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Miss Sarah Baddiel 43,Kendal Road London N.W.10

Dear Miss Baddiel.

Thank you for sending me Harry Wood's 'Golfing Curios and The Like'. I am enclosing a cheque for £.11.-- hoping that the balance will cover bank charges and postage.

While I have a fairly complete golf library sadly I have never managed so far to get holf of a copy of

H.S.C.Everard History of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club 1907

If you ever come across a copy I would be most grateful for your letting me have it.

You have not sent me a rendez-vous for the Open at Royal St.George's.May I give it a try from this end: what about 12.00 noon on the Saturday in the Golf Exhibition near one of the golfiana-stands that will be there without any doubt?There is usually only one or two of those so we can't easily miss it.

Hoping to meet you there I am, with kind regards sincerely yours

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Steven J.H. van Hengel

Emclosure



16.6.81.

Dear Mr. van Hengel,

Thank you for your letter and cheque. Should I obtain a copy of the Everard R and A I will certainly let you know. I do have my own edition and although it has been rebound it has been inscribed by Everard. I was very fortunate to obtain it against very strong opposition.

I shall look forward to meeting you at St. George's and I am wondering whether we might be able to meet on the FRIDAY about 2,30pm outside the Christie's stands 218-221. They will be having their sale in London on the 20th July. There is also an important sale of Golfiana at Sotheby Belgravia on the 15th July. I shall be returning from Scotland on the 13th July and viewing the sale on the Tuesday. It would be very nice if you were to be in London on the Wednesday already if you and your wife would like to come to dinner with us on the Wednesday after the Sale thus enabling you to see my small collection at the same time. I am enclosing a poor photostat so that you will recognise me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely

Sarah Baddiel.

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SARAH BADDIEL must be one of a handful of individuals in the world who own a silver golf bag and clubs, can turn the clock back and watch some of the game's most precious moments and weigh the swing sequences of 'The Great Triumvirate", sing golfing songs that have rarely echoed 19th holes, see Mickey Mouse or Tiny Tots striking a drive and when it rains - can get a fourball together for a day's golf in her living room. And no wonder, Sarah is a collector of "Golfiana" - which to her means anything connected to the game - from James Braid to Fuzzy Zoeller - from ancient clubs to Zebra

LIKE SO MANY before her, Sarah was lured to playing golf by the game's attractions of exercise and fresh air. However, ever since, while in a junk shop she stumbled on an attractive Art Deco of a woman golfer and caddy, those aspects have taken somewhat of a back seat to the exercise of walking down creaky stairs and searching for a "find" amidst the musty air of an old antique shop.

# History

Since her love for golf began four years ago, she was surprised to find so many golf enthusiasts lacking true appreciation for the royal and ancient pastime. Sarah cities these as "players" while "golfers", she said, "are those who play, yes, but, too, study the game's history, watch the flags blowing in the distance and dream of what it was like playing a long, long time ago".
"American professional Ben Crenshaw, a golfing authority, who has such an extensive collection of golf books, and the late Bernard Darwin, are true golfers in my book".

### Basics

Nevertheless, Sarah admits, "in most cases it is by no means out of disloyalty for the game that so many lack this serious attitude, but because the majority of golfers fail to realise just how comprehensive is the history of golf or simply do not know where to begin". "Golf collecting is easy, really. . . but you can't get away from the basics. . . it requires patience, determination and luck

Books, especially first editions, take up much of Sarah's collecting time and her favourites have been penned by Bernard Darwin, who is best remembered for his informative and amusing golf contributions in the Times; and he could swing the sticks pretty good too. To name just a few by this author in Sarah's golfing library: The History of Golf in Great Britain (1952); Green Memories (1928) which is the first of a trilogy of autobiographical books and the one Sarah is particularly fond of -Golf Courses of the British Isles (1910) - which is illustrated by Harry Rountree and contains 64 detailed plates, most of which are

# A collector with a grip on golf's past and present

by John Andrisani



Sarah Baddiel in another dimension of the game

in colour.

