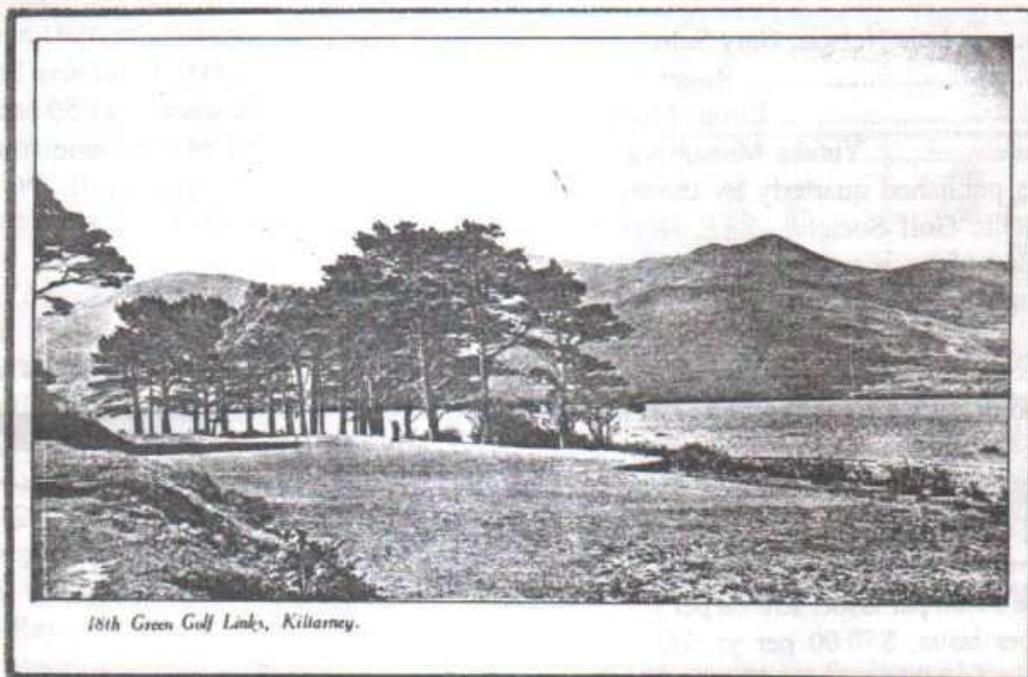


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Front Postcard

In trying to find a postcard relevant to something in this issue, I came across a card depicting the 18th green of the Golf Links at Killarney. It is a real photo card. However, it is unused and has no copyright date or other identifying information by which to date it. I would guess it is probably from the 1920s.

Since Ireland has issued a commemorative set of stamps for the Ryder Cup to be held in Ireland during 2006, it seemed an appropriate card since the new stamps are being described on the next page..

IRELAND'S Ryder Cup Issue

by Vincent Kelly

There seems to be some debate about who originally came up with the idea for the Ryder Cup, a golf tournament first held between teams representing Britain and the US. Some have attributed it to James Harnett in 1920 a journalist with *Golf Illustrated* magazine. Others give the credit to Sylvanus Germain, president of a golf club in Toledo, Ohio. Certainly, Germain set up an unofficial match in 1921, won 9-3 by the British and another in 1926, again won by the British 13-1.

However, it was Samuel Ryder (a spectator at the second match), who had made his fortune by selling packets of seeds. He really got the ball rolling when he persuaded the two captains to reform their teams in 1927 for the first official Cup. Ryder donated a golf cup and agreed to pay 5£ to each of the winning team, as well as organizing "a party afterwards, with champagne and chicken sandwiches." As sponsor, it was agreed that the competition would carry his name, hence The Ryder Cup.

The first official match was played at the Worchester Country Club in Massachusetts in 1927. Ted Ray captained the Britons and Walter Hagen the Americans, with the US team winning 9½ to 2½.

It was decided to play the Ryder Cup every two years. The competition remained rather one-sided—the Americans were just too strong. In an attempt to redress the balance, Ireland was added to the British team in 1973, although great Irish players such as Fred Daly, Harry Bradshaw and Christy O'Connor, Sr. had already played in the Ryder Cup before then! The Great Britain and Ireland team competed in just three Ryder Cups: 1973, 1975 and 1977. Subsequently, the British and American PGAs agreed to open the matches to all of Europe and it was announced that 1979 would be the first

year in which the Ryder Cup would pit the US against Europe.

