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Front Postcard:

The card pictured on the front of this issue is a modern day chrome card featuring the golf course located on Norfolk Island. It was provided by Eiron Morgan along with a follow-up article on the 6th South Pacific Games held on Norfolk Island during 2001 (page 4). The lush greenery of the golf course situated on the deep blue Pacific Ocean gives it the appearance of paradise.

UPDATE ON METER HANDBOOK

I now have the handbook from Patricia Loehr ready to go to the printer. I will be checking with some printers in the next week or so. We are hoping that we can cover the expense through money in the treasury, however, the final decision will not be made until we get a cost figure.

If we do not charge for it, or if we charge only for postage, it is essential that members are paid to date on their dues or they will not receive a copy. The handbook will be made available to others including dealers for a price yet to be determined.

SPECIAL THANKS

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of *Tee Time*. We have lost a couple of our advertisers which means we need more and more articles for an issue. If you know of dealers who might consider running an ad in *Tee Time*, please let us know so we can follow up on the lead. I do know that Luis Garcia did not advertise this issue due to a couple of stints in the hospital. He hopes to have an ad in the next issue.

Several members have been really outstanding in helping to identify new issues: Godfrey Fearn, Jim DeWar, John Travers, Yutaka Matsubayashi, and Eiron Morgan.

Others have contributed articles or material which can be made into articles: Eiron Morgan, Roger Weik, Yutaka Matsubayashi, Lois Nelson and Gary Schwieger. I felt so good when the December issue went to the printer as I still had a number of items on hand--unfortunately, with the loss of the ads, they are being quickly depleted. I would appreciate hearing from the members for future issues of *Tee Time*.

As I was working on this issue, I became interested in the number of island nations which will take part in the Island Games being held on Guernsey this summer. Twenty-three islands are sending participants. It is a real challenge to locate all of these 23 locations on a map. It appears that the only criteria for entering is that the participants be from an island nation as opposed to "one of the continents". Take a look at the list on pages 10 and 11 of this issue and see just how many of them you can locate on a map.

There are at least three more new issues which I have not covered in this issue. With the exception of the Philippine issue, I need copies. One is from Argentina and another is from Norfolk Island. It is possible to work from color photocopies, however, I am having no luck on those sent electronically--probably because I do not have a color printer.

At least four countries have issued stamps that have not yet been featured in *Tee Time*. Nevis issued a souvenir sheet on Ecotourism; Norfolk Island issued one for the 'Year of the Horse' (part of the golf course can be seen as the race track cuts through the golf course, confirmed by the postal administration); Guernsey has issued a booklet for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II (two panes have scenes of the golf course according to the postal administration); and Argentina has issued a stamp. I am interested in obtaining color copies of the above so they can be included in a future edition of *Tee Time*.