'Many golf books are scarce but not expensive and one of my 'finds'' was a book of poems called Ridiculous Golf by H. Boswell Lancaster. . . it looks and insignificant little brown card covered book but is enjoyable to read and I found the gem by accident at a London book fair, amongst a row of fiction — for 50p!," said Sarah.

#### Doulton

"Another favourite of mine is a book from New Zealand: On Many Greens by Miles Bantock. It has a decorative cover and the friend who sent it found it while routing through a jumble sale".

But Sarah's golf collection stretches further to include china and porcelain, postcards, song sheets, paintings, toys, photographs, ephmera, silver name it, chances are, she's got it.

'When I discover a cup and saucer depicting a golf scene what I think is, there must be a complete service somewhere. . . and do my best to seek it out," said Sarah. The most prolific designs she tells me have been by Doulton, who in the 1920's made a complete dinner service of plates, dishes and vases with the Crombie design. Apparently, many artists included golf on postcards and some have been transposed to china; most noted are C. Gibson and John Hassall who are known amongst collectors for their cheeky caddie with the head in the shape of a golf ball.

## Victorian

Sarah's earliest items are Victorian scraps in full colour of both men and women golfers and a Christmas card which has a three-dimensional image in a pop-up with the verse reading: 'No iron fate to mar your glee, May Christmas suite you to a tee, And bring cloys merry clique in hand, And make your ball of fortune run, And drive carehence and put(t) the w(hole), of Love's dear links at your command" (circa 1900).

Silver lends itself to the game too, and Sarah has a number of items including three favourites: a vesta box, a match striker and an array of spoons that she particularly enjoys. And on or off the course she can be seen wearing a piece of golfing jewelry; either a golf bag, crossed clubs, a lady golfer made of silver, clubs in the form of a brooch, all of which are easily recognisable.

"I also have a prize medal delicately carved with the initials ILGU (Irish Ladies Golf Union) in silver which was won by M.C. Alexander at Fortwilliam in

1915," said Sarah.

Thumbing through a scrapbook that contained postcards of famous players like Tom Morris and James Braid, comical portrayals of ladies in long attire by G.E. Studdy and Mabel Lucy Altwell, a Valentine of a golfer carrying his clubs over his shoulder which when moved winks his eyes saying "Do I e", Sarah told me that magazine shops (she is fortunate to be employed at London's Vintage Magazine Shop), golf auctions and newspaper collectors should be a key haunt of the avid golf collector.

# Surprises

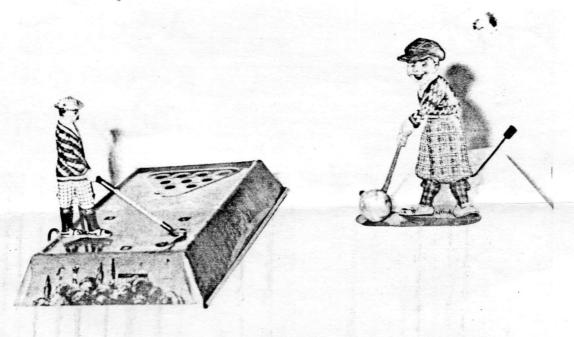
"There is so much and you never know what you're going to find. . . that is what makes it so much fun," said Sarah.

"The Illustrated London News, for instance, had many prints... the most famous being of Westward Ho Golf Club at Devon.

"As for the modern era, recently I found in an old Chicago Sunday Tribune, a full colour picture of Bobby Jones (August 26, 1928) and a copy of June 11, 1999, had a lady golfer on the current of the P.G. Wodehouse story — The Head of Achilles — with colour illustrations of the golfers. Another find was from The Illustrated London News of July 8, 1967, which contained a picture of Jack Nicklaus as he was at 27, much plumper, on the cover, and a three page article on the history of the Open



Twosome in tobacco jar - 1930



Golfing toys by Louis Marx

Championship.

