificent sum of twenty cents a round. Additional increment might be earned by retrieving whatever balls were lost through erratic shots. Originally ownership of a found ball was never questioned. A finders keepers policy prevailed. Compensation at the rate of 5 cents per ball was paid for each errant ball recovered. Later a system was devised whereby each member identified his supply of golf balls.

In 1908 when Lloyd Chancey was 16 years old and a well muscled youth despite his small stature he was spending his entire summer vacation on the golf course at Buckmaster's meadow. Earlier the golf professional Shannon had taken young Chancey under his wing imparting to him whatever knowledge he himself possessed on the finer points of the game. Meanwhile the experience which young Chancey had gained as a caddie earned him recognition. The club executive was impressed by his gentlemanly behaviour and his willingness, when invited, to help struggling golfers with their game. As a result of the qualities made manifest, young Chancey was offered and accepted the role of caddie master. His new responsibilities entailed his selecting from the many applicants seeking employment as caddies the best mannered, even dispositioned and the most cooperative of those youths applying and later briefing those chosen in the etiquette of the game of golf.

When it is realized that virtually every member of the Newfoundland Golf Club in the early 1900's, both ladies and gentlemen, hailed from that strata of society not only born to give orders but furthermore as members of the privileged class expected to be waited upon hand and foot some idea may be gained of the code of conduct expected from caddies. Young Chancey must have measured up to the trust reposed in him for in 1907 when the Newfoundland Golf Club was disbanded to be succeeded by the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, Lloyd Chancey became caddie master at the new club. In time much more would be heard from that young man in golfing circles.

At this juncture in the narrative it is of particular interest to mention that the one living link between the events which shaped the introduction and early days of golf in Newfoundland at Buckmaster's meadow, St. John's just before the turn of the century and our world of the present is an eminently reliable eye-witness in the person of our esteemed, articulate, kind and scholarly friend, Hon. William J. Browne.

Billy Browne was born on Casey Street, in the west end of St. John's in 1896, the year the golf links at Buckmaster's meadow near Pennywell Road came into being. In 1903 when young Browne was seven years old, he and a friend of his of the same age, George Motty, who lived on Charlton Street, with the curiosity of youth and on exploration bent decided to investigate a new fangled game named golf then being played in a field north of LeMarchant Road and within walking distance from both their homes. They were entranced by what they saw, a group of well-turned-out ladies and gentlemen armed in high glee whacking at small balls with what appeared to be walking canes and endeavouring excitedly in trying to entice the small ball into open-mouthed tin cans countersunk in a levelled area of the course. Four years later young Browne and his companion Motty having in the meanwhile gained acceptance as caddies would be far more knowledgeable on the subject of golf and what the game was all about.

By his own admission Hon W. J. Browne acknowledges that while as a youth, properly brought up, well mannered and with a deep respect for his elders, all necessary requisites for engagement as a caddie at the original golf course off Pennywell Road, he still did not feel he was very good in that role. In his opinion one of the best caddies in that far-off day was his friend George Motty. In 1907 when the Newfoundland Golf Club was phased out to be supplanted by the new 18 hole golf course on the Bally Haly property on Logy Bay Road, the remoteness of the new golf links made it no longer feasible for youth who were west enders to commute and find work as caddies at the new links, all youth, that is, save Billy Browne. In his case fate took a hand and he was able to continue shouldering golfers's bags at Bally Haly. Liberius Browne, young Browne's father, who maintained the family home on Casey Street, was a fisherman who followed his calling from his fishing stage in Quidi Vidi village. Young Billy Browne now began spending his summer holidays at Quidi Vidi gut in his father's company occassionally accompanying his parent to the cod traps or else playing with youth of his age in Quidi Vidi village. A swimming hole frequented by the village youth called 'No Bottom' was located on Rutledge's River, a stream at times turbulent, that in its meandering course towards Quidi Vidi lake fringed the eastern border of Bally Haly golf course. As was inevitable Billy Browne was first drawn to the swimming hole and natural sequence to the golf course where he spasmodically found work as a caddie.

PROLOGUE

Seemingly throughout the course of the past three quarters of a century, the St. John's public has seen fit to characterize membership in the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club as being synonymous with an accolade of local social acceptance, an acknowledgement of fellowship into the company of the privileged class.

There is good and sufficient reason that, allegedly, local thinking should be so channeled for not only was the game of golf itself, when originally introduced into Newfoundland at Buckmaster's Field, St. John's in June 1896, considered a frivolous pastime but only those, disparagingly referred to as the idle rich, had the leisure time and financial resources necessary to become devotees of the game.

In all fairness, however, it must be pointed out that the introduction of golf locally in 1896 was a private undertaking and only those with means were prepared to underwrite the venture. Furthermore, it was those same people who were expected, and did, keep the nourishment to the endeavour once it was launched. It was that self same dedicated group of enterprising local citizens who as well, late in June 1910, would form the nucleus of the membership of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club assuming the financial responsibility for the acquisition of the Haly property, the layout of the golf course and the building of a magnificent club house.

Class distinction was very much in evidence world-wide as the Twentieth century began. Locally, at that time, there was no facet of existence not in some way affected by that feeling of a contrived superiority. Socially a distinct line of demarcation existed separating the elite from lesser mortals. Class distinction was nurtured in the prevailing school system and carried into commercial and social life. In no aspect of human relations was that more pronounced than in local club life. Unless to the manner born or else having the good fortune to inherit or marry into wealth one could not aspire to membership in a so called Gentleman's club.

At the turn of the present century the three local clubs whose glacial formality placed them in that exalted category were, the now defunct St. John's City Club, Murray's Pond Fishing Club and Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. The common denominator to all three aristocratic assemblies was power, influence, wealth and social standing. The membership rolls of all three clubs in years gone by confirm that they were indeed composed of the wealthiest and most influential element of privileged society.

Time and economic conditions both world-wide and locally have wrought great changes in our way of life. That revolutionary transformation appears to have begun as an aftermath of the Great War of 1914-1918 when nations freed from the horrors of conflict turned to peace time pursuits. In the changing pattern which began to emerge there was far less emphasis on class distinction. That trend appears to have gained momentum with each succeeding generation from the Armistice of 1918 onward marked by a growing degree of assertiveness on the part of the masses. Locally the pace of change was accelerated by the loss of the British Empire and the phasing out of the Colonial system. Some would add that change was brought about with the advent of Confederation in 1949. Be that as it may. Essentially what was happening was that the less fortunate began to openly demand greater consideration and an acknowledged and more dignified role in the fabric of society.

As a social and recreational club Bally Haly has survived the tidal wave of change by adapting to the times and a modern lifestyle while retaining its aura of reserve and quiet dignity. However, the idea still persists that membership in Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, with pastime of Curling recently incorporated into the club's name, is still the haven of the privileged class. That is a misconception which only time and an effective public relations job can dispel. To that end may this, the Bally Haly story covering the first fifty years of the club's almost eighty years of existence, prove to be an auspicious start in helping the public form a better understanding of Bally Haly and the role it has played, and continues to play, in the social and recreational life of Newfoundland.

Chapter One

Phonetically the name Bally Haly has a pleasant, arresting and melodious ring. Unless viewed in print, however, it could be mistakingly confused with some exotic sea-girth, sun drenched Indonesian isle. Any assumed association between Bally Haly Golf and Country Club located on Logy Bay Road in St. John's east and some far-distant island bearing a similar-sounding name must, however, forthwith be laid to rest.

Bally is simply the Gaelic word for 'farm'. More specifically, the word refers to a collection of tenanted farms comprising an agricultural estate. The word 'Haly' is the surname of an Anglo-Irish family with roots in Country Cork, Ireland. In effect Bally Haly is simply 'Haly's Farm'.

It bears the name of its original owner Lieutenant Colonel Charles William Haly who received a grant of 280 acres of prime agricultural and forest land on Logy Bay Road in suburban St. John's in 1838. The property was subsequently, on 17 November 1908, acquired by the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club for the sum of \$7,500, a figure much below its real worth at that time. The new owners, with a deep respect for history, wisely retained the name Bally Haly for their newly-formed club.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles William Haly was born on his family's estate, Bally Haly, in county Cork, Ireland in 1770. At the age of 16 he embraced the military life serving in the Fifth Regiment of the Irish Brigade, attached to the British army. He saw military duty in campaigns in France and on the Peninsula. While serving in the West Indies he fought valiantly, but unsuccessfully, in an attempt to put down an uprising among the natives. He saw still further military service in the North American provinces when attached to the Nova Scotia Fensibles throughout the 1790's. In the summer of 1799 Brigadier General John Skerrett was appointed garrison commander of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's and Captain Haly accompanied him here as his aide.

Captain Haly was a widower of 29 when he arrived in St. John's in 1799. By 1801 he had risen to the rank of major with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. On July 6 of that year, he married Ann Hutchings, the daughter of a prominent St. John's merchant. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Anglican church (later cathedral) at St. John's with Rev. John Harries, the rector, officiating. General John Skerrett commander of the Garrison supported the groom while Miss Hannah Bulley fulfilled the duties of bridesmaid.

The union of Major Haly and Ann Hutchings was destined to produce, over the course of the next twenty years, no less than thirteen children, eight boys and five girls. In the Haly family the mortality rate ran very high. Four children died between the ages of one month and two years. Another child died at the age of three and still another at the age of seven years.

When Captain Haly arrived in St. John's in 1799 he, like other single officers attached to the local garrison, was assigned living quarters in the army barracks at Fort William then located on the site now occupied by hotel Newfoundland in St. John's east. His marriage to Ann Hutchings in 1801 led, by virtue of his marital status, to his being granted a small piece of land on Logy Bay Road, a site more specifically described as being located on 'the north side of Black Marsh brook' on that thoroughfare. Other married officers of the garrison were already occupying homes in that area. Haly now proceeded to erect, on the property acquired, a dwelling in keeping with his military position. In 1804 he applied to the Colonial Office to retain in his possession an additional section of idle land adjoining his original grant which he had appropriated, enclosed and cultivated. To more or less tip the Colonial Office's hand in his favor he post-factum intimated that he was willing to an exchange by relinquishing title to an equitable piece of land in his possession which was located on the Barrens. Apparently the Colonial Office saw nothing unethical in the circumstances which led to that proposal for it was forthwith agreed that 'the said Captain Haly was to hold and enjoy during His Majesty's pleasure without let, hinderance or molestation for any purpose whatsoever' that piece of additional land which earlier he had appropriated to his use. The addition of this extra piece of property now brought Captain Haly's land holdings on the Logy Bay Road to 33 acres of prime agricultural and forest land. He named his property Bally Haly after his father's estate in Bally Haly, county Cork, Ireland.

On 31 July 1802 the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in which body Haly now held the rank of major was disbanded and the Newfoundland Fensibles Regiment was formed from the veterans of the original force. Far reaching events, remote from the shores of Newfoundland, occasioned that transition. Britain with her well trained but hopelessly small army, considering her commitments to the outposts of Empire world wide, found herself spread thin at home for the defence of England itself. There was the ever-present likelihood that with Napoleon's huge army of 100,000 well trained troops, then poised for action on the Continent, the threat of invasion of England became a matter of grave and growing concern. The immediate action of the British Government was to call home as many units as possible from the various garrisons in the Colonies throughout the world. The removal of the bulk of the British garrison from St. John's led to the formation of the Newfoundland Fensibles.

Everything went smoothly until 17 June 1805 when the newly formed Newfoundland Fensibles Regiment now integrated with the British Army was withdrawn and sent to Halifax to be replaced at St. John's by a Nova Scotia Fensibles regiment who would take over garrison duties here. General Skerrett who commanded the garrison at St. John's was anything but happy over the turn of events. He had lost, through the exchange arrangement implemented, his well trained garrison, who were thoroughly acquainted with St. John's and the problems of the defence of the capital. He had received in return a Nova Scotia Fensibles Regiment which was not supposed, as a Fensibles regiment, to see service other than the defence of its own home station.

Captain William Haly who bore the title of Town Major was quick to recognize the difficulties inherent in defending St. John's with troops unfamiliar with the terrain. On July 20, 1805 he submitted to his commanding officer General Skerrett a proposal that a small force of volunteer riflemen be trained as auxillary police who would serve as well as local militia. Agreeing with the proposal, General Skerrett endorsed it and then relayed it to the Governor, Sir Erasmus Gower. The Vice-regal representative found merit in the proposal and passed it to his Majesty's Secretary of State for consideration. From experience it was realized that the Home Government was notoriously lethargic in acting on Colonial proposals. Not surprisingly there was no word from London save that the proposal was being studied. The people of St. John's in the face of such indecisiveness took matters into their own hands and proceeded to raise the proposed Volunteer Corps on their own.

With the cooperation of General Skerrett and the blessing of Governor Sir Erasmus Gower, the Voluntary Armed Association came into being in the fall of 1805. In October 1808 James MacBraire, who two years earlier had been instrumental in the formation of the Benevolent Irish Society, was appointed head of the Volunteers. However well intentioned its purpose when first organized, the Volunteers did not measure up to expectations. A feeling of animosity existed between the group and the garrison. The criticism levelled against the Volunteers was lack of discipline and totally inadequate attention to necessary drill and regular inspections. That unsatisfactory situation was brought to the attention of Governor Gower's successor Governor Duckworth and on 25 September 1810 he issued a proclamation which sounded the death knell of the Corps of Volunteers. The life time of Haly's ill-fated Volunteer proposal was five years.

Concurrent with Captain Haly's military career was his avocation as a gentleman farmer. Evolving from the acquisition of the additional acreage acquired in extending his original land holdings in 1804 and embolden by his success as a part-time farmer, Captain Haly in 1815 applied for a grant of a considerably greater tract of land. In order to make his application for grant for additional acreage more acceptable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies he again resorted to proposing an exchange in kind. He made known his intention that he was prepared to forfeit ownership of some 1,200 acres of prime agricultural land granted to him in Nova Scotia and accept in lieu approximately fifty percent of acreage, of his choice, in the environs of St. John's. Of paramount concern was his desire to extend Bally Haly property north-eastward to the Emerson property line at Virginia Waters. Through that exchange arrangement the Bally Haly property would be increased to 271 acres. Additional acreage to make up the complement of fifty percent of the Nova Scotia land held by Haly could, it was suggested, involve two other independent sections. One chosen property was land at Outer Cove, comprising 127 acres, and another at Torbay, consisting of 197 acres. Captain Haly in submitting his proposal felt confident that on the basis of his, by then, 30 years of military service and the attractiveness of the exchange offer, his application for the land grant would receive early approval. It was a hope not soon to be realized. At least not within Haly's own lifetime.

In 1825 at age 55 and by then having attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel Major of the port of St. John's, Haly was still attached to the garrison at Fort William. That same year Captain Sir Thomas John Cochrane was appointed to succeed Sir Charles Hamilton as Governor of Newfoundland. Cochrane was destined to occupy the vice-regal office for nine years, a longer period of stewardship as Governor of Newfoundland than any other occupant of Government house. Throughout his lengthy tenure of office Cochrane would bring about great changes.

Cochrane's commission contained a clause which introduced a change in the method of governing the Colony whereby a Council would be appointed to assist and advise the Governor in the discharge of his responsibilities. In a letter directed to the Right Honourable the Earl of Bathurst under date of 29th December 1825, Cochrane submitted the names of twelve eminently qualified local individuals as worthy choices for councillors. Haly, by then a Lieutenant Colonel, was included as a possible choice. In making his proposal Cochrane saw fit to temper his recommendation of Haly by writing 'Lt Colonel Haly although a man of good sense is, I believe, little accustomed to public business'. In 1826 Haly, despite his alleged business inexperience, received his appointment to the Governor's Council and was also appointed Cochrane's aide-de-camp and commissioned to serve as administrator in the Governor's absence from the City.

With the advent of Representative Government to Newfoundland in 1832 Lieutenant Colonel Haly then retired from the army and living the life of a gentleman farmer at Bally Haly prepared to embark on a new career. He

large dwelling as the Haly home, along with the cares of running a farm, she decided to dispose of most of the household effects together with everything associated with the farm operation including animals, equipment and even unharvested crops. Meanwhile, following the disposal of her effects, she would continue to live on in the ancestral home occupying a small section of the eastern wing.

In the Newfoundland Gazette issue of 19 September 1837, Ann Haly through her appointed auctioneer James Clift offered for sale by auction the entire live stock and crops at Bally Haly as well as a partial list of the household furniture in the Haly home. In view of the length of the list of items being offered for sale the auction was to commence on Thursday 21st September 1837 (if the day be fine otherwise on the first fine day afterwards) and continue on the following day. The first day of the auction would be devoted to the disposition of farm animals, crops and farm equipment and the second day to auctioning the household effects.

It is of interest to reproduce the auctioneer's lists to provide an insight into the scope and extent of Colonel Haly's agricultural pursuits. The inventory of the household effects being placed on auction will serve to form some idea of the life-style of the Haly family.

(Advertisement Newfoundland Gazette September 19, 1837)

From Stock and Crop
FOR SALE at Auction

On Thursday 21st instant at 12 o'clock
(If the day be fine, otherwise the first fine day afterwards)

On the Premises at Bally Haly

By order of Mrs. Haly

Viz:

5 Horses superior for Saddle and Carriage
4 Good Milch Cows
1 Two-year-old Heifer
2 Bullocks
Fat sheep and pigs
2 Carriages, 1 Gig, sleighs and sulky, Harness,
Saddles, Bridles & Carts, and cart harness,
Catamarans and numerous other farming utensils
About seven acres growing potatoes, in lots to suit
purchasers
Four acres of Oats, 3 acres of Wheat and a
considerable quantity of After Grass and Pasturage

And On Friday at 12 o'clock
The Household Furniture
Consisting of

1 set Mahogany Dining Table
1 Breakfast Table
Oval, Pillar, Claw, Work and Card Tables
1 Sofa, 6 Chair cushions and 2 Ottomans
Drawing Room, Dining Room, Arm and Rocking Chairs
1 Pianoforte and Music Stool
Carpets and Hearth Rug
Maroon and Chintz Window Curtains
French, Four Poster and Camp Bedsteads
3 Mahogany chests of Drawers and Wardrobe
Commodes and Washstands
Dressing Glasses and Tables
Down and superior Feather Beds and Mattresses
Brass Fenders and Fire Irons
Cut Glass Dishes, Decanters and Tumblers, Wine and
Finger Glasses
1 set China, 1 Dinner set, Silver Table and Dessert
Salt and Gravy Spoons
Silver Soup Ladle and Silver Forks
British Plate and Dessert Spoons
Coffee Biggin and various handsome Table and Chimney
Ornaments
Plated Candlesticks and Branches
3 Handsome Writing Desks
2 Work Boxes, 1 set Dish Covers, Copper Coal-scuttle
and Sundry
Kitchen utensils

James Clift

Auctioneer September 19, 1837

Ann Hutchings Haly did not long survive the break up of her household. Following the disposal of the greater part of her household effects she continued to live on in the ancestral home at Bally Haly occupying two of the smaller rooms in the eastern wing in that overly large dwelling. It was there that on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock on the 29th of March 1838 that she died. She was in her 61st year at her passing. Ann Hutchings Haly was buried from Bally Haly on Monday 2 April 1838. The Times published at St. John's April 4th 1838 reported on the obsequies as follows:

'The lamented remains of Ann widow of the late Lt Colonel Haly and daughter of the late George Hutchings of this place who departed this life on the 29th ulto aged 59 years were interred on Monday last, magistrates, heads

became a member of the Executive Council of the new Government, an office which he was to hold up to the time of his death at age 65 on the 14th September 1835. Following Lt Colonel Haly's demise it became a matter of gnawing concern to his widow Ann Hutchings Haly that the understanding reached between her late husband and former Colonial Governor Sir Thomas Cochrane with respect to the land grant for Bally Haly, and ancillary property, remained as a promise unfulfilled. In the spring of 1836 Ann Haly took matters in hand. Through her legal counsel she submitted to the then Governor, His Excellency Captain Prescott, a well documented petition which ran to eight handwritten pages of foolscap outlining the entire history of her late husband's application for the grant of land sought in exchange for property held by her late husband in Nova Scotia.

Chapter Two

In her petition directed to His Excellency the Governor Captain Henry Prescott, Ann Haly began by reviewing her late husband Lt Colonel Haly's military career which spanned 42 years of service to his country. She went on to state that in 1833 'the said Colonel Haly furnished surveyor General Noad with a sketch of the land he desired to have granted to him which sketch prescribed the northern boundary of the Virginia Cottage Estate as the southern boundary of the land proposed to be granted in that neighbourhood'. Continuing Mrs. Haly's petition related that shortly after the land had been surveyed, approved of and sanctioned, her son Robert heard Sir Thomas Cochrane say to Colonel Haly with reference to same 'he (meaning the said Colonel Haly) could take up his grant whenever it should suit his own convenience as the matter was now settled and there could be no dispute about the boundaries' or words to that effect.

As she proceeded to relate developments Mrs. Haly explained that the protracted illness and death of Colonel Haly prevented the grant being applied for until now.

On the 7th day of October 1836 the Surveyor General Mr. Noad was directed by His Excellency the Governor Captain Prescott to comply with Mrs. Haly's wishes 'to the fullest extent' by resurveying the different pieces of land as enumerated by the late Colonel Haly. A protracted delay followed while the Surveyor General re-examined the boundaries of the property spoken for. During the course of that exercise in establishing boundary lines Surveyor General Noad expressed the view that the likelihood existed 'of some person or persons living in the neighbourhood of the Virginia Cottage Estate laying claim to a part of a black bog in that vicinity and included in Colonel Haly's application for a grant'. Mrs. Haly, through her legal counsel, stood firm in her contention that no changes should be entertained. She insisted on her right to have the bog included as originally and definitely agreed to by Mr. Noad. With everything relating to the grant resolved late in the fall of 1836, Mrs. Haly optimistically looked forward to everything being settled and the grant processed by the spring of 1837. She was due a disappointment. With no word on developments by late fall she took pen in hand on November 20th and wrote to James Crowdy the Colonial Secretary requesting that the matter of her application be brought to the attention of His Excellency the Governor, and should he have no objection, she would appreciate that her grant be made out at the earliest convenience.

At long last on December 21, 1837 Ann Haly, the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Haly, on paying into the Registry of Deeds the sum of 17-8-4 pounds to cover processing fees, received her long-awaited grant to the property we today know as Bally Haly. The grant embraced other separate acreage, one section at Outer Cove measuring 127 acres and another at Torbay consisting of 197 acres. The Bally Haly property covered in the grant consisted of 271 acres.

Throughout 1837 while Ann Haly, through her attorneys, was engaged in establishing to the satisfaction of the authorities the validity of her claim to the Bally Haly property, she continued to reside in the Haly ancestral home retaining a modest household staff consisting of Edward Wix and his wife Fanny along with two farm hands to attend to the animals and the cultivation of the crops.

For Ann Haly the ancestral home at Bally Haly had memories both pleasant and sad. She had spent 36 years of her married life presiding as chatelaine over the household on the Haly estate. Her marriage to Lieut Colonel William Haly had produced thirteen children only six of whom now survived with none remaining in Newfoundland. Throughout the years of her marriage the homestead Bally Haly was the center of social life for the military community and the St. John's merchant class. Her happiness as well as that of her husband had been marred over the years by the deaths of so many of their children, all at very early ages. The wrench of her husband's passing after a protracted illness, the loneliness of widowhood accentuated by the absence of her surviving children all by now living in far off lands, saw Ann Haly in 1837, then 60, cherishing her memories of happier days and virtually a recluse in the ancestral home save for the company of a two-member serving staff.

By now too, the chatelaine of Bally Haly was in ailing health and unable to cope with the responsibility such a

of departments, officers of the Royal Artillery, merchants and citizens moved in procession to pay their respects to the departed worth'.

One week prior to her passing Ann Haly signed a short will which read,

In re, Ann Haly deceased

'It is my last will and desire that at my decease one hundred pounds be given from my property to my son Charles Robert and one hundred pounds to my son William O'Grady, independent of their share in the property to settle them in the trade profession or business they may decide on'

ANN HALY

Signed by me on March 24th 1838

Witness: Edward Wix Fanny Wix D. M. Browning Registrar

Chapter Three

Occupants of Bally Haly prior to 1908

The Haly homestead consisting of a main dwelling along with outhouses associated with farming activity built in 1820 and occupied by Lt Colonel William Haly, his wife and their large family was one of the most imposing rural residences in suburban St. John's and very much the scene of gracious living as may be gathered from the list of household effects offered for sale by the Colonel's widow Ann Hutchings Haly on the demise of her husband in September 1837. Equally impressive and reflecting the life-style of the Haly family was the auction list of the contents of the coach house with its saddles, harness, elegant carriages and sleighs. Five horses 'superior for saddle and carriage' occupied the stable while other buildings on the estate provided shelter for farm animals and the storage of hay and crops. The Haly ancestral home complemented by barns, stables and outhouses in 1820 occupied the site on which Bally Haly Golf and Country Club now stands.

With the demise of Lt Colonel Haly's widow in 1838, the Haly dwelling and farm remained unoccupied for years. Neighbouring farmers safeguarded the buildings from vandals. In 1860 a family named Deakin moved in to occupy the dwelling and work the prime agricultural land. During Lt Colonel Haly's life-time his farm was the envy of his neighbours producing abundant yields of hay, oats and root crops. A decade later a LeDrew family took up residence in the Haly ancestral home and there raised a large family. It is of interest to record that two of the LeDrew children born at Bally Haly, Will and Harry, would as the present century began found a light trucking business, the LeDrews Express of today.

By far the most colorful of all the occupants of the Haly household was an eccentric, Haly Hutton. He was the grandson of Lt Colonel William Haly whose daughter Anastasia married Major James K. Hutton of Her Majesty's 22nd regiment stationed at Ellore, India in the province of Madras on 2nd January 1840. The following year a son Haly Hutton arrived to bless the union. Like his father, Haly Hutton followed a military career in the British army in India. A mental disorder ascribed as 'too much exposure to the sun' resulted in Captain Haly Hutton being retired from the service in 1890. Presumably a change of climate was recommended for Hutton later turned up in Canada and engaged, none too successfully, in farming in Manitoba. He arrived in St. John's, Newfoundland in February 1894 to announce that 'he intended to go to the ice' that spring in the S. S. Neptune under the command of Captain Blandford. There is no record to show that he fulfilled his intention. Hutton was in the news again in 1895 when, with St. John's at the height of a bicycling craze, he announced during that summer he would be riding 'a scorcher' promising to give points to local riders. It would appear that Hutton was his own press agent and newspapers of that distant day were prepared to accept as newsworthy anything that smacked of the unusual. On 19 May 1896 the St. John's Evening Herald carried an item to the effect that 'an English gentleman now in the city was afflicted with a slight mental derangement'. His misfortune was attributed to effects of a sunstroke which he received some years earlier while serving with the British army in India. No name was given but word soon got around that an acknowledged non-conformist and popular figure about town had gone off the deep end. Hutton, poor fellow, for it was he, became an addle-pated inoffensive simpleton living in a world of his own.

On his arrival in St. John's in 1894, Haly Hutton had taken up residence in the Haly ancestral home at Bally Haly and for a while tried his hand at farming. With his mind in its disordered state the farm was neglected. Meanwhile he was beginning to become gradually obsessed with the idea that nothing had changed in St. John's

since his grandfather's day when there was always the imminent danger of a French invasion. As a precautionary measure against such an eventuality Captain Haly Hutton late of Her Majesty's 22nd regiment began to fortify the Haly property. With the farm help he built fortifications all around the property with ramparts bristling with imitation cannon consisting of logs hewn from felled trees on the property. They bore a reasonable resemblance to the real thing. A man-of-all-work named McGinn formed the Bally Haly army of one. McGinn was daily honed for the likelihood of an invasion by being drilled until he was ready to drop. On Sundays the fortifications at Bally Haly were thrown open to public inspection. The general area was at that time a popular picnicing ground and hundreds of citizens flocked there on Sunday afternoons. Captain Haly Hutton was always assured of a receptive if somewhat bemused audience as attired in his outgrown and bedraggled 22nd regiment Indian army uniform, he conducted his visitors on a tour of the battlements. His audience in counterfeited seriousness hung on to his every word as he offered tactical reasons for the various emplacements. On other occasions the defender of Bally Haly liked to spend hours in his carriage driving up and down Water Street bowing and smiling with courtly dignity to the ladies on the sidewalks. Nobody took advantage of Captain Haly Hutton's defencelessness in his flight from reality. There was warmth, sympathy and understanding for anybody in those days 'who had been touched by the hand of God'.

Following Captain Haly Hutton's sojourn at Bally Haly a Colonel Cochrane arrived in 1900 to take up residence there. Lt Colonel William Haly's eldest daughter Ann Theresa Elizabeth married a James Cochrane in London, England in October 1828. Presumably the Colonel Cochrane who arrived in Newfoundland was a son born of that union. His presence in St. John's could conceivably stem from the fact that as a grandson of the original owner of the property at Bally Haly he was also one of the heirs. Nothing untoward appears to have happened during Captain Cochrane's occupancy of the ancestral Haly home.

In 1906 we find the Bally Haly property occupied by Dr. R. Varian a veterinarian who by use of the stables and coach house on the site established an animal hospital for the treatment of infectuous diseases in horses and cattle. In October 1906 Dr. Varian ran afoul of the St. John's Municipal Council as a result of a complaint laid by a citizen over the condition of stables on Carew Street also operated by him. The complaint lodged by one J. S. Keating alleged that Dr. Varian was treating diseased animals at his Carew Street location. The contrite veterinarian was quick to reply to Council that his Carew Street operation would in future be used solely for the treatment of lameness and other related injuries associated with livery and driving horses. All other infectuous diseases would be at Bally Haly. Not surprisingly, in view of his calling, Dr. Varian had a keen interest in racing horses. He maintained several spirited animals which he raced with considerable success on the frozen surface of Quidi Vidi Lake at the annual ice-racing festival held there.

In 1907 a Mr. Taylor, an official with the Department of Customs took up residence in the Haly dwelling merely intending to spend the summer there. By 1908 the newly formed Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, having met the agreed purchase price of \$7,500 for the entire 280 acres of land including the Haly ancestral home and stables, prepared to move in, take possession and commence work on the layout of a golf course.

Chapter Four

Acquisition of Property

The legal entanglements involved in resolving the estate of Lt Colonel William Haly were further complicated in locating his heirs, his surviving sons and daughters, who by the turn of the present century were scattered over the face of the globe. It took years and the exchange of a considerable volume of correspondence legal and otherwise to finally resolve, through the Supreme Court at St. John's Newfoundland, a satisfactory solution in the settlement of the estate.

On 22 April 1910 Judge George M. Johnson of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, administrator 'de bonis non testamento annexo' of the estate of Lt Colonel Charles William Haly deceased 'in consideration of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00)' paid to me in October 1908 by the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, all that piece and parcel of land or farm known as Bally Haly situated on the southeast side of the public road from St. John's towards Logy Bay more particularly described (here followed a detailed description of the property and the adjoining land tenanted by others). The overall measurement of the property acquired from the Haly estate encompassed approximately 280 acres.

Earlier in October 1908 and prior to processing the legal deed of transfer of the property to the newly formed Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, the prospective owners had already paid into Supreme Court the by then established purchase price of \$7,500 and had forthwith taken possession of the property. The new owners lost

little time in setting about readying the land for their intended purpose, the construction of an eighteen hole golf course.

By arranging with Neil Shannon, the golf professional who since 1896 had been attached to the Newfoundland Golf Club at Buckmaster's Field near Pennywell Road, to forego returning to his home in Troon, Scotland at the conclusion of the local golf season as had been his custom each fall with a return to St. John's in early spring of the following year, the new owners hoped that under Shannon's supervision a start could be made on course layout throughout the fall of 1908. Shannon had originally been brought to St. John's in 1896 to serve in a dual capacity. He was responsible for the design and layout of the new golf links at Buckmaster's meadow and furthermore would remain on to instruct the members of the fledgeling club in the rudiments of the game. As the architect of what were known as 'the golf links on Pennywell Road' Shannon had performed a miracle in transforming a wilderness of barren scrub land into a reasonably acceptable nine hole golf course. His handiwork was destined to satisfactorily serve the membership of the Newfoundland Golf Club for ten years.

To provide the Shannon's comfort and convenience during his 1908 fall and winter sojourn in St. John's while attending to site preparation at Bally Haly, the executive of the club decided to make available to him living quarters in the then unoccupied Haly homestead on the site itself. That arrangement was not without its advantages in furthering the work of land clearing and course layout for with Shannon virtually living on the job he could provide closer supervision and speed up the progress. Naturally everything was predicated on the work outdoors not being impeded by the onset of an early winter.

With Shannon in residence in the Haly dwelling some enthusiastic tobogganists among the membership of the newly formed club, felt that with onset of winter they would be able to foregather at the Haly ancestral home for social get-togethers when the snow began to fly. Following an afternoon or evening on the slopes they could repair to the cosy comfort of a heated and lighted dwelling there to enjoy one another's company. It was in anticipation of such enjoyable social sessions in prospect making bearable the long dreary months of winter and early spring in fellowship and a shared common interest in congenial surroundings that the club, for the comfort and enjoyment, provided what might be termed creature comforts. To heat the old dwelling five tons of coal were delivered to the site for use in the large open fireplace and the kitchen range. To light the residence throughout the long winter afternoons and evenings twenty gallons of kerosene oil were stored in a scullery adjoining the kitchen. For convenience in filling the many lamps used, the kerosene was supplied in four gallon tins.

Late in November 1908 when Neil Shannon had spent two weeks in residence at Bally Haly daily supervising the work underway in clearing the land by felling trees, pulling tree stumps and subsequently ridding the property of much of the accumulating material by burning, he could survey his handiwork and feel gratified with progress. He was fortunate in having among the members of his work force a few groundsmen who earlier had been associated with him in the upkeep of the nine hole course on Pennywell Road. It was largely through the efforts of those experienced helpers that work had progressed so favorably. Up to now, late November, the weather had held and work in clearing the land was proceeding apace. With the onset of December however and consequent shorter hours of daylight accompanied by a cold snap, came reduced headway. Associated with the weather was the hardship and discomfort of working in the open. Added to the problem of the obstacle confronting the work crew due to vagaries of the weather was the matter of Shannon's own personal discomfort as an occupant of the Haly dwelling. There had been virtually no maintenance on the Haly ancestral home for years. The place was draughty, a condition which the new owners of Bally Haly tried to correct by shingling the roof and repairing the clapboarded sides of the dwelling. Some carpenters had all but completed that undertaking when winter struck. Shannon as the sole occupant of the Haly ancestral home found that no amount of heat generated from the coal-fired kitchen stove and open fireplace could neutralize the effect of lowering outside temperatures. Realizing that he was waging a losing battle with the elements and rather than run the risk of endangering his health, Shannon elected to vacate the Bally Haly dwelling and return to his original boarding house on Pennywell Road where, since his arrival in St. John's twelve years earlier, he had been a lodger with the Chancey family. From there he would henceforth commute to Bally Haly daily making the journey on foot.

On Tuesday 8 December 1908 Shannon and his workers spent the forenoon clearing the land. They paused in their labours at noontime to 'boil up' in the kitchen of the ancestral Haly home. Having partaken of the noontime meal the helpers returned to the grounds to resume their work in clearing the land. Before leaving the kitchen they 'banked' the kitchen stove, a number 6 Ideal cook to provide for a measure of warmth and another 'boil up' before setting off for their respective homes later that afternoon. With daylight waning by 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon Shannon decided to 'call it a day' so he and his helpers returned to the ancient dwelling to store the implements used on the job. As was to be recalled later the kitchen range which had been 'banked' earlier was throwing off considerable heat enabling the workmen to bask in its pleasurable warmth. The heat generated helped dispell the chill of a benumbing afternoon spent in the open. Mugs of steaming tea were consumed to allay the cold of the workers homeward journey.

By 4:45 o'clock Shannon and his helpers took their leave of the premises with fire still smouldering in the kitchen stove. While the group was on its way homeward bound Shannon remembered that he overlooked taking with him a golf club which he intended to repair at home. While the others proceeded on their journey he returned alone to the Haly ancestral home, reentered the dwelling and picking up the overlooked club, assured himself that everything was in order, proceeded to lock up. Finally at a little after 5:00 o'clock he set off on foot for his lodgings in the home of the Chancey family on Pennywell Road.

About fifteen minutes after Shannon had taken his leave of the premises, Frank Simms, who owned and worked a farm on the Torbay Road, happened to glance in the direction of Bally Haly and saw flames rising from the dwelling there. In neighbourly concern Simms rushed to the scene of the blaze only to discover that with all ingress securely barred he could not gain entry. The fire at that time was confined to the eastern section of the upper flat of the dwelling and in the area of the kitchen. Simms was later joined by men from neighbouring farms but by then the entire dwelling was a raging inferno. A bucket brigade was formed drawing water from a nearby river. While ineffective in halting the progress the fire was making in the dwelling, the bucket brigade did succeed in preventing the fire from reaching the five tons of coal piled in the open close by. The bucket brigade was as well able to bring under control a grass fire which threatened a stand of timber on the property.

In the absence of an available supply of water in sizeable quantity in close proximity to the fire save that of a small stream and a well used for household purposes, the tinder dry structure was quickly devoured by the flames. By the time the horse drawn fire engines arrived from the east end and central fire stations, the Haly ancestral home was reduced to a pile of ashes. The chimney which was in a dilapidated state collapsed spectacularly at the height of the blaze. Speculation was that the kerosene oil stored in the scullery off the kitchen hastened the destruction of the home.

As so often happens in the aftermath of disaster many stories began to evolve. It came to light that it was only on the forenoon of the day of the fire that architect Green visited the property and made a thorough assessment of the building itself. Green had been engaged in drawing up plans for the new club house scheduled to be built in the spring of 1909. During the course of his visit and survey of the property and the site selected for the proposed new club, he recommended that the Haly dwelling being in such a sad state of disrepair should be demolished. It was located astride what were planned to be the first and second fairways of the course making its removal imperative. It came to pass as well that the value of the dwelling was estimated to be \$400.00 and further more no insurance was carried. By something of a coincidence as well, on the very afternoon the fire occurred the Executive of the newly formed Bally Haly Golf and Country Club met at the City hotel. One of the items on the agenda for that afternoon's meeting was the matter of dismantling the old Haly dwelling to make way for the layout of the fairways serving number one and number two holes. An item of trivia mentioned in the newspaper account of the fire was the loss of two dozen golf balls valued at nine dollars a dozen, as well as 'implements and sticks' used by Mr. Shannon. Presumably that description was intended to cover the loss of the golf professional's clubs.

Decade 1909-1919

Bally Haly - 1909

In the annals of Bally Haly Golf and Country club, the decade that began in 1909 held the promise of being one of the most progressive and exciting periods in the history of the club. The construction of the new 18 hole golf course with such added recreational facilities as a tennis court, bowling green and croquet lawn, all begun in 1909, were by the spring of 1910 in readiness for use by members. Simultaneously an imposing and elaborate well-appointed clubhouse built on the site formerly occupied by the Haly ancestral home was, by 1910, ready for occupancy.

As a natural consequence of that program of construction and expansion, the Club's executive felt disposed to recommend for approval, a proposal to increase membership from the fifty members enrolled in the original golf club at Buckmaster's Meadow. It was now decided that with an expanded facility, double that number could now be conveniently accommodated. However it still continued to be an all-essential requirement that applications for membership should, as heretofore, be carefully screened before approval and acceptance would be forthcoming.

The subscription fee established for gentlemen members was set at \$15.00 per annum while lady members were assessed \$10.00 per annum. All in all, as Club activities began in the spring of 1910 everything augured well for a bright and successful season.

Few undertakings in the St. John's of 1910 were of a magnitude to equal the project involving the development of the Bally Haly property. The club house itself was unique in that it was the largest structure in St. John's of that early day allied with a variety of recreational and social pursuits in a sylvan setting. However, by far the greatest and most amazing feature of the entire development program was the transformation brought about in converting over 200 acres of meadow wood and marsh land into what the newspapers of the era termed, "the sportiest golf links in North America". An expression which in translation can be deduced to mean that it was designed to challenge the patience, ingenuity and playing skill of most golfers.

Arthur Donnelly, the golf captain at Bally Haly in 1909 and the Club's golf professional Neil Shannon were responsible for the landscaping of the Bally Haly property and the construction of an 18 hole golf course. Probably the greatest obstacle facing them was the vast drainage problem involving the marshland, then located on the southwestern corner of the property. That particular area, greatly prized by the original owner Colonel Haly presumably as a source of fertilizer as he followed his agricultural pursuits, was known as 'the black bog'.

In Haly's application for a grant to the property he set great store by the bog insisting that it be incorporated into the property being acquired. The bog as an organic agent when mixed with soil apparently enriched the topsoil to produce a more abundant agricultural yield. Whatever the agrarian advantages it was little realized what a problem the 'black bog' would create for a later generation attempting to lay out a golf course.

Confronted with the problem of draining the marshland in the general area of 'the black bog', the golf course developers cut several ditches running for hundreds of yards through the location to carry off an excess of water. Some idea of the marshy condition of the general area of the 'black bog' may be gathered from the fact that in order to reclaim one section, in the vicinity of the bog, no less than 210 box-car loads of stone, gathered from elsewhere on the property were dumped on the quagmire along with 25 loads of tree stumps only to have the entire deposit of material disappear from sight without trace. Time and the drainage system ultimately reclaimed sufficient land to enable the builders to construct in the vicinity of the 'black bog' what would become number four hole. That particular hole became known as the 'Horseshoe' hole in view to its similarity to an inverted horse shoe.

While it is not the intention, within the scope of this chapter, to deal with a description and location of each of the eighteen holes comprising the original golf course at Bally Haly, some holes had unusual features and those deserve mention. For instance, the number two hole and number fifteen hole shared a common tee. The number eleven hole, located near the banks of Rutledge's river which flowed through Bally Haly property on its way to Quidi Vidi lake, was the farthest distanced hole from the clubhouse and was called the 'Cape Spear' hole. It derived its name from the headland bearing that name which could be glimpsed from that point on the course.

The layout of the original golf course constructed at Bally Haly in 1909 bears very little resemblance to the existing links. The pioneer builders attempting to avoid excessive labor and expense in site preparation did not

make full use of available land with the result that fairways serving some holes traversed one another. In time an ongoing program of upgrading has greatly expanded the course by reclaiming heretofore idle land and eliminating whatever imperfections existed originally to produce at Bally Haly at the moment one of the most magnificent and challenging of golf courses nestled in the most scenic of settings.

While the golf course at Bally Haly was the feature attraction in enlisting support through membership, other recreational pursuits, notably lawn bowling, tennis and croquet had their dedicated devotees as well. All three relaxing pastimes were played in an area just west of the clubhouse and in a location now employed as the parking lot. It had been hoped on the basis of the popularity enjoyed by the game of curling, introduced locally in the 1880's that its summer counterpart -- bowling on green sward — would gain the same measure of acceptance as the 'roarin' game. It did, to a limited degree as did the game of croquet but it was the game of tennis that was destined to enjoy popularity second only to golf.

The entire clearing consisting of bowling green, hard-surfaced tennis court and croquet lawn comprised an area 120 feet square. Located in a sylvan setting and at a point of termination of a tree lined approach to the clubhouse the gray-surfaced tennis courts flanked by the contrasting colors of the bowling green and croquet lawn presented a pleasing sight.

It was the clubhouse itself however imposing in size and impressive in style of construction that moved visitors to awe at the sheer magnificence of the structure. Erected at a cost of \$12,000, the building covered an area of eighty by sixty feet with frontage facing south. It occupied a prominence from which it was possible to view every portion of the grounds and surrounding countryside, with Signal hill and the city glimpsed in the far distance.

The structure was of two stories with a spacious veranda nine feet by six feet running around three sides. Twelve pillars that supported a balcony on the second story further beautified the front of the clubhouse. A tree-lined carriage driveway led from Logy Bay Road to the Western main entrance. The building was entered through a hallway that led on to the main club room, a splendid apartment which measured thirty five feet by twenty-two feet.

At the entrance to the left was a ladies locker room for the storage of clubs and other paraphernalia. Opening at the far end of the main clubroom were two small apartments for ladies and gentlemen respectively where they met to read, talk or if they so desired could have tea served. In each of those three rooms was an open fireplace.

Furnishings throughout were of the then popular mission style. It was the intention of the club to give the rooms that quiet old-fashioned appearance so much in vogue in the early days of the present century. The electric fittings were of mission brass in accordance with the entire scheme.

On either side of the fireplaces were cozy-corners forming most comfortable seats while around the walls were placed shelves to receive ornaments and trophies. The wood finish was of Oregon hard pine and the color scheme a very pretty shade of light green so prepared as not to destroy the grain of the wood that was visible through its surface giving what was termed 'a very dainty effect'.

