

**Brief History of**  
**THE SCOTTISH BURNS CLUB**

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The Club was founded in 1904 by John K. McDowall, then Secretary of the Scottish Football Association.

It became affiliated to the Burns Federation on 27th February 1906 as Number 153 which number it of course still retains. It is now however actually Number 36 in seniority on the Federation Roll of 508 clubs.

The idea behind the founding of the Club arose from the fact that during the latter days of the last Century and in the early days of this Century it was frequently alleged that Burns Clubs and Burns Meetings were merely excuses for excessive drinking. The founder, with a few friends, decided to form a Club which should be second to none and which would demonstrate to all ridiculers and scoffers that the Cult of Burns could and would be enjoyed without the accompaniment of alcoholic liquor of any kind.

While probably only a small minority of the Members, then and today, ~~of the Club~~, the Members have adhered to Rule (1) of the Club