

# HALE GOLF CLUB ARCHIVE (MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY)

The Club's first archivist, elected in 1976, was Tony Timpson, a member for 69 years. He wrote *Hale Golf Club: Seventy-Five Years 1903-1978* (available in the bar). He was succeeded by Ian Harris who in 1999 produced a booklet containing revealing and interesting excerpts from the archive (*Hale Golf Club: a History*) and a fascinating compilation of photographs (*Hale Golf Club: a Continuation of the History*) (both available in the bar). The Club is very fortunate that Neal Hyde made extensive use of the archive in writing his entertaining and informative *Hale Golf Club: a Celebration of the First Century*. Neal ensured that the Club's records to 2003 were preserved for posterity and that they are available for anyone to see at the Manchester Central Library. Ian Goulty took over from Ian Harris in 2010 and Ian handed the reins over to me in 2014.

The Central Library holds many Hale Golf Club documents. These are available for members (and others) to see. The Library also holds a copy of Neal Hyde's *Hale Golf Club* in the Local Studies section (GB742.96813563). 'A' (below) explains how to access the documents. The Library has produced a Greater Manchester Lives web-site introduction to the archive ('B'), which draws heavily upon Neal Hyde's book. The contents of the Central Library archive are set out at 'C' and 'D'.

## A. ACCESSING THE GOLF CLUB ARCHIVE AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

1. Allow a full day to give the Library time to retrieve the archive (i.e. book two days in advance).
2. Type Manchester Central Library into Google
3. Click the 'Archives, family and local history' tab.
4. Click the 'Access archives, rare books & collections' tab.
5. Click the 'Search Room' link.
6. Click the 'Book to see archives, rare books and special collections' tab.
7. For the whole archive fill in the form with:  
Hale Golf Club  
Whole Archive  
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GB124.G.HGC  
As Item 1 and then provide all the details requested.
8. For a specific item fill in the form with:  
Hale Golf Club  
GB124.G.HGC  
Box ?  
As Item 1 and then provide all the details requested.
9. When e-mail confirmation has been received, go to the Search Room in the Archives+ ground floor section of the Library with ID and a pencil.

## B. CENTRAL LIBRARY INTRODUCTION TO HALE GOLF CLUB ARCHIVE

In 1902 a group of members of Timperley Golf Club began discussions about forming a golf club in the Hale district. They held a meeting of interested people on 16 December 1902 and a provisional committee was created to approach Mr Whalley at Rossmill Farm about obtaining a seven-year lease. By the time of their second meeting on 6 February 1903 the lease had been signed. This was granted on three conditions:

- no golf was to be played on a Sunday;
- cattle and sheep would continue to graze the course; and
- he would need the permission of his landlords, 'The Harrop Trustees'.

All of those who had their names down before 6 February 1903 were known as 'original members'. According to the records there were 69 of them, although 73 names are listed. On 8 February 1903 a sub-committee was

established to draw up the rules and a club house was designed by William Owen. The official opening of the nine-hole course took place on 23 May 1903, but play had already started on 10 April 1903.

At the time of establishment of the golf club, Hale was a rural area. The only access to the course was along a footpath with members arriving on foot or by bicycle. This meant that the membership radius was low. The rise of car ownership led to growth of the membership radius from four miles to ten miles at the AGM of 1912. In 1923 quotations for a new road were sought and an access road was built, which still forms the current driveway.

In November 1968 the course was purchased which brought greater security to the Club than the periodic lease had provided. Until this time the Club could not fully invest in either the club house or the course. By May 1970 the original wooden buildings were coming to the end of their life, suffering from wet and dry rot in addition to inadequate facilities. A decision needed to be made over whether to undertake a major renovation or build totally new facilities. In 1972 members were consulted and preferred the idea of making improvements to the existing structure.

The project went through various stages of consultation and a series of plans. Work started in July 1974 and was completed by December 1974. An opening party was held in January 1975. Phase two of the work was completed in December 1975, and phase three completed in April 1976. During the building work the Club remained open. Much of this work was financed by an appeal to members who also gave donations of money and material.

