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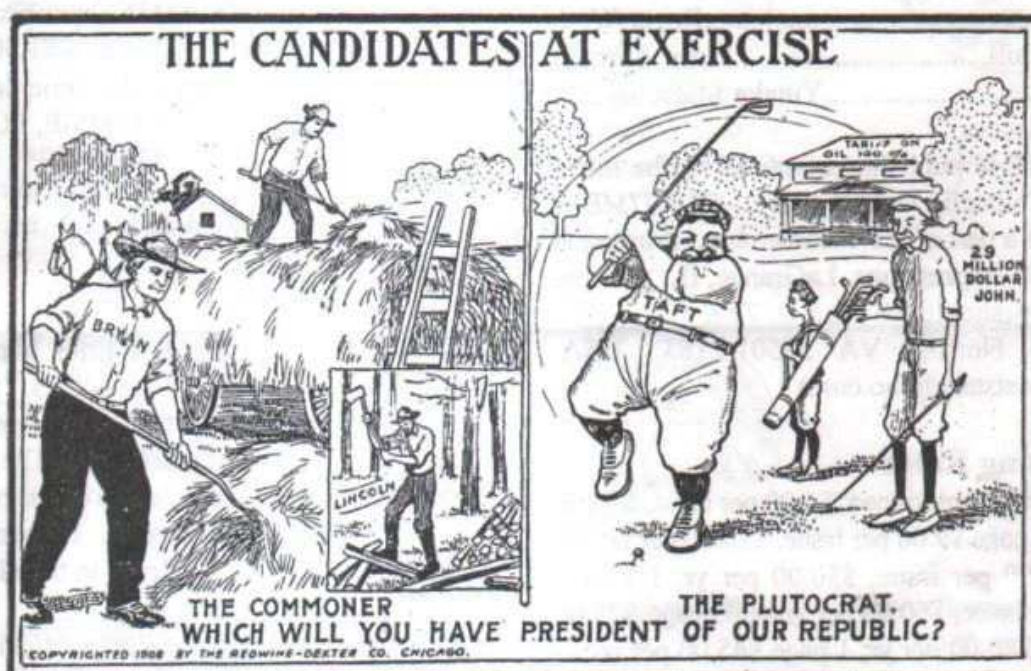
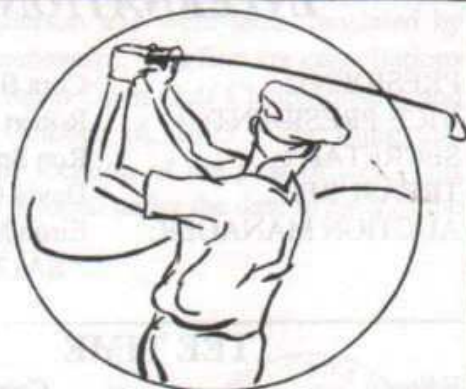


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Front Postcard

Couldn't resist adding a little humor in this election year for the US members. I found this 1908 post card in my stock. The two candidates are identified as Taft and Bryan. The card did go through the mail and it carries a seal picturing W. J. Bryan on the reverse side. I assume whoever sent it was supporting Bryan in the election.

I don't know how popular political post cards were in the early part of the 20th Century, however, this is the only one I have seen with one of the candidates playing golf--or should I say swinging a club!!

The card did go through the mail--Waverly, Nebraska to Lincoln, Nebraska. It was copyrighted in 1908 by the Redwine-Dexter Co. of Chicago. There is a seal on the lower left (reverse side of card) which indicates it was printed by a union printer--Allied Printing of Chicago.

CANCEL CORNER

A number of individuals have contributed cancellations to this issue. The first member was Dino T. Tognellini. He sent the first three cancels.

The first cancellation was for the Seniors Italian Open. It was also the 75th Anniversary of golf in Venice. The date of usage was May 15, 2004.



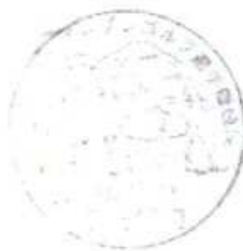
The second cancellation from Dino was for the official opening of the Montechiarelo Golf Club, located in Orti. The date of usage was May 22, 2004.



The third cancellation provided by Dino was a French one which appears to be for a philatelic event or the trophy of the European Academy of Philately. It was used on July 18, 2004 in Combles-en-Barrois, France.



The next series of cancellations came from Hamish Anderson and were later translated by Yutaka Matsubayashi. The first six cancellations are for the Japan Open Golf Championship and were used October 16, 2003. The thing that differs is the location of the post office. This information is found under the date in each of the cancellations.



