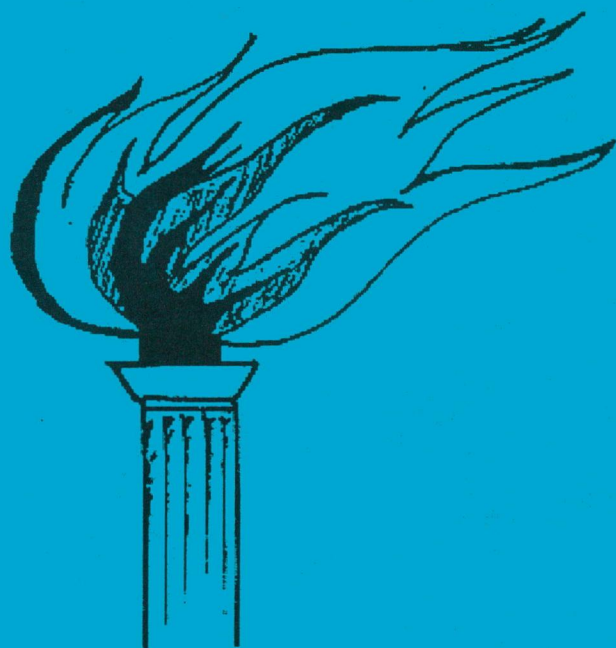


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Membership starts on election, of which applicants will be notified, and will last for one calendar year. All back issues of the magazine for the current year will be sent to members joining during the year.

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## FRONT PAGE

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A belated Happy New Year to all members, with my apologies for the delay in this issue. Once again the programme for the celebration of an Olympic Winter Games has disrupted your Editor's schedule.

I am sure that many of you will have been keeping some very unsocial hours to watch events unfold on television, and I can assure you that any benefits in being at the Games (and therefore on local time), are negated by the wish to also visit postal facilities. I know that a number of our members have attended one or more Olympic Games, and I am sure that they will appreciate the time, alertness and effort required in gathering information, preparing covers and reaching the correct post offices. Personally, I am no longer surprised by the degree to which pure chance plays a part in 'finding' items for my collection at each Olympic Games. This reliance on chance, makes the possibility of forming a complete collection almost impossible, and after each Games it is always possible to identify items that should have been prepared or considered from the knowledge gained during my visit.

For those restricted to collecting at a distance, either by correspondence or reliance on others (friends or dealers), it must occasionally seem quite daunting to browse through lists of postmarks, covers and postcards in journals such as Torch Bearer.

Completeness in any form of collecting is an extremely unlikely goal for at least two reasons; definitive knowledge of completeness; and expense.

The publication of information can address the former, the latter is more difficult.

The sharing of information within the Society, and across the FIPO groups gives each of us an opportunity to play our part, form friendships, and gather socially.

It is often easier to report or publish the first 95-98% of information on any subject, whilst the remaining 2-5% remains known only to a few people (often without them considering it as important) - so I will repeat my regular plea, let Torch Bearer share any new details that **you** may hold.

The Society urgently requires a **Public Relations Officer**, as detailed last issue. This is an important role, needing a methodical approach. The demand on an individual's time will be very dependent on their personal approach - how about some interest?

Due to your Editor's tardiness, the Auction Manager will accept bids until a revised closing date of **25th April 1998** for the current auction.

# NEWS FROM MEMBERS

## Australia Post

Literally, as I was about to finalise copy, Tom D'Arcy forwarded details of an Australia Post Olympic issue -

'Australia Post has issued stamps in the Living Legends series.

They are issued around the date of Australia Day and are SECRET until the day of issue.

Last year it was Bradman - 2 stamps. This year Betty Cuthbert, Herb Elliot, Dawn Fraser, Marjorie Jackson, Murray Rose and Shirley Strickland - 12 stamps. A portrait plus an action view. A sheet of 12 stamps, a folder of 12 with self-adhesives, 6 maxi-cards, 2 FDC's and a book. With the five rings on all stamps.'



Nagano - Olympic Village



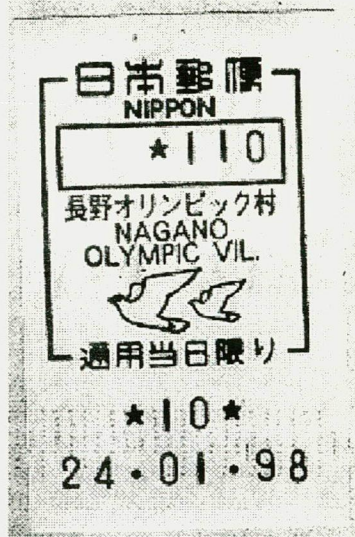
A cover bearing the illustrated airmail vignette and printed meter arrived.

The Olympic Village has been in operation since early January.

The cover has been marked IBC on the reverse, to identify the point of intended mailing but it appears that it was either posted at the Athletes Village, or they are sharing postal facilities until fully operational.

In either event, it seems that there are going to be some interesting times ahead in Nagano!

The airmail vignette is clearly marked From Nagano, hopefully next issue will confirm if this is a purely commercial 'tourist' label or of Olympic significance.



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A slogan postmark used in April 1997 at Prato, Italy, to mark the Gold Medal awarded in Atlanta to Jury Chechi in Rings (gymnastics).

*(Reported by Vittoriano Zambrini).*



# MEMBERS FORUM

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1972 AND 1992 - New labels.

Our librarian Kenny Cook recently found two labels that were previously unknown to all those he has contacted. Can anyone help with information?



The first, illustrated left is on the face of a postcard from Saigon, Vietnam, mailed in 1974.

Beneath *Rex-Rotary*, there is a further line of text in black; 'Prints the Olympic Results'. Reading down the side in very small print; 'Printed in Lebanon'.

The label has been tied to the face of the card by the 'offset' impression of the machine cancel.



The second label, is from the Brazilian Post Office and advertises the fact that they were Official Express Mail Couriers for the 1992 Olympic Games.

*This would be as a result of the United States Postal Authority status as the Official Courier - whereby all the postal authorities participating in the EMS Express Delivery Service worldwide formed part of the network for International Express Delivery.*

*s this is a postal issue, I am sure that some of our members should be able to offer details.*

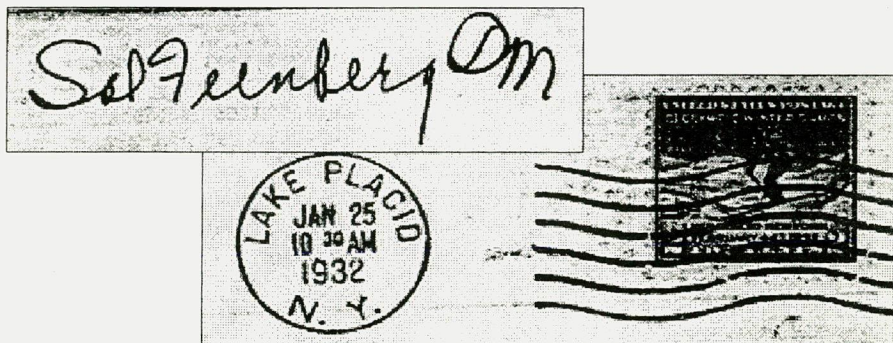


Mystery skater and signatory.

Member Mr. A W Swanston would like assistance with the following queries:

- Is the design of the Roumania miniature sheet illustrated based on an actual skater? On the stamp, the distinctive dress is printed in purple. It has been suggested that the design is intended to represent Katarina Witt.
- Any opinions or facts that you can share?

The autograph on the illustrated 1932 Lake Placid cover could be Sol Funbery OM {Ora Medal?}. Can anyone help to confirm this?



## AUTOGRAPHS OF MILE RECORD HOLDERS

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*The following articles has been offered by an autograph collector, who has very little interest in philatelic souvenirs (other than their use as a medium on which to collect autographs). As the Society offers little support for his collecting interest, he is not a member of the SOC. The lengths to which he goes to secure autographs is however indicative of the effort required in keeping track of material for all collectors, and some of the comments about assistance offered and the use of 'contacts' during his quest should prove helpful to us all.*

The 6th May, 1994 - Grosvenor House Hotel, London. The 40th anniversary to the day of the first sub-four minute mile by Bannister at Oxford. I am sitting in my dinner jacket surrounded by legends and trying not to look overawed. It is not working. I have a colour poster of Bannister and wait my moment to pounce and start filling it with autographs.

