Antique Golf Club, Scared Head Wood

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Height: 109 cm (42.9")

Width: 7.5 cm (3")

Depth: 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Scared Head Golf Club by D. Tate.
An elegant late 19th-century persimmon wood scared head (or "scare joint") driver crafted by D. Tate. The club features a lead weight set into the rear of the head and the traditional horn slip along the leading edge of the sole. The beautifully polished, light-stained head is stamped "D. Tate", while the hickory shaft is fitted with a suede leather grip.
This is a fine example of a scared head golf club from the late Victorian era and remains in good condition. It was made by David Tate during his tenure as the professional at Ashburnham Golf Club between 1897 and 1903. He later served as the professional at Morlais Castle, where he remained until around 1920.

The measurements shown represent the overall length of the club, the width of the face, and the depth of the head.
Approximate head dimensions:
a = 6½ cm
b = 3.3 cm
c = 6 cm

The early golf clubs such as these were made with an ash or hickory shaft glued to the head by means of a splice or scare joint. This traditional method involved overlapping the shaft and head diagonally, securing them with glue, and reinforcing the joint with tightly wound, pitched thread whipping.
Each club was beautifully handmade by the skilled craftsmen of the period.

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