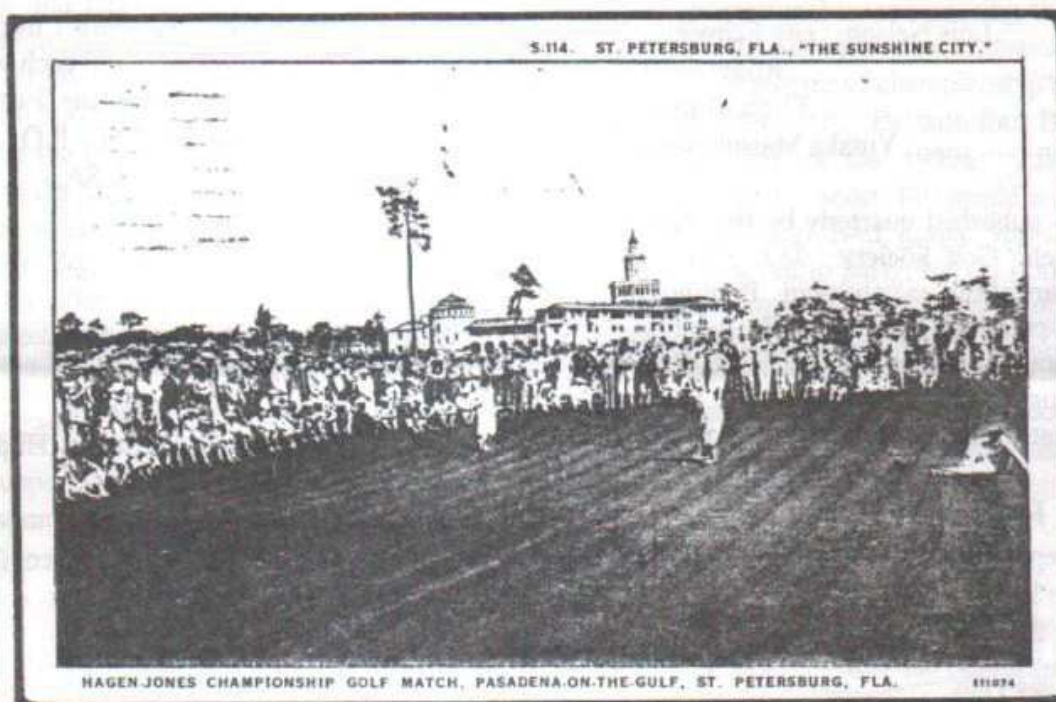


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## "Sir Walter" - Champion Golfer

by Patricia Ann Loehr

(This article is reprinted from the Journal of Sports Philately)

In the world of golf, those who rise to the top are almost certain to acquire some sort of affectionate and enduring title along the way, befitting their contributions to the sport. So it is with "Sir Walter" Hagen as pictured on a "Kings of Sport" commemorative cover. (See below.) If such nicknames alone were a measurement of greatness, then Sir Walter might have an advantage since he was also known as "The Haig". His date and place of birth are honored by the cancellation on this cacheted cover.

Hagen's long and storied journey into the cherished history of the sport began with his victory at the United States Open Championship of 1914 at the Midlothian Country Club in Illinois. After his win at Midlothian, Hagen returned to Rochester, but he would not stay. He left to accept an offer to be the club professional at Oakland Hills Country Club at Detroit, Michigan.

Upon arriving in Detroit, Hagen found himself in an environment that welcomed his appetite for an extravagant lifestyle - one that he would support using his golfing abilities. However, Hagen soon announced that he would resign his

club position to become an independent professional tournament golfer. Despite the turnaround in his plans, Hagen made lasting friendships in Michigan.

Sir Walter established his greatness during the "Roaring Twenties" also known as "The Golden Age of Sport" in America. He won his first Professional Golfers Association (PGA) championship in 1921, followed by four in a row from 1924 through 1927.

He created the occupation of the touring golfer professional by recognizing the entertainment potential and excitement tournament golf had to offer. In pursuit of championship golf, Hagen traveled extensively. He won four British Open Championships in the 1920s. Like the title character in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, Sir Walter lived, golfed, and traveled first class. He loved to party, have a good time, and spend his money. He stated that he never wanted to be a millionaire, just live like one.