In March 1988 a drainage consultant's survey was commissioned with recommendations made. Following this a modern drainage system was installed to deal with the worst affected areas of the course.

In the 1990s discussions took place regarding the rebuilding of the club house in time for the centenary in 2003. Work started in October 1995 and the building was ready for use by 11 May 1996. Portacabins were placed in the car park while the work took place. Construction of the car park followed in 1998 and the purchase of the practice ground in 2002.

From the foundation of the Club, female members were present but without voting rights. They had their own committee from August 1903 and in 1905 this Ladies Committee took over the setting of ladies handicaps. In the same year they also joined the Ladies Golf Union (LGU), Cheshire County Ladies Golf Association and the Manchester & District Ladies Golf Association. They were not permitted to attend the AGM until 28 March 2003.

There was no provision for Seniors prior to 1939. The Club has seen a growth in this area of membership due to a decrease in the age of retirement following the introduction of government pensions in 1948 and the growth of company pension schemes. This has led to an increase in the number of Seniors competitions and, from January 1995, the Seniors Dinners to allow members to entertain their ladies.

In 1903 no provision was made for Junior members. Under 18s were not admitted to membership until 7 February 1927, when offspring of members were allowed to join - this age was later raised to 20 years 6 months. By 1946 they had their own competitions. It is estimated that 80% of Juniors never become full members because they often move out of the area on entering employment.

Saturday afternoon has traditionally been a popular time to play. The abandonment of a five and a half day week put an end to that, but habits with many members remained ingrained. The restrictions on Sunday play were removed on 25 July 1913 but certain conditions remained in place relating to the employment of staff. It was not until January 1934 that these restrictions were lifted and staff were employed on a Sunday to cater for refreshments during Sunday play.

Since its foundation the Club organized competitions, the oldest of these competitions being the Galloway Challenge Cup which has been competed for since 1903. Regular social events are also organized including annual hot-pot suppers and the weekly Thursday Night Club (TNC). The Road Traffic Act of 1967, which introduced the breathalyzer, has had an impact on the culture of the club. The Club bought its first computer in 1990 and transferred membership and playing records on to it (Club accounts had been computerized since 1989).

## **C. HALE GOLF CLUB DOCUMENTS HELD AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**

### **Council Meeting Minutes 1902 - 1997**

|                            |              |       |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1902 – 1907 (hand-written) | G/HGC/1/1/1  | Box 1 |
| 1907 – 1920 (hand-written) | G/HGC/1/1/2  | Box 1 |
| 1920 – 1938 (hand-written) | G/HGC/1/1/3  | Box 1 |
| 1938 – 1950 (hand-written) | G/HGC/1/1/4  | Box 1 |
| 1950 – 1957 (hand-written) | G/HGC/1/1/5  | Box 2 |
| 1957 – 1965                | G/HGC/1/1/6  | Box 2 |
| 1965– 1975                 | G/HGC/1/1/7  | Box 3 |
| 1976– 1984                 | G/HGC/1/1/8  | Box 3 |
| 1984 – 1991                | G/HGC/1/1/9  | Box 3 |
| 1991 – 1997                | G/HGC/1/1/10 | Box 4 |

### **AGM Notices and Club Accounts 1934 – 1980**

|         |                 |       |
|---------|-----------------|-------|
| 1934-35 | G/HGC/1/2/1     | Box 4 |
| 1938-40 | G/HGC/1/2/2, 3  | Box 4 |
| 1942-51 | G/HGC/1/2/4-12  | Box 4 |
| 1956-59 | G/HGC/1/2/13-15 | Box 4 |
| 1961-63 | G/HGC/1/2/16-17 | Box 4 |
| 1979    | G/HGC/1/2/18    | Box 4 |

### **Membership Record Books 1903 – 1990s**

|  |             |       |
|--|-------------|-------|
| 1903 – mid 1960s   | G/HGC/2/1/1 | Box 4 |
| (Lists original members. Separate sections for gentlemen and ladies.)                                |             |       |
| mid 1960s – 1990s  | G/HGC/2/1/2 | Box 4 |
| (Gives information about gentlemen only. In use until membership records computerised in the 1990s.) |             |       |

