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FRONT PAGE

As Salt Lake City becomes a memory, a number of other Olympic 'events' have either taken place or are scheduled for 2002.

Athens have announced their mascots;

The I.O.C. will announce the short-listed candidates for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games;
The U.S.O.C. will announce their shortlisted candidates to be considered for a 2012 bid.

For collectors of modern material, the periods between events of Olympic significance seem to reduce every year - the hobby is almost becoming a full-time demand on leisure time for those who try to keep pace.

It is very easy in these circumstances for even the most ardent collector to become disillusioned with the potential vastness of material that can be collected, and frustrated that 'completeness' in all but the narrowest of specialisations is impossible.

I feel sure that the interest of many collectors wanes as they begin to appreciate the obstacles that they will encounter in building their collection.

I have held conversations with a number of members during my Olympic travels, suggesting that a neglected field of collecting (with a direct philatelic link) appears to be letters or postcards with content that directly relates to the Olympic movement. Such items could range from the simple postcard home from a spectator through too official correspondence from an I.O.C. President. Financial value of such items will also cover a wide spectrum, but as items that display a degree of social history when correctly identified, their real value to future generations lies in their content.

Vic Manikian has reacted to my 'suggestions' and shares with us the story behind or hidden in a selection of items from his collection. For some items the content is obvious, for others, the significance of the contents only becomes obvious with research or explanation.

Try looking through your collection - if it includes postally used postcards, there are probably some messages that have far more meaning than you have recognised. Just try reading the messages on cards or enclosed letters when you are browsing through material - there really are some real treasures out there waiting to be rediscovered.

Vic has provided twenty eight pages of material, the majority of which deals with the earlier Games, and all dealing with Summer Games. Most items can be published as a single page, and I would like to be able to continue publishing such items on a regular basis from members contributions - please consider taking part.

Society of Olympic Collectors
Informal meeting at the Horticultural Hall, London
Saturday 26th October
Displays by a number of Committee members
Opportunity to exchange duplicate material.

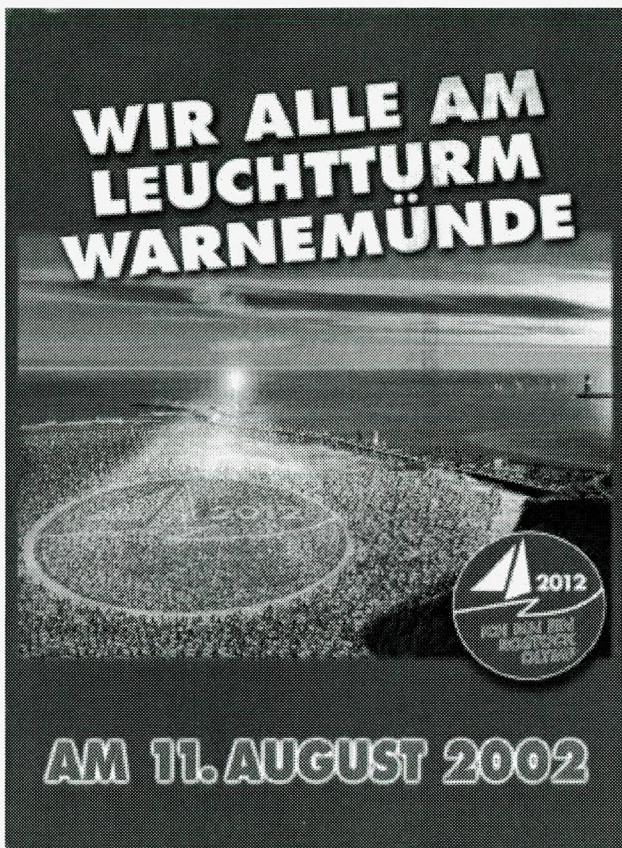
NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Candidates for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games - 2012 Olympic Games.

A number of members have forwarded photocopies or items that relate to the current 2010 and 2012 candidacies.

As there appears to be a significant quantity of postal material available, it would seem appropriate to provide an article or check list for these candidacies. At the moment, it appears that the various German venues competing for their NOC support are 'ahead' in producing collectable souvenirs (with a little help from collectors) for the 2012 decision.

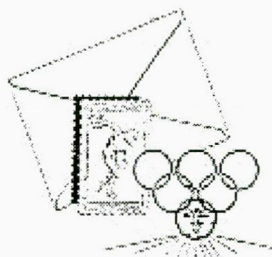
2010 candidates have also produced some attractive items.



Postcard from Thomas Lippert commemorating the candidature of his home city of Rostock as the venue for 2012 yachting events (the German NOC select a yachting venue independently of the main 'Summer' venue city).

The card commemorates an attempt by the Bid Committee to achieve listing in the Guinness Book of Records for the largest public gathering which took place on 11th August 2002.

To assist in the preparation of an article on the current candidates, I would be grateful for any photocopies or scans of items that members could provide - all contributions will be acknowledged. Please mail or email to the editor.



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WORLD OLYMPIC COLLECTORS FAIR - LAUSANNE

The World Olympic Collectors Fair was held from 17th to 19th May at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. A considerable number of members of the S.O.C. expressed an interest in visiting the Fair this year, and although some members could not go because the weekend clashed with other commitments, a strong representation from the U.K. made its way by various modes of transport. The Fair started on a Friday rather than the usual Saturday and so another day's holiday was required by many of us.

So it was that Jonathan Rosenthal (a Lausanne regular) made his way to my house on the Wednesday night, in preparation for an early start the following morning. Bob Farley duly picked us up at about 4.00 am and we travelled to Dover calling for Bomi Kavarana (who was making his first Lausanne Olympic fair visit). John Crowther, Kenny and Betty Cook, Michael Berry and Bob Wilcock all decided to fly from various airports with a different measure of success, as this was the weekend of a major Air traffic Controllers dispute. After a leisurely breakfast on board the boat, we drove through France stopping for a light lunch near Reims. We decided to drive into Reims to fill up with petrol and at the garage and Bob found the first card of the weekend. A Free card of the French World Cup Football team. This led to each of us, entering the kiosk to collect our own copies. We made Pontarlier in the late afternoon, and this was to be our base for the first two nights. An enjoyable meal on the French/Swiss boarder at a Pizza Restaurant put us in a relaxed and genial mood for the weekend ahead. We were surrounded by beautiful mountains, chalets on the hills and the sound of cowbells in the fields.

Friday saw us arrive at the Museum just after the starting time and we all dispersed in different directions. I headed for the smaller marquee where the Museum usually sells off some of their surplus library stock, as I was hoping to obtain books on certain Olympics to add to my library at home. Although I was unsuccessful in locating any books that I was after, there was again a large selection of books on offer. I met up with John Crowther and we decided to head for the restaurant and have a coffee and talk about the forthcoming display that John was mounting for the Commonwealth Games in Manchester Town Hall.



Part of the SOC contingent - Bomi, David, Jonathon, John, Bob and Michael on the terrace at the Olympic Museum.

It was then time for the serious business of adding to our collection, sometimes in the restaurant examining a selection of stock that a dealer was prepared to let us have on approval, and sometimes at the dealers tables.

Selecting from the stock of our Italian colleagues.



The weather was very warm on this first day, and we often sat out at one of the tables on the patio, looking over Lake Geneva and talking to friends, members and Olympic collectors from all over the World. Another aspect of the day was the items that various members brought along to Lausanne, which had already been 'reserved'. The Daily newspapers from the Salt Lake City Olympic Village, Grenoble Lottery tickets, posters, postcards produced by Australia's Channel 7 in 2000, were all duly exchanged and transported home to another Country.

We also recruited a new member, as Jonathan met with a British Athletic enthusiast, Janet Walton, who became a member of our Society.

Our evening meal was again on the border, this time in a lovely Grill restaurant, where after an excellent meal, we sat outside enjoying a few drinks to well past 11.00 pm.



Saturday saw us return to the Museum, and as always we began to find some different stock. Once the dealers know what you are after, they often manage to find something the next day. This time the weather had changed for the worst, it poured with rain, and the Lake became choppy rather than the calm millpond of the day before. Our plan was to leave at mid-day and make our way up to Paris for Saturday night, visit the Stamp and Card market Sunday morning and make our way for an early evening Ferry crossing. As we were leaving there was a call for Jonathon to call at the reception. Unfortunately it was bad news as his aunt had died, and he had to return home as soon as possible. We dropped Jonathan at Geneva Airport, where he was able to book a flight to Heathrow, and arrangements were made for my wife to meet him, as his car was still at my house.

It was still overcast when we visited the stamp market and we all managed to buy something worthwhile and as we made good time to Calais, we were able to catch an earlier Ferry home. As with all the fairs that we visit, it is not just the wide range of material that is available, it is the opportunity to meet up with good friends and fellow collectors that makes it such an enjoyable weekend.

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Syria

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 18 Shot put

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Miniature Sheet
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Tadjikistan

 Olympic Games, Sydney - Opening
 Ceremony
 1.00 Tjr. Nikki Webster
 2.00 Tjr. Corroboree
 3.00 Tjr. Corroboree - Deep Sea
 Dreaming jellyfish & anenomes
 4.00 Tjr. Petals and leaves
 5.00 Tjr. Diving
 6.00 Tjr. Corroboree
 7.00 Tjr. Re-creation of a bushfire
 8.00 Tjr. Australian stockmen with
 Olympic flag
 9.00 Tjr. Corroboree - Deep Sea
 Dreaming

Tadjikistan

 Olympic Games, Sydney - Basketball
 Medal Winners
 1.00 Tjr. Vin Baker
 2.00 Tjr. Three USA players
 3.00 Tjr. Vince Carter
 4.00 Tjr. Stephane Risacher
 5.00 Tjr. Cyril Julian and Henry
 Crawford Palmer
 6.00 Tjr. Henry Crawford Palmer
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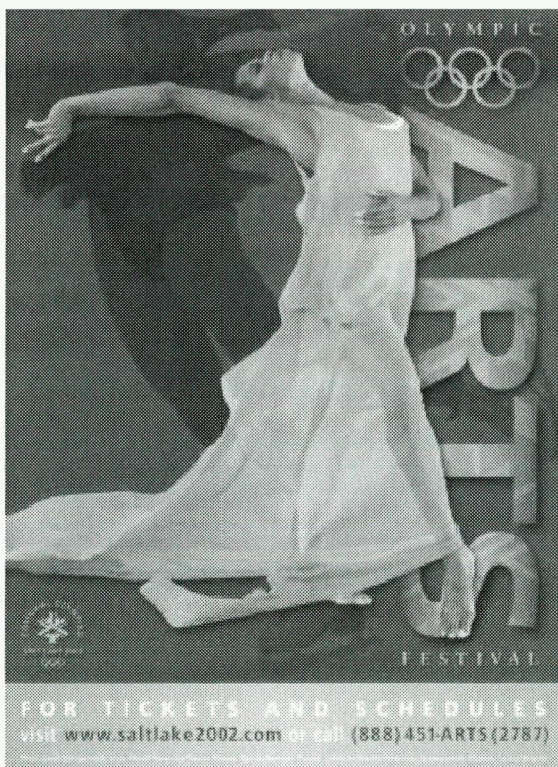
 Olympic Games, Sydney - Closing
 Ceremony
 1.00 Tjr. Elle McPherson
 2.00 Tjr. Centre Stage
 3.00 Tjr. Peter Garrett and Midnight Oil
 4.00 Tjr. Kylie Minogue
 5.00 Tjr. The Olympic Flame
 6.00 Tjr. Kylie Minogue
 7.00 Tjr. Giant Kangaroo
 8.00 Tjr. Greg Norman (on white shark)
 9.00 Tjr. Bananas in Pajamas

In the first installment Bob Farley covered the period leading up to our arrival in Salt Lake City and the changes in the philatelic programme. This article will concentrate on our week leading up to the Games and some of the events that we attended.

On our first full day in Salt Lake City (Sunday 3rd February) we all awoke to a wonderful warm sunshine and the magnificent views of the W Mountains almost coming into our garden. Bob and I picked up Thomas at the TRAX (light railway) station, and then we all made our first visit to the centre of Salt Lake City. Well not quite all as Brenda had developed a bad cold, and decided to stay in bed in the hope that she would make a quick recovery. Despite the warm sunshine, Rennie and I still found the air cold. We managed to park our car, close to the centre, and soon found the local Tourist Office, which had a large map of the Torch Run over its frontage. The map was lit up with the route through which the Olympic flame had passed and each day we were able to monitor the progress of the Olympic Flame. As the Torch Run had started on Rennie's birthday, the 4th December, this became our first photo call. We then moved onto the Tourist Information Centre where we all purchased a special Olympic Pass that would allow us to travel on the TRAX and the local bus service for the whole period of the Games. This we later found out was the normal season ticket, with a soft focus picture of a lady Ice Skater.

We subsequently discovered that if we had an event ticket we could have traveled on the local transport free of charge! Still it makes a nice Olympic souvenir. We also tried to buy the tickets for the Mountain Express, the special buses which would take us to the venues. We were informed that we would have to make the bookings by telephone and yes, after some searching, they could provide us with the telephone number. We were warned that nearly all the seats had been booked (the Americans had to book their Mountain Express seats with their event tickets, whilst overseas visitors had to book on arrival- and we were there a week before the games!) however the local paper had reported that another ten buses had been secured!

