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1905 Early Tom Brown Christmas Card

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1400-Year-old soldier

ONE of the oldest known soldiers in the North-east is to go on "guard duty" at the headquarters of Grampian Regional Council.

He is a Pictish warrior carved, it is reckoned, 1400 years ago on a large stone.

It was found in a field at the farm of Barflat, Rhynie, 10 years ago. Since it was discovered along with another stone, it has been stored by the regional council and yesterday their planning, property and development committee agreed it should go on permanent display in the Woodhill House vestibule in Aberdeen.

Significance

Members were told agreement had now been reached with the owner of the land where the stones were found, for them to be acquired by the council, and the only matter to be resolved was a place to keep them where they would be secure and where there were no severe fluctuations in temperature.

He has been described as a "warrior" because of the axe-like implement on his shoulder. But equally he may be one of the first golfers to have played in Grampian — though he has a terrible grip and nobody knows of Rhynie ever having a golf course!

● LEFT: The "Warrior Stone", carved about 1400 years ago and found in a field at Rhynie, is to go on show at Grampian Regional Council's headquarters. The stone is 1.78m. long.



VARIETIES for SALE

I have a few examples of the following 45c Royal St Kitts Hotel and Golf Course value.

1980 NEVIS issue

'OFFICIAL' Inverted o'print.
SG 05b - £37.50/\$70

SHORT BAR variety in pair
SG 8a - £37.50/\$70

OFFICIAL - Wmk sideways paper
SG 04a - £16/\$30

For Dollar cheques please add \$4 to cover bank charges.

Contact the EDITOR - Stuart R MacKenzie.

Season's Greetings



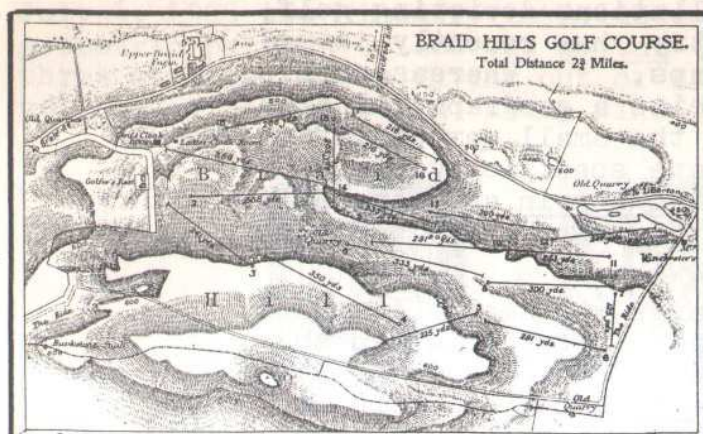
Extract from the PRESS and JOURNAL Jan 14 1988 sent in by Hamish Anderson.

WANTED : Fellow member in I.P.G.S. in Great Britain to trade G.B. for U.S.-used and/or new. If interested, please write :

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□ US INDUSTRIALIST Mr Armand Hammer — 90-year-old chairman of Occidental Petroleum — scored a hole in one for Western golfers yesterday when he announced he would finance the Soviet Union's first golf course. The par-72 course will stretch over 6800 yards at the Nakhbino sports centre 18 miles outside Moscow. But it will be open for use only by diplomats and other foreigners. Soviet officials were on hand to explain the fine points of a game once deemed too bourgeois to be played in their country. "Golf is a sports game which originated in Scotland," an official of Moscow's diplomatic service body said.

POSTCARD CORNER - GOLF COURSE MAP CARDS



1907 (June 8)

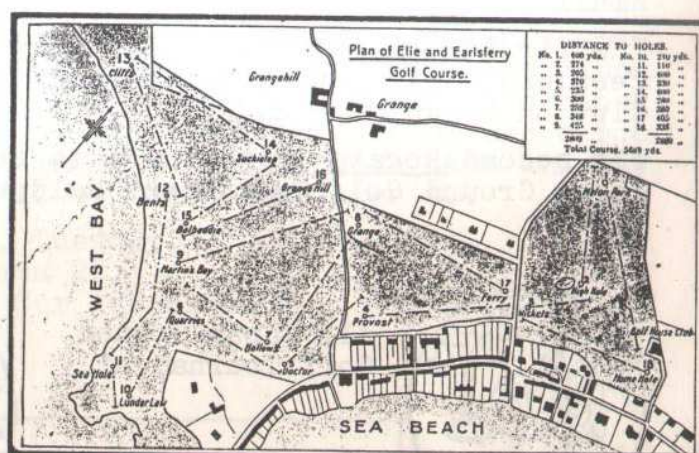
Braid Hills G.C. Map card sent from Edinburgh to Spean Bridge. This card was printed by W and A.K. Johnston Ltd, Edinburgh & London. They have used their own O.S. (Ordnance Survey) Maps to outline the course coloring it green, with roads yellow.

Note distance added 2 3/4 miles.

1909 (August 13)

Elie and Earlsferry G.C. Map card sent from Elie to Portrush (Fire). Prinetr unknown but shows the map taken from old Town map, probably from the Statistical Records - for the County of Fife.

