

J H Andrew 1933–1936

'Jack' Holman Andrew was without much doubt an influential personality in both Club and county golfing circles. A dearth of firm information on him means that these lines will probably not do him justice. What we do know is that he was first elected to the committee in 1928, and in the years before his captaincy, was a regular member of the Finance sub-committee. He would have been influential in the decision not to proceed with the proposal to build a second 18 holes, in the abandonment of the two new holes constructed each side of the present 7th, and in the decision to build the 9 Hole Course described in Chapter 5. During the four years he was Captain – itself remarkable – he had to deal with the contentious issue of use of the main lounge by both sexes. If you are of the opinion that mixing is a good thing, he emerges with credit, finding acceptable accommodations between the opposing factions.

His name appears in Devon County Golf Union archives, where he served on committees during the period. He was President of the Devon Golf Captains' Society between 1937 and 1961, and presented the Andrew Bowl to them in 1938. Earlier, in 1931, he presented the Andrew Trophy to the Devon Barbarians Golf Society (then Rugby Club), two trophies which are still keenly competed for today.

As a golfer he won the Sir Henry Lopes shield in 1927, and we know that he was playing off 13 in 1932. In 1951, he presented the Andrew Trophy to DCGU for junior competition (36 hole scratch strokeplay). Peter Brown, the current President of the Devon County Junior Golf Society, won in that year, and remembers Jack Andrew as 'a very generous man.' He is pictured opposite, second from the top on the left hand side.

