

GRAND HOTEL

**THE ROTARY CLUB
OF LOCHABER**

1949 ~ 2000

President's Introduction

It is over fifty years since the Rotary Club of Inverness decided that there was a case for extending the Rotary movement to the south-west end of the Caledonian Canal.

The inaugural meeting of the Rotary Club of Lochaber was held in the Grand Hotel on 9th December 1949, the presentation of the Charter was in the following year.

Over the intervening fifty years the Club has been active in our local community and district and supportive of national and international causes in the Rotary movement.

I am honoured to be the Club's President, not only in the year 2000 but in our Golden Jubilee Year.

We celebrate our fifty years with the Club's usual fun and fellowship. Members with their partners, friends and fellow Rotarians will drink a toast with our National President at our Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance in the Milton Hotel on the 2nd of December.

To commemorate fifty years of Rotary Service in Lochaber and the arrival of our new millennium we hope to present to Fort William an outdoor sculpture representing the local elements of granite, aluminium, slate and water.

May I take this opportunity to wish all recipients of this historical retrospective health and happiness for the future.

ALAN KIRK *President 2000*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

When the Community Service Committee was invited to produce a commemorative booklet for the 50th anniversary of our Club it was clear that we could never improve on Bruce Tulloch's "*The History of the Rotary Club of Lochaber 1949-1996*".

We therefore concentrated on illustrating the facts as Bruce had described them. I hope we succeeded in equalling his quality.

We want to thank Mrs Kathleen MacPherson, Mrs Elsie Whitfield, Mrs Christine Jolly, Mr George Haggart and Mr Ian Ferguson for their help.

FRED HEERMA VAN VOSS

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Survey

Port William

DUPLICATES—Copies to be sent to R.I.B.I. and R.I. Representative.

(Sent to R.I.B.I. and R.I. Representative.....19.....)

Form No. 19b.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

ROTARY CLUB FORMATION—SURVEY FORM

PART I

1. Territorial limits of area surveyed: Fort William Burgh and surrounding District - ~~1882~~
(These should not be described by a radius)
Description attached
2. Population of the above (a) Last census 3132 (b) Present Estimate 3500
(Usually obtainable from local authority)
3. Name of principal town in the area surveyed Port William
4. Proposed name of Club Do.
5. Give brief description and character of principal town and area (Industrial, Country town, Residential, etc.)
Satisfies all Categories (See Answer to Query 18).
6. Is the principal town self-contained, or is it mainly served by a neighbouring business and shopping town?
Self contained.
7. State principal business activities Market town - Shopping centre for large rural area, growing tourist resort. In near neighbourhood of Ben Nevis.
8. Is outlook good for steady, prosperous growth? Yes
9. Is there a Chamber of Commerce or Trade? No If so, is it active? -
10. Names of nearest Rotary Clubs:— Distances:—
Inverness 66 miles
Stirling 70 miles
Nairn 81 miles
11. Number of:—
Accountants* 3 Dentists 3 Lawyers* 4
Architects 3 Hospitals and Institutions 1 Newspapers No local publication
Banks† 4 Hotels and hydros 9 plus smaller Medical Men Four
Churches and Chapels 8 Schools 5
12. How many separate classifications are available amongst manufacturing concerns? Four (subsidiary classification)
How many separate classifications are available amongst wholesale traders? None
How many separate classifications are available amongst retail traders? 70
13. Local Authority Services: Borough or U.D.C. (delete those which do not apply):—
*Clerk to Authority; Surveyor; Treasurer; Medical Officer of Health; Education Officer.
14. Public Services: Local Authority or otherwise (delete those which do not apply):—
Gas Service; Electricity Service; Water Service; Tram or Bus Service.
15. What is the total number of SEPARATE CLASSIFICATIONS which will be available in the town? 74
16. Names of suitable meeting places: (Give approximate accommodation in each case for a Rotary Club meeting)
Several very suitable Hotels in town. No club or similar accommodation
Some could be used for 70 or 80 people

†A map showing the boundaries would be helpful. *Full time services only should be indicated. †Branch offices open part time only should not be included.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO FILL IN EVERY ONE OF THE ABOVE SPACES

18. OBSERVATIONS OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MAKING THE SURVEY: Fort William is a Town of growing importance serving a very large area. Its geographical situation is such that it has to cater for the needs of a considerable population with the result that most classifications are represented - business as well as professional.

Some years ago the British Aluminium Company's works were established just outside the Burgh Boundaries. These works employ not only a considerable number of workmen but many highly qualified professional people - Engineers, Chemists, Architects etc.

Fort William is the centre of an important agricultural community and as such is a Market Town engaging in all the activities associated with such a centre - e.g. Cattle Market - Shopping - Catering for amusements &c. It is also a popular tourist centre attracting growing numbers of visitors annually. Bus touring companies (several of them local) provide facilities for visiting the many beauty spots in the District (including the Prince Charlie country). Steamer services run regularly to Oban and through the Caledonian Canal and Ben Nevis is of course the Mecca of Mountaineers and climbers generally - of whom great numbers make Fort William their Headquarters.

Apart from its importance as a Market Town, Shopping and Tourist Centre and the large Industrial Concern of the British Aluminium Company there is a Distillery Company carrying on a long established and well known Distillery business and there are prospects of other industrial concerns being commenced in the near future.

Date..... Signature of Special Representative.....
Member of Rotary Club of.....

PART II

OBSERVATIONS OF AND UNDERTAKING BY THE DISTRICT EXTENSION COMMITTEE

This is a growing district and I believe a good Club can be formed here.

The Foster Club is expected to be the Rotary Club of Inverness, and the Chairman (or a member) of the District Extension Committee has explained (or will explain) to it the responsibilities and opportunities of a Foster Club.

On behalf of the District Extension Committee I undertake to ensure that the Founder Members of any Club which may be formed will be properly informed of the Aims and Objects of the Rotary Movement, its history, scope, and organization, and of the obligations, rights, responsibilities, duties, and privileges of membership of a Rotary Club.