The smaller rooms for ladies and gentlemen were equipped with folding doors so that when necessary those rooms could be let into the main room transforming the entire area into one large reception or ballroom. From this main room double French doors led to the veranda on the front of the building and then by a series of three terraces to the grounds.

To foster an interest in the natural history of Newfoundland a member donated a large glass case containing mounted specimens of many birds native to Newfoundland. A natural history committee within the Club hoped in time to add species of every bird that inhabits Newfoundland.

To the rear at the western end of the clubhouse was a service room with dumb waiter leading down to the main kitchen on the second floor. The second floor also contained a mens' locker room together with lavatories. Access to the second floor was gained by two stairways: one grand staircase leading from the main entrance hall and the second at the northern end of the building where two caretaker's rooms and the gentlemen's card room were located.

The Gentlemen's card room looking out over the property presented a particularly splendid view of the grounds and the distant landscape. A kitchen and pantries were also provided on this flat and to the front of the building over the main clubroom, with double doors leading to the balcony was the dining room, an ideal setting to partake of meals and refreshments. The dining room, with excellent service provided by a capable catering staff, was well patronized by members and their guests.

The Clubhouse was an architectural masterpiece designed for comfort and convenience. It was lit throughout by electricity, heated by a hot-air furnace and had a telephone connection. The water source was supplied by a well evidence of its location being still visible just twenty feet in front of and to the right of the present number one tee. The well provided an excellent and adequate supply of water for all.

A pumping system drew water from the well to a 200 gallon tank located at the top of the clubhouse. Artisans specializing in the various trades in the St John's of that distant day were involved in the design and construction of the building and still others were responsible for the supply of furnishings and equipment. Butler and MacDonald were the architects while the building contractor was W. J. Ellis, Gear & Co installed the plumbing and the firm of John Clouston Ltd. supplied the ductwork and the furnace. The painting throughout was in the capable hands of the firm of Kielly and Walsh.

The foregoing word picture of the original Bally Haly club house will, it is hoped, provide readers with some idea of what was considered a gracious life style in an elegant setting enjoyed by those fortunate few who were socially prominent in the St John's of three quarters of a century ago.

Bally Haly - 1910

In 1910 membership in Bally Haly Golf and Country club consisted of an elitist element regarded as la crème de la crème of St. John's society, a privileged class with all the time in the world at its disposal to devote to the pursuit of pleasure. The Club itself with its available facilities provided the means of pandering to and identifying those demands, all in an atmosphere of gracious elegance. Wednesday afternoons — the regular weekly half—holiday then observed in St John's, witnessed the greatest show of activity in club life at Bally Haly. Throughout the summer months - and as long as the weather held - all recreational activity at the Club appeared to involve a never-ending pursuit of pleasure and enjoyment in a contagiously festive atmosphere.

The new clubhouse opened in May 1910. It marked the first year of the club's existence as a fully integrated facility catering to the social and recreational needs of its members. It took the entire first season of the club's operation to find its feet. Committees were formed, playing schedules for all disciplines golf, tennis, and bowls were drawn up and consisted of weekly competitions and tournaments that would carry through to October. Golf was the one pastime that generated the greatest interest among the membership. It had by far the greatest number of participants of both lady and gentlemen members.

The male golfing membership of fifty players all participated in the Match play tournament which began as an elimination process in July and terminated in August culminating in Arthur Donnelly meeting Hon W.C Job to determine the Match play champion. Hon W.C. Job emerged as the winner. It was his third win on the trophy. Earlier at the Newfoundland Golf Club - at Buckmaster's field - when that Venue served as the locale for golf championship play - Hon. W.C. Job had twice carried off the honor there. His victory in 1910 gave him permanent possession of the championship cup. In the newspapers of 1910 there is a brief related reference to the original golf course at Buckmaster's field and Bally Haly involving the Ladies' division. Mrs. Fred Alderdice, who was the dominant figure in Ladies' golf at the earlier club, forfeited her role as champion to Miss P. Arnaud in 1908 when the new course at Bally Haly was opened for play. In 1909 at Bally Haly, Miss Ruby Ayre (later Mrs. L.E. Emerson) claimed the title of champion. In 1910 however, Mrs. Fred Alderdice was back in business as champion for that year. There is one reference to tennis activity in the newspapers of 1910. On September 7 of that year, in a doubles match at Bally Haly, Miss LeMessurier and Harry W. Dickinson (of whom more would be heard later in his capacity as a golfer) defeated Miss Grace Goodridge and Mr. Foster 6—2, 6—2.

In 1910 the golf links at Bally Haly appear to have required considerable attention, for throughout the season the male members were quite frequently called upon, notably on Saturday afternoons, to help with course improvements. As well, throughout the summer of 1910 when H.M.S. Cornwall arrived at St John's on a visit, the ratings were made available to work on the course and suitably rewarded for their effort with refreshments at the club.

At the beginning of the golf season of 1901 at the original links at Buckmaster's meadow on Pennywell Road, an attempt was made to organize a Ladies section independent of the gentlemen golfers. To that end Mrs. John Browning, wife of the then President was elected to the chief executive role. Miss Neville was appointed secretary.

When Bally Haly opened its new club house in 1910 the Secretary of the Club, Frank Donnelly Esq. felt that the Ladies' section was too loosely knit. Now with greatly expanded facilities it was felt that the Ladies should

elect in addition to a President and committee, a Golf captain as well. Miss Ruby Ayre was elected to that post in 1910 with Miss Pauline Baird filling the role of secretary, a position she was destined to fill for the next five years. Mrs. John Browning first elected as President of the Ladies' Division in 1901 was still serving in that same capacity in 1910.

Two episodes, with human-interest overtones, marked club activity at Bally Haly in 1910 and merit the recognition of history. Both incidents involve caddies and resound to the credit of the Club and its members. It furthermore helped dispel the erroneous belief, generally held, that Bally Haly members as a whole were so involved in their own selfish pursuits that they had little time or interest in anything or anybody beyond their own pale of existence.

The first vignette is taken from a book entitled 'A tribute to William Gilbert Gosling' written by his wife Anne and published by Guild Press of New York, U.S.A. in 1935. The story revolves around a little deaf mute boy named George Norris who became a caddie at Bally Haly when the golf course opened in 1909. At this point Mrs. W. Gosling takes the reins of the narrative.

"George Norris a little deaf mute and an endearing and intelligent young boy won the hearts of golfers at Bally Haly. It was decided that they would, at their expense, send young George to an institution at Halifax where he would be taught to speak. My husband, William G. Gosling, was making a business trip to New York on the S. S. Florizelle and volunteered to look after the little chap during the voyage to Halifax. We went as usual to see my husband off and our first glimpse showed him on deck holding our little son Arthur with one hand and George with the other. My husband wrote from Halifax:

'Poor little George was cheerful most of the way up, but sometimes went off and wept a little, very pathetically. We drove him to the institution this morning. He was very apprehensive all the way there and clung to me at parting motioning that he did not want to stay. Arthur retreated to the carriage to hide his feelings and it really was very upsetting. But it seems an excellent place and I liked the people in charge. They say that they can teach him to speak. There was a little girl there from Newfoundland who, when I asked her name replied, 'Mary Clarke', in a dull unaccented manner but very plainly.

She watched my lips intently while I was speaking and understood when I told her I was from Newfoundland. Be sure to ring up J.W. Hayes at King's Bridge and ask him to tell Mrs. Norris about George."

The other incident occurred on Saturday afternoon, October 1, 1910, and marked an epoch in the lives of those caddies who were then attached to the club. The event, attracting the notice of the press, was widely publicized in the newspapers with banner headlines that in effect proclaimed 'Bank Manager and other prominent citizens wait on caddies at Bally Haly'. In effect and for an afternoon there was a reversal of roles with the golfing fraternity toting the golf bags for the caddies while the latter competed for prize awards of \$5.00 for the first place finish in a round of golf and \$3.00 for the caddie finishing second. 'All caddies', the newspapers noted, 'seemed to enjoy their promotions'. W. Gulliver carried off the first prize with a score of 89 net. He played from a handicap of 4. His brother with a like handicap carded a net 91 to place second. At the conclusion of the afternoon play all the boys were guests at a dinner served at the club.

In Ladies competition, the concluding tournament was played on October 20 - very late in the season. At stake was a special trophy donated by Mrs. R.E. Job. It was won by Miss Pauline Baird.

Bally Haly 1911

In the summer of 1911, the Board of Directors of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club decided to make an attempt to prove to themselves and the Colony generally, that sheep can be profitably bred in Newfoundland. What remained unsaid was that the raising of sheep on the Golf club property would serve a two-fold purpose. In providing grazing for the animals it would simultaneously supply the means of eliminating the lush growth which was proving to be a bane to the golfers. A sub-committee appointed to deal with the proposal to pasture and breed sheep imported, from England, early in April, two very fine, prized thoroughbred Cheviot rams at a cost of \$87.00 each. From Prince Edward Island a carefully selected flock of 50 ewes were brought in. An experienced English shepherd along with his sheep dog (a collie), a clever little animal trained to round up and drive the flock home each evening, arrived to attend to the flock. Some initial setbacks were encountered, notably the destruction of some of the flock by marauding dogs. It was claimed as well that the practice followed in housing the flock at night during the summer resulted in lambs and ewes not being sufficiently robust to withstand the rigors of winter and many died. To overcome both problems the shepherd followed the

practice of sleeping in a tent in the pen with his flock and as a consequence the sheep became much hardier and better conditioned to withstand the long winter. Throughout the summer months, Bally Haly raised more than sufficient turnips and half the requirements of hay and oats for winter feeding of the flock. As a result of the sheep-breeding program at Bally Haly, about twenty surplus rams were distributed to the various agricultural societies throughout Newfoundland. From 1911 through to 1924 the annual reports of the Board of Directors of Bally Haly provided full particulars on the strength of the flock, the prices realized for the sale of wool and livestock, and the total revenue derived from the Club's sheep breeding operation. It was one of the most interesting and closely followed feature of the annual reports.

A local publication, *Sports and Pastimes in Newfoundland*, issued in December 1911 dealing with the sports scene in St John's expresses amazement over the transformation which had taken place at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club throughout the first three years of the club's existence. "To describe what has happened even minutely", the article begins, "would prove too great an undertaking for a publication this size. Money has been expended lavishly - but not carelessly - and to a considerable amount beside which much has been accomplished in free labor at the hands of the members themselves and the Naval men to whom a cordial invitation is always extended. Several of the holes on the golf course are reproductions of famous holes abroad, going so far in some as to involve even the ridges and bumps of the putting greens and the guarding bunkers. Other holes stand on their own merits and make use of the ground as it lies with its wealth of natural golfing quality."

Commensurate with the changes that had taken place in the physical characteristics of the course, interest in the game itself had grown to a point where the membership roll now numbered a collective group of 150 ladies and gentlemen. Well nigh one hundred members were golfing devotees with the remainder tennis and bowling enthusiasts or else social members. With the progressive improvement of playing conditions on the golf course itself, came a general refinement in the standard of golf being played. The one golfer who stands preeminent among his fellows in 1911 is William Gilbert Gosling (later Mayor of St John's 1916 — 1919). He captured both the Match play and Medal play championships at Bally Haly in 1911. Gosling, who hailed from Bermuda, gained his golfing experience there. In 1904 he joined the local firm of Harvey & Co. He became a member of the Newfoundland Golf Club at Buckmaster's meadow near Pennywell Road that same year and was simultaneously appointed golf captain at the original golf links. It was a position he would retain for the next four years. In 1908 he won the Match play championship at the old course near Pennywell Road. His crowning achievement as a golfer came, as already mentioned, in 1911 when at Bally Haly he won the dual championships - Match play and Medal play honors. He was to have one further golfing success when in 1913 he carried off the Medal play championship at Bally Haly.

Possibly the best indication of the progress of local golf, notably in terms of local golfers mastering the game, is best exemplified in the handicap ratings of the acknowledged best of the Club's golfers in 1911. Three golfers had a handicap rating of six: W.G. Gosling, W.C. Job and W.R. Warren. In the category of an eight rating were Arthur Donnelly and his brother Frank. A sixth golfer, A.S. Rendell was rated at 10. Those were the golfers who comprised the top echelon in 1911. The names of the first three listed would figure prominently either as Match play or Medal play champion throughout the period extending from 1910 to 1915. Beyond that, Arthur Donnelly and R.B. Job would be declared either Match play or Medal play champion. Donnelly would gain dual championships in 1917.

It had been hoped that His Excellency, the Governor Sir Ralph C. Williams would have been available to officially declare Bally Haly Golf and Country club open in mid-June 1911 but Vice Regal responsibilities took him on visits to outlying settlements in Newfoundland. Still further official business required the Governor's presence on the west coast of the island in July and as a consequence there was no official opening during the summer. In November of 1911, however, at the conclusion of Bally Haly's outdoor activities for the season His Excellency the Governor graciously consented to be present at the distribution of prizes for the various club competitions held throughout the year. In the absence of the president Hon R.B. Job, the vice-president Fred W. Ayre, Esq., welcomed the Governor and the assembled members and guests. His Excellency, in a very pleasing speech congratulated the members of the club on the magnificence of the club itself and the excellent condition of all recreational facilities with special mention of the fine shape of the golf links. His Excellency had a special word of praise for W.G. Gosling for his dual feat in carrying off both the Match play and Medal play championships.

The Governor had a special word of commendation as well for the ladies who had gained honors in their section. Throughout the first decade of the existence of the Newfoundland Golf Club near Pennywell Road the dominant distaff golfer was Mrs. Fred Alderdice. By 1908 however, her reign had been usurped as Match play champion by Miss P. Arnaud who in turn, by 1909, was replaced by an up-and-coming young golfer, Miss Ruby Ayre. By 1910 however Mrs. Fredrick G. Alderdice was again in command, winning the club championship (Match play) that year and the succeeding year. Another lady golfer whose star was in the ascendancy in 1911 was Miss Pauline Baird. Her accomplishments in 1911 were truly impressive. Among her achievements she won

the Medal Play championship and three weekly competitions throughout the season. She also carried off golf professional Shannon's award, and paired with F.C. Alderdice Esq., won the mixed foursomes championship.

Judging by the prize list of Tennis awards for 1911 it appears that the game was played solely by distaff members of the club, and that by and large, Ladies' doubles appear to have been the only form of contest for the season. Mrs. Carbery (wife of Dr Carbery medical officer on the training ship H.M.S. Calypso), Mrs. R. B. Job, Mrs. W.C. Job, and a Miss Lemessurier figure prominently in the prize giving. There was competition for the lawn bowling championship. It was won by C.A.C. Bruce Esq.

Bally Haly 1912

If the 1911 season at Bally Haly was considered an unqualified success, a more arresting superlative is needed to describe what was accomplished in the social and recreational spheres within the club throughout 1912. Favoured with remarkably fine weather throughout the season a most comprehensive playing schedule was carried out in all disciplines – golf, tennis, bowling and croquet.

The Ladies' division had by 1912 become a tightly knit, well organized group. They adopted the practice of designating the first officer in their executive 'Captain' rather than 'President' electing Mrs. W.G. Gosling as the first to fill the new role. Miss Pauline Baird was elected secretary. There were two sub-committees in the Ladies' division - one responsible for administering golf, the other tennis. Mrs. Fred Alderdice, who had been a dominant figure in golf at the Pennywell Road links, and who had carried off the club championships at Bally Haly in 1910 and 1911, headed the golf section for 1912. She had as her committee members, Miss R. Grieve, Miss D. Baird, Miss K. Clift and Mrs. T.B. Clift. The Tennis committee consisted of Mrs. Fred Rennie, Mrs. John Harvey and Miss E. Hutchings

In 1912, Fred W. Ayre Esq. who had served as vice-president under Hon R.B. Job now assumed the role of president, retaining many of the members of the Board of Governors, who the previous year had helped in administering the affairs of the club. Mr. Arthur J. Herder was elected as secretary-treasurer for the season.

At the initial meeting of the new executive of Bally Haly, it was announced with regret that Neil Shannon, the golf professional at the club for the previous three years, would not be returning to Newfoundland. Mr. Shannon had played a key role in the successful introduction of the game of golf to Newfoundland through his association with the original golf course on Buckmaster's meadow. He had elected to resign his position and remain in his hometown of Troon, Scotland. It was simultaneously made known that, with the help of Shannon, a replacement golf professional, Charles Jackson had been secured. Jackson, a highly rated golf pro, hailed from Lancashire and was a member of a well known golfing family. It was announced he would be taking up his duties at Bally Haly at the opening of the golf season in June 1912.

Jackson working in concert with caddie master Lloyd Chancy, introduced a development program for junior golfers. Up to now the golfing membership at Bally Haly, both ladies and gentlemen, was comprised of players who had taken up the game when they were along in years. By and large those late starters had feelings of regret that the opportunity had not been made available to them in their youth, enabling them to acquire greater golfing skills. It would as well have added immensely to a much greater enjoyment of the game. On the basis of their own experience, and as parents, they were now seeing to it that their children were not denied the opportunity of an early start and a hoped for proficiency in golfing skills. Under the aegis of golf instructors Jackson and Chancey, the Junior program was successfully launched. It was destined to make its beneficial effects, reflected not only in the quality of junior golf being played in 1912, but far into the future. The crowning achievement in the success of the Junior program saw Master Arthur Gosling and Miss Nan Baird emerge as the first Junior champions.

Ladies Division

In 1912 Miss Pauline Baird ably demonstrated her proficiency as a golfer by dominating the Ladies' division. She captured no less than six of the weekly competitions held during the season and capped her performance in masterly fashion by winning both the Match play and Medal play championships. In tennis Miss Hutton was crowned Ladies' singles champion, while top honors in the doubles went to Miss E. Hutchings and Miss Mary Rendell. An all-day tournament - an elimination affair - played in August, was won by the same duo. Tennis at Bally Haly up to 1912 appears to have been entirely in the distaff domain.

Men's Division

In his official capacity as private secretary to His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Ralph Williams, as well as socially, there was no more popular figure in St John's in 1912 than T.C. Fitzherbert. A noted sportsman, he was

a member of the St. John's Rod and Gun Club and Murray's Pond Fishing Club. However it was as a member of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club that he won the greatest measure of acclaim for his superb mastery of the game of golf. In 1912 at Bally Haly he carried everything before him as a golfer, winning both the Match play and Medal play championships, and crowning his achievement by capturing the prestigious Browning cup. He single-handedly, by his accomplishments, virtually wrote the story of events in the Men's division at Bally Haly in 1912. Rare indeed was the tribute paid him as an 'alien'. On the eve of his leaving Newfoundland on January 22, 1913, he was tendered a farewell luncheon by a large number of kindred spirits - sportsmen like himself.

By 1912 the Club's venture into sheep breeding was fulfilling its intended purpose in providing revenue while at the same time grazing animals were effectively keeping fairways and rough shorn of excessive growth. However there was a serious problem facing sheep breeders in the vicinity of St John's - marauding dogs were attacking and destroying animals. The Bally Haly flock began to sustain some losses. Despite the mortality loss of a number of sheep and lambs, the breeding venture was, however, beginning to prove to be economically sound. With the prices of wool and livestock being maintained during the season, the revenue for the club through the Sheep account was increased by \$200.00. The sheep by now were also becoming an attractive feature of the course as they placidly went about their business of grazing under the supervision of a shepherd and his little dog. Throughout the year 1912 Bally Haly club supplied the Government with twenty sturdy rams for distribution to various agricultural societies throughout Newfoundland. It was acknowledged that all such animals being highly bred were far superior to imported rams. Quoting from the Bally Haly report of 1912 to the shareholders, the Club made known its intention 'to persevere with the Cheviot breed and to prevent any inbreeding by the importation of new thoroughbred rams as required by each new generation of ewe lambs'.

Bally Haly 1913

1913 is a year invariably referred to by historians as the 'autumnal year' or 'the twilight era' just before the way of life was shattered by the onset of the Great War. The carefree, happy, halcyon days that characterized the reign of Edward VII, had, since the ascension of King George V to the throne in 1910, begun to wane and be replaced by one of concern. There was a groundswell of uneasiness over events on the European Continent in 1913 touched off by Germany's imperialistic ambitions. The wrenching change that would alter the way of life for generations yet unborn came one year later with the outbreak of the Great war 1914 - 1918.

Newfoundland remained virtually untouched by the general uneasiness of world events of 1913, but by early 1914 the Colony would be drawn inexorably into the maelstrom of public concern over the course of events in Europe. The sole news item relating to Bally Haly Golf and Country Club that appeared in the local newspapers in 1913, was a report on the annual general meeting of the club held on January 15. The result of the election was as follows

President: H. D. Read, Esq.
Vice President: J. A. Paddon, Esq.

Directors

R.B. Job	George M. Barr	Frank Donnelly
J.S. Munn	J.C. Hepburn	Hon. John Harvey
Hon. Samuel Milley		

None of the local newspapers of that day makes any reference whatsoever to the Ladies Division at Bally Haly being involved in any activity, either athletic or social. Whatever meager snippets of information have survived since 1913 came unscathed through the two disastrous fires that razed the initial clubhouse on December 8, 1935 and its replacement structure on August 12, 1957. This includes the surviving mural legend boards now displayed in the lounge at Bally Haly. The poster board rescues from oblivion W.C. Job as the winner of the Match play championship for 1913, as well as the name of W.G. Gosling who captured the Medal play championship. There is also recorded on the mural boards related information on officerships held in both the Ladies' and the Men's divisions. The mural board records the name of Miss Ruby Ayre as Match Play champion for 1913 and also reveals that Miss Helen Job carried off the Medal play championship that year.

Men's Division

In the Men's Division, William C. Job, who had won the Match play championship in 1910 again captured the honor in 1913. Job's other earlier successes were in Medal play competition as well. He was champion for Medal play in 1908, 1909, and 1910. W.G. Gosling had signal success in 1911, earning both Match play and Medal Play Championships that year. He again took the Medal play championship in 1913. Dr. E.O.B. Carbery, a medical officer on the naval training ship HMS Calypso, won the Browning Cup - also known as the Presidents Cup - in 1913.

Bally Haly 1914

When on December 10, 1913, the Board of Governors of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club met to review activities for the past year and elect an executive for 1914, they reselected H.D. Reid as President and reelected J. A. Paddon as Vice-president. They chose A.S. Rendell to fill the role of Golf Captain for 1914. The Executive consisted of Misters George M. Barr, Frank W. Donnelly, C. Mack Harvey, J. C. Hepburn, R. B. Job and R.G. Reid.

The Ladies Division did not convene until May 14, 1914, at which time Mrs. R.C. Grieve was elected Golf captain with Miss Ruby Ayre chosen to serve as honorary secretary. The Golf committee consisted of Mrs. W.G. Gosling, Mrs. Fred Alderdice and Miss Helen Job. A sub-committee responsible for administering the Tennis section was comprised of Mrs. R.B. Job, Mrs. Herbert Outerbridge and Miss L. Hutchings.

Presumably on the grounds that it would be rather indelicate in 1914, with the Great War in progress, for reports on such carefree - and in some quarters, frivolous - pastimes as golf and tennis to be vying for newspaper space. Bally Haly carefully eschewed any mention of club activity in 1914. Everywhere there were vivid reminders that a war was being waged. There was an all out recruiting program embodied in the advertisements; "Your King and Country need you. Will you answer your Country's call". Intramurally, there is available through the medium of a copy of the Fifth annual report of the Board of Directors presented at the General meeting held at the Club January 12, 1915, a summation of Club activity for 1914.

In 1914 the membership roll showed 98 Gentlemen members with 99 Lady associate members. There were, in addition, 40 members designated as naval gentlemen and 14 Junior members. The report of 1914 observes that 'there are a few ladies' names on the Waiting list. Apparently some experimental improvements were undertaken on the Tennis courts, bowling green, and croquet lawn throughout the season but the work remained largely incomplete at season's end. Not unnaturally, with the disruption created by the improvement program, there was less activity than usual in tennis, bowling, and croquet.

The various golf championships were won as follows:

Gentleman's Match Play	Mr. Arthur Donnelly
Gentleman's Medal Play	Mr. C. B. Carter
Ladies Match Play	Miss Pauline Baird
Ladies Medal Play	Miss Pauline Baird

W.C. Job, who was Men's Match play champion in 1913, won the Browning Cup in 1914.

The 1914 Annual Report of the Directors states that the purpose for which sheep were introduced - i.e. keeping the grass on the golf course cropped - continues to be fully justified. It is thought that when the flock has been brought up to the number aimed at by management, there will also be a source of direct profit to the Club.

In 1914 the live stock consisted of 75 ewes, 22 lambs and three imported Cheviot rams. During the year 27 lambs and sheep were disposed of by sale, and together with the realization by sale of wool produced revenue of \$269.83. It was reported with regret that 16 lambs died due to the late arrival of spring and the absence of grass to feed the flock.

On October 31st, the Club held its closing exercises for the 1914 season at which prizes won throughout the year were presented. The prize giving affair was considered in the light of an 'At Home' with the formality of awarding prizes subordinated to a patriotic purpose - the raising of funds to assist the Newfoundland Patriotic Association in its work with the war effort. In view of the commendable purpose being served His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, accompanied by Lady Davidson, attended and graciously shared the duty of presenting the prizes.

Bally Haly 1915

When the Board of Governors of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club met on January 19, 1916 to present to the shareholders the Club's Sixth Annual Report, there was frequent reference to the changes wrought in club life as a result of hostilities. Both the lady and gentlemen members were by now deeply involved in the War effort at home through their respective organizations - the Women's Patriotic Association and the Newfoundland Patriotic Association. The report for 1915 notes that nine of its members were then serving their King and Country adding 'their names are being retained on the Roll without being required to pay the annual subscription'. Total membership for 1915 showed:

84 Shareholder members
44 Associate members (Gentlemen)
120 Associate members (Ladies, Naval and Junior)

Golf continued to dominate club activity throughout 1915. There was however a noticeable decline in weekly competitions as members became caught up in the war effort. On the other hand, a marked increase occurred in use being made of the course by officers of visiting ships of His Majesty's navy. Less use was made of both the tennis courts and the bowling green throughout the season as a result of improvements being made to those facilities. The flock of sheep being maintained by the Club continued in their effectiveness in keeping the fairways and bordering rough in reasonable shape through pasturing. Only occasionally did the local newspapers make any reference to Bally Haly in 1915, and then only on occasions of the club being involved in some fund raising undertaking in aid of the war effort.

Patriotic Day, for instance, held at Bally Haly August 4, 1915, merited the attention of the press. It was a Field Day consisting of competitions involving Golf, Tennis and Bowling, with card tables provided for those engaging in Bridge and Canasta. Teas were served in the clubhouse throughout the afternoon, and flags and badges were sold with the entire proceeds of the afternoon's affair devoted to a patriotic purpose.

England's declaration of war on Germany on August 4, 1914 was met with an instantaneous response in a pledge of total support from Newfoundland, Britain's oldest Colony. On August 12, 1914, Sir Walter Davidson, Governor of Newfoundland, addressed an enthusiastic body of citizens in the Church Lads Brigade (C.L.B.) armory. As a result, resolutions were passed to set in train the establishment of the Newfoundland Patriotic Association, whose purpose would be to enlist the service of five hundred men in the formation of the Newfoundland Regiment for early dispatch overseas.

The newly formed association was spear-headed by the St John's professional classes and the titans of trade and included in its ranks a fair representation of all political groups as well as religious denominations. The Newfoundland Patriotic Association was unique in the British Empire in that an organized body as distinct and separate from Government was entrusted with the responsibility of recruiting and training drafts of soldiers.

The organizational pattern that would emerge in the implementation of the N P A system ran true to form. Under the clearly defined elitist system of class distinction then prevailing in St John's of 1914, one looked to those of wealth, power, privilege, influence, social position and business experience for the leadership qualities so essential to the success of any venture. A ready available source of such human resources could be found in the various fraternal organizations and in the more select of the social and recreational clubs of that time. Not surprisingly therefore, His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, in submitting to the Executive Council his list nominating those who should form the nucleus of the Newfoundland Patriotic Association drew heavily on the membership of Bally Haly along with other local organizations.

Later when a sorority branch known as the Women's Patriotic Association came into being, Bally Haly through its lady members, would find itself totally committed to the war effort, subordinating personal considerations to the commonwealth. J. A. Paddon, the manager of the Bank of Montreal, served as President of Bally Haly in 1915, while Arthur S. Rendell functioned as Golf captain.

The various golf championships were won as follows:

Gentlemen's Match Play	William R Warren
Gentlemen's Medal Play	Arthur Donnelly
Ladies Match Play	Mrs. R.C. Grieve
Ladies Medal Play	Miss Helen Job

The prestigious Browning Cup, also known as the President Cup, (in honor of the club's first president, Hon. John Browning), was won in 1915 by Harry C. Donnelly.

The Board of Directors decided that it was not advisable to hold any formal prize giving ceremony while the war was still in progress. It was a practice rigidly adhered to all throughout the Great War.

Bally Haly 1916

By 1916 the grim reality of the Great War, with the sad consequences reflected in its Casualty lists, was brought forcibly and tragically home to Newfoundland and her people following the engagement of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont Hamel in July of that year. Of all the places where Newfoundlanders fought in the conflict of 1914-1918, no other arena of war has more meaningful significance to Newfoundland and her people than the heroic sacrifice paid by the Colony's regiment at Beaumont Hamel. There on July 1st, 1916, Newfoundland lost the flower of her manhood. From the city of St John's, to the smallest and most remote settlement on the Island, there was scarcely a family that did not mourn the loss of a loved one. The tragedy of July 1st, when so many of the Colony's native sons paid the supreme sacrifice has been fittingly memorialized as Newfoundland's day of mourning to remind posterity of this Island's contribution to the cause of freedom.

Consequent on the sad news of the devastating loss sustained at Beaumont Hamel and the July 1st drive, a widespread feeling of community grief continued to possess the people. Morale at home, along with patriotic spirit, was kept alive by a much deeper involvement by everyone in the war effort, chiefly through patriotic recruiting rallies. Newspapers provided advertising support featuring 'a Call to the Colors' advertisement reminding the able bodied that their comrades in arms had not made the supreme sacrifice in vain. As a safety valve designed to prevent the debilitating factor of people becoming emotionally overwrought, time was found for limited relaxation.

At Bally Haly, as with other organizations, a more serious minded and subdued attitude prevailed among the members. Miss Pauline Baird writing in a local magazine 'The Distaff', published in December 1916, captured the mood of Club life at that time when she wrote: "Since the War started Bally Haly has become very much quieter; we no longer have our weekly competitions or our annual closing day. We all hope the War will soon be over and Bally Haly will get back to its former brilliancy. Although I am sorry to say for some - in fact most of us - there will be so many friendly faces missing that the dear days before the War will always stand out as the brightest and best."

At the Seventh annual meeting of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club held on January 19, 1916, to review the activities of the 1915 season and elect an executive for the coming season, the President, J. A. Paddon occupied the chair. He was later reelected to that same post for 1916. R.B. Job was chosen as the Golf captain for the ensuing year. With the membership of the club more deeply involved in patriotic commitments, fewer people were participating in the various pastimes available at the club. The weekly golf competitions were all but suspended and there appears to have been no activity whatsoever on the tennis courts. The Club did however manage to run off competitions for the Men's and Ladies Match and Medal play championships.

In the Men's division the Match play championship was won by R.B. Job while Harry W. Dickinson captured Medal play honors. It is interesting to note that Harry Dickinson had progressed as a golfer from Junior ranks, a product of the Junior development program begun some years earlier. Before Dickinson's golfing career would run its course no less than 21 annual championships in either Match or Medal play competitions would crown his golfing efforts providing abundant proof of his dexterity as a golfer. In the Ladies section for 1916, Miss Armine Gosling, of the famous Gosling golfing family, won the Match play championship while the Medal play honors fell to Mrs. A. Williams.

Competition for the Browning cup in 1916 saw William R. Warren, who was Match play champion the previous year, emerge the winner of the Browning for 1916.

Bally Haly 1917

The Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club was presented to the shareholders on the 8th day of March 1918, and covered the twelve months ending November 30th, 1917. It showed another successful season with the Club in sound financial circumstances. The membership roll revealed that 238 people were actively engaged in club activity, 71 of who were shareholders members, 53 Gentlemen Associate members and 114 Lady Associate members. It was noted with pride that of the membership, 21 Gentlemen members and 5 Lady members were serving with the Colors.

While continuing to maintain a flock of 102 ewes, 34 ewe lambs, and four stock rams to keep the fairways cropped of grass growth, the desired degree of uniformity was not being provided. Tufts of what must have been unpalatable growth were left untouched by the sheep. To rectify that condition the club now invested in what was termed 'a cutting machine' - a horse drawn affair designed to supplement the effort on the part of the

grazing sheep and produce an overall carpet like effect on the greensward of the fairways. The greens themselves continue to receive special attention from grounds men pushing manually operated lawn mowers. That same group of helpers, wielding scythes, kept the bordering rough of the fairways within reasonably penalizing grounds. All in all, the golf course now began to take on a much-improved appearance.

The Board of Governors for 1917 was as follows:

President: Mr. R.G. Reid

Golf captain: Mr. George M. Barr,

Directors:

C.A.C. Bruce

E.A. Bowring

R.B. Rob

A. McPherson,

J. A. Paddon

Hon. J. A. Clift

Charles Mack Harvey (Honorary Secretary)

The Board of Governors reported with regret that interest in Bowls 'appears to have died out'. There is no mention of tennis in the club's activity for 1917. The Golf championships were dominated by one individual in the Men's division with Arthur Donnelly winning both the Match play and Medal play championship. Identically the same situation occurred in the Ladies' section with Mrs. R.C. Grieve winning both the Match play and Medal play championships. W.R. Warren, who won the Browning Cup in 1916, duplicated that success by again capturing the cup in 1917.

Bally Haly 1918

The annual prize presentation ceremony held at Bally Haly at the termination of outdoor activity in the fall of each year was suspended while the Great War was in progress. However, a number of local sportsmen felt that as a fund-raising project in aid of the war effort - something along the lines of a 'Smoker' - should be organized. This would be a function at which all athletes who had distinguished themselves in such sports as Football, Baseball, Curling, Golf and other sports would be brought together for a collective prize presentation ceremony. October 5th, 1918 was chosen as the date for what was billed as 'the greatest sporting event ever held in Newfoundland'. The British Hall on Bond Street (later Bishop Spencer College) was chosen as the venue for that sports extravaganza. The prevalence of what was at first considered as 'a rash of Fall colds' caused frequent postponements of the proposed social evening. As it turned out, the community was witnessing the onset of an epidemic of far more serious proportions. The city, and all Newfoundland, was in the grip of the outbreak of the dreaded Spanish 'flu'. The planned 'Smoker' scheduled to take place at the British Hall was postponed indefinitely.

The Ninth Annual report of the Board of Governors of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club prepared on November 30th, 1918 and covering the activities of that year, surprisingly makes no reference to the cessation of hostilities in Europe with the signing of the Armistice on 11 November, 1918. The only reference to the conflict is the report's mention of having invested 'some \$1,850 of the \$2,000 carried at the credit of the Sinking Fund account, in Anglo-French 5% War bonds'.

R.G. Reid was elected President of the Club in 1918, with R.G. Rendell serving as vice -President. George M. Barr was appointed Golf captain. Committee members were as follows:

Misters C.A.C. Bruce, E.A. Bowring, R.B. Job, J. A. Paddon, A McPherson, J.J. Tobin, with C. Mack Harvey serving as Honorary secretary.

The golf championships were won as follows:

Gentleman's Match play	P.C. Mars
Gentlemen's Medal play	R.B. Job
Ladies Match play	Mrs. Gordon Winter
Ladies Medal play	Mrs. A. Williams

Mrs. Gordon Winter, who captured the Ladies' Match play championship earlier in 1908 as the former Miss P. Arnaud, won the first Match play championship played at Bally Haly. Still earlier, as Miss Arnaud, she had many successes in golf competition at the original golf course at Buckmaster's Meadow.

In the Men's Division, J.J. Tobin won the Browning Cup for 1918.

Bally Haly 1919

A world freed from the horrors of war had by 1919 deeply immersed itself in peacetime pursuits. Industry was getting back on its feet and factories were humming to meet the growing demand for commodities unavailable during the war years. Full employment existed and a general feeling of euphoria, merciful relief, and unalloyed happiness was in evidence everywhere as the world stood on the threshold of the Golden Twenties. To quote Dickens; 'It was the best of times.'

In the wake of the wave of economic well being, the idea surfaced that the world, no longer fettered by the concerns of conflict, was free to seek new frontiers to conquer. In planting the banner of exploration, the conquest of the air received first consideration. Specifically, to extend the range of sustained flight. Newfoundland was destined to become the focal point of such exploration: an attempt would be made to cross the broad Atlantic, from Newfoundland to Europe, non-stop, by air. On June 14, two British airmen, John Alcock and Arthur Whitten-Brown, lifted off from Lester's Field in St. John's and landed early the next morning in Clifden, Ireland. In doing so, the two men captured the 10,000 British Pounds reward offered by the London Daily Mail. The aviation industry, as we have come to know it, was well on its way.

But to return to the main theme – Bally Haly Golf and Country Club and the transformations taking place there in the post war era. There is no more reliable source than the Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Great changes were indeed taking place within the life of the club, with the promise of still more sweeping and far-reaching innovations in prospect. The membership roll at Bally Haly was first to reflect that a ground swell of social change was coming. Figures for 1919 showed that there were 173 male members – associate and shareholder – and 165 lady members, for a combined total of 338 members. This was an increase of approximately 35% in membership compared to the pre-war register of 250 members. It was all too apparent from the situation reflected, that Bally Haly was caught up in the wake of social change that followed the Armistice of 1918. The Club had become less stringent, no longer subjecting applicants for membership to that searching scrutiny which had marked the Club's attitude to towards suppliants from the very beginning.

Increased enrollment necessitated the addition of an extension to the Clubhouse to take care of locker room space. In logical sequence there followed an increase in membership fees to meet additional operating expense. The gentlemen's annual subscription, then \$15.00 per year, was increased to \$25.00 per annum, while the ladies fee, formerly \$10.00 per annum, was increased to \$15.00.

On August 12, 1919, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, (later Edward VIII) arrived in St John's on his post-war North American tour and was enthusiastically welcomed. According to A. A. Parsons, writing in the Autumn 1919 issue of the Newfoundland Quarterly, the Prince's visit was "an occasion of splendid pageants, and stirring and impressive was the enthusiasm of the ovation given His Royal Highness by the tens of thousands of people who packed the streets of the city from the King's Wharf to Government House. The scene must stand out vividly in the memory of those privileged to witness the event"

Among the many ceremonies which marked the Royal visit was the laying of the corner stone to Prince of Wales School on Lemarchant Road, attendance at the annual Regatta on Quidi Vidi, and a Garden Party held at Government House. Following the Garden party at the vice-regal mansion on Tuesday, August 12, 1919, His Royal Highness motored to Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. While there, he played the course in the company of Charles MacKenzie Harvey, honorary secretary of the club.

At the conclusion of the round of golf, His Highness, the Prince of Wales repaired to the club for refreshments and there signed the Guest book. He later presented the Club with a framed autographed photo of himself. To quote from the Club's Tenth annual report on His Highness 'visit' he expressed great admiration for the course and was delighted with the beauty of its scenic setting

Throughout 1919 everything was in full swing at Bally Haly. On the golf course weekly competitions were resumed and spirited rivalry marked the playdowns for the club championships, both in the Ladies and Gentlemen's divisions. In the Ladies section, Miss Carrie Story won the Match play championship, while Miss Schiff took Medal Play honors.

In the Men's division, Arthur C.N. Gosling, a very talented golfer and son of W.G. Gosling, (who had won the Match play championship at Bally Haly in 1908 and both Match play and Medal play championships in 1911), showed promise of emulating his famous father by capturing the dual championships of Match and Medal play competition. J.J. Strang won the Browning Cup.

The annual prize presentation ceremony suspended during the war years was revived. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Harris graciously presented the awards at season's close.

In 1910 the flock of sheep then being maintained consisted of 173 animals, With the prices of wool and live stock well sustained throughout the year the Sheep account showed a contribution to the general revenue of \$574.00.

THE ROARIN' TWENTIES - THE GOLDEN YEARS - 1920-1929

Posterity invariably refers to that decade between the end of the First World War and the onset of the Depression of 1929 as the Roarin' Twenties connoting an era devoted to an unrestrained pursuit of pleasure. To the sports-minded public, on the other hand, the decade is remembered nostalgically, as the Golden Age of athletics – and understandably so – for no period in the history of sport has produced such a lengthy list of legendary sports figures.

In the minds of those in the Western Hemisphere, the 1920's are furthermore identified as that point in time when the North American continent took to its collective heart, a pastime named golf which had been in the domain of the British and particularly the Scots, for centuries. True, the game itself had been introduced to America in 1818 by a transplanted Scot, however, it was a game which remained exclusively in the domain of the wealthy whose ranks, much to the rankling of American pride, seemed incapable of producing a home grown United States Open Golf Champion. It was the visiting British golfers who continued to carry off the prestigious United States Open Golf Championship.

The Americans, in search of a knight in shining armour to wrest the honor for themselves, were to have their prayers answered, not as might be imagined from the Social Register of golfdom – the exclusive private clubs – but as preposterous as it may seem from the other side of the tracks in the person of Francis Ouimet, a twenty year old caddie. Ouimet as an amateur in 1913 astounded and astonished the golfing fraternity by winning the United States Open Golf Championship defeating in the process the legendary Harry Vardon who earlier had won five British Opens and as well, captured in 1900, the only United States Open he had ever entered. Ouimet's remarkable victory was destined to completely revolutionize the game of golf on this side of the Atlantic. The game itself popularized by Ouimet's feat gained acceptance and popularity among the masses and spurred all golfers to strive for greater accomplishment in the perfection of their skills. With mounting interest in the game, both public and private courses were established in the United States and Canada. Golf was on its way to become one of the most fascinatingly popular of pastimes.

The impact of that amazing revolutionary change, taking place all over North America had surprisingly, very little impact on the course of the game of golf in Newfoundland. Bally Haly, the one golf course then in operation here, was in the hands of the Establishment and was to remain very much a private club with social standing and financial worth, prime requisites in gaining approval and acceptance for membership. While unaffected by any social leveling processes taking place elsewhere, within Bally Haly Golf and Country Club itself, a new phase in the Club's existence was being experienced. By the 1920's, the old guard or the founding fathers that had contributed so effectively in fostering and developing the game of golf locally, had by now departed the scene to be replaced by a vibrantly new generation of golfers.

By 1920, Bally Haly Golf and Country Club was beginning to harvest the fruits of a Junior Golf Development Program begun in 1912 under the aegis of the Club's professional instructor, Lloyd Chancey, and made available to the sons and daughters of members. While those coaching sessions were somewhat spasmodic during the war years, they did manage to produce from the junior ranks some remarkably fine golfers. In the top echelon of the junior division and holding promise of greater golf accomplishment were Harry Dickinson and Carrie Story. Within the club itself, in the Ladies' and Men's divisions, there was a noticeable and appreciable improvement in the standard of golf being played.

With the advent of the 1920's, Bally Haly Club life witnessed the social aspect of existence returning to the carefree happy halcyon days of the pre-War era. The spirit of the times is fittingly captured and reflected in a ball held at the Club on the evening of October 19, 1920 to mark the wind-up of the season's outdoor activity. The Evening Herald of the following day captures the spirit of that gala evening:

"The members of the Bally Haly Golf Club held a ball at the club last night. The affair was one of the most successful of the season, despite the inclement weather. The decorations and arrangements had been most tastefully attended to by Sgt. J. Robinson assisted by Mrs. Robinson, Leo Robinson and the stewards of the City Club. The decorations were particularly pleasing and artistic, the approach to the main portal being carpeted with matting and the entrance draped with bunting and ornamented with evergreens. The ballroom was also beautifully arranged. The open fires gave a touch of home-like comfort and their flickering light was only enhanced by the subdued light of numerous Japanese lanterns. The color scheme was imperial and national; the ceiling being a replica of the Union Jack made with red, white and blue festoons of crepe. The whole scene was fairy-like in the soft light of the lanterns, the colored ceiling and the flickering shadows cast by the open fires as the dancers glided to and fro. The music was furnished by the C.L.B. Band, the program containing fifteen items. After the seventh number, the company repaired to supper and afterwards resumed dancing. The guests did not disperse until after midnight when Auld lang Syne and God Save the King brought to a close, a most enjoyable evening. We hear that the executive intend making the ball a regular annual function."

It would seem that a lavish function such as that described might serve as an ideal occasion at which to present the prizes won in the various competitions throughout the season. Not only did that not come to pass, but three days later on Friday, October 22, the Ladies' Division, independent of the Gentlemen's Section, convened a special tea at the Club attended by the Governor, His Excellency Sir Charles A. Harris and Lady Harris, and there conducted their own award presentation ceremony. Mrs. A. Williams won the Match Play Championship while Mrs. Fred V. Chessman carried off the honors as Medal Play Champion. Prizes won in weekly competitions during the season were presented as well.

