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MEET THE PROS

By David Uhlman

The "Meet the Pros" through the medium of postage stamps occurred in December, 1995 during the play at the Johnnie Walker World Golf Championship at the Tryall Club, Jamaica, W.I.

The objective was to acquire an autograph(s) on a cover or envelope from the participants, all twenty of the players. As I found out this took some effort and some luck. After the third round there were a couple of signatures which were required to complete the task. Notably was the American, John Daly. (Fig. 3) Big John was no where to be found except on the course and he disappeared so quickly after each round.

That could have due to his poor play, because after the 3rd round he was dead last, not breaking par on any round. John never appeared at the driving range or around the 19th tee or the pro shop.

This was the last day and still no John. I made an enquiry at the pro shop and they informed me that John was to tee off in half an hour. So, I hurried to the 1st tee and there he was, sitting on a cement tee marker, puffing on a cigarette and sipping on a can of coke. I approached him and politely asked his for an autograph and he simply reached in his pocket and pulled out a black felt marker and zip, two covers were acquired. The black felt marker is used to identify his golf ball with marks or a special symbol to indicate the ball he has in play. That was a close one, but the mission was finally accomplished.

Most players were very accommodating, especially Nick Faldo (Fig. 2) and David Duval. They were curious about my request and were quite interested in my project. Faldo was very good about this and signed several items relating to stamps and other material put out by the Tournament. Duval made a joke if I was trying to gain a profit from the autographs and I replied that is was just a project relating to golf on stamps.

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One often wonders what the other members of a thematic society actually collect. In the process of selling off a portion of my collection, I have been putting material on eBay. The interesting thing is that most of the golf material is bought by individuals who do not belong to IPGS.

In the process of organizing various aspects of my collection, I have a number of items which I had forgotten about having, i.e., several post cards of famous golfers such as Hagen, Jones, Palmer, Snead. In addition there are cards of famous people playing golf, i.e., Jack Dempsey and Ronald Reagan with four of his Secret Service

guards watching. I also found three leather cards and one wooden.

The usage of postcards also is interesting. I always look at the postal markings, RPOs, Ship's Mail, DPOs, censor markings, auxiliary markings, receiver's cancels and any other transit markings. Being a philatelist long before I started collecting "golf" as a thematic, I often find the reverse side of the cards more interesting than the golf.

I am bringing up the subject because most of our members have never written anything for our journal, *Tee Time*. It's hard to believe that none of the membership has any material with a philatelic significance that could be shared with others. There are those who think photocopying 10 pages of postcards or other material is preparing an article.

Unfortunately it is meaningless unless one can provide a script which explains the photocopies and something about the collection. Unfortunately, I get the impression that a golf picture is all most of the members are interested in amassing. It really doesn't matter whether a stamp is valid for postage or not as long as it pictures a golfer!

Now, back to Johnnie Walker, as on the 17th, Fred Couples (Fig. 1) had eagled the Par 5, striking two great shots to reach the green in two, and then rolled in a longish eagle putt. To reach a playoff, Freddie had to birdie the 18th, to tie Loren Roberts and Vijay Singh. This was accomplished and the three, with four round scores at 279, were driven by golf carts to start the sudden death playoff.

The following pages feature the **Johnnie Walker World Championship** held in Jamaica, West Indies during the 1990's.

The covers are autographed by three stars, John Daly, Nick Faldo, and David Duval.

The stamps shown on the covers are the Jamaica Issue of Dec. 21, 1993.



JAMAICA

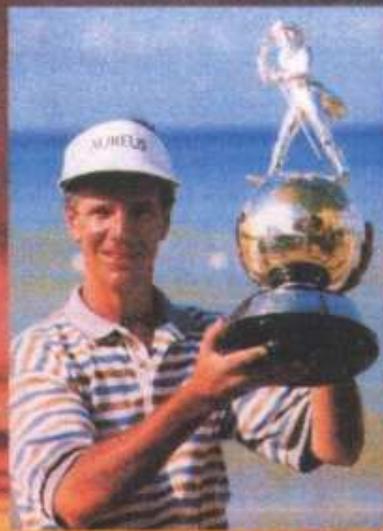
JOIN US AT THE EVENT



Fred Couples - 1991



Nick Faldo - 1992



Larry Mize - 1993



Johnnie Walker World Championship

December 15 - 18, 1994
 The Tryall Golf Club, Hanover, Jamaica
 Presented in co-operation with
THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD

The playoff commenced at the 18th, with all players carding a par and returning to complete a further sudden death hole. Roberts and Singh played the hole poorly, but Freddie rolled in a birdie putt to capture the Johnnie Walker for a second time. He was successful in the 1st tournament five years earlier and won over a million U.S. dollars.