NORFOLK ISLAND--MINI GAMES 2001 AND 2002

by
Eiron Morgan

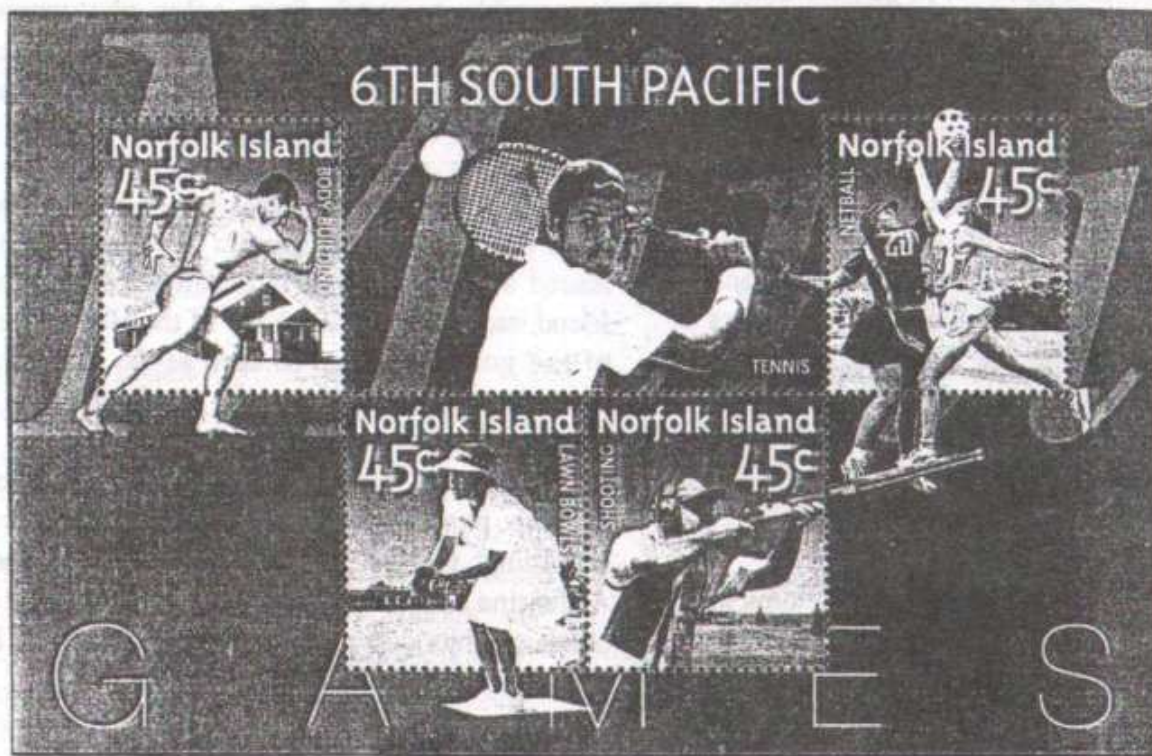
Details of the stamps relating to these Games have been outlined by Roger Weik in the June 2002 issue of *Tee Time* (pp.6-8). The stamps and FDC reviewed are interesting, attractive and humorous. It is hoped that members may find some additional interest in the following information.

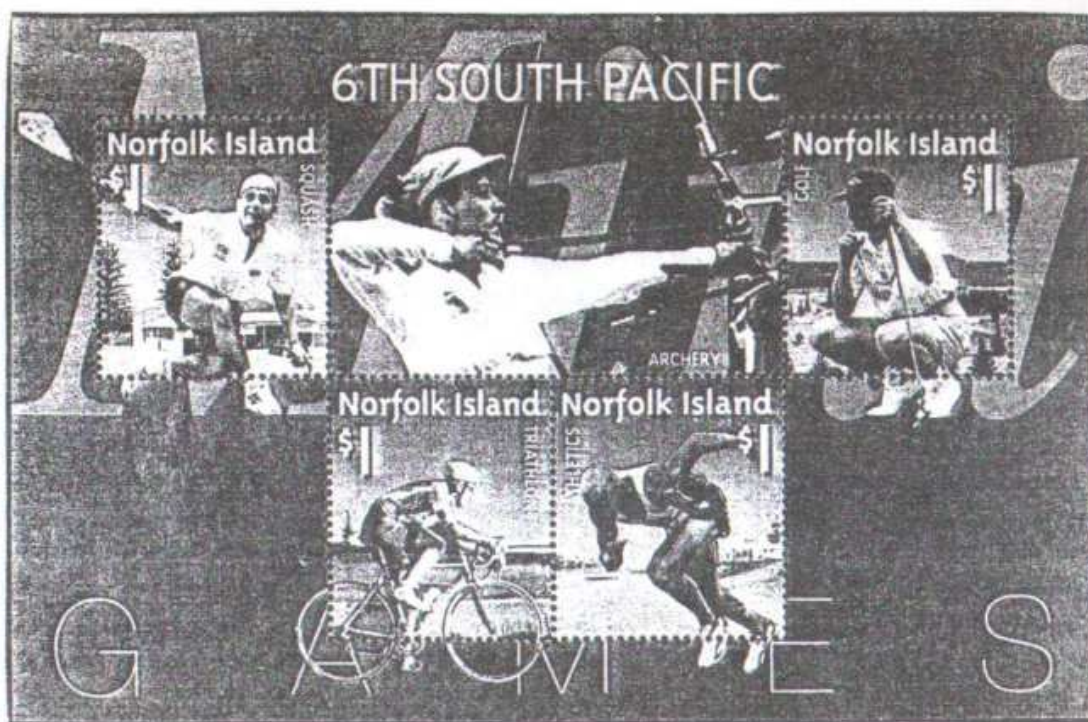
Norfolk Island's "Philatelic Bulletin", Vol. 5, Issue 3 of December 2001 previews these stamp issues and states "There were 10 events and these are featured in two souvenir sheets and two stamps." Weik's article mentions (p. 8) that two sheetlets were produced, and I wonder if those "sheetlets" were, in reality, the two Souvenir Sheets described in the Bulletin. These were to consist of 4 x 45c values and 4x\$1 values plus 1 sport illustration on each souvenir sheet--in this way all 10 sports would be shown.

