



Golf Club Makers Original Shop Sign, Jack Gibson

Sold



REF: 29113

Height: 15.5 cm (6.1")

Width: 45.2 cm (17.8")

Depth: 1.3 cm (0.5")

## Description

Jack Gibson Golf Club Maker Shop Sign.

An original wooden shop door sign from the front of Jack Gibson's Shop in Northam (Westward Ho!). To accompany the sign is a press photograph showing the sign in situ. Jack Gibson was one of four sons of the Westward Ho! (Royal North Devon Golf Club) professional, Charles Gibson. A great piece of history from the world of golf. The price is for the sign only, the club, Tom Morris saw and the Auchterlonie brace and bit are all sold separately.

Charles Gibson spent almost fifty years at Westward Ho! (Royal North Devon Golf Club). Born in the great clubmaking centre of Musselburgh, Scotland, in 1860, Charles arrived at England's second oldest club in 1888, after having a short spell at North Berwick. He was famous for running a training ground for future champions, professionals and club makers. Among his better known graduates were J.H.Taylor (he went on to win the Open Championship 6 times and was instrumental in the forming of the PGA) and George Cann who became a very successful club maker, teaming up with Taylor to create Cann & Taylor.

Gibson was a master clubmaker who had four sons, they all served as professionals all around the world selling the clubs manufactured by their father's shop. Charles Jr. eventually returned to Westward Ho! to take over responsibility of his father's business when he retired from the day to day running.

Gibson used two cleek marks the first the 'Rampant Stallion' (supposedly in recognition of having lived opposite Musselburgh racecourse) and the second and less frequently used 'Phoenix'. He was given royal patronage when asked to provide three miniature wooden golf clubs for placement in Queen Mary's dolls house at Windsor Castle (the irons for the set were made by Ben Sayers).