### **Gentlemen's Competitions Books 1903 – 1949**

|             |             |       |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 1903 – 1909 | G/HGC/2/3/1 | Box 5 |
| 1909 – 1922 | G/HGC/2/3/2 | Box 5 |
| 1922 – 1934 | G/HGC/2/3/3 | Box 5 |
| 1934 – 1949 | G/HGC/2/3/4 | Box 5 |

### **Gentlemen's Handicap Books 1910 – 1986**

|             |             |       |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 1910 – 1946 | G/HGC/2/2/1 | Box 7 |
| 1947 – 1965 | G/HGC/2/2/2 | Box 7 |
| 1966 – 1982 | G/HGC/2/2/3 | Box 6 |
| 1983 – 1986 | G/HGC/2/2/4 | Box 6 |

### **Suggestion Books 1903 – 2004**

|             |             |       |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 1903 – 1913 | G/HGC/2/4/1 | Box 6 |
| 1914 – 2004 | G/HGC/2/4/2 | Box 6 |

### **Photograph Albums\***

|                                   |             |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Tony Timpson Photograph Album 1   | G/HGC/2/5/1 | Box 8 |
| Tony Timpson Photograph Album 2   | G/HGC/2/5/2 | Box 8 |
| Cissie Bridgford Photograph Album | G/HGC/2/5/3 | Box 8 |

### **Scrapbooks\***

|                          |             |       |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Tony Timpson Scrapbook 1 | G/HGC/2/6/1 | Box 9 |
| Tony Timpson Scrapbook 2 | G/HGC/2/6/2 | Box 9 |

\*Contents of albums and scrapbooks are listed in 'D' below

## **D. HGC ALBUMS AND SCRAPBOOKS HELD AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**

### **Tony Timpson HGC Photograph Album 1 1903, 1981, 1986 G/HGC/2/5/1 Box 8**

Site of 8<sup>th</sup> tee 1903

Wolff's Farm before golf course (two photos plus copy) 1903, 5<sup>th</sup> tee: A Wolff driving with daughter Elizabeth as caddie

8<sup>th</sup> tee, 8<sup>th</sup> fairway 1903 (with sheep)

Gents' 5<sup>th</sup> tee, ladies' 5<sup>th</sup> tee 1903

6<sup>th</sup> 'green' 1903, 1<sup>st</sup> tee: Lottie Dod driving 1905

3<sup>rd</sup> tee: Lottie Dod driving 1905, original 3<sup>rd</sup> green (Lottie Dod) 1905

4<sup>th</sup> green (Lottie Dod) 1905, 8<sup>th</sup> tee (Lottie Dod) 1905

6<sup>th</sup> tee 1909, 3<sup>rd</sup> tee 1914, 3<sup>rd</sup> green (repositioned) 1914

7<sup>th</sup> hole 1914, 7<sup>th</sup> green 1914

Cartoon about locking bridge 1954

Pro-Am programme 1981

Pro-Am scores 1981

Pro-Am prizes, Dennis Durnian's record scorecard (65) 1981

Pro-Am score details 1981

Pro-Am team photographs 1981

Pro-Am team photographs 1981

Pro-Am team photographs 1981

Pro-Am team photographs 1981 (with youthful C J Brown)

Pro-Am team photographs 1981

Pro-Am team photographs 1981

9<sup>th</sup> hole 1981

7<sup>th</sup> hole 1981

Pro-Am 1982 scores, photo of N Roberts, Tony Timpson and E Dodson 1982

Hale members with names 1949

HGC veterans 1986

HGC veterans 1986

Presentation to N Roberts, retiring Veterans match organiser 1986, group photos with names

Veterans group photos with names 1986

Veterans group photos with names 1986

Veterans group photos with names 1986

Veterans group photos with names 1986

Veterans group photos with names 1986

3<sup>rd</sup> hole 1987 (two photos, flooding)

4<sup>th</sup> hole 1987 (flooding)

8<sup>th</sup> hole 1987 (flooding)

