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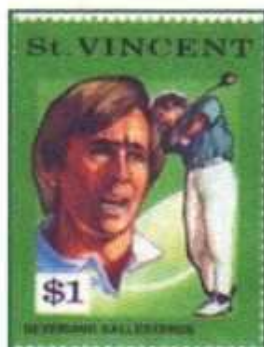
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Following the spectacular result of the 2012 Ryder Cup encounter at Medinah, José María Olazábal dedicated the win to his friend and former Ryder Cup partner, the late Severiano Ballesteros. We remember too, the many visual tributes to Ballesteros at this year's Open at Lytham. It is unsurprising, therefore, that there have been a number of philatelic tributes to the Spanish golfer.

Born on the 9th of April, 1957, in Padrena, Spain, Ballesteros came from a golfing background. He died at Padrena after a long battle against a brain tumour on the 7th of May, 2011. He was a unique athlete with great charisma and a fabulous playing record, including three Open Championships in 1979 and 1984 at St Andrews, and 1988 at Lytham. He was Masters Champion in 1980, and 1983 and won the World Matchplay title a record five times. Seve appeared in eight Ryder Cup matches and was Captain in 1997, having campaigned powerfully for the event to be at Valderrama. Appointed to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1997 he was named European player of the century in 2000.

The following contains a number of philatelic and related items from my collection that relate to this great hero.



The first item featuring Seve is from a miniature sheet of 'Famous Golfers' issued by St Vincent in 1991. The sheet also featured Faldo, Player, Hogan, Nicklaus, Norman, Olazabal and Jones



The Niger Republic pictured Seve in swashbuckling style at Lytham in 1979

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President's Message

Once again dues times has come about. We have one member who has resigned: **Frederick Hillan**.

We need dues from the following members by June 1, 2013 or this is the last issue of TEE TIME which they will receive:

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I would like to thank Jim Gray for providing the article in this issue of TEE TIME. The editor is always in need of articles and we would like for each member to research something in their collection to share with the membership. This doesn't mean just sending photocopies, but telling the connection with golf. I recently found a cover on ebay from Pinehurst which I will write up for the next issue along with information from the Perfin Bulletin. It may give you another area to consider when looking through dealer boxes. It could add a new dimension to your collection.



Tuva also featured Seve alongside other golfing icons in 1995



The Guinea Republic perhaps used artistic licence to portray Seve putting left-handed



Another superb depiction from Turkmenistan of Seve in his 'last day' outfit of navy blue



This Guyana stamp was issued in 1993, along with seven other sporting celebrities in a souvenir sheet



Spain issued three stamps of 'famous personalities', one of whom was Seve, in April 2012 - soon after his death



Spain issued a sports souvenir sheet in 2004 that included a label featuring Seve's swing



This 1994 Barbados issue again featured the 1979 Lytham image, with doctored colours



Seve had a central role in the emergence of Europe as a competitive Ryder Cup team in the 1980s. This postcard (left) shows him in the victorious 1985 team at The Belfrey, led by Tony Jacklin, with a score of Europe 16½ to USA's 11½

THE MAJOR LEAGUE
RYDER CUP



Sevens
Falkenstein, Kent

The US Postal cover above, shows him as part of Bernard Gallacher's 1995 team at Oak Hill, victorious by the narrowest of margins : 14½ to 13½