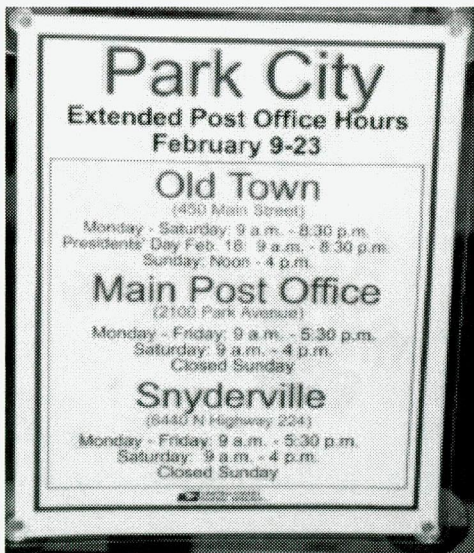
One of the free postcards promoting the Arts Festival - this one seemed an obvious candidate for the 'Arts' or 'Figure Skating' cancellations.



Bob, Thomas and I made our first postcard finds, the cards that were on sale were the same that Bob had found on his earlier visit in 1999 or cards that Mark Maestroni and Norman Jacobs had found on their visits to Salt Lake City house hunting for our holiday. The only new cards that we found were the Free Rack Cards, the first of which we found in a bookstore and others in the café's. Most of the cards celebrated the Olympic Art Festival, and produced by the Salt Lake Organising Committee, one lent itself for cancellation with the Figure Skating Stamp. There was a children's art poster card showing all the different Olympic sports, which I managed to get the shop assistant to take off the display rack the last copy, only to find out that Bob and Thomas had secured their own copies much more easily. We also found a National Postcard Week Postcard showing a number of Olympic Winter Posters and numbered number 10. We had visions of a set to collect which were soon dashed when we found another card (number 9) with postcards of the Games but the remaining cards were non-Olympic. We also started a quest, (still unfinished), to obtain a copy of each issue of "Peak Experience" a guide to the Games, which was published by the Salt Lake City Corporation. We have issues 2, 3 and 4 and would like to collect the rest, especially as they are post-paid items.

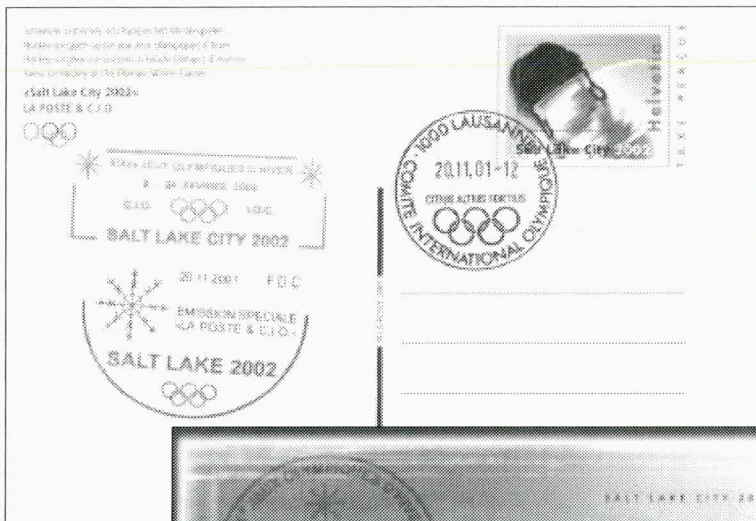
That evening was a marathon telephone session trying to book the tickets for the Mountain Express, not only because the tickets were only available for out of town events, (all the venues in the centre of Salt Lake City had to be visited by local transport), but for each event ticket we had to go through the same routine, name, address, telephone number ("no sir, you must give your U.K. details") e-mail, where we want to go, date, time of event, credit card details and so on. Bob booked two events, I booked seven and Thomas one, total time 45 minutes. We were informed that the tickets would be available from the Town and County Building at 4.00 am on the morning of your first event, " please be at the bus stop half an hour before the last departure time", which varied from 5.00am to 6.00am.

On Tuesday 5th February, we set out for Park City, Brenda having recovered from her cold. The town was built along the lines of an old Wild West Town, and the American Television crews were busy setting up their cameras for the arrival of the Olympic flame the following day. We headed for a number of stores that Bob had found Olympic items on his visit in 1999, but purchases were kept to a minimum. The main beneficiary being "The Christmas Shop" where Rennie could have (and did) spend a lot of time and money. Park City was the venue for purchasing a considerable number of Olympic postage stamps for our programme of special cancels on covers and postcards. It was also the occasion of the purchase of the inverted die-cut sheet, reported last issue.



This notice in the Park City Old Town Post Office hinted at two future problems - availability of postal services (cancellations) on Sundays and Presidents' Day, February 18th.

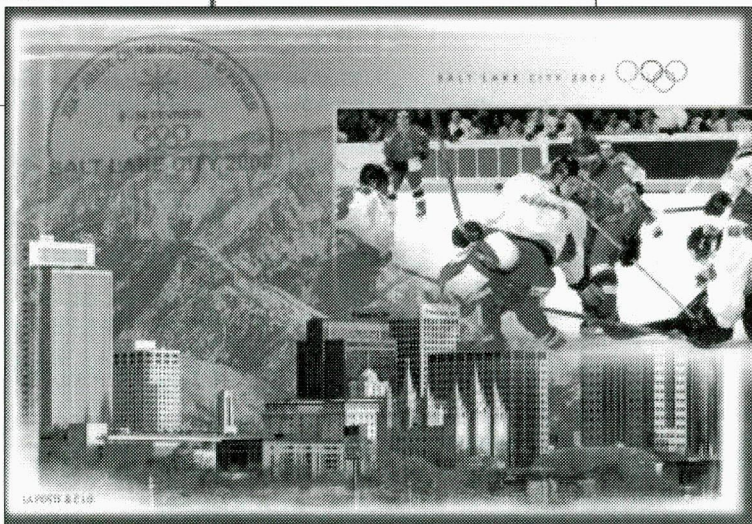
On Wednesday 6th February, we returned to the centre of Salt Lake City. We visited the Little America Hotel for the last time before it became the Headquarters of the I.O.C. and therefore out of bounds and had our second excellent value lunch. We then arranged for some cancellations at the F.I.P.O. stand within the hotel and I purchased an A4 card, with a photo of the Skeleton, the motifs of the different sports and cancelled on the first day of issue of the U.S. Olympic Postage stamps. The Skeleton was Britain's best hope of a Gold Medal, as Alex Coomber was the Ladies World Champion (and the event was being held on my birthday). I also purchased two Swiss Ice Hockey postal stationery cards, cacheted by F.I.P.O. Bob and Thomas also purchased the postal cards and some special covers.



One of the postal stationery cards.

The second depicts a scene from St. Moritz 1928.

The postal stationery cards are credited to 'La Poste & C.I.O.' Does this signify that they are a 'joint issue'? The copies sold in Salt Lake are cancelled 'COMITE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIQUE' without any La Poste reference.



Rennie and I decided to do some more sightseeing, taking in the Temple Square, where the Mormon Church has its Headquarters. We also admired the tall buildings, which were draped with fabric murals of the different Olympic events.

I found some more Free cards, again mainly Art Festival cards “ A Little Light Music”, “Gold American Showman” and my own favourite for the “Elaine Paige Concert”. Meanwhile Bob had found some Vancouver 2010 Candidature cards at Canada House. Rennie and I then made our way to the City and County Building, which hosted Olympex 2002. The displays featured philately, numismatics, posters and memorabilia, including Torches and Mascots, along two passages. The display was complemented by an exhibition from the Olympic Museums of Lausanne and Lillehammer. There were a number of activities for the younger visitor as well as the Utah Philatelic Society manning a stand with the different Olympic cancellations. It was here that we met Mark Maestroni who had arrived in Salt Lake City to continue his role as one of the assisting organisers of Olympex 2002. This was a mutually rewarding meeting as Mark had a guide to get him to our home and we had a lift in his car, which was parked in the centre of town.

On Friday 8th February, the day of the Opening Ceremony, Bob, Brenda, Sarah and I visited Kearns where the Speed Skating cancellations were in use. Thomas and Mark headed off to some different post offices, as one of the advantages of a party of like-minded collectors, was that we could share the workload of getting the different cancellations. It should be said at this point that the Dining room table was in constant use during the holiday as we all prepared our cards and covers for the following days cancellations. Our journey to Kearns coincided with the journey of the Olympic Flame and so we became part of the convey that followed the Relay. We became quite used to waving at the crowds who had lined the streets and made many mental attempts at retrieving Olympic Flags and posters. Our arrival at the Post Office started smoothly enough. There was plenty of parking and the helpful assistant went to find the cancellations. They had not yet been used and there was a strong feeling that the local postmaster did not want to release them from his care. Bob had a number of prepared covers, and when I say a number, I mean a lot. It was my first experience of being a philatelist at the Olympics. I only seriously collect Post cards. Bob had a number of orders for Society members and friends. I had written about 20 postcards to Family and Friends in the hope that I would get them all cancelled on the opening day of the Games.



Keams Post Office - another lesson learned. When searching for the rural Post Offices, head for the most prominent 'Stars and Stripes', it may be a Government Office or School rather than the Post Office, but they will be able to direct you!

The Post office Clerk began to cancel the postage stamps by measuring up the markings on the edge of the cancel with the bottom left hand corner of the stamp, a process which took several minutes, it took enough time for the Postal Clerk to inform us that she was the third generation post office worker in her family, that her grandmother was the first postal delivery lady in Utah, where we could eat, and why she did not let out her house to Olympic visitors. An hour later, she was still cancelling Bob's covers and so my cards went straight into the pos box, partly because where she was placing the cancel, the first few lines of text on my cards would have been obliterated. Bob made a decision at that point that (1) he would cancel his own covers and (2) He would not allow the covers to be put in the plastic envelopes, which smudged the cancels. They were supposed to keep the envelope clean whilst passing through the mail system.

We then travelled back into Salt Lake City, as it was the opening day of the Olympic Collectors Fair, in the Walker Centre Building. We had great expectations of obtaining a lot of material, having been to Collectors fairs at Lausanne and Lillehammer. We had made a quick visit earlier in the week, whilst the stands were being put up, and were a little disappointed, both at the number of stalls and for the fact that the building was overrun with ticket touts. Bob had made a few card purchases at one dealer's stall and I had made an attempt to buy a Skeleton Ticket or make an exchange for one of the events that I had. They were not interested in exchange, even though the notices proclaimed otherwise, and they wanted over \$100 for a \$35 ticket, and this was an official ticket exchange desk. I decided to stick to what I had. With the show now open, we were hoping for a better fair. I was still very disappointed as the fair was still overrun with the touts and they were causing a "crowd jam" in the entrance. I imagine the dealers must have been just as disappointed as well. I made a purchase or two at Ingrid O'Neil's stall and joined Rennie and Bob at The Crossroad Mall Food Store, which became a regular meeting point, as the Post Office was in the food store, and Rennie could have a drink while Bob and I arranged for cancellations on our cards and covers.

In the evening, Thomas and Mark realised that they would not get back home in time for the Opening ceremony television broadcast, so they made their way to one of the German hospitality houses, where they dined on bratwurst and German Beer whilst they watched the Ceremony.

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They did however return with a postcard of the hospitality house and a few sets of first day covers prepared for the TOPI Sponsors. Meanwhile the Farley's and Buxton's were at home (Cottonwood a suburb of Salt lake City) and ordered a Pizza from the local store while we watched the Ceremony in the comfort of our own lounge.

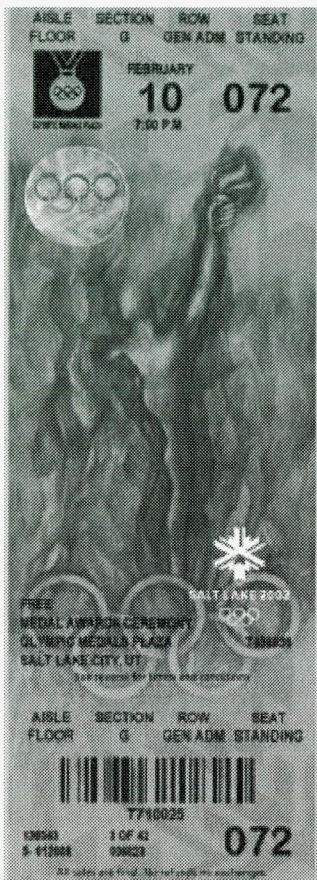
Saturday 9th February was the day of my first Olympic Event. I had a ticket for the Ice Hockey game between Germany and Slovakia at the E Centre. I was very excited, as this was my first Olympic competition since I visited Munich in 1972. The queue for the local bus was already quite long when I arrived and soon extended along the second side of the Park and Ride Bus Park. There was still no sign of a bus, when the time for boarding approached and went. The local volunteers were talking on their mobiles trying to find out what happened, when eventually a bus turned up. I was lucky as I was one of the last to get on the bus, but as we left the car park a fleet of buses appeared. A further delay occurred when we arrived at the E Centre. Again the queue went around the building and down a side street. I assumed that I did not have this wait as I had a ticket, but I was wrong. The queue was the first I experienced at each Olympic venue, due to the strict security measures. Because of the necessity you soon got used to it, chattered to the rest of the supporters, bought a daily programme and then went through the ritual of opening your jacket, turning on your mobile phone, turning on your camera, taking out of your pockets anything metal, taking off your watch, opening your bag, handing in any drinks or eats, having your banners or anything else that might be classified as an offensive weapon, confiscated, going through the magnetic door frame, knowing that if the buzzer did not go off today, it would do the next time, being frisked and then putting everything back again. Time to go through the last few yards about 20 minutes, but made bearable by the consideration and courtesy of the volunteers and army.

