



Vintage Golf Club, Deep Face Mashie

Sold



REF: 25395

Height: 91.5 cm (36")

## Description

Vintage Hickory Golf Club, Deep Face Mashie, Chestney.

A good hickory shafted deep face mashie golf club by Henry Chestney. The club is with suede leather grip and could be used to play hickory golf with. The club head is with hyphen or dash face markings and marked 'Deep Face Mashie, Henry R. Chestney signature, Burnham Beeches G.C.'.

Approximate 37 ° Loft.

Henry Rowland Chestney was born in Brancaster (who have a great links course - Royal West Norfolk Golf Club) and was an apprentice at Royal West Norfolk and West Herts before being the pro at Burnham Beeches Golf Club from 1901 until the mid 30's.

Taken from Burnham Beeches Golf Club website.

Founded in 1891, Burnham Beeches is the oldest club in Buckinghamshire. It was started by a group of local worthies who called a public meeting in the village school. A site was found on the edge of the 500 acres of historic woodland that had been bought by the Corporation of the City of London in 1880, and which gives the club its name.

The course was opened on 5 December 1891 when 35 players took part in the first competition. The winner, an Eton housemaster named P V Broke, went round in 97 - the only player to break 100!

It may come as some surprise that 17 of the founding members were ladies.

One of the better known members over the years was Lady Astor, the first woman to take a seat in the House of Commons, who was a member at Burnham from 1930 to 1962, and lived at Cliveden a couple of miles away. The present-day ladies still play an important role at the club. Perhaps the best man and woman golfers at the Club over the years were R H de Montmorency and Mrs Evelyn Gavin. The following notes give some idea of their quality.

An Eton housemaster, Montmorency played off a handicap of plus 4. He was captain in 1903, and played against the great Bobby Jones of the United States in a match at Hoylake in 1921, the forerunner of the Walker Cup. He became President of the English Golf Union in 1935.

Evelyn Gavin joined Burnham Beeches when her husband bought a house at nearby Farnham Common. Soon afterwards she played in the British Ladies Championship at Westward Ho! in 1910. She also played in Home Internationals at this time but three years later she and her husband moved to America. She was runner-up in the U.S. Women's Championship three times between 1915 and 1922, after which she returned to Britain, re-married - and gave up competitive golf.

Visitors to the course will notice a cottage on the right of the 5th hole and again as they approach the 12th green. Now it is much restored and extended but it was once the humble cottage of the Club's green-keeper. His children were born there and one of them, Arthur Lacey, played in the Ryder Cup teams of 1933 and 1937, became Chairman of the PGA in 1949 and the Ryder Cup Captain in 1951.

Over the years many famous golfers have played the course, including the Great Triumvirate of James Braid, J H Taylor and Harry Vardon who, between them, won the (British) Open no less than 16 times. Other stars include many Ryder Cup players such as Percy Allis and his son Peter (now better known for television commentaries), Ken Bousfield, Dai Rees, David Thomas, B...