



Rut Iron Sunday Club, Golf Walking Stick

Sold



REF: 28174

Height: 91.5 cm (36")

Width: 5.5 cm (2.2")

Depth: 2.5 cm (1")

Description

Antique Rut Iron Sunday Club, Golf Club Walking Stick.

A desirable walking cane with the handle in the shape of a golf club head. The gentleman's walking stick has a rut iron (track iron) club head as the handle, fitted to a hickory shaft and finished with original brass ferrule end. This walking stick came from the late John Hanna Golf Collection. It is a nice unnamed, good quality rut or track iron walking stick, the club head is smooth faced with a very slight convex back to it. Golfers needed a special club to extricate themselves from wagon wheel tracks, hence the invention of the small-headed track or rut iron.

The ban on golfing on the Sabbath, Sunday, had the effect of the club makers producing walking sticks for canny golfers. They fashioned the canes with a golf club head as a handle and they became known as 'Sunday Clubs' or 'Sabbath sticks'. It is said that on the Sabbath a Sunday Club owner, when nobody was looking, could still enjoy a crafty putt or swing.