



Scared Head driver By Youds Of Hoylake

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Height: 106 cm (41.7")

Width: 8.5 cm (3.3")

Depth: 6.5 cm (2.6")

## Description

Scared Head Morris & Youds Driver, Hoylake.

An elegant, persimmon wood scared head (or "scare joint") driver golf club by Jack Morris and Jack Youds of Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. This driver is with a lead weight to the rear and the traditional horn slip along the leading edge of the sole, the polished light-stained head is stamped 'MORRIS & YOUDS, R.L.G.C., HOYLAKÉ'. The hickory shaft with polished leather grip, stamped Auchterlonie, St. Andrews (possibly re-shafted by Auchterlonie at some time). This is a nice example of a scared head golf club from the early 20th century in good condition. Youds was a professional and club maker at Hoylake from 1909 until 1937.

The measurements shown are the length of the whole club, the width of the face and depth of the head.

Approximate head size:-

a = 8½ cm

b = 3½ cm

c = 6½ cm

The early clubs are made with an ash or hickory shaft glued to the head by means of a splice or scare joint. This is an early method of joining the wooden head to the shaft by overlapping them diagonally and securing with glue which is then further strengthened by whipping with a pitched thread. All beautifully hand made by craftsmen of the time.

Little is known about Jack Youds, though records suggest he began his career in the 1890s as an assistant to St Andrews-born Jack (John) Morris at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. Youds is believed to have spent a short period in America before returning to England in 1902, when he became the golf professional and clubmaker at Chislehurst Golf Club.

In 1909, he left Chislehurst and returned once again to Hoylake, where for a time he worked alongside Morris. During this period, the two briefly collaborated and traded under the name "Morris & Youds." Morris - a nephew of the legendary Old Tom Morris - served as professional at Royal Liverpool for the club's first sixty years. Founded in 1869, the club originally featured a twelve-hole course laid out by Robert Chambers and Morris's father, George, a former Carnoustie professional. Jack Morris died in 1929.

Youds remained at Hoylake until his retirement in 1937 and passed away two years later. He is remembered for his innovation in club design, most notably his Patent Alloy Lead Face Mallet Putter, for which he was granted British Patent No. 212 on 3 January 1908.

The Royal Liverpool Golf Club is a Links course in Merseyside, in the North West of England. Their Clubhouse is located in the small town of Hoylake, consequently the course is often referred to as Hoylake. It was founded in 1869 on what was then the racecourse of the Liverpool Hunt Club and Robert Chambers and George Morris (younger brother of Old Tom Morris) were commissioned to lay out the original course. The course was extended to 18 holes in 1871 when it also received the 'Royal' designation due to the patronage of the Duke of Connaught of the day, who was one of Queen Victoria's younger sons. Hoylake has a long and distinguished history of golfing firsts. It was originator and host to the inaugural men's amateur championship in 1885, which became The Amateur Championship. It was host to the first ever international match between Scotland and Eng...