The course is colored green, with roads yellow. It shows a table of yardage and all the holes named.



c.1910

Split type post card showing Tain G.C. (Ross-shire), with view at the top and a map at the bottom. The map would be the original layout as leased from Balnagowan Estate, once the largest in Britain covering well over 500000 acres. Map colored green by hand.

Royal Dornoch just over the Firth.

c. 1970

Circular post card produced by St. Andrews Woollen Mills it shows view of their shop opposite the 18th hole and a layout map of the Old Course.

The interesting thing about this post card is that it is contrary to Post Office regulations due to its circular shape and was withdrawn from use by the company.



SMALL COMMEMORATIVE DATESTAMPS by Cora Collins and Y. Matsubayashi

In addition to the scenic cancellations depicting golf, the Japan Postal Services Ministry has recently issued two small commemorative datestamps. Whereas scenic cancellations are used to publicize a geographical area and used for extended periods, the small commemorative datestamps are used to commemorate specific events. The small commemorative datestamps or kogata-in are generally 32mm in diameter, and are used for very brief periods—one or two days.

Commemorative datestamps come large and small (36mm and 32mm). The size of the datestamps provided often show the relative importance of the event. An event of National significance might receive a large datestamp as opposed to a local event which would most likely have a small datestamp.

The first kogata-in for golf was for the 56th Japan Professional Golf Tournament held at the Ehime Golf Country Club on 21 July 1988.

The second kogata-in was used to commemorate the - All Japan Ground Golf Tournament held at Tomari on 20 August 1988.



All Japan Ground
Golf Tournament



The 56th Japan
Professional Golf
Championship

GOLF POSTAL STATIONERY

ECHO CARDS

by Cora Collins and Yutaka Matsubayashi

Japan's Postal Services Ministry began issuing special design postal cards with paid advertising in 1981. The Ministry adopted the popular name Eko or Echo as the official name for the cards saying "The effectiveness of the advertisements on the cards is reverberating like an echo in the hills", and moreover eko "includes the idea of ekonomi (economy) from the 5yen discount on the price of each card.

The denomination of each advertising card is the domestic post card rate, currently 40 yen. Echo cards are sold by the post offices at a discount of 12½%—a 40 yen card costs the purchaser 35 yen. The discount of 5 yen plus another 4 yen paid by the advertiser. Not more than four inks can be used in an advertisement, and the total design size must not exceed 1/3rd of the card. Except for 1981, the Ministry has issued over 400 cards per year.

Three categories of Echo cards exist - national, quasi-national and prefectural. The number issued can range from 50,000 for a prefectural issue to 20 million for national cards. A large national firm such as Japan Air or Honda would appear on a national card whereas a golf or country club would appear on issues of one or two prefectures. The category of the Echo card also determines whether it will be sold nationally or solely within the prefecture. If the same design is sponsored in more than one prefecture, the card will be sold in more than one.

For the first four years, all Echo cards had the same imprinted stamp design showing eight tall buildings in the Shinjuku area of Tokyo. On July 1, 1985 the Ministry introduced two new designs. One design is a geometric pattern called eko pattan (echo pattern) and a second shows three stylized birds flying out of an open envelope. Advertisers may now choose which imprint stamp will be used.



A



B



C

In addition to mint cards, Echo cards are also available with a spec-imen (mihon) overprint. The following examples with the Mihon characters - one done with a broad brush stroke (left) and the other done with a thin stroke (centre). The reverse side of the cards (right) provides information regarding the issue. Both date and day of issue are contained in the top line. This translates to:

- 1st line - sale: November 1, 1983, Tuesday.
- 2nd line - Reference number, Saitama 22.
- 3rd line - Sponsor, Saitama Small Car Association.



昭和58年11月1日(火)発売

整理番号	埼玉-22
広告主	埼玉県軽自動車協会

The following is an illustrated list of the Echo cards related to Golf, either depicting the sport or sponsored by a facility which has golf as an available sport. One would need to read the Japanese characters in order to identify the cards which do not clearly portray the sport. All the golf related Echo cards to date have been prefectural issues.