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(Front of Nikko Station)



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One of the final two cancellations from Hamish and Yutaka include one for Park Golf. This was used October 16, 2003 for the aged peoples athletic event for sports. A like cancellation appeared in an earlier issue of *Tee Time*.

The final cancellation is for the 6th Philatelic Caravan. It was used by the Yokohama Yookodai Minami Post Office. While a golfer appears in the cancellation, the relationship between golf and the caravan is unknown.

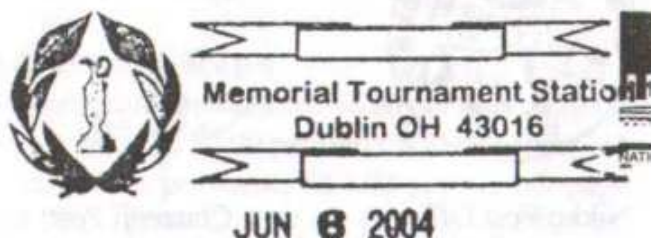


Park Golf



6th Philatelic Caravan

One US cancellation was submitted by Ron Spiers. The *Memorial Tournament Station of Dublin, OH 43016*. The date shown is June 6, however, it was used all seven days of the tournament and is always done in green ink.



Many Thanks

We are indebted to those who have taken the time to provide material for the cancellation column. They include Dino Tognellini of Italy, Hamish Anderson of Spain, Yutaka Matsubayashi of Japan and Ron Spiers of the US. Many thanks for your help with this column. Hope to hear from others in the near future. According to our US contributors two other US cancellations were

announced for this period, however they have not yet arrived. Hopefully they will become a part of the next issue of *TEE TIME*. We know Gary and Lois are working on this.

We are also indebted to Eiron Morgan for the most interesting article on the 250th Anniversary of the Royal and Ancient and Jean-Pierre Piquot for the new French philatelic items.

In addition, we have several individuals that have provided new issue information including Jim Dewar, Godfrey Fearn, Bill Graham, Yutaka Matsubayashi and John Traver. If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know so I can make the correction.

With the help of many contributors to this issue, it has made the work of editor much more palatable. Please keep providing information on philatelic material issued by your country or elsewhere. The color photocopies I received on the new issues worked quite well.

Advertisers

We are currently in need of more advertisers. At one point we had almost two pages of advertising per issue. We are now down to one advertiser who just happens to be our printer and a member of IPGS. If you have contacts with dealers that handle golf material and want to make contact with other golf collectors, please pass along our advertising rates (listed on page 2) or send me their name and address and I will send them a sample copy of *TEE TIME* with the rates.

The more we can do to promote our collecting interest, the greater our chances of finding more dealers and more golf material. The number of golf items that have been identified since our Society started in the late 1980s is astounding. Individuals are becoming more and more adept at finding golf in the various aspects of philately.

1754 - 22 - 14 - 14 - 5

by Eiron Morgan

Those who know my golf game may well think that the above title were my scores on 5 successive golf holes--but they would be wrong! Nevertheless, it does seem to be an odd title for an article published in a golf-related philatelic journal. But, read on and all will be explained.

The year was 1754 and 22 noblemen and gentlemen of Fife presented a silver club to be played for over the links at St. Andrews. The first Challenge for this Silver Club was played for by 14 gentlemen on the 14th of May (month #5) with the winner being named "Captain of the Golf". (By now the reader should comprehend the title's meaning!) The first winner was William Landale one of the most prominent citizens of St. Andrews. From this early beginning evolved The Society of St. Andrews Golfers which later became the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. The Society's members met "every fortnight by eleven of the clock...to play a round of the links, to dine at Bailie Glass's and to pay each a shilling for his dinner--the absent as well as the present".

This year is the 250th Anniversary of the R & A and among the many forms of celebration are some of philatelic interest, though I'm reliably informed that Royal Mail declined the suggestion that there should be an issue of golf stamps. It is appropriate to start with meter slogan cancels and a variety of these have been in use in 2004. Fig. 1 shows the familiar boxed return address slogan with the R & A crest. Figure 2 features the R & A crest with the addition of the year 1754 beneath.



figure 1



figure 2



figure 3

with year plus the notation "250th Anniversary 14th May 2004". In figure 4 we see one type of cover used by the R&A which repeats the figure 4 slogan meter cancel but also features the addition of a bottom left 'corner card' showing the R & A crest and date plus the notation "250th Anniversary" beneath. (The more observant reader will have noticed that the date cancel is the exact anniversary date: 14-05-04.

