



Your History Committee recently discovered and added a 1899 Red Book to the Club's collection. Here are some "takeaways" from 1899 from the book:

- It addresses how to move to 3-year terms for the board or "Executive Committee"
- There was stock involved - 1 share per member and transferable only to the Board.
- There was an Entertainment Committee in charge of all activities according to rules set by the Executive Committee: "tennis courts, bowling alleys, polo field and ball fields" (written 1893).
- The Grounds Committee was in charge of the grounds and the stables.
- Golf was new and only mentioned once in the text. Sons of members were charged \$15 for the season or \$1 per round. There was a Golf Committee listed.
- Guests were separated into two categories, "Strangers" and "Visitors". "Strangers" lived more than 12 miles from the Club. "Visitors" were MEN who lived within 12 miles. They were required to be signed in by a member in a book. We're not sure what this meant but there was a separate Women's Book. A member could have no more than four strangers at a time.
- Dues were capped at no more than \$100 or a Life Member paid \$1,000 one time. "Subscribers" could be invited for 1 year for \$100. There was an undefined admission fee.
- Dogs could be brought to the Club but they had to be placed in the kennel.
- There were about 300 members. Only four were listed as living in Manchester.
- There are familiar and intriguing names in 1899 at least for those who didn't grow up around Essex: Foster, Coffin, Hoopes, Hovey, Faulkner, Gardner, Goddard, Frothingham, Caner and many more.