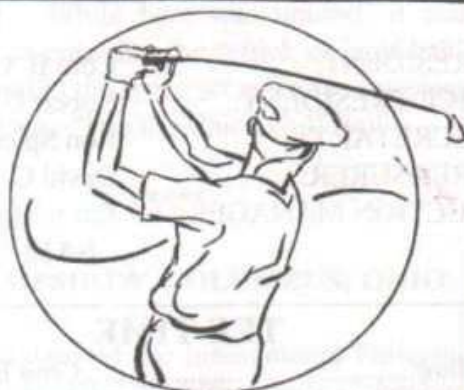


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Front Postcard:

The card pictured on the front of this issue is another example of advertising for the North British Rubber Co., LTD., Castle Mills, Edinburgh. This rubber company also had the earliest meters in the recent handbook published by the IPGS.

The baby chick atop a golf ball was the logo or slogan used for "Chick," "Big Chick," "Clincher," "Diamond Chick," "New Hawk," and "Osprey" Golf Balls made by the North British Rubber Co. These cards are signed in the lower left, but the signature is somewhat elusive.

The wording on the communication side of the card (for inland and British possessions only) leads one to think these were printed before 1907. This is based on the fact that US cards could not contain anything but the address on the reverse side of the card until then. In the US this was known as the "undivided back" era. By comparing

a number of my early Tuck cards, I noticed this statement appeared on those postmarked before 1907 but it had been eliminated on Tuck cards postmarked in later years. The statement can vary somewhat for use in the United Kingdom or similar phrase. Of course, Great Britain and the continent were ahead of the US in authorizing postcards in general.

This card is postmarked May 30, 1913. It is Rule 15. "Before striking at a ball in play, a player shall not move, bend, nor break anything growing". The message on this card is an address where to send mail just for the individual writing.

A second card appears below. It is postmarked Hackness, December 18, 1913. It is also a comic which reads "Don't forget to remind your opponent he has only one minute more for 'Lost Ball'". The message on this one is a thank you for the cockles which arrived safely that morning--some have already been consumed.



At that time cards were usually printed in sets of six or eight. It would be fun to put the set together in *TEE TIME* if other members are able to provide copies of any others in the series by North British, please send reproducible photocopies to IPGS, P O Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23501.

Pat Loehr sent along a copy of the one on the front linking it to the North British Rubber Company

which also used slogan meters as a form of advertising. While hers was unused, it was interesting to note that the "chick on golf ball" also appeared in the space set aside for a postage stamp. It reads: "Use the Chick Golf Ball".

APS STAMPSHOW, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Several members of the International Philatelic Golf Society attended the APS show in Columbus, Ohio, August 7-10, 2003 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Ron Spiers was able to attend the show all four days. He brought copies of two new spray-ons from Pittsburgh used to advertise golf tournaments. These will be shown in "Cancel Corner" along with cancellations. Ron's brother came up from Georgia and both were kept busy visiting the dealers and exhibits.

Kenneth Hopkins attended one or two days. He was searching for cachets on the US golf issues. He has compiled a list of the ones he has for a checklist. I have asked him if he would be willing to share his checklists as there are a number of our members that look for different cachets on the golf issues. Hopefully, we can include this in *TEE TIME* in the near future.

A third member that came by our table was Mark Miller. He is a relatively new member from Ohio.

It is always fun to meet the membership and learn of their collecting interests. Anyone attending CHICAGOPEX, November 21-23, 2003 at the Sheraton in Lincoln Park, IL, please take the time to stop by the United Postal Stationery Society table and say hello. I can also show you the new book which contains an original sketch and essays of the US golf envelope released in 1977. The book has also been distributed to 12 philatelic libraries around the country.

Other upcoming shows we will be attending include AMERISTAMPEXPO to be held in Norfolk, VA January 30-February 1, 2004. This is the winter meeting of the APS and specializes in one-frame exhibits as well as certain categories such as cinderella, thematic, etc. If you have never been to Norfolk, or haven't been here for a number of years, you would be surprised at the changes which have taken place over the last 10-15 years. There are many things to do within easy walking distance of the show and show hotel. Electric buses also run through the downtown area and they are free!

I will be judging the Plymouth Show in Michigan next spring and possibly the topical show in Memphis, Tennessee.

METER HANDBOOK

Congratulations to Pat Loehr for completing a voluminous effort on the slogan meters. The handbook was printed and distributed to all members who were currently paid to date. We both have received a number of letters of appreciation regarding the publication. If someone did not receive the Handbook, please let me know and we will check on it. Anyone wishing additional copies, it is available at \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage in the US and \$5.00 postage overseas.