"I've found comics too, like one of the threesome of Mickey Mouse, Tiny Tots and Beano

playing golf.

Toys, too, have been made with a golfing connection and are usually in tin plate. Sarah is fortunate to have acquired two made by Louis Marx in the 1930's; one being clockwork with a golfer putting into a series of nine holes.

"It would be difficult to choose one piece that I like the best," said Sarah. . . "but I think it would have to be my Copeland teapot of circa 1890. It is dark blue with white relief of five golfers and two caddies, and as one turns it around it shows the entire scene: addressing the ball, teeing off, the follow-through and reaching the green."

# **Bible**

For me, I thought a match striker by Carlton-Ware, depicting Tom Morris preparing to putt with his partner looking on anxiously in the background, was quite attractive and what generated the most feeling was a photograph of the Rt Honourable A.J. Balfour preparing to putt in the Parliamentary Golf Handicap 1896 with fellow MP's in a semicircle behind him. And the china and porcelain items and her colourful tobacco jar with golfers driving at the links look lovely in her study.

Sarah Baddiel's introduction to golf has led to her studying the game's burrows from another side and seeing her collection she is, indeed, one of the most avid spectators of the game's history, past and present. Collecting has brought her closer to the world of first editions and second hand golfing antiques. Whether it's talk of the feathery or the DDH,

of Braid or Ballesteros, of old postcards or 19th hole postmortems — Sarah holds a special interest in the game — for she is a player and true "golfer".

Andrews and in 1979 for Royal Lytham and St Annes, showing the clubhouse in their famous blue and white china. . . It's items suchlike these which will be



Books by Darwin and other favourites

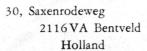
Sarah's tip to anyone interested in collecting golf books is to get hold of what collector's claim the "Bible" — The Library of Golf (1743-1966) by Joseph Murdock or Collecting Golf Books (1743-1938) by Cecil Hopkinson. And she will advise anyone starting out in general collecting to watch out for pieces on the market today which will in the future be collector's items.

"In 1978 for instance, Copenhagen Porcelain made commemoration plates for St sought after later on".

Sarah's wish is to meet more fellow enthusiasts and to form a British Golf Collectors Society where members could meet, play together and help each other enhance their collections.

"When time is short or the weather unkind, I spend my time adding to my knowledge and love of the game," said Sarah.

My guess is, that when she has all the time in the world and the sun is bright, very often, she does the same.





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Miss Sarah Baddiel 43,Kendal Road London N.W.10

Dear Miss Baddiel,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th and the enclosed article. I suddenly realize that while there is no cue as to whether you are married or not - since you invite me to dinner on the 15th with us it may well be that you are married after all. If so please accept my apologies for the wrong heading. I am single myself. I shall be delighted to have dinner with you on the 15th, so much easier than trying to meet at the Open, and-no time having been agreed-I propose to report at your address around 7 p.m. My own interest in collecting golfiana was stimulated by playing the game. It started some 30 years ago. Living in Holland as I do it was obvious that my attention would be directed towards the early days of the game here. Since I started I have made quite a bit of progress in that field, the more so as I entered a virtually maiden field. When we meet I may tell you some about it. With some friends we are planning a golf-exhibition in the Spring of 1982, which will have a fairly unique character in that it will show, for the first time, the history and development of the game in the Low Countries, commencing in 1297 and continuing to the present day. There are masses of material. Pictures and prints with golfers alone, dating back to before 1700, number more than 400 and I am quite convinced that I have not found more than half of them yet! Since quite a few objects are of a high value the exhibition will have to be in museums with security arrangements.Anyway, if all goes well it will be worth-while to go and see it.A fully illustrated catalogue in Dutch as well as in English is also envisaged. While my own interest therefore chiefly concentrates on the early days I have also come into collecting some books and other things. The pride of my collection is a wooden golf ball dating back to 1589. I am enclosing a small list of some of the English books in my library just to give you an impression.

