

# THE CLUBHOUSE

It was on the 1st December 1892 at the Committee meeting where Mr Clifford, an Architect and club member presented a sketch of the new clubhouse for consideration.

After some discussion as to whether other members of the club who were Architects should be invited to send in competition designs it was unanimously decided to employ Mr Clifford as Architect for the project.

After further discussion the Committee felt that if erecting a clubhouse it would be advisable that ampler accommodation in the shape of a larger storeroom and also a committee room be included.

The Architect was then instructed to prepare fresh sketches. (It is heartening to see that nothing has changed in the intervening years!)

Late in December Mr. Clifford's sketch of the ground floor showing a large storeroom and committee room was submitted and approved and the Architect was instructed to prepare an elevation to enable all the information to be submitted to Sir John Stirling Maxwell for approval. If approved the sketches were to be put in the "Measurer's hands" (a much gentler term for a Quantity Surveyor) so that schedules could be prepared and estimates taken before the plans are laid before the general meeting.

On the 21st February 1893 a meeting was held with Sir John Stirling Maxwell and a letter was requested that they accept the site for the building. A new plan prepared by the Architect of a clubhouse suitable on the altered site? was submitted for consideration. A cost was established of £240.00. Mr Clifford was asked to prepare a plan of a house for £170 and have the plans measured and schedules issued for estimates to be submitted to the sub-committee.

It was not long after this when it was decided that the golf course be opened on Saturday 25th March 1893 and that Sir John as president would perform the opening ceremony. Unfortunately Sir John was abroad on the opening day and the Lord Provost performed the opening ceremony at 1.30pm, driving off with a silver cleek!

Eight contractors were asked to give their estimates for the erection of the clubhouse and the costs varied from £290 to £310! Alex Eadie's price of £291.7 .11 was accepted and the Architect was instructed to arrange for the work to start at once.

The house was to be serviceable on the opening day for heavy coats etc!

On the 12th May £300 was paid to Messrs Eadie & Sons for the erection of the clubhouse and on the 10th July 1893 Mr Clifford, the Architect reported that the clubhouse had been completed to his satisfaction.

The Pollok suggestion book at this time had requests that lamps be provided in the clubhouse and that lino be laid and it was agreed that two pendant lamps be provided, one to be hung in the large room and the other in the lavatory room. The lino also was laid although a request for blinds on the west window was deferred. (no change there for committees!)

In the late 1800's there was a remit to the House Committee to consider the erection of a new workshop for the professional and also to make alterations to the clubhouse.

In 1898 the Architect submitted plans for a proposed workshop for the professional to be sited to the right of the entrance gates, at a cost of £21. This was approved and work instructed to proceed.

The old workshop in the Clubhouse was then utilised to extend and improve accommodation in the bar.

From 1901 the question of increased clubhouse accommodation was raised and it was late in December 1902 that a draft plan was produced which was submitted at the AGM on 19th January 1903 and were generally approved.

At this time a proposal for a house on the hill was rejected and I think we can assume that this would be where the present clubhouse now stands.

A special committee was appointed to make arrangements to supervise the erection of the addition to the clubhouse and the completed plans were authorised to be sent out to Contractors for pricing.

The lowest estimate was £512. 5. 9 from Mr. Wm. Nichol and on the 3rd November 1903 the price was accepted and work instructed to proceed.

The following information has still to be "filled out" and edited.

- 1912 new clubhouse present site
- 1926 Machine Shed and Stable Block built?
- 1933 An extension to the clubhouse to the rear with new trusses. (refer to Keppie and Mackintosh )
- 1950 electricity into clubhouse
- 1955 extension to clubhouse
- 1957 2 houses
- 1964-65 new kitchen and bar
- 1966 central heating to clubhouse and lounge extension

\* suggestion Book