



Life Association of Scotland, Hoylake - Punch Bowl Hole  
Michael Brown

Sold



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Height: 23 cm (9.1")

Width: 37 cm (14.6")

Framed Height: 43 cm (16.9")

Framed Width: 56 cm (22")

Framed Depth: 56 cm (22")

## Description

### Michael Brown Life Association Golf Photogravure Hoylake - Punch Bowl Hole

A golf photogravure after Michael Brown: Hoylake - Punch Bowl Hole, from his famous series of scenes commissioned by the Life Association of Scotland for their calendars. This image featured on their 1911 calendar and has Mr. John Graham Junr, Mr. C.E. Dick, Mr John Ball (Amateur Champion, 1910) and Mr. H.H. Hilton on the 9th green at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club (Hoylake).

Two of Hoylake's stalwarts, and all time greats of the late, early 20th Century golf scene are in the picture, John Ball and Harold Hilton. They say if major championships are the yardstick, no British player of any generation matches John Ball. He was 26 when he took his first title in 1888, and was in his 51st year when the eighth came his way in 1912. Harold Hilton, won The Open Championship twice, The Amateur Championship four times, the U.S. Amateur Championship once was a successful golf writer as well as a golf course architect.

Frame size:- 43 cm high by 56 cm wide.

The Life Association of Scotland was established in 1838 in Edinburgh. In the late 1800's golf courses were being established all over Scotland and the financial community set up the Insurance & Banking Golf Club on the Duddingston estate in 1895, beneath the spectacular backdrop of the extinct volcano, Arthur's Seat. To mark the opening of the extended Club House, Michael Brown was commissioned to paint a scene from an exhibition golf match at the Club. The 1899 Life Association of Scotland calendar used this image as its center piece. It was such a marketing success Brown was then commissioned to annually paint a golfing picture until 1916, prints were made of these originals and glued to the cardboard calendar that the Life Association of Scotland produced. Brown's original paintings adorned the walls of the Edinburgh head office for many years.

The Royal Liverpool Golf Club is a Links course in Merseyside, in the North West of England. Their Clubhouse is located in the small town of Hoylake, consequently the course is often referred to as Hoylake. It was founded in 1869 on what was then the racecourse of the Liverpool Hunt Club and Robert Chambers and George Morris (younger brother of Old Tom Morris) were commissioned to lay out the original course. The course was extended to 18 holes in 1871 when it also received the 'Royal' designation due to the patronage of the Duke of Connaught of the day, who was one of Queen Victoria's younger sons. Hoylake has a long and distinguished history of golfing firsts. It was originator and host to the inaugural men's amateur championship in 1885, which became The Amateur Championship. It was host to the first ever international match between Scotland and England in 1902. It hosted the first Home International matches, and the first transatlantic contest between Great Britain & Ireland and the USA in 1921, an event which became the Walker Cup the following year. In fact, it is Royal Liverpool Golf Club's contribution to the amateur game that has set it apart from all other clubs in England.