Date Jan 21st 1949 Signature of Chairman of the District Extension Committee Nancy Wappan
Member of Rotary Club of HAMILTON

PART III

COMMENTS OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE OF R.I.B.I.

I recommend the formation of a Rotary Club in this area.
~~do not recommend~~

Date 22nd January 1949 Signature Andrew Barrie
R.I.R. and Chairman, District No. 192

* Although it is essential that a Survey be made and a copy submitted to the Extension Committee of R.I.B.I., it should be understood that the Committee does not take from the R.I.R. and Chairman the responsibility of saying whether or no further steps should be taken in the formation of any Rotary Club in his District. The Committee, as a result of its consideration of the Survey, will probably have comments and suggestions to offer and may, in certain circumstances, advise the R.I.R. and Chairman that he should not proceed, but the R.I.R. and Chairman must realize that the District, through him and the District Extension Committee, has the responsibility for the initial work which may eventually lead to the addition of another Club to the District.

Notwithstanding this responsibility, it must be understood that, unless the R.I.B.I. Extension Committee is entirely satisfied with the information and documents ultimately presented to it, it may have to recommend to the General Council that the Application to R.I. for a Charter be not approved.

"Founder Meeting" Minutes - 1 July 1949

MINUTES of First Business meeting of Founder
Members of the proposed Lochaber (Formation)
Rotary Club, held in the Grand Hotel, Fort
William, on Friday 1st July at 9.15 p.m.
1949

Present :-

Capt. R. MacKenzie	Mr. J. G. Bullen.
Mr. D. Sydie.	Mr. W. Harle.
Mr. S. Duthie.	Mr. C. W. S. Steel.
Mr. R. Morrison.	Mr. J. Outhbert.
Mr. B. Peach.	Mr. F. Kitchen.
The Rev. W. H. Broom.	Dr. G. Connochie.
Mr. A. MacLennan.	Mr. J. MacBean.
Mr. A. K. MacDonald.	Mr. R. Smeal.

1. On a Motion by Capt. MacKenzie Seconded by Mr. Peach, Mr. J. MacBean was elected Chairman, and took the Chair.
2. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. Dow, Shields, and Jolly.
3. It was decided to form an Interim Council, and the following Officers were unanimously approved.

President Mr. J. MacBean.

Vice President Mr. A. MacLennan.

Treasurer Mr. R. Morrison.

Secretary Mr. C. W. S. Steel.

Ordinary Members (6)

Dr. G. Connochie
Mr. J. G. Bullen
Capt. R. MacKenzie
Mr. R. Dow
Mr. J. Outhbert
Mr. F. Kitchen

4. The following Interim Committees were then elected :-

Classification Committee

Mr. Kitchen
Mr. Outhbert
Mr. Sydie

House Committee

Capt. MacKenzie

5. It was unanimously decided that the name of the Club should "The Lochaber Rotary Club".
6. After a certain amount of discussion it was decided that weekly luncheons should be held each Wednesday in the Grand Hotel from 1.10 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. and that these times should be rigidly adhered to. Capt. MacKenzie assured the Meeting that he would make arrangements for luncheon to be served quickly and promptly in order that plenty of time would be available after the meal for talks and discussions.
7. The Territorial limits of the Club were discussed, but the meeting remitted the question to the Council to make the final decision.
8. The President informed the Council that they would meet in the Grand Hotel on the 1st Thursday of each month at 9 p.m. and the first Council Meeting would be on the 7th July.
9. There being no further business, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Minutes - 7 July 1949

MINUTES of First Council Meeting of Lochaber
(Formation) Rotary Club) held in the Grand
Hotel, Fort William, on Thursday 7th July, at
9 p.m.

Present :- Jimmy MacBean (In the Chair).
Alister MacLennan,
Bob Morrison.
Charley Steel
J. G. Bullen
Cuthbert

2. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mac, Farquhar Kitchen, and Dow.
3. Territorial Limits It was unanimously decided that the Territorial limits of the Club should be the area known as Lochaber consisting of the Parishes of Kilmallie, Kilmonivaig, Arisaig and Moidart.
4. It was decided that the Club should accept no new members until it received its Charter.
5. It was decided that the date of Probation period should be from 14th September, 1949 until 7th December, 1949, both dates inclusive.
6. Entrance Fee and Subscription. After discussion President Jimmy MacBean said that he would get information on this matter from Inverness in a week or two time when he intended visiting the Parent Club to clear up one or two points.
7. It was decided that the Padre should be asked to say Grace before each Luncheon, and if he were absent the President or Vice President should do likewise.
8. Paying for Meals (Guests)
 - (a) It was decided that individual Guests were the responsibility of the member who invited them.
 - (b) Uninvited Guests should pay for their own luncheons.
 - (c) Club Guests should be the Club's responsibility.
9. Alister MacLennan seconded by Cuthbert formerly moved that the Club's Bank Account should be kept at the Bank of Scotland, and that all payments should be made by cheque signed by the President and Treasurer, Vice President and Treasurer, or Secretary and Treasurer.
10. It was decided to form further Committees, and that some of these Committees enumerated in the Standing Club Bye Laws conducted by Rotary International should be amalgamated. The following Committees were then formed.
Programme, Sports, and Entertainments Committee. Padre Broom (Chairman) Steve Duthie, Mac, and Bill Harie.
Membership and Attendance Committee. Ben N. Peach (Chairman), Jolly, Bob Smeal, and A.K.
Classification and Information Committee. Cuthbert (Chairman), Farquhar Kitchen, and David Sydie.
11. It was decided it was not necessary for the Secretary to notify the Council of their monthly meeting, but that at each Luncheon the President should give a rough programme of the Club's Activities for the ensuing week.
12. It was decided that the next Council meeting should be held on Thursday the 4th August.

