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FRONT POSTCARD

"RULE 1 - A ball has moved only if it leaves its original position...if it mearly oscillate it has not moved..."

Famous postcard by Charles Crombie, one of the leading cartoonists of early 1900 who cartooned the rules of golf in a series of prints for the Perrier French Natural Sparkling Table Water company. Each print about the rules of the game has a pun to the rule.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Seems like a few gremlins made it into the last issue of Tee Time. No where did I list my address, email or phone number. It will now appear on the page 2 on the lower left.

Many thanks to those members who sent in material to be published in Tee Time. Rest assured that the articles will be published eventually. Editors need a backlog of articles for future issues. All articles will go into a file for future publication. Please keep those articles coming.....

Two more advertising cards sponsored by IPGS and issued by China Post are available elsewhere in this issue.

Thanks to those who took the time out to write (they found me!) on how they liked the new Tee Time.

I have not heard from anyone on the subject of personalized golf stamps. Should we continue to have a regular column on these issues? Seems to be a number of these items available.

6th SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES, SUVA, FIJI AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 1979

Norfolk Island unissued set

The souvenir sheets generally sell for \$400.00 to \$500.00 when available.





INVITATION TO A COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Bendigo Golf Club. Card was mailed at Bendigo, Victoria, Australia on 15 May 19-6. Taking into account when the ½ penny stamp was issue, the date is probably 1926.

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A Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening the 6 inst at 8. 15.

J. R. Dunne hon. Secretary

GULF

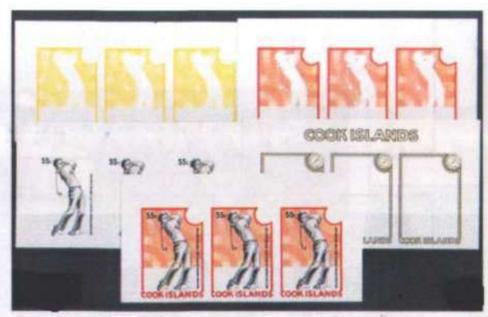
Cook Island Golf Stamp Progressive Color Proofs - For the collector who has everything

Cook Islands-Issued July 29, 1985 Scott numbers 880-882, souvenir sheet 883. Issued for the 2nd South Pacific Mini Games, Rarotonga July 31 to August 10, 1985.