I ask my first 'client' very politely - it is Derek Ibbotson, World Record Holder in 1957. Next to him John Landy the Australian asks me if he can sign the poster? I blush and say that I would be delighted. Two minutes later, I am talking to Jim Ryan - my God, Jim Ryan, my hero! My God turns out to be prophetic, Ryan signs and adds 'Go with God, John 3:3-8', he is a Born Again Christian.

An hour or so later, I have queued and begged autographs from the greatest Milers and 1500 metres runners still alive. The names trip off the tongue - Wooderson, Bannister, Landy, Ibbotson, Elliott, Snell, Ryun, Bayi, Walker, Cram, Morceli, Keino, Vasala and more. I leave at midnight and travel home on the last tube train protecting my precious poster from the late night drunks.

The next day I realise that of all the World Record Holders for the Mile still alive I am missing autographs by Andersson and Hagg of Sweden, plus Steve Overt. I look again, at my poster. It is signed by most Olympic Champions at 1500 metres since 1956 except Delaney, Rono, and Cacho. I must find those other six - but how?

Overt was easy, he always works for television and can be found at Crystal Palace at the next Grand Prix - no contest!

Engage brain, I missed Ron Delaney but he was sitting at a table hosted by Ron Clarke the famous Australian runner. Ron Clarke manages Cannons the London fitness club, and my company uses them regularly. One telephone call, a letter, and 'Bingo', Delaney is in the bag!

A month goes by, and I have a quiet day at work. I call the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in London and ask for the address of the Swedish Amateur Athletic

Association. They oblige. I write a nice letter to Stockholm asking for the home addresses of Hagg and Andersson, and they are returned three days later! Wow, those guys are good. Midland Bank provides me with two 20 Kroner banknotes (these guys are after all pensioners, and a couple of pounds is well...). Letters are sent with large writing (Andersson is now 76 years old, and Hagg only 75). Back come two lovely letters, postcard caricatures and extra autographs on plain paper. I warm to the Swedes and promise to vote for them at the next Eurovision Song Contest.

I travel with my wife to Helsinki to watch the European Athletic Championships. We have been there a week and are having dinner with friends in a 'posh' hotel. Across the foyer is Cacho. I rush up and tell him my life story, and how I admire him and need his autograph to complement my collection. He looks at me as if I am an idiot and speaks in Spanish - his English is worse than my Spanish - but he signs!

1988, and Peter Rono wins the Olympic 1500 metres, but he has retired from serious competition. Where can he be? It is now 1995, and my daughter, Julie (and here chance plays a huge part), is staying in Kenka for three weeks with a pen friend. I tell her if she has any time to ask her hosts if they know the whereabouts of Peter Rono. Julie returns from her holiday and does not mention Rono, and I do not want to ask. Forty-eight hours she made me wait! Then she produces three sheets of paper with his autograph on - she only had lunch with him and three other International Runners!

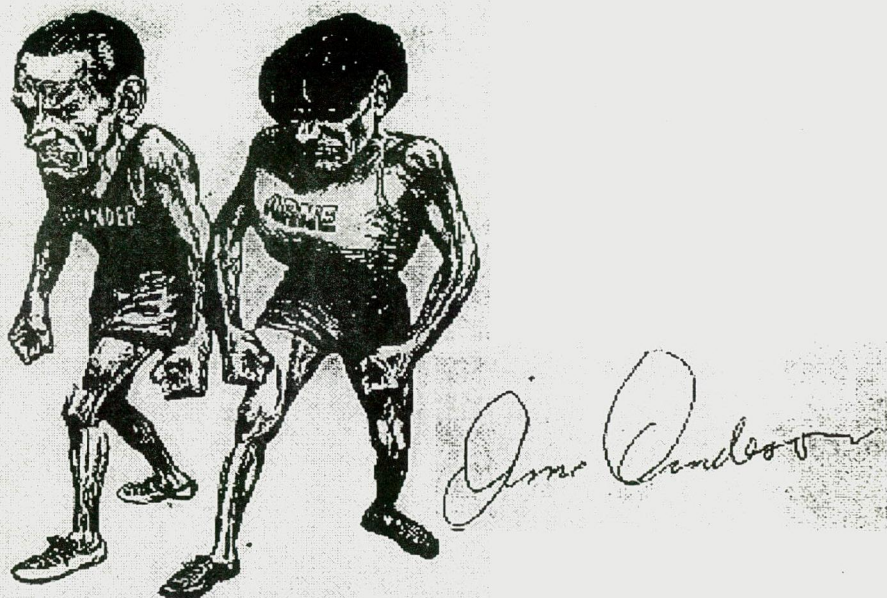
I thank her and try not to appear jealous.

*Background Notes:*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Bannister', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of a block of text.

Roger Bannister became the first man to run the mile under 4 minutes in a time of 3:59.4 on 6th May 1954 at Oxford where he still lives. Bannister had been President of the Oxford University Athletic Club and was a key figure in having the track changed from the old 1/3 of a mile circuit

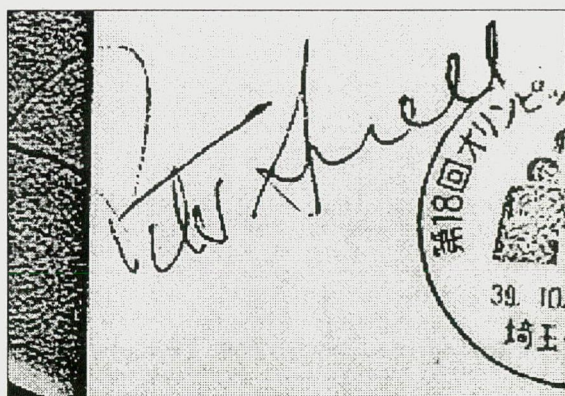
to a 440 yard international specification. He promised himself that he would then break the World Mile record on 'his track'.

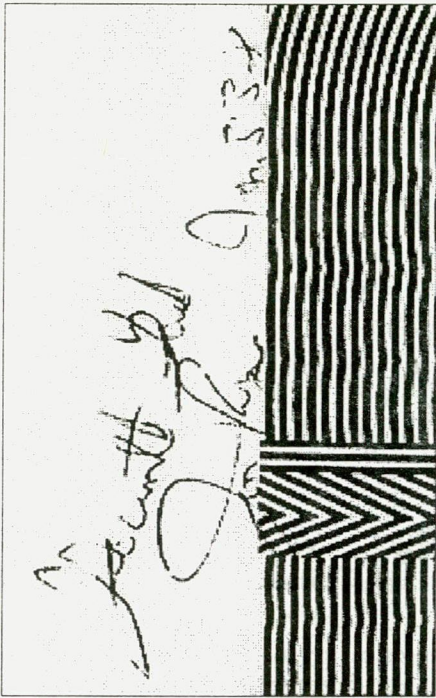


Arne Andersson set 3 world mile records during the Second World war, 4:06.2, 4:02.6 and 4:01.6. The fastest being run at Malmo in 1944. His great rival was Gundar Haegg who opposes him in the caricature, and broke Andersson's World Mile Record again at Malmo one year and one day later with 4:01.4. Both men broke or equalled the World Mile Record three times. Andersson is a very sprightly 80 years old living in Sweden.

Peter Snell first broke the World Mile Record in 1962 at Wanganui running 3:54.4 and then broke his own record in 1964 at Auckland in a time of 3:54.1.

Peter Snell won three Olympic Gold Medals.





Jim Ryan was 19 years old when he first broke the World Mile Record in 1966 at Berkley, California running 3:51.3 and then a year later at Bakerfield, California he brought the record down to 3:51.1. Ryan won a silver medal at the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games.

Fibert Bayi set a new World Record Mile time of 3:51.0 in 1975 at Jamaica, only for it to be broken three months later by John Walker. Bayi won a silver medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games in the 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Unfortunately, the photograph of Lovelock and Wooderson will not reproduce.

John (Jack) Lovelock broke the World Mile Record in 1933 running 4:07.6 for a combined Oxford and Cambridge University team in Princetown and then at the 1936 Olympic Games broke the 1500 metre World Record. He died in 1949 when he fell under a subway train in New York.

Sydney Wooderson set a new World Mile Record in 1937 at Motspur Park, Surrey in 4:06.4. Wooderson is now 83 years old.

## THE CENTENARY GAMES, ATLANTA

### A SUMMARY OF POSTAL ISSUES

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Professor Moses Laufer

At the 1996 Centenary Olympic Summer Games in Atlanta, one hundred and ninety seven nations took part, fifteen times as many as in Athens 1896. There were 10,744 participants, thirty eight times as many as in Athens, when only two hundred and eighty competitors took part.