Points - 13 July 1949

LOCHABER FORMATION ROTARY CLUB

Points discussed at Inverness on 13th July with Mr. MacKillop (Contact Man) and Officers of Inverness Rotary Club.

1. Entrance Fee and Subscription laid down in By-laws VI. Minimum £3. 3. 0. in each case. Inverness Club is £2. 12. 6. but Club has been in existence over 20 years.
2. Attendance during Probation period. Attendance at other Clubs is counted as an attendance at own Club and 80% attendance required is for whole Club not individual members. It is understood that the Extension Committee would exercise discretion in the case of a member being sick etc.,
3. Lady Guests. Not usual, except on Charter night. When a Lady Speaker is present President's wife would probably be asked. Ladies Nights are sometimes held.
4. What constitutes reasonable excuse for leave of absence. Discretion of Council.
5. Minor classification list being sent to Secretary.
6. Literature. The Secretary has been given samples of notepaper etc
7. Territorial limits approved of.
8. Suggested members should be made up to 20 or 21 as it is laid down in one of the booklets that whereas 15 members is absolute minimum, 20 should be aimed at.
9. Suggested that a notice be put up in the Grand Hotel advertising it and time of lunch.
10. Suggest Council Meeting also General Business Meeting.

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McKenzie (1)	Broom (2)
Comachie	Tolly (2)
Sydie (6)	Swear
A.K. (3)	Shields (1)
Duthie (4)	

Pos. J. T. Shields

Wilson

McKenzie McDougall.

Keen

Inaugural Meeting

No. 20—Club Inaugural Resolutions Form

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

in Great Britain and Ireland

DISTRICT NO.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING

held at THE GRAND HOTEL, FORT WILLIAM, INVERNESS-SHIRE,

on FRIDAY the NINTH of DECEMBER, 1949.

atm. in connection with the proposal to FORM A ROTARY CLUB for.....

LOCHABER

Signed, [Signature]
~~Rotary International Representative~~ Per Chairman
(or other authorized District Officer)

IT IS RESOLVED

- (1) That a Rotary Club be formed as a member Club of Rotary International (in the Association for Great Britain and Ireland) with territorial limits as follows: THE AREA KNOWN AS LOCHABER
CONSISTING OF THE PARISHES OF KILMALLIE
KILMORRIS, PRISAIG AND MOISERT.
- (2) That the name of the Club be "The Rotary Club of LOCHABER."
- (3) That the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws of the Association be adopted.

WE the following signatories, having adopted the three above-mentioned Resolutions, agree to become Founder Members of "The Rotary Club of LOCHABER", accept the principles of Rotary as expressed in its Objects, and submit ourselves to and agree to comply with and be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association as established from time to time.

[P.T.O.]

Please complete columns (3) to (8) on a typewriter, or in block letters.

(1) No. for ref. only	(2) Signature	(3) Name	(4) Name of Firm, Company, or Institution, or Business or Professional Name
1	<i>W. H. Broome</i>	BROOME, W. H.	EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SCOTLAND
2	<i>J. G. Bullen</i>	BULLEN, J. G.	NORTH BRITISH ALUMINIUM COMPANY
3	<i>C. Connochie</i>	CONNOCHIE, C. C.	SELF EMPLOYED
4	<i>D. J. Cuthbert</i>	CUTHBERT W. J.	LORD ADVOCATE'S DEPARTMENT
5	<i>R. Dow</i>	DOW R.	R. DOW AND COMPANY
6	<i>S. Duthie</i>	DUTHIE, S.	INVERNESS-SHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
7	<i>M. Harle</i>	HARLE, W.	H.M. GOVERNMENT
8	<i>J. Jolly</i>	JOLLY, D. E.	POST OFFICE
9	<i>Robert H. Kean</i>	KEAN R. H.	R. H. KEAN
10	<i>F. M. Kitchen</i>	KITCHEN, F. M.	SELF EMPLOYED
11	<i>J. McBean</i>	MC BEAN J.	SELF EMPLOYED
12	<i>A. K. MacDonald</i>	MACDONALD A. K.	H.M. GOVERNMENT
13	<i>R. McKenzie</i>	MCKENZIE R.	A. E. AYLOTT & COY LTD
14	<i>Peter MacLennan</i>	MACLENNAN A.	PETER MACLENNAN & COY LTD
15	<i>Campbell Macpherson</i>	MACPHERSON, C. C.	SELF EMPLOYED
16	<i>R. Morrison</i>	MORRISON, R.	BANK OF SCOTLAND
17	<i>W. Paxton</i>	PAXTON, W.	H. CAMERON & COY LTD AND F. M. FRASER
18	<i>B. N. Peach</i>	PEACH B. N.	LOCHABER POWER COY
19	<i>Allan Ribbeck</i>	RIBBECK, A.	ALLAN RIBBECK
20	<i>J. H. Shields</i>	SHIELDS J. H.	J. MACBRAYNE LTD
21	<i>R. A. Smeal</i>	SMEAL R. A.	MACRAE AND DICK LTD
22	<i>C. N. S. Steel</i>	STEEL, C. N. S.	BENNERS DISTILLERY (FORTH WILKINSON) LTD
23	<i>D. Sydie</i>	SYDIE, D.	T. L. SYDIE AND SONS
24	<i>A. J. Urquhart</i>	URQUHART, A. J.	A. J. URQUHART
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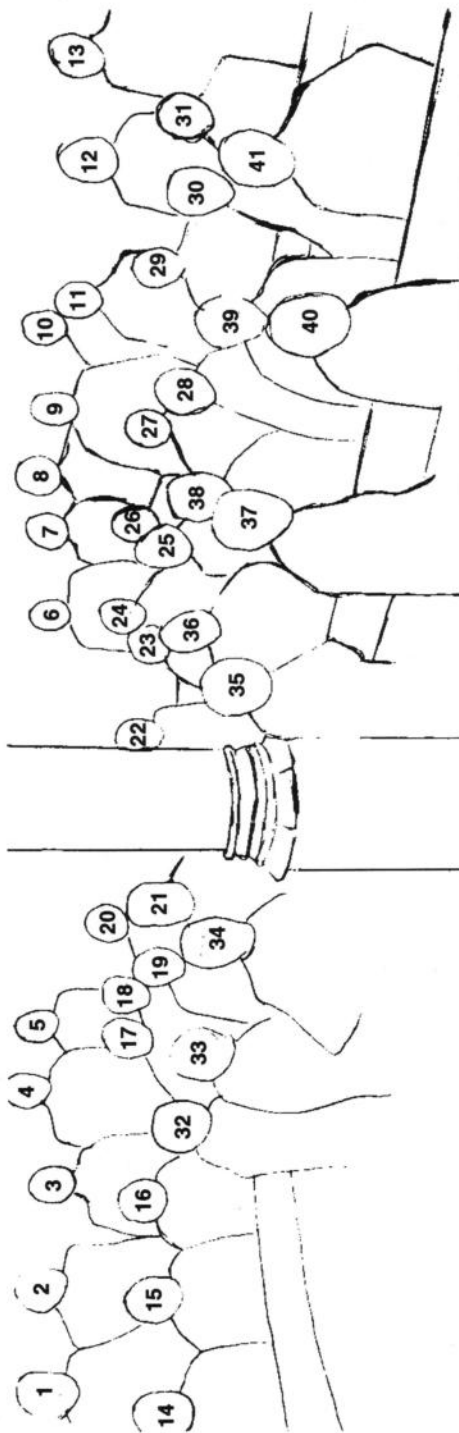
NOTE.—Active membership of a Rotary Club is limited to one man only from each class which correctly describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company, or

