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## What is your favourite hole?

Dear Members,

I would like to thank you all for voting for your favourite hole at Lanark this week.



The results were interesting, and the member's favourite hole, with 20.37%, was the 14th hole. The 11th came in second place on 14.81%, and we have a

tie for third place with the 12th and 18th, with 12.96%.

Although I obviously didn't vote, my choice would have been the 11th. Several of the people who voted for the 14th, said it was their favourite especially when played off the Blue Tee.

**The rest of the votes were:**

*1st, 4th and 7th – 5.57% each*

*8th, 9th 10th 13th and 16th all with 3.7% each*

*3rd and 5th had 1.85% each*

*2nd, 6th, 15th and 17th holes got no votes*



**This brings me onto this week's poll**

*What is the toughest hole in Lanark G.C?*

Please let me know which hole you think is the most difficult, and we will see how the results compare.

[Email us today >](#)

## From the Archives

Two years ago, I sent out this email about a piece of Club history that we uncovered during investigations, on behalf of the PGA. Some of you may have missed this the first time around, and some maybe be interested to read it again.

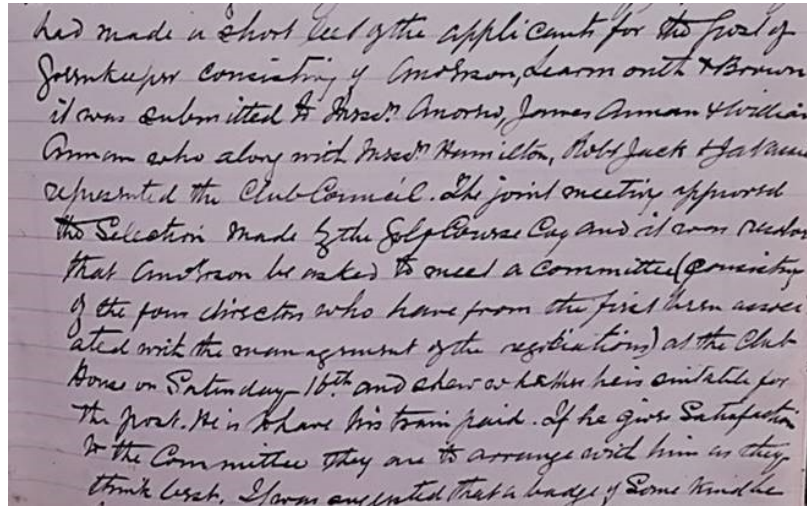
In October 2017, I was contacted by Dr Phil Weaver OBE, Curator of PGA Heritage, to assist with his research into James McKay Anderson who he suspected was at one time a PGA Professional at Lanark Golf Club. Phil, on behalf of the PGA has been compiling a list of Golf Professionals and Assistants who fought for King and Country in the Great War of 1914-1918

and never returned. We have been helping with this research and have uncovered what can only be described as a tragic story relating to James Anderson and have found enough evidence for him to be commemorated by the PGA on its WW1 memorial which they are hoping to have in place for the 100th anniversary of the ending of the Great War in November this year.

I thought you, as a member of the Golf Club, would be interested in hearing James's story.

According to Lanark Golf Club records, James McKay Anderson was interviewed on Saturday 16th April 1910 for the position of Greenkeeper and was paid his train fare to attend.

### Extract from Golf Club Minutes



had made a short list of the applicants for the post of  
Greenkeeper consisting of Anderson, Leamonth & Brown  
it was submitted to Messrs. Anon, James Annon & William  
Annon who along with Messrs. Hamilton, Bell, Jack & John  
represented the Club Council. The joint meeting approved  
the selection made by the Golf Course Club and it was decided  
that Anderson be asked to meet a Committee (consisting  
of the four directors who have from the first been associ-  
ated with the management of the negotiations) at the Club  
House on Saturday 16th and show or better his suitability for  
the post. He is to have his train paid. If he gives satisfaction  
to the Committee they are to arrange with him as they  
think best. I have ascertained that a badge of some kind he

In 1911, the PGA records show James as being elected to the Scottish  
Section showing Golf Club House, Lanark as his address.

### PGA Membership Records

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## LIST OF MEMBERS.

o Assistant. F—Foreign Members.

SO—Southern.	SC—Scottish.	M—Midland.
I—Irish.	N—Northern.	W—Welsh.
W.E.—West of England Section.		E—Eastern.

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SECTION.