Ever conscious of the need to develop new golf-related ventures with which he could support himself, Hagen became the first professional golfer to start a business manufacturing golf equipment on a production basis.





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Though the company was sold to L.A. Young in 1927, Hagen's name continued to be used on products as indicated by these meters.

He soon found the demands of maintaining his golfing commitments and running a company to be too much. Detroit businessman L.A. Young purchased the company in 1927 and transferred the name to Detroit where he opened a factory.

Golf philatelists benefit from this chapter in Walter Hagen's life as it resulted in a few slogan meter stamps promoting his golf equipment. The early meters are from Detroit. Young eventually moved the company to Grand Rapids as seen on later meters. (See top of next page.) He finally sold it to the Wilson Company in 1944.

The meter impressions are in purple; the corner cards are printed in red and black. The company logo --a shield design surmounted by a crown--resembles a coat-of-arms featuring Sir Walter.

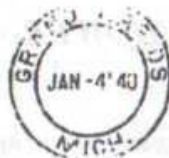
By the time the meter stamps appeared, Hagen's competitive golf career was ending, yet he continued to participate in exhibitions. When it came time to leave the world of professional golf, Hagen purchased his first home in Traverse City, Michigan and lived there until his death, October 5, 1969 at the age of 76. While the commemorative cover was produced to honor Sir Walter after his death, the meter stamps--thanks to Sir Walter himself--remind us of all the success he accomplished during his lifetime and his fondness for his adopted home, Michigan.



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While Young later moved the company to Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Hagen name, synonymous with quality golf products, continued to be used in slogan meter advertising.

## FRONT POSTCARD

The front postcard seemed appropriate for this issue with the article on Sir Walter Hagen. It features a golf match between Walter Hagen and Bobby Jones. In 1926 Bobby Jones became the first to win both the US and British Opens in the same year, while Hagen successfully defended his PGA title for the third consecutive year. These victories earned them recognition as the greatest amateur and professional in the world.

When they met in a memorable 72-hole challenge match in Florida, Hagen was the winner by 11 and 10. The first 36 holes were played in St. Petersburg (featured on the postcard) and the

second 36 holes were played at Sarasota Bay. Hagen was paid \$5,000 for the first and \$3,500 for the second. He presented Bobby Jones with a set of shirt studs and cuff links. Amateurs were subsequently banned from playing in such events by the U.S.G.A.

The card is of the white border era and was mailed from Saint Petersburg, Florida on February 2, 1930. The card was published by the Asheville Post Card Co. in Asheville, North Carolina.

One cannot help but wonder if a second card was produced for the second match held at Sarasota Bay. Check your postcards to see if you might just happen to have one--we can feature it on another issue.

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## EISENHOWER AUGUSTA VISIT COVERS

Lauren R. Januz, ATA

*Editorial: Our first article on the Augusta covers appeared in Tee Time, September 1989, pages 102-103. Since that time I have attempted to research the covers when I was in Augusta and also through their Chamber of Commerce since most of them were sent out through them. The first time I visited Augusta, Scott Nixon was still alive, however I had no response to the address I was provided. On a later trip to Augusta, I noted that he had passed away and a street in Augusta had been named for him.*

*When the article appeared in TEE TIME, we asked members with additional information on the subject to please send it along. A copy of the article below (November-December issue of Topical Time, 1969) was submitted by William Graham just recently. Sometimes we just need to be patient!!*

One of the most interesting facets of an Eisenhower topical collection is the number of different covers tracing Ike's visits to various cities throughout, not only the United States but also much of the world. A number of collector-dealers designed cachets for his various visits. Of course, Ike's favorite "long weekend" during his years as President was the Augusta National Golf Course in Augusta, Georgia. In November 1953, the people of Augusta gave the President a cottage known as Mamie's cabin right on the Augusta National Golf Course.

One Eisenhower collector in Augusta, a man named Scott Nixon, prepared a number of cachets for the Eisenhower visits to Augusta and prepared covers on 37 different dates honoring Ike's visits to Augusta. For the most part he used a rubber stamp cachet that pictured Ike at the golf course. However, for Ike's 25th visit to Augusta and for the presentation of Mamie's cabin Scott Nixon designed special cachets.

