Hickory Driver, Addington G.C.

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Height: 104.5 cm (41.1")

Description

Antique Hickory Golf Club, Driver.
A beautiful persimmon wood Driver with hickory shaft. The club head is with lead weight to the rear and an approximate 9° loft. The club head is stamped 'W.L. Ritchie, Addington'. He was the professional at Addington Golf Club from 1922 until around 1933 in partnership with J.B. Ross. William Leggat Ritchie was born in Aberdeen in 1884. Before Addington he was the professional at Kings Links for a year from 1904, then later at Worplesdon (1911 - 1922).

A great Driver in good original condition and very usable for modern hickory play. The best balls for hickory play are low compression balls that will give at impact, such as ladies balls or soft feel balls.

Adapted from Addington website.

On 10 July 1913, Addington Golf Syndicate was incorporated with a share capital of £1000. The top signatory for the syndicate was JF Abercromby ('Aber'), an excellent golfer who, despite having no previous knowledge of golf course design, had undertaken management of the Worplesdon and then Coombe Hill course builds. The Addington was soon to become his third and finest course and Aber stayed there until his death in 1935. There was much controversy over the building of the first 'old' course at The Addington but between the two World Wars, The Addington became one of the three most favoured clubs surrounding London, its members being of such high standing that it became informally known as 'Royal Addington' - indeed, King George VI became Patron of the Club in 1937. It is even more remarkable that, more than a century ahead and in spite of the advance in golf equipment and balls, so little change has taken place to the course.
The Old Course quickly proved so popular a choice that a second (New) course was opened just across the road in October 1923, to enormous interest. This course went on to host major competitions although experts valued both courses as being nearly equal as examples of excellent golf courses.

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