



Antique Golf Print, Westward Ho!, Life Association Of Scotland,  
Michael Brown

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£475



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Height: 25 cm (9.8")

Width: 38.5 cm (15.2")

Framed Height: 47 cm (18.5")

Framed Width: 59.5 cm (23.4")

Framed Depth: 59.5 cm (23.4")

## Description

Westward Ho! (Royal North Devon Golf Club) Approaching 4th Hole.

A framed and mounted Life Association of Scotland 1913 calendar. The calendar is with a wonderful colourful golfing picture of Westward Ho!, the picture is taken from the painting by Michael Brown. The title is 'Westward Ho! Approaching 4th Hole'. It features Hon. Osmund Scott, Hon. Denys Scott, Captain Molesworth R.N., Mr Horace G. Hutchinson and Captain Prideaux Brune approaching the 4th hole at Royal North Devon Golf Club (Westward Ho!). The mount is covering the calendar dates.

The Life Association of Scotland was established in 1838 in Edinburgh. In the late 1800's golf courses were being established all over Scotland and the financial community set up the Insurance & Banking Golf Club on the Duddingston estate in 1895, beneath the spectacular backdrop of the extinct volcano, Arthur's Seat. To mark the opening of the extended Club House, Michael Brown was commissioned to paint a scene from an exhibition golf match at the Club. The 1899 Life Association of Scotland calendar used this image as its center piece. It was such a marketing success Brown was then commissioned to annually paint a golfing picture until 1916, prints were made of these originals and glued to the cardboard calendar that the Life Association of Scotland produced. Brown's original paintings adorned the walls of the Edinburgh head office for many years.

taken from Royal North Devon website:-

Royal North Devon at Westward Ho! can rightly claim to be the cradle of English Golf. Founded in 1864, it is the oldest golf course in the country and is regarded as the St Andrews of the South. The golf course is as tough as any of the UK's more famous links layouts and has recently been placed in Golf World's "Top 100 Courses in the World" that a golfer "must play".

Not only is Royal North Devon a great course, it is also a place of huge historical importance. Inside the warmly welcoming clubhouse, the golf museum, honours boards and the clubs top competition trophies are worth a visit on their own and help to tell the story of the game and this remarkable club's unique place in it. Above all, this is great, natural golf that is largely unchanged from 100 years ago when Harold Hilton et al pronounced Westward Ho! As England's No 1 competition golf course. RND is pure, raw exhilaration and ultimately the experience of playing a fast running links in a stiff breeze still tests the very best in the game. Many of the great players of the last 100 years were regular competitors at RND but the greatest of them all is without doubt John Henry Taylor. Born in the village of Northam overlooking the course, he started his long association with the Club as a caddie boy and soon became an accomplished player. As every golf lover will know he went on to form one third of the great triumvirate, winning five Open Championships. Alongside Harry Vardon and James Braid, JH Taylor dominated the game for 30 years. The club honoured Taylor with a presidency in 1957 and his portrait and some of the clubs which he used to win his Open titles are proudly displayed in the clubhouse.

A look at the Club's honours boards, dating back to 1864, is like a "Who's Who" ...