We would like to update the handbook as time goes on. Members may continue to send photocopies of any meters not included to Pat Loehr, 2603 Wauwatosa Avenue #2, Wauwatosa, WI 53213-1168. We will attempt to compile them once a year and run it on the center insert.

While we are on the topic of handbooks, the Society is always interested in publishing material on various aspects of golf philately, i.e., compilation of all golf stationery issues from around the world or pictorial cancellations from

one or more countries. Is anyone interested in working on such a project? It would probably take the efforts of several individuals working one or more countries each.

SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of *TEE TIME*. Pat Loehr provided a postcard for the front cover and has agreed to continue collecting and compiling golf meters not in our current handbook. In addition, Pat provided a photocopy of the cover used on the back page of this issue.

Lois Nelson and Gary Schwieger provided the cancellations for "Cancel Corner". Robert Hilken also provided the cover from the Women's Open held at Pumpkin Ridge. Bob tells me he was also involved with designing and getting approval for the cancellation. Ron Spiers provided the two spray-on markings from Pittsburgh advertising golf tournaments. Two of our members from Italy sent first days of the new golf issue, Genovese Valeriano and Dino Tognellini. Eiron Morgan provided a copy of the British Open cancellation and the article on airgraphs, pages 6 and 7. Joe Nelson provided color photocopies of several new issues and Tom Marlborough provided the Iver Johnson cover on page 8.

As you can see, many individuals had a part in this issue of *TEE TIME*. Without the help of many members, the task of preparing a quarterly newsletter would be impossible for me. I hope others will take the opportunity to look over their collections and share some of their material with others. Since retiring from my paying job, I don't have time for anything!!

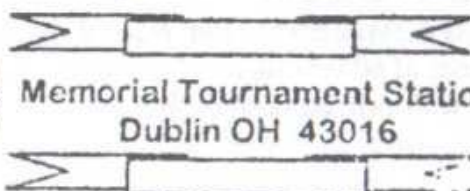
Your dues envelope will be inserted in the December issue of *TEE TIME*. They are due in January 2004.

CANCEL CORNER

Lois Nelson and Gary Schweiger

We have only two postmarks from the US to report to the membership.

Memorial Tournament Station, Dublin, OH 43016 May 26 through June 1, 2003.
One cancel for each date in green ink..



MAY 26 2003



The 58th U.S. Women's Open Championship, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club Station, North Plains, OR 97133. July 2-3, 2003.
One cancel for each date in black ink.



A first day of issue cancellation was made available for the new Italian stamp honoring the Centenary of the Acquasanta Golf Club in Rome. The stamp was issued on April 5, 2003.



A special cancellation was provided the 132nd Open Championship held at St George's, Sandwich. Example was used July 17, 2003.

In addition to the special cancellations listed above, we have two examples of spray-ons advertising golf tournaments in Pittsburgh. One advertises the "Lemieux Celebrity Tournament" and the second one advertises the "UPCI Leukemia Golf Open". These two spray-ons were also used for 2001 tournaments. We have never had anyone report whether there is only one tournament known by two names or there are actually two, both raising money for Leukemia or cancer research. See TEE TIME, December 2001, p. 9. Through the Internet we able to learn that the Lemieux Celebrity Tournament is played to fund cancer research and it is named for a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins that was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. Does anyone care to take on the challenge and find out why two spray-on postal markings?



LEMIEUX CELEBRITY TOURNAMENT 152 05/28/03 20:15



FROM UPCI LEUKEMIA GOLF OPEN 152 06/10/03 19:37



Mr. Ernest L. Rees
661 College Ave PM
Pittsburgh, PA 15232-1953



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A CHRISTMAS AIRGRAPH

by Eiron Morgan

During the Second World War Allied troops served in many parts of the world, e.g., India, Burma, Singapore, Africa and the Middle East countries. It was important for morale that troops should have the opportunity to write home. But, paper weighed heavily and would be bulky and so occupy too much room in the planes of 60 years ago. The solution was to provide proformas--either blank forms for letter writing, or forms with printed designs to which the writer could add some brief comments. After the military censor's approval these forms were photographed in black and white, and it was possible to get scores of letters on to one reel of film--this was clearly more economical in terms of weight and volume for air freight. On arrival in the UK, the film would be developed and printed and the resultant airgraph inserted into a small window envelope and forwarded to its destination.

The illustration is of a printed Christmas Greeting airgraph for 1943 and was sent by LAC Albert Anderson to members of Harton Moor Golf Club, South Shields. The added handwritten message reads "Best wishes to all for 1944. Hoping to join the boys at the 19th very soon, Buon Anno!" The original form had been stamped by RAF Censor 694.

