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In 1994, the French Post Office commenced to issue pre-stamped envelopes with cachets printed on the left side. These are called Pret-A-Poster (PAP) or Ready to Mail Prestige pre-paid envelopes in two sizes, rectangular (110 x 220 mm) and square (114 x 162mm).

Starting in 1996 they were also issued locally. These are designs submitted by local or regional organizations, firms, hotels, spas etc. Just about anyone can request to have these issued by a local post office. They can only be purchased in the post office that issues them.

Information is quite hard to find on these PAP items since they are issued locally. They work much like meters, any town administration or tourist office can ask the post office to add their design to prepaid covers. These covers are then sold directly from the post office until they are sold out. They are usually sold in packets of ten and the cost is just a few cents more than buying a stamp and envelope separately.

An official announcement from the French Post Office states that the PAP cachets will eventually replace the local pictorial postmarks.

Quantities printed are usually quite low, 1,000 to 5,000 is the usual number printed. Some firms order as many as 50,000 printed but this is considered a very large issue. Some are reprinted when they are sold out but may be in different versions of the pre-stamped envelopes. Occasionally, some PAP issues are announced in the philatelic press, but generally, there are no announcements of new issues.

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## President's Message

One member has been reinstated:

**Woo, Dr. Tom Y.**, 33 Royal Birch Hill, NW Calgary, Alberta T36 5X7 CANADA

We have also had one resignation:

**Uhlman, Dave**

Those we did not receive dues from for calendar year 2011 have been dropped:

Blumer, Alan K.	Kanagawa, Y.
Clayton, Ernie	Kurth, Walter
Ferron, George	Pederson, Ann
Follett, Eddie	Sidaway, Judith
Heitzig, Lee	Tognellini, Dino
Helisma, Markku	Traver, John
Jester, Richard	Wergin, William P.

Until I decided to sell off some of my golf collection, I really had no idea how much I had amassed over the years. I tried to determine why I had so much.

First, my husband and I attended many shows, local, regional, national and international.

Second, we were active in numerous philatelic organizations at all levels and other members were always on the lookout as well.

Third, dealers saved material for us and brought it to shows they knew we attended. One dealer from California brought unique material to East Coast shows on two different occasions for me.

Fourth, we spent all our spare time at shows going through dealers' boxes looking for the needle in the haystack and ways of upgrading or improving our exhibits. At one show in Milwaukee, with an hour before leaving for the airport, I jokingly told my husband I would look for the Poland postal card (one with a golf cart) postally used. Much to my surprise—I found it—that was a real needle in a haystack. One time we found a censored Australian Field Post Office (No. 3) in a mixed box of material at a show. Of course no one knew what it was.

There is no society devoted to PAP issues nor is there any catalogs available. This area is a topical collectors paradise as many different topics are represented.

All the items I have in my collection were found from collectors selling their duplicates on eBay and Delcampe. I will illustrated all the items I have in my collection but I doubt that it is anywhere near complete.



Figure 1

Figure 1. Saint-non-La-Breteche, a town near Versailles with a population of under 5,000, in the Region of Ile-de-France. Publicizing the Lancome Golf Tournament August 14 to September 17, 2000. Cancelled March 30, 2000. Insert: Golf Saint-non-La-Breteche Clubhouse



Figure 2

Figure 2. Verneuil-sur-Indre is a small village of 504 inhabitants in the Region of Centre. A golf course, club and ball are depicted. Inserts: Golf Loches-Verneuil Course, Clubhouse.





Figure 3

Figure 3: Savigneux, a town of 1100 inhabitants in the Rhone-Alps Region. Savigneux and Golf. Insert: Golf Les Etangs Clubhouse.



Figure 4

Figure 4: Lannemezan, a town of 5700 in the Midi-Pyrenees Region. Insert, map of the Lannemezan Golf Course.



Figure 5. Belleme. Town of 1500 persons in the Region of Lower Normandy. Golf course near castle . Cancelled on March 22, 2001. Insert: Golf de Belleme, Saint Martin.



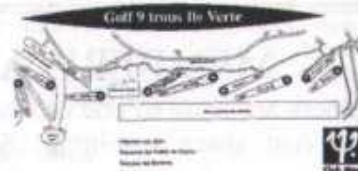
Figure 6



Le Peulin



Le Mont Saint Jean



L'Île Verte

Figure 6. Vittel, a town of 5500 inhabitants in the Region of Lorraine. Golfing at a resort. Postmarked September 7, 2010. There are three golf courses in Vittel: Le Peulin 18 holes; Le Mont Saint Jean 18 holes and L'Île Verte 9 holes.





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Figure 7

Figure 7. Abbyville. The Abbyville Golf Course is located at Grand-Lavers (population 344) on the Cote Picarde Tourist Route, on the edge of Baie de Somme. It is a rolling 18 hole course. This PAP envelope was cancelled on August 24, 2006.



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59072 Roubaix Cedex 1

Figure 8

Figure 8. Parigné l'Eveque, a town of 4700 inhabitants in the Region of Pays de La Loire. France Swing Golf Championship May 25, 27, 2006. Swing golf is a variation of golf and was created in 1982 by Laurent de Vilmorin. Swing golf is played on rural land with a single cane three sides and a soft ball of the same weight as a golf ball but larger.

## 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.

Your editor is in need of additional articles for Tee Time.

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**Member ad:** I have almost 500 golf books (very few "how to" books). Would sell for \$2.00 each (for entire lot), must be picked up at 328 North Park Ave., Aurora, IL 60506 (About 30 miles west of Chicago) Dale Hess 630-896-5418.

## NEW ISSUES

By Alan Hargreaves

### Mozambique

Date of Issue: March 31, 2010  
Desporto—Golf



1997 Sheet of 6 golfers



1997a Angel Cabrera



1997b Padraig Harrington



1997c Vijay Singh



1997d Tiger Woods



1997e Phil Mickelson



1997f Ernie Els

The sheet also shows an image of Lorena Ochoa.

## Technical details

Value : 6 stamps of 33MT  
Stamp Size: 39mm x 37.5mm  
Sheet Size: 155mm \* 141mm  
Make-up: Sheet of 6 stamps  
Perforations: 13¼ \* 12¼  
Scott Catalog #: 1997

Date of Issue: March 31 2010  
Desporto—Tiger Woods



2024 Tiger Woods

The sheet also shows an image of Lorena Ochoa.

## Technical details

Value : 175 MT  
Stamp Size: 37.5 mm \* 39 mm  
Sheet Size: 92mm \* 92 mm  
Make-up: Sheet of 1 stamp  
Perforations: 12¼ \* 13¼  
Scott Catalog #: 2024



## Alderney

Date of Issue: February 23, 2011  
Hawkmoths



### Technical details

Designer: Petula Stone  
Printer: BDT International  
Value: 58p  
Process: Offset lithography  
Stamp size: 30.56mm deep x 38mm wide  
Paper: 110 gsm unwatermarked  
PVA adhesive  
Sheet: 10  
Perforation: 13.75  
Cylinder: A

### To all members

Please send all new issue information to  
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## Greece

Date of Issue: February 23, 2011  
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Pane with golf label



Pane from booklet showing all 24 mascots

24 panes with a 60c stamp and a label depicting 22 different sports, which are:-  
Aquatics (Swimming), Athletics including Marathon/Half-Marathon, Badminton, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Equestrian, Football (5-aside, 7-aside, 11-aside), Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Judo, Kayaking, Power-lifting, Roller Skating, Sailing, Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball

Other panes are two special programs, Young Athletes and Motor Activity Training Program

### Technical details

None available