The newspapers of 1920 make no reference to a similar prize presentation ceremony having taken place in the Gentlemen's Division, but it has to be assumed that such a function did take place, possibly during the many card tournaments staged periodically in the off season. From time to time over the winter months both Bally Haly Club and the City Club took turns in hosting card playing sessions and the likelihood exists that time was found during those get-togethers to conduct a prize giving ceremony. With less than a half dozen awards to be presented, such a function was less time consuming than the distaff distribution of awards. Arthur C.N. Gosling who captured both the Match Play and Medal Play championships in 1919, succeeded in repeating his victory as Match Play Champion in 1920 but lost his Medal Play Crown to Arthur Donnelly. In competition for the Browning Cup in 1920, Arthur Donnelly was to add to his achievement as a golfer in winning that trophy.

By 1920, in the wake of the liberating influences, which followed the cessation of hostilities, radical changes were being wrought in ladies and gentlemen's fashions. In a spirit of emancipation, people were ridding themselves of the staid starchiness of the overdressed figure, the inheritance of an earlier age. With the trend to lighter weight clothing in exciting and brighter hues, dress became more functional to the purpose it was designed to serve. Not unexpectedly, sports attire began to move with the times. Ladies who engaged in such pastimes as tennis and golf turned to more sensibly styled clothing forsaking the overly dressed heavily costumed figure. Largely influenced by the new jauntiness in American fashion, lady golfers in particular, sought greater freedom in movement, ridding themselves of the ankle length skirt for a more abbreviated type of the same garment. The costume type of garb fell prey to changing styles as well to be supplanted by wool sweaters either of the cardigan type or else of a form-fitting variety known as the "hug-me-tight" golf sweater. Male golfers too were affected by the changing mode in dress, notably through the magnetic influence of the Prince of Wales (later Edward VIII) who while not the innovator of the plus-fours or baggy type knee length trousers, did much to popularize that garment. The peaked cloth cap was also identified with the informality of His Highness's sports attire. Simultaneously, the formal type of business suit complete with vest, shirt and tie so much a part of correct links wear up to now, was abandoned in favor of crew-necked sweaters. To the present generation such fashions – notably the male attire of the plus-fours appear somewhat ludicrous. Conceivably, however, the baggy pantaloons could return to vogue. The style cycle has been known in the passage of time to come full circle.

Bally Haly 1921

In 1921, J.A. Paddon, Esq., Manager of the Bank of Montreal, was elected President of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club with Arthur Donnelly, Esq., assuming the role of Golf Captain for the ensuing season. Arthur C.N. Gosling, who for the past two years had carried off the Match Play Championship, repeated his accomplishment in 1921. Harry Dickinson, on his emergence from the Junior Division in 1916, showed promise as an up-and-coming golfer, in winning the Medal Play Championship that year, now added emphasis to his golfing ability by winning the Medal Play Championship. Much more would be heard from Harry Dickinson in later years.

In the early years of the decade embracing the twenties, the foremost gentleman golfer in Newfoundland was Arthur C.N. Gosling, who during his career as a golfer at Bally Haly, was Match Play Champion five times and for two years – in 1919 and 1922 – carried off the Championships in both Match and Medal play competition. In 1921, Arthur Gosling entered Pembroke College, Cambridge University in England, where he was selected to play for the Varsity at the ancient and royal game. In the first match, with Cambridge pitted against the well-known golf club, Camberly Heath, Gosling defeated his opponent, Lieut. Colonel E.P. Bidwell, four up and two to play.

There is deplorable dearth of news in the local newspapers on activities generally, at Bally Haly throughout the twenties and no information on that or any other decades in the history of Bally Haly Club itself available through the Club's records, as a result of two disastrous fires, one of which destroyed the original Club on December 8, 1935, the other, its replacement on August 12, 1957.

Occasionally, however, a snippet of news on Bally Haly did surface in the local press as was the case on July 30, 1921 when The Evening Telegram published a letter from a reader signing himself "King's Bridge" and

taking issue with the Municipal Council and the Members of the House of Assembly representing St. John's East, complaining about the condition of Kenna's Hill leading to Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Seemingly, that thoroughfare was in a deplorable state, a condition that the letter-writer attributed to be caused by "excessive traffic over that route with the comings and goings of motor cars driven by Bally Haly Club members."

Following the pattern established in the Fall of 1920, the Ladies' Golf Section at Bally Haly Club convened a general meeting at Bally Haly on Friday afternoon, October 7, 1921, making provision to incorporate into the proceedings of that afternoon, a presentation-of-awards ceremony followed by an afternoon tea. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles A. Harris, attended and graciously presented the prizes won at the various competitions held throughout the season, including the two most prestigious of prizes, the Match Play and Medal Play Championships. Match Play honors were won by Mrs. Bert Butler while Caroline Story, the Secretary of the Ladies' Section, carried off the Medal Play Championship.

As the Bally Haly story evolves, it becomes increasingly evident that there was an underlying reason why the Ladies' Section held its annual awards ceremony independent of the Men's Division. Essentially, lady golfers made far greater use of the course throughout the golfing season than their male counterparts and with correspondingly more weekly competitions programmed, more prize awards were involved at season's end. The presentation ceremony for the Ladies' Section alone was a long drawn-out affair involving as many as twenty individual awards being made by the Governor. While most members elected to interpret that show of independence on the part of lady golfers, as a conveniently desirable arrangement, there were some who held that with women's suffrage rampant in the twenties, the independent prize giving ceremony was simply a show of distaff self expression.

Bally Haly 1922

Lloyd S. Chancey, the Golf Professional at Bally Haly, writing in the Newfoundland Sporting Annual published in December 1922, in reviewing the activities at Bally Haly Club for the season just ended, reported glowingly not only on the favorable weather experienced during the season permitting course play until late November, but also on the mounting interest shown in the game itself. He reported a substantial increase in the Club's membership and added that he had taken under his wing for instruction into the rudiments of the game, 48 beginners.

Commenting on the growing interest in golf reflected in the increase of golf courses in Canada and the United States, Mr. Chancey offered the opinion that St. John's itself could support another golf links, suggesting as possible locations a site near Pleasantville in St. John's East and another in the vicinity of Bowring Park, to cater to prospective golfers in the Western end of the city. As a means to bringing such a proposal to fruition, he recommended that the clerks in the Water Street stores should band themselves together to acquire a piece of land sufficient for a nine-hole course. Chancey left unsaid – but possibly had in mind – that the clerks should develop the site with their own free labor in whatever spare time they had at their disposal. Mr. Chancey was definitely a man of practical and sound vision. He was way ahead of his time – over fifty years as a matter of fact – for the proposal which he advocated in the 1920's was not acted upon and implemented until 1974, when a group of golfing enthusiasts conforming to Mr. Chancey's plan of approach, acquired the lease of a piece of property on Nagle's Hill, formed themselves into a body known as the Halliday's Farm Golf Committee and on the site leased, constructed a nine-hole golf course. The endeavor met with amazing success and has done much to popularize the game of golf locally. The property was later incorporated into Pippy Park and plans are to expand that golfing facility to eighteen holes.

But, return to Bally Haly and the eventful season of 1922. Arthur C.N. Gosling, whose ability as a golfer has earlier been brought to attention, carried off both the match Play and Medal Play Championships. He scored a 77 in the Medal Play final against Bert C. Gardner. For Gosling, his victories marked his fourth season as Match Play Champion and his second for the same honor in Medal Play competition.

During the year 1922, another young golfer who showed great promise, having come up through the junior ranks, was Harry Dickinson. He won both the Paddon Cup and the prestigious Browning Trophy. Mrs. L.E. Emerson, who under her maiden name of Ruby Ayre, won the Ladies' Match Play Championship in 1913, and who, prior to and following her marriage to L.E. Emerson (later Sir Edward) in 1920, seems to have gone through a period of temporary retirement from golf, returned to the links in 1922 and in a surprising display of golfing ability captured both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships. Mrs. Fred V. Chessman, a golfer of exceptional talent and always the foremost contender for both Match Play and Medal Play Championship honors, seems to have been cast permanently into the role of "always the bridesmaid" for again she was the runner-up for the fifth straight year.

A novelty competition known as the "Cleek" Contest held throughout the season in the Gentlemen's Golf Division, created a great deal of interest and not a little test of versatility on the part of the players for the use of only one club, a "cleek" or five iron was permitted. Peter C. Mars, a transplanted Scot, who among his other claims to fame, had fought in the Boer War, had a most respectable score of 87 to capture the trophy of H.D. Reid, Esq..

The officers for the Club for 1922 were as follows:

President,	Mr. J.A. Paddon
Vice President,	C. MacKenzie Harvey
Hon. Secretary,	Mr. Arthur Williams
Captain (Golf),	Mr. Arthur Donnelly

By 1922, golfers had become so enamoured with the game that serious consideration was given to setting aside an area within the Clubhouse where throughout the closed season they might, with suitable back-drop, perfect their driving skills. Apparently, nothing came of that idea.

Bally Haly 1923

The most encouraging feature of the 1923 golfing season at Bally Haly was the general all-round improvement in the standard of golf being played, culminating in Harry Dickinson establishing a course record of 72 in the Medal Play Championship.

The Club's Golf Professional, Lloyd S. Chancey, in an article contributed to the Newfoundland Sporting Annual of 1923, notes that "This year, more than formerly, a number of our younger players became super-enthusiasts which is a very hopeful sign because with a good start as a foundation they should in time, build to championship form." In continuing his assessment of the game of golf, Chancey remarks: "A few years ago, golf locally was dominated by a few middle-aged persons who were by and large self-taught. Had they had the advantage of beginning when younger, under competent instruction, I have not the least doubt they would be a match of all-comers." In his general observation, Mr. Chancey also offers the opinion that local golf would benefit significantly if a team of golfers representing Newfoundland was sent to the Canadian mainland, claiming that the incentive of stiffer competition might well prove the leaven to elevate the standard of play locally. Without outside exposure, Lloyd Chancey contended, local players lacking the necessary incentive provided by a more demanding form of competition, would become complacently satisfied with a lower standard of play than it was possible to acquire.

While Arthur C.N. Gosling again succeeded in capturing the Match Play Championship for 1923 for the fifth consecutive year, he did not repeat his Medal Play Championship. Victory in the latter competition went to up-and-coming golfer, Harry Dickinson.

Peter C. Mars, the transplanted Scot with a wealth of golfing experience behind him, carried off the Cleek Competition and as well won the prestigious Browning Cup. The President's Cup was captured by Jack Patterson, a most promising young player, a well-known hockeyist, and a member of the Guards Team that won the Boyle Challenge Cup in 1923.

The Ladies' Section persisting in their efforts to perfect their game, had by 1923 made such satisfactory progress that they sought a higher status of recognition by applying for membership in the Canadian Ladies Golf Union. Even though Newfoundland in 1923 was a self-governing Dominion having the same status as Canada within the British Empire, borders were crossed and Newfoundland was accepted into the Canadian golfing fold. Within that group was a category or standard of golfing ability known as the Silver Class. To be accepted into that august body, a lady golfer was required to meet a low handicap rating. Tessa Hutton Shea who dominated local Ladies' golf from 1939 through to 1953 and spasmodically beyond that period and right up to 1967 appears to be the only Newfoundland lady to gain the exalted status of a Silver Class golfer. The Newfoundland Ladies Golf Association discontinued its affiliation with the C.L.G.U. at the onset of World War II and did not resume membership until Newfoundland entered Confederation with Canada in 1949.

Newfoundland's most prominent lady golfer prior to the advent of Tessa Hutton Shea was Caroline Story-Hutchinson who was to first prove her golfing ability when in 1919 under her maiden name of Carrie Story, she won the Match Play Championship. She had further success in 1921 when she captured the Medal Play Championship. In 1923, the year now under review, and by now the wife of W.F. Hutchinson, she began to demonstrate her golfing ability with an amazing stretch of annual victories in both match Play and Medal Play classifications. She attained both those championships in 1923 and went on through to 1935 to take top honors on several occasions in one or other of those competitions.

A school boy of eighteen, Eric St. George, who had been caddying at Bally Haly since he was ten years old, and later as a club member had shown a remarkable aptitude for golf under the tutelage of Lloyd Chancey, the club's professional, gave an impressive demonstration of his golfing skills when to nobody's surprise he carried off the club's Medal Play championship in 1958. Earlier in 1958 he shot a 32 for the front nine, which was three under par and tied a club record. On another occasion he negotiated the back nine in 30 which was one above the record and four under par. He also scored his first hole-in-one in 1958.

The Dickinson Memorial Cup was competed for on 12 July and was won by C. S. Stewart. The Browning Cup found two players in contention, James R. Chalker and Dr. J. B. Wilson, with the latter emerging the victor. Durable C. Harry Conroy won the Paddon Cup.

Competition for the Pepperrell Cups was played on Wednesday afternoon 10 September and saw James R. Chalker paired with Wilfred Peters pitting their respective abilities against Harry Conroy and Noel Goodridge. The team of Chalker and Peters captured the Pepperrell Cups. A golfer whose name was often mentioned in the same breath as Eric St. George was Doug Brown. While his name does not appear on the list of annual prize awards for 1958, he had an earlier success in winning the Medal Play Championship in 1957. In time he would add to that accomplishment in winning two match play championships. Despite the fact that he did not end up on the annual prize list, he along with Eric St. George shot under par 68's early in the 1958 season. Airman Bruce Emmons in winning the Eastern Air Command championship scored a 69. Colonel Ira Snyder of Fort Pepperrell some years earlier set a course record of 67. That was later tied by the club's professional Lloyd Chancey.

Bally Haly 1958 Prize List

Ladies Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. A. N. House
Runner-up	Mrs. Hartley Ayre
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. Winifred McNamara
Burch Cup	Mrs. Winifred McNamara
Lady Anderson Cup	Retired from Competition

**Presumably since Mrs. McNamara had 3 wins on the cup, she became the permanent holder

Bowring Cup:	Grand Falls vs Bally Haly	Won by Bally Haly
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Mens Division

Match Play Champion	A/C1 Bruce Emmons USAF
Runner-up	Col. Carl Leidy USAF
Medal Play Champion	Eric St. George
Dickinson Memorial Cup	C. S. Stewart
Browning Cup	Dr. J. B. Wilson
Paddon Cup	C. Harry Conroy
Pepperrell Cups	J. R. Chalker & Wilfred Peters
D. Stewart Ayre Trophy	Blomidon def Bally Haly
John F. Ayre Trophy	Bally Haly def Grand Falls

\$100,000 Bally Haly Golf Club Opened

Evening Telegram (P17) October 22, 1958

A new ultra modern clubhouse got its initiation on Tuesday night. The Bally Haly Golf Club, whose clubhouse burned down last autumn, opened its new quarters with a cocktail party last night at which all members of the club and some special guests attended.

Energetic committees, headed by Stewart Ayre, building chairman, and house chairman Ian Reid, were chiefly responsible for the organization behind the building of the new clubhouse. Construction started in early spring. Max Pratt, President of the Club welcomed the members and guests to the new clubhouse. In his remarks he expressed regrets that the Hon. R. B. Job and club Vice-President Ian Reid were unable to attend due to the death of Mrs. W. A. Reid, mother of Ian Reid and niece of Hon. R. B. Job. In this connection he expressed the sympathy of the club to the bereaved.

Present for the opening were Mr. H. O. House, President of the Blomidon Golf and Country Club in Corner Brook and Mrs. House. Mr. House said the Blomidon Club will present a Visitors Book to the new club. Designed by architects Craig, Mandill, Horwood, Abram and Ingelson and built by Allied Construction, the beautiful building, which is sixty-five feet by seventy feet stands on the same location as the old clubhouse.

The new clubhouse constructed at a cost of approximately \$100,000 reflects the trend of modern architecture. The simple straight forward lines of the building itself, the extremely functional layout and the liberal use of up to date materials have produced a first class modernistic structure and yet retains the rustic effect which so typifies a country club.

The floor of the basement, which has its own southern entrance, is covered with rubber carpeting enabling anyone with spikes to move about with safety and ease.

The basement has been divided into two sections, one for men and one for ladies with adjoining showers and ward rooms. Each division is also divided by a bar so that it serves both lounges. For the golfer at his leisure and the social member, the first floor offers facilities for pleasure and relaxation in most luxurious and comfortable surroundings. There is a private dining room, magnificent lounge and an up to date kitchen. The main lounge which runs the full length of the main floor is almost completely built with glass and presents a most perfect vantage point for the magnificent view. A balcony has been provided accessible from the lounge affording an outdoor viewing platform from which the course can be seen.

Max Pratt in his closing remarks explained the origin of Bally Haly. He also stated that the name of the initial golf club on Penneywell Road, St. John's was 'The Newfoundland Golf Club'.

By 1923, the Junior Golf Development Program was well established with gratifying results. Emerging from that youthful group to take top honors in the Ladies' Cleek Competition came Miss Edith Alderdice. In the young gentlemen's Classification, there was spirited competition for Junior honors. Master Edgar Hickman and Master John Watson as finalists provided a most exciting finish in deciding the Junior Crown. Victory went to Edgar Hickman.

The administrative body responsible for the management of affairs at Bally Haly for 1923 was as follows:

C. MacKenzie Harvey,	President
Walter S. Monroe,	Vice-President
Harry W. Dickinson,	Golf Captain
Committee: Arthur Donnelly	
J.A. Paddon	
R.G. Rendell, O.B.E.	
Hon. S. Milley	
P.C. Mars,	
R.B. Job	

Bally Haly 1924

Charles MacKenzie Harvey, Esq., who served as President of Bally Haly in 1923, continued in office in that same capacity in 1924 and as in the previous year as well, Harry W. Dickinson filled the role of Golf Captain.

Dickinson, who in 1921 had established himself as a golfer of promise by winning the Club's Medal Play Championship with a score of 75, lived up to expectations in 1924 by not only repeating his victory in Medal Play but won the Match Play Championship as well. In the former competition, honors in that contest were for the first time, determined on the basis of 36 holes. Dickinson scored 151 for the two rounds, while his opponent, Peter C. Mars, carded 163. By 1924, the Junior Program designed to introduce the sons and daughters of members to the game of golf was beginning to produce gratifying results. A youth named J.B. Urquart won the Junior Medal Play Championship with a score of 80 in what was described as "a very good score indeed for a youngster".

In 1924, His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Allardyce, presented for golf competition based on handicap, a silver trophy to be known as the Governor's Cup. Outright ownership of the award was contingent on a golfer winning it any three years. John F. Meehan had his name recorded on the Cup as the first winner.

In the Ladies' Golf Section, the prize awarding ceremony for the various competitions conducted throughout the season, conformed to the pattern established some year earlier – it was strictly a distaff social tea affair and was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 28th, at 3:30 o'clock with Lady Allardyce, Wife of the Governor, presenting the awards. Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson repeated her victory of 1923, again winning the Match Play Championship. In Medal Play Competition, Mrs. C.J. Stuart carried off championship honors.

In 1924, Bally Haly Club had no more versatile a member than a transplanted Scot named Peter C. Mars. Among his many claims to recognition was his service to the Empire in the Boer War, his proficiency as a golfer and his ability to express himself in rhythmic language. He gave expression to his last mentioned talent when in February 1924; he published what has now become a collector's item – a compact little book of his poems extolling the scenic beauty of Newfoundland, the land of his adoption.

Not surprisingly, in view of his avid interest in the game of golf, the booklet published under the title: "The Call of Terra Nova" with a foreword written by the then Governor Sir William L. Allardyce, features a few poems on that pastime. One in particular paying tribute to the scenic beauty of Bally Haly in its sylvan setting, has been reproduced on the foreword of this, the Bally Haly story.

In 1924, a squadron of warships of the Royal Navy, among them H.M.S. Hood; H.S. Repulse; H.M.S. Adelaide and H.M.S. Constance, set out on a world tour – an exercise in "showing the flag" – and Newfoundland, Britain's Oldest Colony became a port of call. The flotilla anchored in Conception Bay off Kelly's Island on a little afternoon on Saturday, September 6th. On Thursday, September 11th, 500 picked men from the fleet under their commanding officers came to St. John's and staged one of the most memorable and inspiring of parades. Following the parade, the officers were entertained by the Board of Governors at Bally Haly.

When the Board of Governors met early in January 1924 to consider plans for the forthcoming season, it was decided to invest in a mechanical mower to keep the fairways free of excessive growth. It accordingly became necessary to make arrangements to dispose of the flock of sheep, which since 1909, with replacements through

breeding, had under the supervision of a shepherd brought out from Scotland had through grazing, kept the grass shorn to a manageable height for golfers. By private sale, the Club first disposed of several prime animals in the flock. That was followed by daily advertisements in the local newspapers of the day offering for sale for rearing purposes, "67 ewes and 25 lambs at a uniform price of \$8.00 per animal". By August 29th, only a few sheep remained and by month's end, the entire flock was sold.

The removal of the sheep from the scene at Bally Haly left a void in the lives of those who frequently passed by the golf course grounds. They were accustomed to seeing the animals grazing contentedly under the supervision of a shepherd and his little sheep-dog who was a general favorite – all outlined in a sylvan setting against a backdrop dominated by an imposing white painted club house. The scene is best described as idyllic. The tranquility of the setting is to a degree, reflected in the photograph, which forms an integral part of the cover of "The Bally Haly Story".

Bally Haly 1925

In 1925, Bally Haly Golf and Country Club had a new President, R.B. Job, Esq. who succeeded Charles MacKenzie Harvey and a new golf captain as well, W. Angus Reid, Esq..

With the Club's records destroyed in the two disastrous fires which razed the original clubhouse in 1939 and its replacement facility in 1957, the sole source of recorded information on Bally Haly available to researchers on the club's lengthy history, should supposedly be available in local newspapers published over the years. Would that, that were true. Unfortunately, such an assumed likely source yields nothing of consequence. It is conceivable that the newspapers either respected the Club's wishes to remain "in splendid isolation" or else considered the Club's activity and notably the pastime of golf so lacking in newsworthiness of appeal to the general public that they simply avoided any mention of the Club or its activity in their columns. What little did turn up in the local newspapers with reference to Bally Haly in 1925, as in all other years, was either a short contributed item prepared by the Club's secretary or else a paid advertisement announcing a dance at the Club or some special golf competition.

In 1925 for instance, the sole reference to Bally Haly in the local newspapers involves advertising on two such diverse items as the offer of sale of two fields of standing hay – now surplus to the needs of the club since the flock of sheep maintained by the club had been disposed of by sale in 1924 – and a series of further advertisements announcing dances at the Club. It is indeed fortunate that most of the older trophies survived both fires as they were in the hands of the engravers when tragedy struck and providential as well that somebody had in his or her possession, a list of Club Presidents along with such pertinent information as the winners of the various championships both in the Gentlemen and Ladies Divisions over the years, otherwise posterity would have been deprived of a priceless part of our Newfoundland heritage.

Golf competition at Bally Haly in 1925 witnessed Harry Dickinson repeating his achievement of 1924 again winning both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships. Dickinson would further add to his honors in 1925, capturing the prestigious Browning Cup placed in competition in 1908 by the then President, Hon. John Browning.

The magnificent Silver Cup donated for competition by His Excellency, Governor Sir William Allardyce, in 1924 – and captured that year by John F. Meehan – was again won by the same golfer in 1925. The conditions of contest were that the Cup, if won any three years by an individual golfer, he would become the permanent owner of the trophy.

Competition in the Ladies' Division saw Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson repeat her victory of the previous year winning the Match Play Championship and Mrs. C.S. Stuart for her part, duplicating her performance of 1924 by again winning the Medal Play Championship.

There appears to have been greater emphasis placed on the social side of club life at Bally Haly throughout 1925 as evidenced in the program of monthly dances conducted at the Club throughout the golfing season. By 1925, the Club, through its dining facilities under the capable management of Mrs. Lloyd Chancey, had earned a reputation, unequalled anywhere in St. John's, for the excellence of service and the high standard of the cuisine. While the Club catered to mid-day luncheons, the specialty service provided on the premises was the popular ritual of afternoon tea.

Occasionally, as happened in 1925 when Sir Michael Cashin on one occasion and Mayor Tasker Cook on another hosted elaborate luncheons for visiting dignitaries, the services of outside caterers were engaged to reinforce the regular staff. Occasionally as well, throughout the summer months, the Club was prevailed upon

by a group of its members to make available its dining room facilities to local organizations and societies for the entertainment of guests at banquets. The sylvan setting of Bally Haly had a particular appeal for such functions as did Smithville, another well known hostelry which stood on the site now occupied by St. Pius X Church and St. Patrick's Mercy Home. During Fall, Winter and Spring, the recognized venue on occasions when dining service involved catering to any appreciable number of guests, either the British Hall (later Bishop Spencer College) or the Sterling Restaurant was engaged to fill such a need.

Bally Haly 1926

In 1926, golfing devotees were confronted by what, in local parlance, is termed "a backward spring". In former years, the golf course at Bally Haly invariably opened for play – with winter rules obtaining – by mid-April. In 1926, however, an exceptionally wet Spring with prevailing Easterly winds left the golf course flooded with resulting conditions, anything but conducive to an early start of the golf season.

Prevailing circumstances by mid-April 1926 compelled the Greens Committee to take advertising space in the daily papers requesting golfers "not to play on the course before Monday, May 3rd". The advertisement continued by stating that "on and after that date and until further notice, golfers are earnestly asked to keep off all 'greens' and teeing grounds as well".

Despite the late start, Bally Haly Golf Course was humming with activity by early June when the Club officially opened for the season with a tournament and the first of its monthly dances. The success of the social season in 1925 and the result of experience gained by the Entertainment Committee gave promise of another gratifyingly successful season in prospect.

In the Gentlemen's Golf Division, the month of August proved to be the busiest in the schedule of annual competitions with winners determined in the Browning Cup and the Paddon Trophy. The prestigious Browning Cup, the oldest trophy competed for annually at Bally Haly, was first awarded in 1908 the initial winner being Dr. J.J. Patterson. Hon. John Browning, who was one of the prime movers in introducing the game of golf to Newfoundland with the establishment of the first golf course at Buckmaster's Meadow near Pennywell Road in 1896, was the donor of the Browning Cup. He also filled the role of President of the Newfoundland Golf Club – the official name of the Pennywell Road course throughout its eleven years of its existence. His capabilities as a dynamic leader were obviously recognized, acknowledged and appreciated for when Bally Haly Golf and Country Club came into being in 1908, Hon. John Browning was unanimously chosen as President to guide the destinies of the fledgling Club. He served as President in 1908 and 1909.

The year under review marks the first competition for the Paddon Cup, a trophy which in time would rank second in importance to the Browning Cup. Like the Browning Cup, the Paddon Cup was also donated by the former President of the Club, J.A. Paddon, Esq. who was Manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal. He served as President of Bally Haly for a two year term in 1915 and 1916 and was honored with two further years as President in 1921 and 1922 .

Bally Haly 1927

Throughout the Twenties, the two foremost local practitioners of the game of golf were Arthur C.N. Gosling and Harry Dickinson. Gosling dominated the game at Bally Haly from 1914 through to 1923. Dickinson, as his successor, was the reigning Newfoundland Golf Champion from 1924 to 1930. Gosling departed the local scene in the mid-Twenties, enrolled at Pembroke College at Cambridge University in England and became a member of the University's golf team. Later, he returned to Bermuda and distinguished himself in golfing circles there, ultimately capturing the Island's golf crown.

Dickinson on the other hand, except for one brief sortie abroad when he went to Halifax in 1929 to compete for the maritime Golf Championship at Saint John, New Brunswick, continued to spend the rest of his career at Bally Haly, right up to the 1940's. As a golfer, it would be said of him that he died in harness. He passed to his reward during the progress of a golf match played at Bally Haly on Wednesday afternoon, August 24, 1949. He died club in hand on the fairway leading to the 17th hole.

While Gosling and Dickinson occupied stage center in the 1920's, standing in the wings in coiled anticipation of one day becoming Club Champions, were a number of promising prospects. Numbered amongst those were: Harold Alderdice, John F. Ayre, Harry Conroy, John B. Watson, Edgar Hickman, Gordon A. Winter and others, all products of the Junior Development program for young golfers implemented at the Club at the end of the Great War.

Of that youthful crop of aspiring young golfers, the first to show potential as a future golf champion was John F. Ayre. He first ably demonstrated his latent golfing ability in a surprising accomplishment when in 1927 he carried off the feat of winning both the Browning Cup and the Paddon Trophy that year. Later in his golfing career, there would be other evidence of his mastership of the game.

In 1927, golf and social season opened at Bally Haly on Wednesday, June 8th, with the majority of the membership participating in a mixed flag competition. Harry Donnelly emerged the winner.

The club continued to hold its regular monthly dance throughout the months of June to the October Club closing and occasionally, as happened on August 12th, the Club's facilities were made available to the Strollers group of Rotary Club to hold what was termed a subscription dance. The supper dance, under the chairmanship of J. MacBaird, was a highly successful affair.

The Medal Play Championship was held on September 7th and involved two rounds of 36 holes. Harry Dickinson scored 153 to gain his fifth successive championship in the competition. The Governor's Cup offered for competition in 1924 by Governor Sir William Allardyce was also played for that same afternoon with Ern Fox taking the honor of a recorded win on the trophy. On October 3rd, Harry Dickinson continued to follow his winning ways by defeating the genial Club Secretary, Jack Patterson, to take the Match Play Championship for his fifth consecutive year.

In Ladies' Competition for 1927, the pattern established back in 1924, when Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson won the Match Play Championship and Mrs. C.S. Stuart captured the Medal Play crown, was again repeated. Each lady emerged a victor in her won particular specialty, Mrs. Hutchinson was again crowned Match Play and Mrs. C.S. Stuart, Medal Play Champion.

The annual closing of the Club for the 1927 season took place on Saturday, October 8th. A mixed foursome competition was played in the afternoon. There was a dinner in the evening followed by a dance.

Bally Haly 1928

If there was a dearth of news on Bally Haly activity in the daily St. John's newspapers throughout the early 1920's, that deficiency was more than corrected in 1928 when the press began to produce what in comparison with those lean years, appears to be a surfeit of information on the goings-on at the club. Apart from the news items, generous use was made of the advertising columns of the newspapers over the signature of the Club's Secretary notifying members of the dates and times of forthcoming golf competitions.

In 1928, the most exciting and inspiring piece of news came to the attention of members early in February of that year and months in advance of the official opening of Bally Haly for the season. Arthur C.N. Gosling, a former Bally Haly Club golfing champion and a Cambridge blue, then residing in Bermuda, had carried off the golf championship of that British Colony, defeating in the process, one F.H. Gates of Montcalm, New Jersey, three up and one to play in the Men's Match Play Championship.

On the local scene, the year was marked by an increase in the number of mixed greensomes culminating with a series of mixed competitions at a Mammoth Field Day held at the Club on Wednesday, September 5th, the Labor Day whole holiday. As a special feature of the day's activities, a luncheon was served at mid-day. A post-prandial session of golf competitions followed with a break for afternoon tea at four o'clock. Glorious weather marked the conduct of competitions until late afternoon when a downpour necessitated the cancellation of the one remaining contest – the "Approaching and Putting Competition". Prizes for the various events were, later in the evening, presented by Mrs. C.S. Stuart, the Captain of the Ladies' Association. Throughout the evening, Mr. Ern Fox presided at the piano and contributed significantly to the enjoyment of the affair. Mr. Holland, the Club Steward, provided excellent service in catering to the luncheon and the afternoon tea.

On July 18th, competition for the Governor's Cup began. It had been won previously on two occasions, in 1924 and 1925 by the same golfer, John F. Meehan. He was destined to again record a win on the trophy in 1928 fulfilling the condition of a third win and taking permanent possession of the Cup.

On July 3rd, members were grieved to learn of the untimely passing of the Club's genial secretary, John Patterson. He and a companion, William Smith, were drowned while fishing at Gull Pond near Seal Cove, Conception Bay, on July 2nd, the observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Harold Hayward was appointed Secretary to succeed Mr. Patterson.

In 1928, the Captain's prize was captured by Harry A. Winter with W.F. Hutchinson the runner up. The

prestigious Browning Cup was won by A. Milligan while victory in competition for the Paddon Trophy went to F.A. Cornell. Competition the Men's Medal Play Championship was held on August 15th and resulted in Harry Dickinson registering the best score for two rounds of play to take the championship for the sixth successive year.

On Wednesday, August 12th, the elimination process began to determine the finalists and ultimate winner of the Club's Match Play Championship in the men's golfing section. By Saturday – and week's end – nine golfers had survived. Numbered amongst them was John MacCrimmon, an employee of the Bank of Montreal. On Sunday, September 16th, while playing in the elimination round, MacCrimmon found himself faced with a problem. His ball was buried in the rough. To extricate himself from misfortune, he struck his ball a heavy blow. In the course of its flight, the ball struck a stone with terrific force to rebound with accelerated speed, striking MacCrimmon in the right eye. Though dazed from the blow, he was able to walk to the Clubhouse. He was later moved to the General Hospital. The unfortunate victim later lost his eye to surgery.

The finals of the Men's Match Play Championship involved the Club's two top-ranking golfers, Harry Dickinson and a youthful John F. Ayre. They met in a deciding game on Saturday, October 6th, with Dickinson winning the honors 11 up with nine holes to play. The victory for Dickinson marked his sixth successive championship. On the same afternoon in the playoff for the Class B Championship, George M. Barr defeated A.G. Gosling to take the honors.

At the beginning of the golf season in June 1928, the Ladies' Section of the Club attempted to supply the local newspapers with a contributed weekly column informing members and the public-at-large, on the activity of the distaff side of golf. For some unknown reason, the column did not survive beyond one issue. Meanwhile in the Match Play and Medal Play Championships, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson dominated the field winning both competitions.

Daily News End-of-Year Edition December 31st, 1928

"Golf is a game that the majority of the people hear about, much less see.
In July the club suffered the loss of Mr. John Patterson whose untimely death is much regretted. H.W. Dickinson won both the Medal and Match Play Championships.
The Governor's Cup awarded for the best two years in succession, of any three years, was won out right by Mr. J.F. Meehan. He won the trophy in 1924 and again in 1925, losing out to H.W. Dickinson in 1926 and to Ern Fox in 1927 but finally recorded his third win in 1928.
In 1928, the Class B Championship was won by George M. Barr.
 Captain's Prize – H.A. Winter
 Browning Cup – H. Milling
 Paddon Cup – F.A. Cornell
 Ladies' Match and Medal Play Championships won by Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson."

Bally Haly 1929

Throughout the Twenties, the two most adept and accomplished local golfers were Arthur C.N. Gosling and Harry W. Dickinson. Gosling dominated local golf from 1919 to 1924, while Dickinson as his successor, reigned as champion from 1924 to 1930. While Arthur Gosling would depart the local scene in 1924 to enroll at Pembroke college at Cambridge University, and subsequently take up residence in Bermuda, Harry Dickinson would remain on in Newfoundland, effectively demonstrating his golfing ability up to the time of his passing in 1949 at the age of 69.

In 1929, Gosling and Dickinson, both native born Newfoundlanders, each was afforded an opportunity of demonstrating his golfing ability on competition abroad. Gosling by now having taken up permanent residence in Bermuda, successfully defended his Amateur Golf Championship there January 29, 1929. Harry Dickinson for his part and as representative of Bally Haly entered the Maritime Golf Tournament held at Saint John, New Brunswick in July 1929. The tournament's elimination process saw Dickinson on July 30th, defeat one of the competition's favorites, G. Parker Laidlow of Halifax, to gain a berth in the finals. In the playoff for the championship of the Maritimes, Harry Dickinson found himself pitted against a youthful Donald McNaughton of Moncton for the title. Dickinson who was 49 at that time, played a remarkably fine game but ultimately had to concede the title to young McNaughton. Dickinson as runner-up for the Championship of the Maritimes, was awarded the Association Gold Medal.

On the evening August 17th, following his return from the Maritime Championship Golf Tournament, Harry Dickinson was the honored guest at a dinner held at Bally Haly Club. That get-together, in recognition of Dickinson's outstanding performance in the Maritime Tournament, was one of the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of gentlemen members ever held at Bally Haly Club. Dickinson's achievement abroad created in the hearts and minds of local golfers, a greater sence of confidence in their own ability with a noticeable improvement in the standard of golf play locally.

The officers responsible for the administration of affairs at Bally Haly in 1929 were as follows:

President:	W. Angus Reid
Vice-President:	H.W. Dickinson
Golf Captain:	C. Mack Harvey
Governors:	E.A. Bowring, L.C. Outerbridge, S.W. Monroe, A. Milligan, Dr. Charles Howlett and Hon. R.B. Job
Secretary-Treasurer:	Harold C. Hayward

Apart from the officers listed, several special committees worked energetically throughout the season in coordinating Club Activity. One particular committee whose efforts contributed so significantly to the success of the 1929 season was under the chairmanship of B.G. Gardner. The committee providing him with such capable support consisted of both lady and gentleman members. A special Gala Field Day originally introduced at the Club in 1928 and held on the Labor Day whole holiday, observed on the first Wednesday in September, involved a day of mixed competition on the course again highlighted the work of the committee and was held at the Club on Wednesday, September 4, 1929.

In the Men's Division, the annual President versus Vice-President competition was played on Wednesday afternoon, August 28th and resulted in President W. Angus Reid's team defeating the team captained by Vice-President Harry Dickinson. The losers, following time honored custom, entertained the winners at dinner at the Club following the afternoon matches.

In the Medal Play Championship, originally scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st, the committee responsible for competitions was repeatedly obliged to cancel the contest due to prevailing inclement weather. The competition ultimately took place on September 27th and resulted in Harry Dickinson taking the honors. He carded 76 for the eighteen holes. By virtue of his victory, Dickinson was awarded the Governor's Cup donated by the then vice regal representative, Sir John Middleton. In Match Play Competition played Wednesday afternoon, September 18th, Harry Dickinson was crowned champion for the sixth year in succession.

In the Ladies' Golfing Section for 1929, Mrs. L.E. Emerson, who had been absent from competition since capturing both the Medal Play and match Play Championships in 1922, returned to contention with her former skill unimpaired by time. She captured both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships.

The Ladies' Association, apart from the competitions held regularly each week throughout the season, conducted a special Ladies' Field Day at the Club on Tuesday, August 13th, consisting of a variety of competitions. The following were the contests with their respective winners:

Foursomes:	Miss Edith Alderdice, Miss Ruth Hickman
Three holes with one club:	Mrs. L.C. Outerbridge
Driving:	Miss Margaret Bennett
Putting and Approaching:	Mrs. R.G. Herder
Obstacle golf:	Miss Hope Grieve

Miss Margaret Bennett's drive of 177 yards was said to be a record for a lady golfer competing in the game in the Twenties.

While all golf tournaments at Bally Haly had concluded by late September 1928, prevailing fine weather enabled devotees of the game to patronize the course all throughout the month of October 1929. With the prevailing Indian summer, the official closing of the Club along with the prize awarding ceremony and the concluding supper dance, normally scheduled for the first week in October of each year, did not take place until October 31st, one month later than usual.

Telegram – November 1st, 1929

Official Closing Presentation of Prizes – Bally Haly

"Last night, the members of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club with their friends, attended the official closing and presentation of prizes to conclude the 1929 season which took the form of a dinner and dance. The Club was decorated for the occasion with much credit being due to Mac Baird who headed the committee responsible. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Following the presentation of prizes by the President, W. Angus Reid, dancing was indulged in with the Prince's Orchestra supplying the music. The elimination dance was won by Mr. & Mrs. A.G. Gosling. Supper was served at eleven o'clock after which the second half of the dance program was taken up."

Year End Daily News - December 31, 1929

"Golfing season was said to be the most successful in the history of the Club. The outstanding feature of the year was the splendid showing made by H.W. Dickinson at Saint John, New Brunswick. He represented the St. John's Club at the Maritime Championships held there. He won at the preliminaries and the semi-final but lost out in the final to Don McNaughton of the home city."

Local Winners for 1929

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
Championship Medal Play	H. W. Dickinson	Mrs. L.E. Emerson
Championship Match Play	H.W. Dickinson	Mrs. L.E. Emerson
Governor's Cup	H.W. Dickinson	
Browning Cup	P.J. Halisley	
Bowring-Barr Cup	E.A. Bowring	
President's Prize		
Men's Foursome	J.F. Ayre & J.M. Howley	
Mixed Foursome (July)	Miss Jameson & H.W. Dickinson	
Mixed Foursome (August)	Miss E. Alderdice & Dr. Howlett	

Officers

President –	W.A. Reid
Vice President –	H.W. Dickinson
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Mrs. L.E. Emerson, who in 1922 won both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships, returned to the winners' circle in 1929 again with dual victories in both competitions.

The Thirties

The most significant event affecting people world-wide throughout the Thirties was the onset of a global depression. More than most Newfoundland, then a Dominion of the British Empire, fell prey to worsening economic conditions. The year 1934 brought about the loss of Dominion status to be replaced by a caretaker form of administration known as Government by Commission. Ultimately, fifteen years later, there would be a further change in Newfoundland's destiny resulting in Confederation with Canada as that country's tenth Province.

With no existing written record available to show how Bally Haly as a private club fared and reacted to the Depression of the Thirties, one is compelled to speculate. It is safe to assume that with the economic crunch being felt at all levels of local society that the country itself fraught with growing concern over the future, such anxiety must have pervaded club life at Bally Haly. Most assuredly there was a change in members' attitude. The erstwhile carefree attitude of abandon was now, it is suspected, supplanted by a general feeling of concern. The effect of such uneasiness would be gradual and not fully felt until the mid-Thirties.

Since membership in Bally Haly in the Thirties continued to be composed of that element of local society referred to as the Establishment it is most unlikely that the general belt-tightening associated with prevailing economic conditions resulted in a decline in Club membership. At that time the membership fee, frequently referred to as the subscription rate, was \$30.00 per annum for gentlemen members and \$15.00 for ladies. The fee structure, it is suspected, posed no financial burden on members but it is assumed that in view of the economic concern obtaining the social entertainment aspect of club life was drastically curtailed.

The most serious reverse suffered by Bally Haly Golf and Country Club throughout the Thirties was the destruction by fire on December 8th, 1935, of its imposing and well-appointed club house. Coming at the height of the Depression that blow might very well have sounded the death knell of Bally Haly itself. On the contrary and despite the absence of a club house in 1936, there was an increase in membership, a circumstance attributable to the fact that people, in the height of the Depression, were trying to get their minds off the troubles plaguing society as a whole and were finding relaxation and release in sports participation. At Bally Haly, the game of tennis long suspended through lack of interest, was revived and became once more a popular alternative to golf.

In August 1931, Bally Haly Club sent a ladies' golf team consisting of four of its members, to Sydney to participate in the Canadian Ladies Maritime Championships held at the Lingan course there. The tournament was to serve as a qualifying round for the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union Championships. Over one hundred distaff golfers met at Sydney to compete in the Maritime Championships competition. The Newfoundland team was headed by reigning Newfoundland Ladies' golf champion, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson. Her teammates were Miss Edith Alderdice, Mrs. L.E. Emerson and Mrs. A.D. Werlich.

The Newfoundland team was eliminated but the experience gained was of incalculable benefit not only to the participants but marked Newfoundland's recognition as a competitive force in the realms of ladies' golf.

The Fall of 1930 marked the introduction of miniature golf to St. John's. A group of organizers styling themselves the Peter Pan Golf Club acquired the ball room at the Gaiety Hall located just west of the site later occupied by the National War Memorial on Duckworth Street and converted that indoor area into a miniature golf course. In miniature it had all the characteristics of a regular golf course with a semblance of the outdoors provided by fir trees and boxes plants with realistic hazards in the form of bunkers added. From the very outset, the "craze" offered a measure of relief from the economic uneasiness of the times and golf in miniature became a popular pastime. Lloyd Chancey, the golf pro at Bally Haly, was invited to play a round. He negotiated the course consisting of 16 holes in 40 which was four under par and considered a quite credible performance.

Bally Haly 1930

In the end-of-the-year edition of the St. John's "Daily News" published December 31st, 1930, Harold Hayward, club secretary at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, in making a post-season observation on activity at the club throughout the year the ending, stated that membership had increased, competition had been keen and all in all the season had been a most successful one. That there was no evidence of "the poor mouth" in Mr. Hayward's assessment of local conditions at that time, is attributable to the fact that the world-wide depression had not, up to 1930, made its full effect felt in Newfoundland.