Although this message interested me--who wouldn't be by talk of the 19th? It was the address which puzzled me. It is not listed in the publication "Golfer's Handbook"! The search was on. Where was Harton Moor Golf Club? After reading through my own books and making several phone calls an interesting story emerged.

The club had been founded in 1922 and, like many other clubs, went through some lean years during the war of 1939-45. In 1944 it was proposed to incorporate Harton Moor Golf Club into Temple Memorial Park.



The members were not enthusiastic and opened negotiations with South Shields Golf Club with a view to amalgamate the two clubs. In April 1945, 53 men and 59 ladies of Harton Moor were admitted to South Shields Golf Club. The course and club house of Harton Moor are clearly marked on the Ordnance Survey map of the time, and Temple Memorial Park is not Temple Park which is a large, grassed open space where the public may walk and play games.

Did LAC Anderson ever get to meet his friends at Harton Moor's 19th hole? I don't know, but I'd like to. But that would be a more difficult puzzle to solve.

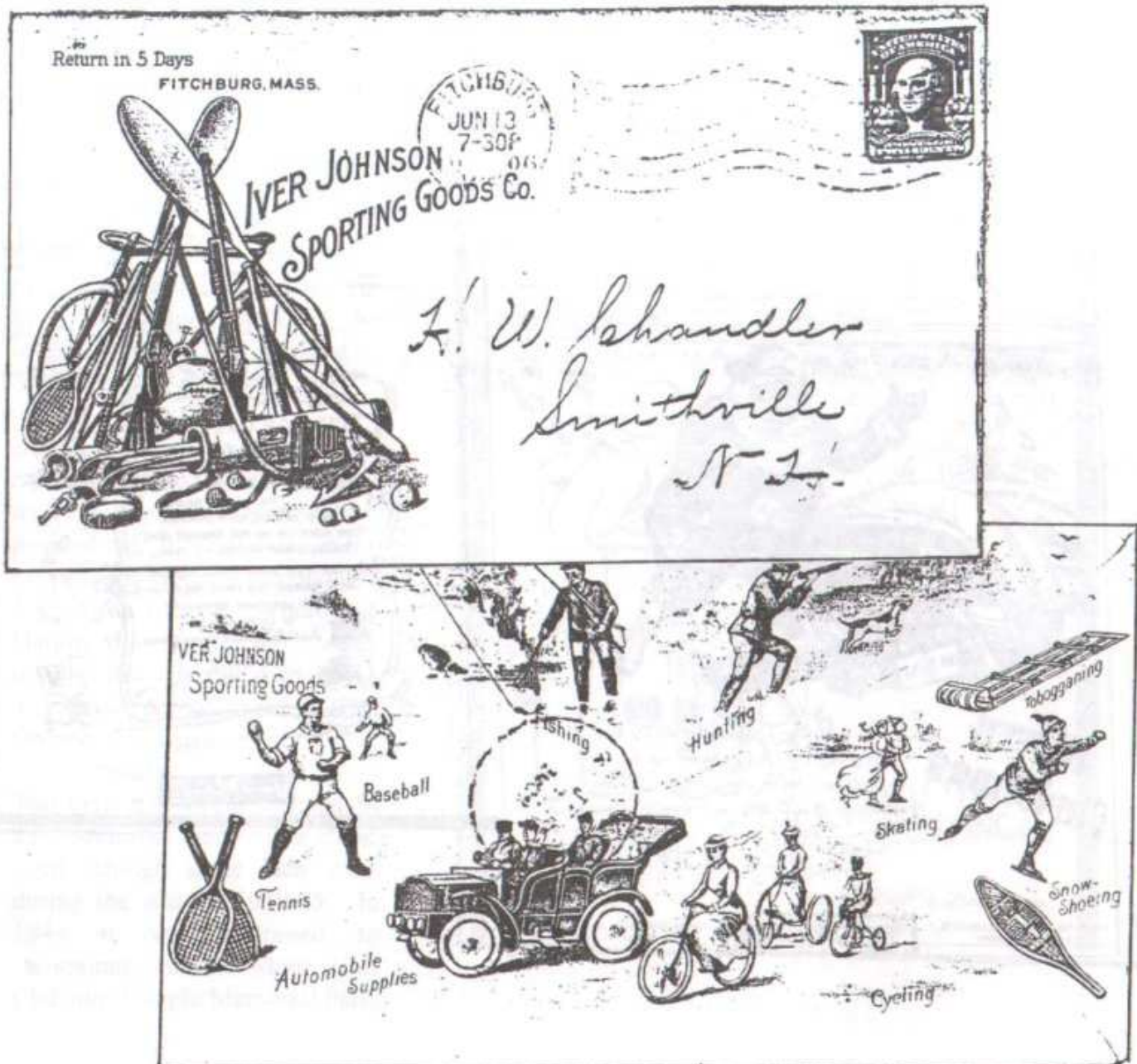
Addendum: Members of the armed services from the United States had V-MAIL letters which were comparable to the airgraphs described above. At least two of the US V-MAIL forms contain a golf theme. One has a Santa Claus who has a miniature golf bag in his sack of toys. The other one shows a golfer putting, a fisherman and a man reading a newspaper. This one was a birthday greeting for Dad.