At last I was inside the venue, found my seat, and pleased with the view and position. Although the food and drink within the venues were not very varied or cheap and any ideas of having a meal or snack soon disappeared, I became addicted to the Orange juice. For the record Germany won 3 – 0 which pleased me as we have a German twin town and of course Thomas was staying with us! It was an enjoyable game, full of drama, a player being laid out after being hit by the puck, half the German team in the Sin Bin and still holding on to win. I decided that I must take the time to watch a game or two at home as Oxford have a team in the league. I also started my philatelic collection by sending myself a postcard of the event that I had been to, with an Olympic postage stamp, cancelled by the appropriate sport cancellation, and a second cancellation with the date stamp.

Norman and Kathy arrived in Salt lake City on Saturday, and this was the only evening that we were all together, as the following day, Thomas had to return home and to work. Unfortunately, Thomas had only one ticket to an Olympic event and this was postponed due to the bad weather.

Thomas still had a major part to play in our holiday, as he had been making use of the USPS service "NetPost" which allows customers to send personalised cards via the Internet. Each day, as well as hoping to receive the covers and cards that we had sent to ourselves, we were looking out for Thomas's latest creation. He had already produced a few items for the Torch Relay, the Arrival of the Flame, the various Post Offices and on 20th February, he very kindly sent me an individual postcard of every Gold medal winner on my birthday, with details of the event and a birthday greeting.

A number of Postal Authorities offer a service similar to the USPS NetPost, but the clarity of images seems better on the USPS service. In simple terms, the writer composes a postcard image and message on the templates available on the website and pays the appropriate fee. USPS print and deliver the postcard as a regular mailed item.



On Sunday 10th February, Mark, Norman and Kathy decided that as they were going to watch the Ski Jumping and the Luge, they would not get back in time to use their Medal ceremony tickets, so they kindly gave them to Rennie and myself. This was another opportunity to send myself a postcard, this time with the Medal Ceremony cancellation. The evenings were very cold and standing in the Olympic Plaza, waiting for the event, I started to wonder if I would not be better off watching it on T.V. The ceremony was preceded by a Pop Group, a crowd game of pushing a large blown up beach ball from the back of the crowd to the front, and ended with another pop group. In between the stage was transformed by a spectacular unveiling of the cauldron and the flame. The Winners of each event were introduced and the medals presented. The ceremony lacked the drama that I was used to, when the medal was presented to the competitors soon after the events. The drama of knowing that the winner had won easily or in the last moment was absent and in some way diminished the occasion. Having said that the Medal Ceremonies were very popular. When we returned home, well at least to the TRAX station and Bob collected us, in the now very important Taxi service that he was providing, it was to discover that the Pop Group that we had decided not to wait and see, partly because of the cold and partly because of the noise was Rita's favourite.

Monday 11th February was the Ladies Downhill. We decided to forgo the early morning start to catch the Mountain Express, and Bob took me to the Park and Ride car Park, where the security checks were made and to catch the bus to the venue. Bob, Brenda, Sarah and Rennie decided to visit a few more post offices and do some sightseeing.

The event was at Snow basin, and on arrival the sun came out. By the time the event was to start, it was very warm, spectators were stripping off their ski suits down to their Tee shirts, and an announcement was made that due to adverse weather conditions at the top of the course, the start was delayed by an hour. Three quarters of an hour later, another announcement with a further hours delay, and then just before the expected time of the first skier to descend, we were told that the event was postponed until the following day. It was very warm at the bottom of the course! Their then followed a considerable delay in getting back to the buses, as the volunteers could not get the gates open at our end of the venue. We then had to climb over high snow and ice drifts to get to the bus stop, and another wait for the buses. It was no surprise to find that Bob and Co had been waiting for me at the Park and Ride for some considerable time, as the event was scheduled to end some time before it was finally postponed. The bad news was that it was postponed to a day that I had tickets for the Ski Jump, which Bob, Brenda and Sarah had tickets for, but the good news was that Bob had found postcards of the Snow basin venue. Postcards of the venues were very difficult to find. There were no official Olympic cards of the venues and throughout the Games we only found the Delta Centre (known as the Ice Centre during the Olympics and hosting the Figure Skating and Short Track).

*Mt. Ogden Bowl at Snowbasin, Utah,
a Sun Valley ski resort.*

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ALPINE SKIING
SNOWBASIN-DEER VALLEY STATION
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My postal souvenir of the cancelled event at Snowbasin - the Alpine Skiing cancel with additional Huntsville cancel to verify the actual date. Huntsville post office was not accessible to spectators using the Olympic transport as it is not on the shuttle bus route.

One Delta Centre card had a picture on the reverse of a Basketball game but did make reference to the Figure Skating at the 2002 Winter Olympics. Other venue cards were an artist sketch of Soldiers Hollow, the venue for Cross Country and Biathlon; and Deer Valley, the venue for Ladies Slalom and the freestyle moguls.

On Tuesday 12th February, Bob, Brenda and Sarah were going to their first event of the Games the Ski Jumping off the High Hill 120 Km. I also had a ticket for this event, so the four of us, decided to drive over to the event rather than avail ourselves of the Mountain Express. Dawn was still breaking when we arrived at the Park and Ride Park, and the sun was beginning to come out as we took up our places opposite the Ski Jump. As this was a preliminary round, the top 15 Jumpers in the World Cup, were given byes through to the final which was taking place the following day. Although these competitors still jumped some of the excitement was lacking for me. At various stages during the first round they changed the starting line, the further back they put it, the further the jumpers were able to leap. There were two rounds during the morning, and I could understand why Thomas advised me to take some carpet with me. Although the sun was out, it was freezing underfoot, and all the hardened spectators were standing on carpets and mats. After the event, we made our way back to the car, and made for Park City (Snyderville) to do some shopping. Unfortunately some drinking glasses that Bob had seen earlier and which he had made up his mind to buy were sold out, but we did find our first definite new official card from Great Mountain West commemorating the Torch Relay - strangely, this was the only outlet at which we ever saw copies of this card. I managed to buy a new pair of sunglasses and for the second time in as many days, my VISA card seemed to create a terminal condition at the card reader on the till. To be continued

Letter from Stockholm dated 11 May 1912 on Swedish Olympic Team Envelope and twelve page letter on Swedish Team paper written by Charles Lomberg Swedish decathlon Silver Medalist (the record books were modified in 1982 by I.O.C. after the ban against Thorpe was lifted and Lomberg was placed third in the decathlon). The Lomberg letter to his parents is a historic account of what was happening during the Games. A small part of the letter is thanking his parents for the money to buy new running shoes, assuring them he got a good deal and most certainly the shoes will help him do well.

An historical document, from a competitor during the period of preparation for the Games.

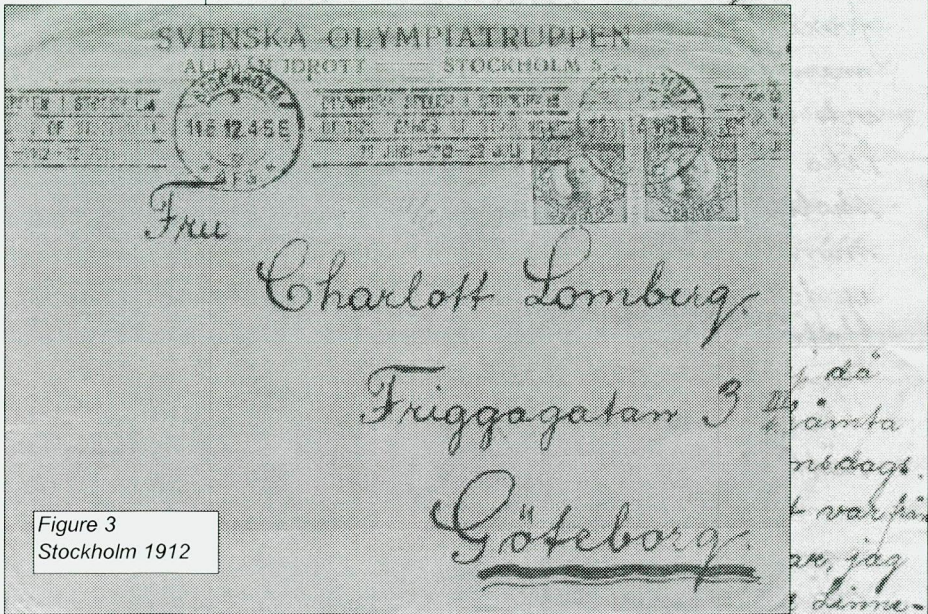
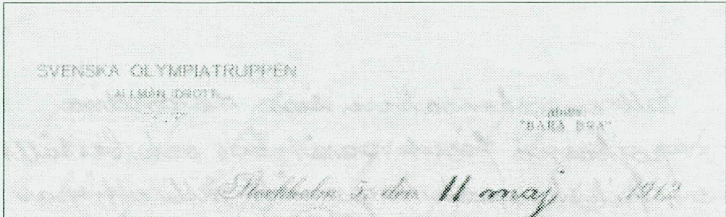
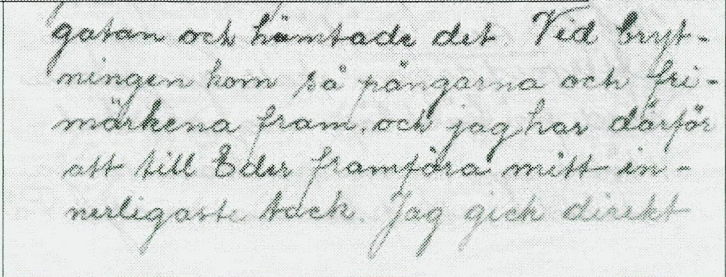


Figure 3
Stockholm 1912

Black and white copies of the 12 page letter are available from the editor at postage and copying cost.



Letter from Stockholm dated 13 July 1912 on the first day of the decathlon competition. The 10 Ore letter card written by Charles Lomberg, the decathlon silver medalist. The card tells about the competition and states that at the moment he is in second place and is rather tired as it is very hot. Lomberg says that he just completed and won the long jump with 6.87 metres (Thorpe's jump was 6.79m.)

Again, an historic document for Olympic enthusiasts.

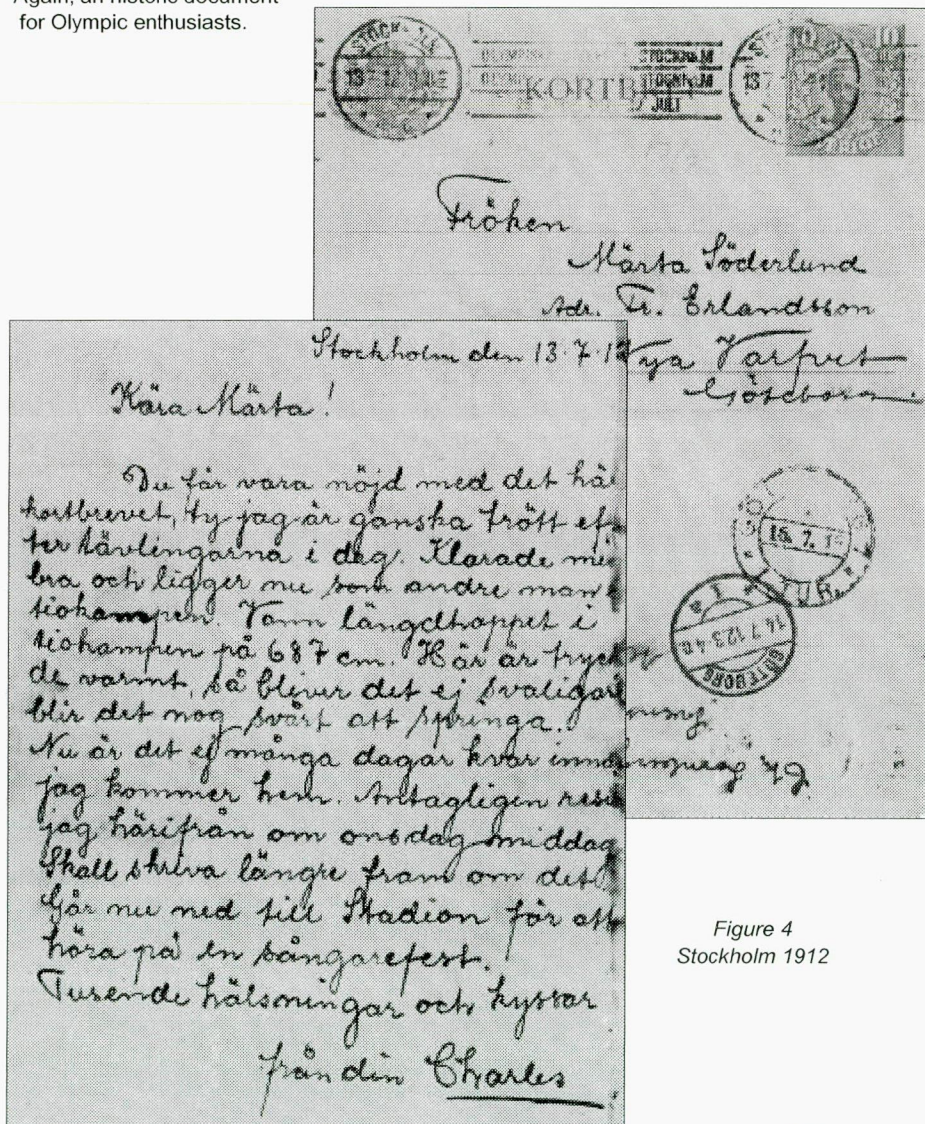


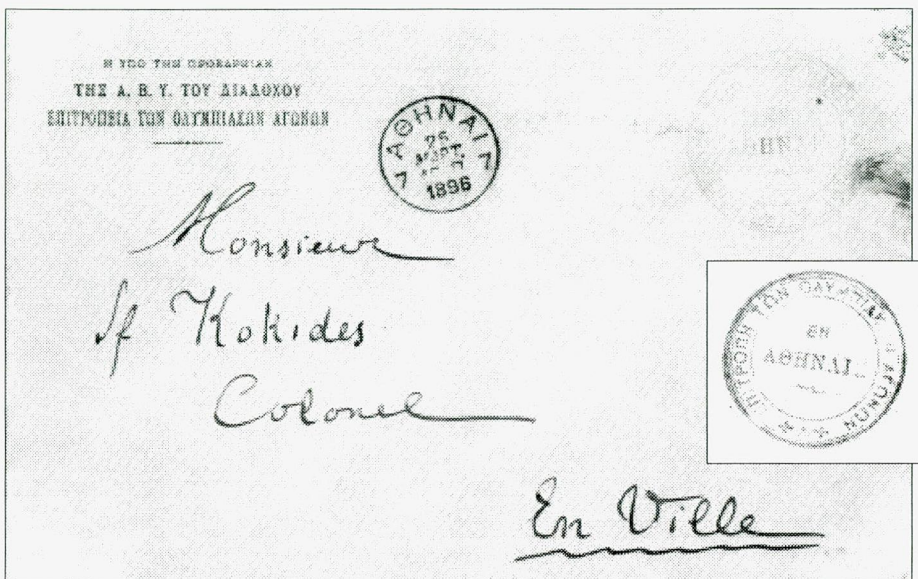
Figure 4
Stockholm 1912

OLYMPIC CORRESPONDENCE

Vic Manikian

The modern Olympic Games are over one hundred years old. One of Torch Bearer's criteria is to document whenever possible, the postal history of the Games through mail items and letters before they are lost. This article attempts to provide a foundation for this by providing the stories hidden in letters and mail from the Games during their first one hundred years.

