Golf sales to tee off next summer at Bonhams

GOLF SALES COMING HOME TO BONHAMS SCOTLAND

Bonhams is to hold golf memorabilia sales in Scotland starting in June 2014.

The sales will take place twice a year at the Bonhams saleroom at 22 Queen Street, Edinburgh and will coincide with the existing Sporting Sales.

Bonhams is well known for selling sporting memorabilia from its Chester saleroom which has now become a sourcing and valuation office. Past successes for golf memorabilia include the sale of rare preliminary sketches for the famous painting by Charles Lee commemorating a game at St Andrews in 1841 that hangs in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh. The three sketches were sold as separate lots for a total of £31,920. A putter owned by the legendary golfer Samuel Ryder fetched £18,000 and a Silver King golfing advertising model sold earlier this year for £8,125.

The decision to base golfing sales in Edinburgh will make Bonhams the only international auction house to hold golf sales in Scotland.

Managing Director of Bonhams in Scotland, Miranda Grant, said:- "Scotland is famous the world over as the home of golf so we're very excited at the prospect of holding golf memorabilia sales for the many thousands of collectors and fans both here and overseas."