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Letters to the Editor

Four responses have been received in regard to Thomas Marlborough's postcard and query regarding "Clock Golf." A special word of thanks to those who took the time and effort to respond.

Games of clock golf were featured at many older hotels and there was more than one way of playing, e.g., sometimes the putting hole would be central so that all putts were approximately the same length, or the hole could be off center so that from each clock 'hour' the putt length and holes varied--a much more exciting and challenging game. Miniaturizations of the game also existed as carpet golf-- all variations on the same theme.

Ad for clock golf can be found on page 369 of Chuck Furjanic's *Antique Golf Collectibles*, 2nd edition, 1999, Krause Publications.

---Eiron Morgan

I noted in *Tee Time* the interest of the Game of "Clock Golf" which I have played with my children when I resided in England. The game consisted of twelve cast iron numbers from one to twelve and placed in a circle, like a large clock on a garden lawn, with the hole in the center. Each player started at number one and attempted to putt into the hole with the least number of strokes. The player with the lowest total putts was the winner of the game. I still have the ball left from the set, which has a square pattern on its surface, and is the older small ball, but alas the numbers are lost as a result of over thirty years of home relocation.

---Bill Graham

I found some advertisements for "Clock Golf" in a book entitled, *The Encyclopedia of Golf Collectibles* by John M. Olman and Morton W. Olman, published by Books Americana, Inc. The ads can be found on page 304 and include Clock Golf, Lawn & House Golf and After-Dinner Golf played on a carpet indoors. They all appear to be variations on the same theme.

---Cora B. Collins

My memory of this game goes back 50 or 60 years when it enjoyed a degree of popularity in the St. Andrews (Fife) district at least.

The 12 holes were set out in the manner of a clock face and were played in order from the tee at the center. Often this 'tee' was a circle offset to the center so that not only could several games be in progress at the same time but holes were of differing lengths. The attraction of this set up was that little ground area was needed and it could be prepared with the minimum of fuss. This led inevitable to some good playing surfaces and others better left unsaid! As I recollect Clock Golf was a very temporary arrangement in connection with fetes and other festive occasions and was a bit of fun not taken too seriously. I can remember on at least one occasion a rather up market layout being on the Bruce Embankment Putting Greens next to the first fairway of the Old Course. Truly flat ground was not a requisite of course, rather undesirable in fact, which may account for the game not having been played indoors.

To my knowledge at least one attempt was made to expand the game to 'Clock Pitch and Putt', but this was probably due to the exuberance of the local youth and not to any great desire to raise funds for good causes as was often the case with Clock Golf (a small entry fee to the competition being the norm).

I hope this is of some help to you and that the game may still be alive and kicking somewhere. Obviously from the postcard it was a much more formal affair in sun-drenched Miami.

---Hamish Anderson

FRONT POSTCARD

The postcard was provided by Eiron Morgan and is a reproduction of two posters, similar to the poster stamps which he wrote about in the June issue of *Tee Time*.

New Issue Stamps or Labels? --the debate continues

The following two articles were submitted to me in relation to the current bombardment of labels or seals sold as being legitimate stamps. The first article submitted by Yutaka Matsubayashi was taken from the *Philatelic Exporter* and is entitled "Fake Angola Stamps"

It is most unfortunate that I must write and advise you of forgeries that are being offered on the market as official stamps of Angola. These stamps have not been authorized by Correios de Angola, and should therefore be treated as fraudulent.

The stamps in question are listed variously as "Disney" or "history of Animation" and are being offered in various formats. These designs have never been authorized by Correios de Angola for stamps, and we urge your readers to contact us with any information in regard to distribution of same.

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The President, Correios de Angola

A second article submitted by Eiron Morgan is entitled "Scam Exposed" and appeared in Gibbons' *International Stamp News*, August 1999.

An unsigned feature in Norsk Filatelisk Tidskrift, exposes 'the large industry in false stamps and covers' which has developed since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It claims that the perpetrators of these bogus stamps go to considerable lengths to foist their production on an unsuspecting public,

even arranging for registered covers to be posted to addresses in the Ukraine or the Baltic states, for example, with appropriate backstamps.

Most of the material on offer, however, consists of small sheets of five or 10 stamps, generally well produced by the offset process. The perpetrator allegedly sends photocopies of his latest confections to four or five large distributors in Russia or the Ukraine. They then order them and distribute them from Russia to dealers, both retail and wholesale, in Hungary, the Czech Republic, Germany and France.

