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"I WILL HIT IT BEFORE I GO!"

"GET ANOTHER CADDIE THEN, MISSUS. I'VE TO GO TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY!"



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Letter to the Editor

Our mutual friend, John G. Capers III, does sterling work on behalf of collectors, but I fear on the occasion of his query re St. Vincent-Mustique (Vol. 2, Issue 4) he's teeing up on the wrong side of the markers.

I phoned the St. Vincent Tourist office here in London, asking them about golf courses. There are none, though they told me a course is planned for one of the islands, beginning next year--they don't know which--though not Mustique, which is far too small. Mustique remains very much an escape for the rich and famous, for many years a favourite with our Princess Margaret, who, if we are to believe the tabloids, was wont to slip quietly away with an 'admirer' on her arm and a case or two of Mumms for emergency sustenance.

---David White, East Sussex, England

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELLATION

by Eiron Morgan



LYTHAM ST ANNES, LANCASHIRE

Handstamp #4370 was available on the first day (July 18th) and last day (July 21st) of the 1996 British Open Championship held at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's.

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TEE TIME EDITOR RESIGNS

On September 29, 1996, I received a package from the Editor of *TEE TIME* containing some copy for the current issue along with David Brooker's letter of resignation. Hopefully, this will help to explain the lateness of this issue. David wrote that he may be going on the road as a professional PGA caddie and his family will be moving back to Connecticut. In any case, he no longer has the time needed to edit *TEE TIME*.

I will plan to edit the December issue to finish out the fiscal year. However, then we need someone who is willing to take on this responsibility for a longer period of time. It does require time to put it together and do some composing. Hopefully our columnists will continue to submit appropriate information. We do need some individuals in Europe who are willing to identify the new material from France, Spain, Italy, etc. All members need to take some responsibility for the journal if they wish it to continue.



PACIFIC '97 is the international exhibition to be held in San Francisco, California, May 29 to June 8, 1997. IPGS has been given time for a meeting or get-together on June 7, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We will have the designated room for 1 and ½ hours. If any of our members have some ideas in how they would like to see us use the time, I would be most happy to hear from them.

We can arrange to have danish and coffee if we have an idea of the number of IPGS members, spouses and friends that plan to attend. Once you have made plans to attend PACIFIC '97 and can be present on June 7, please drop me a card and let me know, then we will begin planning some refreshments. Send the number attending to: Cora Collins, P.O. Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23501.

CUMULATIVE INDEX UPDATE

Kevin Hadlock, our secretary, has volunteered to update the Cumulative Index published approximately four years ago. This edition will be cumulative and include issues 1 through 42. The odd number is due to the change in our fiscal year. The *Index* will be distributed to all members of record at the time it has been printed and is ready to be mailed.

Member Ad: 2 Commemorative covers produced for British Open at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's, limited edition of 50 each. Purchase at 3 pound sterling or \$5 U.S. per cover. Postage is included. VISA and Master Card may also be used for payment. Write to: Dave Richards, 61 Leonard St., Neath, SA11 3HW Wales. Tel. +44 1639 646725

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

The second edition of a *Membership Directory* will be made available in the first quarter of 1997. Early payment of dues will assist in getting it out. Anyone who wants to identify their collecting interests may do so by sending me a postcard before January 1, 1997 using the following key:

- A. Stamps/Souvenir Sheets;
- B. Postal Stationery;
- C. First Day Covers;
- D. Postal History;
- E. Cancellations;
- F. Picture Post Cards,
- G. Dealer.

For example: Cora Collins [A, B, E, F].

IPGS MEMBERS AND ATLANTA

Cora B. Collins



During the Centennial Olympic Games recently held in Atlanta, Georgia, Centennial Collectibles--OLYMPHILEX '96/Stamps, Coins and Memorabilia was an integral part of the Olympic Arts Festival. Centennial Collectibles was coordinated by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) Cultural Olympiad, which in the Olympic tradition honors in culture what the Games celebrate in athletics, the highest achievements of mankind.

Four members of the International Philatelic Golf Society exhibited at OLYMPHILEX '96/Stamps, Coins and Memorabilia. The first Olympics all sports exhibition was held in Los Angeles (1984) at which time all entries were by invitation and the exhibits were not competing for awards. Both Seoul, Korea and Barcelona, Spain held a competitive stamp exhibition in conjunction with the summer games. Atlanta was the first time other collectibles were included. The exhibition was held at the Merchandise Mart, July 18 through August 3, 1996.