Fathers and sons 1984

Presentation to Tony Timpson on 60 years full membership 1989, President's Prize 1990

Copy of 1981 Pro-Am scores and programme, photo of tractor

Am-Am team photos 1988 and list of competitors, honours board photos c1988 (in envelope)

## **Tony Timpson HGC Photograph Album 2 G/HGC/2/5/2 Box 8**

*Hale Golf Club: a Retrospect* C H Megson 1925, *Golf* J R Rowbotham 1956 (only copy – hand illustrated, presented to Captain)

Honours boards c1988 (in envelope)

Tony Timpson drive-in, etc, 1958 and earlier

View from bridge c1967

9<sup>th</sup> hole 1967

Bridge c1967

From the woods on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole c1967

2<sup>nd</sup> green from the bridge c1967

Bentley Bank (from bridge towards Rossmill) c1967

3<sup>rd</sup> hole fairway c1967

Tobogganing on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> holes c1968

Rossmill Farm c1968

Three members 1974

3<sup>rd</sup> tee and 3<sup>rd</sup> green 1913 (copies of 1914 photos in Album 1)

4<sup>th</sup> tee and 4<sup>th</sup> green 1913

7<sup>th</sup> hole and 7<sup>th</sup> green 1913 (copies of 1914 photos in Album 1)

1<sup>st</sup> green and 7<sup>th</sup> tee 1938, 9<sup>th</sup> hole 1967 and 1912

5<sup>th</sup> tee and 5<sup>th</sup> hole c1938, Percy Butlin (two photos)

9<sup>th</sup> hole (1913, two photos)

Captain's Dinner 1960 (G W Tetlow)

6<sup>th</sup> green 1967

9<sup>th</sup> green c1965 (two photos, after redevelopment)

9<sup>th</sup> green before redevelopment

3<sup>rd</sup> hole c1967

3<sup>rd</sup> hole 1975

Installing pipes to pump water from Bollin to greens 1957 (four photos)

9<sup>th</sup> green 1977

6<sup>th</sup> hole 1977

9<sup>th</sup> hole 1977

9<sup>th</sup> hole 1977

Captain's Dinner 1977 (two photos) (A G Pendleton)

9<sup>th</sup> hole 1977 (after further redevelopment)

Captain's Dinner 1981 (J H Brown)

Honours Boards c1987

Honours Boards c1987  
7<sup>th</sup> hole c1967 (A P Smith)

**Cissie Bridgford Photograph Album** G/HGC 2/5/3 Box 8

Newspaper cutting about retirement of both C H Megson (Hon Secretary) and S O'Hanlon (Hon Treasurer) after 33 years' service dating from the formation of the Club 1936

*Hale Golf Club: a Retrospect* by C H Megson (1925) with poem entitled *Reminiscence* 1928

Photograph of Hale Golf Club ladies with names 1925

Photograph of Cissie Bridgford receiving Cheshire County Cup 1925

Four photographs of golfers playing 1913

Photographs of HGC members (including Mr Bridgford) 1913-1933

Newspaper cuttings and photographs of Cissie Bridgeford winning the Cheshire Ladies Championship 1925

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1912-1948

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1913-1928

Newspaper cuttings about, and photographs of, Cheshire ladies golf 1925 (county champions team had 3 HGC members, Cissie Bridgford, Mrs Mursell and Mrs Hardicker)

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1920-1925

Photographs of HGC clubhouse and course c1925

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1921-1926

Photograph of Cheshire ladies 1927

Photographs of English ladies 1926 and Cissie Bridgford 1921

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1921 and 1929

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1928

Photograph of Cheshire ladies 1928

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1928-1929

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1928-1931

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1928-1931

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1929

Miscellaneous Cheshire ladies golf photographs 1929

Photograph of Cheshire county ladies team 1930

Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings about men's and ladies' golf c1931

Photograph of Cheshire ladies team 1932

Photographs of English lady golfers 1932

Newspaper cuttings about Cheshire ladies golf 1921-1934 (plus Mr Bridgford's hole in one)