- 1907 SC. Adams, D., 10, Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow.
- 1909 SO. Adams, G. H., Hampstead Golf Club, Middlesex.
- 1912 N. Adams, Percy L., Ganton Golf Club, Yorkshire.
- 1910 W.E. Adlam, W. C., Saltford Golf Club, Nr. Bristol.
- 1902 M. Adwick, Jas. H., Olton Golf Club, Solihull, Nr. Birmingham.
- 1912 M. Adwick, Wm. Hy., Trentham Park Golf Club, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
- 1908 SO. Aiken, Richard, The Stables, Witley Park, Godalming, Surrey.
- o 1911 E. Allen, Ernest, 99, Garfield Rd., Newtown, Great Yarmouth.
- o 1912 SO. Amos, Thos. Harry, Burhill Golf Club, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.
- 1911 SC. Anderson, James, Golf Club House, Lanark.
- 1905 SC. Anderson, Joe, Craigiehill Golf Club, Perth, N.B.
- 1908 SO. Andrews, A. R., Borstal Golf Club, Rochester, Kent.
- 1909     Andrews, Bryant.
- 1908 F. Armitage, H., 8, First Street, Walden, New York.

LADYHILL	1903	DO GITTLE, Armande (1903-1909); MILIN, F (1901-1909); LAFOLLEY T J (1906-1916); NEIL, B A (1916-1927); ADAMS, P (1921-1927); LAFOLLEY T (1927-1930); LAFOLLEY C (1906-1936)
LADDOORS PARK	1906	BELL, T (1906-1909); WHILDEN, R (1909-1915); HANCOX, A (1913-1947); BORN, L G, Junr (1912-1923); HOLTON, A J (1923-1925)
LADYBANK	1879	(PEARSON, J) (1869-191); BUTHERFORD, J (1893-1901); ANGUS, Robert (1929-66); BREN, O (1910-11)
LADYHILL, Mountmouth		WILLIAMS, Harry (1913-1921); HARRISON, John W 1921-1923
LAMINGH	1802	McKENNA, James (1803-1809); MACNAMARA, William F 1809-1829; McCAVEY, W 1928-1936
LAMBERTHURST	1920	(PUTLAND, B) (1895-97); JEFFRIES, F (1924-1936); PROWSE, H (1919-23); HAUNWELL, J (1913-23); HARRISON, R (1926-1936)
LAMBERT COLLEGE, Durham	1902	SHAW, Archie (1903-1916); McKENNON, W (1916-1917)
LAMASH	1821	WILKINSON, Wm (1868-1896); STEVENS, John (1890-1904); MCKIE, A (1905-06); ANDERSON, J (1912-14); CHRISTIE, Charles (1920-1922); MOFFAT, R 1922-1933
LANCASTER	1889	(CARLLOUGH, T) (1889-1891); (PARKINSON, A) (1891-1893); CUTHBERT, D (1904-1908); CHITT, J Alfred (1910-1918); ARTHUR, Sam 1910-1921; BALL, W H 1921-1923
LANGLAND RAY	1904	HOWE, Walter 1905-1907; BOOTH, W H 1907-10; HILL, W H (1920-1926)
LANGLEY PARK	1910	ROSS, Jack B 1910-1914; SANDERSON, A J 1914; BALL, Frank (1920-1928); COTTON, Henry 1929-1933
LANSDOWN	1894	(JONES, J (1890-96); EATON, W (1895-96); JOHNSON, W F (1895-1907); EATON, W 1897-1923; WHITECOMBE, Charles A 1923-1925); HOGAN, R R (1925-1926); SMITH, M A 1925-1936
LARGE		(BARBOUR, R) (1894-1895); (LAWLACHER, J) (1895-96); McKEILLAR, John F (1905-1936)
LARK HILL, Teshbury Glen	1891	HILL, J (1903-08)

This is another extract from the Club Minutes in July 1913 mentioning James Anderson, Professional, and giving him the right to sell golf balls at the Club.

membership of the Club and the work in connection with the clubhouse it was agreed to hand over the sale of the balls to James Anderson the Professional the profits to be as an increase of wages -  
The Council also considered that the rules of the Club should be revised and brought up to date and a Committee consisting of the Captain, Secretary Treasurer and Mr. Cassie was appointed -  
4 July 1913. The following gentlemen were today unanimously admitted members of the Club -

In the National Records of Scotland, we discovered that James' wife Helen sadly died at the age of 33 during childbirth in the Golf Club House, Lanark on 31st October 1913.

Helen Stewart Anderson	1913 October	31	33	William Stewart Fisher	1913 November	1	33	James A. Anderson	1913 November	1	33
	Thirtieth										
	1st. Com. Bk.										
Margaret Stewart Anderson	1913 November	1	33	Margaret Stewart Anderson	1913 November	1	33	Margaret Stewart Anderson	1913 November	1	33
	1st. Com. Bk.										
	Lanark										

Shortly after that, in 1914, James left Lanark, we think to live in Elie - Fife, perhaps to take care of his 3 children and returned to his former profession of Mason. James then joined the 1st/6th Battalion Black Watch in January 1915.

