



Silver Golf Sculpture, Golf Presentation Trophy

£2,600



REF: 31703

Height: 35 cm (13.8")

Diameter: 16 cm (6.3")

Description

Silver Golf Statue - Beckenham Golf Club Presentation Trophy (1893)

A fine and rare sterling silver presentation trophy in the form of a male golfer, crafted in 1893 by the renowned London silversmith Henry Lewis & Co., celebrated for their exceptional quality and royal patronage. The fully hallmarked silver base displays the lion passant for sterling silver, the Leopard's Head assay mark for London, and the date letter "S" for 1893, together with the maker's mark "HL" for Henry Lewis & Co. The edge of the base is engraved "Henry Lewis & Co., Silversmiths to The Queen, 172 New Bond St., London".

Henry Lewis & Co. were distinguished London jewellers and silversmiths, trading from prestigious addresses including 7 and 172 New Bond Street, and later 109 Mount Street, Grosvenor Square. The ebonised base features two presentation plaques, the front hallmarked silver plaque is finely engraved "Beckenham Golf Club, Challenge Trophy, Presented by F.E. Loyd Esq., President, 1893". The rear plated plaque reads "Upon The Closing Of Beckenham Golf Club In 1944, This Trophy Which Was Given In 1893 By The First President Was Presented To Wilfred Earl Mullen, President From 1938-1944, In Appreciation Of His Many Valued Services To The Club". This inscription provides a wonderful layer of historical provenance, linking the trophy to both its original presentation and its later dedication upon the club's closure.

The sculpted golfer is beautifully modelled with exceptional detail, captured mid full back swing, poised to strike the ball set upon a naturalistic base. He wears traditional 1890s golfing attire - plus fours, belted jacket, flat cap - and sports an impressive period moustache. The club features a finely detailed head and is removable to prevent damage during transit.

Size shown is for the total height, figure alone stands 22 cm high and is fixed onto a 12 cm diameter base.

An outstanding and historically significant piece for the golf collector, equally suited to being reinstated as a distinctive and prestigious golf trophy once more.

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Beckenham Golf Club.

The club was founded in 1892/3 the course was laid out over the old Croydon Racecourse. The racecourse proved a very popular venue with race enthusiasts from London in the Victorian era, unfortunately the then Mayor of Croydon was not a racing fan. He was unhappy with the type of people it was attracting and following pressure from the Mayor the race track closed. It was brought by Beckenham Golf Club and continued as a golf course until the late 1930s. The course was acquired by the Council in 1942, the area is now the Stroud Green housing estate and Ashburton playing fields.

The following is taken from "Golfing and Cycling Illustrated" May 20th 1897 - The Golfer in Cockaigne - Beckenham Golf Club - By R A Foster. (Thanks to Golf Heritage - @LdnGolfHistory).

"What was formerly the Croydon Racecourse, surrounded by a hoop of trees, and comprising 120 acres of meadow land, now constitutes the links of the Beckenham golfers. From Cannon Street or Charing Cross Stations the journey occupies just enough time to ash ...