To aid Eisenhower collectors I've listed below the dates that I show in my collection of each of these covers. If I've omitted any that you might have in your collection please drop me a line and tell me about it so that I can make this list 100% complete. All are Augusta, Georgia unless otherwise noted. (\* indicates dates added.)

April 11, 1952\*

April 17, 1952

November 5, 1952

April 13, 1953

April 14, 1954

November 24, 1953 (regular visit cover).

November 24, 1953 (Mamie's Cabin)\*

December 25, 1953

December 26, 1953

January 5, 1955

April 9, 1956

November 26, 1956

April 18, 1957

September 4, 1957 (visit to Newport, R.I.)

November 15, 1957

January 31, 1958

March 22, 1958

April 13, 1958

July 8, 1958 (visit to Ottawa, Canada)

November 20, 1958

February 4, 1959 (visit to Thomasville, Ga)

April 7, 1959

October 22, 1959

November 12, 1959

December 27, 1959

December 30, 1959

December 31, 1959

January 4, 1960\* (25th Visit)

April 11, 1960

November 9, 1960

December 9, 1960

January 7, 1961

May 4, 1961

December 3, 1961 (canceled by R.P.O.  
aboard Wilm. & Aug. Train),

November 24, 1962

December 5, 1963

November 2, 1965 (postal card).



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The design on the top cover reflects the one most often seen. It comes in a variety of colors—navy blue, aqua, purple, etc. The middle cover was a special design for Eisenhower's 25th visit to Augusta and the lower cover depicts the acceptance of Mamie's cabin.



## NEW ISSUES

### *Jersey Golf II—April 16, 2002*

The year 2002 marks the 100th Anniversary of the La Moye Golf Club, and on April 16th, Jersey Post will issue a set of five stamps to commemorate the occasion. La Moye Golf Club is described as sitting high on the land overlooking the beautiful wide expanse of St. Quen's bay on the west of the Island and affords spectacular views of LeCorbiere lighthouse and the other Channel Islands nearby.

Ironically, it is largely thanks to members of the Royal Jersey Golf Club on the east of the Island—who celebrated their centenary in 1978—that La Moye Golf Club was founded. In the early days of golf on the Island, it was extremely difficult to obtain membership in the Royal Jersey which catered to the elite members of Jersey society. When George Boomer, a man passionate about the game and also Headmaster of La Moye School, was refused membership at the Royal Jersey, he felt a second golf course should be available for those deemed not eligible for the Royal Jersey. His idea for a tradesman's golf club began to take shape.

George Boomer thought the land behind La Moye School would be an ideal place to lay out a golf course—and since he lived at the school house it meant he would have a golf course in his back garden! The land was owned by a Captain Le Gallais, a local Squire, who granted permission to create a rough golf course on the land which met with the steep slopes of the sand dunes which, in turn, receded down to the beach. Originally, holes were laid out right down the dunes (known as 'Cardiac Slopes') near the beach but, after further land was purchased at the top of the dunes, these holes were eliminated.

The official opening round at the course attracted legendary golfer, Harry Vardon who completed

the game with a score of 75. Harry was born in Jersey's Parish of Grouville, famously recorded as starting life 'within putting distance' of the Royal Jersey golf course. It seems that he was born to play golf, and in his youth, his tutor was none other than George Boomer. At the height of his fame, such was his celebrity status, the New York Stock Exchange closed for the day when he went to New York because so many people wanted to see the great man.

Harry Vardon was not the only golf legend to be coached by George Boomer. Other famous names include Ted Ray and George's youngest son, Aubrey Boomer.

Harry Vardon was also known as the leading member of golf history's "Great Triumvirate", the other two members being James Braid and J.H. Taylor. James Braid was a Scot who also enjoyed a distinguished sideline career designing golf courses and it was he who redesigned the links at La Moye during the mid 1930s. Unfortunately, during World War II, La Moye Golf Club suffered the indignity of being used for target practice by the invading forces and, subsequently, after the War, James Braid's course needed a complete overhaul.