Figure 1 Athens 1896

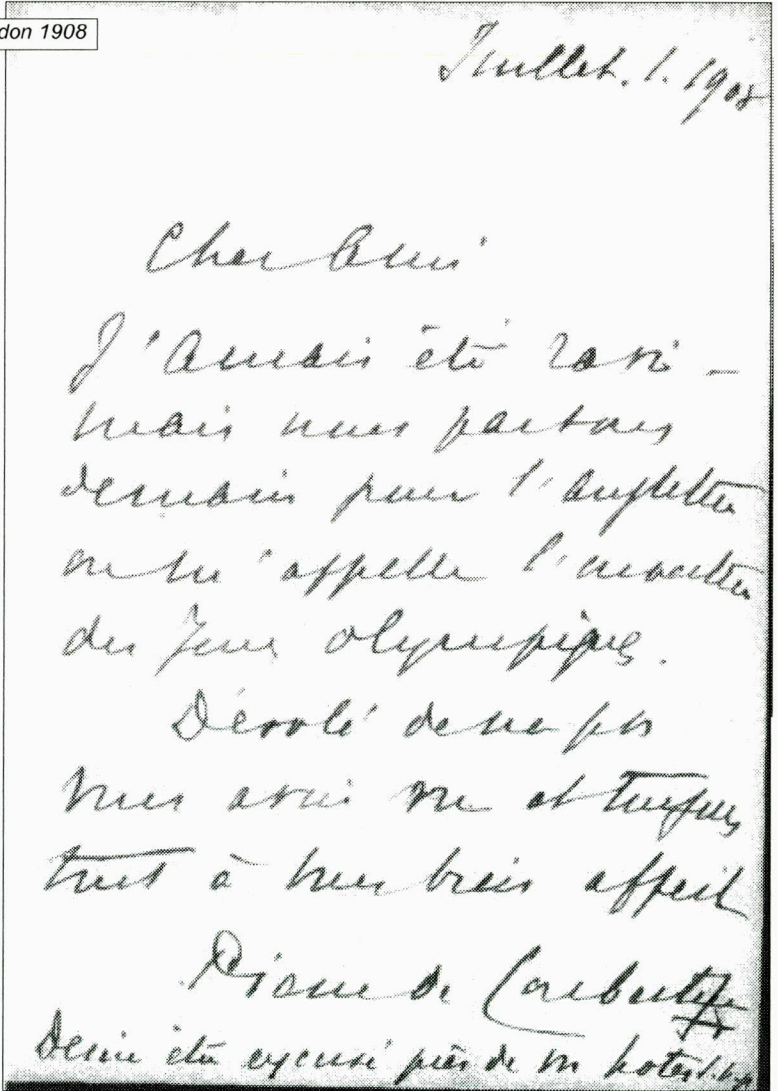


The Greek Committee of the Olympic Games posted its letters without stamps through the post office by using the first Olympic Committee cachet/seal (upper right corner) on the special Committee's cover. The cachet is composed of three circles and in Greek letters "COMMITTEE OF OLYMPIC GAMES" is written between the circles, plus the words "IN ATHENS" is provided in the middle of the cachet. The above letter in addition to the cachet bears also Athens/7 postmark with the date 25 March (12.00am) 1896, the Opening Day of the 1st Olympic Games. The letter is addressed to Colonel If (Ifikratis) Koddidis (1833-1922). After attending the Military University in 1854 Lieutenant Koddidis attended the German War School as a student. In 1876 he was the chief of the Greek Army in Thessaly fighting the Turks, and in 1881 Thessaly became part of Greece again. Koddidis then became president of the Hellenic Committee responsible to fix the borders of Greece. In 1890 he became professor of history in the Greek Military University and later was promoted to Sub-General. He died in Athens in 1922. Koddidis is an important part of Greek history.

Letter from Pierre de Coubertin dated July 1 1908, written in French which states the following:
 Dear Friend; I would have been happy (to be visiting with you) but we are leaving for England tomorrow, where I am committed for the opening of the Olympic GamesPierre de Coubertin". King Edward VII proclaimed opening of the Games on July 13, 1908 in the White City Stadium of London. The 4th Olympiad was held in conjunction with the Franco-British Exhibition and was the longest in history as the 21 sports were spread over 110 days, from April 27 to October 31, 1908.

Figure 2 London 1908

The words "not the winning but the taking part...." Were first preached in St. Paul's Cathedral on July 19, 1908 by the Bishop E. Talbot of Pennsylvania.

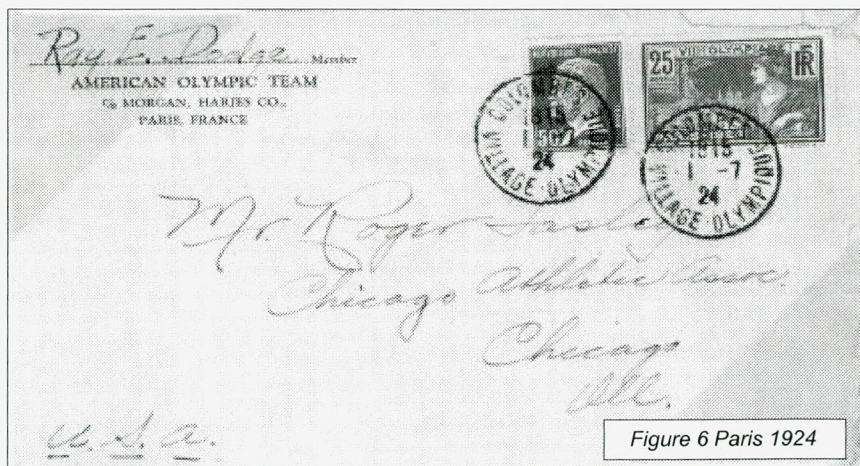
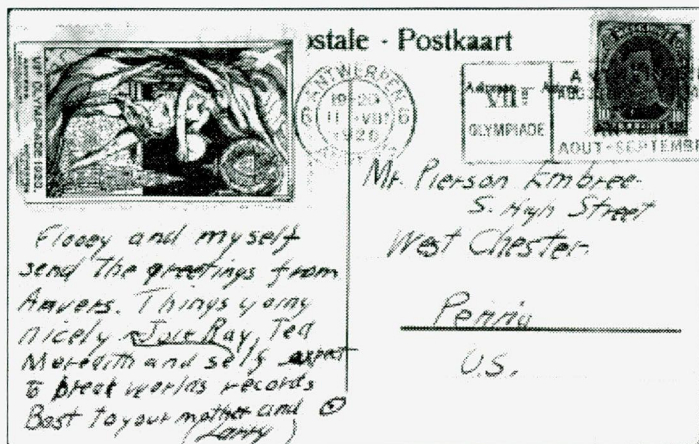


Official vignette in blue, tied on post card by 'Antwerpen / 6 / Anver' Olympic slogan cancel on 11 August 1920 four days before the start of the Games.

Olympic message: "Flooy and myself send the greetings from Anvers. Things going nicely. Joie Ray, Ted Meredith and self expect to break world records. Best to your mother and yourself. Larry". Written by Lawrence M. Shields, a greeting to a neighbour in his hometown of West Chester, Pa. Larry was a member of the Meadowbrook club and attended Penn State.

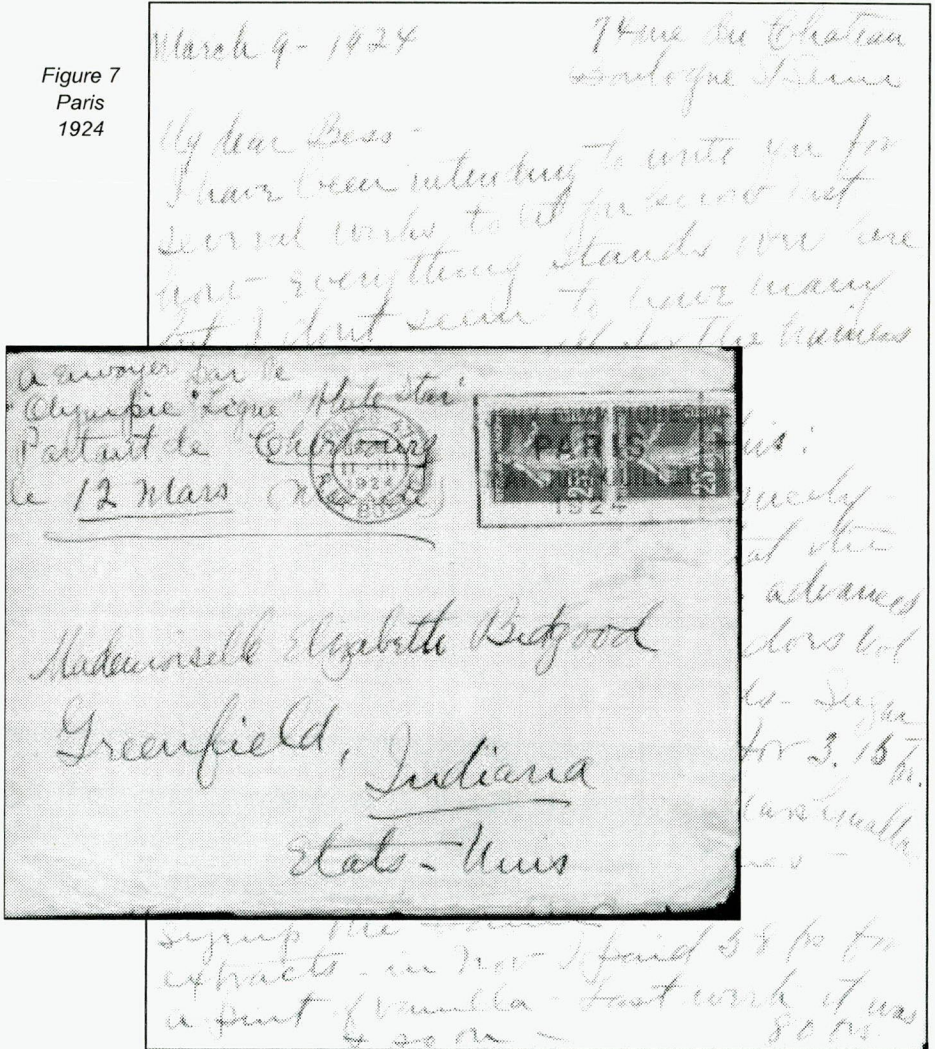
He represented the U.S. in the 1500 metre run and was the winner of a bronze medal. Joie Ray came in 8th in the same run. Ted Meredith did not reach to the finals of the 800 metre run even though he was the world record holder at 1 min. 51.9sec.

Figure 5 Antwerp 1920



Ray Dodge was a member of the American Olympic team in Paris. He finished 6th in the 800 metre race. The stationery of his letter was supplied by Morgan Harjes Co., an American business company in Paris (no longer in business). The envelope bears circular handstamp (type "A"), which provides: (a) complete printing of "OLYMPIQUE", (b) complete printing of "2" in year 24. (c) a hyphen between "village" and "Olympique", and (d) the "4" of "24" is located in line of the "L" in "OLYMPIQUE". The mail rate to overseas is correctly applied with the 75c .