(5) Position in Firm, etc., or office held	(6) Business Address	(7) Major Classification (See Note 1)	(8) Minor Classification (See Note 2)
RECTOR	THE RECTORY, FORT WILLIAM	RELIGION	EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GENERAL MANAGER	NORTH BRITISH ALUMINIUM COY FORT WILLIAM	ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	ALUMINIUM IMPORTS - MANUFACTURING
PROPRIETOR	GLENTOWER FORT WILLIAM	MEDICINE	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
PROSECUTOR FISCAL	ROYAL BANK BUILDINGS FORT WILLIAM	LAW	COURTS
SENIOR PARTNER	CAMERON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM	LAW	GENERAL LAW PRACTICE
HEAD SCIENCE MASTER	HIGH SCHOOL, FORT WILLIAM	EDUCATION	EDUCATION - SECONDARY (MANUALLY SUPPORTED)
EXCISE OFFICER	BEN NEVIS DISTILLERY LOCKY BRIDGE, FORT WILLIAM	GOVERNMENT	PUBLIC REVENUE SERVICE - INDIRECT
HEAD POSTMASTER	POST OFFICE, FORT WILLIAM	COMMUNICATION SERVICE	POSTAL SERVICE
PROPRIETOR	19, HIGH ST, FORT WILLIAM	CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	PHARMACY
PROPRIETOR	46, HIGH ST FORT WILLIAM	MEDICINE	DENTISTRY
PROPRIETOR	ARAYL HOTEL, FORT WILLIAM	BEVERAGES - ALCOHOLIC	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE - RETAILING
DIVISIONAL SURVEYOR	BRITISH LINEN BANK BUILDINGS FORT WILLIAM	CONSTRUCTION SERVICE	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
DIRECTOR	GRAND HOTEL, FORT WILLIAM	HOTELS RESORTS AND RESTAURANTS	CATERING
MANAGING DIRECTOR	HIGH ST, FORT WILLIAM	DAY GOODS AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE	GENERAL MERCHANDISE - RETAILING
PROPRIETOR	40, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM	OPTICAL GOODS	OPTICAL GOODS - RETAILING
MANAGER	BANK OF SCOTLAND HIGH ST FORT WILLIAM	FINANCE	BANKING
MANAGER	H. CAMERON AND COY LTD FORT WILLIAM	COAL INDUSTRY	COAL - RETAILING
CIVIL ENGINEER (MAINTENANCE)	LOCHNAIR POWER WORKS FORT WILLIAM	ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY	ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICE - LOCAL
PROPRIETOR	145, HIGH ST FORT WILLIAM	JEWELRY	JEWELRY - RETAILING
AREA MANAGER	PIER HEAD, FORT WILLIAM	TRANSPORTATION	COASTAL SHIPPING
DISTRICT MANAGER	STATION SQUARE FORT WILLIAM	AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY	GARAGE AND SERVICE STATION
ACCOUNTANT	LOCKY BRIDGE FORT WILLIAM	BEVERAGES - ALCOHOLIC	WHISKY - DISTILLING
PARTNER	16, HIGH STREET FORT WILLIAM	PAINTS, OILS, DECORATION	PAINTING AND DECORATING
PROPRIETOR	MACRAE'S LANE FORT WILLIAM	CONSTRUCTION SERVICE	CARPENTRY

Classification of business or profession; and the classification of each active member must be that of the institution with which he is connected. (Standard Club Constitution, Article III, Sections 3 and 4.)

[P.T.O.]