Of the participating nations, one hundred and sixty four issued postage stamps (*table 1*), accounting for a total issue of over one thousand two hundred and eighty stamps, of which twenty two were imperforate. This was supplemented by over one hundred and ninety miniature sheets, of which twenty two were imperforate. Imperforate issues have only been detailed where issued parallel to perforated issues.

Twenty three postal administrations from territories without a participating team at the Atlanta Games also issued commemorative stamps and/or miniature sheets.

In an attempt to make a comparative study of the philatelic output of the postal administrations (excluding those 'black listed' for exhibition), the average number of stamps per issuing authority has been tabulated for participating nations, non-participating nations, and the overall average number. This has been repeated for miniature sheets (*table 2*).

From this table, it is possible to see that the postal administrations have not actually increased their average output (and the average is influenced by a small number of 'offenders'). The frequency of imperforate issues which have long been regarded as superfluous, or even harmful is reducing. In 1964 imperforate issues accounted for 2.9% of output, in 1972 this had risen to 6.1%, and by 1996 this has reduced to only 0.02%.

The proportion of stamps issued by non-participating nations also shows a healthy decline - 25.6% in 1964, almost 57% in 1972, and only 1.6% in 1996.

The number of miniature sheets has also reduced by almost 50%

Factors such as the IOC efforts to limit the number of stamps within each issue, the existence of many more 'new' nations, and the broader participation by smaller nations have all obviously had an impact.

Taken overall, it seems that we have reason to feel optimistic about the future of our hobby.

**Participating Nations**

**Table 1.**

Postal Administration	1	2	3	4
Albania	3		1	
Algeria	1			
Andorra	1			
Angola	2		1	
Antigua & Barbuda	30		8	
Argentina	4			
Armenia	4			
Aruba	2			
Australia	4			
Austria	1			
Azerbaijan	7		1	
Bahamas	4		1	
Bahrain	4			
Bangladesh	4		1	
Barbados	4		1	
Belarus	4		1	
Belgium	2		1	
Benin	22		3	
Bermuda	4			
Bhutan	3		1	
Bolivia			2	
Boznia Herzegovina	4			
Botswana	4			
Brazil	4			
British Virgin Islands	4			
Bulgaria				
Burkino Faso	1		4	
Burundi	2			
Cambodia	29		3	
Cameroun	2			
Canada	5			
Cape Verde	3			
Cayman Islands	4			
Central African Rep.	44		2	
Chad	8			
Chile	4			
Chinese Taipei	2			
Columbia	1			
Congo	12	6	8	7
Cook Islands	6			
Costa Rica	3			
Croatia	5			

Postal Administration	1	2	3	4
Cuba	23		2	
Cyprus	4			
Czech Republic	2			
Denmark	4			
Djibouti	1			
Dominica	16		6	
Dominican Republic	4			
Ecuador	3		2	
Egypt	1		1	
El Salvador	4			
Estonia			1	
Ethiopia	5			
Fiji	4		1	
Finland	4			
France	1			
Gabon	2		1	
Gambia	39		3	
Georgia	10		2	
Ghana	35		4	
Germany	4			
Great Britain	5			
Greece	4		3	
Grenada	40		4	
Guinea	10	5	8	7
Guinea Equatorial	4			
Guyana	72		5	
Haiti	2		1	
Hong Kong	8		3	
Hungary	3		1	
Iceland	4			
India	2			
Indonesia	3			
Ireland	4			
Israel	6			
Italy	4			
Ivory Coast	4			
Jordan	4			
Kazakstan	3		1	
Kenya	29		2	
Korea South	2			
Kuwait	4		1	
Kyrgisia	4			

**Table 1. (cont).**

Postal Administration	1	2	3	4	Postal Administration	1	2	3	4
Laos	15		3		Roumania	11		2	
Latvia	4		1		Russia	5		1	
Lesotho	13		2		St. Kitts & Nevis	17		3	
Liberia	30		1		St. Lucia	4			
Liechtenstein	3				San Marino	5			
Lithuania	2		1		St. Thomas & Prince	13		5	
Luxembourg	1				Saudi Arabia	2			
Macedonia	6				Senegal	5	5		
Madagascar	7	5	7	7	Seychelles	4		1	
Maldives	34		4		Sierra Leone	6		1	
Mali	10				Singapore	4			
Malta	4				Slovakia	1		1	
Mauritania	4				Slovenia	2			
Mauritius	4				Solomon Islands	4			
Mexico	5				South Africa	6			
Monaco	4				Sri Lanka	4			
Mongolia	11		2		St. Vincent & Gren's	64		6	
Morocco	1				Suriname	6		1	
Mozambique	4				Switzerland	1			
Namibia	4				Syria	3		1	
Nepal	1				Tajikistan	5			
Netherland	4				Tanzania	18		2	
New Zealand	6		1		Thailand	9			
Nicaragua	35		4		Togo	19		2	
Niger	4		1		Tonga	7			
Nigeria	4				Tunisia	3			
Norway	2				Turkey			1	
Oman	4				Turkmenistan	5		1	
Pakistan	4		1		Uganda	28		2	
Palestine	5		1		Ukraine	3		1	
Papua & New Guinea	4				United Arab Republic	4			
Paraguay	2				U. S. A.	22			
Peoples Rep. of China	1				Uruguay	5		1	1
Peoples Rep. of Korea	6		2		Uzbekistan	4			
Peru	4				Vanatou	4			
Philippines	4		1		Venezuela	5			
Poland	5				Vietnam	7	7	1	1
Portugal	4		1		Western Samoa	4			
Qatar	6				Yemen	5		1	
Nauru	4				Yugoslavia	12		1	
Republic of Moldova	4		2		Zaire	5		7	

Note: Column 1 = stamps; 2 = blocks; 3 = imperf stamps; 4 = imperf blocks.

## Non-Participating Nations

Postal Administration	1	2	3	4
Anguilla	4			
Aitutaki	2			
Eritrea	13		2	
Gibraltar	3			
Grenada Grenadines	30		4	
Guernsey	5		1	
Jersey	5		1	
Krajna	1			
Macau	4		1	
Marshall Islands	4			
Micronesia	4			
Montserrat	4			

Postal Administration	1	2	3	4
Palau	24			
Penrhyn	1			
Sahara O.C.C.	11		2	
Turkisk Cyprus			1	
Turks & Caicos	10			
Tuvalu	4			
U. N. O. Geneve	2		1	
U. N. O. New York	2		1	
U. N. O. Vienna	2		1	
Vatican	5			
Wallis & Futuna	1			

Note: Column 1 = stamps; 2 = blocks; 3 = imperf stamps; 4 = imperf blocks.

Table 2.

		1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996
Stamps	A	8.0	8.3	8.8	7.8	7.2	9.9	6.8	7.6	7.3	7.5
	B	3.9	13.1	18.8	41.2	9.0	12.0	10.3	7.9	9.6	5.8
	C	6.7	10.4	12.2	19.0	9.3	10.8	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.3
Sheets	A	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.0
	B	0.5	1.8	4.0	8.0	2.8	3.1	4.8	1.3	3.2	0.7
	C	0.6	1.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.1	2.4	0.9

- A Average number of stamps / M Sheets issued by participating nations.
- B Average number of stamps / M Sheets issued by non-participating nations.
- C Average number of stamps / M Sheets issued by all postal authorities.

# RECENT POSTAL STATIONERY

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Most Philatelic Magazines provide 'New Issue' listings for postage stamps, and for this reason **Torch Bearer** does not attempt to compete - with quarterly issues we can only really compile lists from details already printed, and these would of course be at least two months behind monthly journals by the time that details reach the members.

Postal Stationery issues are not regularly reported by all Philatelic Magazines, and many items only become known when found in dealers boxes, or at Postal Administration stands at major philatelic events.

A number of very attractive items have either been issued, or will be issued during February 1998, and present new opportunities for the collectors of past Olympiads.

## Sweden

**he superb design of the 1912 official vignettes is now available as an imprint 'stamp' design on a pair of postal stationery cards.** The cards show the vinette design on the picture side (155 x 105mm), and the design is reproduced on the reverse as the 'stamp'. The cards are rated at European, and Worldwide rates. This very attractive pair of cards seem very difficult to find, and in Britain the Official Agents of the Swedish Post Office seem to have received supplies to service their standing order clients - but little or no surplus.