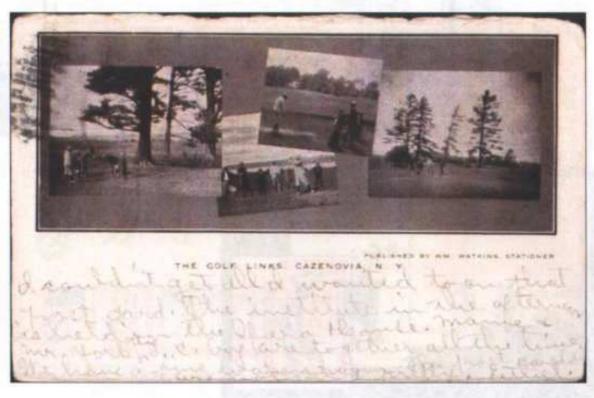




GOLF LINKS AT CAZENOVIA, NY

Postcard mail on October 29, 1906. Published by Wm Watkins Stationer





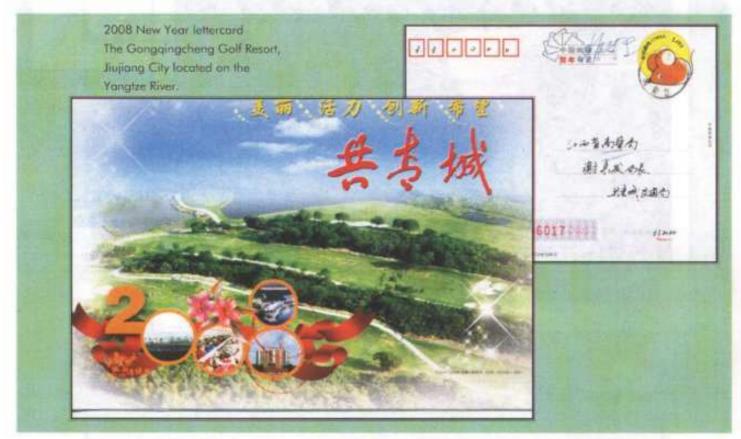
PREPAID ADVERTISING POSTAL STATIONERY

Continuing the series of Prepaid Advertising Postal Stationery in the this issue. Prepaid stationery is usually issued by a postal authority. These are postcards and lettercards that have postage imprinted on the mailing side of the card.

China Golf Advertising Lettercards

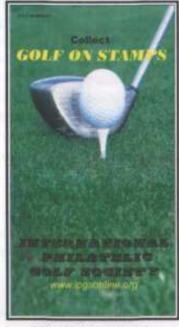








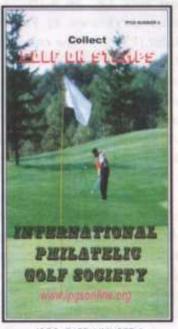
IPGS ISSUES SECOND SET OF GOLF ADVERTISING CHINA POST CARDS



IPGS CARD NUMBER 3



BACK OF CARDS



IPGS CARD NUMBER 4

A second set of personalized pre-paid advertising postcards (cards #3 & #4) have been issued by IPGS. These cards are now available for sale to IPGS members. The cost is \$3.00 each postpaid in the U.S. Please add \$1.00 per order for shipping to other countries. Order from John La Porta, PO Box 98, Orland Park, IL 60462-0098 USA. PayPal is available for members who do not have U.S. dollars, email: album@comcast.net for instructions.

Printed to Private Order Stationery by Cora B. Collins

Issues by Peoples Republic of China

It was my hope to have a comprehensive article for *Tee Time*, however much of the information obtained just raised other questions for which I need more answers. I have written to two postal stationery societies and a well known collector in China. Hopefully, we will get more information regarding these items in the near future.

Stationery items available from the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) include envelopes, letter cards (examples are shown on page 8 of *Tee Time*, March 2009), and postal cards including lottery cards, New Years cards and picture postcards, i.e., pp 9-10. The stationery items are known as Printed to Private Order (PTPO). The common marking on all these items is the "fan of cards" with the wording China Post. It's interestingto note that the cards our editor had made have lottery numbers—were they printed before the lottery (usually held in January)?

The PRC issues are supposedly sold only to the company or individual which orders them. The items are fully printed by the government postal administration but sold only to the company paying a special fee to obtain them. This raises some questions as there are dealers who are offering them as a new issue service. We know one individual who receives several hundred

course of a year, he gets several thousand. Annually he gets a catalog of the items 8 1/2" by 11" with color illustrations of all the items. These stationery items are not available through the post system of China.

Our editor tells me that one can order as few as one of a design-you could get your picture on one swinging a golf club!

Due to the vast numbers of these items being printed, the likelihood of them having any value in the future is almost nil. I would certainly suggest that you not load up an exhibit with them. One example, preferably used, would be the limit in any national or international exhibit. Unfortunately, those who judge local exhibits are not always informed on the significance of this type of material.

Other PTPO Stationery

As early as 1892 Germany issued PTPO cards and other items. This was true of several European countries in the era. One example of an Austrian card appeared in *Tee Time*, September 1996, page 9. In these countries the way to identify a PTPO item was by its indicia. Certain indicia were reserved strictly for the PTPO items. They were often common designs which were printed in a different color or two indicia were printed side by side on the address side of the card.

