

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 D346

Title: Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club

Dates : 1901-2001

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.24 cubic metres (11 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club, Dinas Powys

Administrative/biographical history

The club was begun in 1901 when a group of individuals in Dinas Powys obtained consent from a local landowner to lay down three tennis courts on the site of the present bowling club. A meeting in April 1902 approved the establishment of the Dinas Powis Club House Co Ltd to hold the club site on a yearly basis and to issue shares to all club members. A further three courts were constructed in 1905-6 and the earlier courts given over to bowls. In recognition of this, the club changed its name to the Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis and Bowling Club in 1907, and held a joint Whitsun Tournament from 1908. The club purchased the site in 1912 and placed ownership with the limited company. A minor dispute over the maintenance of the grounds in 1922 led to a split between the bowls and tennis interests in the club and the tennis club was re-established as a distinct unit. The company remained responsible for both the new bowls and the tennis clubs, but the tennis club was obliged to construct its own pavilion in 1922-1923. The gradual expansion of the club's provision for members coupled with the Whitsun Tournament (established as the Glamorganshire Championships Tournament in 1911) led to the club's widespread and popular recognition as a major sports organization but financial pressures led to the abolition of the Whitsun Tournament in 1964. The last Tournament in Glamorgan was held at Cardiff Lawn Tennis Club in 1969.

Archival history

Immediate source of acquisition

Deposited at the Glamorgan Record Office by a private individual on 3 December 2004.

Scope and content

Club and company minutes, financial papers, minor membership records, Whitsun Tournament programmes, and photographs.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals

Accruals are not expected

System of arrangement**Conditions governing access**

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy.

Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good/fair condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Related units of description**Publication note****Note****Archivist's note**

Compiled by Richard Morgan for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to *Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club Centenary 1901-2001* (2001)

Rules or conventions

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

Date of description

December 2004

Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club Committee

D346/1/1	Minutes	1922-1930
D346/1/2	Minutes	1930-1949
D346/1/3	Minutes	1949-1957
D346/1/4	Minutes	1956-1961
D346/1/5	Minutes [5 vols; fair condition]	1961-1967
D346/1/6	Minutes	1966-1971
D346/1/7	Minutes	1971-1972
D346/1/8	Minutes	1972-1974
D346/1/9	Minutes	1975-1976
D346/1/10	Minutes [5 vols; fair condition]	1976-1977
D346/1/11	Minutes	1977-1978
D346/1/12	Minutes	1978-1979
D346/1/13	Minutes	1979-1980
D346/1/14	Minutes	1981
D346/1/15	Minutes [5 vols; fair condition]	1982-1989
D346/1/16	Minutes	1990-1993
D346/1/17	Minutes	1994-2000
D346/1/18	Minutes [3 vols; fair condition]	2001-2003

Dinas Powis Club House Co Ltd

The company was responsible for tenure, later ownership (as lessor and later as freeholder), and finances of Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club and Dinas Powis Bowling Club

D346/2/1	Minutes of promoters of the Dinas Powis Club House Ltd 1902; minutes of directors 1902-1949; and minutes of annual general meeting 1903-1951 [1 vol; fair condition]	1902-1951
D346/2/2	Record of shareholders 1902-1963; mortgage bondholders 1902-1909; register of directors or managers 1902-1962; register of debentures 1912-1923; directors' and annual general meeting minutes 1953-1967; and annual returns 1907-1921; with attached index of shareholders [1 vol and 1 enclosed booklet; fair condition]	1902-1967

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| D346/2/3 | Memorandum of Association. Dinas Powis Club House Co Ltd.
Marked: 'This is the only copy the Secretary has'
[1 file; fair condition] | 17 Apr 1902 |
| D346/3/1, 2 | Register of debenture holders 1923-1954, and miscellaneous loose papers addressed to club secretary 1953-1963, including copies of memorandum of association 1902
[1 vol and 1 bdle; fair condition] | 1923-1963 |
| D346/2/3 | Cash-book 1935-1967; rents receivable 1935-1967; correspondence regarding the winding-up of Dinas Powis Club House Co Ltd 1961-1969; debentures 1935-1954; share account 1935 and 1963; building account 1935 and 1942; land purchase account 1935; new pavilion building account 1935 and 1955; and revenue balance sheets 1935-1966
[1 vol and loose papers; fair condition] | 1935-1969 |
| D346/3/4 | Statements of accounts (incomplete)
[1 bdle; fair condition] | 1941-1967 |

Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club Ltd**Minutes and reports**

