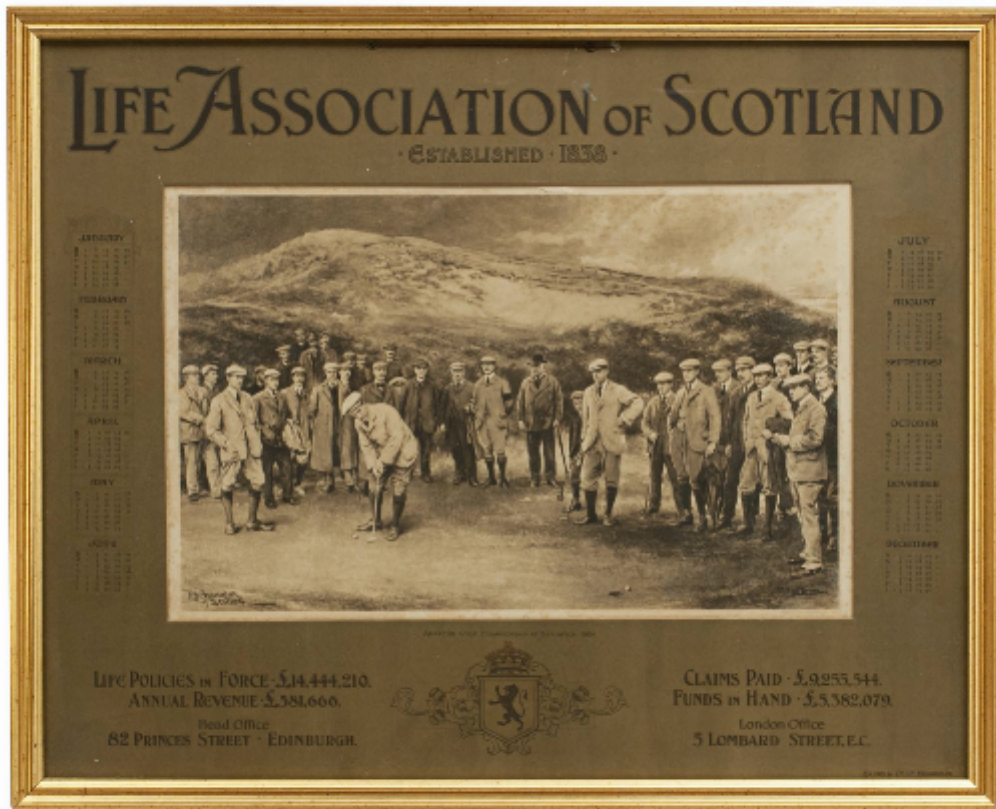




Antique Golf Print, Royal St. Georges, Sandwich, Life Association Of  
Scotland, Michael Brown

Michael Brown

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REF: 28597

Height: 25.5 cm (10")

Width: 40.5 cm (15.9")

Framed Height: 47.5 cm (18.7")

Framed Width: 59 cm (23.2")

Framed Depth: 59 cm (23.2")

## Description

Antique Golf Print, Amateur Golf Championship At Royal St. Georges.

An original Life Association of Scotland 1905 calendar. The calendar has been framed in a gilt frame with glass and is with a wonderful central golfing picture of an amateur match at Royal St. Georges Golf Club. The picture is taken from the painting by Michael Brown and titled 'Amateur Golf Championship At Sandwich, 1904' and shows Walter J Travis with his controversial Schenectady putter about to putt, surrounded by a host of golfers. Walter Travis won becoming the first player from America to win the British Amateur Championship, beating Edward Blackwell 4&3.

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.

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Founded in 1887 and intended by its founder Dr William Purves to be a rival to St Andrew's in the South of England, St George's is consistently ranked amongst the leading courses in the world.

The Club occupies a unique place in the history of golf, for it was here in 1894, that the Open Championship was first played outside Scotland. In that year, the great J. H. Taylor was the winner but there have been thirteen other winners over the years, most recently Darren Clarke in 2011.

In addition to the Open Championship, the Club has hosted the British P.G.A. Championship on five occasions, the Walker Cup twice, a victorious Curtis Cup in 1988, and has been the venue for the British Amateur Championship on no less than thirteen occasions. Winners at the Club are a veritable Who's Who of golf; Jack Nicklaus won the Grand Challenge as an amateur, Nick Faldo and Seve Ballesteros have both won the P.G.A. Championship here, Darren Clarke, Sandy Lyle, Bill Rogers, Bobby Locke, Reg Whitcombe, Henry Cotton and the great Walter Hagen have all won an Open Championships on the links. Tony Jacklin won the Dunlop Masters at the Club in 1968 when he had the distinction of achieving the first hole in one to be seen live on television. With such a record, it is hardly surprising that the Club is steeped in history and tradition, and even the most casual visitor cannot fail to be aware of this.

The layout of the course has not changed greatly in the last 129 years, and provides a stiff but fair test to professional and amateur alike. No two successive holes play in the same direction, making the ability to play shots in all wind conditions a necessity to score well. Members and visitors come f...