Jennifer Toombs was commissioned to create the stamp designs for La Moye Golf Club. She was also the designer of the stamps for the Royal Jersey Golf Club in 1978. Ms Toombs also designed the presentation pack, and the First Day Cover envelope. The stamps are printed by the House of Questa Ltd in four color process offset lithography plus three special colors in sheets of ten (2 across x 5 down). Stamp size is 42.58 mm x 28.45 mm. In addition to mint and CTO stamps, official First Day Cover envelopes and presentation packs will be available from the Jersey Philatelic Bureau, Postal Headquarters, JERSEY JE1 1AB. Jersey Post can be contacted by E-mail: [stamps@jerseypost.com](mailto:stamps@jerseypost.com) or through the Internet: <http://www.jerseypost.com>.





### **PEANUTS GANG—CAYMAN ISLANDS** **March 9, 2002**

The Peanuts' Gang from Charles Schultz's comic strip promote vacationing in the Cayman Islands. The issue consists of a set of six stamps plus a die-cut souvenir sheet shaped like a suitcase. It contains the same six stamps depicting Charlie Brown, Snoopy and friends visiting different Cayman locations, including the Hell post office. The border area of the souvenir sheet pictures sheet music of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and sporting equipment.

The 15c domestic-rate stamp (upper left) pictures Snoopy painting Woodstock in front of Cayman Brae Bluff. The 20c (middle upper row) pays the rate for postcards sent from the Cayman Islands to the United States. It shows a picture of Charlie Brown and Sally, his sister, reading a brochure in front of the Hell post office. This location on Grand Cayman received its name from blackened, jagged rock formations. The 25c (upper right) features Marcie and Peppermint Patty picnicking on the beach on Little Cayman. This rate is for postcards to the United Kingdom or Europe.

The left stamp, 30c value, in the lower row pictures Snoopy as a World War I flying ace soaring over these Caribbean Islands. This value is for letters to the United. The middle stamp (second row) is another beach scene showing Snoopy sunbathing and Linus clutching his security blanket. This 40c value is for letters to the United Kingdom and Europe. The final stamp is a 60c value for greeting cards. It features Charlie Brown at the second hole of the Links Golf Course on Grand Cayman Island.

Owen Bell designed the Peanuts' issue. BDT International of Ireland printed the stamps and souvenir sheet by offset. The stamps are available in panes of 50 as well as the souvenir sheet.

The address of the Cayman Islands' bureau is Philatelic Bureau, Seven Mile Beach Post Office, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

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### **Norfolk Island-Postcards for 2001 Mini Games – October 1, 2001**

Ten prepaid postcards were issued by Norfolk Island Philatelic Bureau on October 1, 2001 for the Mini Games held on Norfolk Island. These South Pacific Mini Games are held every four years, in the year after the summer Olympics and the year prior to the Commonwealth Games. Norfolk Island competes in these Games.

The indicia is the Miamiti, the Boobook Owl and Games mascot. On the postcards, the Owl mascot is shown playing a number of sports, one of which is golf. The set consists of ten prepaid cards. No denomination is indicated on the cards.

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Hopefully copies of the Cayman Island and Norfolk Island stamps will be available for the next issue. Norfolk Island can be seen on [http://www.stamps.gov.nf/Postcards\\_2001\\_Minigames.htm](http://www.stamps.gov.nf/Postcards_2001_Minigames.htm).

