



Long Nose Golf Club, By Jack Morris Of Hoylake.

£850



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Height: 101 cm (39.8")

Width: 9 cm (3.5")

Depth: 4.3 cm (1.7")

## Description

Antique Transitional Long Nose Spoon, Hoylake, Royal Liverpool Golf Club

An elegant transitional long nose scared head beech wood spoon by Jack Morris of Hoylake. This great looking club has a dark stained polished club head, lead weight to the rear and the traditional horn slip along the leading edge of the sole and a full brass sole plate, head is stamped 'J. Morris'. The hickory shaft fitted with full length sheep skin grip with underlisting.

This is a very nice example of a scared head golf club from the 1880's in excellent condition.

Approximate head size:-

a = 8 cm

b = 3.4 cm

c = 4.3 cm

John (Jack) Morris was born in St Andrews in 1847 and was the son of George and nephew to the great Old Tom Morris. George was the older brother of Tom. When George was appointed as the first professional at Carnoustie the family also moved with him. In 1869, George Morris and Robert Chambers laid out the first twelve hole course at Hoylake (Royal Liverpool Golf Club) and Jack was the professional for the first 60 years of the club's existence.

The early clubs are made with a hickory shaft glued to the head by means of a splice or scare joint. This joint is then further strengthened by whipping with a pitched thread. All beautifully hand made by craftsmen of the time.

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 England in 1902. It hosted the first Home International matches, and the first transatlantic contest between Great Britain & Ireland and the USA in 1921, an event which became the Walker Cup the following year. In fact, it is Royal Liverpool Golf Club's contribution to the amateur game that has set it apart from all other clubs in England.