

ALASKA - MD 49



ALASKA, the largest state in the Union is in the Northwest extremity of the North American continent, with a population of a little more than 700,000 residents. It was purchased from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million and was admitted to the Union in 1959 as the 49th state. The capital is Juneau. Approximately 65% of the land in this state is owned and managed by the U.S. Government. The state is home to the largest wildlife refuge in the entire world. The first Lions Club was established in **Juneau** but was cancelled in 1929. The next Club was established in **Anchorage** in 1944.



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Early



Early



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1962



1962 V 1



1962 V 2



1962 V 3



1962 V 4



1963

NOTE: The images above are excellent examples of Chamber of Commerce or Travel Bureau public relations items that were often used by the Lions prior to the issue of authorized Lions friendship pins. The Lions took these to conventions and traded them in the same manner as we presently trade our Lions pins. As a result, they are highly collectible by many traders. These examples were traded by the Lions of Alaska

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1961



1964



1965



1966



1966-69

The 1966 pin shown at the left was remade in 1966 at the request of the then Council to honor PDG Stan Davis who was Governor in 65-66. PDG Stan was in poor health at the time and later passed away. The lettering in the words Alaska & Canada is somewhat larger than the original as is the dates on the pin. This pin has CP on the reverse and the original pin has a plain reverse.



1966-2



1967



1968



1968 Dark Blue



1969



1969 Devil Dog
Blue Base



1969 Devil Dog
Black Base



1970



1972



1973



1974

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1975



1975 V



1976



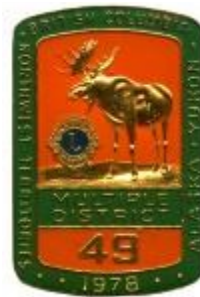
1976 V



1977



1977 V
Gold Emblem



1978



1979



1980



1981



1982



1982 V

NOTE: There are quite a few color variations in this series. Most are caused by different amounts of enamel, while some are merely victims of fading. Some are bright and some are yellowed as shown in the 1975 pin. Some have a pink tint as shown in the 1982 V. The 1977 V is an interesting variation in that the entire Lions emblem is gold.

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1983



1983 V



1984



1984 V
Color of Sky



1985



1985 V
Bright Sky



1986-1



1986-1 V



1986-2
Yellow Border



1986 Special



1987



1987 V



1988



1989



1990



1990 V

Like the previous series this series also has light and dark colors due to the amount of enamel on the pins. The yellow border on the 1986 is a major variation. The other variations in 86 is a gold emblem versus a silver emblem. The 1990 is an interesting variation as there is no paint around the 49. The regular issue is painted brown.

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1991



1992



1993



1994



1995



1996



1996 V

The 1996 is a true color variation. It is dark green with a small Lions Club emblem as opposed to the regular issue which is light green with a large emblem. Both are shown here



1997



1998



1999



2000



2000 V



2001



2001 P

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2002



2002 P



2003



2003 P



2004



2004 P



2005



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2006



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2007



2007 P



2008



2008 V



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2009



2009 P



2010



2010



2011



2011 P



2012

Original - "Yukon" Spelled "Youkon"



2012 P

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2012

Remake - Correct Spelling of "Yukon"



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NOTE: Only 200 of the 2012 remakes were ordered by MD-49.

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2013



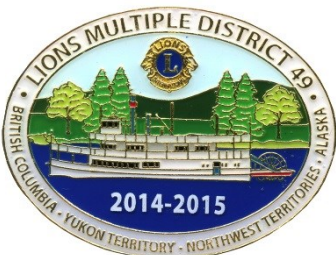
2013 P



2014



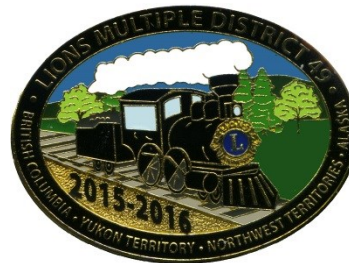
2014 P



2015



2015 P



2016



2016 P



2017



2017 P



2018



2019



2019 P



2020



2020 P

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2021



2021 P



2022



2022 P



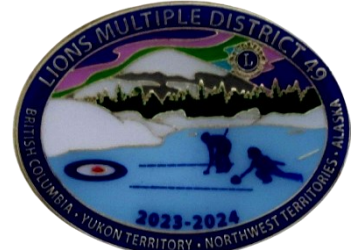
2023



2023 P



2024



2024 P

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Miscellaneous Pins



This Bear is purported to be the first Alaska pin. It is made from walrus ivory. The story goes that the Alaska Lions ordered quite a few of them from an Alaskan native who did ivory carvings. When he saw how difficult they were for the money being paid he finished this one and would not do the rest to fill the order.



1961 Note the similarity to the regular 1961. This is about one third the size of the regular one and has a glued on Lions emblem.



1987 Rare Variety or possible sample



1969 Unknown possible sample or club pin. Notice the two holes in the corners which were probably put there to attach a dangler.

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Miscellaneous Give-Away Items



Unknown Cloth



Unknown Plastic