The stamps' and souvenir sheets' printer was The House of Questa in the United Kingdom (UK) and after printing they were sent to Norfolk Island. Also, they were sent to the Crown Agents in the UK who listed them in their catalogue and a small quantity were sold.

However, when the souvenir sheets reached Norfolk Island, the Bureau realized that there were serious errors in the printing. The artist's roughs were printed and not the finished artwork. These roughs consisted of pictures of famous athletes who had not given prior consent for their images to be shown on the souvenir sheets. The Norfolk Island Philatelic bureau immediately withdrew the souvenir sheets from sale and the stock was destroyed, except for the small quantity sold by the Crown Agents.

It is reported that one pair of the Souvenir Sheets was sold in Melbourne for \$600.00 (Australian dollars) in August 2002!





Addendum

—by Roger Weik

We were provided a copy of page 8 from *Stamp News*, June/July 2002.

According to the brief article, industry sources estimated that 300 sets were thought to have been released before the issue was withdrawn. These sets were sold by the Crown Agents in London, before the Norfolk Island Postal Service (NIPS) decided to pull them off the market due to flaws.

Incorrect artwork laid up at the printer was cited as being the origin of the problem. This was compounded by a failure to detect the error at the proofing stage because the full quality control procedure was not followed correctly. NIPS said the results were totally unacceptable and withdrew the issue, however, not before the limited sales occurred.

Of those sold, it is known that a quantity was sold to a dealer in the US. No Australian dealers are known to have made direct purchases from the Crown Agents, however, *Stamp News* was told that Max Stern has since acquired two sets which were originally sold to the US dealer located in Florida. The current market value is cited as probably around US \$150.00 for the pair.

Editor's comment: It should be noted that neither of these two souvenir sheets contain any images of golf or mention of golf. Golf was featured in the gutter between one of the pairs of stamps designated to be released at the same time as the two souvenir sheets discussed in these articles (See Tee Time, June 2002, page 8). However, it will be fun to see how the value of the sheets rises or falls.

US GOLF ENVELOPE--ESSAYS AND PROOFS

by
Cora B. Collins

Last summer I learned of a project by the United Postal Stationery Society to publish a book on Essays and Proofs of US Stamped Envelopes. It is being compiled by Dan Undersander of Madison, Wisconsin. Being aware of some of the items available on the golf envelope which was released in 1977, it was my hope to make the information available on the golf envelope as complete as possible.

The golf envelope was issued on April 7 in Augusta, Georgia during the Masters Golf Tournament. It was available for sale on that date at a mobile postal unit at the Tournament site and also at all stations and branches of the Augusta, Georgia, Post Office. The indicia features a golf club in four sequential positions moving toward a golf ball. The club is printed in outline black, green, blue and solid black, and the ball is embossed on the envelope. The word "GOLF" above the ball is blue, while the "USA" and "13c" are in green. The indicia was designed by Guy Salvato of Columbus, Ohio and was manufactured by the United States Envelope Company of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania.

The envelope was available in both the number 6 3/4 and number 10 sizes, either with window or without.