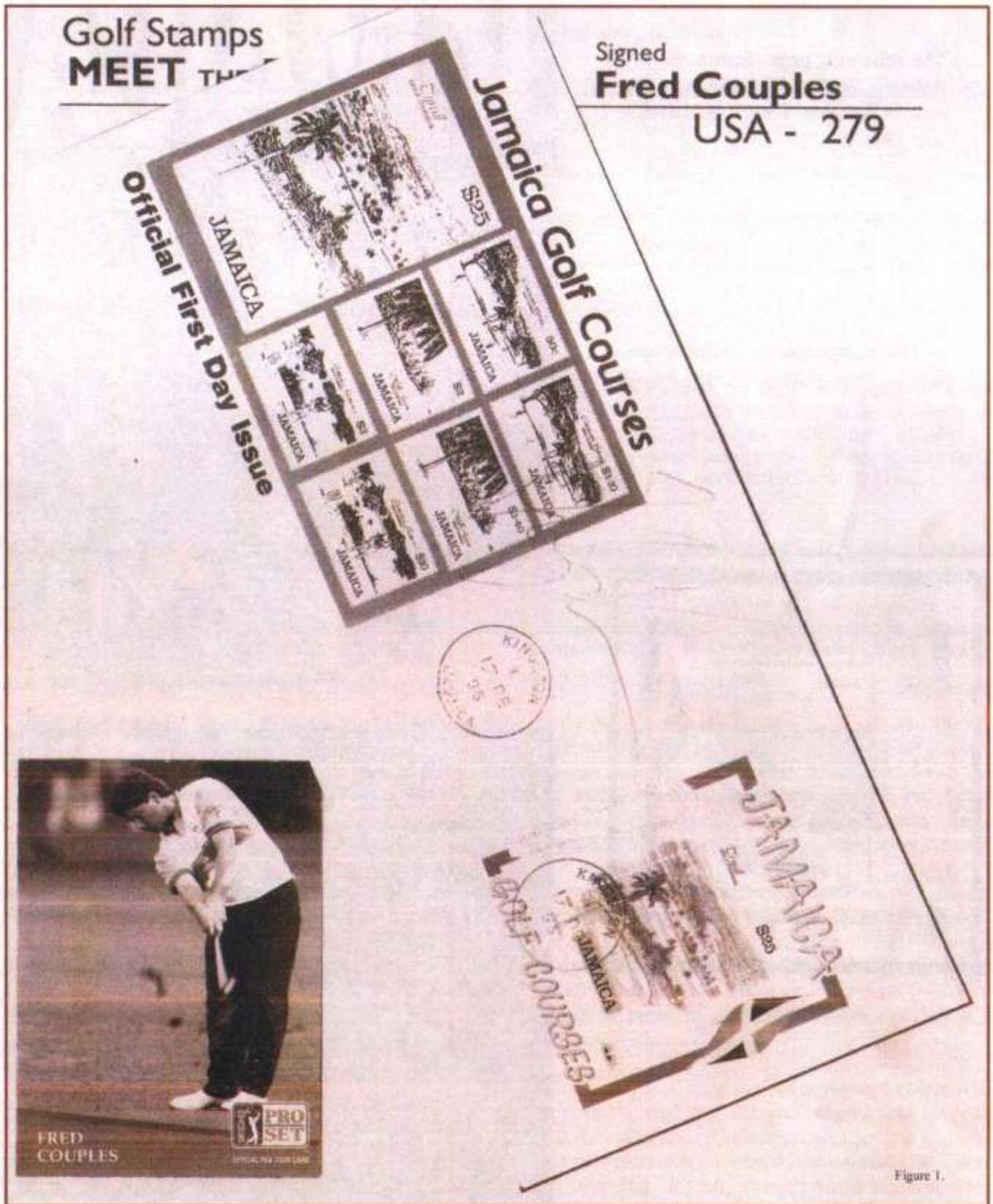


Figure 1.

Golf Stamps
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Signed
Nick Faldo
England - 289

Official First Day Issue

Jamaica Golf Courses



PRIZE COUPON

Nº 85

Johnnie Walker
World Championship

TRYALL, JAMAICA
December 14-17, 1995
Presented in co-operation with
The Jamaica Tourist Board

