Gutta Percha Golf Ball, Bramble Pattern.

Peter Paxton

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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

Solid 'Paxton's Special Bramble' Gutty Golf Ball.
A solid moulded bramble patterned gutta percha golf ball in used condition. The 1900's Gutty ball still has a good amount of the original finish to its surface. The ball is marked 'Paxton's Special Bramble' on a raised circle, with seven brambles in its center, on both poles of the ball, know as the Vardon Flyer style. It is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples. Peter Paxton, Tooting Bec Golf Club, Tooting, London.

The ball is approximately 1 11/16 inch in diameter (4.3 cm).

The solid gutty golf ball replaced the feathery ball because of its cost effectiveness, as a gutty could be rolled in a matter of minutes, and slowly the game of golf became affordable to the masses. The 'Gutty' era lasted from around 1848 well into 1900's.

To make a gutty golf ball first the gutta-percha was heated and loosely rolled into a ball shape. The ball was then put into the mould and then placed into a press. The press would imprint the pattern onto the ball and the excess would squeeze out of the sides. The seams were then trimmed when cool, leaving a hard and non-brittle "Gutty" golf ball. The durability of the gutta along with its lower costs and better play rejuvenated the game of golf.
Gutta-percha is the evaporated latex produced from a tree, mostly found in Malaysia.

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