The Norwegian writer has investigated some of the registered covers and has discovered that the handwritten names and addresses to which they were allegedly sent are, in fact, quite fictitious.

This is alleged to be big business. Editions of the small sheets are between 1,000 and 5,000 each, but imperforates and even progressive proofs are believed to be on offer. The stamps have little or no relevance to the 'country' of origin and seem to be geared to whatever theme is currently fashionable, e.g., Diana, space travel, dinosaurs, cats and dogs. (One could easily add golf to list).

Even legitimate countries have suffered from this swindle. Thus bogus stamps are in circulation with the name MOLDOVIA or MOLDAVIA whereas the genuine stamps are inscribed MOLDOVA. There also seems to be a question mark hanging over some issues purporting to come from Turkmenistan.

The same magazine also has a feature on the Bill and Monica 'stamps' of Abkhazia which are apparently best-sellers in the USA. A display advertisement for Marlen Stamps & Coins is illustrated, and shows these issues clearly described as spoofs. Souvenir covers were even an offer postmarked on the day that the Senate instituted impeachment proceedings and also the day on which it found President Clinton not guilty of perjury.

Adoption Stamp Has Strong Links to Golf

by Ron Spiers

On May 10, the United States Postal Service issued a 33 cent commemorative stamp to promote adoption awareness and find loving homes for more than 100,000 children nationwide. The stamp has a strong tie to golf through its major proponent, Dave Thomas, the founder and spokesman of Wendy's. Thomas, who is himself adopted, has long been a vocal supporter of the cause, and created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption as a vehicle for its ongoing support. Since its inception in 1992, the foundation has led a major effort within corporate America and Congress to push for legislation to give adoption benefits the same level of importance as maternity benefits in the workplace. Thomas' own persistence with USPS officials was the catalyst in the development and release of the stamp.

An annual golf tournament, the Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge Benefiting Adoption, has been one of the major sources of funding for the foundation. The tournament features three-member teams from the PGA, LPGA and Senior PGA tours, who compete against each other in an 18-whole event with a modified scoring format. Broadcast on TV over two days in December, the 3-Tour Challenge

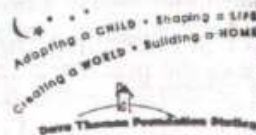
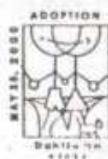
creates the type of exposure necessary to raise the awareness of adoption on a wide scale. Last year, the tournament and its related activities raised more than \$1 million to support adoption awareness.

Thomas presided over a special ceremony for the Adoption Awareness stamp held on May 25 at Wendy's headquarters in Dublin, Ohio. Attendees included Ohio's Governor, USPS representatives, state & local officials and celebrities, and a special "Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption" Cancellation was created for the event.

In honor of the event, a very limited number of special commemorative covers were prepared specifically for IPGS members. They feature the Adoption Awareness stamp and special cancellation tied to a Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge envelope (No. 10). These covers are available to IPGS members for a contribution of \$5.00 or more to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Orders will be limited to 2 covers (for a contribution of \$10.00 or more) and will be sent postpaid. Send payment in US funds, check or money order (payable to Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption) or cash to Ron Spiers, 8025 Saddle Run, Powell, OH 43065. Orders received after the supply is gone will be returned promptly.



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My Francis Ouimet FDC Experience

by Kenneth L. Hopkins

Back in the spring of 1988, I heard about the issuance of the Francis Ouimet Commemorative Stamp and decided to produce my own First Day Cover (FDC). Several factors influenced that decision. I had been collecting FDCs for thirty-plus years and had a passion for golf for almost that long a time. Also, I had amassed a very large number of Bobby Jones and Babe Zaharias FDCs.

For my cachet, I clipped a picture of Mr. Ouimet from one of the golf magazines and had a local artist create a rubber stamp likeness. I bought some quality envelopes, added the cachet, and my wife and daughter used colored pencils to add the color.

