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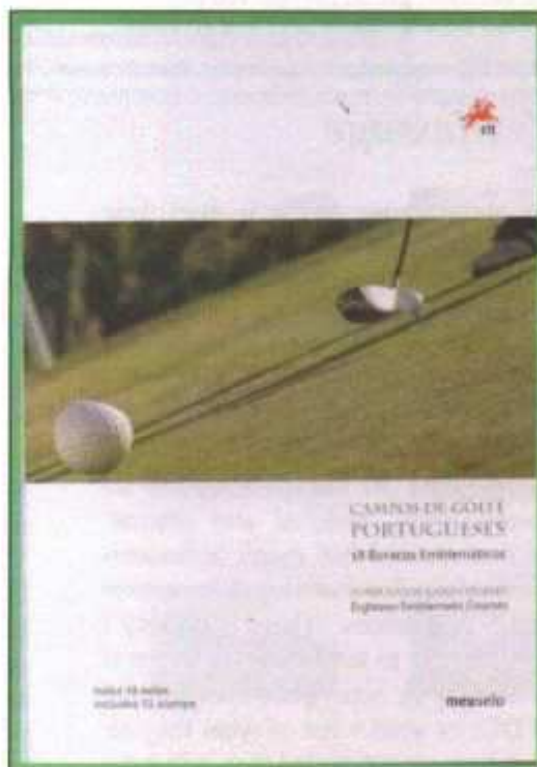
Golf Courses of Portugal

by
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In 2008, the Portuguese Post Office released a booklet titled Portuguese Golf Courses. Inside the booklet are 18 self-adhesive "N" 20 grs stamps, arranged in a sheets of six (6) Fig. 1 and twelve (12) Fig 2. The stamps all depict Portuguese golf courses.

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President's Message

Another year has almost gone and it is dues time again, \$15 for North American members and \$18 for overseas. If you owe dues, you should have an envelope enclosed with your journal. Please remit to the address on the envelope.

I had many responses to my ad in the last issue however, most did not realize how much material one can accumulate over a 30 year period. We attended many shows, local, national and international, met many dealers, and had many opportunities to purchase material. For instance, I have over 400 FDCs of the US golf issues. There is no way I can scan all of my material to send out. If anyone is interested, they need to be somewhat specific and ask for specific FDCs or send a list of what they already have. If members are interested they will have

to do some of the work. There is no way that I can possibly respond to the number who wanted to see scans of what is available with no direction.

As you can see from this issue, the hobby is being besieged with personal stamps from numerous sources. Of course, the US members have the opportunity to print their own postage and can add a picture to the post office image of the 44 cents. Just think how many stamps we could have if all the golfers in the US added their picture swinging a golf club to the image—wow, there would be millions.

Unfortunately, I believe this kind of material will be the ruination of topical or thematic collecting. Add these to the non-recognized countries printing stamps, and has a pile of paper which may be worthless. I wish there were something that collectors could do that would stop this inundation, however the only thing we can do is not buy them.

The booklet was printed by CTT Correios de Portugal, SA, in a quantity of 10,000 and was sold at various Portugal golf events during 2008 and also at the philatelic bureau.

Technical data in the booklet states it is a partnership between the Portuguese Post Office, Bleed, BestCom and True Golf, a golf events organizing firm.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Penina—Sir Henry Cotton Championship Golf Course Opened 1966
Portimão—Algrave



Oceanico Victoria Opened 2004
Vilamoura—Algrave

Vale da Pinta



Vale da Pinta Pestana Golf Resort Opened 1992
Caroeiro—Algrave



Vila Sol Golf Opened 1991
Vilamoura—Algrave



Oceanico Old Course Opened 1969-1996
Vilamoura—Algrave



Vale do Lobo—Royal Golf Course Opened 1997
Vale do Lobo—Algrave



Hotel Quinta da Marinha Resort Opened 1984
Cascais—Lisboa



Penha Longa Hotel & Golf Resort "Atlantico" Opened 1992
Sintra—Lisboa



San Lorenzo Golf Club Opened 1988
Almancil—Algrave



Monte Rei Golf & Country Club
Vila Nova de Cacela—Algrave



Oitavos Dunes Opened 2001
Cascais—Lisboa



Troia Golf Opened 1980
Troia—Carvalhal



Praia D'el Rey—Golf Beach Resort Opened 1997
Vale de Janelas—Obidos



Porto Santo Golfe Opened 2004
Sítio das Marinhas—Porto Santo



Golfe Montebelo Opened 1997
Farninhao—Viseu



Clube de Golf Santo da Serra Opened 1991
Machico—Madeira



Estela Golf Club Opened 1988
Estela—Povo do Varzim



Furnas Golf Club Opened 1939/1990
S. Miguel—Acores

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

Catalina Island Golf Course Postcards wanted. Postally used also wanted. Please send scans only of both sides of the cards and prices wanted. John La Porta at abum@comcast.com.