IVER JOHNSON SPORTING GOODS COVER— FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

by Tom Marlborough

I was brought up in Fitchburg and remember buying most of my sporting goods, hockey sticks, pucks, baseballs, bats and gloves from their corner store on Main Street. When I helped an elderly woman sell some philatelic material there were 5 of these covers and she gave me one of them for helping her after I told her of my Fitchburg connection. It has a clear 1906 postmark and flag cancel and in full vivid color is striking. The sporting goods collage on the front features golf bag, clubs and balls...hickory shafts and all. The back of the cover is also stunning. But, unfortunately, does not illustrate a golfer in action. Overall it is one of the nicest early golf covers I have ever seen.



Addendum by Cora Collins

The cover featured on page 8 is pictured in the "American Illustrated Cover Catalog" which was an auction held by David G. Phillips Co. of North Miami Florida. While it was put together for an auction, the book was available in a hardbound edition and has become a reference book over time. The cover is found as lot #1451 on page 139. This one was also had a 1906 flag cancel. It sold for \$200.00 in 1982. If you have a philatelic library near you, you might want to check it out.

Several years ago I found a second cover from Iver Johnson. It is from 1933 and was sent to Iver Johnson. One cannot help but wonder how long the sporting goods store existed.



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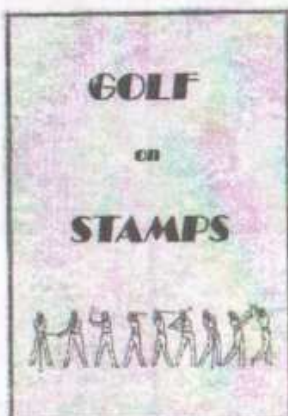
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A Somewhat Unusual Piece of Philately—Cora Collins

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NEW ISSUES

Italy, April 5, 2003 a stamp was issued to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Acquasanta Golf Club in Rome. The value is Euro .77. The Golf Club is pictured in the distance with a golfer completing his swing in the foreground.



DOMINICA

While the following sheet is not a new issue per se, it has not been pictured in Tee Time before. Since Scott has decided to list these items, we will try to catch up on those we did not consider to have been used postally. The Bob Hope souvenir sheet was issued by Dominica and is listed as 2231b. The middle stamp in the upper row shows him on USO tour with his right hand propped on a golf club.

Bob Hope

'Buttons and Bows'



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THE EDITOR NEEDS COPY FOR THE DECEMBER AND BEYOND ISSUES OF TEE TIME. GET OUT YOUR COLLECTION AND SEE WHAT YOU MIGHT SHARE WITH OTHERS.

TEE TIME, September 2003

PUERTO RICAN TOURISM COVER

Patricia Loehr and Cora Collins

The following cover is one of at least three known varieties published. The March, 1996 issue of *TEE TIME* pictures the first two varieties. The covers all depict the many activities available on the island to attract tourists. The first design "Visit Puerto Rico, tropical paradise of the USA" was available at the time the stamp honoring Puerto Rico was issued, November 25, 1937. First Day Covers are available with both a single stamp and a block of four.

A second cover "Discover Puerto Rico where the Americas meet" was also featured in the earlier issue of *TEE TIME*. It was used as early as 1941, however we know it was used as late as 1944. This new design (where the top half of the cover is different from the earlier one) recently discovered by Pat Loehr was used in 1942. It is a censored cover used during WWII. The number 4100 is the Censor Examiner's number.

The interesting part of both this example and a second example sent by Pat of the second design is the postage rate. I was able to learn that the airmail rate from Puerto Rico to the mainland was ten cents per half ounce during the war years, beginning in 1942. After the war the rates were lowered and became six cents per ounce. The postage on these two examples, twenty cents paid for one ounce and thirty cents paid for an ounce and a half. There are no postal markings to indicate the letter was insured or registered. Even at the airmail rate, the cover took six days. It was postmarked August 25, from San German, P.R. and arrived at New York Trinity Station on August 31 according to the backstamp.

These covers were produced by the Government of Puerto Rico, Institute of Tourism. They were used by individuals as well as many governmental agencies and corporate entities.