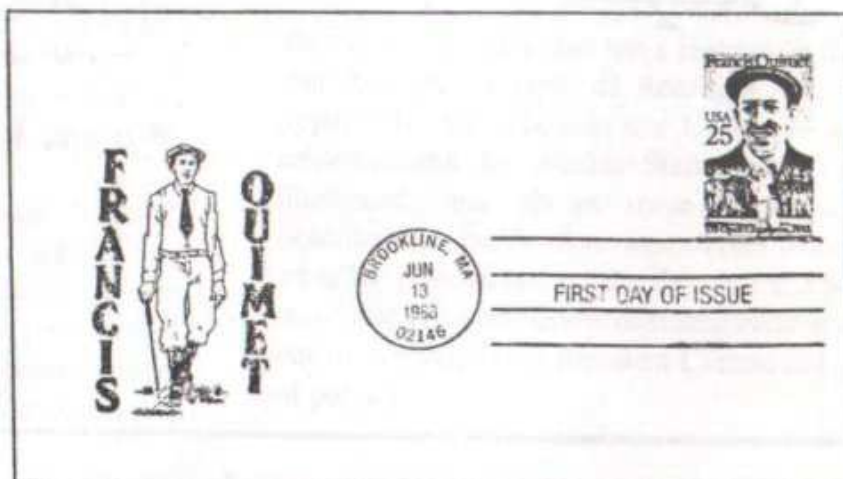
I planned to travel to the first day city to stamp my covers and add the First Day (FD) cancellation. I also knew there would probably be a FD Ceremony and hoped to be able to attend it. I called the local main post office to inquire about the details and the FD city and ceremony. They referred me to the USPS offices in Washington, D.C.

The stamp was to be issued June 13, 1988 at Brookline, MA in conjunction with the Monday practice round of the U.S. Open Championship at The Country Club where Francis Ouimet won the Open in 1913, as an amateur, defeating Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, the leading British professionals from that era. Furthermore, the FD Ceremony was by invitation only and was being handled by either the USGA or The Country Club. A phone call to the USGA at Far Hills revealed that The Country Club was arranging the FD ceremony. As it turned out, two local members, Mr. Edward Emerson and Mr. Robert Jenney were instrumental in getting the stamp approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee. I wrote a letter to these gentlemen in care of the club, to see if it would be possible for me to attend the FD Ceremony.

I received a very nice reply from Mr. Emerson. He sent me the only invitation left, plus tickets to the Monday and Tuesday practice rounds. The FDCeremony was to be at the club. Well, I was all set now and felt very fortunate.

I flew into Boston early on the 13th of June, picked up my rental car, and drove to the Brookline Post Office. There were several others buying the stamps. We were allowed to add the FD cancellation ourselves. I serviced dozens of covers and drove to the golf course. There was also a temporary postal station at the golf course with the FD cancellation available. I traded covers with a few other collectors, took some photos, and watched some of the practice activities.

The FD Ceremony was at 5 p.m. and I got there early for a good seat near the front of the auditorium. Mr. Ouimet's sisters were in attendance. Several dignitaries were introduced and seated at the front of the auditorium including Congressman, The Honorable Tip O'Neil, the two club members--Mr. Emerson and



Mr. Jenny, Greg Rudd (designer of the stamp), and a representative of the Postmaster General.

A bag pipe band played and everyone received a souvenir program with a stamp and FD cancellation. During the program Ben Crenshaw and his wife came in and happened to sit beside me. He had been invited to say a few words, which he did. As soon as the program was over, I said hello to Ben and gave him one of my FDCs. He also signed one for me. Tip O'Neil and Greg Rudd also signed covers. It was a wonderful experience for me. It's the only time I produced my own FDC. I have exchanged several with other cachet makers and I also produced some one-of-a-kind FDCs for my collection.

ROMPEX 2001 (Rocky Mountain Exhibitions, Inc.) has invited the International Philatelic Golf Society to hold a meeting in conjunction with its show, May 18-20, 2001.

The Sports Philatelists International group is also meeting at ROMPEX 2001. There are a number who belong to both SPI and IPGS. This will give us an opportunity to participate in their meetings and programs as well. We are hoping to have a good showing of sports exhibits at this show. Those of you who do exhibit, please plan to exhibit at ROMPEX or if you have never exhibited, this may be an opportunity to start.

ROMPEX is held at the Holiday Inn, John Q. Hammons Trade Center, I-70 at Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. Aurora is near Denver for planning purposes.