Going through the article you sent me and reading about your plans of forming a golf collectors society I wonder if you know that there is one?

11 years ago some American Collectors founded the Golf Collectors Society in the U.S. Since then it has become quite international. It publishes a Bulletin which appears at irregular intervals. The members of this side of the Atlantic and such Americans as may be there have a dinner during the Open. If you are interested write to:

Joseph S.F.Murdoch 638, Wagner Road Lafayette Hill, Pa.-19444 U.S.A.

If you wish to join I will be happy to propose you. (Ben Crensahw, whom I see you admire, is also a member) It seems we had best leave the rest until we meet on the 15th.Looking forward to that moment and also to having a look at your collection,

yours very faithfully Steven van Hengel

S.J.H.van Hengel

Golf Library (Extract of some older books)

Académie Universelle des Jeux, 1718 (containing a complete description of the game of Mail)

Horace G. Hutchinson, Golf, 1893 (The Badminton Library)

J.L. Stewart, Golfiana Miscellanea, 1887

R.Clark, Golf: a Royal and Ancient Game, 1899

Horace G. Hutchinson, The Book of Golf and Golfers, 1900

W.Park Jr., The Game of Golf, 1901

H.S.Colt & Harold H.Hilton, The 6-Handicap Golfer's Companion by 'Two of his Kind', 1909

B.Darwin, The Golf Courses of the British Isles, 1910

Harold H.Hilton & Garden G.Smith, The Royal and Ancient Game of Golf, 1912 - Copy No.30

J.Cameron Robbie, The Chronicle of the Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh, 1936

# On collecting golf books:

C. Hopkinson, Collecting Golf Books 1743-1938

J.S.F. Murdoch, The Library of Golf 1743-1966



Dear Mr. Hengal (or may we be more informal and say Dear Steven please),

Thank you for your letter which I read with great pleasure and delight. I am so pleased that you will be able to visit my home. It is more leisurely than the rushed atmosphere of the Open but I hope we shall meet there also.

I shall be at Sotheby's during the morning of the 15th July for the sale. It will be interesting to note the prices. I would hope to obtain a few items but will not pay over the odds. I know very little about clubs and equipment but am learning every day. Will you be attending the sale?

The idea of an exhibition is excellent and I would hope that I could arrange a trip to Holland to view it. You mention a few of the English books in your collection and like yourself, I am most fortunate in having all the ones you have listed. I do not have a large collection but I have some very fine items in books and ceramics, with a number of ephemeral themes which you will see on your visit.

I am married but my husband has no interest in golf at all. His collecting field is in early Tin Toys. At the moment, it seems that my husband my be in Switzerland on business during the week of the Open.

I do know of the G.C.S. and will hope to become a member in the near future. I would like to talk to you about the Society when you are here. I have been invited as a guest by a fellow member, Roy Sollars to the dinner on the Friday, 17th July.

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Johnston from America came to dinner. I am hoping to go to New York in September and have scheduled to meet several members who are all kindly coming to see me there as we shall only be staying for five days. I would like to fly down and see Joe Murdoch as well as Walt Lewis who I have had many long conversation via the telephone and lengthy correspondence on our favourite subject!

Till the 15th, with kind regards,

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14th August, 1981



Dear Steven,

Thank you for your kind note. It was a great pleasure and honour to be able to have you join us for dinner and we both hope that when you are in London again, that you will visit again. We were most intrigued with the particular aspect of Golf collecting that you like and I would certainly let you have any of the very early items that I might come across, however remote the chance might be.

I would like to be kept informed about your exhibition as we would like to see it and we could combine a visit to cousins we have in Holland.

I was extreemly distressed at the outcome of the G.C. S. not only for myself but for the unhappiness and embarrassment I caused Rpy Sollars. Roy has written to Joe Murdoch to inform him of the facts and we would appreciate it if you mentioned the matter also when next writing to Joe.

