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FRONT PAGE

Welcome to a new volume, and a year in which a number of new project will come to fruition within the Society.

The International Circulating Packet which was first mentioned in 2000 will begin to operate during the second half of 2003 under the management of Brian Hammond our Public Relations Officer who has volunteered for this additional portfolio. Details of the operation of the packet together with enrolment form and rules will appear in May Torch Bearer.

The Society will have a web site in operation during 2003, details of which will also be published in May. The Committee are conscious of the fact that not all of our members have access to the internet, and we would like to allay any fears that publishing information on the web will be detrimental to the content of Torch Bearer - all original material will still appear in the journal, the web may offer 'snapshots' of published articles to attract new members, or even display articles from earlier volumes, but it will not be replacing Torch Bearer.

By the end of 2003, we hope to have alternative means of payment available to our overseas members with internet access to ease exchange costs, (and speed our receipt of the funds).

The auction returns with a bumper number of lots this issue, so please take the time to study the list and let John have your bids.

All responses to the questionnaire circulated with the 2003 subscription renewal form are being considered by the Committee, but three particular items can be commented on immediately:

- An excursion or event to mark the 20th Anniversary of the SOC: an equal number of members expressed interest in an event at Much Wenlock or a trip to Greece, the number is however relatively small. This would make a manageable sized party for a foreign trip, so budget costs will be established and all those who expressed an interest will be contacted.

It would however be very difficult to organise a meaningful event at Much Wenlock with such low numbers unless we are able to integrate with events that are already planned - in effect a group of the SOC attending en bloc at events arranged by the Wenlock Olympian Society if invitations can be obtained - enquiries will be made.

- The most common request for items to be included in Torch Bearer was (as previously) a request for more articles on the earlier celebrations of the Games. This is rellly controlled by those submitting material for publication, and I am very aware that this issue in particular has a bias towards modern content. This will be redressed whenever possible, and the May issue will contain our first substancial article on **Tokyo 1940**. Melbourne 1956 will feature through the year. Other submissions would be very welcome!

- Published membership list. This is frequently requested, however our policy is to maintain confidentiality of members details - any member wishing to contact others with similar interests can do so through 'Small Ads', and can include their address within the Ad. Compliance with The Data Protection Act together with the wishes of some members will encourage us to maintain our current policy.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Duke Paoa Kahanamoku.

The Sacramento, California post office philatelic centre of the United States Postal Service provided the following commemorative stamp cancel (figure 1), supplementing the Honolulu, Hawaii First Day of Issue cancellation of August 24, 2002 reported in the November 2002 Torch Bearer {V.19 p.185}.



figure 1.

United States Postal Service, Honolulu also produced the silk cachet First Day of Issue cover (figure 2) honouring Duke Paoa Kahanamoku.



figure 2.

The envelope measures 241 x 106 mm. (9½ x 4¼ inches). The centre (blank) section has been omitted.

The 37 cent 'Duke' stamp was not allowed for use on August 24, 2002 except in Honolulu, the 'First Day' city. The 30 day grace period for cancels would allow covers to be submitted with the 'Duke' stamp, but it is believed that cancelling any such covers was avoided.

Materials provided by Vic Manikian.

Berlin 1916 - Thanks to Thomas Lippert for supplying copies of these vignettes issued by 'sporthilfe' (sport-aid) in Germany.

Each sheet reproduces a design originally produced for the VIth Olympic Games, Berlin, 1916. The reproductions are of extremely high quality colour and gilt printing. The 'stamp' sized label is clearly marked **Faksimile** on the bottom margin.

Sheets measure 84 x 103mm.;
'stamp' size 35 x 50mm.

Designs of the ten sheets are:

- Archer
- Boxer
- Discus thrower
- Fencer
- High jumper
- Javelin thrower
- Rider (equestrian)
- Runner
- Shot putter
- Wrestlers



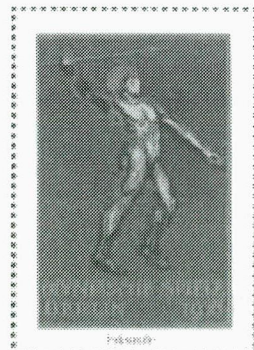
Wrestlers



High jumper



Discus thrower



Javelin thrower

MEMBERS FORUM

A. W. Swanston would be grateful for the assistance of members with the following queries:

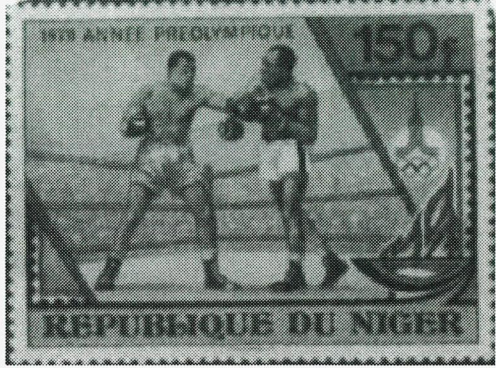
Boxing

Can anyone confirm if one of the boxers shown on this stamp is Foreman?