The international level competition was entered by members Cora B. Collins and Valentino Vannelli. Cora received a Large Vermeil with special prize for her exhibit, "The Sport of Golf" and Valentino received a Large Silver for his exhibit entitled "Baseball". Two other members entered the promotional class (equivalent to national competition). Patricia A. Loehr received a Silver for her exhibit entitled "The World of Golf" and Dino Tognellini receive a Silver-Bronze for his exhibit entitled "Baseball".

During the hours we were not at the stamp show, we attended games, cultural events, numerous exhibitions and did some sightseeing in the surrounding area. One afternoon we decided to investigate a couple of bookstores in the Bunkhead area of Atlanta. I acquired two books written by members of IPGS, *Golf, the Golden Years* by Sarah Baddiel and *The Glorious World of Golf* by Peter Dobereiner.

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STAMPS, CINDERELLAS, SPURIOUS ISSUES — by Cora B. Collins

I keep hearing discussions and receiving letters about what stamps should be included on "The List" as though this is something magical. While IPGS attempts to identify new issues for the membership, the individual collector should design his/her own list according to one's collecting interests. Some may choose to collect only those stamps where golf is the major theme—not the peripheral items such as Norfolk Island #184a where golf is a word on the map identifying the location of a golf club or Christmas Island #192 showing Queen Elizabeth at the entrance to the golf club.

Other collectors want to collect more than postal issues, i.e., cinderellas such as the one shown on page 3 of the June 1996 issue. This should have been identified as a 'seal'. It is only a stamp in the same sense as an S & H green trading stamp—it is perforated and it has gum on the back. Cinderellas are not postal issues and they should be labeled as non-postal issues or probably more correctly as seals. Seals are quite popular among the younger generation today and my guess is that your local drug store or card shop could supply quite a few. Cinderellas may qualify as golf memorabilia, however seals are not philatelic items.

The other item which seem to concern some are those referred to by philatelists as spurious issues since they may not be what they appear to be. These are pieces of gummed paper resembling stamps without a legitimate postal usage. We should be asking ourselves, would these stamps carry the mail to another country which is a member of the Universal Postal Union? For example, issues from Staffa do not meet this criteria. They have been referred to as local post stamps but will not carry the mail off the island. I have been told these islands are not inhabited. Can anyone shed any more light on Staffa?

Other items which fall into this category are the recent issues from Guyana, Grenadines of St. Vincent, Tuva and Batum. A number of articles have appeared in the philatelic press regarding the legitimacy of stamps currently being produced by former countries of the USSR. Two of these countries are Tuva and Batum. Will these pieces of gummed paper actually carry the mail or are they being printed as money-making schemes, enticing golf philatelists like us to buy? Usually, these spurious issues are relatively expensive—the issuing "group" make money, the dealer makes money selling them, however will you be able to resell them without taking a loss? What kind of value do they have? Are they worth the paper they are printed on?

The following is a quote from the December 4, 1995 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* (p. 10).

Please do not be taken in by the excessive number of labels on the market today, purporting to be stamps of a new republic or whatever. Many of the supposed label issues from the new Russian republics are just that--labels. Entrepreneurs are churning out these stamp like labels and claiming they are issued by the new Eastern European countries. They are being printed in England and have no relationship to any nation anywhere in the world, except that they look like stamps. Buyer Beware!

For those of you who were stamp collectors before starting a collection of golf stamps, you may remember that Scott Publishing Company and the Scott catalogues have been considered the clearing house for many of these issues. Traditionally, Scott has not catalogued these types of spurious issues where postal legitimacy is questioned. Sometimes, in the back of the catalogue, one will find a listing of stamps "for the record".

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CANCEL CORNER

by Lois Nelson & Gary Schwieger

Fewer cancellations than usual appear to have been authorized this year for golf tournaments, however, the problem may rest in the lack of publicity given the special handstamps. Neither *Linn's Stamp News* nor *Stamp Collector* carried information on a number of these cancellations.

From the information we received the Kemper Open may have had a cancellation authorized but was not used. We have called the post office in that area many times to inquire about the cancel but have only reached a message machine. Messages have been left requesting a return call, however we have not heard anything to date. Any information forthcoming will be in the next issue of *TEE TIME*.

The following cancels were used on the dates indicated:

Memorial Tournament — May 27 - June 2, 1996, Dublin, Ohio.. One cancel for each of the dates (green ink). (Illustration not available, however the design has not changed for several years. See Fig. 5, page 9, September 1995 issue.)

US Open - June 13 - June 16, 1996, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. One cancel for each of the dates. See Figure 1.