Figure 7
Paris
1924

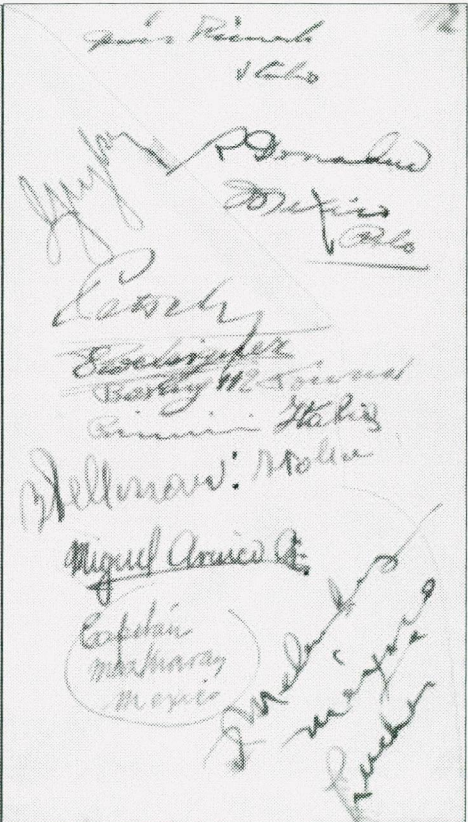
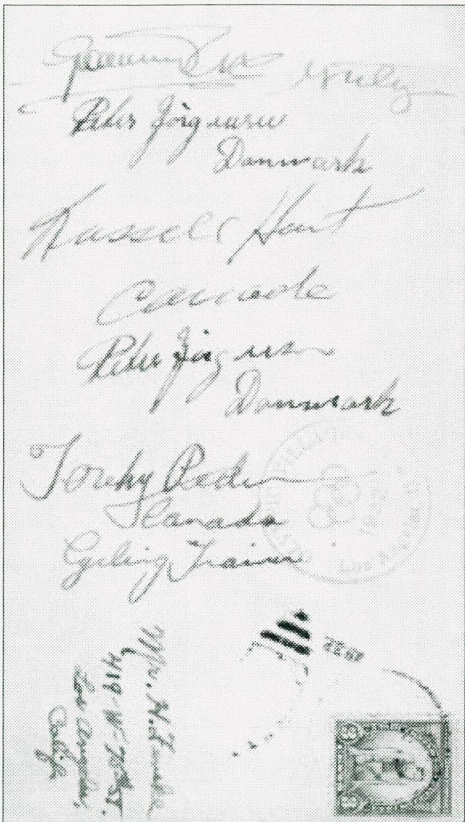
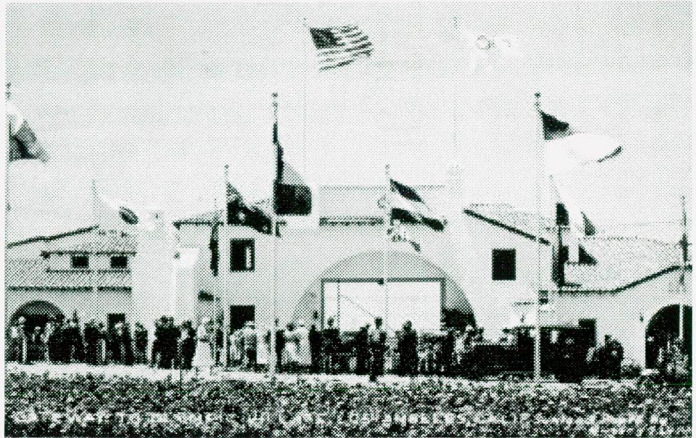


Letter mailed from Paris "A Envoyer par le "Olympique" Ligne "White Star" Partant de Cherbourg le 12 Mars (Mercredi)" by an American lady working in Paris making chocolate candy. The letter states the following: "My dear Bess... the only drawback is that the prices of everything have advanced so outrageously that one does not know where one stands - sugar which I bought in Nov. for 3.15 fr. Is now 5 fr. Or better. Marshmallow ... and so on. The French people are almost panicky over the money situation. Living has increased in the last 6 weeks about 20%. Of course there will be an immense number of tourists here this summer due to the low exchange and the Olympic Games, but they will not find living cheap".

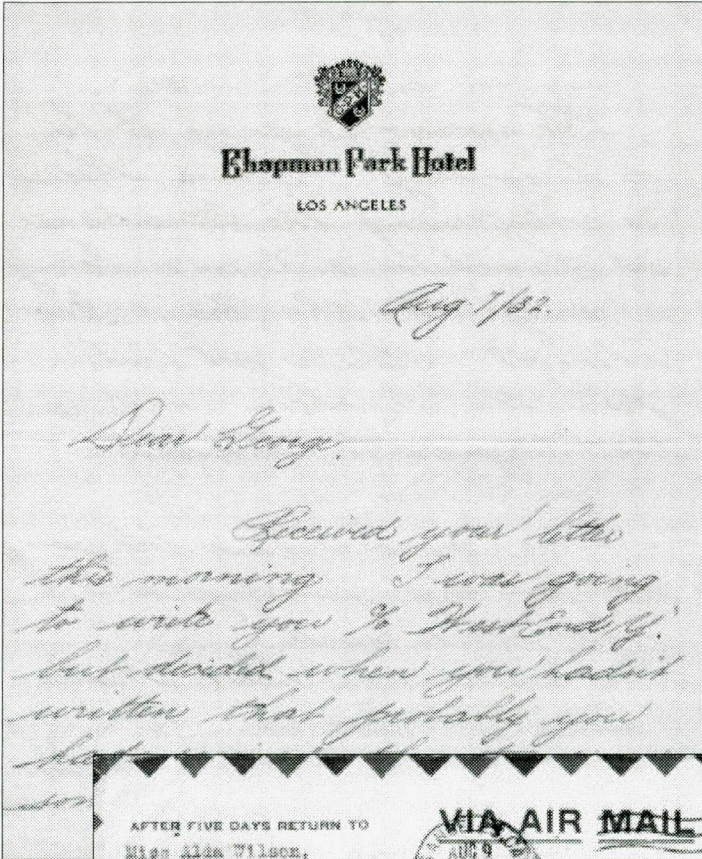
A popular pastime for both fans and athletes at the front gate of the (all male) Olympic Village was autograph collecting.

Figure 9 envelope mailed from the Olympic Village contains autographs, both front and back of athletes from Italy, Denmark, Canada, Mexico and others.

Figures 8,9, Los Angeles 1932

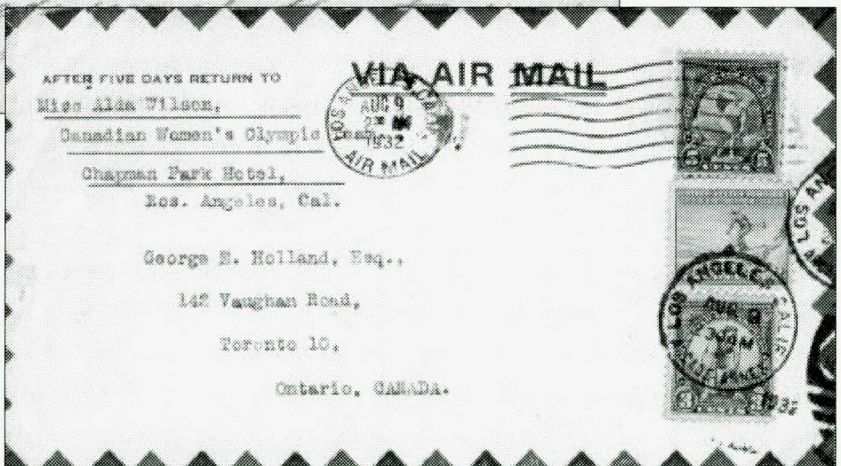


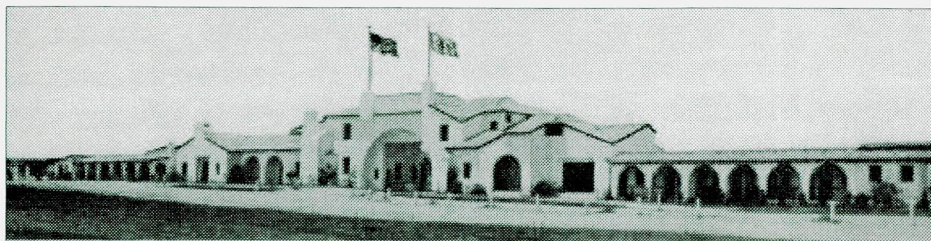
Envelope and letters written on official Olympics stationery by members of the Canadian Women's team and Men's team. The Chapman Park Hotel was reserved for all woman competitors and the men were housed in the Olympic Village complex.



Figures 10,11,
Los Angeles
1932

Letter from Miss Alda Wilson of the Canadian team states: "... I have had a wonderful time. We have been to Fox and Monogram studios and met many movie stars. Tomorrow is going to be a busy day Norma Shearer (movie star) is entertaining the Canadians at luncheon and we're having a party at "The Coconut Grove",





OLYMPIC
VILLAGE
LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Aug 6

Dear George

Received your letter O.K. and was glad to hear from you. I believe I am indebted to you for a picture of our Club's relay team received several years ago and for which I sincerely thank you.

All the boys are fine and doing well considering the calibre of the competition. They are certainly breaking the old records every day.

Hope you are O.K. and this letter reaches you satisfactorily.

Sincerely

James Bol



Figure 12 Los Angeles
1932



LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB

December 15,
1931

Miss May G. McClaren,
12 Bonita Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Miss McClaren:-

We will practice Sunday if the weather permits,
Faddock Field, Pasadena, 10 A.M.

Sincerely,

Aileen Allen

Aileen Allen 7/11/31

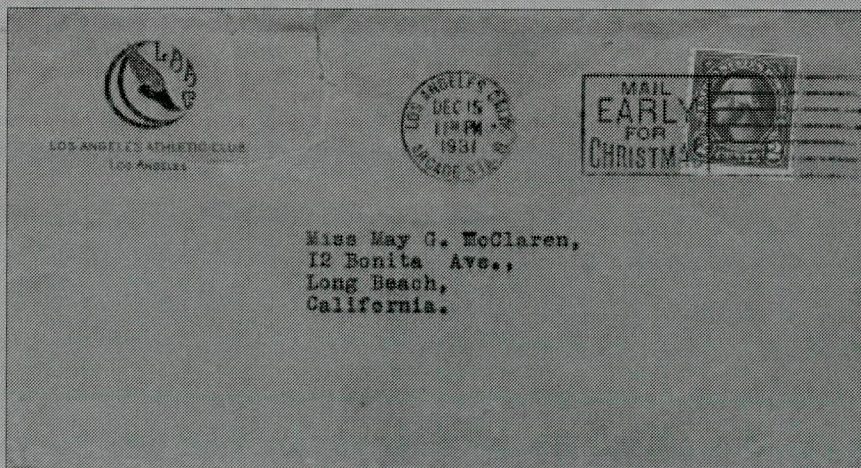


Figure 13 Los Angeles
1932

Letter to Miss May McClaren a member of the American Olympic team from Aileen Allen coach of women's athletics, responsible for the training, tryouts and qualification of team members.

Figure 14 Los Angeles 1932



January 31, 1932

Bunched at the finish

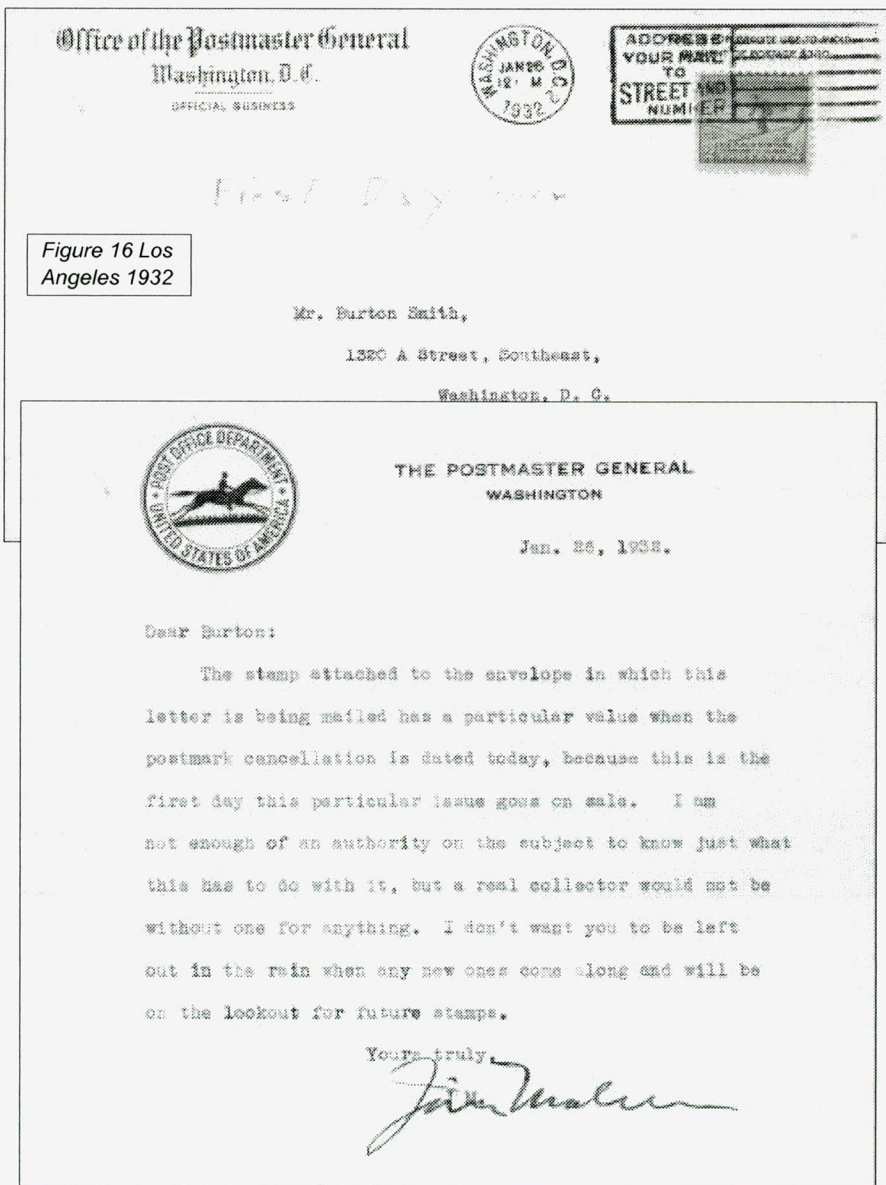
In training here for the women's events of the Olympic Games are, left to right: Ann Vrana O'Brien, who was a member of the American Olympic Team of 1928, specializing in the 100-yard dash; Lucille Keck, Mary McClaren, and Marian Fitting, Southern California hurdles champion. - *Wide World Photo by Joe Mingo*

Members of the Women's team posing for a light-hearted photo-shoot. Mary is second from the right.