The Royal Bank of Scotland co-operated with the R & A to produce a commemorative 5 pound note which was presented with a special folder in a commemorative cover. Figures 5 and 6 show the front and the reverse of the 5 pound note and 2 million of these were printed. The front shows the note's serial number with the prefix R & A as well as the R & A crest with 1754 beneath. The reverse features even more golf-related elements--the R & A Clubhouse, the 18th green on the Old Course, the Captains' silver clubs and golf balls, the Open Claret Jug, and an illustration of Old Tom Morris. Figure 7 shows the commemorative cover prepared by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

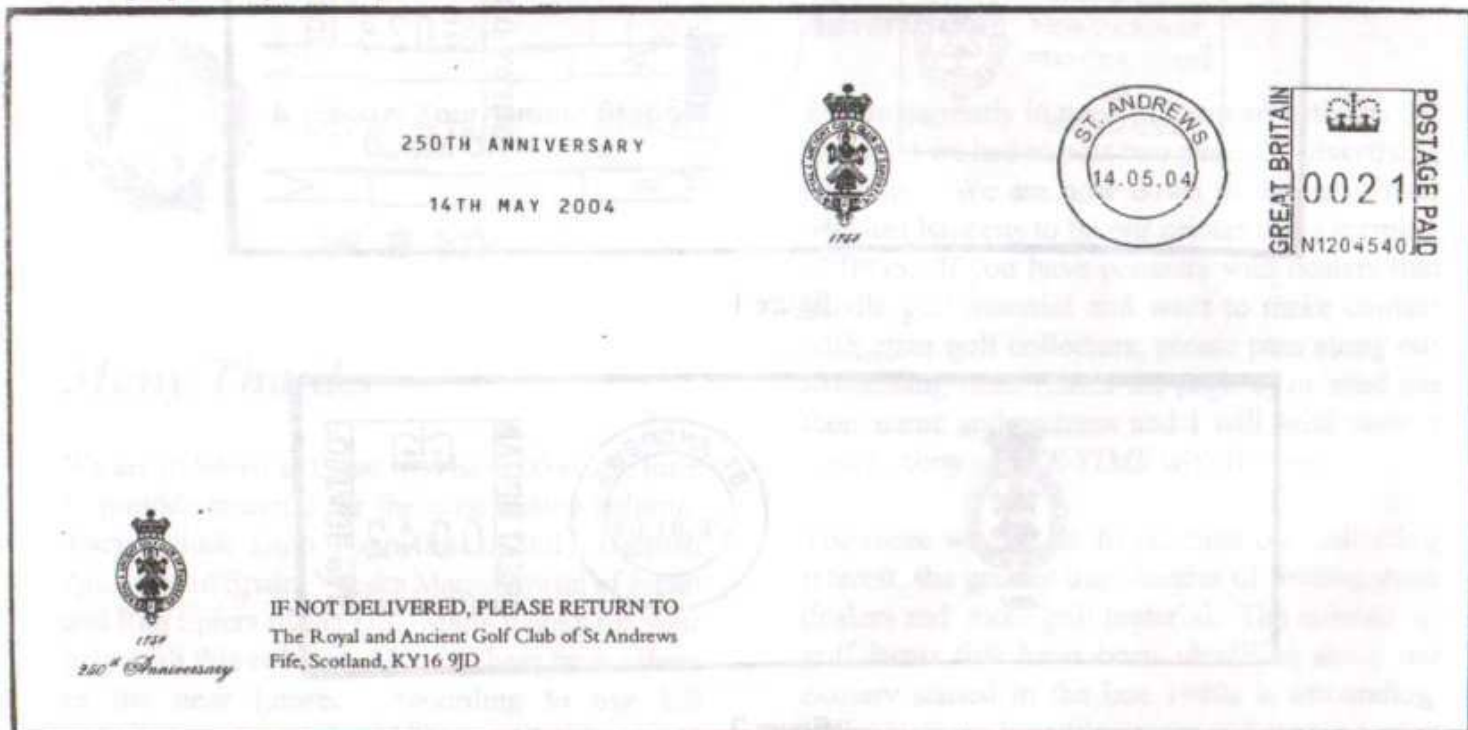


figure 4



figure 5



figure 6

As collectors it is our good fortune that among the many and varied commemorative celebrations in 2004, the R & A included some of direct interest to philatelists.

