



Hickory Iron, Gibson, Abe Mitchell  
Abe Mitchell

Sold



REF: 27059

Height: 96.5 cm (38")

## Description

Mashie Golf Club by Gibson of Kinghorn.

A good Mashie iron made by Gibson of Kinghorn for Stokes, London and endorsed by Abe Mitchell. The club has a hickory shaft stamped 'SUPER STAR' with a polished leather grip. The head with hand punched dot face markings and the rear clearly stamped with the Gibson 'DEEP STRUCK STAR' cleek mark. Also marked 'Abe Mitchell's signature and Mashie', (also 'Chelmyt') and with Stokes details in an oval stamp.

Gibson's 'OUTLINE STAR' cleek mark was registered in 1906, although it had been used since Gibson began his business in the 1890's and was replaced with the 'DEEP STRUCK STAR' in the 1930's. The company made many "signature" clubs.

Stokes & Company Ltd., 24 Queen Victoria Street, London, also of 46 & 74 Cornhill, London. Stokes were a retail outfitters selling golf goods. Early 1900 until the 30's.

A great iron in good original condition and very usable for modern hickory play. Approximate 30° loft and the best balls for hickory play are low compression balls that will give at impact, such as ladies balls or soft feel balls.

Taken from Verulam Golf Club's website.

The Club was formed in 1905 and took a five-year tenancy of the Park of Sopwell House, owned by the Earl of Verulam. Originally, it was a nine-hole course with a small clubhouse erected on a site which is now the 17th tee. In 1909 the Club took a 21-year Lease on further land comprising 136 acres, which allowed the development of a full 18 hole course.

The services of the great golf course designer James Braid were commissioned for the lay-out of the course containing seventy acres of fairways. The formal opening of the new course was on 27th April 1912 when Samuel Ryder was Captain. An inaugural match was played between James Braid and the then Open Champion, Harry Vardon, who won with a score of 74.

Before the end of the year, the membership was almost full, with an entrance fee for gentlemen of two guineas and a subscription of five guineas. A visitor could play a mid-week round for one shilling and six pence.