To celebrate the Ryder Cup coming to Ireland, An Post has issued four stamps highlighting Irish involvement in the Ryder Cup competition. One of the 48¢ stamps features Darren Clarke, Paul McGinley, and Pádraig Harrington who played on the successful 2004 winning team. The second 48¢ stamp features Eamonn Darcy, Christy O'Connor Jr, and Philip Walton who all played pivotal roles on previous Ryder Cup winning teams. A 60¢ stamp depicts Harry Bradshaw Roman Rafferty, and Christy O'Connor Sr. The K Club, venue for 2006, is shown on the 65¢ stamp.

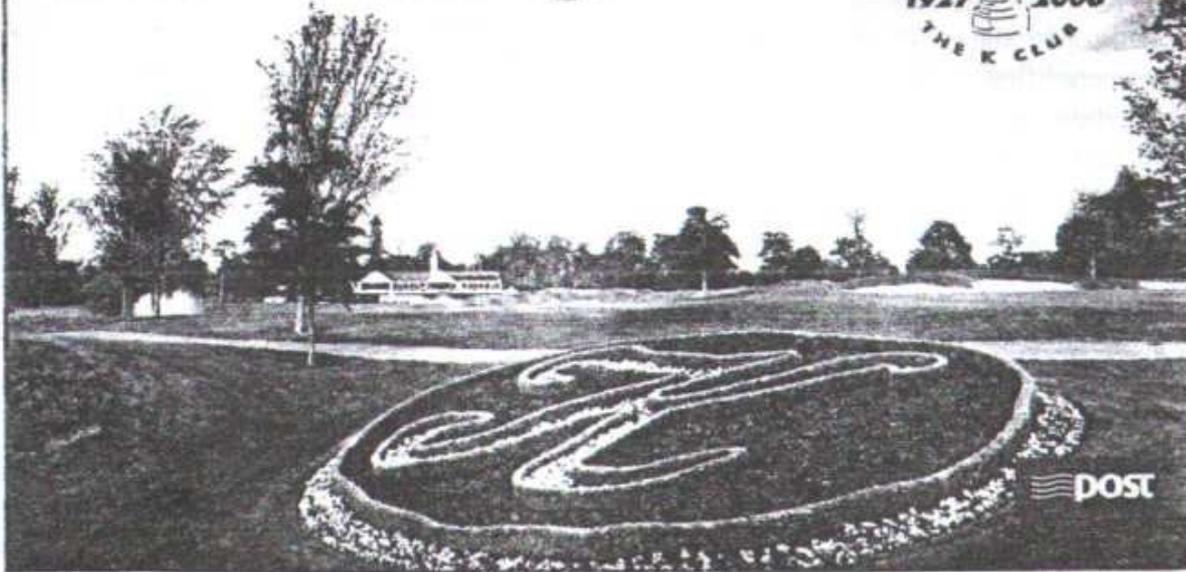


The 48¢ stamps are for internal postcard and letter mail within Ireland not exceeding 100g. The 60¢ value is for Britain (50 g) and the 65¢ value is for Europe and the rest of the world.

The set of four stamps was issued 27 September 2005. They were designed by Paul Raftery and printed by lithography by the Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

Additionally, a prestige booklet and first day cover are available. Stamps may be ordered from the Philatelic Shop, GPO Dublin 1, Ireland. You can order on-line, www.irishstamps.ie.

*Ireland & the Ryder Cup
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POST

Clúdach Chéad Lae

Many Thanks

The September issue of *Tee Time* appeared to have more interest than any other issue since I took over several years ago. Members from many countries responded to the Scottish banknote item and others sent material for other articles—so much so that I have a couple of items left for the next issue. Please realize that is only one or two pages and there are twelve to fill each time so keep the “goodies” coming.

In response to the Iver Johnson cover shown on page 6 of the September issue, Pat Loehr was the individual who provided it.