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| D346/4/1 | Minutes of annual general meeting, statements of accounts, annual returns, and miscellaneous financial papers
[1 bdle; fair condition] | 1952-1977 |
| D346/4/2 | Annual returns 1977-1996, statements of accounts 1973-1996, draft conveyance 1988, and miscellaneous financial papers
[1 bdle; fair condition] | 1977-1996 |
| D346/5 | Agenda and minutes of annual general meeting
[1 bdle; good condition] | 1983-2001 |
| D346/6/1 | Committee minutes and officers' reports
[1 bdle; good condition] | 1971-1973 |
| D346/6/2 | Committee minutes, officers' reports, and related financial and administrative papers
[1 bdle; good condition] | 1977-1979 |

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D346/7/1	Chairman and treasurer's reports and agenda of annual general meeting [1 bdle; good condition]	1961-1973
D346/7/2	Chairman and treasurer's reports and agenda of annual general meeting [1 bdle; good condition]	1974-1984, 1988
D346/8	Property revenue accounts [1 bdle; fair condition]	1952-1967
D346/9	Balance sheets and related papers [1 bdle; fair condition]	1981-1982
D346/10	Individual accounts including subscriptions, fees, and bank accounts [1 vol; good condition]	1975-1990
D346/11	Incomes ledger [1 vol; good condition]	1983-1995
D346/12	Expenditure ledger [1 vol; good condition]	1983-1995
D346/13	Reports and accounts [1 bdle; good condition]	1928-1939
D346/14	Cash-book containing monthly receipts and expenditure [1 vol; fair condition but broken binding]	1923-1935

Membership

D346/15/1	Record of members' subscriptions, with papers regarding draw for Wimbledon tennis competition tickets [1 vol and enclosed papers; good condition]	1977-1982
D346/15/2	Record of members 1983-1988 and enclosed list of members October 1995 [1 vol and loose papers; fair condition]	1983-1988, 1995
D346/16/1	Membership Secretary's notes [1 file; good condition]	1983
D346/16/2	List of members [1 file; good condition]	1 Aug 1996

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D346/16/3	Summaries of membership and elections, resignations and transfers [1 file; good condition]	c.1956-1963
D346/16/4	Renewal forms and other papers [1 file; good condition]	1981-1984
	<u>Membership, clubhouse and other papers</u>	
D346/17	Copies of minutes; papers regarding subscriptions; Chairman's reports; plan of Club fields and Bryneithin fields; and papers regarding speaker and alarm circuits in clubhouse [1 bdle; fair condition]	1977-1980
	<u>Clubhouse</u>	
D346/18/1, 2	Estimates and specifications for re-surfacing tennis courts [2 files; fair condition]	Feb and Aug 1953
D346/19	Clubhouse plans and related papers [1 file; fair condition]	1973, 1976
D346/20	Treasurer's papers regarding provision of new tennis courts [1 file; good condition]	1977-1981
D346/21	Papers regarding allweather courts [1 file; fair condition]	1981-1982
D346/22	Papers concerning the operating of clubhouse 1980-1991, with rules 1981, 1983, and 1986 [1 file; fair condition]	1980-1991
	<u>Tennis tournaments</u>	
D346/23	Printed and manuscript programmes for The Welsh Lawn Tennis Association. The Twenty-Seventh Annual Junior Lawn Tennis Championships, August 1955; with record of competitors, and other papers [1 bdle; fair condition]	1955
D346/24	Programme for the Lawn Tennis Championships, Dinas Powis [1 booklet; fair condition]	1911

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D346/25/1-14	Programmes and other papers regarding the County of Glamorgan Championships. Lawn Tennis Tournament, Dinas Powis [Dinas Powys]. Tournaments 19 to 27 with duplicates [1 bdle; fair condition]	1931-1939
D346/25/15-34	Programmes and other papers regarding the County of Glamorgan Championships. Lawn Tennis Tournament, Dinas Powis [Dinas Powys]. Tournaments 28, 29, 33 with duplicates [1 bdle; fair condition]	1946, 1947, 1952-1960, 1962, 1963
D346/26/1-4	Posters advertising the County of Glamorgan Lawn Tennis Tournament, Dinas Powis, Whit Monday, May 18th 1964 [1 full size poster (76cm. x 60cm.) with duplicate; 1 small size poster (25cm. x 33cm.) with duplicate; good condition]	1964
D346/27/1	County of Glamorgan Lawn Tennis Tournament. Notes on history of the club at its 60th anniversary; list of winners in championships 1911-1960; poster (small size [as in D346/26/3]) 1964; notice; correspondence 1964 mainly regarding sponsorship and donations; accommodation; and purchases of equipment [1 bdle; good and fair condition]	1963-1964
D346/27/2	Copy of cutting from the 'Western Mail', 13 November 1964, concerning club's decision not to stage the Glamorgan Championships 1965; summary of receipts and costs 1964; and correspondence 1963-1964 [1 file; good condition] <u>Club centenary, 2001</u>	1963-1965
D346/28	<i>Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club. Centenary 1901-2001</i> , ed. John Pikoulis (2001) [1 printed vol; good condition]	2001
D346/29	Visitors' book, containing copy of letter 19 September 2001 from Louise Wigley, Kensington Palace, for Duchess of Gloucester, to Mr Seel, conveying thanks for centenary visit [1 vol; good condition]	2001
D346/30	'Various papers preparing for 2001 Centenary': mainly proofs for printed history [D346/28] [1 bdle; good condition]	2001