The stamp was issued in 1979 by Niger, as part of a 'Pre-Olympic' set.

Catalogues list the designs as 'various boxers'.

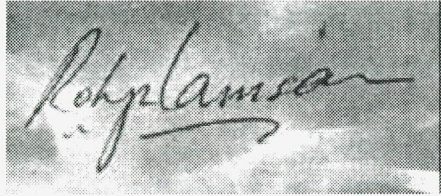
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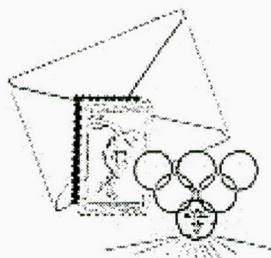
Hong Kong

The illustrated sheet was sent to the Hong Kong Olympic Association with a request for the young lady illustrated to sign the sheet. It was returned duly signed, but without any comment on the ladies name - or if it is the lady shown.

Can anyone identify the signature?



The sailboarder [top] is **Lai Shan Lee** who doesnot appear to be the signatory {Ed.}



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OLYMPIC CORRESPONDENCE - 1932 LOS ANGELES

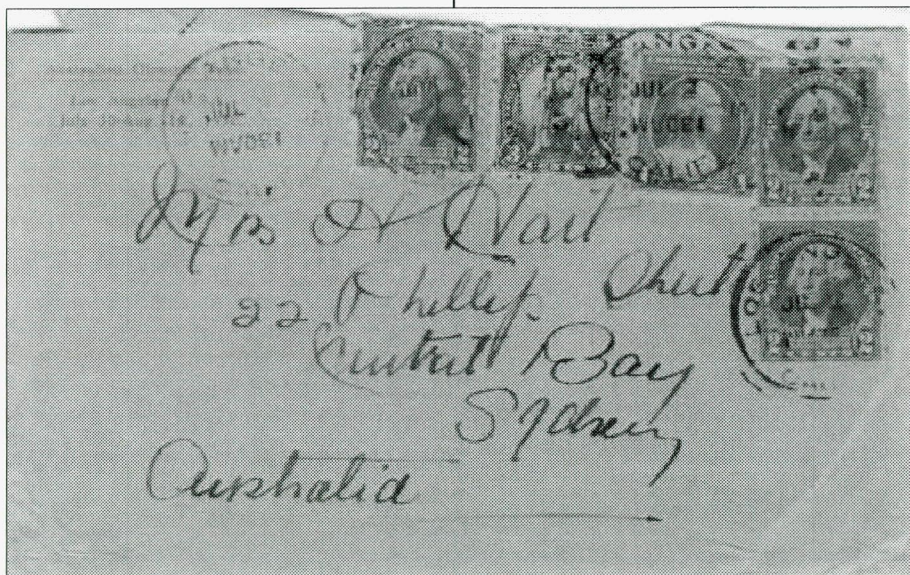
Richard Peck submitted the following letters in response to the article by Vic Manikian in Volume 19, Issue 3.

The correspondence is from a lady attached to the Australian swimming team to a friend at home in Australia.

The contents highlight some easily forgotten facts about the efforts required to send a team to the Games in 1932. Do we now appreciate the travel time required to attend an event half-way around the world, it was not the 8-12 hour flight that we know today. The staging of the 1932 Games was in the shadow of the worldwide economic depression, and it is interesting to note the comments on finances within these letters, and the fact that the writer considered these as important as describing what must have been the greatest adventure of her life.

Transcripts of the letters have been included, they are as full as possible, but in places the script has defeated us! Apologies for the occasional missing word.

It is also interesting to note that there was a philatelist back-home.



Envelope imprinted with:
Australian Olympic Team
Los Angeles U.S.A.
July 30 - Aug. 14 1932

Postmarked
Los Angeles,
2 July 1932

AUSTRALIA OLYMPIC TEAM Postmarked July 2 1932 Dated 10 June 1932

Did not have time to drop a line from Suva as we reach Pago tomorrow this will go by the same mail. I'm including six stamps.