Photograph of Cheshire ladies veterans 1948, newspaper cutting about Cheshire ladies c1950 and newspaper caricature of HGC Council 1953

Photographs of Cheshire ladies c1935

Photograph of Cheshire ladies team 1937

Poem by George Grimshaw in the style of Rudyard Kipling's *If* about 'Being a Veitch' undated  
'Minute' of HGC Guild meeting 1930 in which the Dod is mentioned and fun is poked at various members, especially C H Megson, newspaper cuttings about HGC golfers 1930-1934

Newspaper cutting about C R Darlington (HGC and Ringway) c1925, two handwritten poems about Saturday lunches at HGC anonymous and undated

Poem to HGC members anonymous and undated, newspaper cutting caricaturing EGU officials.  
'Report' of meeting of 'Lower End' H C Sandiford 1950

*The Match Captain* handwritten poem about mens' match between HGC and Ringway anonymous and undated

Poem about 'Hale Club Management' anonymous and undated, *A Golf Club Fairy Story* c1933 spoof saga about money shortage.

*Hail! Glorious Hale* poem anonymous and undated

Score sheet from LGU County Finals 1928 (won by Cheshire), letter from C H Megson congratulating Cissie Bridgford on becoming Cheshire County Captain 1934

### **Tony Timpson Scrapbook 1 G/HGC/2/6/1**

Letter inviting prospective members to discuss the formation of a golf club at a "prettily situated ground" in Hale 09/12/1902

Invitation to become members at an entrance fee of £2 2s and subscription £2 2s 19/12/1902

Notice of General Meeting 29/01/1903

Notice of formal opening of Club 09/04/1903

Letter containing book of rules stating that "[l]adies may play any time except on Saturdays after 12 o'clock, and on Competition Days and Holidays"

Pro forma letter about election to membership, locker fee 5s

Pro forma notice of Council meeting

List of Competitions 1903-04

Notice of 1903 Autumn Meeting

Book of Rules 1903-04

Notice of 1<sup>st</sup> AGM 04/03/1904

Notice of General Meeting to discuss rule change on visitors' fees 04/06/1904

Members' Handbook 1904-1905

Notice of 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM 03/03/1905

Letter enclosing List of Fixtures for 1906-07 and notice of rule change 05/04/1906 (also a draft of this later in Scrapbook)

Pro-forma letter to proposers and seconders asking for details about prospective members

Letter inviting entries to an open competition for members of Bowdon, Timperley and Hale Clubs 10/04/1906

Letter about appointment of new Professional, Rowland Lewis, to replace Beck 10/1906 (a second copy appears later in Scrapbook)

Letter and notice requesting gratuities for employees, limited to 2s 6d

Newspaper cutting about Sunday play, Hale GC and new trestle bridge undated, c1906 (a photocopy appears in Tony Timpson Scrapbook 2)

Newspaper cutting about new trestle bridge c1906 (a photocopy appears in Tony Timpson Scrapbook 2)

Letter from Bowdon Golf Club inviting entries to an open competition for members of Bowdon, Timperley and Hale Clubs 22/03/1907

Notice of 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM 01/03/1906

Notice of 5<sup>th</sup> AGM 06/03/1908 (heavily hand-altered)

Fragment of letter to Secretary denying non-replacement of divots

Notice about 36 hole competition between four professionals

Letter from Timperley Golf Club inviting entries to an open competition for members of Bowdon, Timperley and Hale Clubs 03/1908

Letter enclosing List of Fixtures for 1908-9 and notice of rule change 24/04/1908

Letter increasing Gentlemen's subscriptions to £2 12s 6d 23/03/1909  
Notice of 6<sup>th</sup> AGM 06/03/1909

Tobacco dealer's licence 06/07/1910  
Accounts for year ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 1910 (income and expenditure £590 15s 4d)  
Notice of 7<sup>th</sup> AGM 11/03/1910  
Letter about subscriptions and prohibition of Sunday play 23/03/1910  
Notice requesting members not to play until after the funeral of King Edward VII on 20 May 1910