## Switzerland

On February 5th, the PTT will issue a set of three postal stationery cards. These use the IOC Centenary stamp design, 'Taxe Percue', instead of the original 1.80 SFr value. The face designs of the cards will each commemorate a single Olympiad; St Moritz 1928; St Moritz 1948; Sion (candidate) 2006.



(A special handstamp for the Sion candidature will also be available on the 12th February in conjunction with the First Day of Issue of a commemorative stamp).

*St Moritz 1928 - surely a welcome addition to illustrate these Games.*



*St Moritz 1948 - with philatelic interest on the face side.*



## Australia

Australia Post will again be issuing a postal stationery envelope to commemorate the Olympic Winter Games early in February. (Perhaps this may be a sign of more stationery items to come as Sydney approaches).

The imprinted stamp design, shows an action view of a short track speed skater, and the text Postage Paid.



The illustration on the front of the envelope shows a bobsleigh.



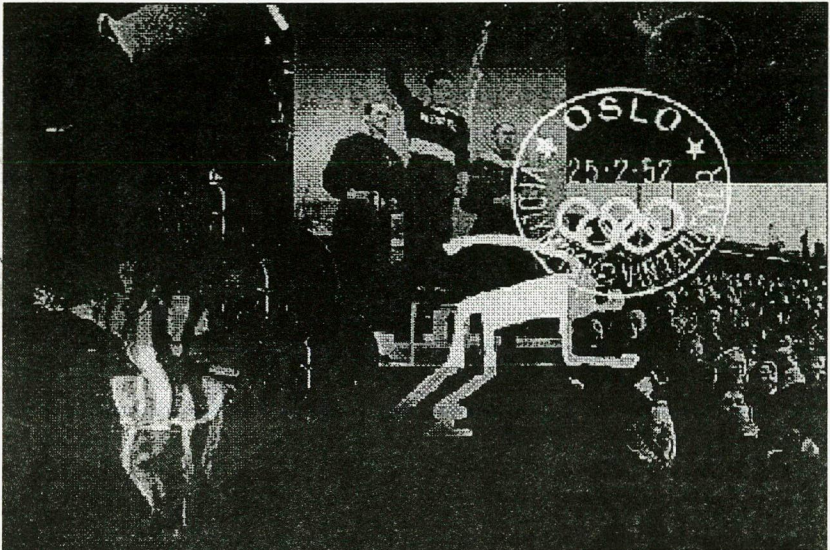
'International Postage Paid Envelope Maximum Weight 20g.'

## Norway

In November, to commemorate the opening of the Olympic Museum in Lillehammer, Norway Post issued a set of ten postal stationery cards. These all bear a 'stamp' imprint showing the Olympic Rings 'Taxe Percue' for use to Worldwide addresses.



The face designs of the cards show composite designs commemorating the Olympic Games from 1896 - 1996, and many use Olympic Collectables as part of their design. These cards are the first series issued by Norway Post, under a new policy recognising the potential collector market for postal stationery items. On the same day, a series of Christmas postal stationery were also released, landing the unsuspecting new issue subscriber with a bill of over £15.00.



The Olympic cards are superb, and with a printing of only 20,000 sets, may prove scarce, however, there will undoubtedly be a number of disgruntled Norwegian collectors as a result of this new issuing policy, and I am sure that a number of the sets sent to new issue subscribers will appear on the market.

# ARNOLD NUGENT STRODE JACKSON

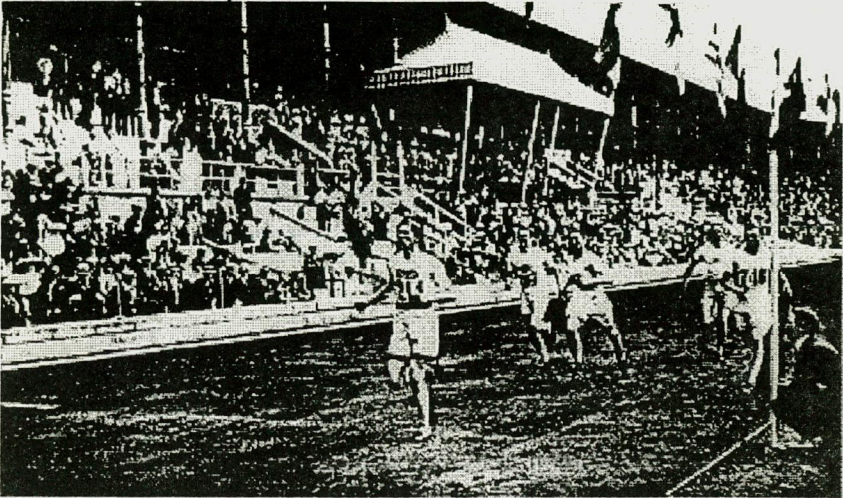
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David Buxton

## Arnold Nugent Strode Jackson (later A N S Strode-Jackson).

In the past it has been the purchase of a postcard new to my collection that has sparked an article for **Torch Bearer**. This time it is a new job which brought to my attention the achievements of Arnold Jackson who won the 1500 metre Gold Medal at the Olympic Games at Stockholm in 1912. Arnold Jackson was a student at Brasenose College, Oxford when he was selected for the Olympics and it is at Brasenose that I now work. Shortly after commencing my new employment, a plaque to Jackson at the college caught my attention.

Having found a number of references to the career of Jackson, I was fortunate enough to buy a postcard of him winning his Olympic Gold Medal from the recent auction of Healey and Wise.



*Jackson (214) crosses the winning line to secure the 1500m. Gold Medal.*

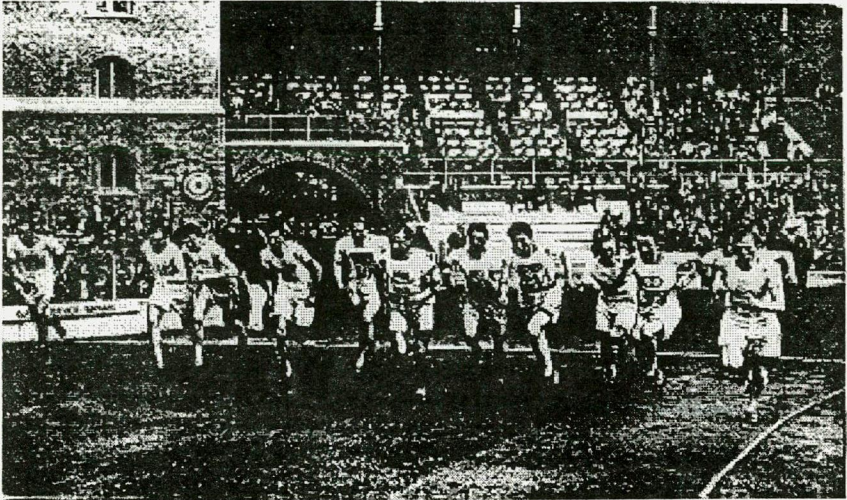
Jackson was born at Addlestone, Surrey on 5th April, 1891 and excelled at a number of sports at Malvern College. His uncle was Clement Jackson, the former holder of the World High Hurdles record, and encouraged Arnold in his running. Jackson's training was casual and it was his natural talent that enabled him to win the mile against Cambridge University in 4:21.6 and selection for the Olympics.

Jackson had a long stride and was the most inexperienced runner in the Olympic

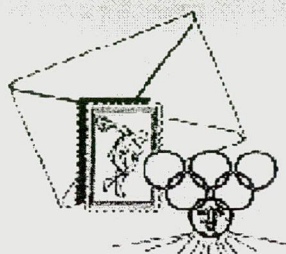
final. He won in 3:56.8 which was a new British and Olympic Record beating the World Mile Record Holder John Paul Jones and Abe Kiviat the World 1500 Metre Record Holder. Jackson only ran about half a dozen first class races before he retired in 1914.

In the First World war Jackson served with the King's Royal Rifle Corps becoming the youngest Brigadier-General in the British Army. He was mentioned six times in despatches and won the DSO. and three Bars. He served as a member of the British Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and was awarded the CBE. He changed his name to Strode-Jackson by deed poll and still retained Strode as a first name.

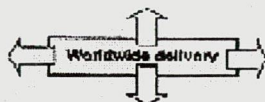
He moved to America and became an American Citizen, returning to England where he died at Oxford on 13th November, 1972. Brasenose College's favourite story of Jackson is that whilst in America he was called upon to officiate at a wedding. The bride to be was a strong Catholic, and he was asked to say something in Latin during the service, which he did. After the service he was asked by the groom what he had actually said. "My College Grace" Jackson replied, "For what you are about to receive, may the Lord make you truly thankful."