As the thirties began, the administration of affairs at Bally Haly continued in the capable hands of an executive composed in the main of St. John's captains of industry, the following guiding, the destinies of the Club for the year 1930:

President -	W. Angus Reid, Esq.
Vice-President -	Harry W. Dickinson, Esq.
Golf Captain -	C. Mack Harvey
Board of Governors:	L.C. Outerbridge, Esq. Edgar A. Bowring, Esq. P.C.M. Mars, Esq. W.R. Howley, Esq. K.C. Sir John R. Bennett, C.B.E.
Greens Committee:	Chairman - C. Mack Harvey W. Angus Reid C.C. Patterson H.A. Winter Harold Alderdice Ernest Fox
House Committee:	Chairman - W. Angus Reid L.C. Outerbridge W.S. Monroe Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson Miss Edith Alderdice Secretary - Harold H. Hayward

In the Men's division, the stroke competition for the Governor's Cup (donated by his Excellency Sir John Middleton) played on 16th July, 1930, Mr. E. Holmes, manager of the Bank of Montreal, emerged the winner with a score of 143 net for two rounds. A large field of golfers participated. On the following Wednesday, 23rd July, John F. Ayre emerging from junior ranks, captured the bogey competition. He was three up on bogey and returned a score of 74. On Wednesday, 20th August, the club held its annual gala field day, a by now popular event on the competitive calendar as reflected in the large number of ladies and gentlemen participating. A drizzling rain persisting throughout the forenoon and early afternoon of the contest did not seem to dampen the ardour of the participants. The entire day's program of events was carried out. Following the morning's various mixed competitions, the golfers convened for luncheon in the club house. It was, according to the newspaper, a tasteful prepared repast served in elegance and style by the club steward, Mr. F. Holands. Following the luncheon, there was an improvement in the weather and play was resumed. There was a subsequent interval for afternoon tea at 4:00 o'clock after which the balance of the day's program was completed.

The vagries of the weather throughout the month of August with repeated rain had a disastrous effect on Ladies' competitions and to a lesser degree, disrupted the playing schedule in the men's division. For instance, there were repeated postponements of the annual President versus Vice-President annual tournament. Originally scheduled for early August, that competition was not ultimately played until Wednesday, 10th September. The outcome saw President W. Angus Reid's team defeat the team captained by H.W. Dickinson the Vice-President, by a one point difference. A dinner tendered the winners by the loser, the customary forfeit, followed the afternoon of play. A festive atmosphere pervaded the post game banquet. Inpromptu speeches were the order of the evening. Not only did the President and Vice-President "say a few words" but the following also rose to their feet: Judge W.J. Higgins, Walter S. Monroe, Captain Furneaux, W.R. Howley, L.C. Outerbridge and L.E. Emerson, K.C. Not all of those effusions were totally related to golf.

On Wednesday, 3rd September, Peter C. Mars with a score of 155 for two rounds, was crowned Medal play champion. Harry Dickinson, who had won the same event for six years, was runner up. The match play

competition for championship honors produced a spirited contest. In the semi finals, John F. Ayre met P.C. Mars while Harry Dickinson was pitted against William McKinnon. Some club members in assessing the relative abilities of the semi-finalists, visualized a final contest between Dickinson and Mars but younger members seemed to favour John Ayre as the best prospect in carrying off the honors. In the finals, it was Dickinson against Mars with the playoff taking place on Saturday afternoon 20th September. It was the experienced Dickinson then 50 years old who would be crowned champion. He defeated Mars five up and three to play.

The time honored awards of the Browning Cup and the Paddon trophy both based on handicap were won by William McKinnon and Peter C. Mars respectively. For the first time, a junior match play champion was declared the honor going to Master Henley Munn.

Ladies' Association 1930

In reviewing the newspaper for 1930, there is a disappointing dearth of information on ladies' golfing activity at Bally Haly for that season. Unsettled weather conditions throughout August possibly resulted in less golf activity on the part of distaff devotees of the game. Apart from lady members participating in the mixed Gala Field Day, conducted on 20th August and referred to earlier here, is one further reference to Ladies' golf activity. "The Evening Telegram" often carried an advertising notice over the name of Margaret Bernet, Secretary of the Ladies Association, to the effect that the annual meeting of that body would take place on Wednesday afternoon 20th August and that a prize giving ceremony would be an item on the agenda. The meeting would be followed by a dinner at the Club at 6:00 o'clock in the evening and bridge would form the concluding post-prandial portion of the program. Other than information on the winners of the Match Play and Medal Play competitions for the Club Championships in those disciplines, no list is available showing the prize-winners in other ladies contests staged throughout the season. In match play competition for championship honors, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson who had first won recognition as champion in 1919 and in the interim had added six more victories, now in 1930 registered her crowning achievement in becoming match play champion for the eighth time. Mrs. Hutchinson's phenomenal golfing ability was further demonstrated in medal championship play. She took the honors in that competition registering her fourth such victory.

The season at Bally Haly ended on Wednesday, 29th October, 1930 with a closing dance at which prizes won in the men's division were distributed during the supper interval. As observed earlier, the awards for the ladies' section were presented at the annual meeting of that body held the previous week.

Bally Haly 1931

Harry W. Dickinson, a former golf champion at Bally Haly, writing in the Newfoundland Sporting Annual published in December 1931, covers in comprehensive fashion not only the activities at Bally Haly throughout the golf season then ended but also sheds lights on the early days of golf tracing the local history of the game from its introduction at Buckmaster's Filed in 1896 to the acquisition of the Bally Haly property in 1908. Among his other observations on the history of local golf, Dickinson ventures to offer in what appears to be a self-effacing assessment of his own particular skill as a golfer, the opinion that Arthur C.N. Gosling is without doubt the best and most accomplished native golfer Newfoundland has produced. Dickinson's own record of championship victories invites that statement to the scrutiny of challenge. Gosling reigned as club champion at Bally Haly from 1919 to 1923, while Harry Dickinson's domination of the course extended from 1923 through 1930 with spasmodic victories either as match play or medal play champion extending into the forties. Of course, admittedly, Gosline went on to greater accomplishment abroad as a member of Cambridge University's golf team in the early twenties and later added to his golfing achievements by capturing the annual Amateur Golf Championship of Bermuda on two occasions. However, Dickinson for his part, has earned greater recognition locally. He is regarded as one of Newfoundland's legendary golf immortals.

But to return to the local scene: In 1931 Bally Haly has a new president, C. Mack Harvey and a new vice-president, L.C. Outerbridge. C.C. Patterson was chosen as golf captain. The following comprised the Board of Governors: W. Angus Reid, Walter S. Monroe, Hon. R.B. Job William, R. Howley K.C., H.W. Dickinson and Cyril B. Carter.

In the Gentlemen's Division, the first of the Medal Play competitions based on handicap with the Governor's Cub (donated by His Excellency Sir John Middleton) at stake was played on July 12th. High wind bedeviled those competing making low scores difficult. The ultimate winner was Arthur H. Monroe who carded 151 for two rounds of play.

The annual Gala Field Day involving lady and gentlemen members, first programmed in 1928, had each year

since then gained in popularity with a record number of participating golfers registering for the competition held on August 18th. The program was an all day affair with 110 people sitting down to the luncheon served at the club at mid day. Following the afternoon tea interval at 4:00 o'clock, Mrs. C. MacKay Harvey, the wife of the president presented the prizes.

On 22nd August, 1931, four lady golfers, members of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club and representing Newfoundland arrived at Sydney, N.S., to participate in the Ladies' Maritime Golf championships to be played on the Lingar course there. The Newfoundland golfing group was headed by Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson, the reigning Newfoundland golf champion. Her companion golfers were Miss Edith Alderdice, Mrs. L.E. Emerson and Mrs. A.A. Werlich. The presence of a Newfoundland golf team at Sydney marked the first time that the ancient Colony was represented in competition abroad. Upwards of one hundred golfers took part in the tournament which was under the sponsorship of the Canadian Ladies' Golfing Union, lasted a week. Only two members of the Newfoundland team, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson and Mrs. A.A. Werlich, survived the first round of the elimination process which was played in a driving rain storm. In the second round of play both Newfoundland golfers were eliminated. Harry Dickinson in commenting on the performance of the Newfoundland ladies offers the opinion weather conditions more than lack of golfing ability on the part of the Bally Haly ladies was responsible for their failure to meet CLGU standards. The invasion of Canada by a team of lady golfers from Newfoundland coupled with their impressive performances did much to publicize the Ancient Colony abroad while at home the game of golf took on an entirely new dimension with more and more ladies electing to take up the game.

On Wednesday, 26th August, the annual President versus Vice-president match was held with the team captained by the Vice-president L.C. Outerbridge defeating that of the President C. Mack Harvey. The customary forfeit of the loser entertaining the winners at a dinner was honored following the afternoon's contest.

On 29th August, William McKinnon, a Scot hailing from Carnoustie, with much golfing experience behind him, became the first golfer who was not a native of Newfoundland to be crowned Match play champion. In the final contest he defeated a graduate from Junior ranks, John F. Ayre, scoring five up and four to play. Perennial semi-finalists, Scot P.C. Mars and Harry W. Dickinson, fell from Match play contention early. Mars was eliminated in the first round and Dickinson was obliged to scratch after one round of play due to an injured arm.

In the Men's Medal play championship, Harold W. Alderdice, who like John F. Ayre had come up through the Junior Golf development program at the Club, was crowned champion. A Junior Match play competition first introduced in 1930 and seemingly based on high handicap rating rather than the yardstick of age, was in 1931 won by Dr. Louis O'N Conroy. In handicap competitions in the Men's Division the two trophies competed for annually the Browning Cup and the Paddon Cup were won by George M. Barr and J.W. Cameron respectively

In the Ladies division, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson captured her eighth Match play championship and added to her achievement by winning the Medal play championship for the fifth time.

A special competition involving mixed foursome was played throughout the season and resulted in Mrs. L.E. Emerson, no stranger to championship honors, teaming with W.F. Hutchinson to capture the competition.

Year End Edition - Daily News - December 31st, 1931

Officers

President	C. McKay Harvey
Vice-President	L.C. Outerbridge
Captain	C.C. Patterson
Secretary-Treasurer	Harold Hayward
Board of Governors -	W.A. Reid, W.S. Monroe, Hon. R.B. Job, W.R. Howley, K.C., H.W. Dickenson, C.B. Carter

Championships

Match Play	W. McKinnon
Runner Up	J.F. Ayre
Medal Play	H.W. Alderdice
Junior Medal Play	L.O'N Conroy
Ladies Match Play	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
Ladies Medal	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
H.E. the Governor's Cup	A.H. Monroe
Browning Cup	G.M. Barr
Paddon Cup	J.W. Cameron
Mixed Foursomes	Mrs. L.E. Emerson, W.F. Hutchinson

Bally Haly 1932 and 1933

By 1932 the continuous worsening of the global Depression begun in 1929, had by now made its full effects felt in Newfoundland. Existing economic conditions had resulted in a loss of markets for this country's resources abroad to create in its wake an extremely serious unemployment problem at home. With the prevailing state of Newfoundland's economy so fraught with concern all elements were present for a forceful expression of resentment against those supposedly responsible for the country's economic ills. That feeling of public censure found tangible expression in the Riot of 1932 when a mob-politically motivated-stormed the then House of Assembly at Colonial building in St. John's with the one avowed purpose of overthrowing the Government as the first step towards economic recovery. That panacea did not work. The Government survived if somewhat precariously and meantime the spectre of deprivation and need continued to stalk the country. Small wonder under conditions such as existed in 1932, that local newspaper fell in step-depending on their political leanings - filling their columns with either buoyant hope in the future or else sermonizing on gloom and doom with undertones suggesting that the worst was yet to come.

The climate which existed in St. John's in 1932 was certainly not conducive to anything allied with pleasurable enjoyment finding its way into the daily newspapers. Possibly due to the good judgement of its Executive sensing the mood of the masses no news on Bally Haly activity found its way into the local newspapers. That policy seems to have carried through to 1933 as well. The sole information on Bally Haly culled from the columns of local newspapers for 1932 and 1933 are two year end summaries showing the winners of various competitions held throughout those years.

Year End Edition – daily News – December 31, 1932

Officers

President	C. McKay Harvey
Vice-President	L. C. Outerbridge
Captain	W. F. Hutchinson
Board of Governors	W. A. Reid, W. S. Monroe, Hon R. B. Job, E. A. Bowring, W. R. Howley, C. B. Carter
Secretary-Treasurer	H. C. Hayward

Champions

Match Play	William McKinnon
2nd Division	W. Angus Reid
Medal Play	H. A. Dickinson
Governor's Cup	G. A. Taylor
Browning Cup	P. C. Mars
Paddon cup	R. B. Herder
Mixed Foursomes (Thompson prizes)	Miss Hope Grieve and William McKinnon
Mixed Foursomes (Harvey prizes)	Mrs R. B. Herder and William McKinnon

Year End Edition – Daily News – December 31, 1933

Officers

President	L. C. Outerbridge
Vice-President	W. Angus Reid
Captain	W. F. Hutchinson
Board of Governors	C. McKay Harvey, W. S. Monroe, E. A. Bowring, Hon R. B. Job, W. R. Howley, C. B. Carter
Secretary-Treasurer	H. C. Hayward

Champions

Match Play	H. W. Alderdice
Medal Play	H. W. Alderdice
Governor's Cup	George Knowling
Sir John Middleton Cup	E. L. Hickman
Browning Cup	G. A. Winter
Paddon cup	G. A. Winter
Ladies Medal Play	E. Alderdice
Ladies Match Play	Mrs W. F. Hutchinson

Bally Haly 1934

In 1934 a change took place in Newfoundland's political status. Responsible Government was suspended to be replaced by an administration known as the Commission of Government. Whatever the general feeling over the suspension of self government the new administrative body seemed to give the country a new sense of hope. As well there were signs, world-wide and locally, that the Depression had run its course. The more prosperous communities in Newfoundland – Grand Falls, Corner Brook and Buchans – were by 1934 enjoying full employment. With money in constant circulation things were beginning to look up. At Corner Brook in December 1934 a community dance was organized to celebrate the end of the Depression.

Such encouraging signs of a change for the better became mildly contagious and, seemingly to a degree, in the capital St. John's. At Bally Haly Golf and Country Club membership increased mainly through the reactivation of the three tennis courts which had been idle for years. A substantial increase occurred as well in the number of Juniors enrolled in the beginners program. The advent of Commission of Government had not unexpectedly brought in its wake an influx of Colonial civil servants some of whom became members of Bally Haly club. It seemed that in 1934 there was a substantial increase in the number of naval ships visiting St. John's. Officers from those naval craft benefitted from the time honoured custom were always like their predecessors made welcome at the club. In 1934 L. C. Outerbridge was finishing out his two year term as President. His understudy as vice-president and likewise finishing his two year term in that capacity was W. Angus Reid. The emergence of younger golfers assuming responsibility for administrative posts is reflected in the appointment of Edgar L. Hickman as golf captain for 1934. The Board of Governors consisted of the following: Hon W. S. Monroe, Hon R. B. Job, E. A. Bowring, W. F. Hutchinson, C. B. Carter and H. W. Alderdice. Tennis captain was Thomas H. Parker and Secretary was H. W. Hayward.

In 1932 and 1933 with heightening concern and anxiety over Newfoundland's economic difficulties, the Board of Directors of Bally Haly in their wisdom implemented a policy whereby as little as possible news of club activity would find its way into print. It would be unseemly to create the false impression that 'Nero was fiddling while Rome burned'. Rather than run the risk of being misrepresented in the public domain, through the medium of the press, a cautious silence was observed. The one concession to the press – and thankfully to posterity – was a release made to the local newspapers at year's end whereby a summary was provided listing the various competitions held throughout the year and the names of those who had emerged as victors. That policy of a discreet silence on club activity – and after all that was Bally Haly's prerogative as a private club – continued to be maintained in 1934. The year's end editions of both the Evening Telegram and the Daily News published the following summary of the outcome of the various competitions held at Bally Haly throughout the 1934 season.

Champions

Men's Match Play	John F. Ayre
Men's Match Play (2nd Division)	Lieut. Commander J. Dicken
Men's Medal Play	William MacKinnon
Ladies' Match Play	Mrs W. F. Hutchinson
Ladies' Medal Play	Mrs W. F. Hutchinson
Sir John Middleton Cup	George M. Barr
Browning Cup	William MacKinnon
Paddon Cup	G.A. Taylor
Men's Foursomes	T. P. K. Tracey and Wilfred F. Peters
Mixed Foursomes	Miss K. Anderson and G. A. Taylor

Tennis Champions

Men's Singles	Professor A. M. Fraser
Ladies Singles	Miss Hope Grieve

Bally Haly 1935

A researcher attempting to determine what was in prospect at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club for the season 1935 might resignedly feel on the basis of the dearth of information available for the first four years of the decade that his quest would prove equally futile for 1935. He would be in for a surprise. It became all too apparent as the 1935 season at Bally Haly began that a reorganization change was underway within the Club. Committees were formed to involve total membership participation in Club activity. In that process it was decided to embrace into committee ranks a growing segment of younger members who stood ready to advance fresh new ideas on how the Club should be run. The first indication-almost imperceptible-that the Club was relaxing its attitude of reserve came from the appearance in local newspapers of little snippets of news dealing with Club activity and released by a publicity committee within the Club. As the season progressed, a weekly newspaper feature entitled "Bally Haly Notes" made its appearance in the Evening Telegram. That publicizing effort was periodically augmented by prepared releases to the press on the outcome of the more important competitions held at Bally Haly.

A meeting of the Club held early in the spring of 1935 to elect an executive and organize committees to deal with the various activities for the forthcoming season resulted in W. Angus Reid being installed as President and W.F. Hutchinson being elected as Vice-President. In an unique move, C. Mack Harvey who had served as president during the trying years of 1931 and 1932 was named Honorary president. A youthful Edgar L. Hickman who had so capably filled the role of Golf Captain in 1934 was re-elected to that same post for the coming season.

In view of the fact that the 1935 season marked a progressive period in the history of Bally Haly, it is both essential and important that the names of those responsible for bringing about a radical change in the Club's public image should be recorded for posterity:

Green's Committee: E.I. Hickman, Captain (Chairman)
 W.A. Reid
 R.B. Herder
 G.A. Winter
 G.A. Taylor
 W. MacKinnon

House Committee: W.A. Reid
 W.F. Hutchinson
 L.C. Outerbridge
 Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
 Miss Edith Alderdice

Entertainment Committee: Miss M. Anderson
 Miss R. Hickman
 Miss M. Brind
 H. W. Alderdice
 G. A. Winter
 T. H. Parker
 Doug M. Cook
 D. Stewart Ayre
 H.W. Hayward, Secretary

Board of Governors: L.E. Outerbridge
 E.A. Bowring
 C.B. Carter
 Hon. R.B. Job
 H.W. Alderdice
 R.S. Furlong

The 1935 season opened officially at Bally Hally Golf and Country Club on Wednesday afternoon, June 12, with a mixed foursome competition. His Excellency the Governor, Sir D. Murray Anderson, K.C.C.M.G;VO, was on hand and was paired with Mrs. George Marshall to compete with Miss Edith Alderdice and D. Stuart Ayre. The Governor ceremoniously drove from the first tee to declare the season open. A social session followed the competitions of the afternoon.

That the Committee responsible for programming competitions throughout the season felt that there should be

greater socializing between lady and gentlemen golfers is reflected in the increased number of mixed competitions arranged for the year. It was with that idea in mind that on the whole holiday observed 12 July 1935, Gala Field day was held at the Club. His Excellency the Governor again honoured the Club with his presence and played in the opening mixed greensome.

The forenoon was devoted to mixed foursomes competition with a break for lunch at 12:30. The Gale Field day was so well patronized that two sittings had to be arranged for lunch, one at 12:30, the other at 1:15 to conveniently accommodate the golfers and those competing in the tennis tournaments simultaneously underway on the two hard courts near the Club's entrance. Play on the golf course was resumed at 2:30 with a Novelty Sixsomes competition in which each player was permitted the use of one Cub. A team comprised of Mrs. D.O. Atkinson, E.P. Conroy and John B. Watson won the event.

Following afternoon tea at 4:00 o'clock, play was resumed with driving competition for ladies and gentlemen. In the distaff competition, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson won, while Edgar Hickman carried off the honors in the Men's section. In the putting event, three ladies tied: Miss Ruth Hickman, Miss Edith Alderdice, and Miss M. Anderson. While the golf competition was taking place there was also activity on the Club's two tennis courts. In competitions there, Mrs. M. McDermott won the ladies singles while Gerald Ayre captured the Men's singles. In the mixed doubles competition, Miss K. Ayre teamed with H. Cole in carry off the honors. Meanwhile over the same holiday weekend of July 12th, a team representing the Tennis section of Bally Haly Club journeyed to Carbonear to compete in a series of matches involving that Avalon Peninsula Club.

Bally Haly's tennis representatives won four of the five competitions played to capture the Avalon Trophy.

The Entertainment committee at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, now comprised of many youthful members, brought a fresh new approach and a more pleasurable meaning to the enjoyment of club life by inaugurating a schedule of Friday night dances at the Club. Those affairs were informal get-togethers for Club members and their friends with Ian Cowan presiding at the piano and Frank Oliver on drums. The dances became very popular and were well patronized.

At the weekly dance conducted on Friday evening, 2 August 1935, a feature on the program was a novelty dance conducted along elimination lines. When that particular feature on the program had progressed to a point where only four couples remained on the dance floor, all four proceeded to the first green on the golf course where a putting competition was held. The green was lighted by the beams cast from the headlights of members cars. The motor cars lined up on the driveway leading to the Club house and focused their lights on the green. Miss M. Anderson and Mr. A.T. Corner as a couple won the putting contest.

On 21 August, Gordon A. Winter won the Club's Medal play championship with a score of 155 for thirty six holes. He had a morning round of 74 (four over par) and in the afternoon shot at 81.

On August 8th a tennis team representing Bally Haly competed for the Club championship of Newfoundland at the Hotel Newfoundland tennis courts. Bally Haly swept all five competitions to win the Lever Cup. The annual President versus Vice-President's match was held 28 August under ideal conditions. The afternoon's competition saw President Angus Reid defeat the Vice-presidential team captained by W.F. Hutchinson. In conformity with time honoured custom, the losers entertained the winners at dinner at the Club. The tennis team representing Bally Haly which earlier had won the Lever Cup emblematic of Newfoundland supremacy, were guests at that dinner. Continuing fine weather throughout September-prolonged into an Indian summer-led to a scheduling of an increased number of mixed competition as the season wound to its close.

Meanwhile on Wednesday 4 September, William MacKinnon the transplanted Scot from Carnoustie who had held the course record of 70 for the past three years bettered his performance in shooting 69 to establish a new record. At the time he was playing a practice round with George Taylor and the Club's professional Lloyd Chancey. Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson playing in the Ladies' Medal play championship that same afternoon captured her eighth championship in that competition. She scored an 80. Par for the course is 70.

On Friday 13 September, Harry W. Dickinson brushing up for the semi-finals of the Club's Match play championship, played a round with the Club's professional Lloyd Chancey, scored 23 for the first six holes going on to have 74 for the round. He defeated Chancey five up and four to play. Despite such manifest dexterity, Dickinson did not survive the semi-finals. He was eliminated the following afternoon by William MacKinnon. The Match play championship was finally won by Harold Alderdice in a tension filled match played on Wednesday afternoon 25 September. A large field of spectators trailing the golfers saw Alderdice defeat MacKinnon capturing the Match play championship by one up.

Sustained interest in golf and tennis competitions was maintained all throughout September as championship honours were being determined. On Wednesday afternoon 18 September, the Ladies Association held an "At

Home" at the Club which proved to be an unqualified success with 130 members attending and participating in either Golf or Tennis competitions held throughout the afternoon. Mixed foursomes were the feature event on the afternoon's program. The event was won by Miss M. Anderson and her partner W. Angus Reid with Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson and her team-mate D.C. Atkinson in the role of runners-up. That same afternoon on the tennis courts, the Ladies' Doubles championship was played with Mrs. Raymond Gushue and Miss Joan Bowring emerging as victors. Afternoon tea was served by the Club steward during the afternoon. The day's activities concluded with a dance at night at which Gordon A. Winter and his partner, Miss Jean Bowring, carried off the elimination dance.

The concluding competitions on both the tennis courts and the golf links all took place in October. In tennis, Mrs. Hazen Fraser who had brought such credit to the Club in inter-club competition held through the summer, capped her record of accomplishment by winning the Bally Haly Ladies singles championship. In golf, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson added to her stroke championship gained earlier by winning the Match Play championship for the eleventh time. In other competitions played throughout October, Harry Dickinson defeated Gen Sir Hugh Tudor to take the Paddon Cup and C. MacPherson won the prestigious Browning Cup.

The official closing of Bally Haly for the 1935 season was held on Friday afternoon 25 October and conformed to the standard pattern with the Ladies' Association members convening at 3:00 o'clock for their annual meeting which lasted until 4:30 p.m. Afternoon tea served by the Club steward, F.C. Stacey, followed and the afternoon's program concluded at 5:00 o'clock with the Presentation of Prizes ceremony.

The Board of Directors of the Club subsequent meeting in mid November to review the Club's position financially and otherwise were able to luxuriate in the feeling that the season then just ended had been one of gratifying accomplishment in every phase of the overall operation. The sanguine hope was expressed that 1936 held even greater promise. It was little realized what a devastating disappointment was lying in wait barely two weeks away.

On December 8th, 1935, and coincidentally on the anniversary of a similar disaster which befell the Haly ancestral home back in 1908, the magnificent Bally Haly club house built in 1910, was totally destroyed by fire. The story of that disaster is best related in an account of the fire which appeared in the St. John's Daily News on the morning of December 9th, 1935.

"Bally Haly Burned to the Ground"

"Fire was discovered early yesterday morning but too far advanced when fire station notified. Believe somebody entered the building causing the blaze. \$25,000.00 Insurance carried on building and \$5,000.00 on furniture."

"At 3:15 a.m. yesterday (December 8) the Central Hospital phoned the Fire Department at the height of a snow storm to say that an immense fire could be seen in the direction of Mount Cashel. When the firemen arrived the building was aflame from one end to the other. Nothing could be done. Only water available was from a well on the property.

The caretaker and golf pro Lloyd Chancey visited the Club everyday since it closed for the season on October 21st. Yesterday he visited it at 1:30 in the afternoon and everything was in order. The electric current was turned off and there were no fires in the building. A week previous the Club had been broken into by the smashing of a window and some stores stolen. The broken window was later repaired. Stored in the basement of the building was a quantity of coal and a large quantity of birch billets. The inference is that somebody felonously entered the building on Saturday night at the height of the snow storm and intentionally set fire to the building."

Historic Souvenirs Lost

Destroyed in the fire was a photograph of Edward Prince of Wales which he presented to the Club in 1919 along with an autographed photograph of Earl Haig who was here in 1924. Lost too in the fire was a valuable collection of photographs of His Majesty's ships-of-war presented by the respective captains and officers who were always welcomed as guests of the Club. Destroyed as well in the blaze was a mural two-sectional Club record board on which was inscribed in respective sections pertinent information on Ladies' and Men's officerships held since the Club's inception along with the names of annual winners of various competitions. The Ladies' section of the wall plaque was inscribed with the name of the Ladies' captain and that of the Secretary. In addition the names of the winners of the Medal and Match play championships for each year. The Men's section recorded the name of the President of the Club, the Golf Captain and the winners of each year's Medal and Match play championship.

The closing exercises for the 1935 season involving the annual prize presentation ceremony took place at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club on Friday afternoon 25 October 1935. The following is a list of the winners of the various awards.

Ladies' Medal Play Championship	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
Ladies' Match Play	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
Men's Match Play Champion	Harold W. Alderdice
Match Play Champion 2nd Division (H.E. Governor's Cup)	Wilfred E. Peters
Medal Play Championship	Gordon A. Winter
Runner Up Club Championship (Governor's Cup)	W. MacKinnon
Sir John Middleton Cup	Dr. T. Anderson
Browning Cup	C. MacPherson
Paddon Cup	H.W. Dickinson
Cooper Cup Men's Foursomes	H.W. Alderdice and Ern Fox
Cooper Cup Ladies' Foursomes (mixed)	Miss Ruth Hickman and W. Angus Reid

Tennis

Bally Haly Tennis Championship	
Ladies	Mrs. Hazen Fraser
Gentlemen	A.M. Fraser
Ladder Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris G. Ayre

With the exception of the Men's doubles won by Eric Jerrett and Edgar Miller of the Collegians Tennis Club players representing Bally Haly swept the 1935 National Tennis Championships.

Bally Haly 1936

What some feared would prove to be the death knell sound of finality for Bally Haly Golf and Country Club along with its related pastime of golf and tennis was rung on 8 December 1935 with the total destruction by fire of its magnificent club house in suburban St. John's. However the indomitable spirit of the Club's directors with the support of the membership rose resurgent determined that a replacement structure comparable in design to the former club would be built on the same site and be ready for occupancy by the spring of 1937.

Meanwhile there was the pressing problem of how to carry on a Club operation without a necessary club facility. It was first feared that the absence of a club house and the consequent decrease in opportunity for social intercourse membership would decline. Such fears proved groundless for as a matter of fact membership increased, notably through the growing popularity of tennis with the younger set. The fact that Bally Haly's Tennis division had with the reactivation of its hard-covered courts in 1934 gone on to win on August 8th, 1935, all five competitive events in the Newfoundland Tennis Club championships played at the Newfoundland Hotel courts to capture the Lever Cup did much to publicize the Club and encourage participation in the game.

However it was the game of golf which had the greater appeal to club members. It was feared that devotees might be the most inconvenienced group through lack of a club house and an erosion in membership would result. Mainly through the organizing ability of the Club Secretary, Harold Hayward, who in the absence of his regular office as a result of the fire, was obliged to work in a somewhat restricted area in the limited space available within the caddie house, which had survived the fire. Competitions were planned and carried out just as efficiently as before. Not only did Hayward attend to his Club responsibilities in keeping members informed of competitions by phone and with schedules posted in the caddie house, but he also found time to contribute periodically to the newspapers a column entitled "Bally Haly Notes". Those columns appearing in the St. John's Evening Telegram not only sustained membership interest but furthermore let the public at large know that Bally Haly was still in business.

Extracts from Harold Hayward's "Bally Haly Notes" column selected at random reveal that two lady golfers, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson and Miss Joyce Furlong as representatives of Bally Haly and Newfoundland, journeyed to Halifax in September 1935 there to compete in the Maritime Ladies' Golf championship, played on the Ashburn course there. Both ladies acquitted themselves well in the competition; however only Mrs. Hutchinson moved on to secure the fourth place position on the Maritime quartette which moved on to the Royal Montreal Golf Course for the National Provincial championship. Mrs. Hutchings was accepted as a member of the Canadian Maritime golf quartette by virtue of the fact that Bally Haly was affiliated with the Canadian Ladies' Golf

Union. In competition at Montreal, the Maritime ladies as an entity or individually proved to be a match for the superior talent of the distaff golfers from Ontario and Quebec. For Mrs. Hutchinson it was her second exposure to foreign competition. Unfortunately it came just as her golfing career was winding to a close. Had such an opportunity presented itself back in the mid-twenties when she was the reigning local Ladies champion, she might have given a better account of herself. Meanwhile for Miss Joyce Furlong, the foreign exposure in competing in the Maritime championships was not without benefit through experience gained she captured the Match Play championship at Bally Haly on her return to St. John's.

Another interesting snippet of information taken from "Bally Haly Notes" appearing in the St. John's Evening Telegram of 25 August 1936 reads: "Recently while playing together, Harry W. Dickinson and Club professional Lloyd Chancey, each had 69's for eighteen holes. These splendid scores equal the amateur and professional records for the course which were shot respectively by William MacKinnon and Golf pro Chancey some two years ago."

In somewhat lighter vein in the same column of "Bally Haly Notes" appears a cautionary item to the effect that "Members are requested not to buy used or new golf balls from any caddie or ex-caddie either on the course or elsewhere".

The policy implemented in 1935 whereby a greater number of mixed foursomes competitions on the Wednesday afternoon half-holiday throughout the season was systematically adhered to during the 1936 season and had a significant effect on sustaining club spirit. In the absence of a club house it was not possible to hold the usual "At Homes" and the annual Gala Field Day, the success of which depended largely on the post competition social get-togethers and the culminating dance at night, little inconveniences to be stoically borne against the promise of a facility by the spring of 1937.

On Wednesday 10 August, the veteran golfer Harry Dickinson won his twelfth medal play championship celebrating his 20th year as a competitive golfer. He scored 155 for the thirty six holes.

On 2 September, William MacKinnon, the transplanted Scot from Carnoustie, won the Match play championship defeating Stu Ayre in final. It was MacKinnon's third Match play championship. He previously carried off the victory in 1931 and 1932. His third win gave him outright possession of the cup. In match play competition in the second division, A.T. Corner defeated G.W. Sinclair seven up and six to play over a 36 hole distance. The Browning Cup was won by Wilfred E. Peters while D. Stu Ayre captured the Paddon trophy.

In the Ladies' section, Miss Joyce Furlong won the Match play championship while Mrs. L.C. Outerbridge was crowned Medal play champion.

In the Tennis Tournament held at Harbour Grace, Bally Haly's tennis representatives captured the Avalon Cup with victories in the following competitions:

Men's Singles	A.T. Corner
Ladies' Singles	Mrs. Hazen Fraser
Ladies' Doubles	Mrs. A.T. Corner and Mrs. J. O'Leary
Men's Doubles	John B. Watson and George Stairs

The crowning achievement for the Bally Haly Tennis team came in the all-Newfoundland Tennis Tournament played on the courts at the Newfoundland Hotel throughout the week of August 4th to 11th resulting in Bally Haly capturing the Lever Cup for the second year in succession. Alan M. Fraser and Mrs. Hazen Fraser were crowned Newfoundland champions in their respective singles competitions while in the Ladies' Doubles the team of Miss Kay Ayre and Mrs. J. O'Leary brought further honour to the Club with their victory.

The officers responsible for guiding the Club through 1935 and a very trying period in the history of Bally Haly were as follows:

President	W. Angus Reid
Vice-President	W.F. Hutchinson
Golf Captain	William MacKinnon
Board of Governors:	L.C. Outerbridge, Hon. R.B. Job, E.L. Hickman, E.A. Bowring, R.S. Furlong, H.W. Alderdice, Gordon A. Winter and H.C. Hayward (Secretary)

The Board of Governors met in the Board of Trade rooms on Water Street on 28 August 1936 to firm up plans and proceed with the construction of a new club house patterned along the lines of the original which was destroyed by fire 8 December 1935. The expectancy was entertained that come the Spring of 1937, the new club would be completed and ready for occupancy.

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GOLF

Men

Match Play	W. McKinnon
Runner-up Sir Murray Anderson Cup	D. Stuart Ayre
Medal Play Championship	H.W. Dickinson

Women

Match Play	Miss J.W. Furlong
Medal Play	Mrs. L.C. Outerbridge

Second Division Match Play	A. T. Carter
Paddon Cup	D.S. Ayre
Browning Cup	W.E. Peters
Sir John Middleton Cup	A.T. Corner
Ashley Cooper Cups	R.B. Job and P.C. Mars
Mixed Foursomes	Miss G. Marshall and W. McKinnon

TENNIS

Lever Cup	won by Bally Haly (second year)
Gent's Singles	A.M. Fraser - Bally Haly
Ladies' Singles	Mrs. H. Fraser - Bally Haly
Avalon Cup Tournament	won by Bally Haly
Gent's Singles	A.T. Corner - Bally Haly
Gent's Doubles	J.B. Watson, G.H. Stairs - Bally Haly
Ladies Singles	Mrs. H. Fraser - Bally Haly

Bally Haly 1937

That those responsible for arranging playing schedules were determined that greater emphasis would be placed on mixed competitions throughout the 1937 season is reflected in the increased number of such contests played. One of the most successful of such competitions was the Field day held on the whole holiday of July 12th. The entire forenoon was devoted to mixed greensomes with an unusually large field of participating golfers. Following lunch at 12:30 p.m. the schedule was resumed with a novelty sixsomes competition, each player being permitted to use one club only and play alternate shots. Following the regular ritual of tea at 4:30 in the afternoon driving and putting contests were staged. A presentation of awards ceremony was conducted at 6:00 p.m. and the day concluded with a dance at night.

The proven popularity of Friday night dances induced the entertainment committee to re-introduce those social get-togethers commencing on Friday evening, June 18th. They became a welcomed feature of club life and were well patronized by members and their guests. Admission was by ticket only suggesting that a screening process was in effect.

Wednesday afternoons - the weekly half-holiday - were devoted to mixed foursomes competitions and those contests invariably drew as many as forty participants.

On August 21st, John B. Watson, was crowned Match play champion. An unique aspect of Watson's victory was it marked the first time a south-paw or left-handed golfer had won a championship at Bally Haly. John F. Ayre was runner-up to Jack Watson. John Ayre would redeem himself the following week in carrying off the Club's Medal play championship.

The Bally Haly Tennis section in competing against Riverdale Tennis Club, during the summer captured three of the five engagements on the program. That was to prove Bally Haly's sole accomplishment in inter-club tennis competition for the 1937 season.

Undaunted by the adversity which witnessed the total destruction by fire of its magnificent club house on December 8th, 1935, the Executive of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club resolutely endured the inconvenience of the absence of a facility all throughout 1936 while meanwhile determined to proceed to rebuild come the spring of 1936.

Not unnaturally, the absence of a club house during the 1936 season caused some misgivings within the club itself. The most dominant concern was that with the loss of a place of assembly, the bonds of socialization by now in danger of being loosened irreparably, due to lack of means of fellowship in a congenial atmosphere, might inevitably lead to a decline in club membership. The fear entertained did not come to pass, club members remained staunchly loyal, resigned to the fact that "a man used to vicissitudes is not easily dejected".

The construction of a new club house begun in the spring of 1936 was completed by mid-April of 1937 and furnished and ready for occupancy by May 20 of that year in time to herald the start of a season's recreational activity.

The following news item quoted in its entirety from the St. John's Daily News issue of May 21st, 1937, describes the opening ceremony and provides a brief description of the club house, its appointments, and furthermore recognizes the members of committees within the club responsible for bringing the building project to fruition.

Daily News - May 21st, 1937

"Burned Club House is Replaced by a More Modern One. His Excellency Formally Opens New Club House at Bally Haly. Building is Up-to-date in Every Respect."

"Nearly two years after the close of the summer season when the activities of the year were over and the clubhouse at Bally Haly was unoccupied, a fire occurred that totally demolished the building. Last season the Club operated without the convenience of a club house but plans had been made for replacement and last night the new building was formally and officially opened. For the past few days, it had been opened and its many improvements noted and members are loud in their praise of the committee responsible for the new club house that is now admirably suited for the purpose for which it was erected and compared favorably with buildings of its kind found elsewhere. At 7:30 last evening, the President and members of Bally Haly Club gave a dinner to his Excellency the Governor and Lady Walwyn, Captain Schwerdt and Lieut Walwyn. Present also were C. MacKenzie Harvey, Honorary President and Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson, Miss E. Bartlett, Mrs. M. Anderson, Miss J. Furlong and Mrs. Rogerson, all of whom were members of the various committees. At nine o'clock, the President W.A. Reid opened the evening's program with an address of welcome to His Excellency the Governor and party and a brief speech referring to the old club house and the new. His Excellency then formally declared the club house open and signed the new register. Afterwards there was dancing and bridge, 150 couples attended the affair. Dinner was served in the ball room of the club and was catered to by Mrs. F. O'Driscoll, the manageress of the club. Music was supplied by Ian Cowan's orchestra. Prizes for the elimination dance were won by Miss Mary Hue and Mr. Bernard Parsons. The event closed with a display of fireworks from the grounds.

Description

Situated on the site of the old building and commanding a view of the countryside all around for miles. The new building is larger than the one it replaced and is more modern. From the outside it presents an imposing appearance. It is painted in white with green trimmings. A spacious verandah in front gives a view of the grounds and the surrounding countryside. The verandah may be used as an area to serve teas and also be utilized as a members lounge. The main floor from the entrance is divided by folding doors which when opened provide a ball-room the full length of the building. The floor is of cedar making dancing a pleasure. All the chairs and buffets are of green wicker. Adorning the walls are various cups and trophies of the Club. This portion of the building is exceptionally well lighted. When the doors are closed, the eastern end of the building is given to the gentlemen members of the Club, the western end to the ladies and a central area serves as a lounge for general use. A long hall the full length of the building divides this section from the locker rooms at the rear of the building. These are also constructed for the convenience of the members. In these rooms steel lockers are being provided for each member. There are separate lockers for ladies and gentlemen. Off the rooms are the toilet and dressing room facilities where are to be found showers and modern conveniences. On special occasions the whole space can be let into one where accommodation is provided for large and small parties. On this floor too is a kitchen which is fitted with the latest appliances and the living quarters for the Manageress and her staff. These rooms are excellently fitted. The chairs and furnishing in the dining room are in keeping with the general building. Curtains of cream match the table coverings and chairs. The floors are of polished hardwood. The committee in charge seems to have thought of everything. Mr. E.L. Hickman was chairman of the Building committee and the architect was W.D. McCarter. It was constructed by the Horwood Lumber Company. The plumbing was by W.L. Halfyard. Lighting fixtures were supplied by Nfld. Light and Power and W.B. Goobie was responsible for the electrical work. Mr. L. C. Outerbridge was chairman of the Furnishings committee. The interior artist was W.T. Butt. The furniture was purchased by Miss M. Alderdice through Mrs. C. MacPherson in London and in Canada. Tables and lockers were made locally by Mr. James Armstrong. All the furniture was arranged by Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson and Miss Bartlett. Lockers were supplied by Heap and Partners.

Complementing the elegant edifact is the Club's magnificent golf course measuring 5,700 yards. The record for the eighteen hole golf course is currently held by the Club's professional Lloyd Chancey who scored 67.

The 1937 season at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club began auspiciously with the appointment of various committees to assist the Board of Directors in administering the affairs of the Club. By 1937 the membership roll had increased to 300 ladies and gentlemen, the majority of whom were golfers followed by tennis enthusiasts with social members making up the balance.

The organizational chart shown sets forth the names of the various officers along with committees and their related responsibilities:

Bally Haly Golf and Country Club - 1937

President	W.A. Reid
Vice President	W.F. Hutchinson
Captain	W. McKinnon
Ass't Captain	Edgar L. Hickman
Tennis Captain	A.M. Fraser, M.A.

Club House

Manageress - Mrs. F. O'Driscoll, who caters to all means and is responsible for the care of the Club. Her staff consists of a house maid cook, waitress and under steward.

Board of Governors

Hon. R.B. Job	Lt. Col. L. Outerbridge
E.L. Hickman	R.S. Furlong
G.A. Winter	H.W. Alderdice
Sect'y Tres - Harold C. Hayward	

Greens Committee

W. McKinnon
E.L. Hickman
G.A. Winter
W.U. Knowling
H.A. Winter

House Committee

Lt. Col Outerbridge
E.L. Hickman
Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
Miss E. Bartlett
Miss M. Alderdice

Tennis Committee

A.M. Fraser	Mrs. G. O'Leary
J.F. Ayre	Miss K. Ayre
J.B. Watson	Miss M. Alderdice

Ground Beautification Committee - Outside

Lloyd S. Chancey, Golf Pro
Ron V. Kavanagh, Greens Keeper
M. Ryan, Motor Man
J. Renouf, Master Caddy

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Match Play Champion	Jack Watson
Runner Up	John F. Ayre
Medal Play	John F. Ayre
2nd Division Champion	J.P. Steinhauer
3rd Division Champion	James M. Bradshaw
Paddon Cup	C.H. Conroy
Browning Cup	E. Walmsley
Sir John Middleton Cup	A.L. Ormiston
Ashley Cooper Cups	G.M. Barr and J.P. Steinhauer
Mixed Foursomes	Miss M. Harris and P.D. Bowring
Ladies Championship	Miss Edith Alderdice
Ladies Medal Play Champion	Miss Ruth Hickman

Bally Haly 1938

Due in large measure to the social advantages provided by its modern new club house, in support of the pastimes of golf and tennis, Bally Haly Golf and Country Club enjoyed perhaps one of the best seasons in its history in 1938. Interest in golf showed a marked increase with a substantial number of younger players taking up the game. By and large however, it was the game of tennis which found greater favour with youth. The Club's three courts were never idle throughout the season.

The 1938 season opened at Bally Haly in mid June and carried out a busy schedule of competitions both in golf and tennis up to the closing date in late October. The Club's executive acceding to popular demand provided for a greater number of mixed competitions scheduling such contests for Wednesday afternoons - the weekly half holiday - throughout the season with Gala Field Days mixed competitions programmed for the statutory whole holidays. On July 12, the Club staged one of the most successful Field Days in its history from the standpoint of total participation of its mixed membership. Seventy six participating golfers were involved in the mixed two-ball greensome which began at 10:00 o'clock. Following lunch at mid-day, a novelty mixed sixsome was played which again drew an entry list of 76 lady and gentlemen golfers. There was the usual pause for the social amenity of tea at 4:30 followed by a resumption of play involving both putting and driving contests for ladies and gentlemen. A presentation of prizes ceremony followed at 6:00 in the afternoon and a Club dance with music supplied by Ian Cowan's orchestra wound up a day of pleasurable excitement.