Rotary Club of Lochaber Inaugural Dinner - 9 December 1949



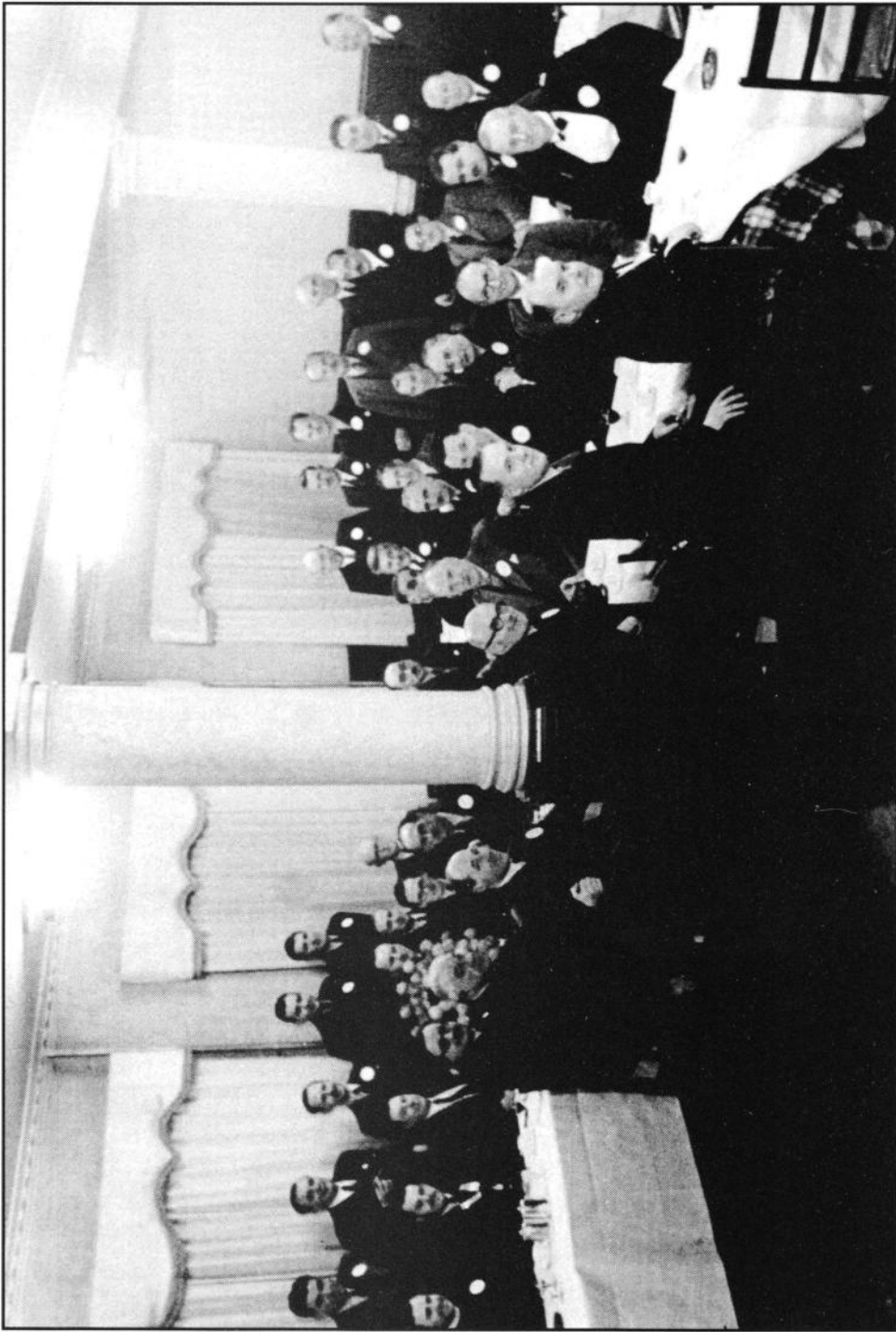
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Members

H. Broome	(14)	R. Mackenzie	(33)
J. Bullen	(23)	A. MacLennan	(20)
C. Connachie	(27)	C. MacPherson	(31)
W. Cuthbert	(41)	R. Morrison	(1)
R. Dow	(10)	W. Paxton	(24)
S. Duthie	(29)	B. Peach	(11)
D. Jolly	(35)	A. Ribbeck	(40)
R. Kean	(28)	J. Shields	(3)
F. Kitchen	(39)	R. Smeal	(12)
H. Leishman	(40)	C. Steel	
J. McBean	(36)	D. Sydie	

Guests

W. Winkler	(Edinburgh)	W. Nimmo	(Oban)
C. Inches	(Edinburgh)	R. Wotherspoon	(Oban)
N. Crombie	(Glasgow)	J. Hutton	(Oban)
W. Tucker	(Glasgow)	R. McAllister	(Oban)
H. Rankin	(Hamilton)	J. Dick	(Rutherglen)
J. Cooper	(Hamilton)	R. McGill	(Stonehaven)
F. Critchley	(Inverness)		
J. Gray	(Inverness)		
D. Truach	(Inverness)		
R. McAvoy	(Inverness)		
N. Swanson	(Kelvin)		
J. Stuart	(Leven)		



Joining Rotary



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Board of Directors of Rotary International
(via R.I.B.I. Headquarters)

The Rotary Club of LOCHABER hereby makes application for MEMBERSHIP
IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Constitution.

The Rotary Club of LOCHABER was inaugurated on 9th December 1949
by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and at the time of making this application has 23
Charter Members, of whom a list is provided with this Application.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Club duly certified. It is understood and
agreed that no change in, or amendment to, the Club's Constitution herewith submitted, nor any amendment
to the Club's By-laws which will conflict with the Constitution of the Club or with the Constitution and
By-laws of the Association, or of Rotary International, will be made without first submitting the same to the
Secretary of the Association for approval by its General Council.

A Cheque for £ 20 : 2 : 6^d, being 17s. 6d. per member shown on the Charter Membership
List, is also attached hereto.

The Officers and Council are :—

President James M^cBean

Members of Council (six in number) :—

Vice-President(s) Alastair Macfennan

William Harold Broome

Hon. Treasurer Robert Morrison

John Gilby Bullen

Hon. Secretary Charles William Simson
Steel

Robert Dier

Allan Kennedy Macdonald

Roderick Mackenzie

Benjamin Mac^{neil} Peach

The regular weekly meetings of the Club are held as follows :—

Day Wednesday Hour 1. PM Place Grand Hotel, Fort William

Certified on behalf of the Rotary Club of LOCHABER

By James M^cBean President

Date 12/4/50 Charles W. Steel Secretary

Application approved by the General Council of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

Date 12/4/50 Charles W. Steel Secretary

The New Districts

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
FORMERLY THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ROTARY CLUBS
FOUNDED 1914

DISTRICT NOS. 1 & 2

Scotland

Rockburn,
3 Bent Road,
Hamilton, 30th March, 1950.