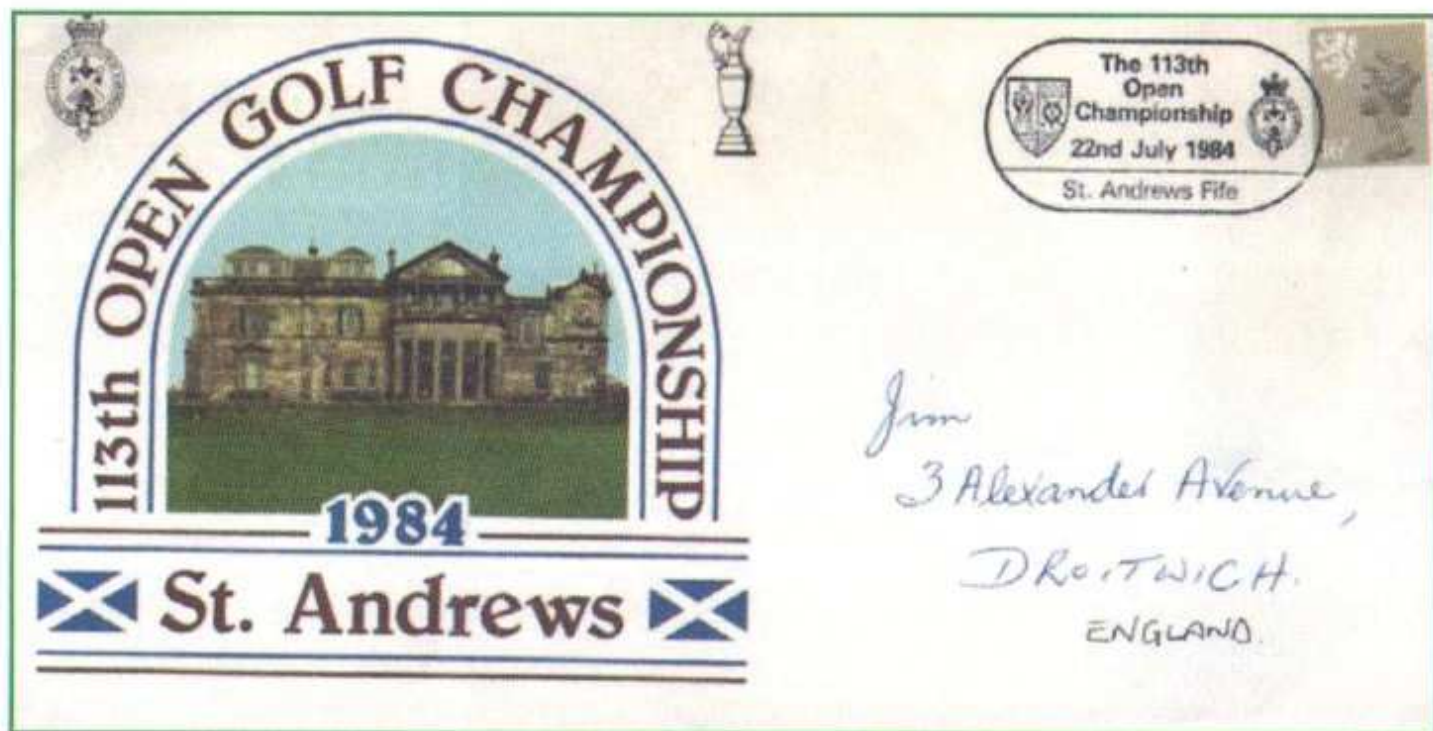
In May 1997, the Isle of Man issued a small mini-sheet honouring the Ryder Cup to be played at Valderrama. The first day cover (shown at 80% actual size) features Seve at the famous Seventeenth, which he re-designed. I also have in my collection, a separate Isle of Man official First Day Cover, without the illustration of the course, but which bears Seve's signature



Turkmenistan issued this sheet showing Seve and his winning team celebrating their 1997 victory at Valderrama. The American team came back strongly in the singles after losing the fourballs and foursomes, but ended just one short of the European total of 14½ points



Seve first appeared in the Open at Royal Birkdale in 1976, when he was joint runner-up to Johnny Miller. HB Rutherford of Dundee issued a special commemorative cover for the event; this one (at 80% actual size) bears the final day cancellation of the 10th of July.



HB Ruthford issued a special cover again for the 1984 Open at St Andrews, venue of Seve's second Open Championship win. He finished strongly with a good four at the Seventeenth and a birdie three on the last for a total of 276, two ahead of Bernhard Langer and Tom Watson.

