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"Indy 500" Commemorative Covers

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Special event covers were prepared for the "Indy 500 Festival" from 1961 through 1968. The covers included recognition of the PGA tournament or golf exhibition held in conjunction with the 500 mile race. The tournament was held on the Speedway Golf Course within the complex where the Indianapolis 500 race is held with the exception of 1965 when the course was undergoing renovation. That year the tournament was played at the Green Tree Country Club.

The Speedway Golf Course which opened in 1929 consisted of 27 holes, a 9 hole course within the track and another 18 on the outside of the track but within the speedway grounds. The Speedway Golf Course was demolished between 1991 and 1993. It was rebuilt as an eighteen hole championship course, having 4 holes in the infield and 14 on the outside. It has been renamed The Brickyard Crossing Golf Resort.

Although the PGA tournament began in 1960, the covers were not available until 1961. The '61 Festival ran nine days but by 1963 the Festival was extended to the month of May 1-31. It is not known how many dates the covers were available except 1961 where covers are known for May 25, 26, 27 and 30. The 1961 covers appear to have a rubber stamp type cachet and varied from a very pale yellow to a dark brown. (fig 1)

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President's Message

There are several announcements regarding **IPGS members**.

It is with great sadness that I pass on the death of **Donald Mackintosh** in June. We heard from his daughter. Mr. Mackintosh was from Ross-shire, Scotland.

Stampshow, Richmond, Virginia—I have to admit that we were disappointed that not a single member of IPGS came by the table to say hello. However, a number of people did request copies of our journal and application blanks so we may get a few members out of the effort. **Tee Time** was entered in the literature competition at Stampshow and received a Bronze medal.

Jim Senkewitz was written up in the *Pittsburgh Tribune* for his golf memorabilia collection. They

showed several pictures from his basement museum and talked about his volunteering for the U.S. Women's Open held at Oakmont in July 2010. He would probably send a copy of the article if you were to email him at Senkewitz2012@verizon.net.

Jim Gray received a silver award for his 16 page exhibit "Golffilately" at the Midland Philatelic Federation show. It was in the open class which can include postcards, ephemera, entire letters, etc. A color copy of the exhibit is mailed to the show committee for judging. This has the advantage of not having to mail your expensive material through the postal system.

Pat Loehr received a silver for her display class exhibit "On Course for Golf" at the Garfield-Perry March Party held in Cleveland, Ohio. Her thematic exhibit, "The World of Golf" received a vermeil award at WESTPEX held in San Francisco, California.



Figure 1

The cachet design remained the same 1961-1965, only the color of ink changed—1962, green; 1963, red; 1964, blue; and 1965 gray-green. New designs were used in 1966 and 1968. We have no examples for 1967. If anyone has a 1967 cover, please send us a scan of the design (poststat@juno.com). The cancellation remained the same except for date changes.

(fig 2 & 3)



Figure 2



Figure 3

At one time, I was told that the stamp club that sponsors INDYPEX was involved with the covers, A name was provided, however, when contacted no response was received..

The covers still seem to be available in dealer boxes at many stamp shows and normally cost a few dollars.

The Memorial Tournament Cancellations

by

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Although the Memorial Tournament started in 1976, special hand cancels were made available by the post office beginning in 1985 and continuing through 2005. The cancellations were available beginning Monday of tournament week through the final day of the tournament on the following Sunday. One of our members lives in Dublin, Ohio and contacted the local post office. Usually a group such as the local tournament committee or a nearby stamp club requests the cancellations, however these were requested by the Dublin post office.

The Memorial Tournament has been played from early May and sometimes in June. For instance, in 2010 the beginning rounds began on May 31. The Memorial was first played on a course designed by Jack Nicklaus and named after Muirfield in Scotland where Nicklaus won his first British Open in 1966. Since the beginning the tournament honors people who have made significant contributions to the sport of golf.

The cancels were always in green ink which was prone to smearing and spreading so sharply struck cancels were rare. Over the 20 years of the cancels, four varieties have been identified. From 1985 to 1995 different size circular dies were used. (fig. 1 and fig. 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Beginning in 1996 through 2005 rectangular date stamps were used. (fig. 3 and fig. 4). Note even the shape of the cancel changed, the same trophy design appears in all the cancellations.



Figure 3

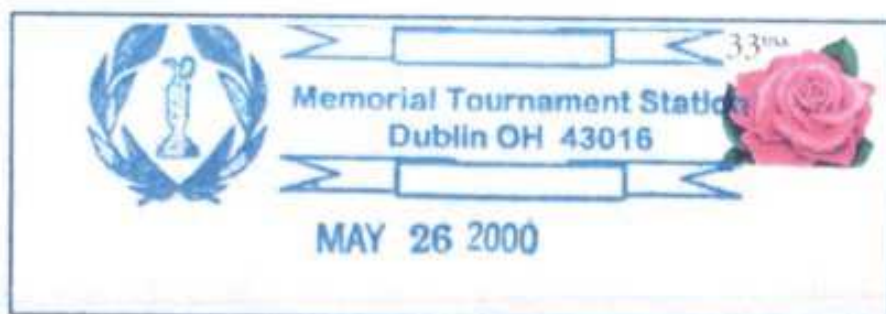


Figure 4

The Memorial covers were the type where an individual prepared covers and sent them to the Dublin, Ohio post office to be cancelled. The cancellation was applied to the blank covers and returned to the owner. If you find a cover with a cachet, the cachet was supplied by the individual requesting the cover—not the post office.

2010 BRITISH OPEN

By John Gray

The illustrated hand stamp for the 139th Open Championship held at the Old Course St. Andrews was sponsored by Stuart Mackenzie of the Alba Postal History Co. The hand stamp is dated 18 July 2010.



MEMBER'S ADS

All members are allowed one or two classified ads per year at no cost, space permitting. Send ad copy to the editor.

Member ad: Am in the process of selling off much of my accumulation. Anyone interested in philatelic items or postcards, please email Cora Collins for scans at poststat@juno.com

HAILEYBURY HOTEL & GOLF COURSE

by

Charles dePencier and John La Porta

An advertising cover produced by the Hotel Haileybury, Back of cover Fig. 1, Haileybury, on Lake Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada. This cover was postmarked on Front of cover Fig. 2., Sept. 7, 1939, 10:30am Toronto, Ont. The cancel reads:

THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY
TRAVELLING LETTER BOX
TO TORONTO



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

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The Haileybury Hotel was built around 1925 and was demolished in 1983. The golf course was established in 1921 and is one of the oldest golf clubs in Ontario. The course sits on the banks of Lake Temiskaming. The course is 3,000 yards "links style" 9 holes. The 4th hole has a view overlooking Lake Temiskaming. The course is still in use today.



Haileybury Hotel Photo courtesy Haileybury Heritage Museum



Haileybury Hotel Photo courtesy Haileybury Heritage Museum



Haileybury Hotel stock certificate
Copied from Temiskaming Treasure
Trail, 1923-33 by Peter Fancy



Interior Haileybury Hotel
Photo courtesy Haileybury Heritage Museum



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Haileybury Hotel Golf Course
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Haileybury Hotel Golf Course
Photo courtesy Haileybury Heritage Museum



Haileybury Hotel Golf Course 1960's
Postcard World Wide Sales Agencies, Montreal



Haileybury Golf Course Today
Photo courtesy Charles dePencier

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