Dear Charles,

No doubt President Jimmy would tell you of my high appreciation of your reports from Lochaber for the last two months. I asked him to let me know if I may alter the description of your territory to read:-

"The area known as Lochaber consisting of the Parishes of Glenelg, Arisaig and Moidart, Kilmallie, Kilmonivaig and including the Burgh of Fort William".

I wish to mention the Burgh and I understand the Parish of Glenelg is in the County District of Lochaber. It will interest the members to know that in the proposal to divide Scotland into two Districts, Lochaber and Oban have been included with the Southern portion of the Country. Travelling facilities in that direction are more plentiful and easier than with the North East and East where the most of the clubs are in the proposed District for the Northern part of the Country and your contacts are more with the south than with the north.

After I get your next report I shall send on the Charter papers for completion. As I explained to Jimmy the presentation can be postponed till the end of the Summer even though it is granted earlier.

Greetings to all the members and I look forward to seeing you whenever an opportunity offers.

Yours sincerely,

Harry

(Henry Alexr. Rankin)
District Extension Officer.

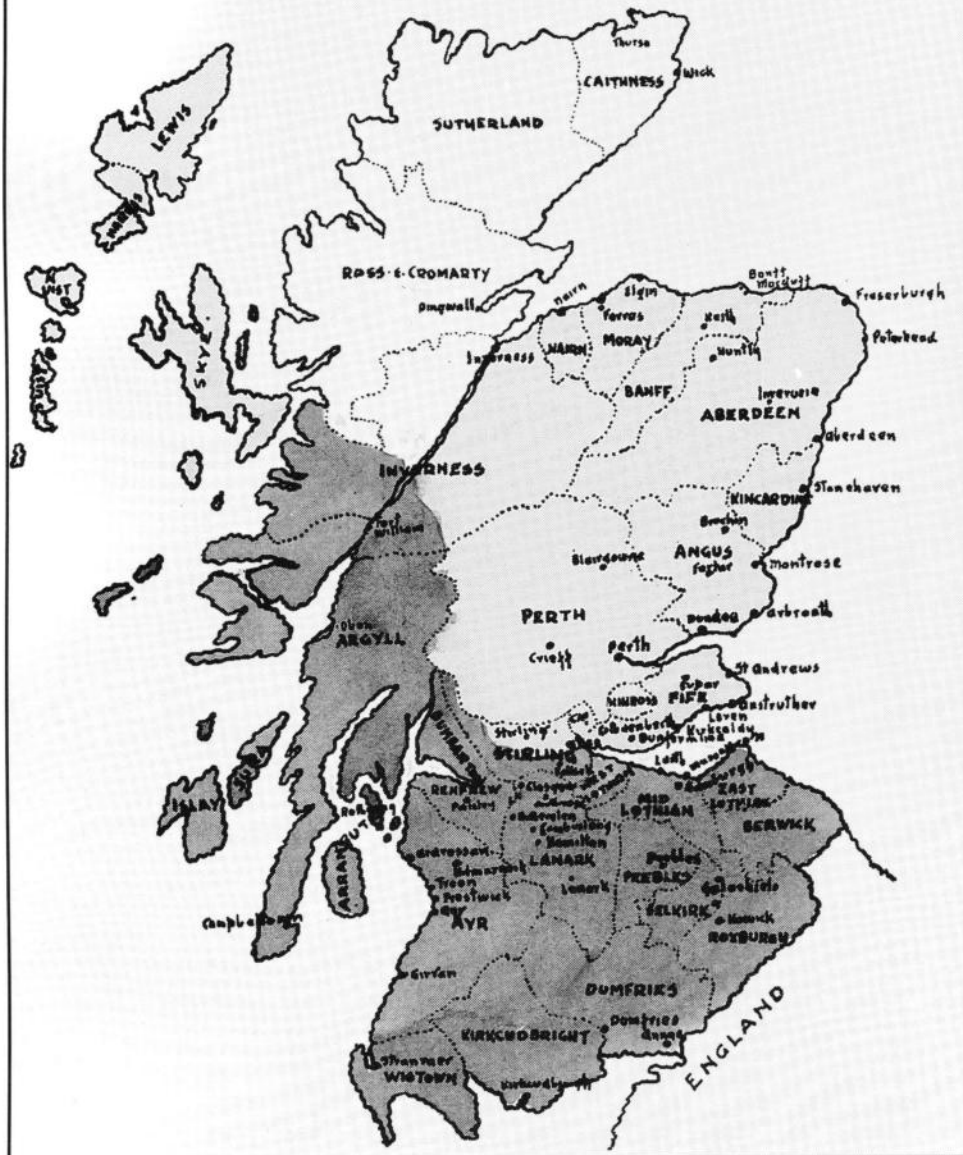
G.W.S. Steel, Esq.,
Inverlochy Villa,
Lochy Bridge,
Fort William.

HAR/IR.

P.S. As a matter of interest I am enclosing a copy of a sketch map showing the proposed division & a copy of the resolution.

R.I.B.I. DISTRICT 1 AND 2
PROPOSED DIVISION OF DISTRICT

*per District Council
Resolution 16th Mar. 1950*



Congratulations ...