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D36/31/1-10	Exhibits with captions arranged in bundles by decades beginning 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, and 1980 [10 bdles; good condition]	2001
D346/32/1, 2	Copies of photographs of Rose Jones 1972 and Mr Ridout, groundsman, c.1935, used in centenary history [D346/28] and exhibition [2 photographic prints; good condition]	c.1935, 1972 (2001)
	<u>Photographs</u>	
D346/33	Photograph of club members c.1903 Photographer: H.J.B. Wills, Cardiff [1 photographic print on card; fair condition]	c.1903
D346/34	Photograph of tennis players Roy Cooper, F.R. Fifoot, H. Henderson, Denys Turner, Ralph Seel, Amyas Seel [1 photographic print; good condition]	c.1930
D346/35/1, 2	2 photographs found in cash-book [D346/14], 1923-1935, probably removed from an album: group of four men and 2 women group of 2 men (as above) and 4 women (2 as above) against court netting [2 contemporary photographic prints; fair condition]	c.1930
D346/35/3, 4	2 photographs: man holding a racket, possibly at the Whitsun Tournament group of people at courts [2 contemporary photographic prints; fair condition]	c.1930
D346/36	Photograph album, apparently compiled by the Seel family: snow storms at Dinas Powys 1947; St Andrews including church; Coal Exchange, Cardiff; area between Sully Grange and Swanbridge; area between Leckwith and Pen-y-Turnpike road; unidentified photographs at a seaside location; old man with a lawnmower; middle-aged women at a rockery; unidentified college(?) and other buildings; club tennis plays 1947; young girl (aged 2/3); old woman; beach scene; cricket match; unidentified bridge; river or waterway and adjoining village(?); harbour; and Stonehenge, co Wiltshire [1 vol; fair condition; some photographs are missing]	c.1947

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D346/37	Press cuttings [1 file; good condition]	1971-1978
D346/38/1-10	Club rules [10 printed booklets; fair condition]	1936 and c.1962-1996
D346/39/1-6	'Racket' club magazine [6 booklets; fair condition]	1974-1977
D346/40	Programme and words for 'The Good Old Days' club concert [1 booklet and copy; fair condition]	1974
D346/41	Copy of extract from conveyance, 4 October 1954, between William Gilbert Liley and the Dinas Powis Bowling Club, with correspondence to J.H. Seel regarding boundary with Dinas Powis Lawn Tennis Club [1 file; fair condition]	1960-1961
D346/42	'Dinas Powis Envoy' newspaper containing note of opening of club tennis courts [1 paper magazine; fair condition]	Aug 1974
D346/43	Bar rota [1 typescript file; fair condition]	1980
D346/44	Copy of letter from J.H. Seel, Secretary, to clerk of Cardiff Rural District Council, stating wish of club to register a lottery [1 paper; fair condition]	7 Dec 1904
D346/45	Redemption account of club with building society [1 paper; good condition]	Nov 1972
D346/46	Post Office Telegraphs. Consent to placing of telephone cables [1 paper; fair condition]	30 Mar 1965
D346/47	Welsh Lawn Tennis Association badge [1 cloth fabric badger; good condition]	n.d. ?1970-90
D346/48/1-3	The Veterans' Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain handbooks [3 printed booklets; good condition]	1979, 1983, 1984

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| D346/49 | <i>Lowe's Lawn Tennis Annual</i>
This includes lists of main tennis clubs in the United Kingdom and abroad, organisations, descriptions of international matches, a 'Who's Who' in lawn tennis, and illustrations of players
[1 printed vol; fair condition] | 1935 |
| D346/50 | Club name-plate: 'THE DYNAS POWIS CLUB HOUSE COMPANY LIMITED'
[1 brass plate; fair condition] | ?1902 |