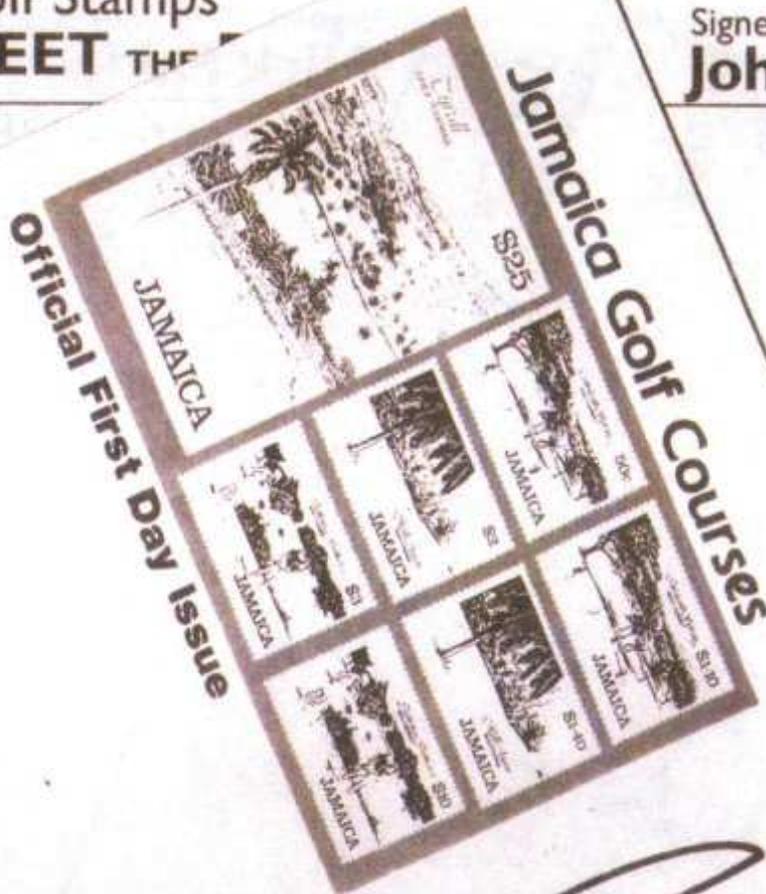


Figure 2.

Golf Stamps
MEET THE

Signed
John Daly

USA - 324



John Daly

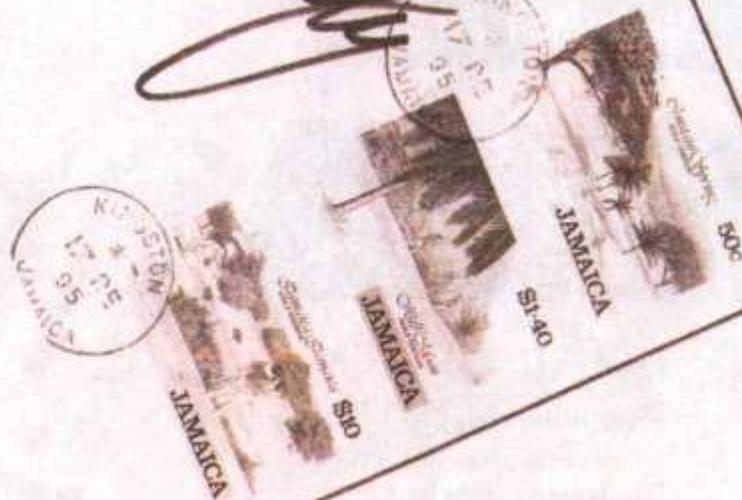
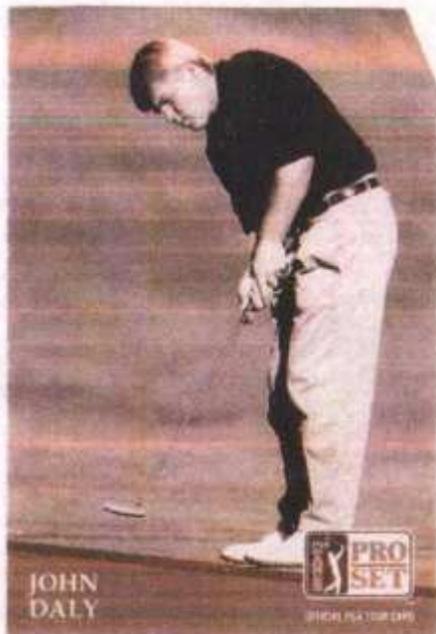


Figure 3.

**NEW & RECENTLY
DISCOVERED ISSUES**
by Alan Hargreaves

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if you have any information you wish
to share

Ukraine

Date of Issue: November 30 2004
Planes



Airplanes.Ukraine & Iran Joint Issue Sheet of 8

Technical details

80 K. multicoloured. AN-140
80 K. multicoloured. Iran-140

Designer: O. Kalmykov

Paper: coated

Printing process: offset

Perforation: comb 11 1/2

Size of

stamp: 52*24.50 mm

se-tenant strip(2 stamps + la-
bel): 156*24.5 mm

Miniature Sheet: 180 x 162 mm

Printing run: 25.000

Michel catalogue numbers: K1b.686-
687

Scott catalog numbers: Ukraine 568a,b

The golf course depicted in the lower
margin is probably the Golden Gate
Golf Club.