ITALY GOLF CANCEL
by Ivan Coin

Italy used a golf cancel for the Quattro Cup World Final on Oct. 9, 2010 in Sardinia.

The event was sponsored by Audi



Deregulation of the New Zealand Postal Service.

Alan Hargreaves

Several countries, including Sweden (1993), New Zealand (1998 and 2003), Netherlands, United Kingdom and Argentina have opened up the postal services market to new entrants.

In the case of New Zealand Post Limited, this included (from 2003) its right to be the sole New Zealand postal administration member of the Universal Postal Union, thus the ending of its monopoly on stamps bearing the name New Zealand. Several of the private companies have produced postage stamps with a golf theme.



The history of New Zealand Mail Limited involves three different companies.

Postie's Choice New Zealand Limited, a company incorporated on 18th June, 1998, which was added to the register of postal operators on 17th July, 1998, and removed from the register of postal operators on 20th December, 2002.

Stamps at Work Limited, a company incorporated on 23rd August, 2001, which was added to the register of postal operators on 20th December, 2002, and removed from the register of postal operators on 14th June, 2004. Stamps at work produced one 45c golf stamp, showing a golf ball; as part of its AFG Excellence Foundation series.

SAW Mail Limited was incorporated on 5th May, 2004, and was added to the register of postal operators on 24th September, 2004. The company name was changed to **New Zealand Mail Limited** at the Companies Office on 22nd October, 2004, and this change was recorded on the register of postal operators on 28th October, 2004.

The Lake Taupo Booklet offers two golf stamps. The stamps show the Lake Taupo Hole in One Challenge. This operates on the lakefront close to the town and is open 364 days. The hole is 102 meters long (111 yards) and averages a hole in one every two weeks.



The second stamp shows the Wairakei Golf Course & Sanctuary. The course sprawls over 450 acres of natural countryside. In 2005 US Golf Digest rated Wairakei in the Top 100 courses in the world.



The third NZM golf stamp comes from the Ashburton District Booklet. It shows the Rakaia Gorge as seen from the Terrace Downs golf course, with the Southern Alps in the background. The views of the Rakaia Gorge and mountain vistas remain a constant challenge for players to keep their eye on the ball! Both of the NZM booklets were produced in three denominations, 45c, 50c and KIWI. Mail with NZM stamps affixed can be mailed in any New Zealand Post mailbox.



UniversalMail was formed in 2001 as a consequence of the deregulation of New Zealand's postal industry. They are now the largest producer of Personalized Postage stamps in New Zealand. Universal Mail has its own blue letter boxes which are located in every major city and tourist region. The stamps of Universal Mail are valid for International Mail only. Mail posted in these letter boxes does not enter the New Zealand Post system at any point, being freighted overseas and placed into the postal system elsewhere. The Wairakei Resort (left) is the largest international 4-star resort in the central North Island. It has its own 9-hole golf course with amazing geothermal activity near by. The strips of 5 stamps were produced in two denominations, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Millbrook was recognized in the 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008 "World's Best Awards" by US Travel and Leisure Magazine as one of the top 25 hotels in Australia, New Zealand and The South Pacific, and in 2005 and 2009 as one of the top 500 hotels of the world. It boasts 27 holes of golf, the original 18 holes were designed by Sir Bob Charles and new nine by Greg Turner. The strips of 5 stamps were produced in two denominations \$1.50 and 'Postcard Only'



There is one other stamp that should be presented here, but I only have a poor quality image of it. It is a booklet of 10 stamps showing the Kinloch Golf Course and was produced by **Black Sheep Stamps**. Five of the stamps have an image of Jack Nicklaus, the designer, and the other five show the golf course. If anyone has a hi-res image of this booklet, I would really appreciate a copy. Please email to golfonstamps@gmail.com.

I would like to thank Dave Joll and his web-site <http://www.joll.co.nz/nzm/> for much of the information presented here. He asked me to stress that (1) the site is still very much unfinished and a work in progress; and (2) that there are many other alternate postal providers in New Zealand that the site does not cover.