Antique Golf Print, Duddingston, Life Association Of Scotland, Michael Brown

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Height: 23.5 cm (9.3")

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Width: 38.5 cm (15.2")

Framed Height: 45.5 cm (17.9")

Framed Width: 56.5 cm (22.2")

Framed Depth: 56.5 cm (22.2")

Description

Antique Golf Print, Match At Duddingston.
An original Life Association of Scotland 1899 calendar. The calendar has been framed in a gilt frame with glass and is with a wonderful central golfing picture of a match at Duddingston Golf Club. The picture is taken from the painting by Michael Brown and titled 'Match At Duddingston. Mr. F.G. Tait & Mr.Leslie M. Balfour-Melville versus B. Sayers & W. Aucterlonie, 26th March. 1898'.

The Life Association of Scotland was established in 1838 in Edinburgh. In the late 1800's golf courses were being established all over Scotland and the financial community set up the Insurance & Banking Golf Club on the Duddingston estate in 1895, beneath the spectacular backdrop of the extinct volcano, Arthur's Seat. To mark the opening of the extended Club House, Michael Brown was commissioned to paint a scene from an exhibition golf match at the Club. The 1899 Life Association of Scotland calendar used this image as its center piece. It was such a marketing success Brown was then commissioned to annually paint a golfing picture until 1916, prints were made of these originals and glued to the cardboard calendar that the Life Association of Scotland produced. Brown's original paintings adorned the walls of the Edinburgh head office for many years.

Club History of Duddingston Golf Club, taken from their website.

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The land, part of a former deer estate, has many links with Scotland's history including in 1745, prior to the Battle of Prestonpans, the encampment of the cavalry of Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, in an area adjoining the course and known today as Cavalry Park.
Owned by the Duke of Abercorn the estate was set on the east flank of Edinburgh, beneath the spectacular backdrop of the 823 feet high extinct volcano Arthur's Seat. The area was considered by the club's founding architect Willie Park to be of a size that would make a "first class course". Well over 100 years later those that have been fortunate enough to play it would surely agree. The course was extended in the 1960's and 1970's by John Shade and Bill Biggar and, with the addition of the new tee at the 12th hole, now measures 6525 yards - a true test of golf.

The gently undulating parkland course (in Gaelic Duddingston means 'sunny side of the hill') is maintained to a high standard throughout the year and is considered one of the most outstanding parkland courses in the Lothians.

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