Now to the essays: a design submitted for a proposed stamp that is either not adopted at all or is adopted with modifications. Thus, an essay may take the form of an artist's submitted rough sketch, intermediate or final artwork, artwork requiring requested changes (even if only a minor amendment is made), die proofs (including progress proofs), and plate proofs, but only providing that final approval is not given and the stamp is either not produced at all, or is produced with subsequent modification.

This means that all material ranging from submitted original sketches to final plate proofs will cease to be essays upon production and release of the stamp in a form identical to the proposed.

All the material which we located on the golf envelope meets the above criteria so would in reality be essay material. The watercolor sketch is probably one of the earliest renditions in the process of designing a stamp (figure 1). We also know that Guy Salvato submitted four designs from which the United States Postal Service (USPS) could select the one to be adopted. All four of the designs were proposed with a 10c denomination which indicates that the US postal rates changed between the time Salvato drew his sketches and the time when the envelope was released as postage. The four designs are presented here thanks to the US Golf Association (USGA) in Far Hills, New Jersey. These designs are part of a golf philatelic collection donated to the USGA several years ago. Although I cannot be certain, it appears that Guy Salvato prepared four mockups of the designs on paper the size of an envelope. The original designs submitted to the USPS apparently no longer exist in the archives and this is the only record we have of the others (figures 2-5). If you ever visit the USGA, you might ask to see the material.

Finally, we have a printed essay (figure 6) which was assumed to be printer's waste or a proof. However, later it was recognized to be an essay as it contained incomplete franking or the "O" in place of the regular postage rate of the time. The story goes that these were literally dug out of the trash. Three copies were salvaged and pressed. All three now reside with a golf collector or dealers of postal stationery. Figure 7 shows the final design as printed on the actual envelopes.

I am not suggesting that anyone would want to buy this book for one issue of postal stationery. However, if you have an opportunity to look at it in a library or one that belongs to someone else, take the time to look at it. Each copy of the book will also have a CD with all the illustrations in color.

