



Vintage Nova Golf Ball, Bramble Pattern

Sold



REF: 28887

Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

## Description

Bramble Golf Ball, Large NOVA Floater.

A good example of a 'Large NOVA Floater' bramble pattern rubber core golf ball. The golf ball is in good original condition and is manufactured by Boyle's. The ball is marked on a disc on both poles in raised lettering on three lines 'Large NOVA Floater' and is with three green dot brambles. It is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples.

The ball is approximately 1 11/16 inch in diameter (4.3 cm).

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable.