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No dues will be collected for 2000 from all members in good standing at the end of this year!!!

FRONT POSTCARD
by Cora B. Collins

It looks like a postcard, however it is an original drawing by our auction manager, Eiron Morgan. Someday I am going to take this to a printer and see what it would cost to have some printed. It would be fun to use in correspondence. Once I have a chance to check on it, we will let you know to see if there is interest in having a number printed and available to the membership. Of course, I will first have to check with Eiron and get his permission.

LONDON 2000

Individuals who had applied to exhibit at London 2000 have finally been notified whether or not their applications have been accepted. My exhibit, "The Sport of Golf" was one of the lucky ones and it will be on exhibit. My husband and I are planning to attend the show and would like to meet as many of our membership as possible. The easiest place to meet people is probably at the frames--after previously agreeing upon a time.

Eiron is also looking into the possibility of having a meeting room where we might be able to get together for an hour. It can just be social or we can bring material to trade.

Anyone planning to be at the London show, please let me know so we can arrange to meet you. We will arrive before the opening and stay until the show closes.

I would also like to know who else is exhibiting so we might include the information in the next issue of *TEE TIME*. If you would send me the title of your exhibit, we will be glad to publish it in *TEE TIME* so the membership will have the opportunity to view it.

OLYMPHILEX 2000

A competitive philatelic exhibition has been held in conjunction with the summer Olympics since 1988 in Seoul. Starting with the 1996 Olympics, the exhibition had F.I.P. patronage and is judged in the same manner as other international philatelic exhibitions. Sydney is no exception--OLYMPHILEX 2000 will be held at the Centrepoint Tower Ballroom from Thursday September 15 through Tuesday, September 28, 2000.

Sports exhibits, both Olympic and other competitive sports are eligible for the competition. Bulletin #1 and the applications are now available through the national commissioners. All individuals must apply through the designated national commissioner.

I have heard from one member who is planning to exhibit in Sydney for OLYMPHILEX. I have been designated national commissioner for the United States and I will also exhibit there. In addition, I am planning to enter *TEE TIME* into the literature competition.

Again, I would like to publish the names and titles of the exhibits to be entered in OLYMPHILEX 2000. Any members attending the games in Sydney will have an opportunity to stop by and view the exhibits.

My husband and I will be attending the Sydney venue and would hope to see some of our IPGS members at that event. If anyone plans on attending, I would be most happy to hear from you and arrange a time and place to meet.

Many thanks to all who have provided material for this issue. I am in need of material for future issues of *TEE TIME*. Send me an article on some of your philatelic material.

AMERICAN AIRMAIL FLIGHTS AND GOLF--AN ADDENDUM

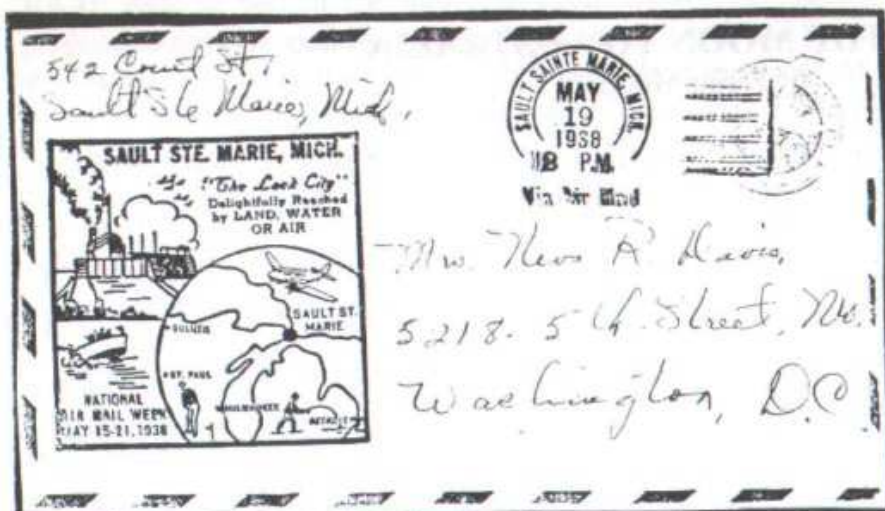
by Cora B. Collins

The first installment of this article appeared in *TEE TIME*, Issue 2, December 1987. At the end of the article, was a sentence which invited others to send information on additional flight covers. Any such information would be included in a future edition of *TEE TIME*. After twelve years, member Pat Loehr send me a photocopy of a cover she had recently purchased. I am including it here along with four additional ones which I have acquired.

The first three airmail covers were flown during National Airmail Week 1938. This marked the 20th Anniversary of scheduled airmail. According to an article in the September-October issue of *US Stamp News*, this one week in May 1938 (15-21) resulted in somewhere between 8,000 and 10,000 different cacheted covers. No record exists of the many covers authorized for that week. One must rely on the search and find system of documenting the covers related to golf.

One of the new covers was postmarked May 15. It was produced for Coral Gables, Florida. A second cover dated May 18 was for Fort Myers, Florida. The third National Airmail Week cover is postmarked May 19 and was for Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

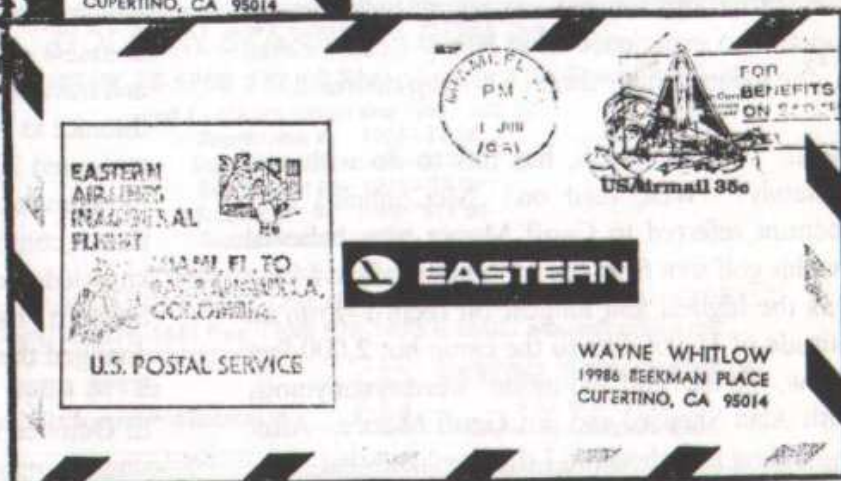
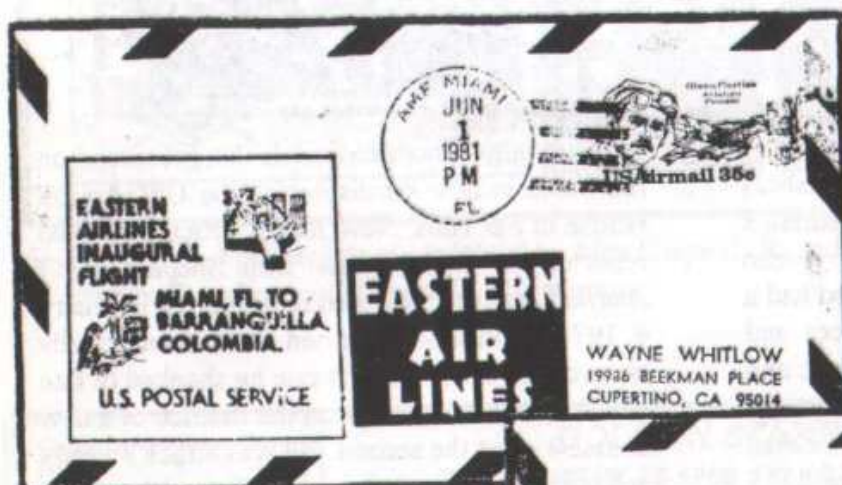




The last two covers are for the establishment of a new airmail route for Eastern Air Lines. These covers document the inaugural flight of Eastern Air Lines from Miami, Florida to Barranquillal, Colombia. There were two covers. The first one was postmarked at the AMF (airport facility), Miami, June 1, 1981. This cachet was done in purple ink.

A second cover was postmarked at the regular post office, Miami, Florida 331. The cachet on this cover was printed in blue ink. It appears these cachets would have been applied by the US Postal Service. See below.

We would be glad to hear about any airmail covers which you might have found in your stamp searches.



FROM THE MOON TO AUSTRALIA

by Eiron Morgan

Once again I have been browsing through Michael McConnell's *The Complete Book of Golf*. This is one of those books that you need not read from cover to cover. Instead, it can be opened at any page and there will be something of interest written there--something factual or humorous, something serious or sad. Randomly I opened at the "fruitcake" section which describes some incidents relating to man's mystifying obsession to transpose golf from the difficulties of fairways, rough and bunkers, and to relocate it in some other context. This lunatic fringe of golfers have pitted their skills against such sites as the Pyramids, the Grand Canyon, Victoria Falls, the river Thames as well as any mountain worth climbing.

In 1961 four Aberdeen University students failed in their attempt to play golf to the peak of Ben Nevis--they ran out of golf balls after losing 63! A Sussex professional, Charlie Macey, hit golf shots anywhere but on a golf course--across Hadrian's Wall, against archers, fishermen and javelin throwers in cross-country matches. He also had a fixation on playing golf from high places and climbed the Blackpool Tower, Mount Blanc and the Matterhorn simply to hit a golf ball from the top and so experience what Henry Cotton called "...the incomparable thrill of driving downhill."

What, I hear you ask, has this to do with golf philately? Well, read on. McConnell's next account referred to Geoff Moore who believed that his golf shot from the Mountains of the Moon was the highest and longest on record--from an altitude of 15,000 feet to the camp hut 2,000 feet below. To me 'golf and moon' were synonymous with Alan Shepard and not Geoff Moore. After re-reading and checking I then realized that

Moore's Mountains of the Moon were, in reality, in Uganda!

Golfers will always be grateful to Alan Shepard who took golf to the moon, and we golf philatelists will be aware of the 1972 Ras al Khaima stamp set issued to celebrate Apollo XIV's safe return from the moon after the near disaster of Apollo XIII. One of the stamps shows Shepard hitting his lunar 6 iron.



The specially constructed club that was used on the moon is now on display at the USGA Golf House in Far Hills, New Jersey. Rich Skyzinski reported on an interview with Shepard (*Golf Journal*, August 1998) who recalled that February 6, 1971 moon shot. It turned out that he actually hit two golf balls--the first one he shanked (a fate which befalls many of us on the first tee of a new course!). But the second ball was struck sweetly and traveled at least 200 yards. Shepard knew the distance as the ball landed just beyond a previously measured 200 meter "experimental field" used by the astronauts. Shepard was not keen on the idea that a company should commercially exploit the knowledge of the make of ball he had used. Only Shepard had that knowledge and he never divulged the secret to anyone.

In October 1988 the Royal Australian Air Force staged a major Air Show Exhibition at Richmond

RAAF Base as part of the Australian Bicentennial Celebrations. The Royal Flying Doctor Service participated and sold specially prepared flight covers which had the two 1987 RFDS stamps and Australian stamps tied by a special RAAF cancel showing a Hercules plane. At this event the Special Guest of Honor was Alan Shepard. It is reported that he was a very private person who was generally reluctant to give his autograph, but he was so impressed with the work of the RFDS that he agreed to a request by officials to autograph a small number of covers which could be sold to raise funds for the RFDS. One of these covers is shown below.



Golfers and golf philatelists are indebted to Alan Shepard, Jr. and join another famous and keen American amateur golfer who says "Thanks for the memory".



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Italian Postmarks and Cancells for GOLF

by Dino G. Tognellini and Valentino Vannelli

A number of golf related cancellations have been used in various parts of Italy over the last twenty-five years. The following seven cancellations have been provided.

1. First Philatelic Exhibition on Sports
"Torino City" 13 June 1973 (Torino)



2. XXXI World Cup of Golf, 14-18 November 1984 (Rome)



3. The sport: The "Golf" First Day of Issue, 16 May 1988 (Rome)



4. 45th Italian Open, held at the Monticello Golf Club, 21 May 1988, Cassina Rizzardi (Como)



5. 2nd Italian Minigolf Team Championship, 4 July 1993 (Lozza Varese)



6. 13th Mediterranean Games Golf Finals, 21 June 1997, Marina Di Castellaneta (Taranto)



7. Golf Challenge between Tirreno Sea and the Adriatic Sea, 20 June 1998, (Pescara)



CANCEL CORNER

by Lois Nelson and Gary Schwieger

As we wind down the golf season and the golf tournaments are mostly invitational in nature, we find very few cancels to report. If there are others that were authorized, please write to *TEE TIME* and share the information with the rest of us.

81st PGA Championship, "The Last Major of the Millennium", Medinah Country Club Station, Medinah, Illinois, August 9 through August 15, 1999—one cancel for each of the dates in black ink.



81st MEDINAH
PGA COUNTRY CLUB STATION
CHAMPIONSHIP AUG 9-15th
"The Last Major of the Millennium"

Ryder Cup, Ryder Cup Station, Brookline, Massachusetts, September 21 through September 26, 1999—one cancel for each of the dates in black ink.

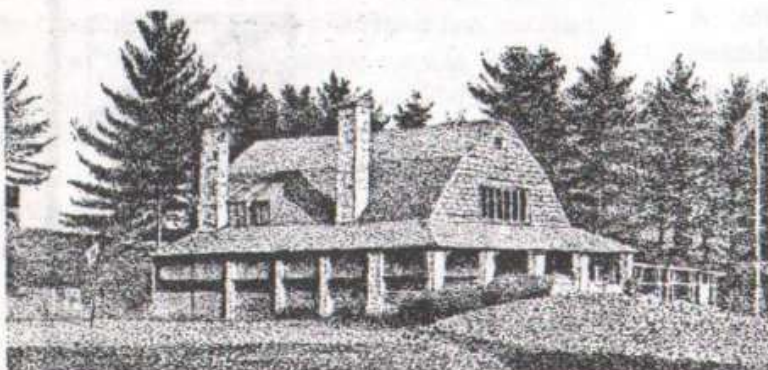


SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

RYDER CUP STATION
 BROOKLINE MA 02446



We have received the following special event cover from member Jack Dezieck. It includes a special cancellation for June 12, 1996, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the organization of the Wyantenuck Country Club. Note that it is underfranked with the 18c stamp.



Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the organization of the Wyantenuck Country Club.
 June 12th, 1896 – June 12th, 1996



Looking for the Unusual

by Cora B. Collins

When dealers ask what are you looking for, my favorite response is--that which I don't know exists. At a recent stamp show in Houston, Texas I found one of those items.

For several years I looked for the 1962 French stamp with single usage on cover. I always found it used in conjunction with another stamp or stamps. In talking to some French collectors, we decided it was not a particular rate, internal to the country, external, air mail, etc. Instead, it was issued as a makeup rate which could be used in conjunction with other stamps to form the rate needed.

It wasn't until the early 1990s that I saw one in an auction catalogue, single usage on cover. I called the auction house to see what I could learn before I placed a bid. The individual who assigned the estimated price of \$75.00 could only tell me that it is not common to see single usage on cover. He did not know what the rate was either at the time it was issued. With so little information, it seemed much too high a price to pay so I did not bid on it.

However, within a couple of years, I did find two or three covers with the single usage. The one thing I noticed was that these covers were postmarked in 1964 or later. Perhaps the rate had changed since the golf stamp was issued in 1962.

In Houston, I found two covers with single usage of the stamp. I began to look closer and discovered that they were addressed to the President of the United States in care of the White House. Both dates were during L.B. Johnson's term as president, 1964-1965. I learned from the dealer that they had acquired the covers from a former secretary of President Johnson.

To continue with the cover, it is the variety of the stamp without the line under Republique Francais. It was mis-addressed to London, backstamped London, then forwarded to the United States. The cover is a great addition to any collection and found by just looking through vast quantities of foreign covers, separated only by country. I doubt the dealer was aware of the variety or that the letter was mis-addressed to London. He only knew that he had the correspondence of LBJ.



NEW ISSUES

by Yutaka Matsubayashi and Masayuki Otake

Japan issued a golf stamp for the 54th National Sports Festival, formerly known as the National Athletic Meet. The event is a festival of athletics and physical fitness held to widely promote sports among citizens as well as to improve health and fitness, and also to contribute to the reestablishment of regional sports and cultural development.

The stamp depicts a golfer and gentians (upper left), the flower of Kumamoto prefecture, where the summer and autumn athletic meets were held in 1999. Golf is now formally included in the meets and will be in the future. This is the first sport to be formally included in eleven years, bowling was adopted in 1988.

Twenty-seven million of the 50 yen stamp were issued on Friday, September 10, 1999. The size is 27.0 x 22.7mm and it was printed from a six-color photogravure process. The stamp was issued in sheets of 20 and the designer was Mie Mimata.