Ronald Greene wrote regarding the first day cover shown on page 12 of the September issue. He was on a cruise this summer to the Baltic states which included a stopover in Helsinki. He went to the Finnish post office, purchased the sheetlet, placed it on an envelope of the Oceanic Cruise Line and mailed it back to himself in New York. This provides a nice souvenir of one's trip.

A related souvenir was also found by Donald Mackintosh on his recent trip to the Philippines. See the article on page 9 of this issue.

In addition to the individuals identified above, I have also heard from James Crawford, Jim Dewar, Stephan Filanovitch, Dale Hess, P.B.S. Johnson, Vincent Kelly, Loren Lippert, Mark Miller, Eiron Morgan, Rhys Phelps, Ron Spiers and Dino Tognellini.

Mark Miller has identified two Jamacian booklets which have references to golf. These will be shown in a future issue of *Tee Time*. It is always interesting when one identifies a golf item which has existed for several years and no one has run across it. Mark found this item because of his other topical interest in Princess Diana.

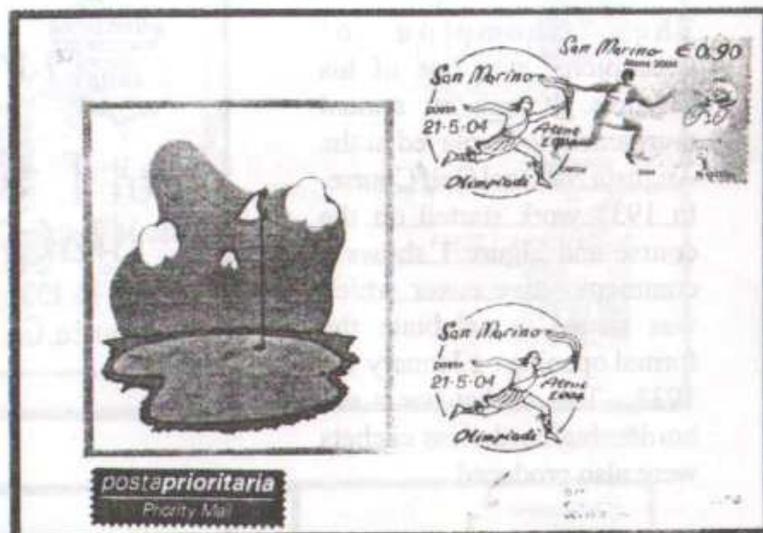
San Marino Olympiad Issue

by Dino Tognellini

I was provided a First Day Cover of the golf stamp which gives the date of issue. The stamp was shown in the September 2004 issue of *Tee Time* without an issue date. On the cover below you will note the cancel reads May 21, 2004.

The golfer can be seen in the lower right hand corner of the stamp. The cachet provides a nice tie-in to the stamp related to golf. I am not certain if this cachet was prepared by the postal administration or our member, Dino.

The Republic of San Marino postal administration made first day covers available which contain the four *setenant* stamps.



Dues Cancelled for 2006

Please do not send dues for the upcoming year of 2006. Those who have paid ahead will be extended a year. The only thing we ask is that you inform us of any changes of address or changes in interest. If for some reason you decide to no longer collect golf philately, please let us know so we don't continue to send the journal.

A DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

By Eiron Morgan

This year, 2005, is the diamond (75th) anniversary of one of the greatest ever golfing feats by a young man who was probably the best amateur golfer of the 20th Century. By now you may well have guessed that I am writing about 1930 and the Grand Slam of Bobby Jones, and it would be very remiss of the IPGS to let this anniversary year pass without comment.

Jones' competitive debut came at the age of 14 and at the age of 28, in 1930, he retired from serious competition. During that brief period of 14 years he had US Amateur victories in 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928 and 1930 (runner up in 1919 and 1926); US Open wins in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1930 (tied for first in 1925 and 1928 but lost the play-offs); British Open Championship in 1926, 1927, and 1930; and British Amateur Champion in 1930! Thus, in 1930 he achieved the "Grand Slam" by winning all four major championships and this has been described as the "Impregnable Quadrilateral". To this day the feat has not been achieved by any other golfer, and having achieved it, Jones and his Calamity Jane had nothing else to conquer and retired to a life of law and business.

