Golf Oil Painting of Wimbledon Common by Edwin Harris

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Height: 34 cm (13.4")

Width: 44.5 cm (17.5")

Framed Height: 52.5 cm (20.7")

Framed Width: 62.5 cm (24.6")

Description

Golf Painting, Wimbledon Common by Edwin Harris.
A well executed painting, oil on canvas, by Edwin Harris. The painting depicts a group of golfers, a threesome putting on the green at Wimbledon common in front of the Windmill. It is signed and dated 1912 in the bottom left hand corner.

Framed size: 20 x 24 inches

Edwin Lawson James Harris (1891 - 1961) was an English landscape artist born in West Sussex. Harris exhibited from 1912 at various galleries including the Royal Academy. Harris was an accomplished cricketer, as was his father, playing first class cricket for Sussex from 1922 to 1924.

taken from www.wcgc.co.uk

The Wimbledon Town Golf Club was founded at a meeting held at the Wimbledon Hill Hotel (now the Dog and Fox) on February 20th 1908. Membership was limited to 100 residents of Wimbledon and the entrance fee and annual subscription at one guinea each. The Common course was also being played (as it is now) by London Scottish Golf Club, and a ladies' golf club that was absorbed by Royal Wimbledon in 1930. Playing was permitted by the Conservators only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Each player had to employ a caddy, a practice which continued into the 1920's. In April 1912 the Club moved into part of what is now our present clubhouse in Camp Road.
During the First World War much of the Common was taken over by the War Office. The course was not returned to the clubs until 1922 and tedious negotiations with the War Office for compensation went on well into the 1920's. In 1919 the South London Golf Club amalgamated with WCGC. Our name became "Wimbledon Common and South London Golf Club" and was simplified to Wimbledon Common Golf Club in 1928.
The 1939-45 war was a huge setback for the club. Many members left for military service and the Common was taken over by the military. The course was largely unplayable. At end of the war the pre-war green keeper, Don Kernick, was re-hired and repairs of wartime damage were slowly made to the course. The government was again notoriously slow in granting reparations and the financial situation became precarious. Club members themselves helped maintain and improve the clubhouse facilities.
After the austerity period of the late 1940's, the Club gradually recovered. The green keepers' hut and trolley shed were moved to the back of the building thereby improving the outside appearance. In 1976 major additions were made to the clubhouse - most notably to the bar area. Maximum possible drinking space has always been one of the cornerstones of the Club, a tradition unlikely to disappear.
The Club reached its 75th anniversary in 1983, since when it has undergone significant change. Probably the most fundamental change in membership was the admission of ladies as members in April 2005. The Ladies Section has got off to a strong start in a very short period of time.
In 2008 the Club celebrated its 100th with a year-long calendar of activities and celebrations. Since then the Club has continued to flourish, recruiting over 60 new members in 2012. The Ladies Section now have a brand new changing room, opened in September 2012 by Gladiator "Jet" Diane Youdale. Most recently our Club President...

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