Special Thanks to all our members who have provided articles and information for this issue of TEE TIME. These include: Hamish Anderson, Terry Figueras, Luis Garcia, Bill Graham, Kenneth Hopkins, Yutaka Matsubayashi, Eiron Morgan, Lois Nelson, Ron Spiers and Gary Swiger. I hope the rest of you will share something from your collection.

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NEW ISSUES

Barbados, July 7, 2000

A set of four stamps was issued at World Stamp Expo 2000 held in Anaheim, California by the Barbados Philatelic Bureau to recognize the stamp exhibition and a golf tournament to be held during the month of August 2000 in Barbados.

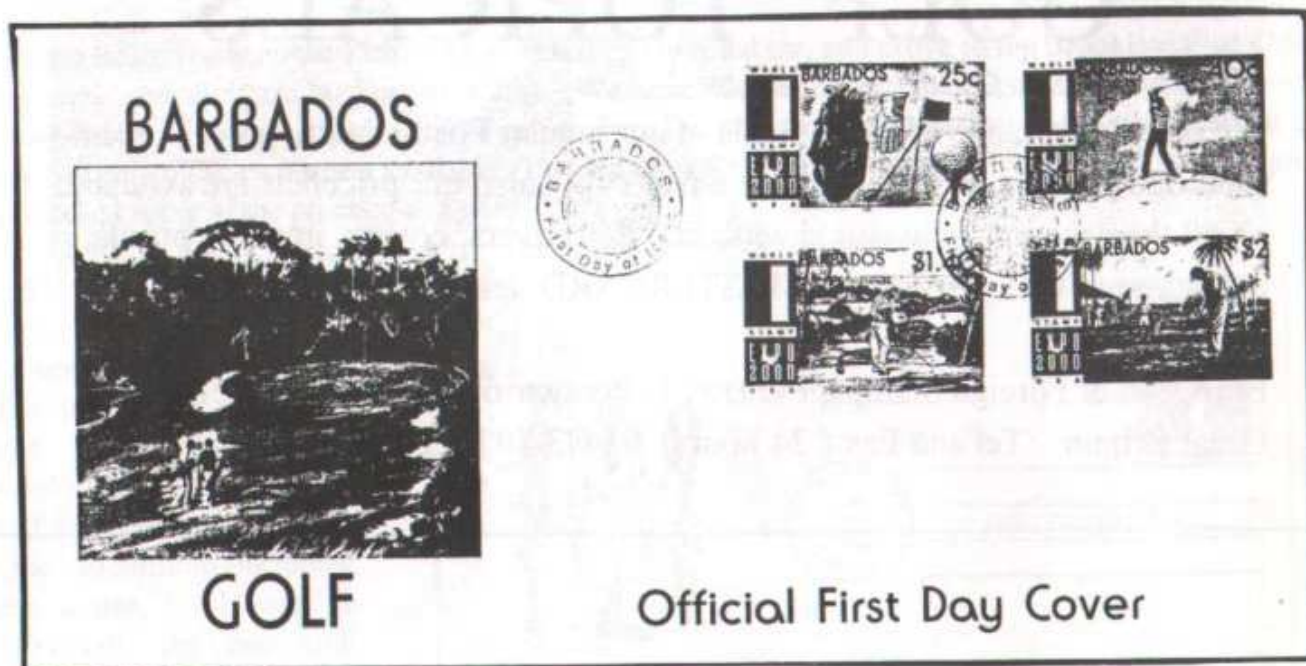
Barbados boasts four fine golf courses, an eighteen hole course at Sandy Lane in St. James, two nine-hole courses, one at Rockley Resort in Christ Church and Almond Beach Heywoods in St. Peter. The fourth is at Royal Westmoreland in St. James, which is described as being one of the finest courses in the West Indies. The designer of the courses has made full use of the existing natural terrain to create a course which is mentally challenging for the golfer and visually captivating for any onlooker.

Tournaments such as the Herman Cup, Johnnie Walker, Richly Structural Systems Spring Champion, Benson and Hedges, Bells Scotch Whiskey and United Insurance Open, are held on courses at Richly and Sandy Lane. These are open to guests as well as locals.

Championships for Juniors are also organized and in June 1988, four Juniors represented Barbados at the Caribbean Junior Golf Championship in Puerto Rico.

The four values were designed by Ross Watton and printed by The House of Questa by the lithography process on CA Spiral paper. The stamps feature: golf equipment (25 cent), driving (40 cent), teeing off (\$1.40) and putting (\$2.00).