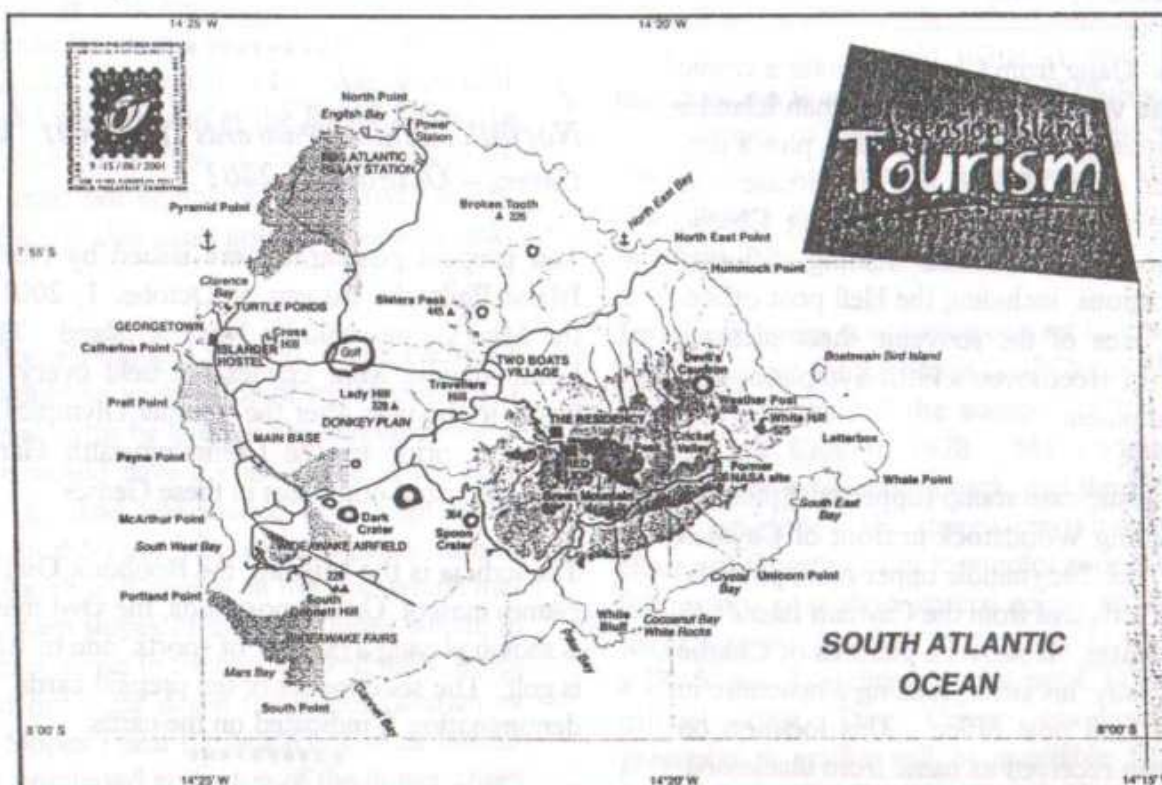


## New Issues - continued

Two members have identified golf issues which have not been covered in our golf catalog or journal. Yutaka Matsubayashi identified one from Ascension Island. It appears to be a souvenir sheet with four stamps at the top and a map at the bottom. The four locations identified on the stamps are pin-pointed on the map along with other tourist attractions--one of which is golf.

The Ascension Island souvenir sheet was issued for BELGICA, the international stamp show held in Belgium June 9-15, 2001. While the date of issue is not certain, it was most likely released during the stamp show. (See below)

A second stamp was identified by a new member in The Netherlands, Arnold M.P. van Balgooi. This stamp is a 'stamp on stamp' design showing Scott 366 on a 1997 issue. If anyone can provide a good clear photocopy we will picture it.





## CANCEL CORNER

by Lois Nelson and Gary Schwieger

There is only one US cancellation to report in this issue.

**25th Annual Augusta Stamp Show (GAPEX) Station, Home of the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame, Augusta, GA 30904, October 27 and 28, 2001** in black ink.



OCT 28 2001  
25th Annual Augusta  
Stamp Show Station  
Home of the  
Georgia Golf Hall of Fame

A second cancellation received is pictured, however no further information is available.



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## King of Sports Series

The Walter Hagen commemorative cover featured on page 3 of this issue is one of a series of covers. These covers were issued by the Lacrosse Hall of Fame in Baltimore, Maryland to raise money. While I have not been able to establish the number of covers printed or sold, or even the total number of sports figures included, we do know there were three golfers honored in the Series--Walter Hagen, Bobby Jones and "Queen of Sports," Babe Zaharias.

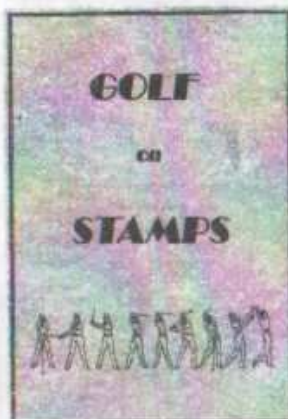
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## ARTICLES NEEDED

Material is needed for the next issue of TEE TIME. It will most likely be a couple of weeks late as we will be on vacation during the first two weeks of June. If anyone can provide articles or information on the new issues, i.e., postal agency brochures or photocopies, it would be greatly appreciated. Many times the new issues can be found on the Internet, however printed or scanned copies generally do not reproduce clear enough for the print medium.

We need all members to look through their collections and provide material and research.

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