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



PERCY HODGSON
PRESIDENT
1949 - 1950

21 COMMERCE STREET, PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND, U. S. A.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: 26 E. WACKER DR., CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

June 26, 1950

J. McBean, Esq.
President
C.W.S. Steel, Esq.
Secretary
The Rotary Club
Lochaber, Inverness, Scotland

Dear fellow Rotarians:

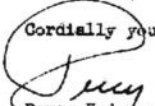
Because I cannot be with you to say in person what is in my heart, I am taking this opportunity to attempt to say it in writing.

We are delighted that you have come into this friendly family of internationally-minded men of good will. The Board of Directors joins me in sending to you our warmest greetings, and through this letter we are extending to you the hand of Rotary fellowship.

Your club is now a member of an organization that encircles the world. Based on past experience, it is safe to predict that your community will be enriched because you have seen fit to bring into being a new Rotary club. May I humbly suggest that you and your members inform yourselves thoroughly about Rotary. It would help you to do a better job in club, vocational, community and international service. As you travel down these four Rotary highways of service you will receive a deep inner satisfaction of a job well done.

To you and everyone of your fellow members I send my best wishes for a long, happy, and fruitful Rotary life.

Cordially yours,


Percy Hodgson
President

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Fundraising in 1952 ...

Menu

Hors d'œuvres

Game Soup

Roast Turkey

Chestnut Stuffing

Sausage

Cranberry Jelly

Baked & Creamed Potatoes

Brussels Sprouts

Xmas Pudding - Brandy Sauce

Mince Pies and Cream

Dessert

Coffee

A Fish course - in place of Turkey - has been provided for those guests who have notified that they are precluded from taking poultry.

ICES, TEA & COFFEE & CAKES will be served during the night.

DANCING UNTIL 2 a.m. - - -

- - - to the music of MURRAY'S DANCE BAND

M.C. Mr. Farquhar Macrae Kitchen

There will be PRIZE DRAWS during the evening, the profits from which will go to the Old Folks' Xmas Fund, and the Hotel is giving all profits on the catering to the same cause.

Congratulations after 25 years



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Air Mail

13 May, 1975

Mr. Mike Sutton
President, The Rotary Club
Lochaber, Inverness, Scotland

Dear President Sutton:

In just a short time, on the ninth of June, your club will complete twenty-five years of membership in Rotary International. A quarter of a century of combined service by the members of your club represents a remarkable achievement and I know that this milestone will serve as a new departure for continued effort by all of you.

When you all meet together to commemorate this important event, I would like you to include my personal congratulations among those messages that will be read to your members. As you continue into this second quarter century of service, please be assured of my sincere best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Stewart
General Secretary

Celebrating our 25th

James McLean District Governor 123
"ROTARY CLUB OF LOCHABER"

David Lydie

Luncheon

Keith Hutton President.
Cullen Skink

William Hutton - Hon. Secy.
Galloway's Haggis & Neeps

James McLean

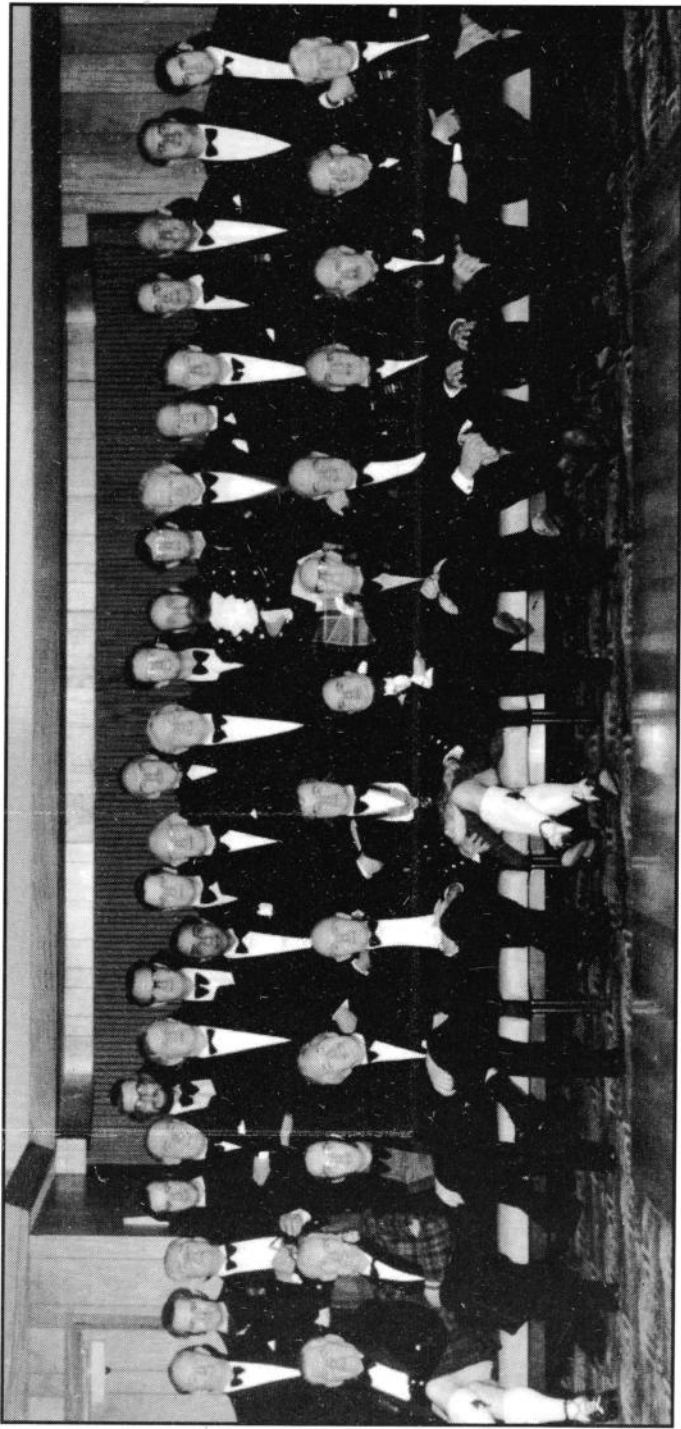
Henry Alexander
Aberdeen Angus Beef

French Beans
Macedoine of Vegetables
Croquette and Boiled Potatoes

Baked Apple

Coffee

Wednesday, 11th June, 1975



Front Row (sitting left to right): Ian Wynne, John Campbell, John Richardson, Bruce Tulloch, Ian MacKay, Donald Currie, Charles Cochrane, Jim Brown, Lloydie Gordon, John MacLellan, Bob Michie, Willie Slater, Donald Reid-Thomas