No	JPP No	DESCRIPTION	PREFECTURE	DATE of ISSUE	STAMP Imp.
1	P38	Kanuma Country Club	Tochigi	Feb 1 1982	A
2	P98	Numazu Kokusai Country Club	Shizuoka	Mar 1 1982	A
3	P154	Awara Golf Club	Fukui	May 1 1982	A
4	P193	Kohryah Country Club	Tochigi	Jun 1 1982	A
5	P196	Shinbashi Sushi	Chiba	Jun 1 1982	A
6	P474	Okushiga Plateau	Nagano	Feb 1 1983	A
7	P490	Tatsumiso	Ohita	Feb 1 1983	A
8	P503	Kijima Koogen	Okayama	Feb 1 1983	A
9	P555	Houchi Newspaper	Tokyo	Apr 1 1983	A
10	P608	Sumiyochihama Resort Park	Ohita	May 2 1983	A
11	P711	Ube Country Club	Hiroshima	Aug 1 1983	A
12	P797	Saitama Small Car Association	Saitama	Nov 1 1983	A
13	P816	Dowa Insurance Company	Osaka	Nov 1 1983	A
14	P856	Nakasendo Golf Club	Aichi	Dec 1 1983	A
15	P996	Kinokuni Country Club	Wakayama	May 1 1984	A
16	P1068	Shizuoka Country Club	Shizuoka	Jul 2 1984	A
17	P1077	Senogawa Country Club	Hiroshima	Jul 2 1984	A
18	P1087	Sankoh Country Club	Saitama	Aug 1 1984	A
19	P1128	Sankoh Country Club	Gumma	Sep 1 1984	A
20	P1155	Kainan Plateau Country Club	Wakayama	Sep 1 1984	A
21	P1220	Yuda Spa Country Club	Yamaguchi	Oct 1 1984	A
22	P1370	Shima Golf Club	Fukuoka	Mar 1 1985	A
23	P1377	Pia Tada Resort	Iwate	Apr 1 1985	A
24	P1497	Daiwa Condominiums	Fukuoka	Jul 1 1985	A
25	P1514	Daiwa Condominiums	Osaka	Jul 1 1985	A
26	P1613	Kudamatsu Public Golf	Yamaguchi	Oct 1 1985	A
27	P1737	Yuda Spa Country Club	Okayama	Feb 1 1986	A
28	P1754	20th Anniversay, Adarara Country Club	Fukushima	Mar 1 1986	A
29	P1922	Business Hotel	Kotchi	Jul 1 1986	A
30	P2245	Obara Construction Company	Aichi	May 1 1987	A
31	P2426	Morioka Highland Country Club	Iwate	Oct 1 1987	C
32	P2620	Ninoumi Golf Club	Kyoto	Mar 1 1988	C
33	P2638	Tokuyama Kokusai Country Club	Yamaguchi	Mar 1 1988	A
34	P2681	Tokuyama Country Club	Yamaguchi	Apr 1 1988	A
35	P2672	Suzuka Country Club	Mie	Apr 1 1988	A
36	P2724	Akita Taihaizen Country Club	Akita	Jun 1 1988	B
37	P2802	Tokuyama Country Club	Yamaguchi	Jul 1 1988	C
38	P2778	Myokoo Pine Valley		Jul 1 1988	C
39		Osaka Bay Ferry Company	Osaka and Wakayama	Aug 1 1988	A
40		Tokuyama Kokusai Country Club	Yamaguchi	Oct 1 1988	C
41		Sankoo Country Club	Tokyo/Gumma	Oct 1 1988	A

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売価 35 円

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やすらぎの場をひらける、鹿沼グループ

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お田んぼ・おさんぽのお手伝いに……おん橋書局



by Stuart R. MacKenzie

The Carrolls Irish Open formerly Carrolls International, commenced in 1963 and started using hand cancels in 1976. To date seven design types have been used, always found struck in violet ink, with the exception of 1983 when black ink was used!

In general the hand cancels are used during the four days play of the Tournament and I have listed what dates I have recorded. Play in the earlier years 1976-79 commenced on the Thursday with a Sunday finish, with a Wednesday start during 1980-82 (Saturday finish), reverting to Thursday for 1983-84. The reason for mentioning this is that the dates on the series of postmarks I have recorded calculate that there was a start date on Tuesday (1985-86) and a Sunday (1987) this might be the case, but requires confirmation in that the dates I have recorded are for 'Practice Days'? The date for the 1988 Tournament is a Thursday.

TYPE	YEAR	DATES of USE (August)	VENUE	WINNERS NAME	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	1976	26th - 29th	Woodbrook	Ben Crenshaw	U.S.A.	284
2	1977	25th - 28th	"	H. Green	U.S.A.	283
2	1978	24th - 28th	"	K. Brown	Scotland	281
3	1979	23rd - 26th	"	M. James	England	282
3	1980	13th - 16th	"	M. James	England	284
4	1981	12th - 15th	"	Sam Torrance	Scotland	276
4	1982	11th - 14th	"	John O'leary	Ireland	287
5	1983	11th - 14th	Dublin	Seve Ballesteros	Spain	271
5	1984	2nd - 5th	"	Bernhard Langer	W. Germany	267
5	1985	20th - 22nd	"			
5	1986	19th - 22nd	"			
6	1987	2nd - 5th	Woodbrook			
7	1988	18th - 21st	Dublin			



1976 Cover showing the first special hand cancel

THE POSTMARK TYPES



TYPE 1



TYPE 2



TYPE 3



TYPE 4



TYPE 5



TYPE 6

25 Years Sponsoring
International Golf



TYPE 7

GOLF STAMP CATALOGUE

continued



1978 Jersey - Centenary of the Royal Jersey Golf Club



Presentation Pack

1979 SOUTH AFRICA

"Rosafari 1979" World Rose Convention showing the Gary Player Rose.

Souvenir sheet



1979 TUNISIA



1979 GREECE



1980 LUXEMBOURG

1979 JAMAICA - Tourist issue showing Golfer on 2c. value

Gutter pairs



Pl. 1



Extra 'Golf Ball' variety found on Pl. 2 only

1980 CHRISTMAS ISLAND
25 years of Golf on the Island - also comes in Gutter pairs.