Figure 15 Los Angeles 1932

Letter to Burton Smith from the postmaster General dated January 26 1932 first day of issue of the U.S. Lake Placid Winter Olympic stamp. The letter states that the stamp attached to the envelope has a particular value when the postmark cancellation is dated today.



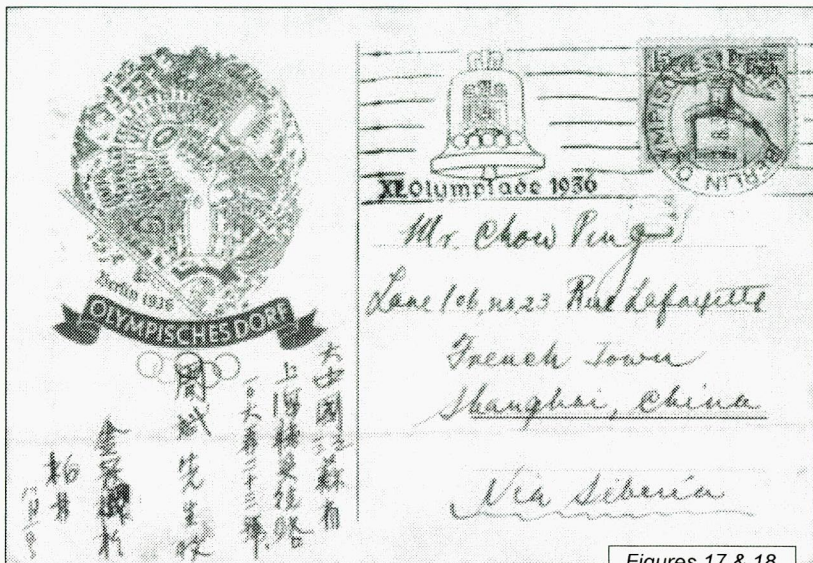


Figures 21 & 22
 Berlin 1936

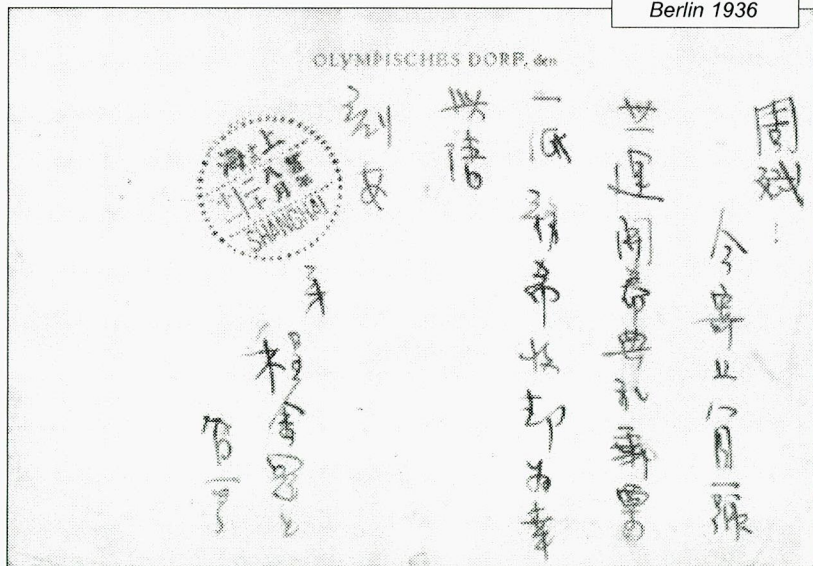
Fred Koppel an Estonian Olympian, was housed in the Olympia LAGER Heerstrasse, built for the international youth contingents. This letter was written and posted on August 2 1936, the second day of the Olympic Games, and has a reference of young Koppel's participation in the opening ceremonies on the previous day.

Liebe gnädige Frau
namens Gute
wie Du vielleicht schon
weist sollte ich teil nehmen am
internationalen Jugendlager
in Berlin. Nun sind die
Besten schon 4 Tage hier.
Vor der Abfahrt gab mir
Mama eine kleine Fisch-
decke mit die ich Dir ab-
geben soll. Natürlich kann
sich dich nicht aufsuchen da
ich keine Ahnung habe wo
die Heerstr. sein kann und
zweitem läuft man uns auch
garnicht alleine fort. Gestern
haben wir die Eröffnung der Spiele
mit und heute haben wir Weltkampf
warum ich ~~ich~~ zu Hause bin kann

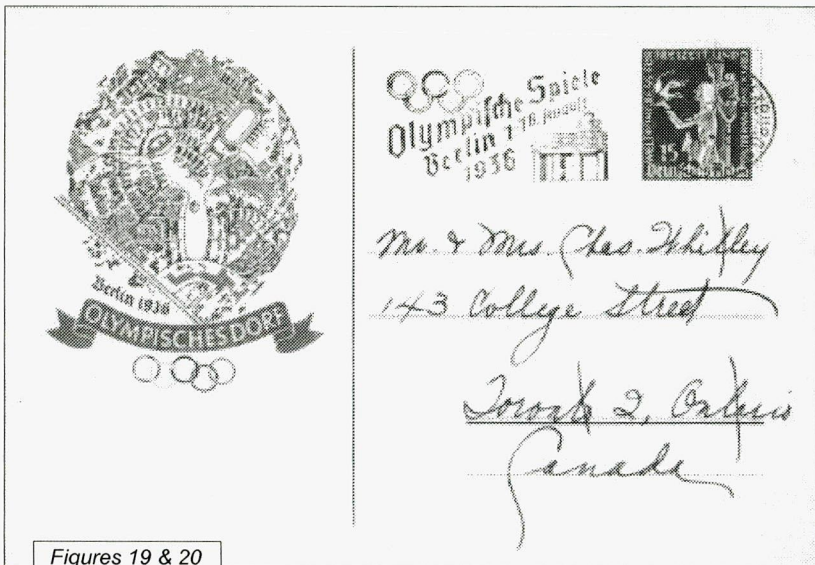
China in the 1936 OLYMPIC Games fielded contestants in boxing, sprinting and soccer. Ting Kam Kun one of the accompanying Chinese officials, mailed this first day of issue postcard to a friend in Shanghai: Shanghai: bi-lingual arrival postmark is on the reverse along with the namesake written by Mr. Ting from his lodgings at the Olympic Village Olympisches Dorf.



Figures 17 & 18
Berlin 1936



Canada's Mrs. Roxy Atkins (80m hurdles) was housed in the Olympic Village with ladies quartered at Frauenheim, which means women's house. The mail from the Frauenheim was dispatched from Berlin. Charles Itenburg postal station. This postcard was mailed on July 28 1936 just three days before start of the Games. Mrs Roxy Atkins trained in Toronto where she stayed with Mr. & Mrs. C. Whitley. She was eliminated in the first heat of the 80 meter hurdles.



Figures 19 & 20
Berlin 1936

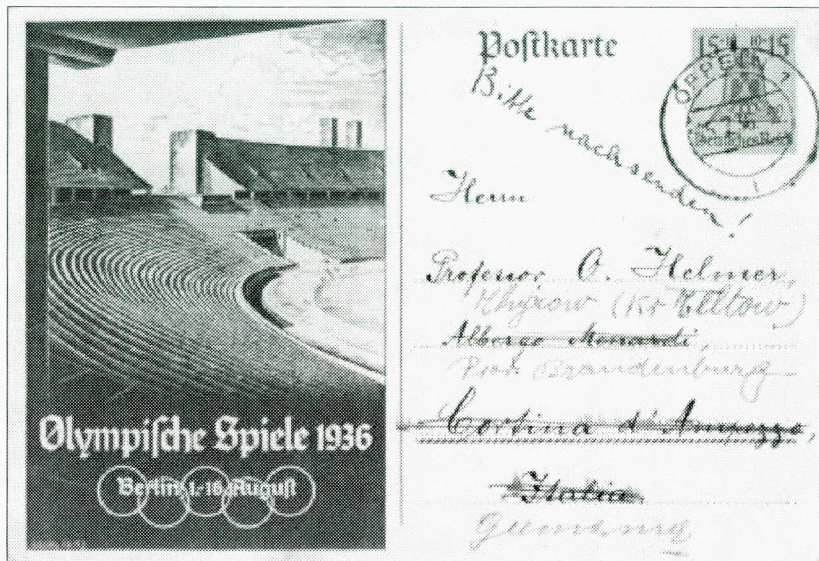
Frauenheim (Friesenhaus)
OLYMPISCHES DORF, ^{den} Berlin, Germany

Dear Mr & Mrs Whitley:
 I have been having the time of my life. So far I have visited La Havel & Paris (in France), Brussels (in Belgium) & this is my second day in Berlin. I liked Paris very much but Berlin has won my heart for all time. The warmth & hospitality of everyone here is a constant reminder of you too. I shall have so much to tell you when I get back. Warm regards. *Roxy A*

July 27, 1936

German pre-Olympic trials took place in several locations. This card was written in Halberstadt where the observer's favourite team took third place in the crawl and fourth in relays. Card was mailed a week later from Oppeln in Silesia.

Figures 24 & 25
Berlin 1936



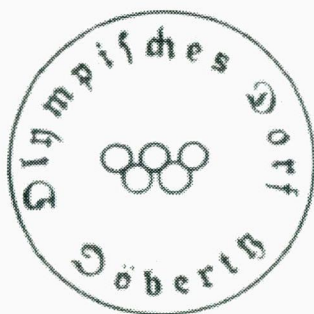
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Lieber Otto!

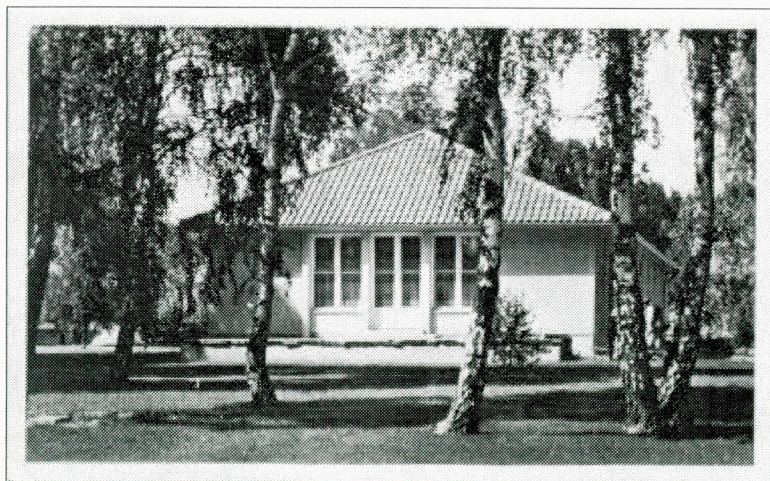
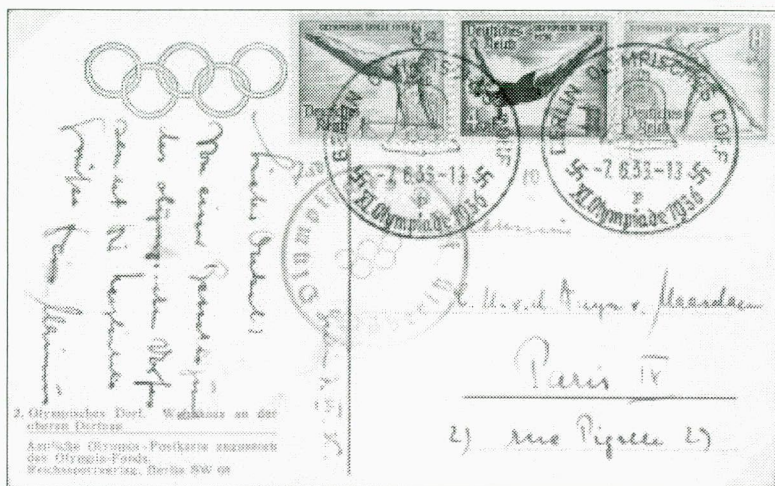
von den Deutschen aus Halberstadt
 die sind Lyon lieber Briefe. Wir haben in
 der Krawlenwettbewerb (Koppel) den 3. und in
 der Lagenkoppel den 4. Preis. Es sind schöne
 Tage hier, so mit unser Olympischenmannen
 schlief und meiner ehemaligen Frankfurter
 Klubkameraden.

Durch ein Unstehen, lieber Otto, das ich
 dir in ein Brief erkläre, ist die Karte leider nicht
 angekommen. Hoffentlich bekommt du sie noch
 Harshest
 Dein *[Signature]*

Olympic contestants were accommodated in the Olympic Village, in cottages in Döberitz in a section of Berlin. The site was identified with an additional cachet to the Olympic Village cancellation.