Letter requesting views about Sunday play c02/1911  
Sunday play voting slip 09/02/1911  
Letter from 15 members opposing Sunday play 02/1911  
Letter from two members proposing that Sunday play be restored 17/02/1911  
Envelope containing three copies of a letter signed by 12 members about Sunday play 27/01/1911 and a second letter signed by 29 members about Sunday play 02/1911

Notice of 8<sup>th</sup> AGM (proposing a rule change and the restoration of Sunday play) 24/03/1911  
Accounts for year ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 1911  
Notice giving priority to singles matches c1911  
Rules examination paper 29/04/1911  
Notice about Christmas gratuities (not to exceed 2/6)

Proposed member questionnaire  
Letter from C H Megson 19/11/1920 asking every member to contribute to an appeal by Earl Haig (Captain of. St Andrews Golf Club) on behalf of the Officers' Association  
Notice of 9<sup>th</sup> AGM 21/02/1912  
Letter from Tatton Estate Office 16/11/1911 stating that "his Lordship does not see his way to entertaining the idea of extending the golf course over the Bollin"  
Blotting paper advertisement for Hargan golfing footwear

Notice of 10<sup>th</sup> AGM 05/03/1913  
Card from C H Megson giving notice of competitions and correcting members' telephone numbers  
Notice about Christmas gratuities (not to exceed 2/6)  
Letter from C H Megson 12/1913 asking members to obtain supplies either from Galligan (the professional) or from Finnegans in Deansgate (mentioning his name)  
Letter from C H Megson 10/10/1913 asking members not to leave motor cars at the end of Rappax Road

Notice of a meeting of Council 01/05/1912  
Letter from C H Megson 12/06/1913 asking members to vote on whether the prohibition of Sunday play should be rescinded  
Notice 25/07/1913 stating that Sunday play is permitted subject to various restrictions  
Notice of 11<sup>th</sup> AGM 06/03/1914  
Letter from C H Megson 29/07/1914 asking for subscriptions (not to exceed 5/-) to provide a Galloway Cup to be held for a year (rather than won outright as previously)

Subscription List to pay the expenses of a man who won the Victoria Cross to attend a dinner given by HRH the Prince of Wales. £10 was guaranteed  
Notice of 14<sup>th</sup> AGM 19/03/1917  
Original telegram from Buckingham Palace 10/08/1914 asking the Club to sanction a collection for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund  
Letter 06/11/1915 from the Consulate of the Netherlands thanking the Club for its congratulations on the award of the Croix de Guerre on Lieut. Marcille



Letter in French (and translation) from M Marcille 19/11/1915 thanking the Club for its 'sympathie'

Original and transcription of a note written by W Howard Goulty about the four ball foursome played as the first event after the opening of the Club undated, c1903

Notice about Christmas gratuities 12/1914

Letter from C H Megson 11/08/1914 detailing the telegram from Buckingham Palace and asking for subscriptions

1:2500 plan detailing the HGC drainage system 1988

Copy of photograph of C H Megson with HGC trophies

Scorecard for J G Harris for handicap (gross 66 net 63) 24/06/1939

Menu for Captain's Dinner 1989 (Peter Veitch)

*A Golf Club Fairy Story* Spoof history that appears to indicate that the Dod originated in the earliest years of the Club when members sat at one long table (undated)

*Meeting of the Lower End, Dec 1950* Spoof on the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Lower End (of the long table)

*On Hearing the First Willcock in Spring* Poem about Gordon Willcocks' being noisy on the course (by George Grimshaw, undated)

*If* Poem about Leslie Veitch in the manner of Rudyard Kipling (c1978, by George Grimshaw)

Captain's Dinner Menu 1978 (Ernest Dodson)

TNC Handwritten notes by Norman Shaw, probably c1960

*Thursday Night Club (TNC)* Revised rules 24/11/1960

Aerial photos of course 1964 (in envelope)

Captain's Dinner Menu 1995 (Alan Bradley)

Notice of new appointment "At a Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1976, the office of Archivist to the Club was created. The immediate Past President, Mr W A Timpson was subsequently elected to this new appointment." A G Pendleton, Captain