The "Champion of Champions" was one of his ventures. It was an annual tournament to be played at the Augusta National Golf Course. In 1931 work started on the course and Figure 1 shows a commemorative cover which was issued to celebrate the formal opening on January 13, 1933. This cachet has a red border, but borderless cachets were also produced.

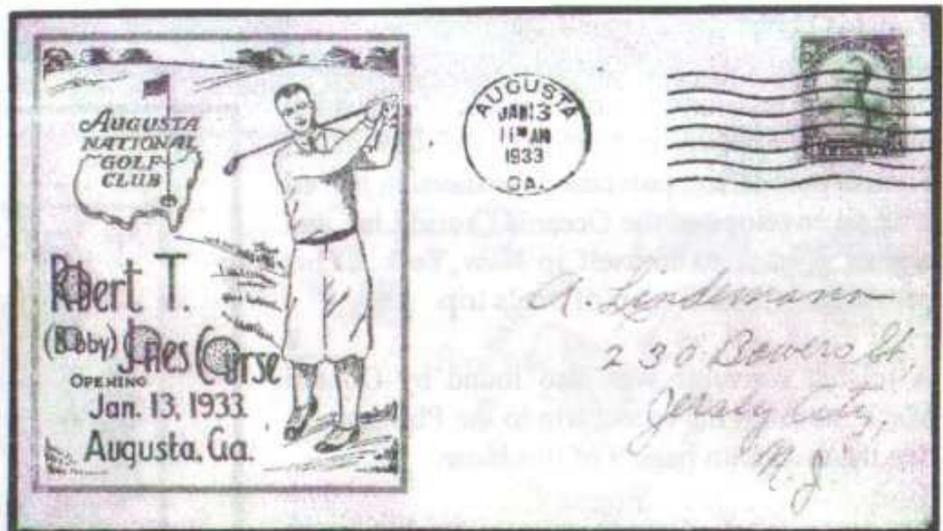


figure 1

Figure 2 is a cover in the series Kings of Sports, which celebrated famous sporting feats. By postmarking this one September 27, 1975, it marked the 45th anniversary of Jones' Grand Slam. Also, the scene of that last victory is the same—Merion, PA. One of the stamps honoured Jones'

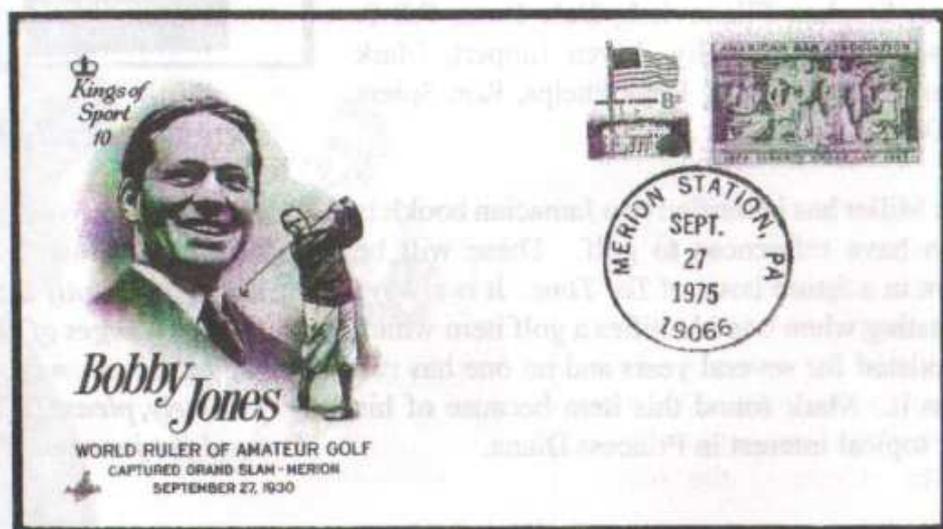


figure 2

long legal career as a member of the American Bar Association.

The next pair of covers are known as "combo" covers because they have a combination of at least two stamps and two date cancellations. The first of these covers was to celebrate Jones' 50th Anniversary of his victories in the British Open and Amateur Championships.

The Kirkcaldy and Liverpool cancels were used because the local post offices at St. Andrews and at Hoylake were not allowed to cancel "ordinary" mail, only "registered". The nearest post offices to each of these venues were at Kirkcaldy and Liverpool. Figure 3 and Figure 4 show these cancels as well as the First Day of Issue cancel of the Bobby Jones stamp in 1981 at the official first day post office at Pinehurst, NC.