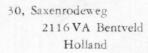
Finding new items seems almost impossible but I amhoping that I have been fortunate in tracking down a copy of Kerr's East Lothian and I am watching the post eagerly each day.

I am sure that you enjoyed the Dutch Open. I shall be in New York for the Ryder Cup or I should have liked to have been present.

With my kind regards and best wishes,

Larah and Colen







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Mrs.Sarah Baddiel 43,Kendal Road London N.W.10

Dear Sarah.

First of all to thank you for your kind invitation to the reception for the launching of your book. I am sorry not to be there! May I kindly ask you to send me a copy with an invoice? I certainly hope that the reception will be a nice one and that your book may become a success. Then about G.C.S.: I did indeed write to Joe Murdoch after my return to Holland about you desired membership and about the events at Royal Cinque Ports. In the meantime he sent me an extensive reply. He writes that he has answered an earlier reugest for information of Roy Sollars in the matter, as you had told me. After your application for membership last year 2 English members spoke to Joe and stated that several English members of G.C.S.looked upon your application with disfavour because of (alleged)unsavoury business practices. Further along he says'Because I do not take anything too seriously, I do think it a bit ridiculous, but those opposed to her have been quite vehement. and 'Obviously I cannot act as a policeman nor do I have any desire to be one'.' And there it rests. I find the situation quite unpleasant. In my country any party thus accused has at least the right to be heard about allegations of such nature. I can see that it is difficult for Joe to go against the opposing members or to hold a court about it. I do not know what the issue was, if at all, but you may perhaps make a better guess than I as to who those two members were and what the issue was. If you pursue the matter any further at this moment my feeling is that it may cause more harm than good. Why don't you let it cool off a bit and put in an application next year with Roy and myself to support it. If then again there would be noises there would be a good cause for Roy and me to ask for a full explanation. I don't like the way the thing went but I csn not see what good I can do a this particular moment.

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Dear Steven,

Thank you for your kind letter. I am enclosing a copy of the Book and hope you will find it enjoyable.

I appreciate you writing to Joe Murdoch on my behalf for the G.C.S. membership. Quite starously Roy and I were upset regarding the Deal evening. Roy wrote to Mr. Gossage asking for an explanation and after four weeks, having withen a Second time to him enquining whether he had received the initial letter, Roy had no reply. He felt he had no alternative but to unite to Joe and inform him do the evening events. as it happened, Toe had already received your letter plus three oldress on the matter. 3 gather from Roy that now at long last my application has been put to the adwisory Board and we await the outcome. I will of course accept the decision. I quite agree with you to leave the unde matter for a year but Joe has taken it out of Roy's hands. Why 9 was rejected truck before without it going before the official board does wormy me. 9 do

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Please do let me know evhen you vill be having your exhibition so we can arrange to come over.

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With my tranks and kind regards.

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Mrs. Sarah Baddiel 43, Kendal Road London N.W. 10

Dear Paral.

Thank you for your letter of the 9th September and for sending the book. It has turned out well. I particularly like the way in which the references are grouped with each chapter. Please find enclosed a cheque for £.16,which will settle the invoice and the bank charges and

postage. As regards the G.C.S. I do appreciate your feelings and I share them. Obviously I wrote a bit more to Joe Murdoch than was in my last letter and I also got more reply than I resumed. I just took out the essentials. I found the whole matter quite unsatisfactory, particularly since G.C.S. has no admission system and it was the first time that I ever heard of such a thing in it at all, and then I am a member since the early days. Anyway, since Joe now seems to go for it again we had better wait for the outcome.

I hope your reception for the launching of the book was a success. It is one thing to write a book and another thing to get it publicized.