## **Tony Timpson Scrapbook 2** G/HGC/2/6/2 (very fragile!)

'*Altrincham & Sale Guardian*' Spoof Shanks edition (edited by Tony Timpson) 03/1984

List of Shanks members and nicknames c1984

Notice of 12<sup>th</sup> AGM 05/03/1915

Accounts for year ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 1915

Notice about Christmas gratuities mentioning the War 12/1915

Notice of 13<sup>th</sup> AGM and accounts 18/03/1916

Notice of 14<sup>th</sup> AGM and accounts 19/03/1917

Notice asking for subscriptions to be paid to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, Hale Branch and announcing recommencement of Competition for the Captain's Prize 20/03/1919

Notice of 15<sup>th</sup> AGM and accounts 15/03/1918

Notice of 16<sup>th</sup> AGM and accounts 20/03/1919 (two copies)

Notice about Christmas gratuities (5/- per member) 12/1919

Notice of 30<sup>th</sup> AGM and accounts 20/03/1933

Newspaper cuttings announcing formation of Hale Golf Club 1903 (*Manchester Courier*, *Evening News*, *Manchester Guardian* ["Something will have to be done..." June 2 1903], *Daily Dispatch*, *Bowdon Guardian*)

Newspaper cutting about Hale Golf Club progress c1904

Newspaper cutting about Hale v Chorlton c1904

Newspaper cutting about Hale v Ashton-on-Mersey (Hale won 6-3) c1904  
Newspaper cutting about Houldsworth Challenge Cup Competition at Timperley c1904  
Newspaper cutting about Balfour Cup Competition at Timperley 1904  
Newspaper cutting about Saturday competition undated  
Newspaper cutting about monthly medal undated

Newspaper cutting about Galloway and match between Hale and Disley undated  
Newspaper cutting about mixed foursomes competition undated  
Newspaper cutting about Rhos-on-Sea v Hale undated  
Newspaper cutting about monthly medal undated  
Newspaper cutting about monthly medal undated

Newspaper cutting about Hale v Chorlton and Hale Ladies v Marple Ladies undated  
Newspaper cutting about ruling on grounding clubs on grass in hazards c1906  
Newspaper cutting on Sunday play and reviewing the Hale course c1906  
Newspaper cutting on new trestle bridge c1906 (a copy appears in Tony Timpson Scrapbook 1)  
Newspaper cutting on Balfour Cup Competition (second copy)

Newspaper cutting about Hale v Rochdale 01/04/1905  
Newspaper cutting about mixed foursomes 06/05/1905  
Newspaper cutting about Knutsford v Hale (Hale won 11.5/4.5) 10/05/1915  
Newspaper cutting about Hale v Rhos-on-Sea (Hale won 7/6) 13/05/1905  
Newspaper cutting about Captain's Cup 08/04/1905

Newspaper cutting about Hale v Chorlton (Hale won 12/4) c1905  
Newspaper cutting about Hale v Rochdale (drawn 6.5/6.5) c1905  
Newspaper cutting about a qualifying round for Captain's Prize c1905  
Newspaper cutting about another qualifying round for Captain's Prize c1905  
Newspaper cutting about a further qualifying round for Captain's Prize c1905

Newspaper cutting about another qualifying round for Captain's Prize c1905  
Newspaper cutting about a further qualifying round for Captain's Prize c1905  
Newspaper cutting about yet another qualifying round for Captain's Prize c1905  
Cutting from the *Manchester Courier* about the Hale links 16/05/1905  
Newspaper cutting about the Galloway Prize 08/07/1905

Newspaper cutting about summer bogey c1905  
Cutting from the *Manchester Courier* about the Houldsworth Cup 22/06/1905  
Cutting from the *Manchester Courier* about the Balfour Cup 26/06/1905  
Newspaper cutting about Rules of Golf ruling in answer to Hale GC questions undated  
Newspaper cutting about Sunday play and Hale ("unsurpassed for its beautiful landscape") c1906