*I am grateful to Andrew Ilnycky for
bringing this sheet to our attention.*

Monaco

Date of Issue: August 9 2011
Monaco Sporting Centenaries



Centenary of Monte Carlo Golf Club



Sheet of 10

*I am grateful to Bernard Bergeret for bring-
ing this stamp to our attention.*

Technical details

Design: Alain Giampaoli / Ximénès

Printing process: Offset

Size of the stamp: 30 x 41 mm vertical

Sheet of 10 stamps with illuminations

Monaco Philatelic Bureau

<http://www.octp-monaco.com>

Ireland

Date of Issue: September 15 2011
Solheim Cup, Killeen Castle, Ireland 2011



Suzann Pettersen, Michelle Wie

Technical details

Value & Quantity: 55c (.224m)
Design: Q Design
Stamp Size: 40.64mm x 29.79mm
Colour: Multicolour with phosphor tagging

Make-up: Sheetlets of 16
Perforations: 15 x 14
Printing Process: Lithography
Printer: Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.
Irish Philatelic Bureau
<http://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/IrishStamps/Home/>

GOLF ON FRENCH P.A.P. ENVELOPES PRET-A-POSTER

By John La Porta

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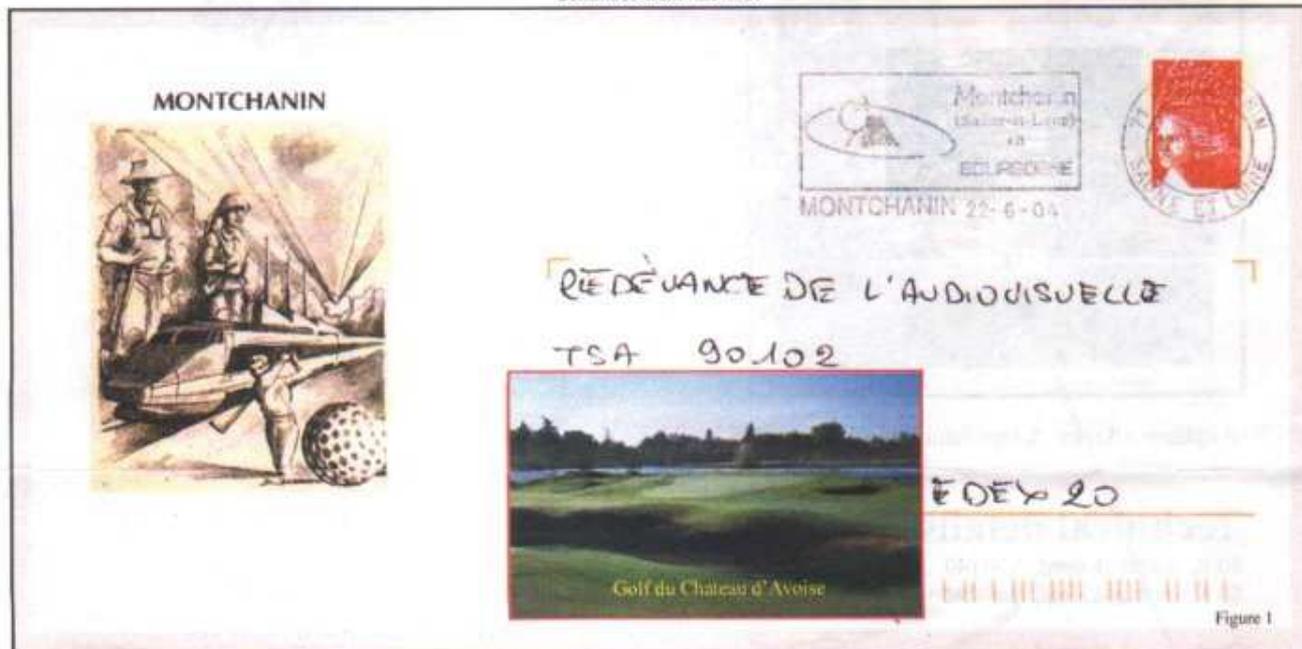


Figure 1

Figure 1 & 2. Town of Montchanin, France. Golfer and golf ball. Two printing, Figure 2 is in darker brown ink. Figure 1 cancelled on June 22, 2004 and Figure 2 cancelled on January 27, 2007. The nearest golf course is the Golf du Chateau d'Avoise.



Figure 2