Figures 29a, b, c
Berlin 1936



The Olympic Village housed members of the national teams entered in the Games together with coaches and other officials. The following are some members from the housing. Fig 30 a postcard from German Athlete H. Lindemann. Fig 31 a postcard from an American contestant John (Johnny Johnson);

Figure 30 Berlin 1936

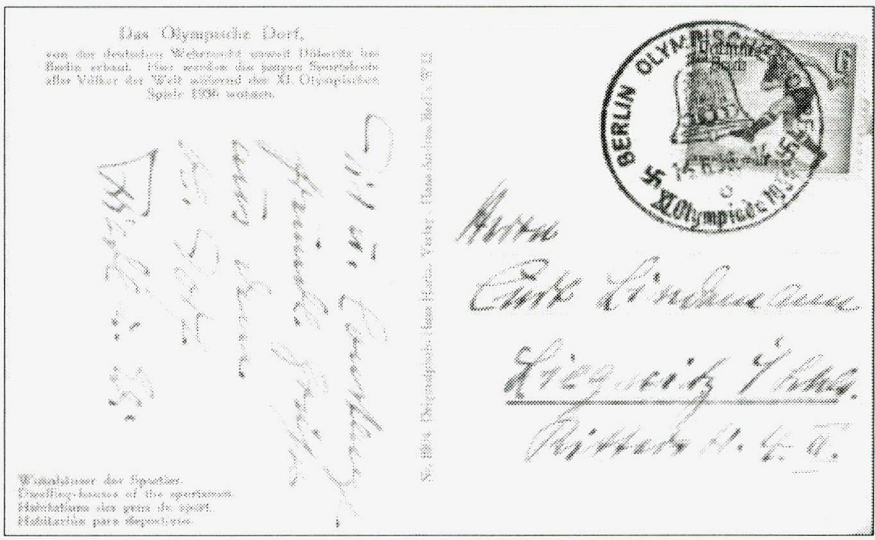


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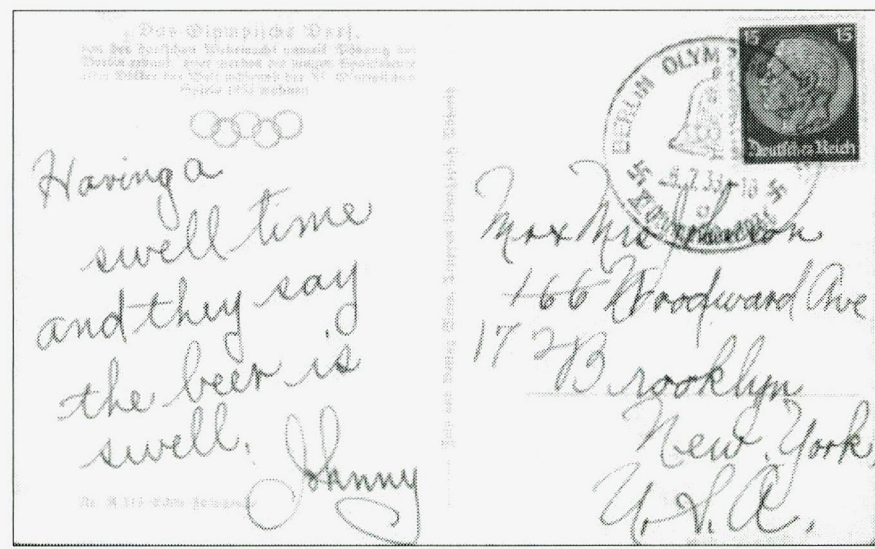


Fig 32 a letter to his father from American athlete Harley (Doc) Strong, competing in Freestyle wrestling lightweight, finishing in 5th place.

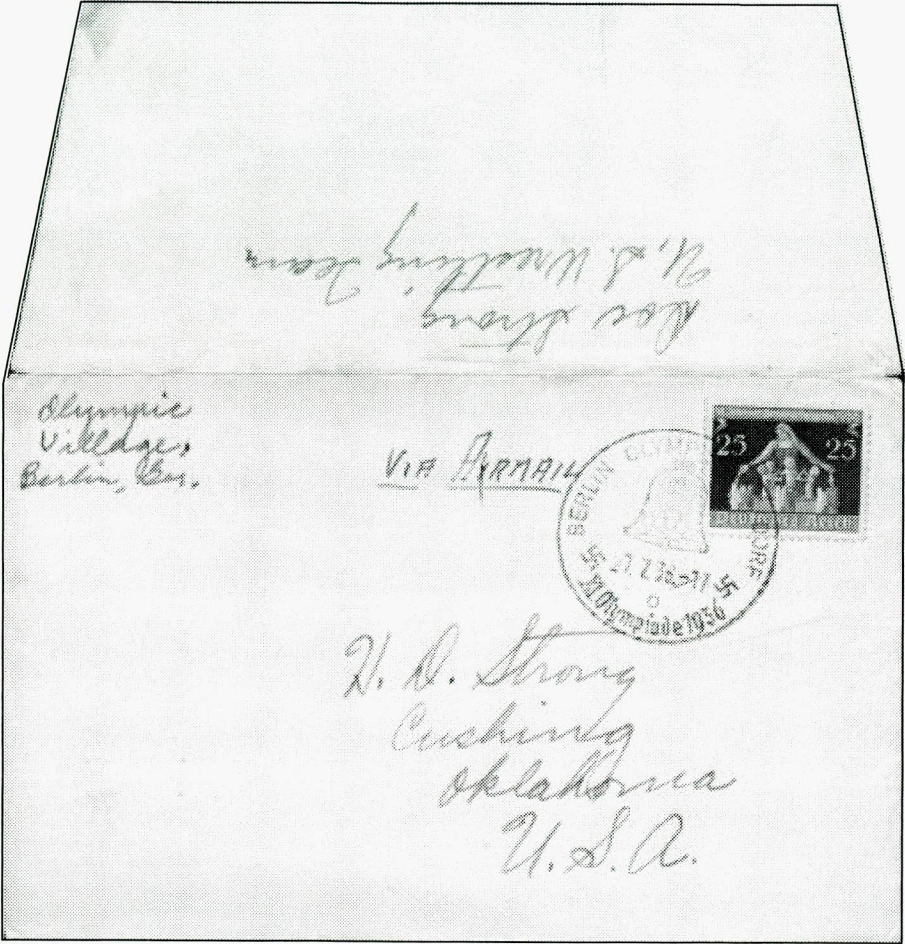
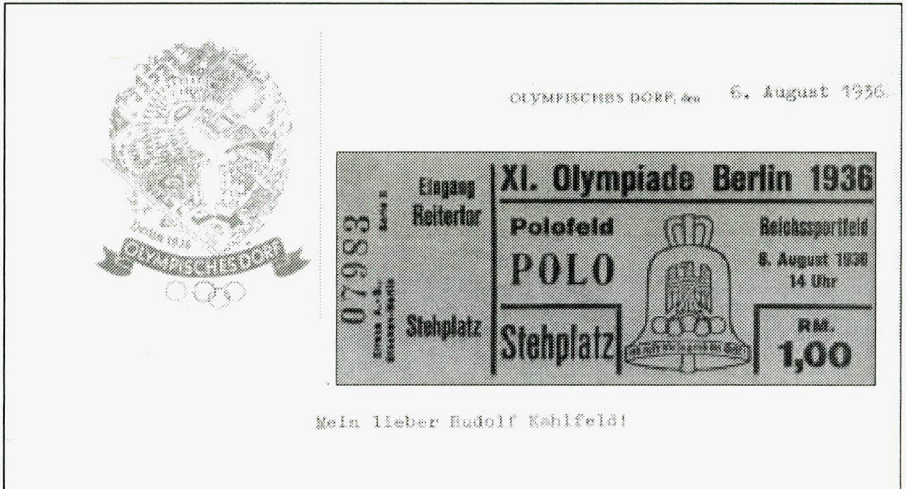


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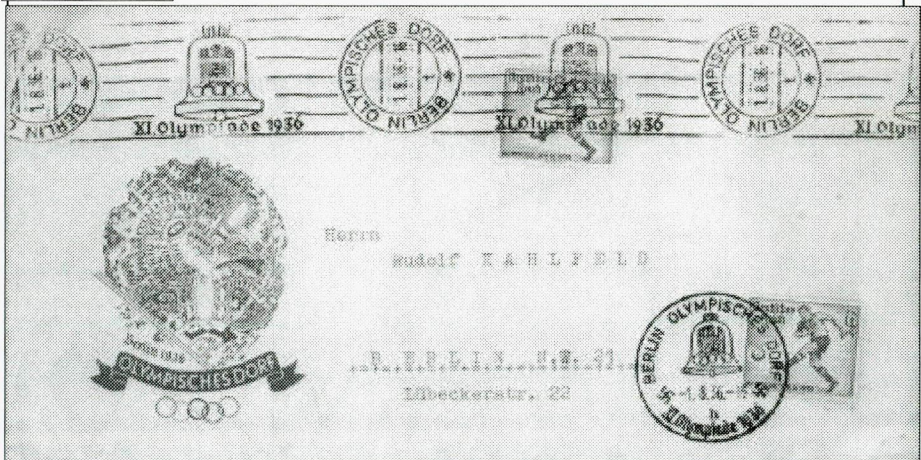
A cover mailed by Otto Tisch an Olympic official containing a letter and ticket to Polo Games. The continuous band roller stamp on the envelope was used from 27 May to 22 August, with the letters "S" and "T"



Mein lieber Rudolf Kahlfeld!

Figure 33 Berlin 1936

Aus dem schönen „Olympischen Dorf“ sende



zu Berlin sein.

Heil Hitler
Otto Tisch

At the Berlin Games Jesse Owens gained international distinction by setting new Olympic records winning individual titles in the 100 and 200 metre runs and the broad jump and running on the winning team of the 400 metre relay run. In the United States after the Games he was titled "Jesse Owens: the Greatest Olympian".

Jesse Owens ensured his athletic immortality as a sophomore at the Ohio State University and his first Big Ten track meet of May 25, 1935 at Ann Arbor, Michigan when between 3:15 and 4:00 p.m. he set five new world records and tied another – all in 45 minutes!

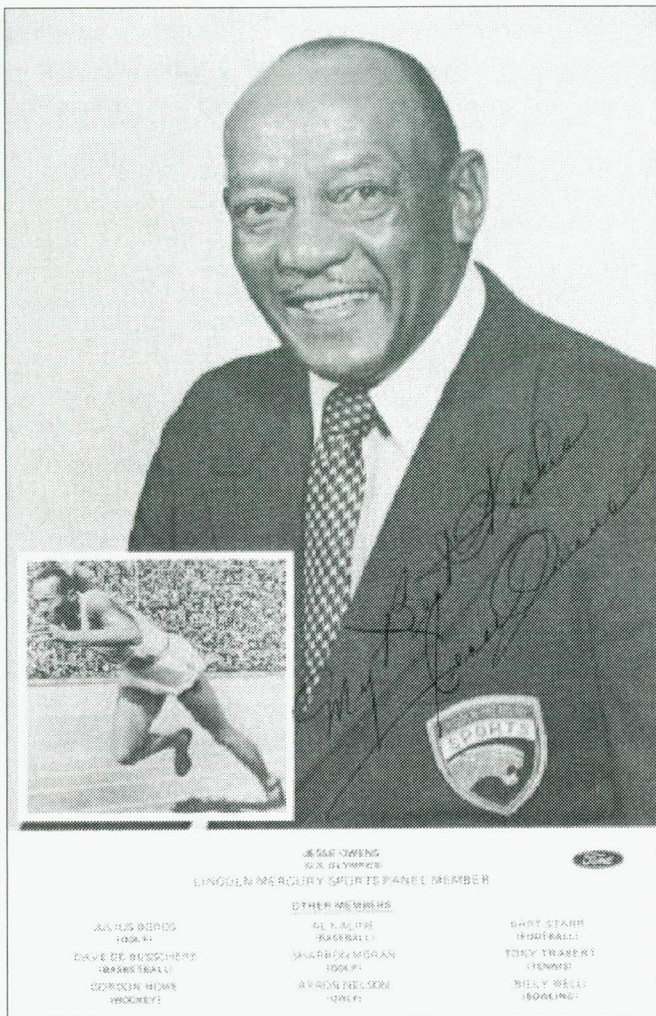


Figure 34
Berlin 1936

First, he matched a world record by running the 100 yard dash in 9.4 seconds, then he broke a world record by soaring 26 feet 8¼ inches (8.13m) in the long jump. That record would stand for 25 years, (his winning jump at the Berlin Olympic Games was 8.06m). He then shattered another world record by completing the 220 yard dash in 20.3 seconds, which also bettered the world mark for the 200 metre run. Finally, he lowered the world record for the 220 yard low hurdles to 22.6 seconds, and in so doing, lowered the world mark for the 200 metre low hurdles. Kenneth Wilson, Big Ten commissioner at the time, called Owens "a floating wonder, just like he had wings".

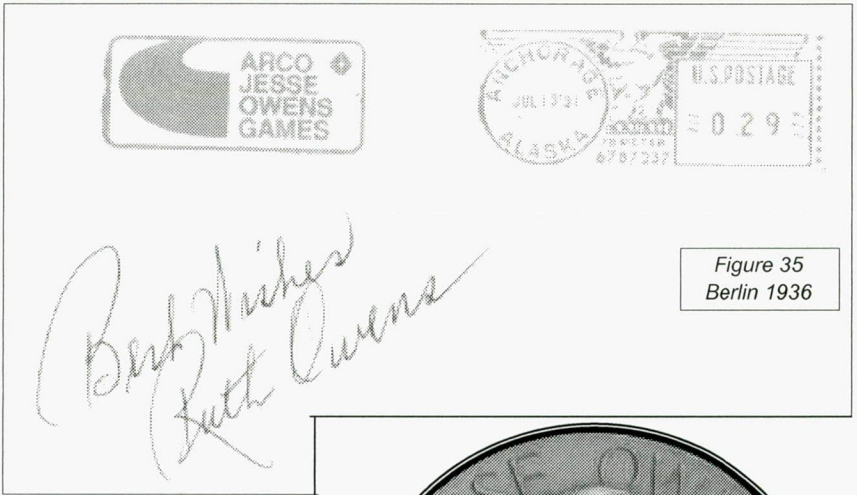
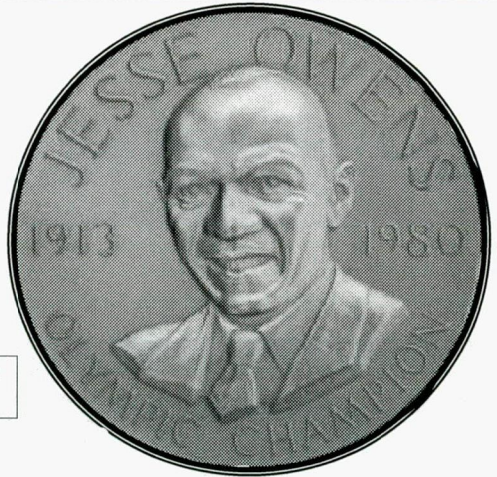


Figure 35
Berlin 1936

After the Berlin Games Jesse Owens devoted his life to enhancing the opportunities of youth. Owens and Atlantis Richfield Co/ARCO joined forces in 1965 to establish the ARCO Jesse Owens Games as a community service program.



