

foreword

We trust that the members and past members of the various Edinburgh Lawn Tennis Clubs will find the brief summary of their club's history of interest.

Club records are in many cases incomplete, and with the passing of time since the formation of most of our leading clubs, this series is an endeavour to get together a record before it is too late and much interesting material thereby lost. With many records non-existent or not available, and many facts offered from memory by many of the people who so willingly assisted in the task, indulgence is asked for any little slips there may be in the records.

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THE club was started in 1884, when two courts were laid in what had previously been a dump in Dean Park Crescent. In the first instance there were six guarantors, namely, A. W. Black, J. P. Bannerman, Dr S. Keith, W. S. C. Shaw, W. Whyte, and W. A. Wyse. In them, all the property of the club was vested, the annual subscription of one guinea (with half a guinea entry money) paid by the members merely giving the privilege of playing on the courts.

DEAN GROUNDS ASSOCIATION
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Proposed building operations on the ground in 1888 was responsible for the formation of a limited liability company, which purchased the ground for £1800, being £400 less than the former proprietor had paid for it. Improvements were effected on the courts and two additional courts were laid. It was suggested that the courts could be flooded in the winter and used as curling ponds. There was also added a