Similar combo covers exist for the two American Grand Slam victories at their respective venues of Minneapolis, MN and Merion, PA.

As stated earlier, Pinehurst was the venue for the launch of the Jones and Zaharias golf stamps. But we philatelists have gone to extraordinary lengths to get cancels which are not the "official" ones, but are, nevertheless, appropriate to the nature of the stamp



figure 3



figure 4



figure 5

being cancelled. Figure 5 shows an example of such a relevance or appropriateness by being cancelled at Jonesboro on the correct date, September 22, 1981.

The next cover (Figure 6) celebrates Jones' being granted the freedom of St. Andrews in 1958 and in particular the Centenary of his birth on 17 March 1902.

The covers so far shown are from my collection, and now we move a great way "up market" and show a cover which eluded me at an auction last year. The cover is one of 3 pairs (with the Zaharias partner) which were hand-painted by Dorothy Knapp (25% actual size). It is a real beauty and will undoubtedly bring a great deal of pleasure to its new owner.

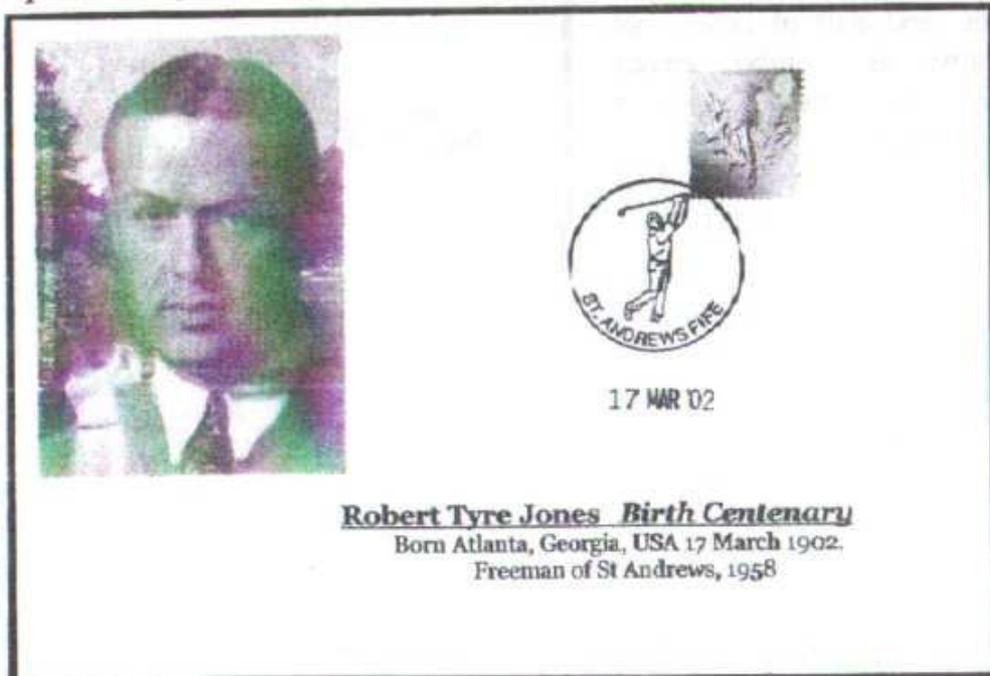


figure 6

Figure 7 shows the last cover that I wish to share with you, but I do want to present one more item which is relevant to this article and, I think, round things off quite nicely.

figure 7



Figure 8 is a 1930 press photograph which I bought from a newspaper archive. It captures that unique and historic moment in golf when the fourth side of the quadrilateral fell into place.

Stewards are seen rushing across the green to surround Bobby Jones after he had sunk his final putt in the American Amateur Championship on 27 September 1930 at the Merion Cricket Club. (Why a cricket club and not a golf club?)