Lastly, my thanks are due to Lachlan McIntosh (Projects Secretary at the R & A) who was most helpful and enthusiastic in providing material featured in this article.



1754

 The Royal Bank
of Scotland

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews 250th Anniversary
a commemorative banknote

figure 7

New French Golf Philately

by Jean-Pierre Picquot

The following two items were received from France, however, how to describe them philatelically is somewhat obscure. If anyone can add to this, the editor would appreciate hearing from them.

The first corner card from the French Federation of Golf could be either a slogan meter or it could be pre-printed on the envelope similar to a bulk rate indicia. It is beautifully done and is in blue ink. We can all agree that it advertises the French Open held June 24-27, 2004. One of my questions would be what kind of a rate does .50 or 1/2 euro pay.

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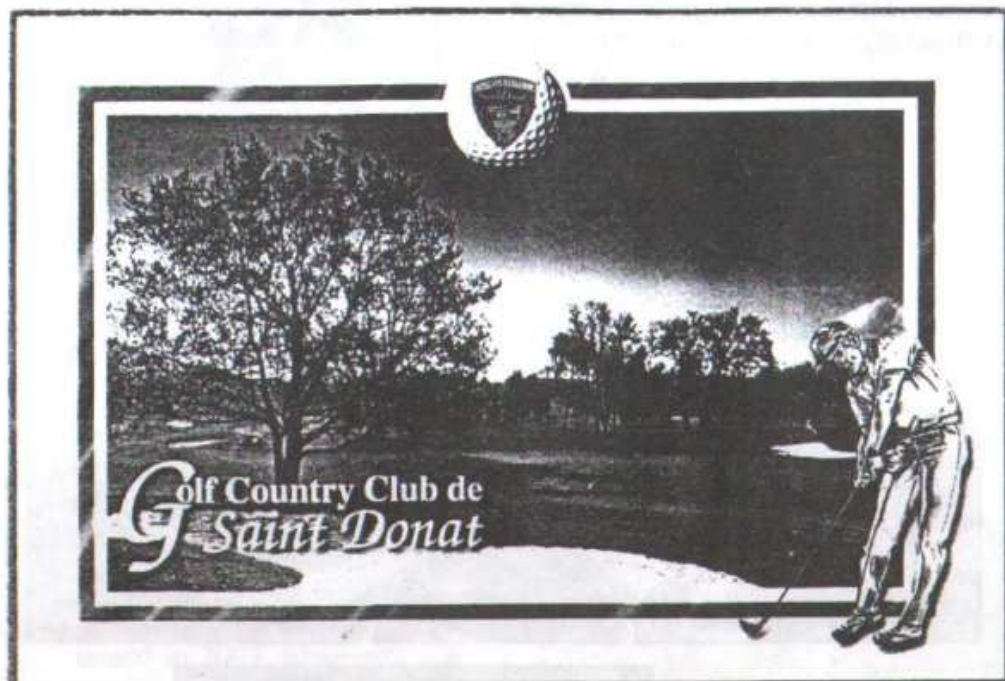
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The second item provided is a picture post card of the Golf Country Club de Saint Donat. Indications are that it came out of a booklet made up of several cards. The other side shows a golf club in the area of the stamp. Since the stamp design has no monetary value, I do not know if this means place your stamp here or is this an indicia or prepaid postage--that would make it a postal card issue of the post office system.

If anyone can provide additional information on the two French items shown below, please write the editor.



Picture post card obverse



Picture post card reverse



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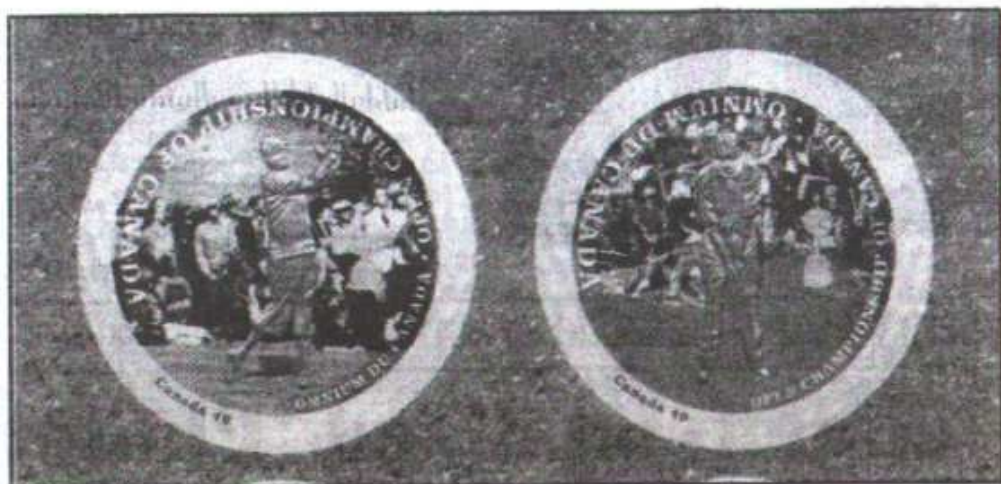
Alderney

