



Signed Harry Rountree Princes GC Print
Harry Rountree

£495



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Height: 22 cm (8.7")

Width: 40.5 cm (15.9")

Framed Height: 44 cm (17.3")

Framed Width: 60 cm (23.6")

Framed Depth: 60 cm (23.6")

Description

Vintage Harry Rountree Golf Print, Princes GC, Kent.

A framed, signed 'Princes Golf Club' golf print after H. Rountree. This is a photolithograph of 'Princes GC, Kent' with the White Cliffs further along the coast in the back ground, signed by the artist bottom right hand corner, Harry Rountree. This is one of a series of aquatints of golf courses published at the time by Fores.

Harry Rountree (1880-1950) was known as an English painter of landscapes, however he was actually born in New Zealand. His golf course scenes were made famous in the 1910 book by Bernard Darwin 'The Golf Courses of the British Isles'.

Frame size:- 44 cm high by 60 cm wide.

Princes Golf Club:-

At the beginning of the last century, Sir Harry Mallaby - Deeley, founder and first President of Prince's Mitcham and a regular golfing visitor to East Kent, decided to establish a new Links at Sandwich that would, in particular, welcome lady, junior and family golfers.

With his Cambridge University friend Percy Montagu Lucas he put up most of the capital for the enterprise, the land being donated by the Earl of Guilford. Charles Hutchings, the 1902 Amateur Champion, was engaged as architect and he and Percy laid out the course in 1904. It was completed late in 1906, P M Lucas became the club's first Secretary and A.J. Balfour (Prime minister 1902-05) drove the first ball as Club Captain in the Founder's Vase in the following June. The new course was the first designed to counter the new Haskell ball and at just under 7000 yards was enthusiastically received by the golfing fraternity. Just five years later it hosted the 1912 English Ladies Open, won by Miss M Gardner.

1914 saw the foreshore and links become a coastal defence and training area with barbed wire entanglements and anti-aircraft batteries. P M Lucas kept the greens cut throughout the war and the billeting of members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the clubhouse no doubt contributed to sympathetic treatment of the course. It was they who gave Percy's son his nickname of "Laddie". The course was quickly restored and hosted the 1922 Ladies Open, won by Joyce Wethered. The club thrived during the 30's and 40's. It was a regular venue for the Parliamentary Golf Society and Inter Varsity golf matches, with Henry Longhurst making his first appearance for the Cambridge side in 1928. The Prince of Wales became Club President in 1930, and two years later the club staged the Open Championship, Prince's hosting of the Championship was rated a great success, but before it could stage the event again, the country was once more at war.

The links and club premises were soon requisitioned by the military, this time as a battle training ground and the course was all but obliterated. Its use for target practice was likened by Lord Brabazon to "throwing darts at a Rembrandt". The Royal Marines considered retaining the course as a permanent rifle range but it was finally derequisitioned in 1949 and Australian property developer Sir Aynsley Bridgland came to the rescue.

In 1950 Sir Guy Campbell and John Morrison were engaged to redesign and restore the course. Despite the wartime damage it was found possible to incorporate 17 of the original greens int...