Two different cancellations were available in different parts of Japan. I'm including a copy of the announcement regarding the hand and machine cancels. Note the machine cancel was available only on September 10. It appears Mie Mimata also designed the two cancellations.

A third cancel was available in two local post offices within Kumamoto prefecture. See below.



第54回国民体育大会記念特殊通信日付印

SPECIAL POSTMARK TO COMMEMORATE
THE 54TH NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL

(A) 手押し用
(for hand stamping)



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(for machine stamping)



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使用日 (A) 平成11年9月10日から
9月16日まで
(B) 平成11年9月10日のみ

Date: (A) September 10 ~ 16, 1999

意匠 (A) ゴルフ
(B) ゴルフとリンドウ

Design: (A) "Golf"
(B) "Golf and Rindo(gentian)"

図案者 三股 美枝

Designer: Mie MIMATA

A number of other stamps have been issued featuring golf. I have heard of one from Turkey, another from Brunei which was issued for the Southeastern Asian Games. If anyone can provide any printing and publication information on these, I would like to have it before they are featured in *TEE TIME*.

Numerous other stamps and cinderellas have also been issued. As soon as we have some confirmation on which of these are legitimate stamp issues, we will feature them in *TEE TIME*. It appears some of the UPU countries are now engaged in the proliferation of stamps as a money making scheme and golf appears to be a favorite.

Recent Issues

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Angola	Sheetlet of 9 - 1 Isao Aoki	imperf	\$30.00
Angola	s/s Isao Aoki	perf	\$8.00
Angola	s/s Isao Aoki	imperf	\$12.50
Angola	s/s Block of 4	perf	\$11.50
Angola	s/s Block of 4	imperf	\$14.50
Angola	sheetlet of 6 - 1 T.Woods & Dad	perf	\$6.50
Angola	sheetlet of 9 - Lee Trevino	perf	\$12.50
Angola	s/s Lee Trevino	perf	\$6.50
Angola	Set of 9 v. USA Ryder Cup	perf	\$12.50
Angola	Set of 9 v. USA Ryder Cup	imperf	\$23.00
Angola	Set of 4 v. Brookline	perf	\$7.50
Angola	Set of 4 v. Brookline	imperf	\$13.60
Angola	Set of 6 v. Europe Ryder Cup	perf	\$8.50
Angola	Set of 6 v. Europe Ryder Cup	imperf	\$17.00
Brunei	2 strips of 5 - 1 golf	perf	\$2.00
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Guinee	Souvenir Sheet Bobby Jones	perf	\$4.00
Guinee	Souvenir Sheet Bobby Jones	imperf	\$15.60
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Kyrgyzstan	Toys and Games	imperf	\$16.00
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Niger 1998	Sheetlet of 9 - 1 B. Jones	imperf	\$38.00
Niger 1998	Souvenir Sheet Bobby Jones	perf	\$4.00
Niger 1998	Souvenir Sheet Bobby Jones	imperf	\$15.00
Niger	Sheetlet of 9 Tiger Woods	perf	\$4.25
Niger	Sheetlet of 9 Tiger Woods	imperf	\$40.00
Niger	Sheetlet of 6 - vertical	perf	\$8.50
Niger 1999	Sheetlet of 9 20th Events 1 B.Jones	perf	\$10.50
Niger 1999	Sheetlet of 9 20th Events 1 B.Jones	imperf	\$35.00
Somalia	Sheetlet of 6 - Tiger Woods	perf	\$4.50
Somalia	Sheetlet of 6 - Tiger Woods	imperf	\$15.40
Somaliland	Sheetlet of 9 - 1 Arnold Palmer	Perf	\$7.75
Somaliland	Sheetlet of 9 - 1 Arnold Palmer	imperf	\$15.50
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Somaliland	Souvenir Sheet - Single	imperf	\$10.50
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Somaliland	s/s Block of 4 Palmer/Sinatra	imperf	\$9.50
Somaliland	s/s block of 6 Palmer-Monroe	Perf	\$6.00
Somaliland	s/s block of 6 Palmer-Monroe	imperf	\$12.00
Tadjikistan	Sheetlet of 9 - 1 Golf	perf	\$6.00
Tadjikistan	Sheetlet of 9 - 1 Golf	imperf	\$12.25
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