*As a result of purchasing the postcard of Jackson winning the 1500m, it was possible to identify him as the fourth runner from the right (214) on this postcard showing the start of the 1500m that was already in my collection.*



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## SPONSORS OF THE 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES (10)

John Miller

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#### (a) Royal Mail

Apart from the attractive set of stamps and the items shown on the merchandising leaflet, (Vol.14 No.1 pp28) a number of other collectables were produced in co-operation with the regional administrations of Royal Mail. All are decorated with the artwork and B. O. A. logo which was used on the stamp booklets.

These include:-

A plastic 'frisbee' 9" (230mm) in diameter.

A strong plastic beaker, 7.5" (185mm) tall and 3.5" (88mm) diameter, covered by a dark blue clip on lid with a hole in the centre. Each beaker was issued with a 12" (305mm) long plastic straw which also acts as the staff for a small rectangular flag, 5" x 6.5" (125 x 165mm), clipped to it.

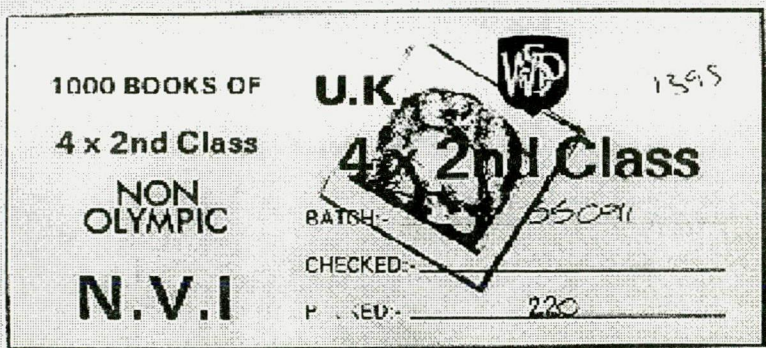
A ceramic drinking mug of general pattern 3.75" (95mm) tall.

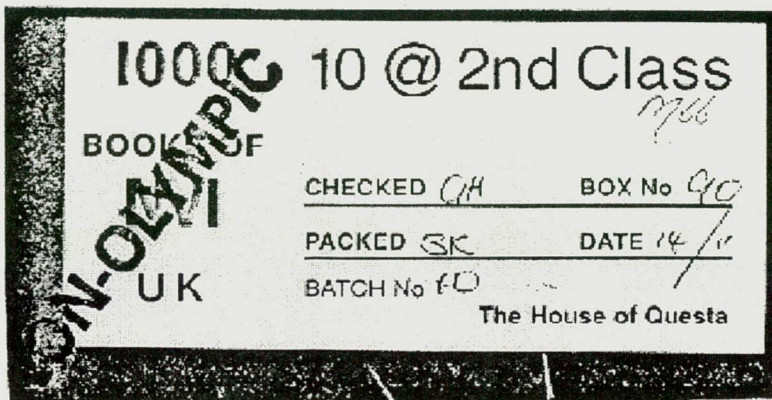
A baseball cap with the Royal Mail logo on the peak and 'branded' artwork on the brow.

A large zip-up sports bag made of plasticised fabric, complete with a shoulder strap. This has the Royal Mail logo on one end and the B. O. A. logo on the other.

#### BOX LABELS - Post-Olympic Booklets.

Following the box labels for each of the twenty different branded booklets, the labels on the boxes for the booklets issued in February 1997 indicated that the contents were 'NON-OLYMPIC'. The labels from two printers, Walsall and House of Questa, are illustrated. Harrison did not include the information on their labels. These are the first examples of any label indicating what is NOT in a box.





#### Other Olympic Items.

Box labels for the Olympic FDC's and the packs of PHQ cards also refer to the Games. The FDC's were produced by Chapman Envelopes and are of a different design to the special commemorative cover produced by The House of Questa. None of the artwork from the Questa cover has been used and the logos, with sponsorship text, are on a stiffener which is enclosed in the envelope.

PRODUCT:FIRST DAY COVER  
 TITLE: OLYMPIC GAMES  
 QUANTITY: 500 (BANDED)  
 MONTH OF ISSUE:APRIL 1996  
 SUPPLIER:CHAPMAN ENVELOPES

The label for the PHQ cards quotes a 'stamp value 26p', which is a little confusing as the cards were sold in packs of five for £1.25 per pack. The cards are enlargements of the five 26p stamps issued to commemorate the 1996 Games but they are not valid for postal use and were not sold separately.

#### Stamp Booklets.

##### General Issues:-

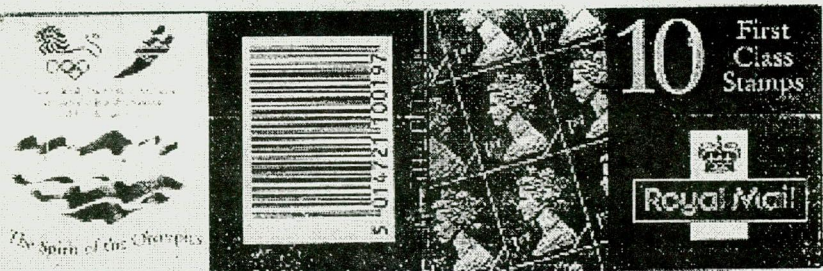
The following two tables give the basic information for all twenty booklets along with the major variety, numbered 1a. That booklet was never knowingly stocked by the Philatelic Bureau and its date of issue is uncertain. There are numerous other minor varieties in those issued between February 1996 and February 1997.

Product :	ROYAL MAIL STAMP CARDS		
Title :	OLYMPICS (COLLATED 5 KINDS )		
Quantity :	1000 CARDS	Stamp Value :	26p
Product Number & Letter :	PHQ 180 ( a-e )		
Month Of Issue :	JULY 1996		
Supplier :	THE WHITE DOVE PRESS		

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**Table 1**

List No.	Bureau No.	Date of	Contents Issue	Printer	Front cover Text Layout	Defacing Bars
1	UB123	06/02/96	4 @ 1st Class	Walsall	Centred	Yes
	1a	/05/96	4 @ 1st Class	Walsall	Centred	No
2	UB124	06/02/96	4 @ 2nd Class	Walsall	Centred	Yes
3	UB125	06/02/96	10 @ 2nd Class	Harrison	Centred	Yes
4	UB126	06/02/96	10 @ 1st Class	Walsall	Centred	Yes
5	UB127	06/02/96	10 @ 2nd Class	Questa	Centred	Yes
6	UB128	19/03/96	4 @ 35p	Walsall	Centred	No
7	UB129	19/03/96	4 @ 41p	Walsall	Centred	No
8	UB130	19/03/96	4 @ 60p	Walsall	Centred	No
9	UB131	07/03/96	10 @ 1st Class	Harrison	Centred	Yes
<b>Triathlon Booklets</b>			(Print run of 7.8m: 4.1m to Royal Mail retail;			
10	UP011	13/05/96	10 @ 1st Class	Harrison	Left Justified	Will you be a
11	UP012	13/05/96	10 @ 1st Class	Harrison	Left Justified	the Olympics
12	UP013	13/05/96	10 @ 1st Class	Harrison	Left Justified	Find out instan
13	UB132	08/07/96	4 @ 37p	Walsall	Left Justified	No
14	UB133	08/07/96	4 @ 63p	Walsall	Left Justified	No
15	UP014	15/07/96	10 @ 1st Class	Walsall	Left Justified	No
16	UB134	06/08/96	10 @ 2nd Class	Harrison	Left Justified	Yes
17	UB135	06/08/96	10 @ 2nd Class	Questa	Left Justified	No
18	UB136	06/08/96	10 @ 1st Class	Harrison	Left Justified	Yes
19	UB137	06/08/96	10 @ 1st Class	Walsall	Left Justified	No
20	UP017	07/10/96	10 @ 1st Class	Walsall	Left Justified	No



the number of booklets sold with poor (clipped) perforations Harrison introduced a based monitoring and checking system into their production. Using a video camera ons of each booklet are scanned as it passes down the production line. This is done olding and packing stage. The size of the pane of stamps is compared with a model held ounter which ascertains whether the booklet has trimmed perforations. Any booklets that ard have the word 'void' seperated by four black bars, printed twice on the spine of the e printing is in black ink using an inkjet printer. The example shown is on a booklet on Table 1. The void booklets should then be removed manually by a checker.