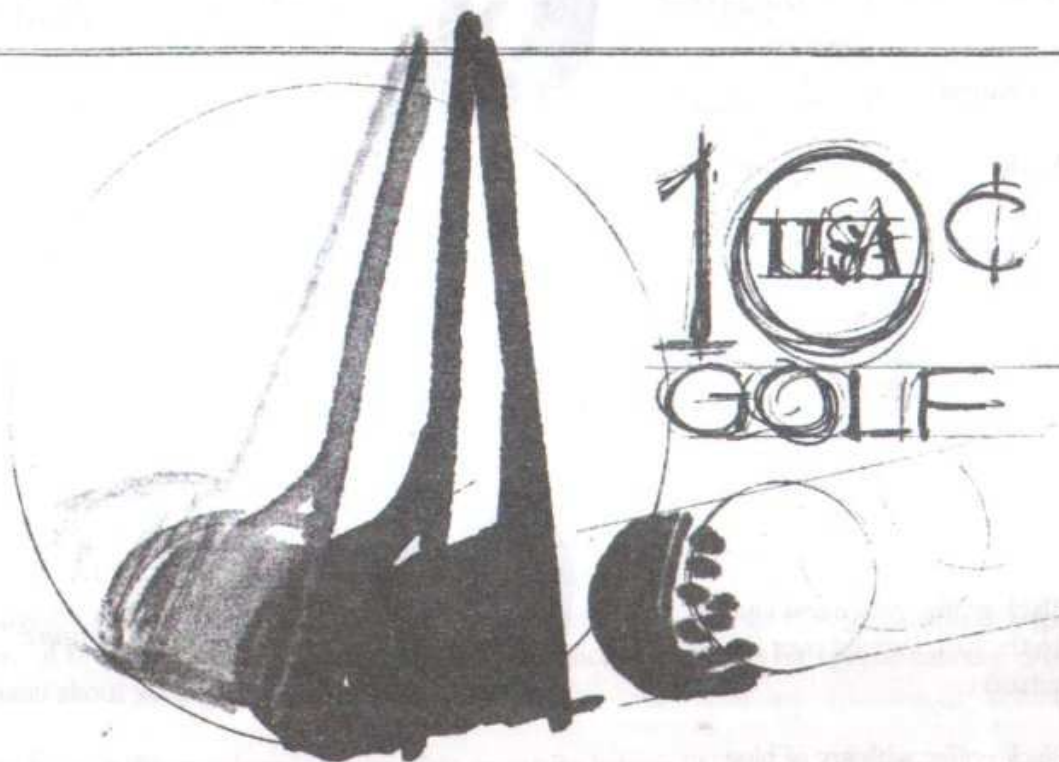


Figure 1

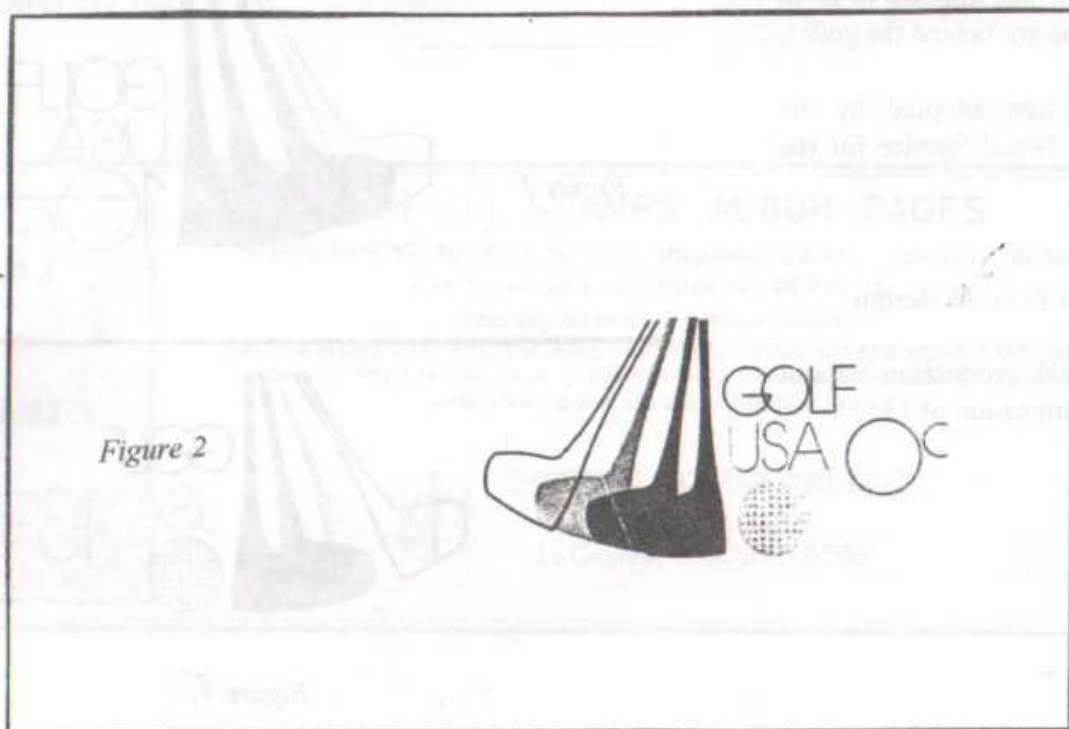


Figure 2

Preliminary Sketch

Figure 1: A preliminary sketch by the artist. It is done on tissue paper with watercolors--yellow, green, blue and black.

Printed Essay

Figure 2: A printed essay as the design is being finalized, printed without denomination. The colors have now been finalized.

Submitted Designs

Figure 3: Colors are blue, green and black. The ball is located at the tip of the club.

Figure 4: Black golfer, green and blue stripes up to the ball, located over the 10c denomination.

Figure 5: Black golfer with arc of blue and green--golf ball appears to be in the center of the arc behind the golfer.

Figure 6: Design adopted by the United States Postal Service for the golf envelope.

Final Printed Design

Figure 7: Final production imprint with new denomination of 13c.