Anyone wishing to contact the Philatelic Bureau in Barbados may e-mail: barbadospost@caribsurf.com.



Monaco--June 19, 2000

One value was issued for the upcoming Pro Celebrities Golf Tournament to take place at the Monte Carlo Golf Club from October 6 to 8, 2000. This tournament is considered one of the big sports events of Monaco. It was designed by Sacha Sosno and printed by the heliogravure process.



A special thanks to Terry Figueras for sending the post office brochures on the above two new issues.

Nevis--July 7, 2000

Bob Hope was honored on a pane of stamps issued by Nevis and released at World Stamp Expo 2000. The stamps celebrate Hope's eight-decade career entertaining the masses. According to the announcement in Linn's Stamp News, the stamps will be available on-line at www.bobhope.com, the official web site of Bob Hope/Hope Enterprises Inc. Hope is shown with a golf club on three stamps, upper left, lower left and lower right.



CANCEL CORNER

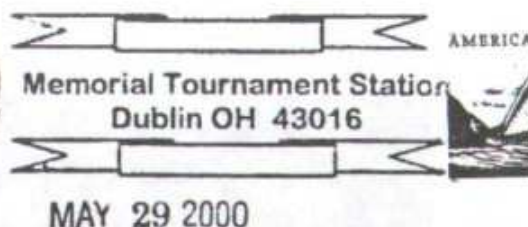
by Lois Nelson and Gary Schwieger

The following is a list of cancels that we have received as of July 2000.

100th Anniversary Station, Geneva Golf & Country Club, Muscatine, Iowa, April 26, 2000--one cancel in black ink. (left illustration)

Bruno's Memorial Golf Classic Station, Birmingham, Alabama, April 28 through April 30, 2000--one cancel for each day in black ink. (right illustration)

Memorial Tournament Station, Dublin, Ohio, May 23 through 29, 2000--one cancel for each date in green ink.



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Collective sheet of 3, Bo Jackson, Rickey Henderson	12.00	17.00

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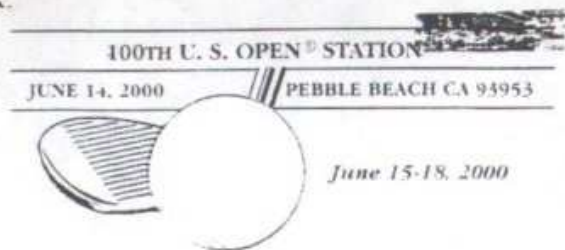


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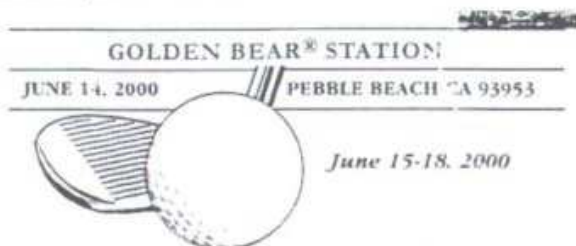


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100th U.S. Open Station, Pebble Beach, California, June 14, 2000--one cancel in black ink.



Golden Bear Station, Pebble Beach, California, June 14, 2000--one cancel in black ink.



British Open Cancel, July 20, 2000, St. Andrews, Scotland



A special cancel has been announced for the U.S. Women's Open.

A word of thanks to Bill Graham and Ron Spiers who also supplied photocopies of cancels. Anyone knowing of cancels that have been missed, please write to the editor of *Tee Time*.

Bill Graham also confirmed the 2nd date for the WALPEX '99 cancel shown in the June issue of *TEE TIME*. It was used on both October 23 and 24. His cancels were on cacheted covers from WALPEX which featured George F. Grant, golf tee inventor. Inside the covers was an insert telling about Dr. Grant, an African-American who lived in Arlington Heights, Massachusetts.

George Grant was a graduate of Harvard Dental School and returned as an instructor while at the same time carrying on a successful dental practice. He attained a national reputation for his studies of the treatment of cleft palate and became known for his expertise in making and fitting false teeth.

Golfers in those days used to teeoff on a mound of sand. Dr. Grant considered it a nuisance to carry along a bag of sand for this purpose. He decided to find a better way and experimented with several different sizes and types of pegs. His patent for the golf tee was dated December 12, 1899.

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