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Mr. Van Hengel:

I thought you might wish to note,
for your book, that Bing Crosby
made 13 holes-in-one in his lifetime.
The attached letter sent to me in the
last year of his life.

I read about your history in
COUNTRY LIFE magazine.

Tom Rooney
THOMAS R. ROONEY
Manager

PS Jack Nickolaus has made 10
hole-in-ones.

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Bing Crosby

June 27, 1977.

Dear Tom:

Thanks for the material you sent me about the British hole-in-one Golf Society.

I don't know whether or not I qualify for these awards, Tom. I've had 13 holes-in-one in my golfing career.

This probably is just to celebrate any recent hole-in-one. This material you sent me.

I like the California Game Fair. Maybe my son Harry and I will try and drop in. He's quite a good shot and has trained some Labradors through the years.

I'll get in touch with you about this -

As ever,

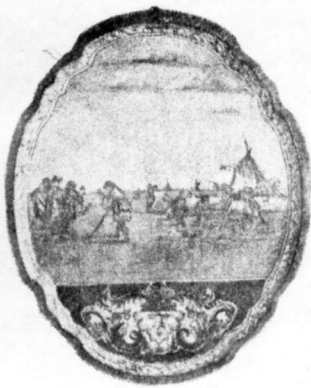
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Dear Mr. Rooney,

This is to thank you for your letter of the 20th November. It was very kind of you to send me the letter of Bing Crosby and his photograph and his record 13 holes-in-one. Unfortunately, this may not have been clear in my letter to Country Life, the book I intend to write is on very early golf. This means from about 1300 A.D. to 1750 A.D. So it will not cover the 20th Century.

Since I am a member of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in Scotland, where each September, Bing Crosby used to organise a senior golfers' tournament I had the pleasure of meeting him there. Also, recently, being in London, I heard the sound track which he made for a friend who had made a film on golf history. It's very sad that he should have died.

Thank you very much again for trying to help me and for thinking of me at all!

Kindest regards, yours

van Hengel

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