Newspaper cutting about new trestle bridge c1906 (a photocopy appears in Tony Timpson Scrapbook 1)  
Newspaper cutting about mixed foursomes 05/05/1906  
Newspaper cutting about Harwood Prize 04/1906  
Newspaper cutting about Hale v Chorlton (Hale won 9/7) 12/05/1906  
Cutting from *Manchester Guardian* about Open (to members of Hale, Bowdon and Timperley) Meeting at Hale 12/05/1906

Cutting from *Manchester Guardian* about Open Meeting at Hale 10/05/1906  
Cutting from *Manchester Guardian* about Open Meeting at Hale 15/05/1906

Cutting from *Manchester Courier* about Open Meeting at Hale 15/05/1906 “for many weary months [Hale] have endured the reproach that their nine-hole course was but a toy links, and the failure of all the great players from the Bowdon and Timperley stables to get round in eighty is the cause of intense delight”

Newspaper cutting about the Galloway Prize 1906

Newspaper cutting about Hale v Withington (drawn 8/8) undated

Article in *The World of Golf* about Harry Vardon *et al* playing in France 04/07/1907

Various articles from *The World of Golf* and *Golfing* (unrelated to Hale)

*Reminiscence* 1928 Poem ending “Hale Golf Club means ‘stop here and find a friend’”

Newspaper article about inaugural? Manchester and District Golfers’ Alliance Championship held at “the ever-hospitable Hale Golf Club” (undated c1923)

Telegram from C H Harwood (Captain 1908-09) congratulating Club on reaching majority 06/02/24

Score card for C R Darlington gross 71, net 69, 20/04/1940

Record score card for J N MacCaig gross 69, net 63, 05/07/1952

*Our Lady Members* Poem ending “the dreadful plight of womankind who hasn’t got a vote” (probably by C R Darlington c1923)

*Hale Club Management* Poem commencing “I’ll sing a song for sixpence about the Hale G.C.” undated

*A Golf Club Fairy Story* Biblical parody commencing “AND it came to pass that in the year 1902 certain wise men met together...” c1933

Untitled biblical parody by J A Price ending “We must have Faith, Hope and Charity – and the greatest of these is Hope” 03/1975

Documents relating to the lending of units of £100 to finance the purchase of the freehold of the course 07/1968 – 08/1968

Architect’s drawings (elevation and plan) for redevelopment of clubhouse 1973

Architect’s plan for complete new clubhouse on two floors 1972

Architect’s plan for Phase 1 of redevelopment 1974

Architect’s plan for Phase 2 of redevelopment 1975

Architect’s plan for Phase 3 of redevelopment 1975

Newspaper cuttings about A G Willcocks becoming the first member to have celebrated 50 years’ membership and his being presented with a carriage clock 11/1976

Newspaper cutting about Professional/ Steward Alan Cunningham’s retirement 10/01/1977

Tony Timpson’s Presidential address on the occasion of Alan and Elsie Cunningham’s retirement 01/1977

Extract from *Golf – My Slice of Life* by Ted Ray undated

Captain’s Dinner Menu 1934 (C Linstow, signed by attendees)

Report on the course by A MacKenzie in which he states that he “found it was even better than [he] anticipated” (undated, probably c1910)

A Mackenzie’s plan of the course, with suggestions about bunkering, etc., to accompany his report

Report of sub-committee offering A Wolff the right to graze livestock on the course to prevent the Agricultural County Committee requiring it to be ploughed to grow crops 03/12/1917

Captain’s Dinner Menu 1978 (J G Harris, signed by attendees)

Newspaper report of armed robbery at Hale Golf Club 20/07/1981

*To Members of Hale Golf Club* Poem about dress code (probably by C R Darlington c1929)

Recollections by Gordon Willcocks, including the Dodd, cows on the course and the Lower End (including Charlie) (3 typed pages, also hand-written; probably c1970)

Letter instructing members not to park cars at the end of (private) Rappax Road 10/10/13

List of members who have returned 3 or more scores shewing [sic] position for Mr O'Hanlon's prize for 6 best nett scores in the Monthly Medal Competition (18 members) c1912

Two copies of *Hale Club Management*

Copy of *Our Lady Members*

Three copies of J A Price's biblical parody

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