CANON GHO OPEN - June 24, 1996, Cromwell, Connecticut. See Figure 2.

FIRST OF AMERICA - August 9-11, 1996, Ada, Michigan. A set of three different cancellations were used during the event, one for each day. This is the

first time I have known the USPS to authorize three completely different cancellations for the same tournament. Normally, the only part of the cancellation which changes is the date. The canceling device has a date plug which can be removed and replaced with the new date. See Figures 3, 4 and 5 on the next page.

Cancellations for the U.S. Amateur, the U.S. Women's Amateur and the PGA Championship will appear in the next issue of *TEE TIME*.



Figure 1



Figure 2

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 AUG 9 1996



Figure 3

ADA MI 49301
 AUG 10 1996



Figure 4


 AUG 11 1996



Figure 5

PRINTED TO PRIVATE ORDER--*Cora B. Collins*

The two cards illustrated on the next page appear to be identical. One obvious difference is the inscription under the picture, one says "Lost?" and "Verloren!" while the second just has the word "Verloren" which also means lost. The big

difference is on the address side of the card.

On the left is a picture post card-- buyer adds an adhesive stamp before mailing. In contrast, the right card has an indicia and is ready for mailing.

The indicia was added under the printed to private order rules of Austria. Individuals or companies could provide picture post cards, or envelopes, to the postal agency and have an indicia applied in lieu of using postage stamps. In essence this was a way of prepaying the postage and one could avoid licking the stamps. This indicia design was first used in 1928.

Cinderellas-- Continued from p. 6

These lists include some stamps not passing the test to be listed in the main part of the catalogue. Other examples of golf stamps include the issues from Sharjah and Ras Al Khaima. If you looked at the list published in the December 1995 issue of *TEE TIME*, you would see that these two stamps are catalogued by Minkus, not Scott.

This is the type of research I would like to see some of our members undertake. Will these new items from Batum and Tuva carry the mail.

If you have doubts about what I am writing, talk to several dealers. Talk to a dealer in your favorite stamps shop or attend a show and ask the dealers present. Or, are any of our many dealer members willing to take a stand on this issue, or let us know if you sell them.



LOST?
VERLOREN!



VERLOREN!

NEW ISSUES

by Luis Garcia

On January 24, 1996, **Wallis et Futuna** issued a stamp showing a lady playing golf on a Wallis Golf Course--Le Golf a Wallis (Figure 1).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Tuva has issued a sheetlet with four stamps, each depicting a different golf player. From left to right, the players are Jose M. Olazabal, Ian Woofman, Nick Faldo and Nick Price. See the sheetlet below, Figure 3.



Figure 3: Sheetlet from Tuva

On August 23, 1996, **Sweden** issued the first golf stamp in a coil format. The stamps shows Annika Sorenstam winner of two consecutive United States LPGA Open Championships--1995 and 1996 (Figure 2). Every tenth stamp of the coil has a number on the reverse side indicating its placement in the roll, i.e., 110, 120, 130.

According to the press release sent out by the Swedish postal administration, a golf boom occurred in Sweden which has resulted in 378,000 players and 367 clubs. Anyone wishing to purchase this stamp and or first day cover (see Figure 4 at the top of the next page) direct from the postal administration may write to:

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Figure 5: Postal card issued by **New Caledonia** for tourism. See bottom of next page.