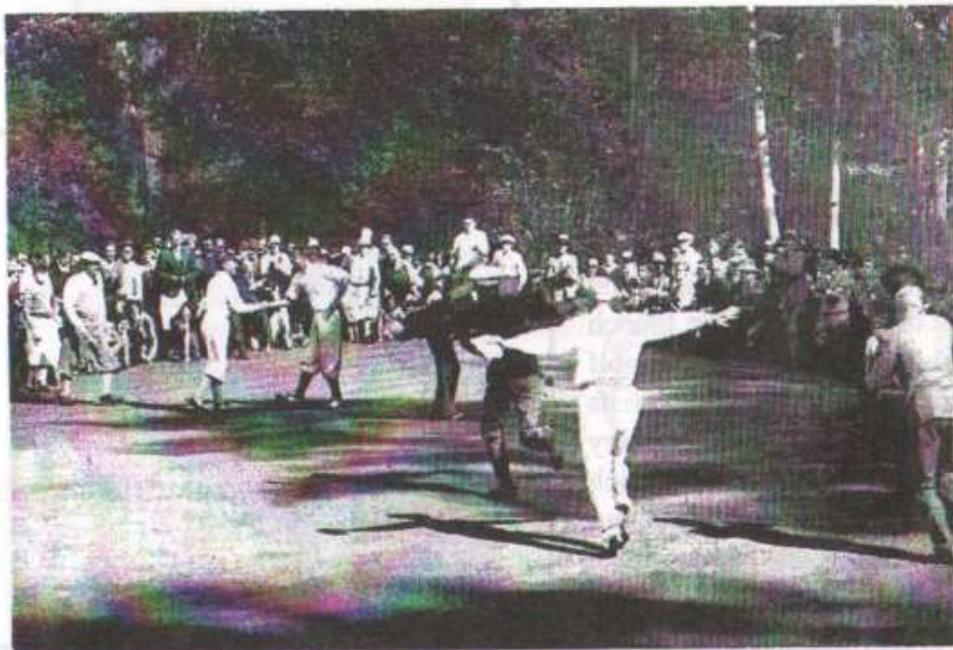


figure 8

Well, that's another story which will have to be told at another time!)

This article has shown just some of the philatelic items which have noted the milestones in Bobby Jones' golfing career. However, as Alistair Cook has pointed out that when attempting to account for Jones' fame in the golfing world, it was "not because he was the best living golfer but because, as a modest man of extraordinary charm and grace, he had attracted the admiration of millions.....who would not have known a mid-iron from a midwife".

Addendum to Philippines Issue of February 18, 2005

by Donald Mackintosh

This is a followup to the article which appeared in the September 1005 issue of *Tee Time*, page 10. Member, Donald Mackintosh and his wife traveled to Manila in October.

He located first day covers of the two stamps. In addition to the two 6 pesos stamps issued by the Philippines commemorating 100 years of the Baguio Country Club on February 18, 2005, a commemorative coin (or perhaps medal since it has no monetary value). The reverse side of the coin shows a facsimile of the two stamps.

The coin shown at the right features the founder of the club, William Cameron Forbes in gold effect with black trim. Forbes was born in Milton, Massachusetts 1870. He entered his grandfather's mercantile house in 1889. In 1904 he was appointed to the Philippine Commission by President Theodore Roosevelt, served in several administrative posts before being appointed Governor-General of the Islands, a position he held from 1909 to 1913.



Saga of the Norfolk Island Issue of September 28, 2004

by Arnold van Balgooi and Jim Dewar

Jim Dewar corresponded with the postal administration regarding the stamp pictured on page 10 of the September 2005 issue of *Tee Time*. According to Alan Tavener of the Norfolk Island postal service, the scene behind the attractive young lade on the grass is not the Norfolk Island Golf Course, but common land on which cattle graze in an area known as Watermill Valley. The pines are part of an avenue to honour a lady turned 100 years old.

Arnold van Balgooi received an email from Denise Boniface of the Norfolk Post Philatelic Bureau which listed the 1.05 \$ value stamp (Scott 756) as Girl with roses, golf course in the background. If the second stamp is in fact a reissue of the first with SPECIAL EDITION added, it would seem the postal employees are in disagreement regarding the scene in the background. Is this one where we should flip a coin??

PRESIDENTS CUP MATCHES PROVIDE U.S. CANCELLATION

by Ron Spiers

Ron Spiers supplied a new cancellation as well as two commemorative covers which were available from the US post office for \$5.00 each.. The covers were to go off sale on October 25, however, if anyone wishes to investigate, they can write: Presidents Cup Station, 14689 Lee Highway, Gainesville, VA 20155.