1915	(Signed)	1915	(Signed)	1915	(Signed)
James A. Anderson	James A. Anderson	James A. Anderson	James A. Anderson	James A. Anderson	James A. Anderson
Mason (for signature)	Mason (for signature)	Mason (for signature)	Mason (for signature)	Mason (for signature)	Mason (for signature)
at the	at the	at the	at the	at the	at the
Elie	Elie	Elie	Elie	Elie	Elie

On 12th August 1916, he went on to marry Elizabeth Paisley in Elie which is where James parents also stayed. From July 1917 he was on active service at the front, and in April 1918 it was reported in The East Fife Observer that he had been taken prisoner.

## East Fife Observer 25th April 1918 Missing

Recently Private James Anderson and his brother Private George M Anderson sons of Mr and Mrs Anderson, Glencoe, Elie were officially reported missing. Later news received by the wife of Private Jas. Anderson states that he is now a prisoner of war in Germany. In pre-war days he was a professional golfer in Lanark, while his brother was employed by Mr Garland, joiner Elie.

Almost 8 months later, James' wife and parent's hopes were dashed and the East Fife Observer reported the following news on 5th December 1918.

## **Prisoner of War Victim**

Though no official confirmation of the intelligence has yet been received there is too much reason to fear that another local victim has to be added to the prisoners of war who have made a supreme sacrifice. The mother of Private James Anderson 6th Black Watch – Mrs Anderson – and his wife residing in Glencoe Villa were made aware that he had been taken as a prisoner of war near Cambrai some months since and have been regularly sending him parcels which however it appears, he never received. A comrade Private William Stenhouse Northumberland Fusiliers at present in Kirkcaldy has vouchsafed information to the effect that Private Anderson was killed outright by a bomb which dropped from an aircraft fully two months ago and that about ten other soldiers were also killed or wounded at the same time.

His family have been looking forward with eager anticipation to see him coming home soon and this sad information has naturally disconcerted them. Private Anderson joined up in the Black Watch in January 1915 and had been on active service at the front since July last year. Previous to enlistment he was a golf professional at the golf course in Lanark, was 37 years of age and leaves a widow and three young children. What makes it all more distressing is that his brother Lance Corporal George M Anderson also of 6th Black Watch has likewise been taken a prisoner after he had been wounded in action and the family are in dubiety as to his present whereabouts.

On Tuesday Mrs Anderson proceeded to Kirkcaldy to see if she could obtain any further information regarding her husband. Much sympathy is felt for the family in the state in which they now find themselves placed.

On the 19th December, they went onto report that James's brother, George, returned home.

The following is an entry from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission showing James's details and confirming that he is commemorated at The Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension at Somme,



France.

*Private Anderson, James Mckay*

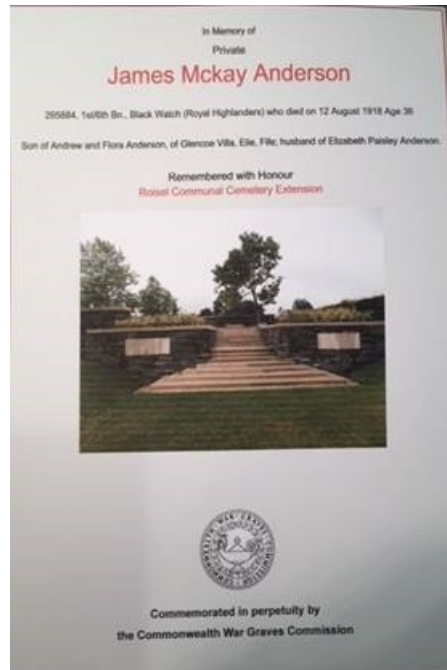
*Service Number 265884*

*Died 12/08/1918*

*Aged 36*

1st/6th Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

Son of Andrew and Flora Anderson, of Glencoe Villa, Elie, Fife; husband of Elizabeth Paisley Anderson.



James is remembered on the war memorial in Elie, [click here](#) for more details.

At the moment, there has been over 90 names, including James McKay Anderson, added to the list of brave PGA Professionals who made the ultimate sacrifice. Unfortunately, a sad story, but part of the Golf Club's history which I thought some, or all of you, would be interested to read.

**Keep moving.  
Get into better swing positions**

*Being home doesn't mean you can't work on your golf game. Your physical conditioning is just as important as technique and course management. Improving your mobility from home means that when you're back on the course, you can hit the ground running.*



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To get into position at the top of your backswing as well as through impact and into your finish, your shoulders have to externally rotate. If your shoulder mobility is limited, you'll struggle to consistently swing on plane. It also puts a lot of strain on your elbow through impact and over time can lead to "tennis elbow".





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