

Introduction by
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LAWN TENNIS is the greatest of all games, and although this may not be admitted by all, that it is the most international of all games cannot be disputed. No other game can at present boast of an International Competition such as the Davis Cup, which is competed for annually by no less than thirty-three Nations.

In my opinion this position has been reached, not by the coming and the going of individual players, but by the great Lawn Tennis structure which has been created by the forming and carrying on of Lawn Tennis Clubs throughout the world.

The Scottish Lawn Tennis Association, of which I am at present Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, consists of affiliated Lawn Tennis Clubs, and in all its activities the claims of Clubs receive prior consideration to the claims of individual players.

In Scotland the Inter-Club Challenge Cup Competition takes precedence over all other Competitions and Tournaments, and on many occasions, when the necessity has arisen, a man has willingly withdrawn from a Championship Tournament in order to play for his Club in the Competition.

It is therefore with great interest that I have read the little histories of the various Clubs issued by Messrs R. W. Forsyth, Ltd., and I am certain they will prove most interesting to many of the older generation. They will also convey to the younger generation a more intimate knowledge of the history and tradition of each Club, and will thus intensify the "Club spirit" which is so essential to the life of the game and which is the only spirit in which the game is worth playing.

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