In these countries, the company or individual supplied the material to the government agency and the government added the indicia or prepaid postage for a fee. The example in *Tee Time* is interesting in that I also found a picture post card of the same design. The illustration consists of both a PTPO postal card from Austria as well as a commercial picture postcard. Only the postage was printed by the government and the items were then returned to the company or individual ordering them.

These are included in the postal stationery catalogs of the European countries using the system as well as the Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationery Catalog. There was a wide variety of material which came under the PTPO rules. For instance, someone might want to add advertising to a regular government issued postal card. But because something

was added a second indicia would be added to distinguish this card from the original. The postal stationery catalogs of these countries do not illustrate the picture side of the card-only the indicia or combination of prepaid postage.

Generally these items are very elusive and highly sought after for philatelic exhibits. At least three PTPO items exist related to golf.

PTPO Stationery Differs from the Japanese Echo Cards

The advertising cards of Japan

were available beginning in the early 1980s through the post office system. There were three types--national, quasi national and prefectural issues. An issue of national cards were for large national firms such as Japan Air or Honda. The national cards would be sold across the country while the prefectural issues were probably available in one prefecture or sometimes two. The same design, i.e., a golf club could be sponsored in two different prefectures.

Another difference in these cards is that they are sold at a 5 yen discount to the purchaser, the company doing the advertising pays the difference plus another 4 yen. A more comprehensive article on the "Echo" cards appears in *Tee Time*, December 1988.

The denomination of each advertising card is the domestic post card rate which started at 40 yen in 1981.

Additional Information Sought

If any of our members can add any research to the PTPO items currently being shown in *Tee Time*, please write to: IPGS, P.O. Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23801 or

We would like to provide as much information as possible to the membership so anything you can add to the discussion would be greatly appreciated.

As a golf collector, you may want to accumulate them. I believe it is important to have some knowledge of what you are collecting and the relative value of it for both your collection and possibly a future exhibit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If any of our members are planning to attend the American Philatelic Show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-August 6 to 9, 2009, please let me know so we can get together sometime during the show. We plan to be there from the opening bell to closing bell and we will be staying at the convention hotel. I know we have two members in Pittsburgh and if you don't know when you will be there until the last minute, you can always call the hotel and leave a message at the desk for Leroy or Cora Collins.

I have entered my golf exhibit and it would be easy to meet at the exhibit or at the registration table—whatever is the most convenient for you. I will bring along a few items of golf philately. If there is something specific you are interested in, I will be glad to bring it if I have it available. You can write P.O. Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23501 or email at poststat@juno.com. Or, we do have a telephone (land line): 757-622-3486.

We are still interested in finding an auctioneer for IPGS. We can change format, send it out in the journal as well as have it available on line for bidding. The individual assuming the duty will have opportunity to conduct the auction within his/her own expertise. The important thing is that we make it available to all the membership, not just those with computers. A PayPal account could be set up to receive payments, especially from those overseas from the auctioneer. If interested, please write: IPGS, P. O. Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23501 USA. The auctions do not have to be conducted in US funds-it could be done in Euros and the percent going to IPGS could also be transferred by PayPal. This was helpful to both buyers and sellers in the past.

The following individuals have been dropped from membership since we did not hear from them or receive their dues.

> Berry, Michael Blackwood, John Braumueller, Lutz H. Brown, Thomas Derrick, R. Dunn, Douglas Erramouspe, Pabb Fabian-Baddiel, Sarah Frame, Richard Goncalves, Jose Ingalls, Thomas Kiddle, Maire Latherow, Paul S. McDermott, Joseph H. Mesotten, Joseph Philbrook, Steve Pratsch, Wayne Sala, Fausto Sims, R. Smith, Fred Stenberg, Carol Strahm, Richard W Tipping, Doug Truett, Philip A.

KOREA PERSONALIZED GOLF STAMP



Who can supply more info on the above stamp. It's difficult to make out the text on the stamp - "Dollorenal Golf Tournament for Jelu Mayor's Cup". This is the best I can make out. Editor