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

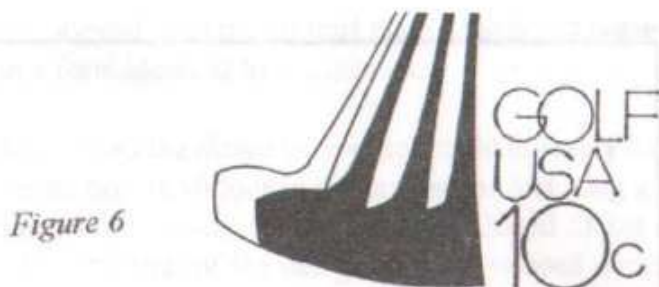


Figure 6



Figure 7

Cancel Corner

by Lois Nelson and Gary Schwieger

Only one US cancel has been identified since the last issue of *Tee Time*.

Inverness Centennial, Stamp Expo Station
Toledo, Ohio 43601, 22 February 2003, one
cancel in black ink.

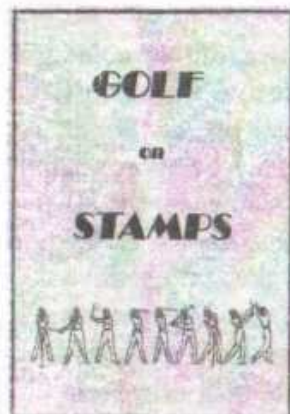


The Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo is saluting the Inverness Club on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Since it was founded in 1903, the Inverness Club has hosted the US Open Championships in 1920, 1931, 1957 and 1979; the 1973 US Amateur Championship; and the 1968 and 1993 PGA Tournaments. Inverness is also slated to host the 2003 US Senior Open Championship.

A Toledo Stamp Expo 2003 show card, the 23rd in the Historic Toledo series, will honor the centennial of Inverness Club. Measuring six inches by eight inches, the cards cost \$2.00 postpaid. Orders for the special show card may be sent to Mr. J. L. Baumann, Stamp Expo 2003, 5248 Sheila Drive, Toledo, OH 43613-2442.

The season is early for golf and other special events which might honor the sport of golf through a special cancel. Members of IPGS are encouraged to assist in the application process for special cancels. Plan to submit the proposal about 90 days before the event.

We are also eager to have the members living in other countries submit illustrations of their special cancels to be included in *Tee Time*.



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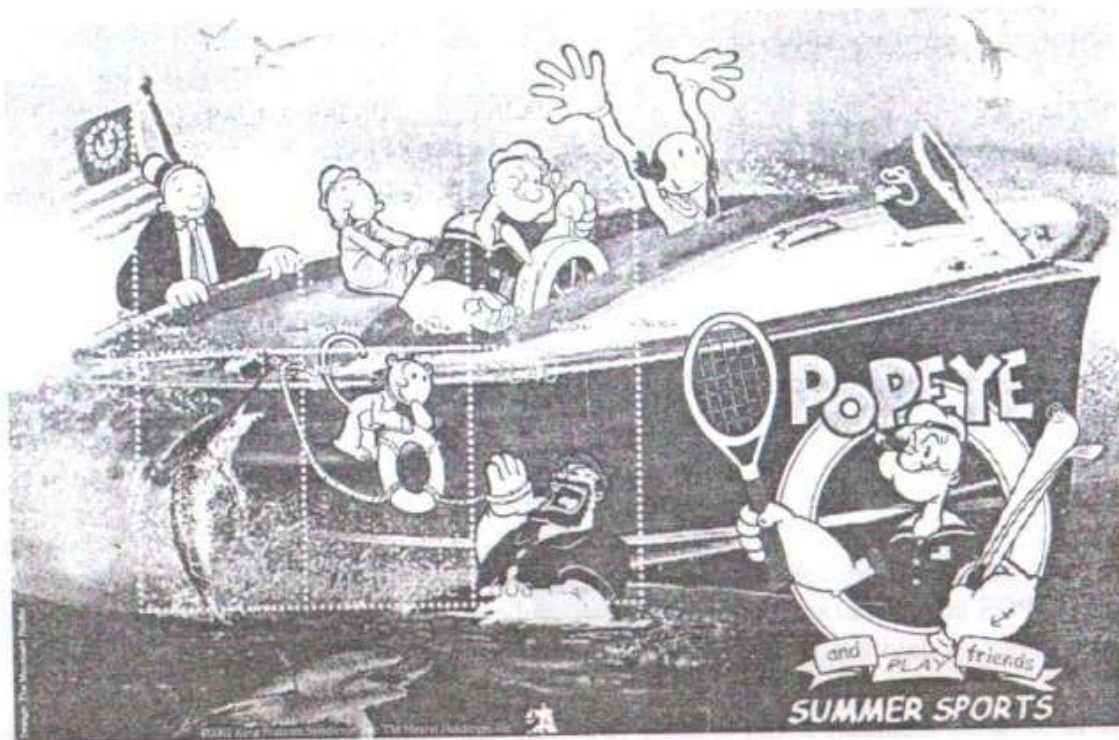
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NEW ISSUES