While golf was occupying the attention of its devotees at Bally Haly course, the Club's tennis representatives were locked in competition that same day at Harbour Grace with the visiting St. John's Club vying with their hosts in inter-peninsula competition for the Avalon trophy. Of the five contests plays, the Bally Haly team managed to win merely one of the five competitions, the Ladies' singles, won by Mrs. S.G. Soper. The prestigious Avalon Cup was won by the Terra Nova Tennis Club of St. John's.

Apart from the standard annual competitions to determine both the Match play and Medal play championships in the Ladies' division and the Men's section along with the interest generated in their respective outcomes, one of the most significant events in the annuals of golf in Newfoundland took place on the weekend of September 9 and 10 with the inauguration of inter-town competition involving Corner Brook, Grand Falls and the host city of St. John's with Bally Haly Golf and Country Club the venue of contest.

Largely through the initiative and organizing ability of John B. Watson, one of Bally Haly's exceptionally fine golfers whose business interests occasionally involved visits to Newfoundland's two paper towns, Corner Brook and Grand Falls, the golf clubs in both of these towns were invited to send a team of four of their best golfers to St. John's to compete with a team of Bally Haly golfers in two days of friendly rivalry. A singles competition played on September 10 witnessed Bally Haly winning all contests. In foursomes competition of the following day with an eight member Bally Haly team competing against a combined team of four member each from the two visiting clubs, Bally Haly again edged the visitors in four very close games.

It was not totally unexpected that Bally Haly with a superior experience and golfing skill of its team members would win the day. The Bally Haly team was at a further advantage in playing on its own course. Despite the one-sided outcome, the competition and the inter-town rivalry did much to stimulate interest in golf in all three centers involved. The St. John's Daily News, September 12th, 1938, in commenting on the contest and in expressing the visitors appreciation of the hospitality extended by the host club-involving as it did a special banquet on Saturday evening 10 September-the prophetic comment that the day was not far distant when sectional competitions to ultimately determine an all Newfoundland and golf championship club would come into being.

In the game of Tennis, of course, the structure of inter-town competition had been in place since 1935 leading to the annual determination of an all-Newfoundland club champion in that discipline. The championship was symbolized in the awarding of the Lever Cup, first offered for competition in 1935 and won that year and the succeeding year by a team representing Bally Haly.

By 1937 Bally Haly Club's domination of the Newfoundland tennis scene commenced to wane due to lack of leadership and playing ability provided by its two dynamic tennis stars, Mrs. Hazen Fraser and Professor Alan M. Fraser, the former making only brief appearances on the courts during the season and the latter spending his summers abroad. By 1938 Bally Haly had reached the nadir of its fortunes as a force to be reckoned with in all Newfoundland competition. True the Club's tennis representatives did qualify for the finals by defeating Harbour Grace on their home court to take the Eastern sectional honours but on July 25th in the finals for the Lever Cup played at Grand Falls, Bally Haly suffered a humiliating defeat at the hand of the Blomidon Tennis Club of Corner Brook losing all five of the fixtures played. In tennis for 1938 Bally Haly's sole accomplishments were the winning of the Slagenzer Cup by Mrs. Hazen Fraser and Miss June Hunt's outstanding accomplishment in being crowned junior champion of Newfoundland

Despite the fact that the Club's record was not impressive against outside competition in 1938 tennis as an exhilarating pastime continued to enjoy unprecedented popularity within the club itself. The three tennis courts were seldom idle all throughout the season.

At Bally Haly August 17, 1938, Harry A. Winter won the Club's Medal Play Championship in an all-day contest of 36 holes. He scored 158 beating runner up John B. Watson's performance by one stroke.

On Saturday, August 27, in the Match Play Championship, Harry W. Dickinson defeated John B. Watson, last year's champion, in an exciting game followed by a large field of spectators. Both contestants were tied at the 34th hole, the 35th was halved with Dickinson gaining the victory on the 36th hole. For John B. Watson, the year 1938 season ably demonstrated his ability as a golfer. He was runner up for both the Medal Play and Match Play Championships losing both by the minimal of margins. In 1938, the prestigious Browning Cup was captured by W. Angus Reid while D. Stuart Ayre won the Paddon Cup.

In ladies competition for the Match play championship and the Medal play championship, Mrs. Gordon A. Winter in a brilliant display of golfing ability captured both titles. She thereby joined a very select company of dual title winners. That feat was accomplished nine times by distaff golfers up to 1938, the thirtieth year Bally Haly's operation as a golf and country club. It is of interest to record the names of those lady golfers who along with Mrs. G.A. Winter so ably demonstrated such golfing skills. Miss Pauline Baird won both championship in 1914 followed by Mrs. R.G. Grieve's double victory in 1917. Mrs. L.E. Emerson was crowned both Match and Medal play champion two years, in 1922 and 1929. However the most superb accomplishment was that of Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson (nee Carrie Storey) who in no less than five occasions won both championships on the same year - 1928, 1930, 1931, 1934 and 1935.

In summary, the year 1938 appears to have been one of the most successful in the history of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. The new modern club house was the most up-to-date of its kind east of Montreal.

The aura of prestige with which the Club was endowed through its thirty years of association with the social, cultural, and recreational life of the community imparted an air of distinction to Bally Haly. There was pride on the part of its membership in that association. By 1938 the membership roll had reached a point where further applications for membership could only be considered when a vacancy occurred with the demise of a member or else a resignation.

Bally Haly 1939

A delayed spring in 1939 along with persistently unsettled weather conditions continuing into summer and late fall seriously disrupted playing schedules both on the golf course and at the tennis courts at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Despite such disappointing drawbacks, the Club did manage to complete its program though not always under the most pleasant conditions.

1939 appears to have been a period both in the life of the Club and the community at large as one fraught with general uneasiness and concern over worsening tensions in Europe and the imminent threat of war. It is all too apparent from the absence of the customary releases on golf and tennis activity which periodically up to now had been appearing in the local newspaper that it must have been considered unseemly considering the tension of the times for the club to follow any course but one of restraint in publicizing its activity.

Although the local newspaper of 1939 fail to make any reference to the customary annual practice followed at Bally Haly in staging mixed foursomes each Wednesday afternoon - the weekly half holiday then observed throughout the year - it is presumed that such competitions took place, weather permitting. In addition it was customary to conduct annually two special tournaments known as Gala Field Days, one held on the statutory whole holiday observed 12 July, the other for the whole holiday of mid-August. There is nothing in the local newspapers in the issues which followed the customary staging of the Gala Field day in July to indicate that it ever took place-a most unusual occurrence and a break with tradition. Research would later confirm that July 12 in the St. John's area was one of the wettest days on record. The newspapers make no reference to such unsettled weather but a trustworthy source, the Meteorological station at Torbay airport, attests to the fact that 12 July 1939 was not conducive to golf or any other outdoor activity. It was termed - a miserable day with torrential rain. To some extent it set the weather pattern for the season.

As if to compensate for the disappointment involved in the cancellation of the Gala Field day arranged for July 12, the various committees responsible for the mixed tournament scheduled for the mid-August whole holiday were determined to make it one of the most memorable on the Club's calendar. From the standpoint of membership participation, the entry list for the various competitions reached the point of being "over-

subscribed" with 60 golfers taking part in the opening 2 ball mixed greensomes and a spill over of nineteen male golfers teaming up to play in a stroke competition involving seven holes.

In the initial competition of the day - the mixed greensomes - Mrs. G.A. Winter and Dr. L.O'N Conroy emerged victorious in a field of thirty mixed couples. Basil Hutton captured the men's stroke contest. Following lunch at the Club play was resumed at 2:30 with the Novelty sixsomes event which drew 84 mixed participating golfers. The event was won by the trisome of J.B. Watson, J.B. Murphy and Miss Louise McNamara. A sealed stroke competition - a mixed foursome contest - followed at 4:30 involving three holes of play. Sealed envelopes bearing on the inside the number of the hole and containing a slip with the names of one club was distributed and was to be used at a named hole. The team of Mrs. Ambrose Shea and Edgar Hickman carried off the honours. In the Men's driving competition, Harold Alderdice out-distanced the field, sent his drive 250 yards 2 feet. Mrs. Ambrose Shea's drive of 183 yards earned her the award in the ladies' section. The men's putting competition was won by H.A. Winter, Esq., K.C., and the ladies by Miss Walker. The Gala Field day concluded with a dance at the Club at night with a prize presentation ceremony taking place during the supper interval.

Men's Division

On 4 September, Gordon A. Winter with rounds of 83 and 79 (162) captured the Medal play championship. Harry Dickinson who scored 85 and 80 for the two rounds for a total of 165 was runner-up. Early in September the Club's golf professional, Lloyd Chancey, journeyed to Halifax and there competed in the Maritime Professional Championship matches played at the Ashburn course. A dispatch out of Halifax stated tersely "Chancey made a good showing".

Match play championship honours for 1939 were won by E. Walmsley. The prestigious Browning Cup was captured by J.B. Murphy while Harry A. Winter recorded a win on the Paddon Cup for 1939.

Ladies Division

In Ladies competition Mrs Ambrose Shea who was destined to become a legendary figure in golf's distaff division captured her initial championship winning Match play honours. In Medal play competition Miss Marjorie overcame a strong field to gain the championship. The Ladies' awards for competitions played throughout the season were presented at a luncheon held at the Club on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Ladies' division on Friday 20 October 1939.

Tennis Section

What limited competitions Bally Haly's tennis representatives engaged in during the 1939 season proved somewhat ineffectual when it came to team effort. The team did not figure in the Lever Cup tournament possible due to lack in team depth. In singles competition however, two of Bally Haly's tennis players, Mrs. S.G. Soper and Miss June Hunt earned the recognition of the Newfoundland Law Tennis Association by each being ranked number one in her respective classification for 1939. Mrs. Soper was recognized as the foremost local player in Senior Ladies' ranks while Miss Hunt was rated the top Junior player.

Notes

The customary President versus Vice-President's tournament played annually involving 36 of the male membership was played on Wednesday 11th October followed by a partridge dinner at the Club.

Despite the vagaries of the weather in 1939, the season proved to be most successful. The standard of play showed a marked improvement.

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Men's

Match Play	E. Walsley
Medal Play	G.A. Winter
Browning Cup	J. B. Murphy
Paddon Cup	H. A. Winter

Ladies

Match Play	Mrs. A.D. Shea
Medal Play	Miss Marjorie Harris

THE FORTIES

It is doubtful whether any decade in Newfoundland history reflects a more sweeping pattern of change than the 1940's. Essentially, as a result of World War 11 and the establishment of military bases in Newfoundland, the local economy received a decided boost. There was full employment and with the subsequent friendly invasion of Canadian and American military to staff those bases great changes were wrought in the local way of life largely through association with the newcomers. Beneficial change is easy to take. Almost overnight the Newfoundland public freed from the shackles of isolation found themselves citizens of the world.

Before the Forties ran their course, the War would end to be followed in turn locally by the holding of the National Convention to determine Newfoundland's political future a process which ultimately in 1949 would lead to Confederation with Canada.

Possibly the one most important occurrence destined to set in train so many post-war events, including a search for political identity, was the impact of such broad exposure to outside influence during the War years and the weight of its power on individual thought.

To have been a member of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club during the early Forties was to experience first hand the feeling that a transformation was in progress. Whether impelled by motives, economic, patriotic or humanitarian the Club became less parochial. It was no longer difficult, within certain prescribed limits, to become a member of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Times were changing and as was inevitable private clubs such as Bally Haly were obliged to conform in order to survive.

Bally Haly 1940

By mid-summer 1940 with the war now in progress almost a year Bally Haly Club both as an organization and through its individual members was very much involved in lending support to the war effort mainly through a working association with various volunteer groups such as the Newfoundland Patriotic Association, the Spitfire fund, the War Savings certificates campaign and Smokes for Forces overseas. The majority of Club's distaff members were members of the Women's Patriotic Association. Throughout the War proceeds of all Friday evening's club dances held during the season were donated to various organizations allied with the war effort.

On Wednesday 31 July 1940 the Men's golfing section at the club was provided with an opportunity of showing its appreciation of work done by the Women's Patriotic Association through the medium of a fund raising scheme involving a golf stroke competition. It proved to be a highly successful venture financially being particularly well patronized. C.D. Hart captured the Patriotic Cup in the Senior Division. Prizes were also awarded to W. Gordon and T.A. Knowling who won the Second and Third divisions respectively.

On the monthly whole holiday observed on 12 July, in conformity with annual custom, a Gala Field day was held at the Club. It was an all-day affair specializing in mixed competitions. Following the contests of the forenoon there was a break for lunch at 12:30 with play resuming at 2:30 and continuing through to 6:00 p.m. and the prize presentation ceremony. A dance at night completed the day's activity.

The program consisted on nine contests highlighted by two special competitions, the two ball greensomes and the novelty sixsomes. The latter mixed competition played over six holes had sixty participants. Each player on a team was allotted one club by his or her captain with shots to be played in rotation. The sealed stroke competition, a feature event in previous Field day tournaments and played over three holes on the course saw thirty teams or 60 participating golfers entered. The rules of play were given to each captain in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the number of the hole and containing a slip of paper on which was written the name of the club to be used at the named hole.

The entire Gala field day program conforming to the pattern of previous years saw nine competitions carried out. The list of winning team members as well as individual winners will awaken memories for an earlier generation. Here under are the results:

Two Ball Greensomes	Mrs. A.W. Policoff & Dr. J. Gordon Lynch
Novelty Sixcomes	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson & C. Fanning-Evans
Putting (Ladies)	Mrs. C.R. Bell
Putting (Men)	A.E. Bruce
Driving (Ladies)	Miss Mary Parker (174 yards)
Driving (Men)	Edgar L. Hickman (225 yards)
Approaching (Ladies)	Mrs. Crummey
Approaching (Men)	Ern Fox

In Browning Cup and Paddon Cup competitions the same golfer C.D. Hart captured both trophies in 1940 a most unusual feat. Only once before had it been accomplished in 1933 when Gordon A. Winter succeeded in carrying off both honors.

It had been customary to program both the Men's Match play championship as well as the Medal play championship early in July of each year. In 1940 due to the lengthy schedule of eliminations in the play downs for the Patriotic Cup involving as it did three Divisions of Handicap ratings the Match play and Medal play championships were not played until September.

On Monday, September 2nd a field of 16 golfers entered the Medal play championship. The veteran golfer Harry Dickinson scored 77 on the first round and 78 on the second, recording 155 for the thirty-six holes. He finished one stroke less than last years Medal play champion H.A. Winter K.C. whom shot 156 for the two rounds.

Possibly one of the most exciting and most remarkable exhibitions of two master golfers in action as well occurred at Bally Haly on the afternoon of Friday, 13 September when 60 year old Harry Dickinson met a youthful contender John F. Ayre to do battle for the Club's Match play championship. A large gallery followed the golfers and witnessed at one stage of the competition that Ayre had an advantage of six up. Excitement had mounted to fever pitch with the score tied at the 35th hole. Dickinson won the final hole, the match and the championship.

Earlier he captured the Medal play championship. His victory in Match play was his tenth win in that competition. In Medal play championship competition he had, through his victory in 1940, stretched his triumphs to thirteen championships. As it later turned out he was by 1940 winding up a phenomenal golfing career. He would continue to play well beyond that date but his advancing years had by then caught up with and passed his proficiency with the game.

Ladies Division

In the Ladies Division throughout the 1940 season a busy playing schedule was maintained with regular weekly competitions and the monthly contests for the Canadian Ladies Golf Union spoons. In Medal play championship Mrs. C.R. Bell captured the honors while in Match play Mrs. Ambrose Shea emerged as champion. For the first time a junior championship was contested with Miss J. Carnell capturing the crown.

There is no reference in the newspapers of 1940 of any Tennis activity at Bally Haly. It is conceivable however that while the courts at the Club were in use, the Club itself was not represented in the inter-club competition. Non-competition of the Club in a broader field would of course explain the absence of any reference to tournament activity with only intramural games being played.

On Tuesday evening, October 29th the official closing of the Club for the season took place and the prizes won awarded. Mr. R.S. Furlong introduced the President, E.L.Hickman who, on behalf of the Board of Governors, extended a hearty welcome to the assembled members and their guests. He then called upon Mrs. J.F. Ayre to present the prizes. She graciously carried out that ceremony. Dancing to music supplied by Wally Chambers orchestra followed the presentation.

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On Tuesday night the official closing of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club took place and the prizes for the past season were presented.

Opening the proceedings Mr. R.S. Furlong introduced the President, Mr. E.L. Hickman, who extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Board of Governors. He then called on Mr. J.F. Ayre to present the prizes. Dancing to music supplied by Mr. Walter Chambers' orchestra was much enjoyed following the presentation of prizes. The following is a list of the winners:

Championship	H.W. Dickinson (Match play & Medal play)
Runner up	John F. Ayre
Browning Cup	C.D. Hart, Esq.
Paddon Cup	C.D. Hart, Esq.
N.P.A. 1st Division	C.D. Hart, Esq.
Eclectic Competition	C.D. Hart, Esq.
NPA 2nd Division	W. Gordon, Esq.
3rd Division	T.A. Knowling, Esq.
Governor's Cups	J.B. Norris
Ashley Cooper Cup	J.B. Watson & Geo Dyer
2nd Division Championship	B.D. Parsons

Ladies

C.R. Bell Cup Medal Play Championship	Mrs. A. Shea
Junior Championship	Miss J. Carnell
Alderdice Cup	Miss L. McNamara
Anderson Cup	Miss E. McNamara
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Mrs. L. Conroy
Eclectic Competition	Miss. A. Shea & Mrs. C.R. Bell (tied)
Flag Competition	Miss L. McNamara
Bogey Competition	Miss Anderson
Second Ball Foursome	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson & Miss Mitchell
C.L.G.U. Spoons	(June) Mrs. Crummey (July) Miss E. McNamara (August) Mrs. Crummey (September) Mrs. Shea (October) Miss L. McNamara

Bally Haly 1941

With the collapse of France in June 1940, Canada and the United States became suddenly aware that Newfoundland was a vital outpost in their defense systems. Canadian forces were immediately sent to strategic points in Newfoundland and the United States was granted the right to establish army, naval and air force bases on a 99 year leasehold. For Newfoundland, great changes not then readily discernable were in prospect.

The sports editor of the Daily News writing in the year-end edition of that paper for 1941 observed that the year then just ended was not a very colorful one for sport. He saw "retrogression in many fields of athletic activity and some sectors had practically faded from view." Some of the causes, he suggests, were unavoidable, inferring of course that the number of young men and young women serving in the various branches of the military diminished local sports participation dramatically. A point, possibly overlooked by the Sports Editor, was that those who remained at home were so very much caught up in local support for the war effort-through membership in various organizations identified with the allied cause- that there was less time for relaxation. What might therefore be mistaken for athletic apathy should be related to and considered in the light of circumstances obtaining.

However, if we are to judge by the paucity of reports on activity at Bally Haly throughout the 1941 season, it is quite obvious that there was something very pertinent in what the Sports Editor had to say.

For some unexplained reason the annual Field Day invariably scheduled to take place at Bally Haly each year on the whole holiday observed on July 12th was postponed until further notice. Again the customary Field Day programmed for mid August each year did not take place and furthermore no mention was made in the newspapers of its having been planned much less brought to fruition. So little was appearing currently throughout 1941 in the local press on Bally Haly during the months of July and August 1941 that it is conceivable the Club itself was selective in its releases to the press. The only competition off-handedly reported as having taken place was the annual President versus Vice-President team competition. It was held on Wednesday 23rd July followed by the customary post-contest dinner at the Club. While there was very little in the way of golf news emanating from Bally Haly throughout the summer months there was a sustained advertising program in the local press for a series of Tuesday weekly dances held at the Club. These affairs began at 9:00 o'clock in the evening and were formal with tickets at \$1.50 double. Wally Chambers' orchestra supplied the music.

It would appear from perusal of the local newspapers that all the pent-up energies of the Club and its members held in check all throughout the summer months were finally ready to find expression during September when the season was winding to its close. On Wednesday, 17th September, the Club as if making up for the two annual Field days- one shelved in July, the other in August - held one of its most successful Field days ever. The pattern of the program was along the standard lines of such competitions with emphasis on the mixed feature of the matches. In the all-day order of the program a mixed Greensome saw 26 couples compete for honors. A mixed grill or Novelty match of sixsomes saw 18 teams or 54 players take to the course. There was a break for lunch at the Club at mid-day. Putting and driving competitions both for lady and gentlemen golfers were features of the afternoon's program. While the newspapers published in advance the names of the participating golfers in each of the events of the program, they failed to report on the following day, the outcome of the various competitions.

Any researcher undertaking the assignment of reporting on day-to-day activity at Bally Haly throughout 1941 might be relieved to learn that while the local newspapers failed to keep abreast of events as they were occurring he would most likely find salvation in the summarization of its outcome of such events in the year's end Sports section, information it is suspected possibly supplied by the Club's secretary. In as much as such information for 1941 is reproduced as a footnote it is merely necessary to state here that the Club's championships in both Match and Medal play competitions for ladies and gentlemen were won as follows:

Ladies' Match Play	Mrs. A. Shea	Men's Match Play	A.G. Herbert
Ladies' Medal Play	Mrs. A. Shea	Men's Medal Play	C.D. Hart

Whatever breast-thumping the Sports editor of the Daily News understandably experience in 1941 bemoaning the doldrums into which local sports activity as a whole had fallen would by 1942 be replaced by a show of faith in the future. The influx of military personnel and their avid interest in recreational activity would bring about a welcomed revolutionary change.

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Ladies Section

Match Play Championship	Mrs. A. Shea
Consolation	Mrs. Lovett-Jamieson
Medal Play	Mrs. A. Shea
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. J.C. Britton
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. A. Shea
Burch Cup	Ms. L.O'N Conroy
Eclectic Competition	Mrs. A. Shea
Bogey Competition	Miss M. Harris
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Mrs. L. O'N Conroy
Golfing Ladies Spoons	
June	Miss G. Mitchell
July	Miss C. Walker
August	Miss M. Harris
September	Mrs. B.D. Parsons

Nine Hole Competition

June	Mrs. J. Boyd Baird
July	Mrs. A. Sanderhoff
August	Mrs. Geo T. Dyer
September	Mrs. I Wild

Gentlemen

Governor's Cup	A.G. Herbert
Paddon Cup	J. Henderson
Browning Cup	Edgar Miller
Fort Pepperrell Cups:	J.C. Britton; Lt. Comdr. W.A. Thompson
Medal Play Championship	C.D.Hart
Match Play Championship	A.G. Herbert
2nd Division	Geo T. Dyer
Eclectic Competition 1st Division	J.C. Britton (54)
2nd Division	Geo T. Dyer (62)

Bally Haly 1942

The first intimation that Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, doubtless in line with its patriotic duty, was being less stringent in its code of acceptance governing membership was reflected in an entry list for a Field Day mixed competition held on Wednesday 19th August 1942. Names of entrants prefixed by such titles (abbreviated) as Squadron Leader; Lt. Commander; Captain and Lt. Surgeon are indicative of an emerging process of change.

That show of hospitality extended to members of the Armed Forces – at least to its top echelon people – in various branches – also accounts for the equally open-armed gesture of goodfellowship in providing entertainment for the visiting military through the medium of Club dances. Up to now the weekly dances at

Bally Haly were conducted on Tuesday evenings were formal affairs for members and their guests with an admission fee of \$1.50 per couple. As a concession to the visiting forces the weekly dance was transferred from Tuesday to Friday. They furthermore became informal affairs and as if moving with the times B.D. Parsons who headed the entertainment committee introduced a table booking system and imposed a cover charge of \$1.25 in lieu of the double ticket form of admission. He also judiciously screened applicants seeking to book reservations. Wally Chambers orchestra supplied the music for those weekly Friday evening dances.

It is amazing to discover that only one item of news involving golf at Bally Haly appeared in the local newspapers in 1942. An entire columnar spread was devoted to the list of golfers entered in the Field Day to be conducted at the Club on Wednesday, 19th August 1942. It seems to have been the only such event, involving a total mixed membership, held during the season. The program for the Field Day conformed to the standard pattern for such mixed competitions with Mixed Greensomes, Novelty Sixsomes, and a Sealed Stroke competition. Individual tests of golfing skills involved both ladies' and gentlemen's sections and consisted of driving, putting and chipping contests. While the newspapers devoted space to the entry lists for the Field Day events, it is exasperating to discover that the newspapers lacking news sense failed to report on the outcome of those various competitions.

There is a disappointing lack of information in the press not only on the Field Day exercise, but also on virtually every other competition held at Bally Haly throughout the 1942 season. Were it not for the existence of a mural poster board displayed at the Club on which is recorded such pertinent information as Club President, Golf Captain, Ladies and Men's Match play and Medal play champions over the years, much of the history of Bally Haly would be lost for posterity. Another source of the recorded history of the Club involves the various trophies – notably the perpetual type of cup which bears the names of annual winners of such awards. It is from such a repository that the following has been made available

Ladies Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. Ambrose Shea

Men's Division

Match Play Champion	Capt. J.P. Clifford (U.S.A.F.)
Medal Play Champion	C.D. Hart
Browning Cup	B.A.Hutton
Paddon Cup	R.W. Cook

Bally Haly 1943

The pattern observed during 1942 wherein very little news on Bally Haly activity appeared in the local newspapers, carried through to 1943. Apart from brief reference to J.C. Britton winning the Medal Play championship on Wednesday, 6th September 1943 with a score of 80 in the forenoon and 81 in the afternoon's play for a combined score of 161 for the 36 holes, with E.L. Hickman as runner up and a newspaper report on the Field Day staged at Bally Haly on Wednesday, 18th August that year the local press is totally devoid of any Bally Haly news. That in part may be explained by the failure of responsible people at Bally Haly in supplying information. One concession either wrung from the newspapers or else gratuitously provided by the Club's secretary was the publication of a list of the winners of the Field Day Competitions.

There were 60 participants in the mixed competitions with prize winners as follows:

Mixed Greensomes	J.G. Anderson
Stroke Competition (Men)	J.C. Britton
Driving (Men)	J.C. Britton
Driving (Ladies)	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Approach and Putting (Men)	C.D. Hart
Approach and Putting (Ladies)	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Putting (Men)	H.W. Dickinson
Putting (Ladies)	Mr. Ambrose Shea

The Novelty Sixsomes, a feature event on the day's program had to be cancelled while in session due to the onset of rain. The Field Day concluded with a presentation of prizes ceremony at which Mrs. B.D. Parsons, Secretary of the Ladies Association, presided and distributed the awards.

During the 1943 season the weekly Friday night series of informal dances with the cover charge of \$1.25 began in mid-June continued through to the last week in October. The club closed for the season on Sunday, November 7th and there is no mention of a presentation of awards ceremony for honors gained throughout the season.

For purposes of record herewith is a list of the Club Champions for 1943 along with the winners of special Cups:

Men's Match Play Champion	C.D. Hart
Men's Medal Play Champion	J.C. Britton
Ladies Match Play Champion	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Ladies Medal Play Champion	Mrs. Ambrose Shea

It is of interest to observe that Mrs. Ambrose Shea, who began her series of dual victories as Match play and Medal play champion in 1942 continues to repeat that achievement in 1943 to be followed by a phenomenal string of duplicate victories in both Match play and Medal play categories each year for the next ten years.

In the Men's section the Browning Cup was won by Wilfred E. Peters while E.P. Conroy captured the Paddon Cup.

Bally Haly 1944

The presence of so many branches of the armed services in Newfoundland and particularly in St. John's during the Second World War saw a friendly and hospitable relationship develop between the visiting military and the citizens of the capital city. Nowhere was that bond of goodfellowship better exemplified than in the gesture of friendliness accorded visiting service personnel at the various hostels established in St. John's during the war.

Bally Haly as a club, in line with its patriotic duty, was to make a significant contribution in helping visiting servicemen feel at home by warmly welcoming into its membership ranks, many officers of the various branches of the services. Apart from being able to extend, through membership, the social amenities of club life there was a further advantage, unique with Bally Haly, in being able to provide through the medium of its golf course and tennis courts a welcomed form of relaxation through mild physical effort in the most pleasant surroundings.

Bally Haly due to its existence, cheek-and-jowl, as next door neighbour of the United States military base at Fort Pepperrell became a popular retreat for its officers. In appreciation of that gesture of hospitality so generously extended by Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, Lt. Colonel Harris of the USAAF base at Fort Pepperrell on October 25th, 1944 as a tangible token of his fellow officers gratitude, presented to Bally Haly Club through its then president, R.S. Furlong, Esq. two magnificent silver cups to be known as the Pepperrell Cups to be awarded annually for Men's foursome competition. The two golfers first honored in having their names inscribed on the Pepperrell Cups as 1944 winners of the awards were J.C. Britton and Lt. Comdr W.A. Thompson.

While weather conditions throughout the 1944 season at Bally Haly were not always conducive to golf, the Club did manage to have a highly satisfying year. With club membership increased substantially due to inclusion of members of the military, both the golf course and the tennis courts were never busier. One of the most successful Field Days in the lengthy history of Bally Haly was conducted on the mid-month whole holiday of August 10th the large list of entrants for the various competitions on the day's program contributed to the enjoyment and success of the schedule of events. Owing to the inevitable delays entailed in regulating such a large list of golfers and an ensuing back up due to overcrowding on the course, one contest – the Sealed stroke competition – had to be cancelled. One of the most memorable of Field Days in the Club's history concluded with a dance at the clubhouse at night. During an interval in the dance program Mrs. B.D. Parsons, secretary of the Ladies Association presented the following winners with their awards:

Prize Winners

Mixed Greensomes	Lieut. Parker (WRCNS) & Hon. H.A. Winter
Stroke competition	Hon. I.S. Wild
Novelty Sixsomes	Miss C. Walker, J.F. Ayre & Lieut. Gardner
Ladies driving competition	Mrs. A. Shea (175 yards)
Ladies Approaching & Putting	Mrs. A. Shea
Gentlemen's Driving competition	Lieut. Gardner (225 yards)
Gentlemen's Approaching & Putting	Major H.S. Bogert
Gentlemen's Putting	A.G. Herbert

In conformity with the practice introduced at the Club with the onset of the War, a series of summer dances were held for members and their guests. Initially such affairs were held weekly by 1944, however, they had become monthly affairs alternating between the formal and informal. Apparently as the war wore on the demand for musicians to play at the growing number of service clubs became so great that Bally Haly among others found it difficult to obtain an orchestra. As was inevitable there were fewer dances. That the crux of matters was a shortage of orchestras is reflected in the number of different orchestras who supplied music for Bally Haly dances over the years.

There is no mention in the daily newspapers of Bally Haly as a club competing in Newfoundland Tennis Association competition during 1944. It has been established that the courts at Bally Haly were active presumably intramural tennis only was played and simply for enjoyment. There is no mention of any intramural competitions.

Ladies Golf Association

Judging by the prize list published in the year end edition of the local newspapers for 1944 the ladies golf section at Bally Haly had one of its most successful seasons. Mrs. Ambrose Shea continued to dominate the distaff division capturing both the Match play and Medal play championships and further adding to her golfing honors by winning the Lady Anderson Trophy.

Men's Division

In the Men's section J.C. Britton who was crowned Medal play champion in 1943 added the Match play championship to his accomplishments by winning that competition in 1944. The honor of Medal play champion for 1944 went to A.G. Herbert. Edgar Miller won the prestigious Browning Cup and John Henderson captured the Paddon Trophy.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1944 a large gathering of members and service members attended the annual prize presentation ceremony at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. The president, R.S. Furlong, in welcoming the assembled members made special reference to the presence of so many service members including Lt. Colonel Harris of Fort Pepperrell and his fellow officers. Lt. Colonel Harris and his brother officers were the donors of the Fort Pepperrell cups which later in the evening were presented to the 1944 winners, J.C. Britton and Lt. Comdr. W.A. Thompson.

The presentation of awards ceremony marked the first time that all prizes won throughout the year's competitions both in the Ladies and Gentlemen's divisions were awarded at the same function. Heretofore, the Ladies Association held the prize-giving feature in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the Ladies Division. Mrs. B.D. Parsons, secretary of the Ladies Association presented the prizes to the winners of the various competitions.

With the presentation of prize ceremony, Bally Haly Golf and Country Club wound up its operation for 1944. The Club itself closed for the season on Sunday, November 19th 1944.

LADIES GOLF

Match Play Champions	Mrs. A. Shea
Consolation Championship	Mrs. Lovett-Janison
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. Shea
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. J. C. Britton
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. A. Shea
Burch Cup	Mrs. L. O'N.Conroy
Eclectic Competition	Mrs. A. Shea
Bogey Competition	Miss M. Harris

Greatest reduction in handicap Miss M. Harris

C.L.G.U. Spoons

June	Miss F. Mitchell
July	Miss C. Walker
August	Miss F. Harris
September	Mrs. B.D. Parsons

9 Hole Competitions

June	Mrs. J. Boyd Baird
July	Mrs. A. Sanderhoff
August	Mrs. G.T. Dyer
September	Mrs. I. Wild

GENTLEMENS GOLF

Governor's Cup	A. G. Herbert
Paddon Cup	J. Henderson
Browning Cup	E. Miller
Fort Pepperrell Cups	J.C. Britton & Lt. Cdr. W. A. Thompson

Match Play Championship	J.C. Britton
Runner Up	A.G. Hebert
Medal Play Championships	A. G. Hebert
2nd Div. Championships	G.T. Dyer
Eclectic Competition	J.C. Britton
1st Division	
Eclectic Competition	G.T. Dyer
2nd Division	

Bally Haly 1945

The tidal wave of social change which was to follow the cessation of hostilities in 1945 had, much earlier, as the war began, made its effect felt in Newfoundland. People sharing as they did during war years – a common cause, were not overly concerned with class distinction and a leveling process followed. In the post war years there would be a quiet revolution not against authority per se but opposition to the overbearing behavior of those in high places. It would for instance come as a disturbing revelation to the original group of prominent businessmen who introduced golf to Newfoundland at Buckmaster field in St. John's in 1896 and subsequent established Bally Haly Golf and Country Club in 1908, had they been around in 1945, to discover that the Establishment had been succeeded by a more charitably disposed Board of Directors who were astute enough to move with the times. Over the years the Club's attitude in considering applications for membership had – mainly as a result of a change in the social pattern – undergone a welcomed transition, while at the same time in no way impairing its aura of reserve and quiet dignity, marking the conduct of affairs at the Club.

In 1945 season at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club opened on Wednesday, 20th June with a competition arranged between a team of golfers representing Bally Haly playing host to a visiting team of golfers from the Royal Canadian Navy. With prevailing high winds, later laced with drizzle, playing conditions were something less than comfortable. However, despite conditions, the competing teams managed eighteen holes with the host club defeating the visitors' 14 points to 11. A dinner at the Club followed the afternoon's contest. R.S. Furlong, the President of Bally Haly was the Chairman of the evening. During the evening speeches were made by J.F. Ayre, W.A. Reid, J.C. Britton, and H.A. Dickinson of Bally Haly and Captain Griffiths and Commander Finch-Noyes, Surgeon Commander Grant, Lieut. Edwards and Lt. Comdr. W.A. Thompson on behalf of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Time was when the Club conducted three Gala Mixed Field Days throughout each season – in July, August and September. Of late the committee responsible has due to the weather conditions been able to manage only one such feature event throughout a season. Within the framework of three months there was a certain flexibility and the expectancy that at least one Field Day would be favored with the desired weather conditions. Apparently in 1945, when the whole holiday of 12th July was rained out for the Field Day scheduled on that date, the committee was reluctant to gamble on either the forthcoming whole holiday of August and September. They decided to go ahead with the postponed event of 12th July by moving it to the following Wednesday, 18th July despite the fact that the latter date was a half-holiday. Time would prove to be of the essence in compressing a standard schedule of competitions into lesser time frame.

Wednesday afternoon, 18th July turned out to be not only the most pleasant of days but attracted by far the greatest number of participating golfers for such an occasion in the lengthy history of the club. It was furthermore the most successful of any Field Days held up to that time. The feature event of the afternoon's program was the Mixed Greensomes competition, an event won by L.W. Andriava MacFarlane and her partner Lieut. Creed. Other events on the program along with the winners were:

Surplus Men (stroke competition)	Lieut. Day, United States AAF
Sealed Stroke	Hubert Herder & B.D. Parsons
Ladies Driving	Mrs. F.A. Carter (185 yards)
Men's Driving	Lieut. Creed (225 yards)
Putting	C.Richard Chalker
Approaching and Putting	J.C. Britton

Prior to the Medal Play championship competed for at Bally Haly on 15th August, J.C. Britton who had won that championship in 1943 and added the Match play championship to his achievements in 1944, generously offered prizes to be played for on handicap in connection with Medal Play competition. A prize would be awarded for low net and well as low gross. As Mr. Britton explained the purpose was to make the competition more attractive to players with high handicaps. That inducement served its intended purpose. A large field participated in the competition which was won by John Henderson.

In Match Play competition, emblematic of the Club championship, played on Saturday, 15th September, A.G. Herbert defeated Harry Conroy five up and four to play to take championship honors.

In September as the season was winding to its close a Mixed Greensomes, the last for the season was played Wednesday afternoon 19th September and attracted twenty two mixed pairs with a surplus of six men who were paired and engaged in a stroke competition. In the Mixed Greensomes, Mrs. B.D. Parsons and Dr. J.B. Murphy carried the day with a score of 69. A dinner and sing song at night followed the afternoon on the links.

Evening Telegram November 1st, 1945

Annual Prize giving at Bally Haly

LADIES DIVISION

Match Play Champion	Mrs. A. Shea
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. A. Shea
Consolation	Mrs. Conroy
Ladies' Committee Cup	Mrs. Britton
Burch Cup	Mrs. Conroy
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. Ormiston
Eclectic Competition	Mrs. A. Shea
Bogey	Miss Harris

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July	Mrs. Britton
August	Mrs. Marshall
September	Mrs. Carter
October	Mrs. Britton

2nd DIVISION

June	Mrs. L. Hiscock
July	Mrs. Wild
August	Mrs. Luckhart

MEN'S

Governor's Cup	Lt. Cdr. W.A. Thompson
Browning Cup	Ern Fox
Paddon Cup	E.P. Conroy
The Pepperrell Cups	A. Herbert & Eric Jerrett
Eclectic Competition	
1st Division	A.G. Hebert
2nd Division	D.G. Myers
Medal Play Champion	J. Henderson
Match Play Champion	A.G. Herbert

Bally Haly 1946

The year 1946 witnessed a world trying to regain its bearings after wading through the nightmare of four years of history's greatest and most destructive war. Less affected locally by the conflict there was no diminution in prosperity and the transition to peacetime pursuits created any great adjustment. There was talk of the stage being set for the holding of a National Convention to determine Newfoundland's political future.

At Bally Haly Golf and Country Club no perceptible change in club life followed the cessation of hostilities. As throughout the war years Bally Haly as a club continued to serve as a social haven providing rest and relaxation in a peaceful setting. The only noticeable change was that reflected in the members attitude in showing a greater sense of appreciation of the club itself, its facilities and the atmosphere of goodfellowship which it offered.

For some unexplained reason the Annual Field Day invariably held on the mid-July whole holiday each year and normally programmed for a full day of golf and social activity was in 1946 confined to the afternoon of Tuesday, 16th July. To provide for the program of events in the face of the largest entry list on record each contest had to be restricted to a reduced number of holes. Favored with ideal weather the entire program was carried out smoothly and in sufficient time to permit the golfers – and those who elected to play bridge throughout the afternoon – to sit down to dinner at the club at 7:00 p.m. A dance and prize presentation ceremony concluded the Field Day program.

List of Prize Winners

Mixed Greensomes	B.A. Hutton & Miss C.M. Walker
Stroke Competition (Men)	H.G. Lake

Novelty Sixsomes

Mrs. C.H. Bell, Miss Marion Furlong

Mr. A. Tony Hearn

Driving Competition (Men)

K.W. Leach (218 yards)

Driving Competition (Ladies)

Mrs. A. Shea (160 yards)

Approach and Putting (Men)

J.C. Britton

Approach and Putting (Ladies)

Miss Marjorie Harris

Putting (Men)

Ern Fox

Putting (Ladies)

Mrs. C.H. Butterworth

It becomes all too apparent to a researcher scanning the local newspaper for golf news in 1946 and other years as well. While frequent use was made of the columns of both the Daily News and Evening Telegram to alert golfers through the means of a published entry list of upcoming competitions - notably the mixed foursomes competitions held on Wednesday afternoons throughout the season - rare indeed was the occasion whereby through the medium of a follow-up news item the public was informed of the outcome of those contests. A case in point was the mixed foursomes competition held at Bally Haly on Wednesday afternoon 7th August. The competition draw or entry list for that afternoon's contest involving 50 participants was duly published in both the Daily News and Evening Telegram prior to the afternoon's schedule of play but no results were made public in either of the two local dailies - Evening Telegram and Daily News - either on the day following the competition or at a later date. The newspaper relied on Bally Haly to provide them with copy but apparently they were not accommodated. Great indeed is the pity for posterity has been poorly served as a result of such regrettable oversights.

From perusal of the newspaper of 1946 it would appear that by far the greatest measure of sustaining support provided to Bally Haly as a club, throughout the golfing season was the contribution made by the ladies division. A heartening show of dedication and organization marked distaff activity. Heretofore, normal practice was to hold a Ladies' Association luncheon and business meeting on the first Tuesday in July with a closing function along the same lines - but combined with a prize presentation ceremony in October of each year. It was reasoned that the Ladies Division and the club itself would be far better served if luncheon meetings were held each month throughout the season. To provide for cohesiveness in membership the social or non-golfing members were encouraged to participate in the meetings. Bridge tables were provided as an inducement. A rate of \$1.25 per person was set for the luncheon with an added assessment of \$0.25 per person to cover prizes for bridge and golf.

In order to maintain membership interest in the Club itself the Ladies Division recommended that a more widespread use be made of available newspaper space to publicize golf and social activity. A promising start was later made in that direction in September 1946 in the publicity resulting from a newspaper report on the Ladies' Match play championship.

Ladies Division Competitions

Judging by the list of awards presented at the annual prize presentation ceremony conducted at Bally Haly club on Wednesday, October 30, 1946 the ladies section experienced its busiest season on record. By far the most exciting competition was the contest for the Ladies' Match play championship which took place Saturday 28th September.

The competition brought together as finalists two of the Club's most distinguished, all-time golfing greats - Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson - who dominated the links as ladies' golf champion from 1919 to 1935, winning eleven championships within that period, and Mrs. Ambrose Shea, a up-and-coming distaff golfer who having embarked on her career in 1941 had by 1946 five consecutive Match play championships to her credit. Those two superb golfers met at Bally Haly on Saturday 28th September in one of the most memorable of competitions ever staged on Bally Haly golf course. It was destined to be a red-letter day for ladies' golf in Newfoundland. All the elements were present to create the competition of the century. The local newspapers alerted by the Ladies Division at Bally Haly and sensing the dramatic impact as well as the newsworthiness of such an event responded with recognition rare indeed in the annals of local sports coverage by according the outcome of the competition the accolade of a banner headline.

The Match play championship involved two rounds of golf - each of eighteen holes. The first round played in the forenoon of Saturday 28th September and the second in the afternoon. Mrs. Shea led by one hole at the completion of the first round. Both she and Mrs. Hutchinson had scores of 93 each for the first eighteen holes of play. In the afternoon session, Mrs. Shea, in what was providing to be a tension filled cliff-hanger contest all the way, hung grimly on to her one hole advantage and at the finish of the game still retaining that slim margin, captured the match and the championship. Both golfers shot identical scores of 87 on the concluding round. Mrs. Hutchinson who in 1946 'was up in years' to employ what is hoped is a gracious expression without being too specific as to age played a surprisingly brilliant game only to be edged by her more youthful opponent. Ladies golf in Newfoundland had come of age.

Mrs. Ambrose Shea was to add further to her laurels in winning the Ladies' Medal play championship for 1946 as well.

Men's Division

Bally Haly's most outstanding golfer in 1946 was A.G. Herbert, who had a phenomenal season winning both the Match play and Medal play championships and with an amazing show of golfing dexterity captured the Paddon and Browning Cups as well. Herbert's greatest challenge for golf supremacy in 1946 was provided in the competition for the Medal play championship when in the final and deciding match played on Thursday 15th August he was pitted against J.C. Britton. In the forenoon of competition Herbert turned in a score of 77 while Britton, his opponent had a score of 80. In the second round played in the afternoon a surging Britton came on the challenge with a 75 but failed overall by one stroke. It was sufficient to give Herbert the championship. Herbert had 154 for two rounds, Britton 155.