Middle Row (standing left to right): Bertie McBride, David Sydie, Hamish Cameron, Bob McLeod, Su Sen, David Dingwall, Hector MacLean, Russ Morgan, Hugh MacKenzie, Richard Grant, Mike Sutton, Alex Duncan, Peter MacLennan

Back Row (standing left to right): Ian Livingstone, Sandy MacFarlane, John McGregor, Jim Wilson, John McInnes, Ken Dodgson, Russ Bones, Keith Pettinger, Jim McWilliam, George MacPherson

Changing the President 1983



From left to right: Russ Morgan, Peter MacLennan, a visiting Rotarian from Holland, Bruce Tulloch, Jim Ness, Harry MacKenzie, Hector MacLean, Dan Ryan.

IT'S THE SELF-DETTES — Lechadeur High School pupils (from left) Yvonne Abovender, Claire Samuels and Rosina Forsyth won the recent Rotary Club bookbake competition. They're pictured with the Club's Chairman MacPhee and a cheque for the proceeds, which were donated to the Sefton Hospital Appeal Fund.

UP FOR THE TITLE

WINNING ENSEMBLES - musical smooch-whooers surround Lochaber's Young Musicians Of The Year. Clara (seated centre)

Lochaber's musical smooch-whooers surround Lochaber's Young Musicians Of The Year. Clara (seated centre)

around Lechaber's Young Musician Of The Year. Clare says:

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CHAIN REACTION - John Hutchinson (left) receives his chain of office as new president of the Rotary Club of Lochaber from past president Duncry MacPhee.



Top notch! Pictured are the top table guests at Lochaber Rotary Club's annual ladies' night dinner in the Grand Hotel, Fort William

Congratulations after 50 years



**HONOURING 50 YEARS OF
MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**The Rotary Club of
Lochaber, Invernesshire, Scotland**

admitted 9 June 1950

**is recognised for its dedication
to the Object of Rotary and its commitment
to the ideal of Service Above Self.**

Date 9 June 2000


Carlo Ravizza
President, Rotary International

Members on December 2nd 2000

Sandy MacFarlane	Gerald McIntyre
Mike Sutton	Cameron Sommerville
Alex Duncan	David Maitland
Su Sen	David Thomson
Bruce Tulloch	Bill Bryce
Ian Fyfe	Chris Sutton
Hector MacLean	Fred Van Voss
Russ Morgan	Charles Moore
Alan Milton	Hamish Loudon
John Hutchison	Hiresh Roy
David Anderson	Paul Brian
Ian Abernethy	Donald Young
Duncan MacPhee	David Mee
Colin Neilson	Kenneth Johnson
George Bruce	Asif Rasul
Alan Kirk	Michael MacGruer
Finlay Finlayson	David Scott
John Harvey	George MacFarlane
David Robertson	Andrew MacPherson
Robert Robertson	Ken Scoular
Thomas Wynne	Stephen Dowds
David MacFarlane	John Gourlay
John Rosie	Duncan Gillies
Ron Gretton	Ian Michie

Past Presidents

1949 - 51 James MacBean	1975 - 76 Donald Currie
1951 - 52 Farquhar Kitchen	1976 - 77 Charles Cochrane
1952 - 53 David Sydie	1977 - 78 Alex Duncan
1953 - 54 Charlie Steel	1978 - 79 Sandy MacFarlane
1954 - 55 Charles Conochie	1979 - 80 Jim McWilliam
1955 - 56 Alan Ribbeck	1980 - 81 Duncan Stuart
1956 - 57 Robert Kean	1981 - 82 Peter MacLennan
1957 - 58 A.K. MacDonald	1982 - 83 Hector Maclean
1958 - 59 Murdo MacKenzie	1983 - 84 Bruce Tulloch
1959 - 60 William Cuthbert	1984 - 85 Dan Ryan
1960 - 61 Donald Reid-Thomas	1985 - 86 Will Adam
1961 - 62 Robert Stuart	1986 - 87 David Dingwall
1962 - 63 Joe MacPherson	1987 - 88 Dennis Laws
1963 - 64 John MacLellan	1988 - 89 Russ Morgan
1964 - 65 John Campbell	1989 - 90 David Blair
1965 - 66 Andrew Honeyman	1990 - 91 David Anderson
1966 - 67 George MacPherson	1991 - 92 Ian Milton
1967 - 68 Robert Michie	1992 - 93 Ray Sutherland
1968 - 69 Hugh MacKenzie	1993 - 94 Duncan MacPhee
1969 - 70 James Hogg	1994 - 95 John Hutchison
1970 - 71 William MacIntosh	1995 - 96 George Bruce
1971 - 72 William Slater	1996 - 97 Alistair Grant
1972 - 73 Sandy Kinnear	1997 - 98 Finlay Finlayson
1973 - 74 Ian Wynne	1998 - 99 David Robertson
1974 - 75 Mick Sutton	1999 - 00 John Rosie
	2000 - 01 Alan Kirk

Secretaries

1949 - 51 Charlie Steel	1975 - 77 Jimmy Brown
1951 - 57 William Cuthbert	1977 - 79 Bertie McBride
1957 - 64 Bob Morrison	1979 - 84 Harry MacKenzie
1964 - 70 Willie Slater	1984 - 86 Dennis Laws
1970 - 75 Bill McKie	1986 - 88 Bruce Simpson
	1988 - date John Harvey