Tab Text	Bar Code Number	Light Margin Indicator	Printers' Initial	Myall Group
None	5 014721 100180	>	None	1
None	5 014721 100180	>	None	6
None	5 014721 100272	>	None	1
None	5 014721 100265	None	None	1
None	5 014721 100197	>	None	1
None	5 014721 100265	None	None	1
For Worldwide Postcards	5 014721 101262	>	None	2
For items up to 10g	5 014721 101279	>	None	2
For items up to 20g	5 014721 101897	>	None	2
None	5 014721 100197	None	None	1
m to PO Counters; 0.3m to Philatelic Bureau)			Void Panel Numbers	
Shot Put	5 014721 100197	None	L1 - L24	
Hurdles	5 014721 100197	None	L25 - L48	
Archery	5 014721 100197	None	L49 - L72	
For Worldwide Postcards	5 014721 102955	>	None	3
For items up to 20g	5 014721 102962	>	None	3
W H Smith Offer Inside	5 014721 100197	>	W	5
None	5 014721 100265	None	H	4
None	5 014721 100265	None	Q	5
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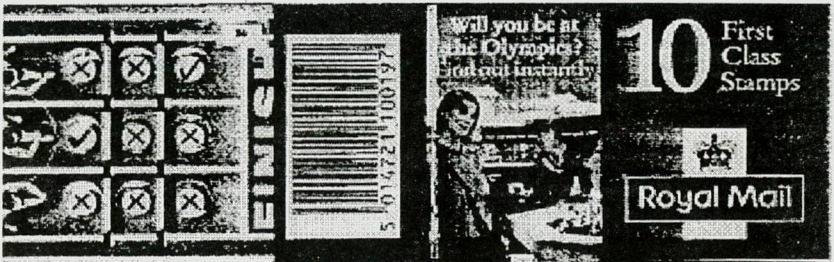
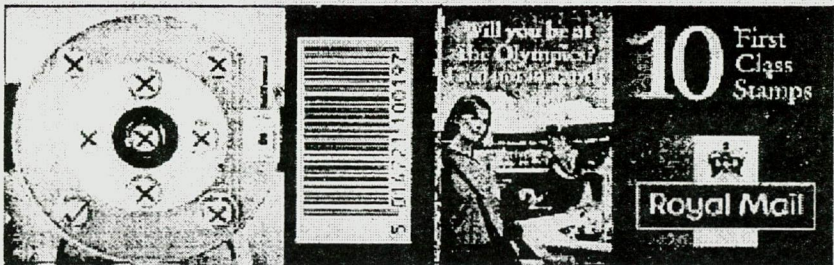
**Table 2 - Plate / Cylinder Combinations**

List No	Bureau No.	Date of Issue	Contents	Printer	Plate / Cylinder Combinations	
1	UB123	06/02/96	4 @ 1st	Walsall	W34 W42 W45	W34 W42 W46
					W35 W43 W46	W36 W44 W47
					W39 W46 W50	W39 W46 W51
					W40 W46 W51	W41 W47 W52
					W42 W47 W52	W42 W48 W52
					W42 W48 W53	W42 W49 W53
					W43 W49 W53	W43 W49 W54
					W44 W49 W54	W44 W49 W55
					W45 W49 W55	W45 W49 W56
					W45 W50 W56	W46 W50 W56
					W47 W50 W57	W47 W51 W57
	1a	/05/96	4 @ 1st	Walsall	W42 W49 W53	W43 W49 W53
					W43 W49 W54	W42 W47 W52
2	UB124	06/02/96	4 @ 2nd	Walsall	W11 W15	W12 W15
					W13 W16	W14 W17
					W14 W18	W14 W19
3	UB125	06/02/96	10 @ 2nd	Harrison	B1/B8	B3/B8
4	UB126	06/02/96	10 @ 1st	Walsall	W45 W33 W38	W45 W33 W39
					W46 W33 W39	W46 W34 W39
					W47 W35 W40	W47 W36 W40
					W48 W36 W40	W48 W36 W41
					W49 W36 W41	W49 W37 W41
5	UB127	06/02/96	10 @ 2nd	Questa	Q23 Q23/Q2	Q24 Q24/Q2
					Q25 Q25/Q2	
6	UB128	19/03/96	4 @ 35p	Walsall	W3 W4	
7	UB129	19/03/96	4 @ 41p	Walsall	W2 W1	
8	UB130	19/03/96	4 @ 60p	Walsall	W2 W1	
9	UB131	07/03/96	10 @ 1st	Harrison	B5/B99	B11/B99
10	UP011	13/05/96	10 @ 1st	Harrison	B11/B99	
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					W54 W42 W44	

## Stamp Booklets - Triathlon, Scratch Card

Two of the winning booklets are illustrated. One claiming a Silver prize, S6 (in the void panel) and one claiming a Bronze prize, B9. Fifty silver and three hundred bronze prizes were offered. The list of prize winners gives the names and county locations of fifty four people. It does not indicate the level of prize that they won. However, it is known that none of the ten Gold prizes were claimed. From the three hundred and sixty prizes offered, only sixty four can be accounted for. Somewhere, either in 'unscratched' booklets held by collectors and dealers, or destroyed in the Royal Mail's incinerators, are the other two hundred and ninety six winning booklets.

All but number L40 of the 72 losing booklets have now been seen.



It is interesting to note that between the time when these booklets were being publicised and actual time of issue, a number of changes were made to the artwork. In particular the removal of an area behind the female figure showing the Swiss flag. The A4 Grill card RMN/204/96/A4 and the DL size counter leaflet RMN/204/96/DL show this most distinctly.

(ah) South Wales and South West Division.

The official stationery used by Customer Services, Cardiff Division, shows both the B.O.A. and B.P.A. logos along with a Welsh translation of the sponsorship text.

To close this series of 1996 sponsorship articles, I would like to record my thanks and appreciation to those Society members who helped; with the Kwik Save competition leaflets, the Barclays Bank enquiries, the stamp booklet skeletons, and the two tables listing the stamp booklets and plate / cylinder combinations. Also a particularly big THANK YOU to the staff and employees at Royal Mail and those sponsors who have been kind enough to put up with my everlasting requests for information.

We now move on to Sydney and the year 2000. Already the first of the official sponsors for the B.O.A. have been named. British Airways has been accepted as the Official Airline. Without a doubt more will follow.

**Going for Gold**

## British Airways leads the way in teaming up for Britain

British Airways is proud to announce that it has teamed up with the British Olympic Association to carry Britain's hopes to the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000.

The airline has become the first company to join the British Olympic Association as a Club sponsor and has also signed as a major sponsor of the British Paralympic Association. As part of this commitment, British Airways has

undertaken to fly all the members of both the British Olympic Team and the British Paralympic Team to the Sydney Games at no cost.

British Airways' involvement, however, goes far beyond that, with an on-going commitment to assisting athletes travelling to warm weather training camps and overseas competitions. British Airways is also working with



## 1956 - AN OVERDUE AWARD?

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B Cunningham, one of our members with a specific interest in boxing sent the following correspondence in November:

'I wonder if the readers of Torch Bearer would be interested in a campaign I have been involved in for a former Olympic Gold Medal Winner to be honoured by his country.

Terence Spinks (Terry) won a gold medal at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia for boxing.

Terry is the only one of Britain's three Gold Medal winners not to have been awarded an M. B. E.. Dick Mc Taggart won a gold medal also in 1956 at boxing, and Chris Finnegan won gold also in boxing at Mexico in 1968 - both were honoured with M. B. E.'s.

Terry is nearly 60 years old and I have been in contact with the Sports Minister Tony Banks who has recently written to me in a letter dated 10th November 1997, as he has nominated Terry in this years Honour List. Let's hope that he is successful in achieving a long overdue award.

Terry is the only boxer for England to appear on a postage stamp from the Dominican Republic in the 1960's - a remarkable achievement.

If former Prime Minister's cleaners can be honoured, surely an Olympic Gold Medal Winner deserves better!

In his reply, Tony Banks MP confirms that he has nominated Terry to the Honours List and that he will continue to do so 'in the hope we will succeed'. He also expresses interest in learning about the stamp.



*[Despite scanning the newspapers and trying to find a full list of awards on the internet, I have not been able to establish that any award was forthcoming. If members would like to add their support to Mr Cunningham, (and Terry). I suggest that you write direct to Tony Banks MP at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Ed.]*

# ATHENS 2004 - CANDIDATURE MATERIAL

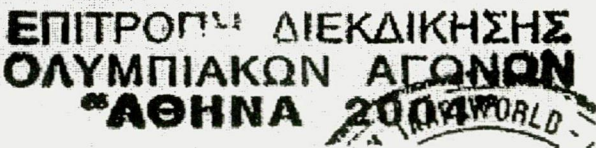
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Postal markings, that relate to the candidature of Athens in their bid to stage the Olympic Games 2004, first appeared in the form of cachets used by the Bid Committee on official correspondence, and for the purpose of recording their correspondence.