At this end we have been busy on the catalogue for the exhibition. It proves to be a lot of work but the outcome looks good. All the objects on view will be illustrated in the book. Our editor assured us that there was no use in producing a catalogue in English and Dutch jointly since there is no hope of marketing anything in Britain or the U.K. if not published by a publishing firm in either country. So now he is trying to print a separate book containing the editorial articles and the photographs separately. We shall see what comes of it.

Yours Steven

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Dear Steven,

Thank you for your letter and cheque. We have just returned from New York where we exhibited at a Toy Show. I had hoped to find a few Golf books but to no avail. I visited with George Lewis, a G.C.S. member who lived a few minutes away from out apartment where we were staying but the two bookdealers were both at a Fair. It was impossible to fit everything into eight days. I did speak with Walter Lewis three times who insists that I should come to St. Louis for the meeting as Joe has said to him 1.2 would be prepared to meet and talk with me. I would like to go but feel that I would be barred from the meeting once I got there especially as Joe has now written to David White giving him a written guarrantee that whilst he is in charge there would never be room for me unless we clear up our dispute. This is very difficult as I have no quarrel with David, he has with me. Thus I am in a quandary and will decide nearer the date. It is a long way to go but if I could clarify the unhappy situation, then no distance is too far.

I managed to find Browning's History of Golf at a tiny bookfair in the country on Saturday.

Quite surprising as it was late in the day when I arrived but they said no golf"nut" had been around. Though not an old book, it has alluded me for awhile.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly,

With kind regards,





Dear Steven,
g realise you will not be in London,
next month, but 3 extend our imitation
to you with our book mohes.

Kund regards,



# Steven

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Sarah Baddiel

3.7.82

Dear Steven,

3 am having a Sew Sellow gorfing collectors to my home on Tuesday 20th July at 7.30 pm for a druk and a chat. I do hope you might still be in England and be able to join us.

with kind regards.

Sarah.

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Sarah Baddiel

Dear Steven,

Thank you for sending me the catalogue for your delightful exhibition. I would like to visit but with Maring the Book Sallery I am much more limited with my time.

The Dutch Open, from what & read here in the English newspapers, seems to have been quite exciting.

My collection increases a little each week but 3 am now looking for the much older items and as we all know, they came only varely.

thank again.

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2.12.82

Dear Steven,

Thank you so much for the lovely surprise gift of your delightful book. 8r. graces my library and has a special place

as it came from you.

at the moment, the auction prices seem to have soared. Phillips had just four good books and it was unbelieveable how high everything went and I was unable to purchase anything. I am grateful that I have managed to find a small collection over the past four years and wonder whether 9 mil be able to add very much more. There is a limit to everything but no way could I part with any golf items I have managed to find.

Therefore it is a little early, I would like

to take this opportunity of vishing you a very happy Christmas and a properous New Year Hy thanks organ and good where.

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Dear Steven,

I shall be having a small gathering of fellow golf collectors to my home on Tuesday, 19th July about 7.30pm for Cheese, Wine and a Chat. I do hope that you will be able to join us this year.

I have just received a delightful letter from Joe Murdoch who has affirmed my membership to the G.C.S. So many kind people wrote to Joe over the past three years about me that the committee decided that maybe I was not really so terrible as one member made out:

I am relieved that it has all been resolved in such as friendly way.

I shall be at the dinner on the 13th July and hope that we shall be able to meet there shortly.

With kind regards,



Mrs.Sarah Baddiel 43,Kendal Road LONDON NW10

Dear Sarah,

This is to thank you for your letter of the 9th June. It gives me great pleasure to hear that all our joint efforts have finally made you a member of the  $G_{\bullet}C_{\bullet}S_{\bullet}$  and that thus I shall see you at the dinner on the 13th July at Hillside.

On the other hand you have a gift for setting your nice invitations always one day past my visit to England. Unfortunately I am leaving England on the 18th and I can not postpone my return, which I would like to do.

So we shall have to make do with the dinner at Hillside. I am certainly looking forward to seeing you there. Kindest regards,

yours

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