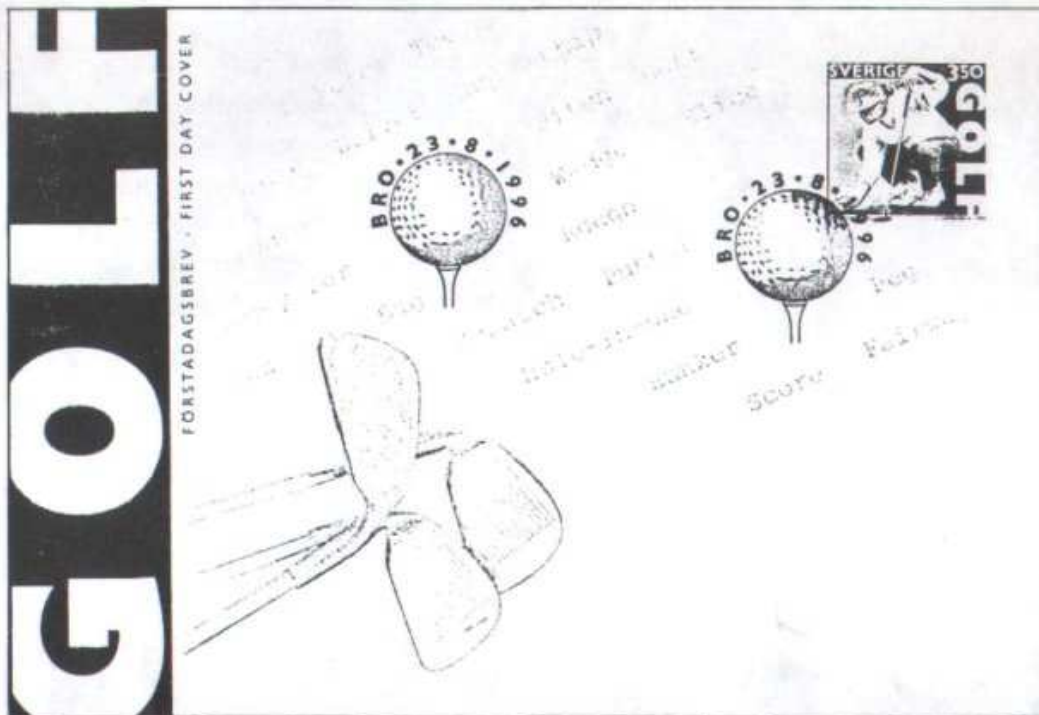


Figure 4: First Day Cover from Sweden

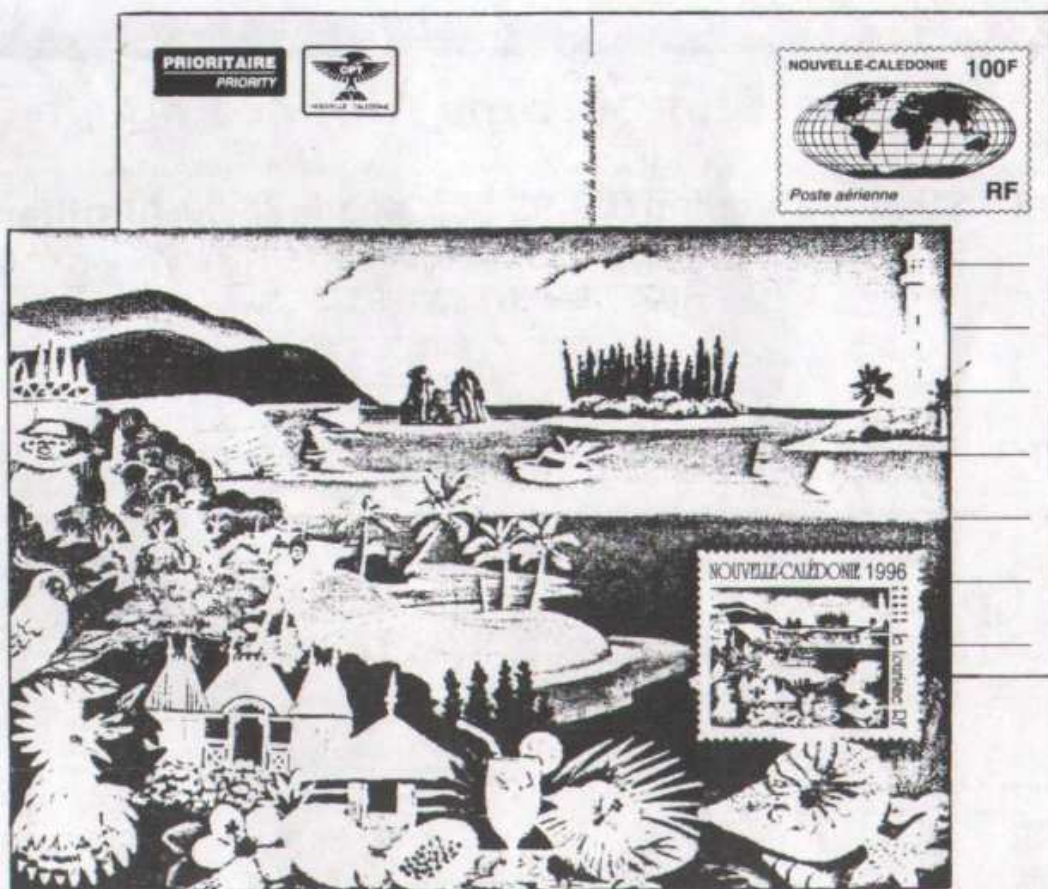


Figure 5: Postal Card from New Caledonia

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