



Golf Club Walking Stick, Sunday Club

Sold



REF: 27075

Height: 89.5 cm (35.2")

Description

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A desirable walking cane with the handle in the shape of a golf club head. The gentleman's walking stick has a persimmon club head which has a pegged horn insert and a lead weight to the rear. The socket head is attached to a hickory shaft with brass ferrule end. Head stamped 'W.Whiting'. Possibly the golf pro Walter Whiting who was born 1870 and was the pro at Edgbaston from 1900 - 1909, then Wortley 1910 - 1911 and finally Ringway for one year.

The ban on golfing on the Sabbath, Sunday, had the effect of the club makers producing walking sticks for canny golfers. They fashioned the canes with a golf club head as a handle and they became known as 'Sunday Clubs' or 'Sabbath sticks'. It is said that on the Sabbath a Sunday Club owner, when nobody was looking, could still enjoy a crafty putt or swing.