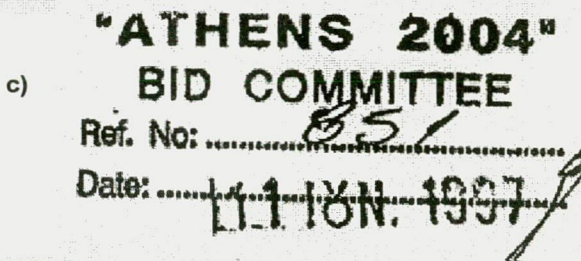
The first use of such cachets is recorded as 25th March 1996, which also coincided with the International Exhibition 'Athens 1896-1996'.

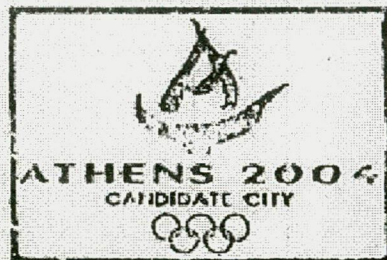
Three such cachets are known:

- Greek text - 'Committee of contention the Olympic Games Athens 2004'.
- English text - "'ATHENS 2004" BID COMMITTEE'
- English text - as b) but with Ref. No. and Date: spaces to be completed.

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A slogan postmark advertising the candidature was used between 11th November 1996 and 5th September 1997.





# SION 2006 - OLYMPIC CANDIDATE

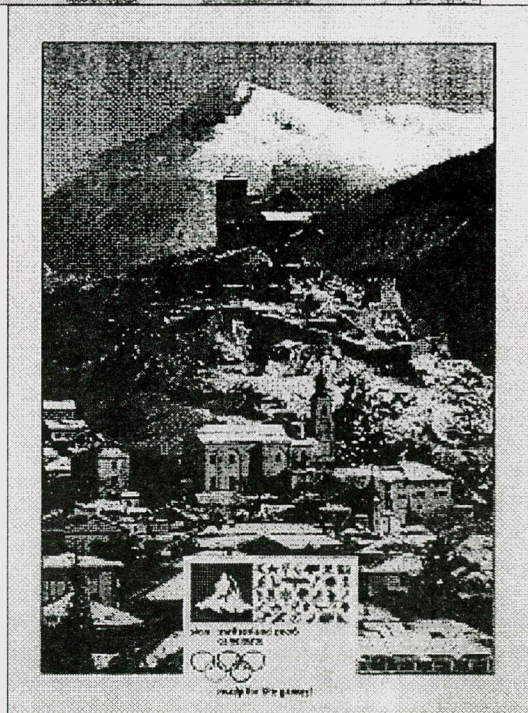


La Poste PTT, The Swiss Post Office, as members of 'Team Sion 2006' have produced two postcards (these are postcards not postal stationery).

The cards were obtained from the Post Office at Sion, and they may be a 'local' production.

The cards were however supplied with 1.80SFr stamps (IOC Centenary issue) attached.

[See also *Postal Stationery news in this issue. Ed.*]



## HELSINKI - MONACO: A NEW FIND

'Spotted' by Bob Wilcock.

At the Monaco '97 International Philatelic Exhibition a major new find emerged in the auction: the Helsinki 1952 soccer stamp re-engraved with a new value, with and without an overprint in red (reported by *Le Monde des Philatelistes*).



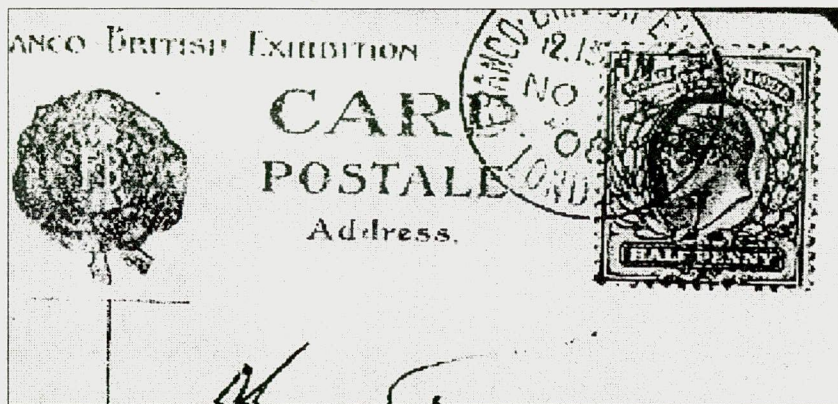
The stamp was prepared in a hurry, ready for the possibility that Monaco football club would win the French Cup Final in 1960. The stamp, originally issued on 23 February 1953 was given a new value of 5F.00, compared with the original 2F. and the trial sheets were printed in similar colours to the original, green and green-blue. One sheet had 'HELSINKI 1952' obliterated with two red lines and the diagonal text 'COLOMBES / 15-5-60', the Olympic stadium in which the final was played and the date.

Monaco did indeed win, beating St. Etienne 4-2, but the project was abandoned.

It is reported that the collection of the Prince of Monaco contains a sheet of 30 of each of the stamps, and that there is apparently one sheet without surcharge in a private collection. For the auction a sheet of each was split into 4 corner blocks of 4 plus 14 singles, lotted into pairs, one with and one without surcharge. Realisations were not reported.

## 1908 OLYMPIC DATES ?

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### 1908 Olympic Dates.

In response to the article in Volume 14, Issue 4, Alan Sabey raises a very interesting point, illustrated by the postmark on the above postcard.

As mentioned in the previous article, a time of 12.15AM in the postmark reflects the fact that the item of mail was actually deposited in the mail box the preceding day **after the latest time for collection**, it would therefore be reasonable to use such a postmark to represent an event finishing late in the evening of the preceding day (after scheduled collections).

The cancel illustrated develops this line of thought, as it is dated 2 NOV 08, and the time slug is 12.15AM.

The Franco British Exhibition (and therefore the Post Office) actually closed on the 31st October (Saturday), on which date the Field Hockey final was also contested.

The card obviously entered the mail box after the last scheduled collection and received the 2 NOV (Monday) cancel to record the date and time that it entered the delivery system.

The message on the card actually confirms this sequence of events:  
**'F-B Ex. 7.30PM, 31/10/08 all Exhibits closed, Crowds'**.

The cancel is therefore outside the dates of the Exhibition, and could be used to illustrate the Hockey final as it was posted on the correct day!

## NAGANO 1998

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Bob Farley (with the assistance of Thomas Lippert, and other F.I.P.O. colleagues).

Following a late decision (December 1997), we found ourselves in Japan on the 31st. January, 1998 - courtesy of a '2 for 1' flight offer by Lufthansa. Most non - working days between booking the flights and our departure had been spent in securing accomodation, purchasing Japan Rail passes, arranging currency, and seeking event tickets. We were indebted to Thomas Lippert (who had needed little persuasion to join us), and a number of contacts in Japan who thankfully work on Christmas Day, allowing the booking of hotels via the internet and fax on one of my few 'free' days.

On arrival, we knew only that a stamp issue was due on 5th. February, and a visit to Central Post Office in Tokyo only produced a set of maxi-cards in readiness for the stamp issue. Information on postmarks / post offices was sadly lacking.

Thomas arrived on 2nd. February, far better prepared with photocopies of the intended stamps, photocopies of the event and 'First Day' postmarks, and invaluable information about the postal activity / postmarks to be used in the Olympic Villages. Information that had been faxed to him from other FIPO societies.

One week of extreme activity followed (Thomas had to return on Monday 9th), allowing us to obtain copies of the postmarks illustrated. More details of the events during this period will appear next issue, together with our exploits the following week (or as Brenda would say 'another travelogue of post offices').

My initial concerns, language barrier, lack of information, transport, quality of accomodation etc. were quickly dispelled after our arrival in Matsumoto. The assistance we received from almost every person we approached was unbelievable; the staff at our Ryokan, postal staff, commuters and travellers on the railways, were all so helpful. Possibly one of the most obvious examples was the Postmaster at Shinonoi, who spoke no English or French. I was just beginning to feel that it would be impossible to leave covers for the Opening Ceremony cancel (Shinonoi is a smaller office, that does not open on Saturdays), when he made it obvious that we should follow him, donned his jacket, and led us about 500m. to the workplace of a friend who spoke excellent English. After some ten minutes of discussion through our interpreter, we returned to the Post Office and prepared covers to leave for cancellation. All have subsequently arrived - thanks to the resourcefulness of the Postmaster.