The first item is a companion Souvenir Sheet from Palau that was featured in the December 2002 issue of *Tee Time*, page 9. We still have no information on this issue as to when, where, and why. If anyone has more information, please write or send an email.



GUERNSEY--ISLAND GAMES

Two members of IPGS sent me a pamphlet from Guernsey Post telling about the Island Games as well as the Guernsey stamp and souvenir sheet.

Over 2300 athletes will descend on Guernsey this summer to take part in the week-long biennial event. Between June 28 and July 4, the Island hosts competitors in 15 sports, 1000 volunteers and 400 officials from around the globe--all gathered for the NatWest Island Games.

The Games began on the Isle of Man in 1985 at which time athletes from 15 islands competed in seven sports. This year the Games will consist of 15 sports: archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, gymnastics,

sailing/windsurfing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, triathlon and volleyball.

Islanders from as far apart as Froya, off the coast of Norway, to the Falklands, just to the east of Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America, will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in a competition so renowned for its sporting spirit that it has become known as the 'Friendly Games'. While the competitive standards are not as high as the Olympic or Commonwealth Games, participants nevertheless achieve a standard of excellence that often sets them on the road to greater endeavors.

Participating island nations include Aland,

Alderney, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Froya, Gibraltar, Gotland, Greenland, Guernsey, Hitra, Isle of Man, Isle of Wight, Jersey, Orkney, Prince Edward Island, Rhodes, Saaremaa, Sark, Shetland Islands, St. Helena and Ynys Mon.

Competitions will be staged at various locations on the island. Fans can watch all the action free of charge. Focus of attention will be a brand-new stadium, built especially to host the track events.

Guernsey last hosted the Games in 1987 when 1048 competitors took part. The Island has traditionally supported the Games.

A set of six stamps plus a souvenir sheet were issued January 30, 2003 to commemorate the event. The stamps were designed by Charlotte Barnes and printed by Cartor Security Printers by a lithography process. Denominations of the stamps are hurdles (22p), mountain biking (27p), gymnastics (36p), windsurfing (40p), golf (45p), and triathlon (65p).

The stamps, souvenir sheet, FDCs and presentation pack are available through the Guernsey Philatelic Bureau, Envoy House, La Vrangue, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY1 1AB. The website is: www.guernseypost.com and an email address is: philatelic@guernseypost.com.



Japanese Echo Cards for 2002 by Yutaka Matsubayashi

	Date of Issue	Sponsor Name	Prefecture
1.	January 16, 2002	Shonan Seaside Country Club.	Kanagawa
2.	March 1, 2002	Nen-Rin-pic 2002	Fukushima
3.	March 25, 2002	Tokuyama Kokusai Country Club	Yamaguchi
4.	October 10, 2002	Tokuyama Kokusai Country Club	Yamaguchi

The March 1 card features aged people's sports festival and one of the men is holding a golf club which is quite difficult to find. This event will be held annually and move from prefecture to prefecture. (Cards are pictured on page 12.)

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