



Golf Photograph Album, James Braid, Alexander Herd, Harry Vardon.

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## Description

### Golfing Photo Album.

A wonderful photograph album containing 9 pages of golfing photos. These show pictures of James Braid, Alexander Herd, Harry Vardon and J.H. Taylor playing in golf matches at Axminster and Worcester Heath. Also within these 9 pages are photos of the 1905 Ladies British Championship played at Cromer, the winner was Bertha Thompson, photos also of Maud Stuart, May Hezlet, Lottie Dodd. There is a photo of Charles Henry Mayo, a professional at Broadway GC in 1904-05, Bridgenorth 1905-07, Burnhill 1907-19. Also included within this photograph album are photos of ice skating, Cromer shore line, North Berwick links, Fraserburgh golf club, the New Forrest, some family photos, horse photos and fox hunting photos.

Scottish born James Braid (1870) was a five times Open Champion and a professional at Romford GC 1896 - 1904 and Walton Heath GC 1904 - 1949. He was also a renowned golf course architect and among his designs are the "King's Course" and the "Queen's Course" at Gleneagles, and he was responsible for the 1926 remodelling of The Open Championship venue Carnoustie Golf Links.

John Henry "J.H." Taylor was an English professional golfer who won his first Open in 1894 and went on to win it a further four times. As well as an outstanding golfer he also became a significant golf course architect. One of his greatest achievements was the formation of the PGA. As well as a champion golfer Taylor was a member of the Great Triumvirate of the sport, together with Harry Vardon and James Braid.

Harry Vardon was a champion golfer and during his career won 62 golf tournaments, including six British Open Championship titles and one U.S. Open. As well as being a professional golfer he was a golf course architect, designing several courses in Britain. Vardon wrote several books on the game of golf and is also well known for the 'Vardon Grip', or overlapping grip, although he did not in fact invent the grip, he popularised it, and it is still the most popular grip amongst professional golfers today.

Lottie Dodd (born 1871) was a female sporting superstar winning Wimbledon five times. She was also British national golf champion, a member of the England women's national field hockey team, she even won a silver medal at the Olympics in archery.

Bertha Thompson was born at Terrington Hall, York. She was a scratch golfer and her first success was winning the first Yorkshire Championship in 1902. She was the first Yorkshire Lady to win the British Championship in 1905 at Cromer. There was a strong team of American Ladies contesting the Championship led by the Curtis sisters, Margaret and Harriet. Bertha played through the eight rounds and in the fourth round she defeated Miss L. Dodd the holder and in the fifth defeated Margaret Curtis. In the final she beat Miss M.E. Stuart (R. Portrush) by 3 and 2.

She continued to enter the British Championship until WW1 and represented England in International matches from 1902 to 1911. In 1936 she still held a handicap of 12.