



Henley's Why Not Golf Ball

Sold



## Description

Unusual Circle, Trellis Pattern Golf Ball "Why Not".

A very unusual patterned rubber core golf ball in used condition. The pattern is made up of circles going around the ball. The circles are not at 90° making diamond shapes rather than the usual square mesh pattern. The ball is not marked but it is known as the "Why Not" by Henley's. This is a rather attractive golf ball.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 inch in diameter (4.1 cm).

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable. In later years, the 1920's, the design went back to a mesh pattern with lattice design.