Figures 36a, b
Berlin 1936



They both shared the belief that young people are a great resource and the traditional track and field competition is one of the best ways to develop that precious resource. In 1988 through an act of the U.S. Congress Pres. Ronald Reagan honoured Jesse Owens (1913-1980) by presenting Mrs. Jesse (Ruth) Owens a gold medal (3 inch dia) for his distinction as an athlete and humanitarian (fig 36a and 36b)

Baron Pierre de Coubertin (1863-1938)

40L Greek postal stationery in combination with 50L Diagoras stamp on the burial day of Coubertin's heart 26 March 1938, in Olympian as per his desires stated in his will. The normal postal rate was 1.50 dr.



Figure 37

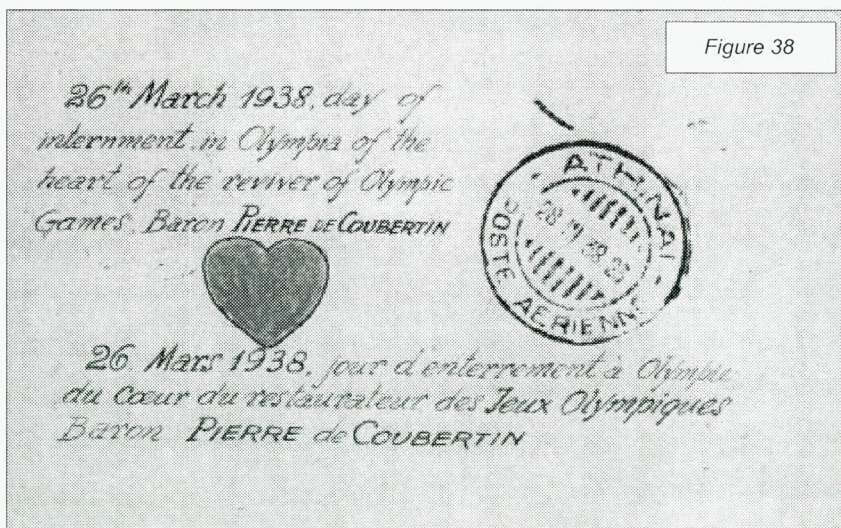


Figure 38

Letter from the organising Committee for the 14th Olympiad written by Reg Bunting to his father Mr. J.R. Bunting, President of the Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association. His letter states: "My dear mother and Dad... Have been selected as an official for British Empire Games... keep this envelope carefully please"

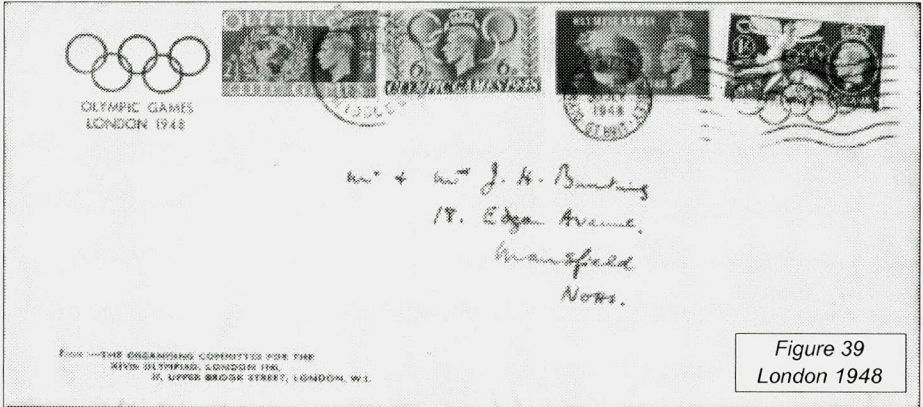


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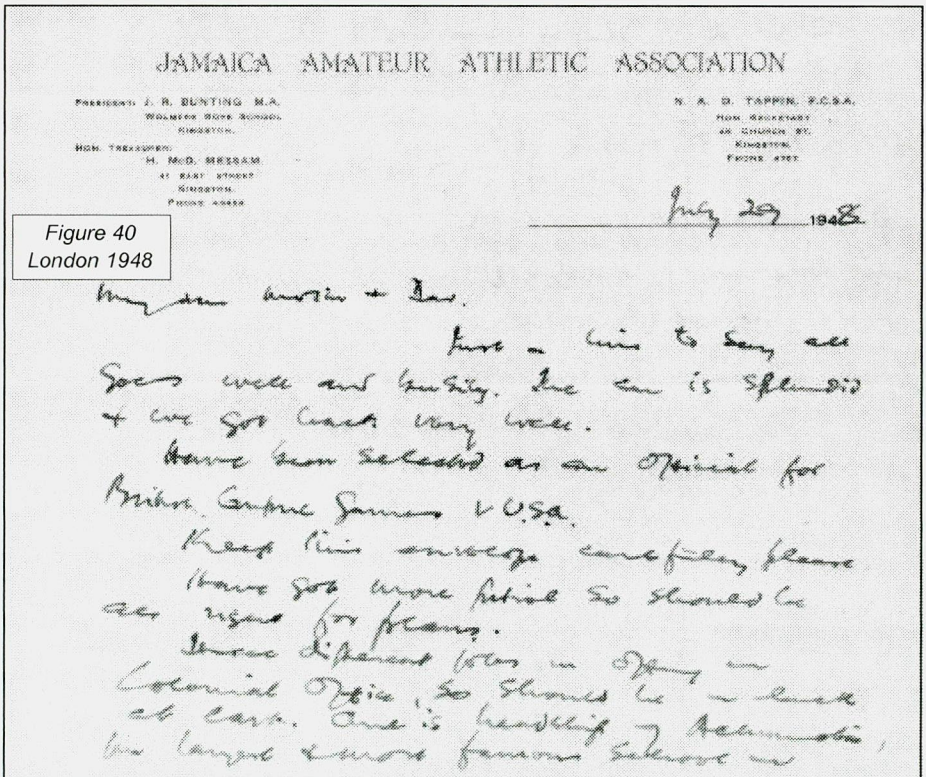



Figure 40
London 1948

Letter from the organising Committee for the 1948 London Games to a German collector in East Germany concerning the acquisition of the 1948 Olympic stamps.

Figure 41
London 1948

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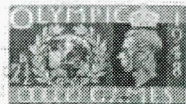


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Yours faithfully,
M. Russell

Envelope from Mexico City dated October 1968 first day of the 19th Olympiad including autographs of (1) Bob Beaman, with the 29-foot 2 1/2 inch world record, hailed as the greatest athletic achievement of all time, (2) Randy Matson, shot put gold medal winner, (3) Tim Ryan, 1500 meter run silver medal winner.

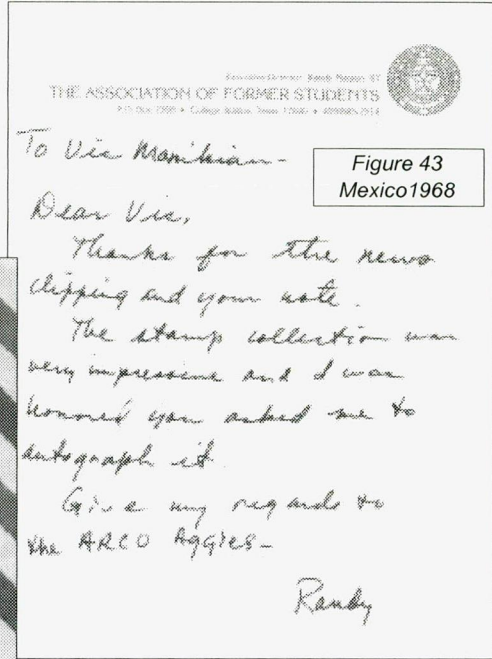
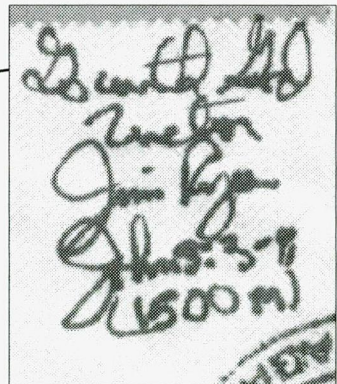


Figure 43
Mexico1968

Figure 42
Mexico1968

Ryan's signature with a message said "Go with God Victor. Jim Ryan, John 3:3-8 (1500m). The letter from Randy Matson was subsequent to a visit in 1995.



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Review by Brian Hammond.

Ever since I first started Olympic collecting in the early 1960's I have felt the need of a worldwide stamp catalogue for Olympic Collectors. Ernest Trory produced his in English but this only covered the games up to 1936. Others have tried. FIPO has supported recent effort including the Yvert et Tellier summer games list of stamps to 1996 in French and Domfil excellent Olympic Host Cities full colour catalogue in Spanish and English.

This new catalogue should fill the need of all but the very specialist collector of Winter Olympic stamps. The 3,868 stamps issued for the winter games from 1924 to 2002 are with very few exceptions catalogued under the individual games they were issued for in full colour. Stamps are reproduced at 50% of their size. Prices in both € and \$ are included as a guide. Besides Domfil's own numbering system used in conjunction with their album pages the numbering of Yvert et Tellier, Michel, Scott and Unificato catalogues is included. Stamps are identified for host, participating and not participating nations. The black issues [Arab States etc] have been included. A special red dot symbol indicates stamps not approved by the IOC. A small number of stamps not issued for a specific games are illustrated in a separate section while those issued for an anniversary have a separate symbol. Issue dates and names of medal winners on stamps are provided. Symbols also provide information on imperforated stamps, paper types, surcharges and varieties but the specialist philatelist will not find this complete and will need additional information from more specialist lists.

Winter Olympic postal stationery including bid material for the 2006 games is also reproduced in colour. This is not complete as only one of the postal stationery cards issued by Austria for the 1964 games is illustrated instead of the 69 that appeared in three sets. The 16 cards issued by them for 1976 are illustrated but not the 2 cards issued for the 77 IOC session held at the same time as the games. Postal stationery from Japan for Sapporo is not mentioned but that from Romania and the USSR is. [Ref Olympic Postal Stationery Irwin Bloomfield / Brian Hammond SPI 1973/78 in 11 parts]

What makes this catalogue special is the new way it has been produced to make it suitable for collectors worldwide in a way they can understand and use it to communicate with fellow collectors in other countries. This has been achieved by cutting the text to a minimum. Flags and a large number of symbols are used in their place. In the guide to using the catalogue these symbols are explained in seventeen different languages. An index to stamps by sport and country using the symbols and IOC country codes is included for collectors of one sport or country. Alpine skiing appears under three symbols for Combined, Downhill and Slalom events. Giant Slalom and Super G events are included under the Slalom symbol.

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Domfil and their team of helpers are to be congratulated for this major work that should find a place on the bookshelf of all Winter Olympic and Winter Sports stamps collectors. It deserves to become the standard work of reference. I look forward to seeing a companion work for the summer games.



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REVIEW OF MAGAZINES WITH OLYMPIC INTEREST

JOURNAL OF SPORTS PHILATELY.

Volume 40 Number 5, starts with Mark Maestroni's second instalment of his Salt Lake City Olympic experiences, and he follows up with another Salt Lake Olympic article on the Olympic Village Postal Facilities, covering the Post Office facilities in the Village and the system for outgoing mail and the separate arrangements for incoming mail.

The Olympic theme continues with an article on Andrew "Boy" Charlton, the Australian swimming star of the 1924 1928 and 1932 Games. The article covers his Boyhood, experiences at the Games and his various attempts to retire.

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Volume 40 Number 6 commences with an article on Printing the French 1924 Olympic and some of the errors found. The 1944 Olympic games in the Polish Prisoner of War Camps and the stamps issued to commemorate them. There were two camps involved, and the Camp Commander was a Philatelist and a stamp exhibition. was held in one of the camps. A postcard of The Victor Hugo Restaurant with a vignette advertising the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games is lovingly described along with the pressure of bidding in an Ebay auction (particularly if you live in Europe).

Non-Olympic articles cover China's participation in the World Cup (Football) and the philatelic items issued in China. Lou Gehrig (baseball player) and a meter slogan for General Foods; and a 75th Anniversary Envelope for the Toronto Maple Leaf Ice Hockey team.

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Other articles feature Ernest Raavenstein the Director of the German Gymnastic Society one of the men who had a vision of a new Olympic Ideal; Elias Katz another Olympic Medallist on the track in 1924; Aileen Soule the 1956 Springboard Gold Medallist from the USA; and Tom Richards the Australian Rugby Union Gold Medallist in 1908.

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