



Golf Club Trophy Display Cabinet

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REF: 26939

Height: 63.5 cm (25")

Width: 99.5 cm (39.2")

Depth: 16 cm (6.3")

## Description

### Beckenham Golf Club Trophy Cabinet.

An early 20th century wall mounted trophy display case made for Beckenham Golf Club by their professional Harry Brown. The cabinet bears a silver-plate monogram of 'BGC' for Beckenham Golf Club. There is a model of a hickory putter with silver mounts hanging from the cabinet on two white metal chains. Suspended from the golf club are 15 square mesh pattern golf balls, 8 on long chains, 1 on a short chain, 6 hanging directly from the club. The balls hang above the metal plaques with the winners details on, the last plaque is blank. There is a plaque on the bottom inscribed 'The Leslie Perkins Putter, This model putter was made by Harry Brown the Professional, 1930'. There is also a free standing plaque inscribed 'Upon the closing of BECKENHAM GOLF CLUB this trophy is returned to the donor LESLIE PERKINS, with grateful thanks for his having made the original presentation and in appreciation of his many services to the club, July 1944'.

Taken from [golfsmissinglinks.co.uk](http://golfsmissinglinks.co.uk)

### 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 a slow Havana. From Woodside Station the clubhouse is within striking distance of a catapult.

Mr Jockel shares the record for the course with Booth, the professional, with a score of 78.

The secretary, Mr S F Prest, (who has just succeeded Mr P G Collins, now promoted to captain), welcomed us like the golfing enthusiast the members know him to be. He told the story of the club's phenomenal progress since its formation in 1892, and conducted us into the old tithe barn, which has been converted into the homeliest imaginable club-room. A cross-beam in the roof bears the date 1761. The members sat around at small tables, chatting gaily, like fellows who infinitely preferred the old-inn aspect of their rural sanctum to the more pretentious appointments of upholstered urban counterparts.

Now to make a survey of the links. Let it be calculated that the outgoing nine-holes are about four strokes easier than the incoming nine. The eighteen-holes were laid out by Tom Dunn, a celebrity in his day, and now teaching Yankees a better game than baseball. It was Tom's great care to keep the bunkers well away from the tee, so as to inspire good drivin...