Prize Presentation

The annual prize presentation ceremony was held at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club - signaling the wind-up of the season's activity - on Wednesday afternoon 30th October commencing with an afternoon tea served at 4:30. In the absence of the president, B.D. Parsons, the vice-president, John F. Ayre officiated and presented a review of the season's activity. He was lavish in his praise of the Ladies' Division complimenting that body on its resourcefulness and expressing on behalf of the Club an appreciation of the work of the various committees notably the entertainment group responsible for the series of monthly dances. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the club to Mrs. Lloyd Chancey, the club's stewardess and wife of Bally Haly's golf professional, Lloyd Chancey, who so capably catered to all the social functions, held at the club throughout the season. Mr. Ayre called on Mrs. B.D. Parsons, wife of the president, to make the presentation of awards won in both the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Division throughout the season.

LADIES GOLF 1ST DIVISION

Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. A. Ormiston
Consolation Championship	Mrs. J. C. Britton	Burch Cup	Miss Constance Walker
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Eclectic Competition	Mrs. A. Shea
Special Prize for putting	Miss Marguerite Mitchell	Greatest reduction in handicap	Miss Marion Furlong

C.L.G.U. Spoons

June	Mrs. A. Ormiston
July	Miss M. Furlong
August	Miss C. Walker
September	Mrs. L. Conroy
October - Tie	Mrs. L. Conroy Miss M. Harris

9 Hole Competitions

June	Mrs. J. Boyd Baird
July	Miss Ann Emerson
August	Miss Ann Emerson
September	Mrs. D. Myers

LADIES GOLF 2nd Division

Special Prize donated by Mr. Dickinson for two best scores on handicap
Mrs. H. Herder.
June Competition - Mrs. Henderson
July Competition - Mrs. H. Herder
August Competition - Mrs. H. Herder

MEN'S GOLF

Browning Cup	A.G. Herbert	Paddon Cup	A.G. Herbert
Fort Pepperrell Cups	J.C. Britton Lt G.P. Montgomery	Governor's Cup	E. Fox
Medal Play Champion	A.G. Herbert		

1st Division			
Match Play	A.G. Herbert	Runner Up	J. C. Britton

2nd Division			
Match Play	J. P. McLoughlan	Eclectic 1 Eclectic 2	A.G. Herbert G.T. Dyer

Bally Haly 1947

Indefatigable and enquiring sleuths with inquisitive minds sooner or later come to realize that meticulous research is a demanding undertaking, a constant probing of the most likely productive sources in search of authentic information. Such diligent digging, a mining process, occasionally yields the odd nugget of information in an on-going never-ending search for the elusive mother lode. Researchers, like miners in the dedicated efforts to uncover buried historical facts are never content to rest on their ores.

Thus far, this history of golf in Newfoundland – or more specifically this chronicle or profile of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club – has entailed years of exhaustive research, a fine-tooth-combing of each issue of the Evening Telegram and Daily News – as well as other no-longer published local newspapers and periodicals – for over fifty years. Along the way diligent digging has produced some satisfying results and an awareness as well of not a few disappointing deficiencies. It would appear in retrospect that by and large local newspapers were dependent upon Bally Haly as a private club to provide its own publicity through a club appointed correspondent. Under the circumstances it is not surprising to discover that when the source on which the press relied for its information failed in its responsibilities nothing appeared in print. To compound an already frustrating research situation two disastrous fires at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club completely razed the initial clubhouse in 1935 and its replacement in 1957 destroying everything in the way of written records.

Over the years the Club did at times manage to produce, when invited to do so, a prize list of various winners of special competitions held throughout the season for inclusion in the sports section of the year-end editions of the local newspapers. However, there were far too many occasions when the Club's contribution to the end-of-the-year editions of the local newspapers was simply a brief paragraph to the effect that the Club has a successful season and leaving it at that. Throughout the year competitions would be advertised in the daily newspapers and a list of entrants in the competitions did once in a while appear on the sports pages. That about constituted the sum total of publicity. Rare indeed was it for the newspapers to publish the all-important outcome of those contests.

Things were very much like that until 1947 when an amazing transformation took place in Bally Haly's association with the local press. Copy in what seemed like a never-ending stream began to pour into the newspaper offices – notably the Evening Telegram. Golf news appeared to take on such newsworthiness that it merited and was accorded an occasional banner headline complemented by a photo or two. A breezily informative column captioned 'Bally Haly Ladies' Golf Notes' became a weekly feature in the St. John's Evening Telegram throughout the 1947 golf season. It was one of the most informative columns exceptionally well written and mirroring in content the enthusiasm and excitement which marked the season's activities. It became all too obvious to any researcher that the distaff division within Bally Haly club was the driving spirit behind club activity not only in its own realm but in the Junior Golf development program as well.

On Friday, 18th July 1947 the Ladies Association set in motion the process of organizing the Junior boys and girls by appointing Mrs. L.O'N Conroy and Miss Florence Outerbridge to head a special committee. Master Harold Goodridge was elected Junior captain, Miss Michie Ann Carlton, secretary, with committee members, Miss Elizabeth Perlin and Master Billy Campbell. Throughout the season the ladies' committee arranged and supervised seven weekly tournaments for the Juniors culminating in a two-ball mixed greensomes competition played on 3rd September in which lady members from the sponsoring committee were paired with junior players. Master Colin Baird and his partner Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson won the tournament with Master Ted Goodridge and Mrs. George McNamara in the role of runners-up. Master Billy Campbell who throughout the season won four of the seven weekly competitions capped his performance by winning the junior championship. It was predicted that Master Campbell, then a twelve-year-old, had a bright future as a golfer.

Ladies Division

The enterprising spirit of the Ladies' Golf division at Bally Haly throughout 1947 is reflected in the enthusiasm which marked the first meeting of the distaff members held on Tuesday 3rd June, the occasion of the annual luncheon. The luncheon was attended by the largest assembly of members on record. Miss Glenys MacDonald, daughter of His Excellency the Governor, was a special guest. Emboldened by the success of the annual luncheon meeting it was decided to hold similar social functions, monthly, throughout the season. A nine-hole greensomes competition followed the luncheon saw Mrs. A.N. House and Mrs. Nigel Rusted emerge winners.

As the Ladies' golfing schedule commenced, an encouraging competitive incentive was provided in the number of donors offering prizes for the various competitions. George M. Barr donated a set of silver candelabra to be competed for in conjunction with the monthly Canadian Ladies's Golf Union Contests. Outright ownership of the Barr award was contingent on a lady golfer winning the candelabra any two years. Mrs. Charles R. Bell placed in competition a cup to be competed for by second and beginner class lady golfers. There was also an

offer of a special prize donated by Mrs. L.O'N Conroy for the golfer showing the greatest improvement in the reduction of her handicap. These trophies, additional to those already being competed for annually (the Lady Anderson Cup, Burch Cup and Ladies Committee trophy) heightened interest in golf to a point where the entire distaff membership became totally and enthusiastically involved.

Early in July the Ladies' golf captain, Mrs. L.O'N Conroy received a letter from Mrs. Beryl Strong of the Grand Falls Golf Club inviting Bally Haly to send a team to the Paper Town and suggesting such a trip might be made in conjunction with an impending visit of a men's team representing Bally Haly. The Ladies' committee graciously declined the invitation but hoped that an opportunity might arise later to organize a team of lady golfers to visit the inland town for a series of matches.

Playing what the Club's golf professional, Lloyd Chancey, termed 'flawless golf', Mrs. Ambrose Shea on Thursday 12th September annexed her seventh Match Play championship defeating Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson 10 up and nine to play. Mrs. Shea shot 41 for the first nine and scored 44 for the second. She was six up at the halfway mark. Mrs. Hutchinson had 49 and 44 for the first eighteen holes. In the afternoon's leg of the competition, Mrs. Hutchinson, who from 1923 to 1935 had won ten Match Play championships, was unable to overtake her youthful opponents commanding lead. By the 27th hole, Mrs. Shea had clued up the match with 10 up and nine to play. One month earlier on Tuesday 12th August Mrs. Shea won the Medal play championship with an excellent score of 82. She simultaneously reduced her handicap to nine. It was the best round Mrs. Shea had ever played. It was two strokes more than Mrs. Hutchinson's record of 80.

Lady Anderson Cup

The semi-finals of the Anderson Cup witnessed an extraordinary occurrence. Mrs. Nigel Rusted and Miss Marjorie Harris as semi-finalists competing for a berth in the finals played four rounds of golf to a stalemate before ultimately, on their fifth meeting, resolving the competition in Miss Harris's favor. In winning her place as a finalist Miss Harris had an excellent score of 97. The finals played on 16th August saw Miss Harris and Mrs. Gordon Winter trying for the honors. It was a tension-filled match with both golfers all square at the 17th hole. Mrs. Winter, however, succeeded in capturing the 18th hole, the match and the Anderson Cup for 1947.

The Burch Cup donated by Mrs. Burch, the former Miss Nell Job, played for on handicap was won by Mrs. A.N. House with Miss Marion Furlong the runner-up. The George M. Barr silver candelabra – first competed for in 1947 – were won by Mrs. Ambrose Shea. She was permitted to keep them in her possession for one year. A two year win would earn the victor permanent possession of the candelabra.

Mixed Competitions

Throughout the season the socializing aspect of the game of golf was served by mixed foursomes played on designated Wednesday afternoons during the months of July, August and September. In addition a much more elaborate event, an all-day affair, known as a Gala Field Day was staged on the mid-July whole holiday. In 1947 such an event was held on Monday, 16th July and involved total membership participation. An advertisement appearing in the local newspapers publicizing the Field Day states that a \$2.00 entry fee will apply to all participants.

As a matter of interest listed hereunder are the various events on the day's program together with the names of the winners of the contests:

Greensomes (Mixed)	Mrs. L.C. Outerbridge and D.G. Myers A. Moreira
Novelty Sixsomes	Gordon Winter, W.U. Knowling, Mrs. John Ayre
Approach & Putting (Ladies)	Mrs. Ormiston
Approach & Putting (Men)	B.A. Hutton
Driving (Ladies)	Mrs. A.N. House (144 yard)
Driving (Men)	A.R.R. (Tony) Hearn (256 yards)

A Dinner at the Club followed the afternoon of competition. A dance at night concluded the day's activity. Prizes were presented by Mrs. B.D. Parsons during a dance interval.

Mens Division

While the publicizing efforts of the Ladies' Golf section at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club did much to kindle enthusiasm in the distaff division contributing to the overall success of the season, the Men's group for their part were simultaneously, calmly, quietly and effectively making history in their particular sphere while along the way gaining from the local press far greater attention than had heretofore been in evidence. At

long last golf was no longer being regarded as a frivolous pastime but an acknowledged sport demanding the utmost in athletic ability.

That transformation in public attitude, while open to question as to source of change, appears to have followed the achievement – and resulting public awareness of golf as a game. In the superb performance of an accomplished American golfer, Colonel Ira D. Snyder of the United States Base command at Fort Pepperrell who on Friday afternoon 5th September 1947 while playing in a men's foursome at Bally Haly shattered the course record with a score of 67 for eighteen holes. That achievement was hailed in the local press as a superb accomplishment meriting not only a banner headline but also an accompanying photo of the Colonel.

Colonel Snyder was to further add to his golfing honors by capturing the Club's Match play championship on Friday, 11th October. He annexed that title by defeating the runner-up Tony Hearn four up and three to play. In competition for the medal play championship, John F. Ayre emerged the visitor.

On Saturday, 19th July a team of 16 golfers from the visiting warship H.M.S. Sheffield were guests of the Club for luncheon. In a post-prandial game with their hosts the visitors were no match for the Bally Haly team.

On 24th July a team of 12 golfers representing the Men's Division at Bally Haly entrained for Grand Falls for a two day meet with a golfing team from the Paper Town club. Bally Haly won both competitions. That competition would become the forerunner of an annual Inter-town contest.

On Tuesday, 26th August prior to the reopening of local schools, a Caddie tournament was staged at Bally Haly. Sixteen aspirants vied for the title of Caddie champion. Youthful 'Bud' Dyer took the honors in the first division with a score of 56 for twelve holes. Frank Walsh captured the second division crown. Following the competition the boys were guests of the Club.

LADIES GOLF 1ST DIVISION

Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. Bert House
Consolation Championship	Mrs. G. Winter	Burch Cup	Mrs. Bert House
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Eclectic Competition	Mrs. A. Shea
Geo. M. Barr Trophy	Mrs. A. Shea	Anderson Cup	Mrs. G. Winter
Special Prize for putting	Miss Marguerite Mitchell	Greatest reduction in handicap	Mrs. A. L. Ormiston
September Bogey	Mrs. Bert House		
July Putting Prize	Mrs. Bert House	2 Ball Foursome	Mrs. House
August Putting Prize	Mrs. G. Ayre		Mrs. McNamara

C.L.G.U. Spoons

June	Mrs Bert House
July	Mrs. L. O'N Conroy
August	Mrs. L. O'N Conroy
September	Mrs. E. Hickman
October	Mrs. A. L. Ormiston

LADIES GOLF 2nd Division

Mrs. C.R. Bell Cup	Mrs. H.C. Herder	18 Hole
9 Hole		June
		Mrs.H.C. Herder
		Mrs. E.L. Hickman
June	Mrs. Gerry Ayre	July
July	Mrs. James	Mrs. Gerry Ayre
		August
		Mrs. E.L. Hickman
		September
		Miss Cynthia Parsons
		October
		Mrs. Harry Collingwood

Special Prize donated by Dr. L. O'N Conroy for greatest reduction in handicap – Mrs. Gerry Ayre

MEN'S GOLF

Browning Cup	Toni Hearn	Paddon Cup	J.C. Britton
Fort Pepperrell Cups	C.R.Balker& G. Manning	Governor's Cup	D. Stuart Ayre
Medal Play Champion	John F. Ayre	Runner Up	Toni Hearn
Club Championship	Colonel I.D. Snyder	Junior Championship	Colonel A.D. Phillips

Parsons Cup (Presented by B.D. Parsons for annual competition between a team from Fort Pepperrell and Bally Haly).

Won by J.F. Ayre and J.C. Britton representing Bally Haly.

Bally Haly 1948

"Fifty-two percent of the voters expressed their preference for union with Canada. That is enough to make 1948 the year most likely to be remembered as the most fateful in the long history of Newfoundland" Opening sentence, lead editorial St. John's Daily News, end-of-year edition, published 31st December, 1948.

The flood of golf news which flowed through the local newspapers throughout 1947 focusing attention on Bally Haly and the game of golf itself did not for some unknown reason continue to reach the same high-water mark for 1948. Sorely missed from the Evening Telegram was the breezy weekly column devoted to Ladies' and Junior golf activity at Bally Haly. Despite the absence of a publicizing effort on the part of Bally Haly itself in 1948, sufficient impetus had been provided as a result of disseminating information on the game of golf itself that the newspapers began to sense the news value of golf activity and accordingly reporters were now prone to come looking for golf news rather than have it fed to them.

The most noteworthy event that took place at Bally Haly in 1948 was the inauguration of what was in time destined to become an annual Inter-town golf competition. In mid-July 1948 the Men's Division of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club invited a team of eleven golfers representing the Grand Falls Golf Club to visit St. John's and engage in a series of competitions. To mark the occasion of the visit, John F. Ayre, the vice-president of Bally Haly, offered a silver cup for competition in the hope that the cup would provide an incentive for a regular annual series. The donor suggested that the trophy be a perpetual award. The Grand Falls golfers while no match for the players representing the host club thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The visitors were tendered a dinner at the Club of Saturday, 17th July at which the John F. Ayre trophy was presented to the victorious Bally Haly team and plans were made for Bally Haly Club's representatives to visit Grand Falls in 1949.

For individual performance in the Men's Golf division at Bally Haly in 1948 Colonel Ira D. Snyder, commanding officer at the United States base at Fort Pepperrell, took top honors, capturing the Medal play championship and winning the Paddon and Browning cups. Paired with a fellow comrade in arms, Sergeant Churnish of Fort Pepperrell, he rounded out his accomplishments by winning the Bernard D. Parsons trophy.

In his bid for the Medal play championship the Colonel completed on Monday, 16th August, 36 holes with a score of 146. He outclassed both the second place finisher Sergt. S. Churnish who had 153 and J.C. Thomas who ended up in third place with a score of 154.

For sheer excitement in view of the challenge provided the Colonel by Stewart Ayre, the Browning Cup competition created the greatest show of interest among club members. In Match play competition over eighteen holes played Sunday, 3rd October, Stu Ayre had the match virtually in hand, he was three up and four to play on the fourteenth hole. In a surprising twist Colonel Snyder stormed back brought a halt to the onslaught to end the match with the score tied at the finish of eighteen holes. It was decided to play an extra hole to declare a winner. The golfers halved the nineteenth hole making a twentieth hole necessary with Snyder emerging the winner of the Browning trophy for 1948.

Earlier in the season Stewart Ayre had ably demonstrated his golfing ability when on 7th September won the Match play championship by defeating Wilfred Peters seven up and six to go. At the conclusion of the first round played in the forenoon Ayre was five up, an advantage which he was to increase to seven by the twelfth hole to take the match and the championship. The match marked the first all-Newfoundland final since 1941 when E.L. Hickman took the title. It is of further interest to report that Stewart Ayre is the second member of his family to win the golf crown. His brother John was champion in 1934.

Ladies Division

It is amazing to discover that in newspaper research throughout 1948 there is no special treatment of any distaff competitions played during the 1948 season. The year itself could be considered a year of famine when related to and compared with the abundance of publicity provided to the press through the medium of a special week newspaper column of the previous year. The club in all likelihood lost the services of its energetic contributor to the press. Judging by the Ladies' prize list published at season's end a busy schedule marked the distaff division. Mrs. Ambrose Shea continued to cover herself with glory in 1948 by winning both the Match play and Medal play championships. She added to her laurels by capturing the Burch Cup, winning the Eclectic competition and capping her achievements by being declared the Season's Best Golfer in the prestigious Silver Division.

Mixed Competitions

While it was customary each year to set aside Wednesday afternoons for mixed competitions with a possibility of some ten or so conducted in any one year only two such mixed field days were held during 1948 one conducted on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st July, the other on Wednesday, 1st September. Both tournaments concluded with dinner at the club at 7:00 p.m. With over fifty lady and gentlemen golfers participating in the afternoons' programs, the competition certainly had an element of news value not the least of which was information on the winners of the various competitions. There must have been a breakdown in communication somewhere along the line for no word of the outcome of either of those competitions appeared in the newspapers. That self-same exasperating situation was faced again and again throughout the course of research into the outcome of specific tournaments.

Other Competitions

Presumably as in other years there was a Caddie competition just before students returned to classes following the summer vacation. It is felt as well that the junior program was carried out. There was an intimation that the latter was in progress when a notice of meeting to be held on Friday, 6th August appeared in the newspapers over the signature of 'Mitchie Anne Carleton'. It was quite obvious in view of the lack of news on Bally Haly in the daily papers in 1948 that the club was without the services of a contributor.

Prize presentation

The prize presentation ceremony advertised as 'the annual prize giving tea', was held at the club on Wednesday afternoon 3rd November with the president, R.S. Furlong, officiating. In his opening remarks, the president reviewed the highlights of the year referring in particular to the renovation and decoration of the clubhouse and the laying of water lines to the greens. He paid glowing reference to Lloyd Chancey, the club's golf professional, who was marking forty years of service as the club's pro. He then called on Mrs. E.L. Hickman, wife of the vice-president, to present the awards. Afternoon tea preceded the presentation of prizes and following that ceremony, Hon. R.B. Job, honorary president of the club spoke with the assembly on the history of the club.

LADIES GOLF 1ST DIVISION

Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Ladies Committee Cup	Miss M. Harris
Consolation Championship	Mrs. G. Marshall	Burch Cup	Mrs. A. Shea
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Eclectic Competition	Mrs. A. Shea
Geo. M. Barr Trophy	Mrs. A. House	Anderson Cup	Mrs. H. Header
Special Prize for putting	Miss M. Harris	Greatest reduction in handicap	Mrs. G.A. Winter
Bogey Competition 1st and 2nd	1st Mrs. C.R. Bell 2nd Mrs. A. House	Dr. L. O'N Conroy Trophy	

C.L.G.U. Spoons

June	Mrs. A. House & Mrs. G.A. Winter	Best Golfer (Silver Division) (Bronze Division)	Mrs. A. Shea Mrs. A. House
July	Mrs. G.A. Winter		
August	Mrs. L. O'N Conroy		
September	Miss M. Harris		
October	Mrs. A. House		

LADIES GOLF 2nd Division

9 Hole

July	Mrs. J. Murphy
August	Mrs. S. Ayre
September	Mrs. J. Murphy

18 Hole

June	Mrs. H. Collingwood
July	Mrs. H. Collingwood
August	Mrs. I. Mercer
September	Mrs. I. Mercer

MEN'S GOLF

Browning Cup	George T. Dyer	Paddon Cup	Col. I.D. Snyder
Fort Pepperrell Cups	Col. I.D. Snyder & W. Knowling	Governor's Cup	Eric Jerrett
Medal Play Champion	Col. I.D. Snyder	Runner Up	W.E. Peters
Match Play	D.S. Ayre	Junior Championship	Col. C.M. McCorkie
B.D. Parson's Cup	Col. I.D. Snyder, Sargt. S. Chruniak	Eclectic (1st Division) (2nd Division)	Col. I.D. Snyder (54) C.H. Conroy (57)

J.F. Ayre Cup – Bally Haly – Inter-town Competition

Bally Haly 1949

The most welcomed sight greeting the gaze of anybody in quest of information on what happened at Bally Haly in the realms of golf in 1949 was the reappearance in the local press of a highly popular seasonal weekly column entitled Golf Notes. It was revived after a year's absence as the golfing season began in July 1949. It would continue as a weekly feature in the Evening Telegram until the club closed for the season in October.

The column contributed by a member of the Ladies Golf Committee at Bally Haly first made its appearance in the Evening Telegram in 1947 and proved immensely helpful in awakening and sustaining interest in the distaff golf program. It furthermore exerted an overall beneficial influence on the game itself as a result of the favorable publicity which the past time now began to enjoy. The revival of the weekly column, as the 1949 golf season began, would prove to be a contributory factor to the success of the club's overall operation for 1949.

That there was a growing interest in the game of golf locally is mirrored in the increase in the membership roll for 1949. With the advent of confederation and a flood-tide influx of new residents notably personnel representing mainland firms anxious to establish locally a marked increase resulted in applications for membership. With the United States Air Force base continuing to operate at Fort Pepperrell, American military personnel in the top echelon continued their expertise as golfers to the general improvement of local golf standards.

Junior golf, a pet project of the Ladies' Committee, experienced its most successful season in 1947. It was helped immeasurably by frequent references that year to junior activity through the medium of the weekly newspaper column, "Golf Notes".

With the Golf Notes column missing from the Evening Telegram in 1948, it was still possible to follow through the occasional feature item in the press what was happening in Ladies golf, but Junior golf received no exposure whatsoever. As 1949 began it was difficult to determine whether the Junior Division was alive and well or not. The revival of the Ladies' Committee Golf Notes in 1949 reflects in its content an anxiety to make amends for the 1948 omission by according the junior branch of the sport possibly its greatest measure of publicity ever.

The Passing of Harry Dickinson

The membership at Bally Haly was deeply shocked on Wednesday, 14th August 1949 when Harry Dickinson, whose exploits as a superb golfer made him a legendary figure in that field, collapsed and died suddenly while engaged in playing with a mixed greensome that afternoon. Death came as he was walking down the fairway having driven off the seventeenth tee. At Bally Haly he reigned as Match Play champion nine times between 1924 and 1940 and was crowned Medal Play champion thirteen times from 1916 to 1940. During his career he also represented Newfoundland in golfing tournaments abroad.

Mixed Competitions

The 1949 golf season opened officially Wednesday, 6th July with the holding of the Club's Annual Gala Field Day. The event, considered one of the outstanding local sporting and social meets, had an added element of interest in 1949 by the unusual number of newcomers to St. John's who increased membership and swelled the number of participants in the Field Day competitions to sixty eight. Further contributing to the overall success of the day was the presence of an unprecedented turnout of social or non-golfing members who involved themselves in a bridge tournament throughout the afternoon. There was the customary pause for afternoon tea at 4:30. A most successful Field Day concluded with a dinner at the club at 7:15.

The result of the afternoon's golf competitions was as follows:

Mixed greensomes	A.R. Tony Hearn & Mrs. Isaac Mercer G. Ough & Mrs. A.N. House
Novelty Sixsomes	Tony Hearn, B. Hutton, Mrs. Hubert Herder
Driving (Ladies)	Miss Marjorie Harris (140 yards)
Driving (Men)	Edgar Hickman (210 yards)
Putting (Ladies)	Miss Kay Ayre, Mrs. E.L. Hickman and Mrs. R. Allen
Approaching and Putting (Ladies)	Miss Marjorie Harris & Mrs. D.S. Ayre

On Wednesday, 27th July a mixed greensome competition played that afternoon resulted in D. Stewart Ayre and his partner Miss Ethel Watson taking the honors with a net score of 67 closely followed by the runners up, Harry Conroy and his partner Miss Marion Furlong, who carded 68. There was a further greensomes competition staged on Wednesday afternoon, 24th August followed by a post-competition dinner at the club at 7:15. Neither of the two local newspapers made any reference to the outcome of the afternoon's golf competition to reveal the winners.

Ladies Division

"Bally Haly Golf Notes" making its weekly reappearance in the Evening Telegram, 22nd June 1949, in its opening paragraph written in apologetic vein makes much of the delay in taking pen in hand report belatedly on the Ladies' luncheon which opened the season on Tuesday, 31st May. A record for attendance was set with 68 ladies gracing the luncheon with their presence. The column mentions attendance as an augury of a highly successful season in prospect. The column goes on to extoll the capabilities of Mrs. Lloyd Chancey, the club's stewardess and wife of the golf professional for a tastefully prepared luncheon. A two-ball foursome engaged the attention of the golfing members throughout the afternoon while non-golfing social members occupied themselves at the bridge table. The golf competition was won by Mrs. J.B. Murphy and her partner Mrs. John F. Ayre.

The Ladies' Medal play championship competition played at Bally Haly on Tuesday, 23rd August witnessed Mrs. L.O'N Conroy taking the honor.

"Bally Haly Notes" appearing in the Evening Telegram issue of 13th July makes mention of three lady golfers qualifying as members of the Silver Division, a rating category established by the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union. Their names: Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson; Mrs. Ambrose Shea and Mrs. L.O'N Conroy. To become a member of the Silver Division there is a requirement of having a handicap below 19. Those lady golfers with handicaps in excess of 19 are assigned a classification known as the Bronze Division.

Men's Division

In Medal play championship competition played at Bally Haly Monday, 3rd September, John F. Ayre carded 72 on the first round but was less adept than usual on the second leg of the tournament turning in a score of 86. His total score however of 158 proved sufficient to edge his brother Stewart at 159 for the title. On the heels of his victory in the Medal play championship John F. Ayre on Monday, 17th September fought another close competition for the Match play championship. Playing against A.R. Tony Hearn in the finals Ayre was able to wrest from Hearn a one-hole advantage which he had been struggling to overcome as the match wound to its two-round close. Both golfers were tied at the completion of the competition. In the resulting play-off they halved both the first and second holes making a third hole necessary. On what proved to be the third and winning hole John Ayre scored a birdie four while Tony Hearn had to settle for a par 5 forfeiting the match and the championship. Although frequent rain showers plagued both players and spectators alike, a large field followed the golfers progress throughout the entire tension filled contest.

Inter-town Competition

In July a team of gentlemen golfers from Bally Haly journeyed to Grand Falls to participate in a two-day series of games with the host Grand Falls Golf Club. Grand Falls golfers succeeded in edging the capital representatives in the first day of competition. A torrential downpour prevented further competition with the result that Grand Falls with its one competition winning advantage captured the series and were awarded the John F. Ayre trophy emblematic of the Inter-town Championship for 1949.

Junior Competition

As mentioned earlier junior golf at Bally Haly throughout 1949 enjoyed its busiest and most successful season on record. Through the months of July and August no less than twelve weekly competitions were held culminating in the crowning of Billy Campbell as Junior Champion in a match played 29th August and just prior to the students return to school following the summer vacation.

Closing Ceremonies

An advertisement carried in the local newspapers in mid-October 1949 herald the Annual Bally Haly Ladies' party to be held at the club on Wednesday, 19th October at 8:00 p.m. Presumably the impending get-together was intended to serve as a wind-up to the season's activities into which would be incorporated the ceremony of annual prize awards. The advertisement mentioned a floor show and an admission charge of \$0.25 per person. The latter possibly intended to cover the cost of the hire of the entertainers. In the newspapers of the following day and later there is no reference as to what transpired during the course of the Ladies' party at Bally Haly nor as had been the custom over the years was any list published to show the winners of the various competitions held throughout the season.

The Daily News did however in completing its year-end edition for 1949 prevail on the executive at Bally Haly to supply a prize list.

LADIES GOLF 1ST DIVISION

Championship	Mrs. A. Shea	Consolation championship	Mrs. E.L. Hickman
Runner Up	Mrs. L. Conroy	Burch Cup	Mrs. A. Shea
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. L. Conroy	Eclectic Competition	Mrs. L. Conroy
Geo. M. Barr Trophy	Mrs. Avalon Goodridge	Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. Bert House
Special Prize for putting	Miss Mary Harris & Mrs. A. Goodridge	Greatest reduction in handicap	Mrs. B. Parsons
Bogey Competition	Mrs. A. Goodridge	Two ball foursome	Mrs. H. Collingwood & Mrs. B. House

C.L.G.U. Spoons

June	Mrs. A. Goodridge
July	Mrs. E. Marshall & Mrs. B.D. Parsons
August	Mrs. B.D. Parsons
September	Mrs. A. Goodridge
October	Mrs. G. MacNamara

MEN'S GOLF

Championship	J.F. Ayre
Fort Pepperrell Cups	G. Ough & J. Norris
Medal Play Champion	J.F. Ayre
Eclectic	D.G. Myers
Browning Cup	E.L. Hickman

Ladies Golf 2nd Division

Championship	Mrs. Geo. Shaw
June	Mrs. Issac Mercer
July	Mrs. J. Josephson
August	Mr. J. Josephson
Mrs. Bernard Parsons had the outstanding reduction in handicap of eight strokes	

Paddon Cup	D.G. Myers
Parsons Cup	Fort Pepperrell
Runner Up	A.R.R. Hearn
Junior Championship	J.G. Anderson

THE FIFTIES

Bally Haly 1950

The 1950 season at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club began with a progressive step when Stanley Thompson, who headed the firm of Stanley Thompson Associates of Toronto and Guelph, golf course and landscape architects, was invited to St. John's to evaluate the Bally Haly course in relationship to Canadian golf courses and where necessary to make recommendations whereby the local links could be brought up to standard as a venue for Canadian amateur golf tournaments. In due course, Thompson completed his survey suggesting that "with a few deft touches, Bally Haly would compare favourably with any golf course in Canada".

In 1950 the executive of the Club decided to place in competition a permanent trophy to be known as the Dickinson Memorial Cup, honouring the memory of Harry Dickinson, one of the club's most renowned golfers, who died on the golf course the previous year. The first competition for the cup, consisting of two rounds of medal play on handicap, was held July 12th with Gordon B. Ough emerging as the winner. He had a gross of 177 and a net of 145 for two rounds of play. He was closely followed by Len Oliver and B. D. Parsons, who scored 146 and 149 respectively.

Periodically making its appearance in The Evening Telegram throughout the summer of 1950 was a column captioned "Around the Links", contributed by Noel Goodridge. It did much to keep members informed of club activity and heightened interest in the game of golf itself. Sorely missed from the same newspaper was a column entitled "Bally Haly Notes" contributed by the Ladies Committee at the club. That column not only featured in the most lively, well written and most entertaining fashion what was happening in the distaff division of golf, but highlighted as well progress of the Junior development program. The column served as a medium as well in bringing Ladies golf to the attention of the public. The distaff side of the pastime did for a time and through the medium of its publicist garner as much favourable feature space in the local newspapers as its male counterpart. Disappointingly however in the absence of any indepth reporting on Ladies golf activity in the newspapers of 1950 there is nothing to convey the sense of drama which must have been associated with many of the tournaments involving lady golfers.

Posterity is indeed the poorer in the absence of any embellishing information, which would enhance Mrs. Ambrose Shea's accomplishment in carrying off both the Match Play and Medal Play championships in 1950.

Mixed Competitions

A series of mixed greensomes featured the weekly Wednesday half-holiday and while the local newspaper accomodated the club by publishing the names of the entrants who would be participating in such tournaments, they exasperatingly neglected to later divulge which couples captured these competitions. The annual Field Day held on July 10th, a program involving a number of mixed competitions as well as individual tests of golfing skills by lady and gentlemen golfers, had an entry list of eighty names and accordingly was of sufficient newsworthiness to warrant special treatment of its outcome. The sole reference to the results of the annual Field Day however is passing mention of the event in the contributed column "Around the Links". Seemingly by 1950 the game of golf had not yet arrived at a stage whereby newspaper editors considered the game or anything associated with it of news value and general interest.

Inter-Town Competition

On July 21st a golf team representing the inland paper town of Grand Falls arrived in the city to participate in a two-day series of competitions. At stake was the John F. Ayre Cup, donated two years earlier for annual competition between the two clubs. In the singles competition played on Friday afternoon, July 21st, the host club won by a margin of 13 points and on the following day overwhelmed the visitors in the foursomes to capture the Ayre Trophy. An attempt made by Bally Haly Club to engage the Terra Nova Golf Club at Corner Brook in an inter-town tournament did not materialize.

Men's Section

Edgar Hickman became Club Champion by virtue of his winning the Match Play competition. His challenger for the honour was Captain R. W. Maxwell attached to the United States base at Fort Pepperell. Something of a consolation came Captain Maxwell's way as runner up in the match play tournament in his later winning the Medal Play Championship. Gordon Ough who earlier won the Dickinson Memorial Cup added to his accomplishments in carrying off the Second Division Match Play Championship. The Browning Cup, the most

prestigious of local golf awards, went to H.B. Murphy while Harry T. Renouf won the Paddon Cup. The Tatum-Parsons Trophy competed for annually between teams representing Bally Haly and Fort Pepperell was won by the aggregation representing the United States base.

The Social Scene

Largely through the medium of advertisements, appearing periodically during the season in the local newspapers, the impression gained is that apart from the recreational companionship enjoyed on the golf course the Club was fulfilling itself socially in other spheres. Time was when the weekly Friday night dances for members and their friends were the main attractions on the club's social calendar. The advent of the Fifties however, witnessed a change with the social program expanded to include formal dances, "at homes", canasta tournaments, bridge parties and an occasional cocktail party hosted by the club's executive. All such social activity along with the weekly dinner parties which followed the mixed greensomes competitions, played on the afternoon of the weekly half-holiday on Wednesdays, added to a convivial club atmosphere. The close friendship, which existed between the American Air Force base personnel at Fort Pepperell and Bally Haly Club, inevitably included the Americans in the Club's social program and to a point where there existed a reciprocity in the friendly exchange of hospitality to round out one of the most convivial periods in the history of Bally Haly.

The Evening Telegram, November 23, 1950, reporting on the Bally Haly Prize awarding ceremony held on Wednesday evening, November 22nd. The presentations were made by Mrs. E. L. Hickman, wife of the President. Among the prizes was one donated by Dr. L. O'N. Conroy for the member of the Second Division (Ladies) making the greatest reduction in her handicap. This prize was won by Miss Peg Ewing, who reduced her score by eight strokes.

Ladies' Division

Match Play Championship	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Runner-up	Mrs. V. S. Godfrey
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Consolation (runner-up)	Mrs. R. Maxwell
Geo M. Barr Candlebra	Mrs. J. Campbell
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. George McNamara
Eclectic Competition	Mrs. V. S. Godfrey
Burch Cup	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. George McNamara
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Mrs. R. Maxwell
Second Division Dr. Conroy Prize	Miss Peg Ewing
Special Putting Prizes	Miss Marjorie Harris/Mrs. C. R. Parsons

Canadian Ladies Golf Union Spoons

June	Mrs. V. S. Godfrey	Miss Cynthia Parsons (2nd division)
July	Mrs. J. Campbell	Miss Peg Ewing (2nd division)
August	Mrs. A. N. House	Miss Peg Ewing (2nd division)
September	Mrs. George McNamara	
October	Mrs. Gordon Hibbs	Mrs. Gordon Hibbs (2nd division)

Men's Division

Match Play Champion	E. L. Hickman
Runner-up	R. W. Maxwell USAF
Match Play Second Division	Gordon B. Ough
Browning Cup	H. B. Murphy
Paddon Cup	H. T. Renouf
Tatum-Parsons Cup	Won by Fort Pepperell Air Force Base
Northeast Command Cup	Won by Bally Haly Team
Inter-Town Competition	
John F. Ayre Trophy	Won by Bally Haly
Eclectic Competition	Captain R. W. Maxwell USAF
Medal Play Championship	Captain R. W. Maxwell USAF
Dickinson Memorial Cup	Gordon B. Ough

Bally Haly 1951

The annual prize presentation ceremony at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club took place at the club on Wednesday afternoon November 14, 1951 with the President of the Club, E. L. Hickman officiating. Among those present was the Lieutenant Governor Sir Leonard Outerbridge. The prize list, which appeared in the local newspapers the following day, was unusually lengthy, reflecting that the season then being brought to a close had been quite active.

Ladies Division

In the Ladies Division, Mrs. Ambrose Shea still continued to dominate the field, capturing both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships. In match play competition, her most serious challenge for the honour was provided by Mrs. Douglas. In medal play championship competition, Mrs. Shea faced and overcame Mrs. Ron Ayre in the final.

Bally Haly Annual Field Day

The annual Field Day was held on Wednesday July 18th and was, as always, very well patronized. Apart from the eighty golfers who participated in the various competitions held throughout the afternoon some thirty non playing golfers engaged in a bridge tournament. There was the customary pause for afternoon tea at 4:30 and following conclusion of the golf tournament all participants in the afternoon's activities remained for dinner at the club. A prize awarding ceremony formed part of the evening's program. A list of the winners of the various events follows:

Mixed Greensomes	Doug Atkinson and his partner Mrs. Martin
Novelty Greensomes	Mrs. Towell, Major Hugh Boyd, Darroch MacGillivray
Ladies Driving	Mrs. George McNamara 161 yards
Mens Driving	Colonel Martin USAF 261 yards
Ladies Putting	Miss Marion Furlong
Men's Putting	Harry Conroy
Approaching and Putting: Ladies	Mrs. George McNamara
Approaching and Putting: Mens	Sam Soper and E. L. Hickman (tied)
Surplus Men's Competition	J. J. Renouf who carded 75 with a net 69

In addition to the mixed competitions involved in the Annual Field Day program other mixed greensomes tournaments were held on the Wednesday half-holidays throughout the season followed by a post tournament dinner at the club at which prizes won at the afternoon's competition were awarded.

Men's Competitions

On 28th August in an excitement charged exhibition of golfing skills, D. Stewart Ayre and Major William Hilley USAF ended two rounds of play for the Match Play Championship with the score tied. Hilley had led at the conclusion of the first round of play by two holes but as the second round began Ayre surged back to draw even. The play-off hole and the Match Play Championship went to Ayre. It is interesting to note that Stewart Ayre took the championship on the same hole that his brother John captured the award in 1949.

No less exciting was the Medal Play Championship involving as finalists Bally Haly member Jack Renouf and an American contender for the Club's Championship honours Lieutenant R. G. Kelly USAF. Jack Renouf succeeded in subduing his opponent to win the Medal Play Championship. It is interesting to observe from a review of the prize awards listed in the Men's division for 1951 that the names of American Air Force Base personnel stationed at Fort Pepperell occur with great frequency. For instance not only were American golfers at Fort Pepperell runners-up as finalists in both the match and medal play championships but they furthermore are listed in those self same roles in the Junior Medal Play Championship and in competition for the Paddon Cup. In the tournament involving the Browning Cup, two Americans appeared as finalists, Sergeant Orville Norcross USAF, the winner and Sergeant J. Remenowsky USAF, the runner-up. In the Eclectic Competition, Major Hugh Boyd USAF won the event handily. Nor did the American influence stop there. In competition for the North East Command Cup, a team from Fort Pepperell defeated Bally Haly in a foursome tournament. Competition for the Hutchinson Trophy involving mixed foursomes, with Bally Haly members competing against United States Base personnel at Fort Pepperell and their wives, resulted in the Americans taking the honours.

Inter-Town Competition

A twelve man team of golfers representing Bally Haly journeyed to Grand Falls 19th July there to engage in a series of games with the host club. Up for competition was the John F. Ayre Trophy which had been won by Bally Haly in 1948 and 1949 and captured by Grand Falls in 1950. In foursomes competition Grand Falls edged the visiting Bally Haly golfers by half a point. In the singles competition played on the second day of the tournament, Grand Falls outclassed Bally Haly to capture the John F. Ayre Cup for 1951.

A six man golf team representing Terra Nova Golf Club in Corner Brook arrived at St. John's July 27th to stage a two-day tournament with the Bally Haly club. The token representation from the west coast town proved no match for the host club. Bally Haly overwhelmed the visitors 14 ¹/₂ points to 4 ¹/₂ points to capture the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy.

Holes-in-one

On 24th July, Major Bill Barry USAF had a hole-in-one on the tenth hole where Colonel Ira D. Snyder brought off the same feat some years earlier. Major Barry's ace was the second such accomplishment for 1951. Earlier Len Oliver had had the same success.

Social Activity

In the social sphere the entertainment committee was quite busy throughout 1951 arranging bridge and canasta tournaments and occasional sessions of 45's. The weekly dinners following the mixed greensomes tournaments played on Wednesday afternoons became very popular and were well patronized. Among the program of dances scheduled throughout the season was a Hard Times Dance which took place on Tuesday 28th August. Tickets to the affair, open to members and their guests were \$2.00 double. It is difficult to say whether or not the depressing title for the dance was intended to reflect the state of the local economy at that time or not.

Prize Presentations

Prize presentations at Bally Haly took place at the club on Wednesday, November 14, 1951. Among those present was his Honour the Lieutenant Governor Sir Leonard Outerbridge. Mr. Edgar L. Hickman, Club President officiated.

Ladies

Match Play Championship	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Runner-up	Mrs. Douglas
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Runner-up	Mrs. R. Ayre
George M. Barr Candlebra	Mrs. E. Alderdice
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. Douglas
Eclectic Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. Coade
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Mrs. Douglas
Bogey Competition	Mrs. F. O'Dea & Mrs. Douglas
Putting	Mrs. A. House & Mrs. G. Shaw

Canadian Ladies Golf Union Spoons

June	Mrs. F. O'Dea	July	Mrs. E. L. Hickman	August	Mrs. Douglas
Sept	Miss E. Alderdice	Oct	Mrs. Coade		
Second Place Awards (golf balls)			Mrs. G. Shaw and Mrs. Max Pratt		

Men's Division

Match Play Championship	D. S. Ayre
Runner-up	William A. Hilley USAF
Medal Play Championship	J. J. Renouf
Runner-up	Lt. R. S. Kelly USAF
Junior Match Play	L. Oliver
Runner-up	A. R. Holman USAF
Paddon Cup	Doug O. Atkinson
Runner-up	Capt. M. Mousette USAF

Browning Cup	Sgt. Orville Norcross USAF
Runner-up	Sgt. J. Remenowsky USAF
Pepperell Air Force Cups	J. J. Renouf and Capt. M. Mousette USAF
Runners-up	Wilfred Peters and Robert Allen
Eclectic Competition	Major Hugh Boyd USAF
North East Command Cup	Pepperell Air Force Base Team
Hutchinson Trophy (mixed)	Pepperell Air Force Base Team
Dickinson Memorial Trophy	Bernard D. Parsons

Inter-Town Competition

D. Stewart Ayre Trophy (Bally Haly vs Corner Brook)	Bally Haly
John F. Ayre Trophy (Bally Haly vs Grand Falls)	Grand Falls

Bally Haly 1952

The prize lists of golfing awards at Bally Haly, invariably published in the local newspapers at the close of each season in October, when examined for the years 1951 and 1952 bear a striking similarity. Both reflect an unusually large number of United States Air Force personnel stationed at Fort Pepperell as either winners in the various competitions or otherwise occupying the roles of runners-up in many of the tournaments.

This is not at all a surprising revelation, for numbered among the Americans, who became members of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, were quite a number of exceptionally proficient golfers with years of experience behind them. Their mastery of the game soon began to manifest itself locally. From the advent of the United States forces to St. John's in 1941 through to the late fifties there was rarely a year in which the name of some American visitor did not appear on the annual list of prize winners.

From the very outset, a harmonious relationship was established between the visitors from the United States and the membership of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Welcomed as members of the club, both they and their wives became very much a part of the recreational and social scene at Bally Haly. Over and above all however, it was the presence of the Americans and their willingness to share their knowledge of the game of golf with local players, which would ultimately lead to the development of some exceptionally fine local golfers and a general improvement in the standard of local golf.

