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ANOTHER ASPECT OF GOLF COLLECTING "PERFINS"

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An article entitled "Golf Anyone?" by Bob Szymanski appeared in *The Perfins Bulletin*, September-October 2012, pages 122-123. Portions of the article are used with permission of The Perfins Club and the author. While the article was written to clarify the ownership of the perfin "LT" (fig. 1) it provides background information on Pinehurst, North Carolina and its founders.



Figure 1

To begin, we should define the term "Perfins" which stands for PERForated INSignia. Stamps were perforated with designs, initials or numerals by private firms and governmental agencies to discourage theft and misuse. Perfins were first authorized as a security measure in Britain 1869 and 1908 in the United States.

To understand the significance of the initials "LT" we will look at the early history of Pinehurst. The story begins in 1895 when a Boston philanthropist by the name of James Walker Tufts purchased 6,000 acres averaging about \$1.25 per acre in the sandhills of North Carolina. The land was perceived to be wasteland as the trees had been cut for turpentine and lumber. A local resident, Neil Shaw, was quoted as saying Tufts had been cheated as it wasn't worth more than 85 cents per acre.

Mr. Tufts originally intended the village to be a health resort for people recovering from consumption or tuberculosis. His motive was entirely philanthropic and he intended to sell no land or make a profit. He would build a hotel, several cottages and rooming houses for rental.

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President's Message

It is DUES time once again. I have tried to indicate on the mailing labels whether or not you owe dues in January 2014. If you have *Exp 13 (in red ink, lower right corner of the label)*, you owe dues. The dues for US members will remain at \$15.00 and all others are \$18.00 due to postal rate increases. Dues can be paid through PayPal for those who would like. Please ADD \$1.00 to cover their charges, \$16.00 for US and \$19.00 all others.

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I have updated our information at the post office in regard to societies for which we receive mail;

hopefully we will not have any returns this year. To aid the postal employees, you may want to add: % Cora Collins on the envelope, lower left.

I will be out of circulation for the next month or so as I am having knee replacement surgery. After the initial hospital stay, I will be going to rehabilitation for about two weeks. During that time my husband will pick up the mail and check for any emails which require a response. We should be able to keep up with both.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and celebration of the New Year.

During the time of construction and rapid growth, guests were looking for ways to be entertained and many of the northern guests began banging a little white ball in the dairy fields. Tufts had been advised by a number of his associates that "golf" was probably a passing fancy and not worth the cost or trouble, but fearing milk production would be adversely affected, he commissioned a 9-hole course in 1897-1898. It was extended to an 18 hole course in 1898, i.e., Course No. 1. Pinehurst No. 2 opened in 1901.

James Walker Tufts died in 1902. His son Leonard, who had remained in Massachusetts, inherited the Pinehurst property. By 1904 he realized Pinehurst would keep him busy so he moved to North Carolina as President of Pinehurst, Inc. During his tenure as president, Leonard had a "Perfin machine" which he used on correspondence by perforating the stamps with his initials, "LT". We have three examples of covers which received an "LT" perforated stamp.



Fig. 2 The first cover with a return address of the Pinehurst General Office was used in 1908—the first year perfins were authorized for use in the United States.



Fig. 3 The second cover (which I recently purchased on ebay) is dated 1916 and used on a Holly Inn cover. Holly Inn was the first hotel built on the Pinehurst property. It opened December 31, 1895 and still exists today.



Fig. 4. "LT" Perfin used on a corner card for the Pinehurst Corporation in 1937.

Leonard Tufts died in 1945 and his son, Richard Sise Tufts inherited the property. Richard had become president of the corporation in 1935 after being vice president for fourteen years. Richard is credited with making Pinehurst the golf mecca that it is today. He became active in the US Golf Association and served as its president from 1956 to 1958. In 1970 Pinehurst was sold to the Diamondhead Corporation for \$9 million dollars. In 1984 it changed hands again. Club Corporation of America bought it and has been responsible for returning the resort facilities to their premium quality of earlier years.

(Anyone interested in learning more about Perfins, The Perfins Club website is: www.perfins.org.)

OTHER PINEHURST FINDS

In addition to the perfins illustrated herewith, I found three postcards which were sent from Pinehurst inviting individuals to come to Pinehurst. They are dated 1940, 1941 and 1943. The messages are all signed "James W. Tufts". James W. Tufts died in 1902.

If you look at the handwriting closely, I think you can see that different people wrote the cards, although all three made a good attempt to mimic his handwriting.

We almost have to assume they were sent out in the "spirit of James W. Tufts", the founder's name to entice people to visit Pinehurst. Since the war in Europe had already begun, visitors to Pinehurst may have dwindled and this was a plea to get some of them back. If anyone knows of another generation of Tufts with that name, please let me know. (P.O. Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23501-2183). Neither Leonard nor Richard, had a son named James.



Figures 5 & 6
Eighth Green, No. 3 Course, Pinehurst, N.C. (1940)



Figures 7 & 8
Second Green, No. 3 Course, Pinehurst, N.C. (1941)



Figures 9 & 10
The Pinehurst Country Club (1943)

ADDENDUM: We inadvertently left out Jim Gray's name from the article "Golf Cover from Katepwa" on page five, September 2013 issue. Jim purchased this cover from eBay in 2010.

IPGS MEMBERS!

We can use more articles for future publication. Please send your material in for publication. Do you have a favorite cover that you can write a short piece on? Some interesting postcards? Whatever you have will be appreciated.

The Editor

NEW GOLF CANCEL FROM JAPAN

Yutaka Matsubayshi

The 2013 National Athletic Meeting (Tokyo Sports Festival 2013) was held September 11—October 14, 2013. A total of 25 different cancellations were used during the Festival. The game cancels were used at local post offices in the Tokyo area. The golf design was used at the Hachoji Nishi post office during September 29 through October 14, 2013.



Mascot emblem used for golf athletes.



Mascot emblem used for handicapped golf athletes.

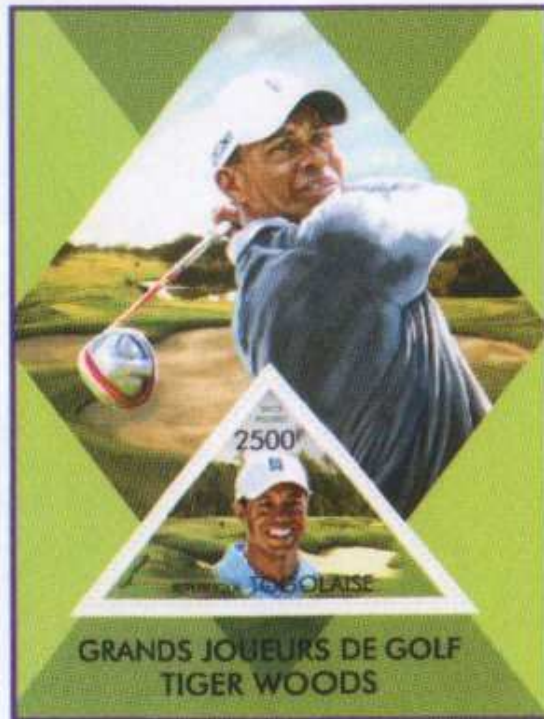
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