Similar very individual tales will unfold next issue.

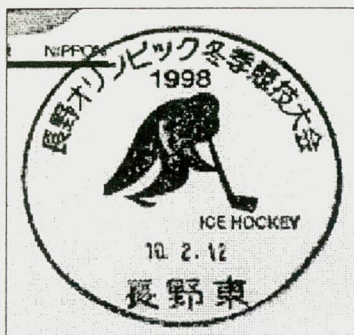
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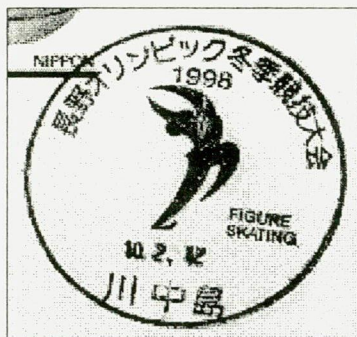


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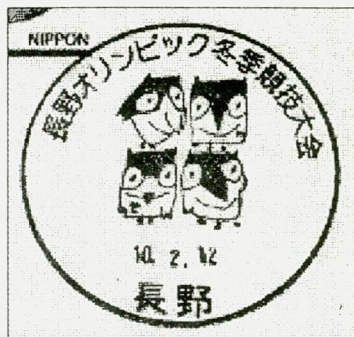


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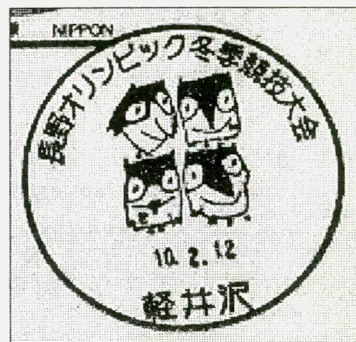
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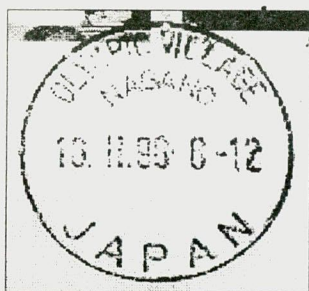


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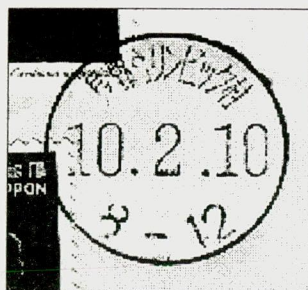


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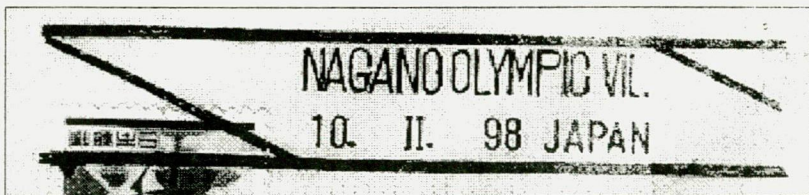
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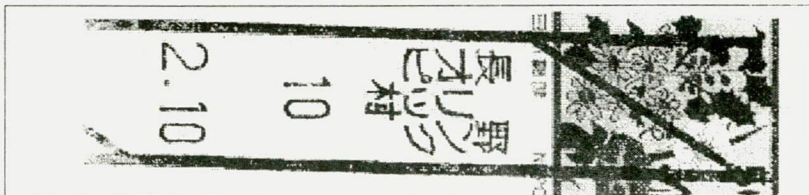
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Cancels exist for Olympic Village Nagano, IBC, MPC, Olympic Village Asahi and Olympic Village Yanagi.

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This actually caused great concern at one office using the event cancels. Staff did not consider the use of the event handstamps as permissible on overseas mail, as their text is only in Japanese. My initial reaction that this was a strange and very narrow minded view was appeased when difficulties seemed to be overcome by the addition of the English 'regular' cancel. I left the office convinced that I had encountered an over enthusiastic clerk.

On our return to England, flicking quickly through the pile of covers that had arrived, it suddenly occurred to me that almost every cover with an event handstamp, had the 'regular' English cancel applied alongside. It seems the clerk had been correct, and was purely concerned that a further postmark that had not been requested would be added, and she felt that I should be aware of the fact. I now have a very small number of covers mailed to England with the Japanese 'regular' cancel added, that I consider 'special'.

## REVIEW OF MAGAZINES WITH OLYMPIC INTEREST

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Reviewed by D Buxton

### Journal of Sports Philately

Volume 36, issues 2 and 3 have been published since the last review.

Issue 2 commences with an article on Politics and Olympic Art of the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The politics concentrates on Dietrich Eckart after whom the Open Air Theatre was named. The theatre was in fact an open air amphitheatre located in a natural depression a short distance from the Olympic stadium and the site of the Olympic Art and Gymnastic competitions. Eckart was a major political figure who helped found National Socialism in 1919 and who wrote many articles and slogans for the Nazi party. He died in 1923 and his Olympic connection is the pictorial 'Dietrich Eckart Buhne' machine cancel. Olympic Art in the article is represented by Leni Riefenstahl the film maker. Appointed by Hitler as the film expert to the Nazi party she made 'Olympia' the official film of the 1936 Olympics and one which received considerable advances in the techniques of filming athletes and swimmers. Other Olympic articles cover the awarding of the 2004 Olympic Games to Athens during the IOC 106th Session last September (philatelic details provided by Bob Farley), and an update on 2002 Salt Lake City venues.

Issue 3 has as its leading article Sports and the Presidency, being an exhibit touring libraries in the U. S. A. and which has a strong philatelic content. The first major Olympic themed article is on the impact of Anabolic Steroids on Womens Swimming at the 1976 and 1988 Olympic Games. It chooses these two Games as it concentrates on the competition between U. S. A. and East Germany, each country boycotting one of the intermediate Games. The article evaluates how the medals would have been awarded had the East German competitors not been on steroids. The interesting statistic to me is that in 1976 Canada was the first host nation not to win an Olympic Gold Medal, without the East Germans, they would have won three Gold Medals in swimming. I do not believe that the article takes into account that some of the East German swimmers were good enough to win medals without steroids. Other articles cover the 1936 Olympic Baseball demonstration event, based on postcards and letters sent by Ronald Woodrow, one of the competitors and a further 2002 Salt Lake City Update including a second series of postcards.

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## **Olympic Magazine**

IssueNo. 14 has been published since the last review and includes an article on some of the I.O.C. members and their sporting achievements. An exhibition featured photographs, museum archives and sports equipment used by the champions who won 62 medals between them.

There is an interview with the Vice-President of the I.O.C., Richard Pound, on the Olympic Movement in the Twenty First Century; and an interview with Pascal Beeson who created the Official Poster of the 106th I.O.C. Session in Lausanne (illustrated in Torch Bearer Volume 14 issue 4, page 151). The image of the Nagano Games in the design of the medals, cauldron, Torch and sites amongst other representations feature in an article which includes details of the Olympic Museum's activities whilst the Games are taking place, bringing the Games to those who cannot go to Japan. Of interest to many members is an article on the recent Philatelic exhibition to coincide with the World Gymnastic and Modern Pentathlon World Championships.

Available from The Olympic Museum, 1, Quai d'Ouchy, CH-1001, Lausanne, Switzerland.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **The Olympic Factbook - A Spectator's Guide to the Winter Games.**

Written by George Cantor and Anne Janette Johnson. ISBN 1-57859-016-7  
Published by Visible Ink Press. Price £11.00 US\$14.95

A companion book to the 1996 Atlanta Games edition, this publication has been issued in time for the Nagano Games and is aimed at the American public. This is a paperback book, slightly taller than a regular paperback, containing 392 pages. The first chapter covers the evolution of the Winter Games with details of each of the previous games and some of the noteworthy events and personalities. There are chapters on Amateurism in the Games, the Competing Countries and Nagano as the Host City. From page 65 onwards it covers each event in detail focusing on the details of the sport, what the spectator should be looking for, the likely stars, the schedule for 1998 and the highlights in past Games. There is a list of all the Medal Winners and profiles on the past legends. To make the book reader friendly to all ages there are lots of facts, quotes and quizzes. The book is well illustrated with black and white photographs and should satisfy the needs of the expert and the armchair novice.

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