Ladies Division

While the prize list of winners in the ladies golf section for 1952 is quite large, indicating that the distaff division within the club had quite a busy season, there is an annoying absence of any newspaper publicity to show that was so. It is all too apparent that there was a breakdown in communication somewhere along the line between the club and the press. That was most unfortunate for, through that oversight, Mrs. Ambrose Shea's feat in capturing the Match Play Championship went unnoticed at the time it occurred as did the additional intelligence that Mrs. A. N. House was runner-up for the honor. The press was equally remiss in overlooking at the time, that Mrs. Shea had further added to her accomplishment by taking the Medal Play Championship as well. The newspapers neglected to mention the further fact that Mrs. J. E. Josephson captured the Consolation prize as runner-up. It is quite possible of course that the underlying reason for the absence of press exposure may have rested in the ladies decision to eschew publicity. All in all there is no specialized treatment through the medium of feature items in the local newspapers for any contest involving ladies' golf competition for 1952.

Men's Division

The Men's golf division fared much better in press coverage than their distaff counterparts throughout 1952. Few if any of the specialized competitions for men went unnoticed by the local newspapers. The first to earn recognition for the season was the competition for the Dickinson Memorial Cup played 2 July and won by Les Gourley with rounds of 90 and 85 playing off a twenty handicap. His score was five strokes better than his two runners up, Basil Hutton and Len Oliver. Gourley's win was the third year of competition for the Dickinson Cup.

On 18 August, Jack Renouf was crowned the Match Play Champion. He defeated Doug Myers in a competition marked by a see-saw battle over the first round. Renouf, however, took charge on the second stanza of the contest, winning the competition on the 13th hole with six up and five to play. The Medal Play Championship was captured by Lieut R. G. Kelly USAF, who was challenged all the way by Jack Renouf, who had carried off

Match Play honors. The Junior Medal Play Championship saw Lt Col P. Weidenheimer USAF emerge victorious. He was trailed by Capt A. Hall USAF as runner up. The prestigious Browning Cup was captured by Sgt J. Remenowsky while James Chalker won the Paddon Cup.

Men's Inter-town Competitions

Bally Haly played host to a team of Grand Falls golfers over the week of 29 July engaging the visitors in both twosomes and foursomes competitions, with the John F. Ayre Trophy at stake. The host club Bally Haly overwhelmed the visiting Grand Falls golfers winning all but three of the sixteen matches played.

On the weekend of 30 August, a golf team representing Bally Haly went to Corner Brook to compete for the D. S. Ayre Cup, which the previous year had been won by Bally Haly. During the course of the competition, John Ayre of Bally Haly equalled the Corner Brook course record. His team, however, had to bow to the host club in competition for the trophy earlier donated by his brother Stewart.

Annual Field Day

The annual Bally Haly Field Day was held on Wednesday, 16 July and consisted of competitions involving Mixed Greensomes, Novelty Sixsomes as well as putting and driving contests. Approximately sixty members participated in the afternoon's tournaments. A dinner was served at the club at 7:15 o'clock during the course of which prizes, won throughout the afternoon of play, were presented.

The following is the prize list:

Mixed Greensomes		Cynthia Parsons and E. L. Hickman Mrs. G. McNamara and Malcolm Berry
Novelty Sixsomes		Mrs. John Parsons, Harry Conroy, Mrs. Gordon Hibbs Malcolm Berry, C. A. Minto and D. G. Myers
Men's Driving Competition		Jack Renouf 232 yards
Ladies Driving Competition		Mrs. Ambrose Shea 177 yards
Ladies Putting		Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Men's Putting		C. A. Minto and D. G. Myers
Approaching & Putting	Ladies	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
	Men	Basil Hutton

Other Competitions

Two competitions which were staged annually over the years, the outcome of which, have not been reported, were the Aliens versus the Natives Tournament, in which native born members competed against those who were late-comers to Newfoundland. Further, a contest was held in which a team of golfers lined up behind the President competed with a group headed by the Vice President of the Club. A dinner invariably followed such tournaments with the winners guests of the losers.

In July 1952, the Board of Directors of Bally Haly made available the facilities of the golf course to the North East Coast Base command at Fort Pepperell to conduct a qualifying tournament to select from the local base personnel, a golf team to represent the North East Coast Command in the national championship to be held in the United States. Of those ultimately chosen to represent the Newfoundland bases of the USAF, most in addition to being Fort Pepperell personnel were also members of Bally Haly and furthermore their names had from time to time appeared on many of the club's prize lists.

Telegram October 30th, 1952

Prizes for the 1952 season were presented at an annual tea and prize giving ceremony held at the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club yesterday afternoon.

The following are the winners for the season:

Ladies Division

Match Play Championship	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Runner-up	Mrs. Bert House
Medal Play Championship	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Consolation Championsip	Mrs. J. E. Josephson
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. George McNamara

Burch Cup	Mrs. B. D. Parsons
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. E. L. Hickman
George M. Barr Candlebra	Mrs. Ambrose Shea

Canadian Ladies Golf Union (spoons)

June	Mrs. George McNamara
July	Mrs. E. L. Hickman
August	Miss Marjorie Harris
September	Miss Marjorie Harris
October	Miss Marjorie Harris
Greatest reduction in handicap	Mrs. George McNamara
Eclectic Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris
Bogey Competition	Mrs. George McNamara
Putting Competition	Mrs. George McNamara
Putting Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris
Putting Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris
Lowest Gross Score 2nd Division	Mrs. Gordon Hibbs

Men's Division

Match Play Championship	J. J. Renouf
Runner-up	D. G. Myers
Medal Play Championship	Lieut. Robert G. Kelly USAF
Runner-up	J. J. Renouf
Junior Championship	Lt. Col. P. Weidenheimer USAF
Runner-up	Captain A. Hall USAF
Dickinson Memorial Cup	Les Gourley
Runner-up	Lieut. Robert G. Kelly USAF
Browning Cup	Sgt. J. Remenowsky USAF
Runner-up	Dr. C. N. Minto
Paddon Cup	James Chalker
Runner-up	Lt. R. Giles USAF
Pepperrell Air Force Cups	Lt.Col. P. Weidenheimer USAF & G. McNamara
Runners-up	W. E. Peters & J. M. Bradshaw
Eclectic Competition	Lieut. Robert G. Kelly USAF
Tatum-Parsons Trophy	Fort Pepperrell vs Bally Haly: Ended in draw
North East Command Cup	Won by Bally Haly Team

Grand Falls vs Bally Haly (John F. Ayre Trophy)	Won by Bally Haly Team
Corner Brook vs Bally Haly (D. Stewart Ayre Trophy)	Won by Corner Brook Team

Bally Haly 1953

Men's Division

The highlight of the golfing season at Bally Haly for 1953 was C. H. "Harry" Conroy's achievement in carrying off both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships. Deservedly, his accomplishment merited acclaim and was so acknowledged with a banner headline in the Evening Telegram of 31 August, proclaiming " Harry Conroy wins top golfing honors". In the Medal Play Championship played in mid-August Conroy in a determined bid for the honor carried himself past twelve competitors to gain the victory.

The Match Play Championship played on Sunday 30 August saw Harry Conroy and a youthful Jim Chalker face one another as finalists. Conroy was playing off a handicap of six while his opponent Chalker was working from an eight handicap.

The Match Play Championship is considered the ultimate in golfing honors in Newfoundland. Conroy's victory came on the 13th hole of the second round with six up and five to play. Harry's victory against his youthful opponent Jim Chalker was a popular one. Golf fans had long admired Harry Conroy's devotion and dedication to the game. During his lifetime, he played more rounds at Bally Haly than anyone else. Youthful Jim Chalker, a product of the junior golf development program at Bally Haly showed remarkable progress with only seven years of experience behind him. To attain the finals was for him accomplishment indeed.

In the Junior Medal Play Championship, the finalists were two officers from the American base at Fort Pepperrell; Lieut. R. E. Barrett and Captain Aaron C. Burlson. They had handicaps of 14 and 24 respectively. Lieut. Barrett won the championship and later added to his achievement by capturing the Paddon Cup. In 1951 Colonel Bob Tatum, formerly attached to Fort Pepperrell base, and B. D. Parsons who served as President of Bally Haly in 1946 and 1947, jointly donated for competition between Bally Haly Club and Fort Pepperrell, a trophy known as the Tatum-Parsons Cup. A team representing the American base won the cup in 1951. The following year saw the tournament end in a tie. In the 1953 competition, Bally Haly succeeded in recording its first win on the Tatum-Parsons Trophy.

In competition for the Browning Cup as well as the Paddon Cup, the Americans' presence was very much in evidence as it had been in the 1951 and 1952 seasons. The Browning Cup was won by Lt. Col. R. S. Quinn USAF with Col. G. H. Krieger USAF challenging for the honor as runner-up. In the Paddon Cup competition as well, Lieut. R. F. Barrett USAF who earlier had captured the Junior Medal play championship added the Paddon Cup to his laurels.

Inter-Town Competition

On the weekend of 25 July, a team of golfers representing Bally Haly journeyed to Grand Falls there to compete against the local club for the John F. Ayre Trophy. The host club Grand Falls overwhelmed the visiting team from Bally Haly winning handily both the twosomes and foursomes competitions. Bally Haly won the Ayre Cup in 1952 with the St. John's course the venue of contest.

The following weekend, Bally Haly met with the Blomidon Club in Corner Brook in an inter-town tournament for the D. Stewart Ayre Cup. The visiting Bally Haly club edged the host club to take the tournament and the Ayre Cup.

Ladies Division

An advertisement appearing in the Evening Telegram early in May 1953 announced that the annual general meeting of the Bally Haly Ladies Association would be held at the club on Tuesday 19 May 1953 commencing at 11:00 am. Apart from paid for advertisement and the incorporation of the prize winners for the Ladies section for 1953 in the general list of awards published in the newspapers following the prize giving ceremony, held at the club on Wednesday 4 November of that year, little or no newspaper publicity marked distaff activity at Bally Haly in 1953. To nobody's surprise, Mrs. Ambrose Shea again won the Match Play Championship bringing her consecutive victories as Club Champion to thirteen. Mrs. Shea failed to repeat her performance of 1952 as Medal Play champion. She was dethroned by Miss Marjorie Harris, who on two earlier occasions in 1939 and 1941 had carried off the same honor.

Mrs. J. F. Roy who appears to have been the wife of an American officer attached to the USAF base at Fort Pepperrell won the Ladies Committee Cup and the prize awarded for the greatest reduction in handicap. The same lady captured the Silver Spoon Competition for July, sponsored by the Canadian Ladies Golf Union.

Course Closing 1953 Season

The annual course closing ceremony and presentation of awards took place at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club on Wednesday afternoon 4 November bringing to a close all activity for the season. In the absence of the President C. R. Chalker, former president R. S. Furlong officiated, assisted by Mrs. C. R. Chalker. Among the honored guests at the ceremony were the Lieutenant Governor Sir Leonard Outerbridge and Hon. R. B. Job, honorary President of the Club. Both gentlemen were extended a warm welcome by R. S. Furlong on behalf of the membership. The 1953 season was declared one of the best in the club's lengthy history.

Evening Telegram November 5, 1953

Prize List Bally Haly Golf and Country Club 1953

Match Play Champion	C. H. "Harry" Conroy
Runner-up	James Chalker
Medal Play Champion	C. H. "Harry" Conroy
Runner-up	J. F. Duffy
Junior Championship	Lieut. R. E. Barrett USAF
Runner-up	Capt Aaron C. Burlson USAF
Dickinson Memorial Cup	L. A. Oliver
Runner-up	G. C. Baird
Browning Cup	Lt. Col. R. S. Quinn USAF

Runner-up	Col. G. H. Krieger USAF
Paddon Cup	Lieut. R. E. Barrett USAF
Runner-up	John Tipton
Pepperrell Air Force Cup	John F. Ayre & A. N. Goodridge
Runners-up	Col. H. Hewitt and G. C. Baird
Tatum-Parsons Trophy	Won by Bally Haly Team
John F. Ayre Trophy	Won by Grand Falls at Grand Falls
D. Stewart Ayre Trophy	Won by Bally Haly at Corner Brook
Eclectic Competition	C. H. "Harry" Conroy

Ladies Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Runner-up	Miss Marjorie Harris
Medal Play Champion	Miss Marjorie Harris
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. A. Goodridge
Burch Cup	Mrs. A. Goodridge
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. J. F. Roy

Spoon Competition – Canadian Ladies Golf Union

June	Mrs. Cynthia Landrigan
July	Mrs. J. F. Roy
August	Mrs. Gordon Hibbs
September	Mrs. A. Goodridge
Greatest reduction in Handicap	Mrs. J. F. Roy
Putting Competition	Mrs. B. D. Parsons and Mrs. George Shaw
2 Ball Foursomes	Miss Marjorie Harris and Mrs. G. McNamara

Nine Hole Competition :

June	Mrs. Roberts Mrs. E. Horwood
July	Mrs. F. Sharpe, Mrs. R. Horwood and Mrs H.C. Grayston
Putting	Mrs. M. E. Winter

Bally Haly 1954

Ladies Division

To account for the events of 1954, a most welcomed occurrence was the reappearance in the local newspapers throughout the golfing season of a contributed weekly column dealing with the activity in the distaff division of golf at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. While in content, the column lacked vitally essential information of use to future researchers, it did justify its existence in fulfilling the need of keeping its membership informed of activity both in the social sphere of club life and what was happening on the links. Unlike the men's section, there appears to have been no liaison between the Ladies committee and the working press in the matter of feature coverage of such important distaff events as the finals of Match Play and Medal Play Championships and special competitions for various cups.

The ladies division held its annual meeting and election of officers at a luncheon at the club 9 June 1954. Mrs. E. Marshall occupied the chair and conducted the election with the following results:

Mrs. Ambrose Shea – Captain
Mrs. Gordon Hibbs – Secretary-Treasurer

Committee Members
Mrs. L. O'N. Conroy
Mrs. G. McNamara
Mrs. A. N. House
Miss Marjorie Harris
Mrs. Ehlers

A two-ball foursome was played following the luncheon with bridge available for non-golfing members.

The Medal Play Championship played 24 August evolved into a competition which resulted in three American lady members, the wives of USAF personnel stationed at Fort Pepperrell competing for championship honors in the finals. Mrs. Kreiger, wife of Colonel G. H. Kreiger captured the Medal Play Championship with Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Namee in the roles of runners-up.

Annual Field Day

The annual gala field day was held at Bally Haly on Saturday 24 July followed by a dinner at the club at 7:15pm. The results of the afternoon's competitions were as follows:

Mixed Greensomes	J. J. Renouf and Mrs. G. Hibbs
Mens Greensomes	Bill Campbell and John Allan Capt Nance USAF & Col. Kreiger USAF
Novelty Sixsomes	Mrs. L. Conroy/Capt Nance/Col. Jordan
Ladies Driving	Mrs. Kreiger 180 yards
Mens Driving	J. J. Renouf 253 yards
Ladies Approaching	Mrs. Kreiger / Mrs. Roy
Mens Approaching	C. H. "Harry" Conroy
Ladies Putting	Mrs. Roy / Mrs. Palmer / Mrs. Conroy
Mens Putting	C. H. "Harry" Conroy

Inter-Town Tournaments

Over the weekend of 30 July, a visiting golf team representing the Andopian Golf Club from Grand Falls competed with Bally Haly Club for the John F. Ayre trophy and succeeded in defeating the host club to capture the Ayre Trophy for 1954. Late in August, a team of golfers representing Bally Haly journeyed to Corner Brook to do battle with the Blomidon Club for the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy. The visiting Bally Haly club lost to their hosts forfeiting the Ayre Trophy for 1954.

For the first time since 1941, the Match Play Championship held Wednesday 29 September saw Mrs. Ambrose Shea missing from the list of entrants. A closely contested match developed between the two finalists, Mrs. A. N. House and Mrs. George McNamara with the outcome determined on the fifteenth hole. Mrs. House won the match and the Championship at that point four holes up with three to play. Earlier in the season, Mrs. House had also won the Lady Anderson Cup.

Mens Division

In competitions for Match Play Championships in both the first and second divisions, honors went to two golfers from the USAF base at Fort Pepperrell, Sergt. J. D. Donnahauer and Lt. Col. R. S. Quinn respectively. Runner-up in both divisions were two local golfers. Wilfred Peters finished second in the prestigious first division, while John Allan was edged by Col. Quinn in the second division.

Competition for the Medal Play Championship in both first and second divisions proved to be strictly a show for local golfers. The first division saw the cream of the local crop surface. Jack Renouf won the championship but was seriously challenged for the title by Doug Brown and a youth named Norman Goodridge. In the second division, Jack McCarthy claimed top honors, with three runners-up tied close on his heels being Don O'Driscoll, Denis Murphy and Dr. Arthur Knowling. Doug Brown and Norman Goodridge would later improve their lot, Brown winning the Paddon Trophy and Goodridge emerging the victor in the competition for the Dickinson Memorial Cup. Goodridge's golfing performance was nothing short of amazing. As a youth of age seventeen at the time, he showed remarkable proficiency as a golfer. His knowledge of the game was gained at an English public school. The Browning Cup, the most prestigious of golfing awards at Bally Haly in terms of the number of years which had elapsed since it was first placed in competition in 1908, was captured for John D. Allan in 1954.

Bally Haly Prize Winners 1954

Match Play Champion: First Division	J. D. Donnahauer USAF
Runner-up	Wilfred Peters
Second Division Champion	Lt. Col. S. Quinn
Runner-up	John Allan
Medal Play Championship Champion	John J. Renouf
Runners-up (tied)	Doug Brown & Norman Goodridge

2nd Division Champion	Jack McCarthy
Runners-up (tied)	Don O'Driscoll, Denis Murphy, Art Knowling
Dickinson Memorial Cup	Norman Goodridge
Runner-up	Dr. J. B. Murphy
Browning Cup	John D. Allan
Runner-up	Dr. J. B. Murphy
Pepperrell Air Force Cup	M.Sgt. H Cepura & Col. J. P. Farrell USAF
Runners-up	Lt. Col. R. Lucien & J. Fayne
Eclectic Competition	Norman Goodridge
Runner-up	John J. Renouf
Paddon Cup	Doug Brown
Tatum-Parsons Cup	Won by Fort Pepperrell Team
North East Command Cup	Won by Fort Pepperrell Team
John F. Ayre Trophy	Won by Grand Falls
D. Stewart Ayre Trophy	Won by Corner Brook

Bally Haly Ladies Division 1954

Match Play Champion	Mrs. A. N. House
Runner-up	Mrs. George McNamara
Burch Cup	Mrs. A. Goodridge
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. E. J. Palmer
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. G. H. Krieger
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Miss Constance Parsons

Canadian Ladies Golf Union Spoons Competition

June	Mrs. E. L. Hickman / Mrs. L. O'N. Conroy
July	Miss Marjorie Harris
August	Mrs. E. J. Palmer
September	Mrs. A. N. House / Mrs. Charles
October	Mrs. George McNamara
Putting Competition (2 ball foursomes)	Mrs. A. Shea & Mrs. Sharpe Mrs. G. H. Krieger & Mrs. J. F. Parsons
Most holes turned in	Miss Allison O'Reilly

•Special gift to Mrs. Krieger by the Secretary

Bally Haly 1955

Ladies Division

The Ladies Division of Bally Haly Golf & Country Club met at the club at 10:30 am, Thursday 2 June 1955 for the annual general meeting and election of officers. The election was conducted by Mrs. B. D. Parsons and resulted as follows:

Golf Captain	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. G. Hibbs
Committee members:	Mrs. George McNamara, Mrs. Ehlers, Mrs. A. N. House Miss Marjorie Harris, Miss Allison O'Reilly, Mrs. Frank O'Leary, Mrs. Landlow and Miss Marion Patterson.

The Ladies Division again convened on Tuesday 4 June at 1:00 pm for their annual luncheon to be followed by the first golf fixture for the season. The luncheon was an outstanding success. Eighty ladies attended including twelve lady golfers from Fort Pepperrell Air Force Base. In the post-prandial foursomes competition, Mrs. C. Noftall teamed with Mrs. Virginia Wyman of Fort Pepperrell to win the match, with a score of 53 for nine holes. Non-golfers spent the afternoon at bridge and canasta with Mrs. E. L. Hickman and Mrs. Rex Renouf capturing bridge honors while Mrs. Walter Pippy and Mrs. Lorne Hiscock took the prizes for canasta.

Early in June, "Ladies Golf Notes", a weekend newspaper column devoted to chit-chat on the distaff side of golf at Bally Haly made its appearance in the Daily News. The column merely served the purpose of keeping the distaff devotees of the game informed of upcoming competitions. Unfortunately, the column failed to report on the outcome of any of the ladies competitions held throughout the season, showing a remarkable absence of news sense. From other available sources however, it is learned that the Ladies Match Play Championship was played Tuesday, 13 September. Miss Marjorie Harris was crowned Match Play Champion with her nearest challenger, Mrs. A. N. House. Miss Harris who won the Medal Play Championship in 1953 repeated her performance in 1955. In addition to her dual championship honors, Miss Harris added still further to her accomplishments, winning the Eclectic competition and the Putting Contest.

Mixed Competitions

The annual Field Day was held at Bally Haly Saturday, 23 July and involved the regular mixed competitions consisting of greensomes and novelty sixsomes, along with putting and approaching tests of skill for both ladies and gentlemen. Unfortunately, neither the "Bally Haly Notes" column or the newspaper itself make any reference to that competition and its results.

The Hutchinson Trophy placed in competition in 1951 and intended to be played for annually between mixed teams representing Bally Haly membership and a team comprised of U. S. base personnel was not competed for since 1951 when it was won by the team representing the American base. Presumably the underlying reason for there being no contest stems from Pepperrell being unable to field a mixed team during those years. Conditions changed in 1955 and the Fort Pepperrell representatives did battle with a mixed team from Bally Haly and won handily.

Inter-Town Tournaments

On Saturday 30 July a team of gentlemen golfers representing the Blomidon Club in Corner Brook visited St. John's to engage Bally Haly in a two-day tournament. In the four-ball fixture played on Saturday, the host Bally Haly defeated the visiting Corner Brook team nine points to three. In the singles matches played on Sunday, Bally Haly again defeated the Blomidon team by a comfortable margin of eleven points for an overall tournament victory of seventeen points. Bally Haly's victory gave the club possession of the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy for 1955. The trophy was first placed into competition in 1951 as an inter-town trophy involving Corner Brook and St. John's clubs. Up to 1955 it had been won three years by Corner Brook and two years by Bally Haly. The Bally Haly victory in 1955 evened the competition at three wins apiece.

On Saturday 13 August, a team of 17 male golfers from Bally Haly visited Grand Falls to engage the Andopian Club in a two day tournament. In the foursomes played on Saturday, the host Grand Falls club defeated the visiting Bally Haly golfers 13 ^{1/2} points to 3 ^{1/2} points. On the following day, Sunday 14 August in singles play competition the Andopian Club again carried off the honors in decisive fashion overwhelming the visitors from St. John's by a score of 26 points to 8 points. By virtue of their victory, the Andopian Club of Grand Falls captured the John F. Ayre Inter-Town Trophy for 1955.

Prize Presentation Ceremony

The presentation of awards for the 1955 season was held in the club house at Bally Haly on Sunday afternoon 23 October and commenced with afternoon tea served at 4:30 pm. Present for the ceremony were the Lieutenant Governor Sir Leonard Outerbridge and Lady Outerbridge and other distinguished guests. Following a warm welcome extended by the President Edgar L. Hickman and a brief report on the season's activities, acknowledging the excellent contribution made by the various committees, Mrs. E. L. Hickman was invited to present the awards. The evening Telegram of Monday 24 October fittingly records the presentation ceremony with photographs showing Mrs. Hickman presenting awards to several winners.

Men's Division Prize List

Match Play Champion: 1st Division	M/Sgt. C. Sanford USAF
Runner-up	Lt. J. J. Byrne USAF
Match Play Champion: 2nd Division	Major H. W. Myers USAF
Runner-up	Fabian O'Dea
Medal Play Champion: 1st Division	Lt. J. J. Byrne USAF
Runner-up	John J. Renouf
Medal Play Champion: 2nd Division	Col. H. Hewett USAF
Runner-up	Denis Murphy
Dickinson Memorial Cup	Major H. W. Myers USAF
Runner-up	Norman Allan

Paddon Cup	W. Gordon Foster
Runner-up	Doug Brown
Pepperrell Air Force Cup	J. F. Ayre & A. N. Goodridge
Runners-up	L/C H. Myers & M/S C. Sanford
Eclectic Competition	C. Harry Conroy
Runner-up	John J. Renouf
Tatum-Parsons Trophy	Won by Bally Haly
North East Command Cup	Won by Fort Pepperrell
John F. Ayre Trophy	Won by Grand Falls
D. Stewart Ayre Trophy	Won by Bally Haly
Hutchinson Cup Mixed	Fort Pepperrell def Bally Haly

Ladies Division

Match Play Champion	Miss Marjorie Harris
Runner-up	Mrs. A. N. House
Medal Play Champion	Miss Marjorie Harris
Burch Cup	Mrs. A. Goodridge
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. George McNamara
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. H. Hewett
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Miss Margo Myers
Eclectic Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris
Putting Competition	Miss Marjorie Harris/Mrs. A. Shea
Final Competition	Mrs. Myers

Canadian Ladies Golf Union Spoons Competition

June Mrs. G. McNamara	July Mrs. G. McNamara	
Aug Miss M. Harris	Sept Mrs. Myers	Oct Mrs. O'Driscoll

9 Hole(3 best Scores)	Mrs. Lindow; Mrs. R. G. Myers; Mrs. Ainsworth
Putting	Mrs. O'Leary
Final Competition	Mrs. Ainsworth

Bally Haly 1956

Ladies Division

The most noteworthy event in the annals of ladies golf for the 1956 season, apart from the outcomes of the various intra-mural competitions, was the inauguration of a ladies inter-town golf tournament between Bally Haly Golf and Country Club and the Blomidon Club of Corner Brook. The following team members represented Bally Haly: Mrs. Robert Kay; Mrs. George McNamara; Mrs. Don O'Driscoll; Mrs. A. W. Boyd; Mrs. E. L. Hickman and Miss Marjorie Harris.

Thursday 16 August witnessed the playing of foursomes which the host club Blomidon won by a narrow margin of 1/2 point. On the following day in the match play singles, the Blomidon ladies managed to better the visitors by 9 1/2 points to take the series by a ten point margin. The best score for the tournament was recorded by Bally Haly's Mrs. George McNamara, who received as her award a silver ash tray suitably inscribed, donated by Mrs. Gerry Edens of Corner Brook.

Back home at Bally Haly, the 1956 Ladies Match Play Championship was won by Mrs. Don O'Driscoll with Mrs. A. N. House as runner-up. In the Medal play championship, eliminations began on Tuesday 28 August with the following six ladies contending for top honors; Mrs. A. N. House; Mrs. Don O'Driscoll; Mrs. M. Myers; Mrs. R. Kay; Mrs. M. Patterson and Miss Marjorie Harris. Mrs. Marion Patterson of Fort Pepperrell emerged as the champion. In the junior division of the match play and medal play championships, Mrs. Jane Neal captured the Match Play crown while Mrs. Frank O'Leary triumphed as Medal Play champion.

Men's Division

In the Match play championship Capt. E. Stone overcame a determined challenge by F/O H. Hay USAF to take the honors. In the Medal play championship there were two divisions being for low handicaps and the other for high handicap golfers. In the low handicap division A/IC Peterson USAF came off with flying colors to take the

championship closely followed by J. C. Burns as runner-up. In the 2nd division T/Sgt. T. L. Thrower USAF led the field with W. A. Child as runner-up. During the course of the first division competition something of a stir was created when Harry Conroy, a member of the play-down group, scored a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. The prestigious Browning Cup of 1956 was won by Doug Brown with Ensign R. F. Nash USAF as runner-up. Competition for the Paddon Cup saw Major H. Knight USAF win the trophy after being pressed by Harry Conroy. The Dickinson Memorial Cup was captured by Major H. W. Myers USAF with P. R. Pennington in the role of runner-up.

Mixed Competitions

The annual field day at Bally Haly was held on Monday 20 August with largest entry list ever. Seventy-eight players took to the course for the sixsomes; 64 for the greensomes and 28 for the surplus men's competition. The results of the contests were:

Mixed Greensomes	Mrs. E. L. Hickman & Col. Patterson USAF
Surplus Men	Paul King, Capt. J. McElroy USN and Lt. Col. Wear
Driving Ladies	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Driving Men	Lieut. J. Byrne USAF
Putting Ladies	Miss Marjorie Harris / Mrs. Neal
Putting Men	R. Allan / J. Grace
Approaching & Putting Ladies	Miss Margo Myers
Approaching & Putting Men	Capt. J. McElroy USN
Novelty Sixsomes	Mrs. G. McNamara, Col. J. Myers, Lt. Col Wear Mrs. J. R. Parsons, John Allan, Harry Conroy Mrs. Robert Kay, J. Grace, F/O Hay RCAF

On Saturday 8 September a mixed team from Bally Haly met a team from Fort Pepperrell composed of US base personnel and their wives in a tournament for the Hutchinson Cup. The American Team won the competition by a margin of 12 ¹/₂ points. The Hutchinson Cup was first placed in competition in 1951 and was captured by Fort Pepperrell that year. For a number of seasons thereafter there was no competition. The Pepperrell team again captured the cup when the competition was resumed in 1955. By virtue of the win by the USAF base personnel in 1956, they fulfilled the conditions of play by winning it two years in succession and thus became the permanent holders of the trophy.

Two other competitions involving Bally Haly teams and teams representing the United States base at Fort Pepperrell could not be fitted into the schedule for 1956 and accordingly were cancelled. At stake were the Tatum-Parsons Cup and the North East Command Cup.

Inter-Town Tournaments

On the weekend of 4 August, eighteen golfers from the Andopian Golf Club in Grand Falls arrived in St. John's for two days of competition with the Bally Haly Club. The host club narrowly defeated the visiting Grand Falls team by 1 ¹/₂ points to capture the John F. Ayre Cup for 1956.

On 11-12 August, a team of twelve Bally Haly golfers traveled to Corner Brook to engage in two days of competition with Blomidon golfers for the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy. Torrential rains marred the tournament, however the host Blomidon team edged the visiting Bally Haly team by five points to capture the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy.

Social Note

The annual prize giving ceremony was held in the club rooms on Sunday afternoon commencing at 4:30 pm followed by a buffet supper at 7:30 pm and the showing of a movie at 8:30 pm. The advertisement alerting members specifies that the affair was restricted to members and member's guests.

The closing of the club for the season was marked with the conduct of a formal dance held at the club on Friday 26 October. The Prince's Orchestra provided the music. Admission by ticket only at \$3.00 per couple, supper included.

Men's Division Prize List

Match Play Champion: 1st Division	Capt E. Stone USAF
Runner-up	F/O H. Hay USAF
Medal Play Champion: 1st Division	A/IC Peterson USAF
Runner-up	J. C. Burns
Medal Play Champion: 2nd Division	T.Sgt. T. L. Thrower USAF
Runner-up	W. A. Child
Dickinson Memorial Cup	Major H. W. Myers USAF
Runner-up	P. R. Pennington
Browning Cup	Doug Brown
Runner-up	Ensign R. F. Nash
Paddon Cup	Major H. Knight USAF
Runner-up	C. Harry Conroy
Pepperrell Air Force Cup	John Allan & Ensign R. F. Nash
Runners-up	J. R. Parsons & P. R. Pennington
Eclectic Competition	J. C. Burns
Runner-up	John J. Renouf
Tatum-Parsons Trophy	No Competition held
North East Command Cup	No Competition held
John F. Ayre Trophy	Won by Bally Haly
D. Stewart Ayre Trophy	Won by Corner Brook
Hutchinson Cup Mixed	Fort Pepperrell def Bally Haly

Ladies Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. Don O'Driscoll
Runner-up	Mrs. A. N. House
Medal Play Champion	Miss Marion Patterson
Burch Cup	Mrs. Margo Myers
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. Gordon Hibbs
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. Margo Myers
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Miss Allison O'Reilly
Eclectic Competition	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Putting Competition	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Two Ball Foursomes	Mrs. R. H. French and
Mrs. E. L. Hickman	
To the Green Competition	Mrs. George McNamara
15 Hole Competition	Marion Patterson and Ruth Ann Myers (tie)

Canadian Ladies Golf Union Spoons Competition

June	Mrs. Margo Myers	July	Mrs. Gordon Hibbs		
Aug	Mrs. Margo Myers	Sept	Mrs. Myers	Oct	Marion Patterson

Junior Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. Jane Neal
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. Frank O'Leary
Ladies Committee Cup	Mrs. Dorothy Swanson
Putting Competition	Mrs. Frank O'Leary and
Mrs. Dorothy Swanson (tie)	
'To the Green' competition	Mrs. Jane Neal

Junior Competition Spoons

July	Mrs. Frank O'Leary	August	Mrs. Jane Neal
September	Mrs. Dorothy Swanson	October	Mrs. Ruth Ann Myers

Bally Haly 1957

Albert Perlin, in his editorial appearing in the end-of-the-year edition of the St. John's 'Daily News' for 1957, strikes a discordant note on local conditions then obtaining,

"In Newfoundland the year has had its gains and its losses. For the first time since the wartime boom lifted us out of the slough of economic depression, we have seen the turning of the tide against us." He goes on to say "a very late spring delayed the start of the fishery; labor strife and restricted credit delayed construction, the layoff of workers at the United States bases, logging was substantially reduced and the shortage of capital funds had its effect on public spending. All these things had a cumulative effect – they slowed down the tempo of commerce".

In the midst of all the assorted woes bedeviling the country, Bally Haly Golf and Country Club too suffered a devastating blow in 1957 in the total destruction by fire in the early hours of Sunday 11 August, of its magnificent club house on Logy Bay Road. That misfortune occurring at the height of the golf season deprived members of the social amenities associated with club life. However, despite the inconvenience experienced through the loss of indoor assembly, the club did manage to complete its playing program for the year, heartened by the realization that the executive had taken immediate steps to rebuild a modern new club house to replace the ornate structure destroyed by fire.

Before disaster struck Bally Haly with the loss of the club house by fire, the 1957 season had been well underway. The banner event, up to then, had been the 'field day' conducted on Wednesday afternoon 20 July with sixty golfers participating in the mixed competitions. The results of that tournament were:

Two Ball Foursomes:	Lt. C. E. George USAF & Mrs. J. R. Neal
Surplus men:	John J. Renouf (69)
Long Driving	Mrs. J. R. Neal (167 yards)
Approaching:	Mrs. Myers; Mrs. A. J. Dunne; Mrs. J. R. Parsons
Putting:	Miss Marjorie Harris; Mrs. Myers; Mrs. Elemendorf; Mrs. W. C. Worth
Novelty Sixsomes:	Noel Hutton; W. F. Hutchinson; Mrs Elspath Munn

Surprisingly the two local newspapers are totally devoid of any golf news from that point to the end of July. On 1st August there is an advertisement in the 'Daily News' to the effect that a dance would be staged at the club on the evening of 2nd August in the honor of the visiting Corner Brook men's golf team, scheduled to play a tournament against Bally Haly over that weekend. That two day encounter was ignored by the local press. Only through reference to the prize presentation at the Old Colony Club on the evening of Friday 15 November were we able to discover that Bally Haly won that inter-town series and the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy. Following the fire which razed Bally Haly Golf and Country Club in August it is difficult to understand why, up to now having depended exclusively on the newspapers to alert its members on forth-coming competitions, the executive in wake of the fire no longer employed that medium. On the surface it would seem that the club, now lacking a place of assembly where members could foregather, would more than ever require the assistance of the media to keep members informed of its activity, providing a cohesiveness and prevent an erosion of its membership.

As it turned out, the club's executive in its wisdom realized now more than ever that the interests of the club and its survival called for a much more personalized approach than it was possible for the media to provide. Accordingly, working through its various sub-committees in a person to person relationship mainly through the medium of the telephone, playing schedules were planned and arranged and members alerted as to time and date of competitions. That highly organized grapevine approach resulted in the 1957 season being brought to a successful conclusion.

With the loss of Bally Haly by fire, the club was without a facility to hold its annual prize presentation ceremony at the close of the 1957 season. However, through the good offices of Bernard D. Parsons who had served as President of Bally Haly in 1946 and 1947, the facilities of the 'Old Colony Club' were placed at the disposal of Bally Haly club on the evening of Friday 15 November. Honored on that occasion besides the various trophy winners was Mr. Lloyd Chancey, who had been associated with Bally Haly since 1907. Prior to the presentation ceremony of annual awards and the dance which followed, a small dinner party gathered in a private dining room at the Old Colony Club to pay tribute, and deservedly so, to Bally Haly's golf professional Lloyd Chancey who had begun his association with the club in the role of caddie master when the club opened in 1908. In 1933, he was appointed the club's professional instructor. In his twenty-five years in the latter capacity he refereed without a break all of the men's finals at Bally Haly and save for one year performed the same service for the ladies' finals.

At the intimate little dinner, W. F. Hutchinson Esq, one of the senior members of the club who was president in the 1938-39 term presented Mr. Chancey with a cheque in appreciation of his services. Mr. Fred Alderdice for whom Lloyd Chancey had caddied both at the Penneywell Road links and at Bally Haly tendered him a gift on behalf of the membership. In addition, Mr. Ian Reid on behalf of the Job family presented Mr. Chancey with a photo showing three generations of the Job family with Bally Haly's golf professional.

THE FIRE

In view of the far-reaching effects of the fire which destroyed Bally Haly Golf and Country Club on 11 August 1957, it will serve posterity to provide as a supplement to this chapter of the Bally Haly story a brief report on the fire itself.

All that remained of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club at dawn on Sunday 11 August 1957 were charred embers, rubble and smoke blackened timbers. The fire of unknown origin started at 3:00 am on Sunday. It was first noticed by a mainland caterer, an occupant of the building named Andre Valdi who quickly aroused two other members of the staff, Elsie Dunne, 19 of Hopedale and Betty Crane, 24 of Harbour Grace. Both young women escaped by jumping from a window on the second story. Both were taken to hospital as a result of injuries sustained. Miss Dunne sustained a broken ankle while Miss Crane suffered a broken pelvis. Fire fighting equipment from the Central and East end fire stations were quickly on the scene, but firemen were hampered in fighting the blaze due to a shortage of water. Identically the same situation had confronted the firemen when the original club house went up in flames on 8 December 1937, with no source of water available to fight what soon became a raging inferno. Superintendent Caddigan of the Central Fire Station was later to state that one line of hose and a plentiful supply of water would have saved the building. As in 1937 the well used to supply water for household purposes was the only available source of water supply. When the fire had first gained headway, the fire station at Fort Pepperrell Air Force Base was alerted and quickly responded by pouring 20,000 gallons of water on the blaze from one of the base tankers, all to no avail. The loss of the building was estimated at \$50,000. The week previous to the fire, some renovations were carried out at the club. Both the ladies and men's locker rooms were extended and new lockers and furniture installed. An extension was made to the main dining room as well and a bar was installed in the upstairs section. Before the fire had gained headway a successful attempt was made by members and on-lookers to retrieve from the lounge area much of the furniture, lamps, television set, carpets and all of the priceless trophies and cups. With the destruction of both locker rooms, members sustained the loss of many items of wearing apparel, notably golfing attire. A nearby caddie house used to store members golf clubs and golf carts survived the fire along with equipment stored there.

The 'Evening Telegram' of Monday 12 August 1957 carries photos showing the destruction wrought by the fire. One photo in particular resembles an eviction scene with lounge furniture including tables, chairs, and chesterfields strewn in the open while viewed in the background are the smoldering ruins of the once magnificent Bally Haly Golf and Country Club.

The accompanying list shows the various winners of competitions played throughout the season. A dance for members and their guests followed the presentation ceremony.

Prize Presentaion Held at Old Colony Club 15 November 1957

Ladies Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. George McNamara
Runner-up	Mrs. A. N. House
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. Ambrose Shea
Burch Cup	Mrs. J. Neal
Lady Anderson Cup	Mrs. A. N. House
Greatest Reduction in Handicap	Mrs. B. J. Elemendorf
Putting Competition	Mrs. Ambrose Shea

Canadian Ladies Golf Union Spoons Competition

July	Mrs. J. Myers	August	Miss Marjorie Harris
September	Mrs. George McNamara	October	Mrs. Don O'Driscoll

Graduation Prizes: Second to first division: Mrs. J. R. Parsons & Mrs. J. Rose

Ladies Second Division

Match Play Champion	Mrs. C. Stewart
Medal Play Champion	Mrs. C. Stewart
Putting Competition	Mrs. J. Darcy & Mrs. A. J. Dunne

Mens Division

Match Play Champion: 1st Division	Lt. Clarke George USAF
2nd Division	S/Sgt. E. Bartley USAF
Medal Play Champion: 1st Division	Doug Brown
Runner-up	John J. Renouf
Medal Play Champion: 2nd Division	John R. Parsons
Dickinson Memorial Cup	Major J. G. Rose USAF
Browning Cup	Norman Allen
Paddon Cup	M/Sgt. A. McElroy USAF
Pepperrell Air Force Cup	Don O'Driscoll/Cap. Bruce Harley
North East Command Cup	Won by Bally Haly
John F. Ayre Trophy	Won by Grand Falls
D. Stewart Ayre Trophy	Won by Bally Haly
Hutchinson Cup Mixed	Bally Haly def Fort Pepperrell

Competition for the Medal Play Championship in 1957, according to an eye witness, excelled in one contest during the season, which provided the greatest measure of suspenseful action. It brought together as finalists, Doug Brown and Jack Renouf, and necessitated two play-offs to decide the champion. Both golfers finished the first thirty-six holes with identical scores of 152. Each player then carded identical 74's in the first play-off round to remain still in a deadlock. In the necessary second play-off round of eighteen holes, Jack Renouf carded 83 while his opponent Doug Brown came through with 77 strokes to take the championship.

Bally Haly 1958

The year 1958 proved to be one of the most memorable in the history of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Not only did it mark the golden anniversary of the club's existence, but it also showed tangible evidence of the membership's faith in the club's future, in the completion of the new club house.

The year was furthermore made noteworthy by the fact that Lloyd Chancey, the club's popular golf professional instructor was rounding out fifty years of uninterrupted stewardship at Bally Haly. Mr. Chancey began his golfing career as a caddie just before the turn of the century at the 'Newfoundland Golf Club' on Penneywell Road. In 1908, with the opening of the new eighteen hole course at Bally Haly, he became the caddie master there and eventually in 1933 rose to the position of the club's professional golf instructor, a post he has continued to occupy for over a quarter of a century.

Throughout 1957 and in the absence of a club house, members of Bally Haly in a make-do arrangement resignedly made use of the limited space available in the caddie house which had escaped the fire. By the summer of 1958 however sufficient progress had been made in the construction of the replacement modern new club house that the basement was completed and the finishing touches were being made to the upper story. Both men and lady members now moved in to occupy their separate sections in the basement area complete with dressing rooms, lockers and all conveniences. All those creature comforts added substantially to a greater enjoyment of an afternoon spent on the links and contributed immeasurably to the success of the 1958 season.

Mixed Competitions

The annual field day was held at Bally Haly on Saturday afternoon 19 July commencing at 2:00 pm with sixty golfers participating in the various competitions on the afternoon's program. The day was described as beautifully fine permitting service in the open of an 'elegantly prepared tea' supervised by Mrs. Ehlers, convenor for the Ladies Division.

The following is a list of the winners of the various contests:

Mixed Greensomes:	D. Stewart Ayre & Mrs. Hartley Ayre
Novelty Sixsomes:	B. F. Harley; F. G. Hyer; Mrs. J. Stewart
Surplus Men:	John R. Parsons & B. F. Harley
Driving Men:	D. Stu Ayre 216 yards
Driving Ladies:	Mrs. Ambrose Shea 150 yards
Putting & Approaching:	Miss Marjorie Harris & Eric St. George
Putting Men:	Eric St. George
Putting Ladies:	Mrs. Ambrose Shea

*Note: The men's putting contest evoked much interest with Eric St. George winning out in a four cornered tie. His challengers were John Allan, Bren Devine and Norman Goodridge.

Sunday 14 September featured another mixed greensomes. Mrs. Ambrose Shea and her partner Stu Ayre won the competition with a combined net score of 67. Vying for runners-up honors were two teams. The first was Mrs. George McNamara and D. W. Murray while the other team consisted of Mrs. B. D. Parsons and Don O'Driscoll. The winning team of Tessa Shea and Stu Ayre were presented with their awards by the Ladies Golf Captain, Mrs. G. McNamara.

Inter-Town Competitions

The month of August saw a men's golfing team from Bally Haly visiting Corner Brook there to engage in a two day tournament with the host Blomidon Club. The teams were competing for the D. Stewart Ayre Trophy. The visiting Bally Haly team were overwhelmed by their Blomidon hosts who captured the Ayre Trophy with a score of 36 points to 14 points.