One of the covers features the ninth hole of the golf course at Lake Manassas where the Presidents Cup Matches were held and the second features the Presidential Libraries. The cancels are in black ink and were available September 20-25.

The Presidents Cup



Robert Trent Jones Golf Club



September 25, 2005



September 25, 2005



The Presidents Cup

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The Presidents Cup Matches are played every 2 years, alternating with the Ryder Cup Matches. The Matches feature a US team of 12 playing an international team made up of non-European golfers, in other words, from countries not represented in the Ryder Cup. They follow a similar format of foursomes, four-ball and singles matches, but are played over four days instead of three like the Ryder Cup. Consequently, the total points are 34 instead of 28. The players qualify for the teams based on a similar point system to the Ryder, plus two Captain's picks per team.

The US won the inaugural matches in 1994 and again in 1996, both played at the same Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Lake Manassas (Prince William County), Virginia. In 1998 the Matches were played at the Royal Melbourne in Australia where the international squad won. The venue returned to Lake Manassas in 2000 and the US team was once again victorious.

Due to the events September 11, 2001, the Ryder Matches were cancelled for that year. The Ryder Cup Matches resumed in 2002 and at that time, the Presidents Cup moved to the odd numbered years.

In 2003 the Matches were played on The Links at Fancourt in George, South Africa. Regulation play ended in a tie. Unlike the Ryder Cup where this would result in the defending champion retaining the Cup, a sudden-death playoff was required to declare a winner. After 3 holes, when darkness halted play, the two Captains Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player consulted with the respective teams and elected to declare the Matches a tie and share the cup as co-champions.

In 2005 at Lake Manassas, the US team rebounded on the final day to win. The team Captains were once again Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player.

The 2007 Matches will be hosted by the Royal Montreal Golf Club of Canada.

Addendum to the Bank Note Issued to Honor Jack Nicklaus

This is a followup to the article which appeared on page 7 of the September 2005 issue of *Tee Time*. This item has garnered more interest and response from the membership than any other to date. A list of those who have provided information for this issue can be found in the "Many Thanks" column earlier in this issue. At least nine of them sent information and/or copies of the bank notes and folder.

The commemorative banknote was issued in honor of Jack Nicklaus, "Celebrating over 40 years of Open history". It was issued on July 14, 2005 at the Open Championship, St. Andrews. However, the Bank only started issuing them to the Public in the Tented Village on Friday the 15th. Two million notes were printed.

The front of the 5 pound note is largely the same as the existing Royal Bank of Scotland 5 pound notes, apart from the fact the golden bear logo is shown and that the serial number only appears once. In addition all the serial numbers for this commemorative banknote commence with "JWN" short for Jack William Nicklaus.

The back of the banknote (shown on page 7 of the September issue) was completely redesigned and shows

images of Jack holding the claret jug and playing a shot during his way to victory at St. Andrews in 1978. The R&A clubhouse is depicted on the top left hand portion of the note and in the bottom left. Jack's winning scores at St. Andrews in 1970 (when he won an 18 hole play-off with Doug Sanders) and in 1978 are depicted. On the bottom right hand side of the note, the tee at the 18th hole can be seen along with the swilken bridge. A card of the course for the 2005 Open is also shown.



Jack Nicklaus had 37 Open Championship appearances, 3 wins, 7 runners-up, and 18 top tens. Since his first appearance in 1962 to what is likely to be his last (38th) in 2005, Jack Nicklaus has been part of The Open Championship and its modern day history. With all three of his Open wins coming in Scotland (Muirfield 1966 and St. Andrews 1970 & 1978) Jack's love affair with Scotland and the special place he has in the hearts of the Scottish people, is well known.

The 5 pound note was issued to mark Jack Nicklaus' remarkable career and is the first time, outside of the Royal family, that a commemorative note has been issued by the Royal Bank of Scotland for a living person.

Anyone wishing to investigate the banknote on line, the website is www.rbs.com. Another member wrote that the 5 lb. banknote can be purchased through Travelex, (Worldwide Money) at www.travelex.com.

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