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# THE THISTLE CLUB OF LONDON LIMITED FONDS

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

Extent
52 cm of textual records
3 folders of textual records
7 volumes of textual records
1 map

Administrative History
The Thistle Lawn Bowling Club was established in 1879 and was incorporated as the Thistle Club of London, Limited on April 21, 1903. Currently still in operation, the Thistle Club is the oldest lawn bowling club in London. The mandate of the Thistle Lawn Bowling Club is to encourage, promote, and provide facilities for the game of lawn bowling, as well as other activities that are considered desirable by the Board of Directors. In addition to lawn bowling, the club offered tennis (until 1906), curling (until 1929), and a five-pin bowling alley (until the mid 1940s).

The administrative structure of the club has changed since its inception, but it has generally consisted of a Board of Directors, Executive Officers, and various committees. Committees included (but were not limited to) the tournament committee, the membership committee and the grounds committee.

When the club began, its primary constituents were men. In the late 1920s, the Thistle Ladies Lawn Bowling Club was created, with its own by-laws, executive, and committees. The ladies club reported to the general (men’s) Board of Directors. The men’s and women’s executives and committees merged on November 7, 1979.

Between 1975 and 1991, the club received several grants from the New Horizons Program for seniors, allowing for significant equipment and infrastructure upgrades. The Thistle Club of London was originally situated on Piccadilly Street, near Richmond Street. The club moved to its present location at 25 Beaufort Street in 1983.

Scope and Content
This fonds contains the administrative and tournament documents of the Thistle Club of London, Limited. Membership lists, meeting minutes, correspondence, tournament information, financial records, newspaper clippings, rules and etiquette, and documents relating to the upkeep of the greens and the relocation of the club are included.
Arrangement
The fonds is arranged into the following series:
Series 1: Minutes of meetings
Series 2: Financial records
Series 3: Tournament and trophy records
Series 4: Grounds, facilities, and property records
Series 5: General operations documents
Series 6: New Horizons Program grant documents
Series 7: Correspondence

Finding Aids
File and item lists are available.

Custodial History
Items in this fonds were collected from previous past-presidents, beginning in 2002, and stored at the home of past-president Bev Johnston. The documents remained in Johnston’s custody until their donation in 2004.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Conditions Governing Access
No restrictions on access.
Series 1  Minutes of meetings

Dates
1903-1929, 1939-1988

Extent
18 cm of textual records
4 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains minutes of meetings of the Thistle Club of London throughout its various membership stages. Minutes from men’s and ladies’ meetings, as well as minutes from the post-1979 gender-integrated club, are included.

Arrangement
This series is arranged into the following sub-series:
Sub-series 1:  Thistle Ladies Lawn Bowling Club minutes
Sub-series 2:  Thistle Club of London, Limited [men’s] minutes
Sub-series 3:  Thistle Club of London, Limited [integrated] minutes
Sub-series 1.1  Thistle Ladies Lawn Bowling Club minutes

Dates
1939-1979

Extent
10 cm of textual records
2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains the minutes of quarterly and special meetings of the board of directors of the Thistle Ladies Lawn Bowling Club. Financial and administrative matters are discussed. One book of minutes from the Games Committee, discussing tournament planning, is also included.

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Sub-series 1.2  Thistle Club of London, Limited [Men’s] minutes

Dates
1903-1929, 1971-1979

Extent
5 cm of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains the minutes of quarterly and special meetings of the board of directors of the men’s section of the Thistle Club of London, Limited. Financial and administrative matters are discussed.

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Sub-series 1.3  Thistle Club of London, Limited [integrated] minutes

Dates
1979-1998

Extent
3 cm of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains the minutes of quarterly and special meetings of the board of directors of the integrated (men’s and ladies’) Thistle Club of London, Limited. Financial and administrative matters are discussed.

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Series 2  Financial records

Dates

Extent
5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains tax, financial, and share-holder documents. Budgets, receipts, tax returns, and share certificates are included.

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Series 3  Tournament and trophy records

Dates

Extent
12 cm of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains books, flyers, and correspondence relating to Thistle Club trophies and tournaments. Notes of winners and scores, medal design specifications, and advertising materials are included.

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Series 4  Grounds, facilities, and property records

Dates
1906, 1921, 1953, 1976-1984

Extent
5 cm of textual records
1 volume of textual records
1 map; 22 x 28 cm

Scope and Content
This series includes information about the physical properties owned by the Thistle Club of London, Ltd. Financial documents, newspaper clippings, and historical sketches relating to the former location on Piccadilly Street, as well as the new location at 25 Beaufort Street, are included. A map of the old Piccadilly Street location, notes and a reference publication from the Grounds Committee, as well as a publicity book from the bowl manufacturer, are also included.

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Series 5  General operations documents

Dates

Extent
8 cm of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains items that relate to the daily operation of the club as a whole. The club’s constitution, membership cards, guide books, a guest book, and newspaper clippings relating to the facility are included.

Arrangement
This series is arranged into the following sub-series:
Sub-series 1: Membership documents
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Sub-series 5.1 Membership documents

Dates
1910-1911, [ca. 1950]

Extent
1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains membership lists and cards for the Thistle Club of London, Limited.

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Sub-series 5.2  Club rules and legal documents

Dates
1940-1997

Extent
2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains the in-house legal documents of the Thistle Club of London, Limited. The club’s constitution and by-laws are included, as are general rule books for the game of lawn bowling.

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Sub-series 5.3  Social events and media documents

Dates

Extent
3 folders of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains promotional and souvenir items of Thistle Club of London, Limited’s social events. Planning documents, guide books explaining the club, and newspaper clippings promoting club events are included. A souvenir guest-book is also included.

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Series 6  
**New Horizon Program grant documents**

**Dates**  

**Extent**  
5 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content**  
This series contains receipts, correspondence, and other documents relating to grants made to the Thistle Club of London by the New Horizons Program for seniors. New Horizons targets funds towards groups that can help benefit seniors’ quality of life.

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Series 7  Correspondence

Dates

Extent
2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains correspondence of the Thistle Club of London, Ltd. Correspondence from Ontario Lawn Bowls and the Professional Lawn Bowlers Association, as well as governmental correspondence regarding the club’s taxation, are included.

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