On 10 August, the Andopian Golf Club of Grand Falls sent a men's golf team to St. John's to compete with a team representing Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. The tournament played over the weekend found the golfers not only doing battle with the course and one another but with the weather as well. Bally Haly, enjoying something of an advantage in playing on its home course, defeated the visiting Grand Falls golfers 33 ¹/₂ points to 12 ¹/₂ points to take the tournament and the John F. Ayre Trophy.

A two day inter-town tournament involving Ladies golf teams representing Grand Falls and St. John's opened at Bally Haly on Tuesday 3 September. It marked the first time a ladies golf team from the inland paper town had visited St. John's. At stake in the tournament was a trophy donated by Bowring Brothers, Grand Falls branch. Bally Haly captured seven of the ten competitions played to become the first winner of the Bowring Cup. For purposes of record, the Bally Haly Ladies Team was comprised of the following: Mrs. A. W. Boyd; Mrs. C. Noftall; Mrs. J. Strong; Mrs. A. Shea; Mrs. G. McNamara; Mrs. A. N. House; Mrs. G. Hibbs; Mrs. C. Landrigan and Miss Marjorie Harris.

On Friday afternoon 19 September Mrs. Olga House, in the finals of the match play championship with Mrs. Hartley Ayre, led her opponent ten up with eight holes to play to capture the Match Play Club Championship. Mrs. House by her victory was repeating her achievement of four years earlier when she was crowned Match Play Champion.

1958 marked the emergence of another up and coming lady golfer, Mrs. Winifred McNamara. Mrs. McNamara who was Ladies Golf Captain that year won the Medal play championship. She was later in the year to add to her accomplishments in winning the Burch Cup and served as a member of the ladies golf team representing Bally Haly in the series of Inter-Town games played against the visiting Andopian Club from Grand Falls, a tournament which, as earlier reported, resulted in Bally Haly Ladies recording their first win on the Bowring Cup.

Mens Division

In what the local newspapers saw fit to describe as a thrilling spine-tingling competition played at Bally Haly on Sunday 28 September, A/C1 Bruce Emmons of Fort Pepperrell Army Air Force Base defeated Colonel Carl Leidy, a brother in arms also hailing from Fort Pepperrell to capture the Match Play Championship at Bally Haly. Emmons' triumph as match play champion followed close on the heels of his earlier triumph in the Eastern Air Command Competition, a tournament involving golfers among the personnel manning the various outposts of the United States North East Coast Air Command. In his victory over Colonel Leidy in the Bally Haly Match Play encounter, Emmons grabbed the lead and victory on the seventeenth hole of the second round of the thirty-six hole contest, at which point he was three up and one to go.

EPILOGUE

As has been repeatedly mentioned throughout the text of the Bally Haly story - possibly ad nauseam - that the undertaking itself was purposely intended to retrieve from oblivion the fascinating story of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club's historic past

In retrospect that quest can be best likened to searching for the needle in a haystack, in embarking on the endeavor, no written records of the Club's past history were found to exist. Everything in the form of club registers, membership lists and records relating to the social and recreational life of the organization over the years had been destroyed in two disastrous fires. The first of those conflagrations razed the original club house in 1935, the other, occurring in 1957, destroyed the replacement facility.

In terms of effort expended in researching and writing, it took three years of daily diligent digging through local newspaper, periodicals and archival records to rescue from oblivion the facts as presented. Along the way, as well, there were interviews with older members of the club who fortunately were blessed with retentive memories. Still others, from the same group, kindly consented to pass judgement on the manuscript suggesting amendment where passages involved either circumstances or statements of questionable accuracy.

All in all, the compilation and writing of this, the first fifty years of Bally Haly's existence as a social and recreational club has proven to be a challenging undertaking. It is to be hoped it will receive public acceptance as a proven success. Yet to be researched and written, is Volume II of the Bally Haly story. It will span that period extending from 1959 through to the present.

PROLOGUE

The way has, since 1959 and up to the present, been made smooth for such as endeavour for, from 1959 onward golf as a game has been accorded local acceptance as a major sport and as such, to a researcher's delight, has been widely publicized in local press. It should therefore be a much easier task to compile and write Volume II of the Bally Haly story, for unlike the circumstances obtaining in launching the initial stage of the endeavour, there is now readily available, not only through the medium press exposure but through the Club's own records, a plentiful bank of essential information to provide for an early and encouraging start on phase two of the overall undertaking.

A final word: Many years ago, Samuel Johnson (1709-1784 wrote: "What is written without effort is, in general, read without pleasure". It is the author's sincerest wish that your enjoyment of this book will be commensurate with the personal pleasurable experience derived from researching and writing it.

Faithfully,

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INTRODUCTION OF GAME OF GOLF TO NEWFOUNDLAND

PREFACE

- (1) The first intimation that the game of golf was to be introduced into Newfoundland at St. John's appeared as a brief news item in the Evening Herald, Monday, January 6th, 1896. It stated that "famous Scottish game of golf was to be introduced to St. John's shortly by a number of enthusiasts' adding ' the game is gaining ground rapidly in the British Isles and what is more natural than it should reach here'.

Suitable grounds have been obtained on LeMarchant Road and officers are as follows:

Sir Herbert Murray, K.C.B., Hon. President
John Browning. Esq., President
H.A. Bowring, Secretary-Treasurer
The committee consists of: W.C. Job, W.A. Stavert,
W. Scott. H.D. Reid, K.R. Prowse, and D. Fraser.

Both ladies and gentlemen are eligible for membership.

- (2) While the original Golf Club established on Buckmaster's Meadow north of LeMarchant Road in May 1896 has with the passage of time become known as 'the LeMarchant Road golf links', the correct designation at its founding was " The Newfoundland Golf Club". The late Max Pratt, who was President of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club when the new ultra-modern present club house was opened in 1958, took pains at the opening ceremony of the new club, in his general review of local golf history, to point out that the initial golf club was named " The Newfoundland Golf Club".
- (3) Sir H.M. Murray, Governor of Newfoundland (1895-1899) was according to the Daily News (4 March 1901), " a dangerous and mischievous official, best remembered by the people of Newfoundland for the indelicate utterance of his refusal to attend the annual Regatta because none of the best people ever went there". During his stewardship as Governor he was to incur the wrath of the Catholic populace for his intemperate remark " that the priests very often influenced the outcome of an election". In December 1898, a Chatham, New Brunswick newspaper published an exchange of correspondence between Governor Murray - through his aide-de-camp and private secretary, Capt. J.H.W. Southey and the Orange Lodge of Newfoundland wherein His Excellency was constrained to decline to receive a delegation from that organization at Government House following their annual Boxing Day parade.

(Newfoundland Provincial Archives P6/B/79 W.R. Goodland's scrapbook).

NEWFOUNDLAND GOLF CLUB

Annual meeting-events of interest Evening Telegram - April 1st, 1897

- (4) The Newfoundland Golf Club's annual general meeting was held at the City Hotel on the 30th inst. A large number of members was present.

The Club was shown to be in a very healthy condition having 25 male and 24 female members. The accounts showed a substantial credit balance. The meeting was highly delighted with the interest by the members and the progress the Club had made during its year of inauguration. Several meetings and competition were held in 1896 and proved most enjoyable; many more are contemplated for the coming season. It is intended to hold a ball in connection with the Club at an early date.

- (5) Mrs. Frederick C. Alderdice (nee Harriet Carter) was born in Ferryland, August 12, 1871, the daughter of W.T.S. Carter of that community. She was educated at St. John's and on October 25, 1898 married Frederick C. Alderdice. Her husband would later, in 1928, become Prime Minister of Newfoundland and would continue to serve in that capacity until the advent of Commission of Government in 1934 when he became one of Newfoundland's three commissioners on a seven member Board. Mrs. Alderdice led an active athletic life and had a distinguished career both as a curler and a golfer. It was in the latter

discipline however that she earned her greatest measure of acclaim. She is deservedly acknowledged as Newfoundland's pioneer lady golf champion. Mrs. Aldrlice and her husband raised two daughters and two sons all whom, like their mother, showed a marked proficiency as golfers. Mrs. Alderdice died December 1, 1966.

- (6) Mary Queen of Scots, the daughter of James V, learned golf from early girlhood and was sent later to France to be educated. Just what term was used to explain the golf ball chaser, prior to that era, is unknown. But when Mary was in France, she referred to the youths as 'cadets' meaning pupils. The French pronunciation of the term was 'cad-day' and later in Scotland and then in England the term was adopted, the pronunciation being as in France but spelled both 'caddy' and 'caddie'.
(Encyclopedia of Sports - Frank G. Menke, A.S. Barnes and Co. Inc., New Jersey, 1975)
- (7) When in 1908, the founders of the original golf club, located north of LeMarchant Road in Buckmaster's Field near Pennywell vacated the property to occupy their newly acquired golf links at Bally Haly on Logy Bay Road, a new golf club was formed to continue operating at the LeMarchant Road-Pennywell Road site. The new operators named their club "The LeMarchant Road Golf Club". An item in the Evening Herald of April 7, 1909 states that twenty-five ladies and gentlemen have signified their intention of joining. The item adds: "the new club will be a boon to lovers of the game living in the West end of the city and will not interfere with the links at Bally Haly".

Prologue Chapter

- (1) Murray's Pond Club dates its formation and establishment as a fishing club from 1887. However, the club grew out of an organization known as the Game Protective Society formed in 1863. An entry in a diary bearing the title "Musty Past Diary" (author unknown) at the Provincial Archives in Colonial Building states under date of July 31st, 1863 that 'a society was formed called the Game Protective Society. The entry goes on to state that 'Notice was posted by the Society calling public attention to the provision of a new Game Law and threatening 'awful' (sic) consequences to those who attempt to disregard its precepts'.

The City Club was founded 22 October 1893 as a social club for 'well-to-do merchants' (Smallwood's Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador, Volume 1).

Two other local elitist clubs came into being just before the new century began; the St. John's Curling Club and the St. John's Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club. Both were located to the rear of the site now occupied by Hotel Newfoundland. Many of the members of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club were also members of all four of those clubs.

Chapter 1

(Lt. Colonel William Haly)

- (1) Original Grant - Bally Haly - Registry of Deeds,
Volume II Folio 125 No. 221 - 21 December 1837

George Hutchings

- (2) George Hutchings was born of Royalist parents in the United States and was related to the famous John Quincy Adams, President of the United States. At the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Hutchings moved to St. John's and was associated with the firm of Job Brothers & Company.

The Times (St. John's) letter -
November 29, 1884

(Newfoundland Provincial Archives)

Chapter 1

Extract from the Marriage Registers of the Anglican Cathedral, St. John's Newfoundland, for 1801. Entry of Colonel William Haly's marriage to Miss Hutchings:

On folio 121 of Register

(3) Date: 6 July 1801
Groom: Major William Haly
Bride: Ann Hutchings
Witnesses: General Skerrett
George Hutchinmgs
Hannah Bulley
Officiant: Rev. John Harries

N.C. Crewe who appears to have done some research into the nuptials of Colonel Haly and Ann Hutchings made the following observation on the above entry:

"The officiant began to enter this marriage in its appropriate date-order place on folio 62 in the Register but did not complete the entry. If the entry had been completed in the usual form in the book it would have taken up half a page and the parties, witnesses and officiant would have signed their respective names. Instead, there appears on folio 62 only the date and names of the groom and bride and a notation 'see the last page'."

'On turning over a number of blank pages' Crewe continues 'there appears in Harries' handwriting "January 6, 1801, Major William Haly and Miss Hutchings were married by me with the following witnesses present - General Skerrett, George Hutchings, and Hannah Bulley".

Crewe concluded with the following comment: "I have no idea why this socially prominent marriage should have been thus irregularly recorded".

N.C. Crewe papers - P4/13 Box 7
(Newfoundland Provincial Archives)

Chapter 1
(Lt. Colonel William Haly)

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Crest surmounts plaque
Tiens Dominabitur Astris

In memory of
William Haly, Esq.,

of Bally Haly near this town
a lieutenant Colonel in the British Army
and President of the Council of Newfoundland
He was a member of an ancient Irish family
who after a distinguished military career
settled in this Colony where he died,
respected and regretted by classes
14th September, 1835 in the 65th year of his age.
Also in memory of Anne, his wife
daughter of the late George Hutchings, Esq.
Who dies 29th March 1838 in the 61st year of her age,
and their deceased children viz:
Richard John Skerrett, their eldest son
who died January 6th, 1831 aged 30 years
William Henry, died 1810 aged 7 years
John Haly Hutchings, died 1859 aged 55 years
George Thomas, died 1807 aged 2 months
William O' Grady, died 1837 aged 3 years
James Standish, died 1817 aged 1 month
Alexander Aylmer, died 1819 aged 1 year
and their youngest son
William O' Grady Haly
who settled at Taabianga in
the colony of Queensland
where he was for many years acting Magistrate.
He died at sea 26th April 1861
on his voyage to Australia after
a visit to Newfoundland,
Aged 42.

Chapter 1

(Lt. Colonel Haly)

Colonial Records

October 24, 1804

- (5) Captain Wm. Haly requested permission to keep in his possession a space of land which he had enclosed and cultivated in the woods near his house in lieu of a space in his possession on the Barrens in consideration of a grant of land given by His Excellency Isham Eppes, 2nd November 1793, which grant has been assigned to captain Haly and which he is willing to relinquish for an equitable in the situation first mentioned.

Thirty-three acres of land which he now enjoys on the North Side of Black Marsh Brook and extending by that Brook from Downey's Pond Road to Major Haly's ground 350 yards and then North by Major's ground 450 yards and from there by unclaimed ground East 350 yards to the above road and along the road 450 yards which ground the said Captain Wm. Haly is to hold and enjoy during His Majesty's pleasure without let hindrance or molestation for any purpose whatsoever.

Fort Townshend October 24th, 1804 E. Gower

(Arts & Culture Library - Newfoundland section)

- (6) and (7) The Fighting Newfoundlander author Col. G.W.L. Nicholson C.D., Chapter III
- (8) St. John's Volunteer Rangers (1805 - 1814)
David Webber
Pamphlet (Newfoundland Historical Society)
- (9) The Benevolent Irish Society (B.I.S.) A non-denominational organization of Irishmen was founded on Wednesday, 5 February 1906 at London Tavern - a public house in St. John's kept by one Cornelius Quirke. The Society had as its principles, benevolence and philanthropy. Lt. Colonel William Haly who was born Ireland was a member of the Society at its formation.
- (10) Governor Sir Thomas Cochrane was appointed Governor and Commander-in -Chief of Newfoundland in 1825, a post he occupied for nine years - a period longer than any Governor before him. Cochrane's commission contained a clause which introduced a change in the method of governing the Colony whereby a Council was appointed to assist and advise the Governor in the discharge of his responsibilities. During Governor Cochrane's stewardship, a new Government House was built. He encouraged agriculture development through grants to those who would till the soil. Cochrane's administration was characterized by increasing pressure for the formation of a local legislature, an idea to which he was opposed contenting the Colony was not ready to handle its own affairs. His opinion delayed action temporarily. In 1831, pressure was renewed and in 1832 Representative Government was granted. (Encyclopedia of Newfoundland - Hon. J.R. Smallwood)
- (11) Governor Cochrane's correspondence with Earl of Bathurst.
Colonial records No. 11-29 December 1825
Newfoundland Provincial Archives
- (12) Correspondence Governor Prescott with Secretary of State. November 22, 1834
Volume 65 (1834) C.O. 1048 # 352 (Newfoundland Provincial Archives) with enclosure-letter from Col. Haly. November 14, 1834 seeking redress.

Chapter 1

Lt. Colonel William Haly, Obsequies

- (13) The St. John's "Times" in its issues of September 23rd, 1835 devotes two columns of its editorial to the obsequies of Lieut. Colonel Haly who died at Bally Haly on Monday, 14 September 1835, after a very agonizing illness which, mercifully, was of short duration. He was in his sixty fifth year at his passing. As the "Times" relates, the deceased was buried with full military honors. The funeral procession formed at Bally Haly at 1:00 on Wednesday afternoon, 17 September, and proceeded to Government House grounds where it was joined by members of the Royal Artillery companies and the Officers of the Garrison.

His Excellency the Governor Captain Prescott, after paying his respects joined the cortege at Government House and proceeded to the Anglican Church. At no public function since Vice-Admiral Pickmore died in 1818 - while administering the Government - had the church showed so crowded and respectable an assemble. The burial service was conducted by Rev. H.F. Carrington, Rector of the church, assisted by Reverends Bridge and Woods. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church.

The Times - St. John's - September 23, 1835
Newfoundland Provincial Archives

Chapter II

- (1) Ibid. Chapter (1) (14) D' Alberti papers
- (2) Registry of Deeds Vol. II, Folio 125 # 221
December 21, 1837

Chapter II

- (3) Lt. Colonel William Haly felt that in the likelihood of his predeceasing his wife, the responsibilities of carrying on a farm operation on the Haly estates would prove too great a burden for his widow. To provide for that eventuality, Haly wrote to Governor Sir Thomas Duckworth, September 11, 1811, for permission to build a house in the Town of St. John's on a piece of property more specifically describe as 'laying above the upper street between Mrs. Williams' house and garden and the Brew house'. The application continues: "The ground came to Mrs. Haly's lot on the death of her mother ... I find it necessary to build a house there as provision for my wife and children who, from the course of the service I may be under, the necessity to leave behind me. As this is their native land, I hope your Excellency will be pleased to move readily to grant my request'. (Signed) William Haly, B. Major Newfoundland Regiment Fort Mayor.

A copy of Major Haly's letter to the Governor
(vide Vol. 407)

Duckworth correspondence Newfoundland Provincial Archives - bears the following endorsement:

The request contained in this letter is granted.

(Sgd) J.T. Duckworth, Fort Townshend, September 17, 1811.

Chapter II

Ann Haly - Land Grant Bally Haly

- (4) While the newspaper notice of Mrs. Haly's death states she was 59 years old at her passing on March 29th, 1838, the mural memorial to the Haly family at St. Thomas' Church in St. John's lists her age at her demise as 61 years.
- (5) Charles Robert Haly, a son of Lt. Colonel William Haly, was born in St. John's in 1819. He emigrated to Australia early in life and became Police Magistrate of Dalby in the Colony of Queensland. He died there 26 August 1892. He was survived by his widow, Rosa, his sole legatee. Charles Robert Haly's will was probated in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland 31 October 1910. That document figured prominently in the legal formalities which led to the acquisition of the Haly property by the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club.
- (6) William O' Grady Haly, the youngest son of Lt. Colonel William Haly and his wife, Ann, was born at St. John's February 11, 1920. He died at sea aboard the steamer Anglesy on a passage from England to Australia. William O' Grady Haly visited St. John's in the summer of 1860 and while here attended a party given by Captain Ehlers of No. 2 Rifle Company to the men on his farm.

Chapter III

Occupants of Bally Haly prior to 1908

- (1) According to Tom Sandland, local authority on cycling and author of an informative work " Bicycling in Newfoundland: 'a scorcher' was the name given to an early model racing bicycle. The term was also applied to 'speed' racing cyclists.
- (2) John Maclay Byrnes, author of 'The Paths to Yesterday', writing about the early days in the history of St. John's has included in that work a short feature on that colorful eccentric Haly Hutton. Byrnes acknowledges, in the foreword of his book, his gratitude to one Walter Scott for many of the stories appearing in the book.

Walter Scott was born in St. John's in 1877 where he learned the engineering trade. He later entered the Government service. As the present century began, he emigrated to Scotland and later took up permanent residence in Norwich , Norfolk. He saw service with the British army in the Great War of 1914-1918. As a young man of 19 in 1896 and endowed with an enquiring mind, Scott knew everything that was to be known about the St. John's of his day. Seemingly, in his youth, he was a chum of John Maclay Byrnes for when Byrnes prepared to write 'The Path to Yesterday' in the 1930's he, according to Walter Scott's daughter, Miss L.D. Scott, who now resides at Norwich, Norfolk, England, Byrnes began a voluminous exchange of correspondence with her late father. The Haly Hutton story, along with many others dealing with the life in St. John's in the old days, were contributed by Walter Scott.

According to Miss Scott, her father had something of a literary bent-a fact that is confirmed by his contributions to the Newfoundland Quarterly. In hope that some of Walter Scott's works - notably on life in St. John's in years gone by - were still around that question was asked his daughter. Miss Scott reported, regretfully, that while she had in her possession many items of memorabilia associated with her father and Newfoundland, and notably St. John's none of his writing related to life in Britain's oldest colony had survived.

- (3) Following Captain Haly Hutton's vacating the ancestral home at Bally Haly and leaving Newfoundland - with destination unknown, the following notice appeared in local newspaper:

Evening Telegram - June 26th, 1896

Bally Haly - To Let

We are instructed to let the greater part of that property known as 'Bally Haly' situate one mile from town of Logy Bay Road comprising Dwelling House, Outhouse, Fields, Meadows, Water Falls and Wooded slopes. This area was granted by the Crown to the late Lt. Colonel Haly who converted it into the most beautiful estate in the sight of St. John's. The varied attractions of this property will repay a visit.

For particulars, apply

Whiteway & Johnson

Solicitors

- (4) Married on the 15th last at St. James Church, London, James Cochrane, Esq., Barrister at Law (late assistant acting judge of the Island) and Ann Theresa Elizabeth eldest daughter of Lt. Colonel William Haly, A.D.C.

(Royal Gazette - November 3, 1828)

- (5) Dr. R. Varian wrote the Council to say that the stables on Carew Street would in future be used only for livery and driving horses which are not treated in the stables for infectious disease - only cases of lameness would be attended to there. The other diseases would be treated at Bally Haly. A protest against the stables had been sent in by J. S. Keating. The Health Officer will be requested to report on the place.

(Municipal Council Notes - Evening Telegram-
October 20, 1906)

Chapter IV

Acquisition and Development of Property

(1909-1910)

- (1) *De bonis non testament annexo*. This is an abbreviated form of '*de bonis non administratis*' (relating to asset which have not been administered). A grant *de bonis non administratis* or more shortly *de bonis non* is made where an executor dies intestate or an administrator dies, in either case without having fully administered. Judge George Mr. Johnson of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland carried out the terms of the Haly will the same as an executor - *de bonis non cum testamento annexo*.

- (2) The Black Bog St. John's Evening Chronicle ,May 3, 1910
Ibid (5) Chapter I
- (3) Ibid (6) Preface
- (4) Mrs. W.G. Gosling (nee Armine Nutting) (1863-1942) born at Waterloo, Que., came to St. John's in 1882. Taught at Church of England Girls' School (later Bishop Spencer College). Married W.G. Gosling in 1888. Engaged in local philanthropic work. Best known for her involvement in Newfoundland Women's Rights movement - a staunch suffragette. Had two sons, Arthur and Ambrose, and daughter Armine. The entire Gosling family attained great proficiency as golfers.
- (Encyclopedia Newfoundland and Labrador, Hon. J.R. Smallwood)
- (5) John W. Hayes Before the Great War of 1914-1918 and up to the onset of the Twenties, he operated a grocery store in the Southeastern corner of King's Bridge Squares at the foot of Kenna's Hill. The site is now occupied by Municipal Park and lies diagonally across from Cotter's grocery, of recent memory. By virtue of Jack Hayes' grocery being equipped with telephone, it served as a clearing house in passing messages to the King's Bridge community. It was there the Norris family resided.
- (6) Not all members of Bally Haly in 1910 owned motor cars or the equipage of their own horses and carriage to transport them from the city to the golf course. Accordingly, the following advertisement appeared in the St. John's Chronicle, Wednesday, 10 July 1910:

Bally Haly Golf Club

Commencing on Thursday next, a carriage will leave Cavendish Square at 3:00 o'clock p.m. every afternoon and will make hourly trips to the golf links. The last trip will leave the Square at 7:00 p.m. Fares each way for each person twenty cents.

Chapter V

Period 1909 - 1919

1910 and 1911

- (1) The author through the good offices of club members, Hugh McGarvie, has been in touch with Mr. Shannon's daughter, Mrs. Laird, who resides at the corner of Bank Street and Richfield Road, Troon Scotland. On leaving Newfoundland in 1912, Neil Shannon became the golf pro at Kingussie Club. While there he taught Princess Alice of Athlone how to play golf. Shannon saw service in the Great War and was later to return to his trade as a plumber.
- (2) Charles Jackson assumed his duties as club professional at Bally Haly early in the spring of 1912. At the season's close, his fiancée, Miss Ada Oliver of Lancashire, arrived in St. John's. She and Jackson were married at St. Thomas' Church. The bride was attended by a Miss Hiscock while Lloyd Chancey, the then caddy master at Bally Haly, supported the groom. Jackson and his bride left for the Old Country via New York following the wedding and returned to St. John's as the 1913 golf season was about to get underway.
- (3) The term 'Alien' was not employed in the derogatory sense but merely to distinguish the native from those born outside the Colony. Over the years at Bally Haly, a competition was arranged annually between golfers who were native sons and those who hailed from outside Newfoundland. As with the President - versus Vice-President annual golf team competition, the losers in the Aliens Vs Native match hosted a dinner at the club for the victors in that contest.

- (4) The Arts and Culture Library (Newfoundland section) has to the best of one's knowledge, the only existing copies of the following printed Annual Reports of Board of Governors' presentation to the shareholders of Bally Haly Golf and Country Club Ltd. at the following general meetings:

<u>Library reference</u>	<u>Annual Report</u>	<u>General Meeting date</u>
045809	Fifth	12 January 1915
045810	Sixth	19 January 1916
045811	Eight	8 March 1918
029685	Ninth	6 February 1919
045813	Tenth	10 February 1920

Chapter V

1911 - 1919

The Spanish 'flu' of 1918

- (1) As an aftermath of the Great War (1914 - 1918) - and most likely as a result of that long and difficult struggle - starvation, suffering, disease, and death, followed by an epidemic known as the Spanish 'flu', swept Europe and found its way to the United States and Canada. It reached its height in Newfoundland with the onset of the cold weather in the Fall of 1918. One of the victims of the Spanish influenza which saw thousands of Newfoundlanders succumb to the epidemic was Ethel Dickinson. As a registered nurse, Miss Dickinson spent the War years ministering to the wounded in Wandsworth Hospital in London. Returning to Newfoundland in 1918 with the onset of the infectious disease she volunteered her service as a nurse ministering to the victims at the King George V Institute when local hospitals became overcrowded and a temporary hospital was established there. Working tirelessly her energies sapped, she fell victim to the 'flu' and died 20 October 1918. A memorial to her memory is erected at Cavendish Square in St. John's. Miss Ethel Dickinson was a sister of Harry W. Dickinson, the legendary Bally Haly golfer.

Chapter V (1911-1919)

1919

- (1) Two aviation companies entered in the conquest of the Atlantic by air, the Vickers-Vimy firm and the Martynsyde Aircraft company both representing Great Britain assembled their aircraft at Pleasantville on the shores of Quidi Vidi Lake and virtually in Bally Haly's front yard. There was considerable interest among club members in the fortunes of both aircraft and their crews. The Martynsyde plane - a small biplane crashed on takeoff May 8, 1919. The Vickers Vimy aircraft (a converted bomber) when assembled at Pleasantville was flown to Lester's Field in the West end of St. John's and from there took off on its successful non-stop crossing of the Atlantic by air June 14, 1919. Manned by Capt. John Alcock and Lieutenant Arthur Whitten Brown, the Vickers-Vimy landed in Clifden, Ireland, June 15, 1919, some sixteen hours after leaving St. John's.

The Golden Twenties

Chapter VI

1920 - 1929

(1921)

- (1) It was not until April 3rd, 1925 that the House of Assembly Amendment Act was passed to amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidation Statutes of Newfoundland that entitled women to vote.

The Golden Twenties

Chapter VI

1924

- (1) On the evening of Monday, September 15, 1924, tragedy marred the Squadron's visit. An automobile with a driver and four passengers returning to the City from a reception aboard H.M.S. Hood at Holyrood, ran into and killed two pedestrians walking on the road at Donovans. Four occupants of the automobile were also killed. The driver of the car survived.

(Evening Chronicle - September 16, 1924)

1928 Season

Chapter VI

(Period 1920 - 1929)

The Twenties

- (1) John Patterson and William Smith lose their lives at Gull Pond near Seal Cove, C.B. while fishing on July 2nd, 1928. Jack Patterson received his primary education in St. John's and later attended Feetes College in Edinburgh. He was in 28th year when he died. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and rose to the rank of Second-Lieutenant. He saw service in France. He was a Captain in the Newfoundland Highlanders Brigade, an organization headed by his father, Dr. J.J. Patterson, who was Colonel Jack Patterson played defense for the Guards Championship hockey team which captured the Boyle Challenge Cup in 1923. He was married to Minnie Mare. Besides his wife and one infant son, he leaves his father, Dr. Patterson and his mother and one brother, Cliff.

Evening Telegram - July 3rd, 1928

Chapter VI

The Twenties

1929

- (1) Gosling had earlier in 1925 been exposed to International competition while attending Pembroke College, Cambridge University when as an Old Blue he was a member of the Cambridge undergraduate golf team. His identity with Newfoundland in that role was minimal. Again when in 1928, Gosling again carried off the Amateur Golf Championship of Bermuda it was simply a personal achievement and without any official status as a representative of Newfoundland. Essentially, therefore Dickinson was the first of our golfing ambassadors.

Chapter VII

(The Thirties)

1930 - 1939

(1930)

- (1) In mid-November 1930, Miniature Golf was introduced to St. John's at the Gaiety Hall near the War Memorial in the Fall of 1930 under the auspices of the Peter Pan Golf Club. The hall occasionally used for dances was made attractive to resemble the outdoors. The course itself consists of 16 holes complete with hazards. It was possible for as many as sixty-four players to use the course at the same time. From the very outset, the 'craze' with its challenge caught on. To publicize the fad, the owners induced the golf professionals at Bally Haly, Lloyd Chancey, to play a round. Chancey shot a forty for the 16 holes or four over par. It was regarded as a remarkably good score. The first tournament conducted at the Miniature course was won by Harold Alderdice of the Bally Haly Club.

(Evening Telegram, November 25th, 1930)

Chapter VII

(The Thirties)

1930

- (2) Annual Gala Field Day held at Bally Haly, Wednesday, 20 August 1930.
Results published in Evening Telegram, Aug. 21, 1930

Men's stroke competition	P.C. Mars 72 Net
Novelty Sixsomes	Mrs. L.E. Emerson, Ern. Fox, Harry Dickinson
Mixed Greensomes	Miss Ruth Hickman and Mrs. A.A. Werlich
Mixed Twosome (sealed hole)	Miss M. Mitchell and Clift Paterson
Putting Competition (Ladies)	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
Putting Competition (Men's)	H.W. Alderdice
Driving Competition (Ladies)	Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson
Driving Competition (Men's)	Mr. E. Holmes

Chapter VII (1931)

(Period 1931 - 1940)

1931 Season

- (1) Harry W. Dickinson, writing in the Newfoundland Sporting Annual published in December 1931, attributes full credit to Hon. William R. Warren for his initiative and enterprising spirit in not only suggesting the purchase of Bally Haly farm for use as a golf course, but furthermore organizing the financial backing which ultimately led to its being acquired for its intended purpose. A subscription was raised and stock issued in the new club to the amount of \$25, 000. All those subscriptions were in the nature of contributions with no dividend being paid. Many of the golfers subscribed as much as \$1,000 each.

Chapter VII
1931 - 1940
(The Thirties)
1931 Season

Evening Telegram - August 19, 1931

Program of Events and Winners

- (2) Greensomes: Miss M. Anderson and H.W. Dickinson tied with Mrs. R.B. Herder and H.W. Alderdice
- Stroke Competition: Gordon A. Winter
- Novelty Sixsomes: Miss R. Hickman, D.S. Ayre, H.M. Munn
- Sealed Strokes: Miss R. Blackall, E.L. Hickman
- Driving: Men: A.H. Monroe Ladies: Miss M. Bennett
- Putting: Men: E.L. Hickman Ladies: Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson

(3) Evening Telegram - September 2, 1931 (Condensed)

H.W. Alderdice with 154 wins Medal Play Championship

The Men's Medal Play Championship was played at Bally Haly yesterday. Harold Alderdice faced Harry Dickinson in the finals. In the morning round, both contestants finished with identical scores of 76. In the afternoon round, Alderdice turned in a card of 76 while Dickinson had 80. Harold Alderdice's score of 154 - which is six over par for the course - is a remarkable one considering the condition of the fairways and the greens after the heavy rains of the previous day.

The Thirties

1930 - 1939

Chapter VII

(1934)

- (1) Observer's Weekly, December 29th, 1934

Chapter VII

(The Thirties)

1935

- (1) The July 13th issue of the Evening Telegram shows a photography of Governor D. Murray Anderson as a member of the mixed greensomes group. Pictured as well are R.S. Furlong, Esq., Miss Edith Alderdice, Mrs. W.F. Hutchinson.
- (2) The Lever Cup, a silver cup trophy, donated by Lever Brothers of Port Sunlight in England was placed in competition in 1935 (see Evening Telegram, may 23rd, 1935). It was to be emblematic of the Club Championship of tennis in Newfoundland. A perpetual trophy, it was to remain in the hands of the winning club for one year. Replicas of the master trophy were awarded to each winning club.

The Forties

1940 - 1949

Chapter VIII

(1944)

- (1) Among the orchestras engaged by Bally Haly Club for both the informal and formal dances held at the club were: Ian Cowan and his orchestra, Walter Chambers and his group, the Prince's Orchestra, and Mickey Duggan's Orchestra. Occasionally, at the informal weekly dance, the music was supplied by Ian Cowan on piano and Frank Oliver on drums. With the advent of the Americans to Fort Pepperrell, a U.S. Base orchestra occasionally provided music for the Bally Haly dances.

Chapter VIII

(The Forties)

1949 Season

- (1) In the mixed greensomes tournament played in the afternoon of Wednesday, 24 August, H.W. Dickinson had as his partner Kathleen Ayres (sister of John and Steward Ayre). Their opponents were R.S. Furlong, Esq., and Mrs. J. Josephson (nee Vivian Puddester).
- (2) Harry W. Dickinson, a St. John's commission agent and prominent athlete, was born in St. John's in 1880. He was educated at Bishop field College. Leaving school at 17, he worked first with the Reid Newfoundland Company and later joined the commission firm brokerage of A & S Rendell. As both a hockeyist and soccer player he was attached to the Feildian Club. He was a member of the Feildian hockey team which won the Boyle Trophy in 1906 and later in his capacity as manager of the Feildians helped guide that team to three Boyle Cup championships in the 1920's. While his forte was golf, he showed considerable aptitude for tennis, as well. He is buried in the Church of England cemetery on Quidi Vidi Road.

(Observer's weekly - August 24, 1949)

The Fifties

1950 - 1958

(1950)

- (1) Article St. John's Daily News, May 22, 1950.
- (2) The Terra Nova Golf Club was established at Petries Point, Curling, in the very late Twenties with the advent of the paper mill to Corner Brook. Originally the course consisted of six holes but was later expanded to nine holes. The Club vacated the Petries Point property in the Fifties and moved to Farm Road, Corner brook, and established there a nine hole course complete with an elegant log-type club house. The new facility consisting of golf course, tennis courts and social club was named the Blomidon Golf and Country Club. In the early 1960's, the nine hole course at Blomidon was expanded to eighteen holes. The 18 hole course opened August 10, 1969.

Chapter IX

1953

(The Fifties 1951 - 1958)

C.H. 'Harry' Conroy

- (1) Following an illness of six months duration, Harry Conroy died at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, 13 May, 1985. He was 79 at his passing. Harry started his golf career at Bally Haly in 1926 and seven years later became a full-time member of the club. During his career he played 200 rounds a golf each year up to 1976. That works out to about 40,000 miles he covered as he worked his way around Bally Haly course. To mark the milestone, Dr. John Hickey, who was golf captain at the club in 1976, got his hands on a pair of Harry Conroy's old shoes and had them bronzed. The shoes are on exhibit in a trophy case at Bally Haly along with other items of memorabilia including trophies. As already noted, he won both the Match Play and Medal Play Championships at Bally Haly in 1953. Shooting a hole in one is a once in a lifetime experience. Harry Conroy had four such aces in his career.

SUMMARY 1908 - 1958

YEAR	CAPTAIN	MATCH PLAY	MEDAL PLAY
1908	W. G. Gosling	W. G. Gosling	W. C. Job
1909	W. G. Golsing	W. R. Warren	W. C. Job
1910	W. C. Job	W. C. Job	W. C. Job
1911	W. C. Job	W. G. Gosling	W. G. Gosling
1912	W. R. Warren	T. C. Fitzherbert	T. C. Fitzherbert
1913	W. R. Warren	W. C. Job	W. G. Gosling
1914	A. S. Rendell	A. Donnelly	C. B. Carter
1915	A. S. Rendell	W. R. Warren	A. Donnelly
1916	R. B. Job	R. B. Job	H. W. Dickinson
1917	G. M. Barr	A. Donnelly	A. Donnelly
1918	G. M. Barr	P. C. Mars	R. B. Job
1919	W. S. Monroe	A. C. N. Gosling	A. C. N. Gosling
1920	W. S. Monroe	A. C. N. Gosling	A. Donnelly
1921	A. Donnelly	A. C. N. Gosling	H. W. Dickinson
1922	A. Donnelly	A. C. N. Gosling	A. C. N. Gosling
1923	H. W. Dickinson	A. C. N. Gosling	H. W. Dickinson
1924	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1925	W. A. Reid	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1926	W. A. Reid	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1927	B. C. Gardner	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1928	B. C. Gardner	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1929	C. Mack Harvey	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1930	C. Mack Harvey	H. W. Dickinson	P. C. Mars
1931	C. C. Patterson	W. MacKinnon	H. W. Alderdice
1932	W. F. Hutchinson	W. MacKinnon	H. W. Dickinson
1933	W. F. Hutchinson	H. W. Alderdice	H. W. Dickinson
1934	E. L. Hickman	J. F. Ayre	W. MacKinnon
1935	E. L. Hickman	H. W. Alderdice	G. A. Winter
1936	W. MacKinnon	W. MacKinnon	H. W. Dickinson
1937	E. L. Hickman	J. B. Watson	J. F. Ayre
1938	H. W. Alderdice	H. W. Dickinson	H. A. Winter
1939	H. W. Alderdice	E. Walmsley	G. A. Winter
1940	C. H. Conroy	H. W. Dickinson	H. W. Dickinson
1941	C. H. Conroy	E. L. Hickman	C. D. Hart
1942	C. H. Conroy	Capt T. P. Clifford U. S. Army	C. D. Hart
1943	C. H. Conroy	C. D. Hart	J. C. Britton
1944	C. H. Conroy	J. C. Britton	A. G. Herbert
1945	C. H. Conroy	A. G. Herbert	J. Henderson
1946	C. H. Conroy	A. G. Herbert	A. G. Herbert
1947	C. H. Conroy	Col I. D. Synder, USAF	J. F. Ayre
1948	C. H. Conroy	D. S. Ayre	Col I. D. Snyder
1949	C. H. Conroy	J. F. Ayre	J. F. Ayre
1950	C. H. Conroy	E. L. Hickman	Capt R. W. Maxwell
1951	J. M. Bradshaw	D. S. Ayre	J. J. Renouf
1952	J. B. Bradshaw	J. J. Renouf	Lt R. G. Kelly USAF
1953	D. O. Atkinson	C. H. Conroy	C. H. Conroy
1954	D. O. Atkinson	F/A J. D. Donahower USAF	J. J. Renouf
1955	J. J. Renouf	M/S C. L. Saniford USAF	Lt. J. Byrne USAF
1956	J. J. Renouf	Capt E. Stone USAF	A/1C E. Pederson USAF
1957	J. J. Renouf	G. E. George USAF	J. D. Brown
1958	J. J. Renouf	A/2C Wm. R. Emmins USAF	E. St. George Jr.

THE H. W. DICKINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

1950	G. B. Ough
1951	B. D. Parsons
1952	L. S. Gourley
1953	L. A. Oliver
1954	Norman Goodridge
1955	Major H. W. Myers USAF
1956	Major H. W. Myers USAF
1957	J. G. Rose USAF
1958	C. Stewart

BROWNING CUP

1908	Dr. Paterson	1934	G. A. Taylor
1909	W. C. Job	1935	C. L. MacPherson
1910	H. D. Reid	1936	W. E. Peters
1911	W. C. Job	1937	E. Walmsley
1912	W. G. Gosling	1938	W. A. Reid
1913	E. O. B. Carbery	1939	J. B. Murphy
1914	Hon. W. C. Job	1940	C. D. Hart
1915	H. C. Donnelly	1941	C. D. Hart
1916	W. R. Warren	1942	B. A. Hutton
1917	W. R. Warren	1943	W. E. Peters
1918	J. J. Tobin	1944	Edgar Miller
1919	J. J. Strang	1945	E. Fox
1920	A. Donnelly	1946	A. G. Hebert
1921	D. McLeod	1947	A. R. R. Hearn
1922	H. W. Dickinson	1948	G. T. Dyer
1923	P. C. Mars	1949	E. L. Hickman
1924	A. Donnelly	1950	H. B. Murphy
1925	H. W. Dickinson	1951	Sgt O. Norcross USAF
1926	John Patterson	1952	Sgt J. Remenowsky USAF
1927	J. F. Syre		
1928	A. Milligan	1953	Lient Col R. S. Quinn USAF
1929	P. J. Hallisey		
1930	W. MacKinnon	1954	J. D. Allan
1931	George M. Barr	1955	W. G. Foster
1932	R. B. Herder	1956	D. B. Brown
1933	G. A. Winter	1957	Norman Allan
1959	Dr. J. B. Wilson		

PADDON TROPHY

1926	H. W. Dickinson	1944	John Henderson
1927	J. F. Ayre	1945	E. P. Conroy
1928	F. M. Cornell	1946	A. G. Hebert
1929	P. J. Hallisey	1947	J. C. Britton
1930	P. C. Mars	1948	I. D. Snyder
1931	J. W. Cameron	1949	D. G. Myers
1932	P. C. Mars	1950	No competition
1933	G. A. Winter	1951	D. O. Atkinson
1934	W. MacKinnon	1952	Sgt J. Reminowsky USAF
1935	H. W. Dickinson		
1936	D. S. Ayre	1953	I/L Rebarrett USAF
1937	C. H. Conroy	1954	D. Brown
1938	D. S. Ayre	1955	G. Foster
1939	H. A. Winter	1956	Major H. Knight USAF
1940	C. D. Hart		
1941	C. D. Hart	1957	A. McElroy
1942	R. N. Cook	1958	C. H. Conroy
1943	E. P. Conroy		

LADIES COMPETITION

YEAR	MATCH PLAY	MEDAL PLAY
1908	Miss P. Arnaud	-
1909	Miss R. Ayre	-
1910	Mrs. F. C. Alderdice	-
1911	Mrs. F. C. Alderdice	Miss Pauline Baird
1912	Miss Pauline Baird	-
1913	Miss R. Ayre	Miss Helen Job
1914	Miss Pauline Baird	Miss Pauline Baird
1915	Mrs. R. C. Grieve	Miss Helen Job
1916	Miss Armine Gosling	Mrs. A. Williams
1917	Mrs. R. C. Grieve	Mrs. R. C. Grieve
1918	Mrs. R. G. Winter	Mrs. A. Williams
1919	Miss C. Story	Mrs. C. Bruce
1920	Mrs. A. Williams	Mrs. F. Chesman
1921	Mrs. B. Butler	Miss C. Story
1922	Mrs. L. E. Emerson	Mrs. L. E. Emerson
1923	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1924	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. C. J. Stuart
1925	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. C. J. Stuart
1926	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. C. J. Stuart
1927	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. C. J. Stuart
1928	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1929	Mrs. L. E. Emerson	Mrs. L. E. Emerson
1930	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1931	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1932	Mrs. L. C. Outerbridge	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1933	Miss E. S. Alderdice	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1934	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1935	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson	Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson
1936	Miss J. W. Furlong	Mrs. L. C. Outerbridge
1937	Mrs. F. C. Alderdice	Miss R. Hickman
1938	Mrs. G. A. Winter	Mrs. G. A. Winter
1939	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Miss M. Harris
1940	Mrs. C. R. Bell	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1941	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Miss M. Harris
1942	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1943	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1944	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1945	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1946	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1947	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1948	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1949	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1950	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1951	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1952	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1953	Mrs. A. J. Shea	Miss M. Harris
1954	Mrs. A. House	Mrs. G. Krieger
1955	Miss M. Harris	Miss M. Harris
1956	Mrs. D. O'Driscoll	Mrs. M. Patterson
1957	Mrs. G. McNamara	Mrs. A. J. Shea
1958	Mrs. A. House	Mrs. G. McNamara