A set of six stamps, 6 different values, was issued on July 29, 2004. It was Migratory Birds, Part 3, Passerines. The set of stamps was designed by Andrew Robinson, printed by offset lithography in sheets of 10. The 40 p value has a golf course in the background, green and flag are visible.



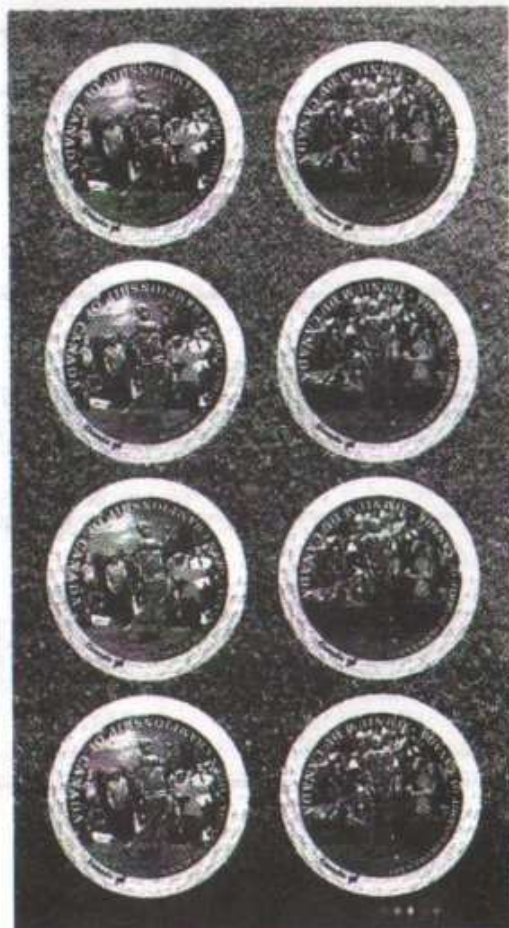
Canada

The two stamps issued for the 100th Canadian Open were described but not pictured in the June 2004 issue of TEE TIME. We now have images of the two stamps and the pane of 8. Both stamps are designed in the shape of a golf ball.



In addition to the stamps a number of other collectibles with the same designs are available. This includes round playing cards, a set of six cork-backed coasters, a stamp and coin gift set, and a commemorative frame including stamps, coins, and souvenir medallion.

August 12, 2004 was the first day of issue. To obtain ordering information on the stamps and other collectibles, try Canada Post on the Internet and for information on the Canadian Open, visit the Royal Canadian Golf Association at rcga.org or glenabbeytrail.com.



San Marino

A set of four *se-tenant* stamps was issued to commemorate the Olympics in Athens 2004. The second stamp from the right has a golfer in the lower right. Anyone finding more information on this issue, please write so we can include it in a future issue of *TEE TIME*.



Republic du Congo

Two miniature sheets of six different stamps with cartoon-type characters playing golf have been issued. Both sheets were issued in 2003, however, at this time we do not know if they are officially recognized stamps. Once the new catalogs are available we will determine whether or not these stamps will be included in our list of golf issues.

Once again we would appreciate any issue information you might find on these two miniature sheets. Unfortunately, when this kind of information is not available it makes the stamps appear to be of a dubious nature.





We are hoping to have an update to the meter book in the near future. I know some members have sent additional meters to Patricia Loehr for inclusion in the update. If you have any which could be added, please do not hesitate to send them along: Patricia Loehr, 2603 Wauwatosa Avenue #2, Wauwatosa, WI 53213-1168 USA.

We would be interested in publishing other handbooks as well. If anyone has an idea of one and interested in putting forth the effort, please write to discuss ideas so we can begin moving along.

I would like to see a small size catalog of the golf stamps with illustrations. This would take a lot of time and effort but is quite feasible with computers today. Look at some examples of current catalogs available both in the US, Europe and Asia. If it were done in a loose leaf format, pages could be added in country order as they are released. Would like to hear from some of you in regard to other projects of interest.

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