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On Par Engraving Helps Up Your Golf Art Game

Ben Hogan's 1-iron picture? Seen it. Caddyshack quote? A bit dated. Your picture with Jeff Maggert from the 1995 Western Open? We can do better.

It's time to step up our golf art game. If you're tired of the same old, same old (like I am), you should check out On Par Engraving. Whether you're shopping for the perfect gift, a unique piece for your mancave, or an eye-catching item for your golf shop, this Sheboygan, Wisc., operation has what you're searching for.

Andy Bartell is the owner/founder of On Par Engraving and is responsible for every step of his custom-engraved golf maps which are even more stunning the closer you get to them. The best part? We're not just talking maps of Pebble Beach and Augusta National (although he has those), but you can bring him any course in the world and he'll engrave it in wood, stain it, and even hand paint every last detail. From the local muni you grew up playing, to a track that no longer exists, Bartell leaves no detail behind.





What led Bartell down this path of creating golf art has a few answers. For starters, he is a cartographer by trade. To save you the time of Googling, that is a person who draws maps. Specifically, he produces oil and gas maps for geologists. In addition, he has a passion for woodworking and loves the game of golf. Put it all together and he seems to have a labor of love that is gaining steam with every person who sees his work.

"Three years ago a buddy and I were trying to find a golf gift and didn't like what was out there," said Bartell. "I had been into 3D lake art and he asked me if I could laser a golf course. The first one was awful," he added with a laugh. "Today, though, the products are world-class and On Par Engraving is the only company making truly custom engraved maps."

Bartell noted that each piece takes a minimum of six hours to produce, but with added customization, it's closer to 10 hours.

"I hand paint each golf course at my kitchen table," said Bartell. "The entire

process allows me to connect with people from the time they receive their free quote all the way to it heading out the door."

Speaking of, if you're worried about shipping costs, it's free. Can't beat that.

When asked about some of his favorite projects to date, Bartell had two that immediately came to mind. First, he produced 10, 36" round table tops for Racine Country Club. Each with a different famous course from around the world. As an Appleton native, Bartell loves seeing his work in a local establishment. Second, a family commissioned him to create and engrave a map of their late grandfather's golf course. Tricky because it has since turned into a soybean field. With a few pictures, however, the family now has something to remember their grandfather forever.

So if you're looking to get one of the most exceptional golf items we've ever seen, you are highly encouraged to shop on Bartell's Etsy page by searching for "OnParEngraving," or visit On Par Engraving at OnParEngraving.com.



