



Presentation Golf Club, Putter

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REF: 29749

Height: 84 cm (33.1")

Width: 10 cm (3.9")

Depth: 2 cm (0.8")

## Description

Silver Plated Presentation Putter.

A wonderful Match Play prize from the Singapore Golf Club, an engraved 'Silver Plated Presentation Putter'. The full size club with hickory shaft and polished leather grip. The back of the club head engraved 'Singapore Golf Club, Match Play Competition, 15th Aug to 5th Sept 1896, Won by, George D.K. MacGunn'.

The first Golf Club at the old racecourse (Farrer Park) was the forerunner of the Singapore Island Country Club. When Justice John T Goldney arrived in 1887, he brought along his clubs in eager anticipation of playing golf, but alas, Singapore had no golf links.

Justice Goldney and Mr R N Bland, another golfing enthusiast, then drew up site plans at the Farrer Park area to select the first nine tees and greens where the holes would be cut. The course was fair, with excellent hazards by the rails and sundry ditches with broken grounds. The club was opened on 17 June 1891 by the then Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi. Members of the Sporting Club (the predecessor of the Singapore Turf Club) were eligible to join as members since the golf club used the racecourse grounds.

With the growing popularity of golf, the President of the Golf Club, John M Sime, decided to search for another alternative golfing site. A site at MacRitchie Reservoir was located, and work to clear the jungle area started in 1920. The first nine holes of the planned 18 hole-course were ready two years later. This gave members a choice of playing at either the old (racecourse) or the new (MacRitchie) course. However, the Golf Club eventually made a permanent move from the Race Course Road site to Bukit Timah's MacRitchie site on 31 August 1924.

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