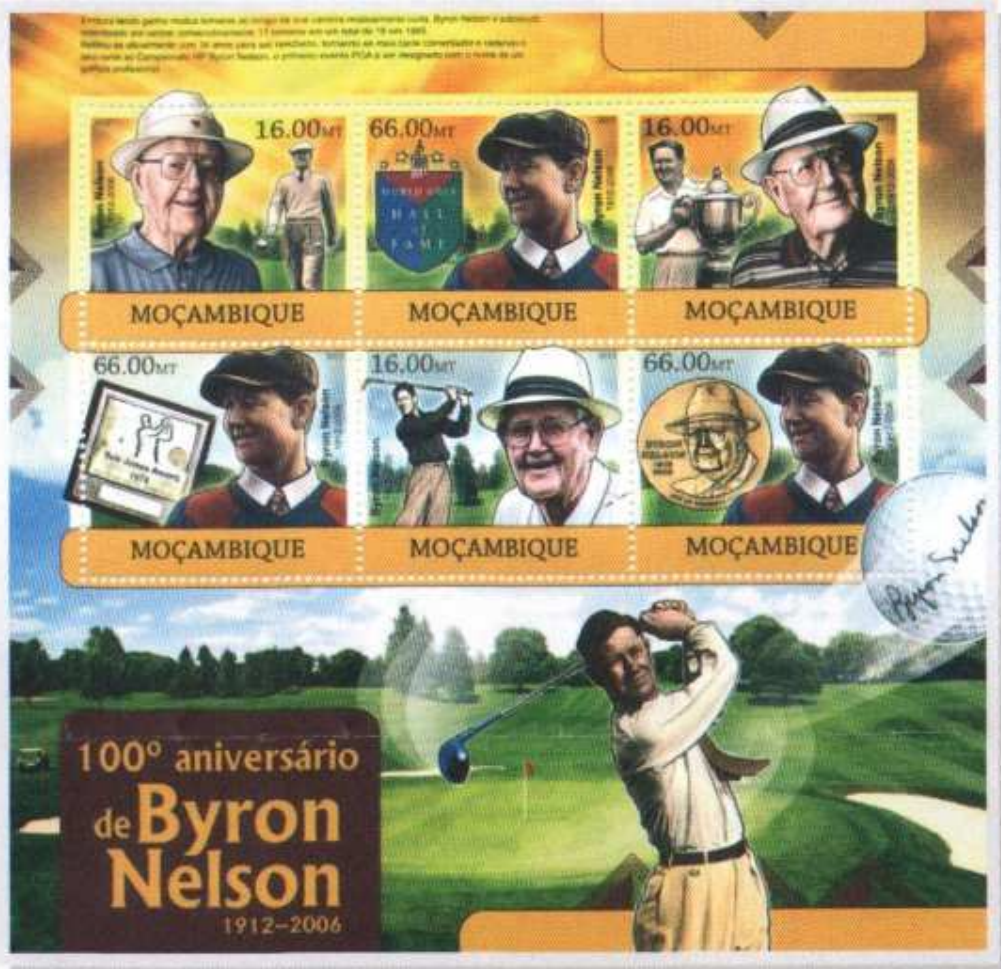


HB Rutherford issued a special cover again for the 1988 Open at Lytham, where Seve won his third and final championship. His last-round 65 brought in a total of 273, two shots ahead of Nick Price.

To be continued

LATEST NEW ISSUES

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MOZAMBIQUE

100th Birth Anniversary of Byron Nelson
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John Byron Nelson was born on February 4, 1912 in Waxahachie, Texas. He died on September 26, 2006 at the age of 94.

He is mostly remembered for having won 11 consecutive tournaments and 18 total tournaments in 1945. In 1974 he received the Bob Jones Award. He also received the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997. In 2000 he received the Payne Stewart and in 2006 he received the Congressional Gold Medal which is pictured on the souvenir sheet.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
Golf Champions
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Gary Player
Phil Mickelson
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Jack Nicklaus



Tiger Woods
Jack Nicklaus

IPGS MEMBERS!

A few items were sent in for publishing and I do thank the members for helping out. But, as usual, there's still not much left in the larder for publication. Please help out your old editor and send something interesting to publish in Tee Time

The Editor