We had a delightful stay at Suva the swimming officials met us and we spent the morning in the baths, beautiful baths 60 yds long 25 yds wide. Returned to the ship for lunch after which the swimming folks took us for a 35-mile drive through the native villages. It was most interesting and we were besieged for money, the youngest although he can hardly speak can say

The natives are most interesting and gave what they term a "Mihge" same weird dance with their hands. When the boats arrive they all range beside wharf's with wares such as beads, mats, crafts coconut bowls which are very high priced at first, but if you wait long enough you can beat them down. Ought to have you here for that (eh what!)

The team are all in excellent health doing plenty of training, we are up by 6.45 every morning for deep breathing exercises, swim at 10am and again at 4pm so we should land there in fairly good trim.

The menu is an excellent one with great variety to choose from and we may have what we like even if not on the menu, plenty of ice cream, fresh fruit, and fresh cream, naturally we take advantage of it.

Am looking forward to seeing Pago tomorrow they tell me it is very pretty, I liked Suva very much. We only stay in Pago about three hours and go off in launches. We go off to Honolulu Thursday next when we will see dear Mr. Leo and we certainly will be given a great time there.

Well old dear I have not yet looked at my books, but hope to in a day or two, its wonderful what one does with the days, of course mine are pretty well occupied.

Thank your Nan for the very nice stockings, remember me to Fanny and all at home.

Much love

M--- Ackers

S. Australia Olympic Team
Los Angeles

20 July 1932



Envelope and stationery from Chapman Park Hotel (Women's Village).

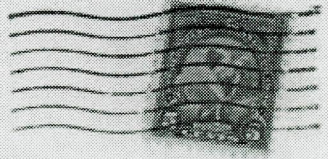
Chapman Park Hotel

LOS ANGELES

My Dear Nan

Your delightful letter arrived today & week I good to reply, when I have so many to answer, my mail today was lovely. I got it within the three days & all the newspaper cuttings Vera sent me, of course it made me homesick, & tears were frequent to realize how good all you folk were to me. The post from months just seems like a dream. I hope you could understand my financial situation, do the best I could do under the circumstances. Had a letter from Beat today inquiring about the Mrs. Ne. Abbot & find out what she plans to her. That

Chapman Park Hotel
615 SOUTH ALEXANDRIA AVE.
LOS ANGELES



Mrs D Hart
32 Phillip Street
Berbat Bay
New Zealand

Posted 26th July 1932; Dated 20th July 1932

My Dear Han,

Your delightful letter arrived today and aren't I good to reply, when I have so many to answer.

My mail today was lovely. I got 37 within the three days and all the news paper cuttings Vera sent me of course it made me homesick, and tears were frequent to materialise how good all you you folk were to me. The past few months just seem like a dream.

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Had a letter from Beat(rice) today enquiring about the entry re: ---- you might explain to her that you have got the detailed account.

I'm rather amused at the idea she is holding executive meetings at her home to save expense. Someday I hope they will arrive at the fact their association is the most cheaply run body in the state. The executive meetings have always been held at the Sports club. However that is always on the cards and it amused me.

Well Han dear, the team are still all well and happy. We are very pleased with them up to date and will I think give the other competitors a good go. Bonnie is going great guns, aand has registered 1-19 ½ for 100 meters, Eleanor Holm broke that in New York salt water in the trials and did 1 – 18 ½. Francis did 1-9 ½ 100 meters Thursday. Helen Madison did 1-8 in her trial again in salt water. They have to make that time in fresh water, and both were done in competition, which makes all the difference, naturally we are very pleased and hoping great things.

From today all outings stop, no drives, no nights out in bed by 8pm every night no social functions. Next Sat. is the big opening day and its going to be very impressive, I just wish I could transfer you all by a fairy wand, yes wish you were here as my financial buyer the dollar is very dear to us costs me 7/4 so when we see something a dollar we multiply by seven and see how it works out. You could save me all that --- --- and I know by experience you would get great bargains, we have not done much shopping yet, been to busy, we train twice a day and have not much time left, but that wont worry us we get a few days after the games finish and if we have any money left that will be time enough.

Our hotel is quite an interesting place now and a babble of foreign tongues most teams are here, England, south Africa, Canadians extra teams arrive tomorrow.

We have fourteen Dutch girls, 17 Japanese swimming and 14 athletic girls. America has 35 swimmers and 25 athletic girls, Germany 6, Poland 4, Sweden 1, Mexican 1, France 1, New Zealand 1 (which I'm pleased I did not take charge of) 17 Canadians. There will be about 185 when the teams arrive tomorrow. Its great when trying to make conversation, we try and then all finish up laughing at each other.

It's a great experience and the winners of all events will have to be all out to win the trials. The Americans try outs have been a big surprise to the officials.

About the finances at home. I want you to be very careful about this matter as I'm not supposed to divulge it but we are all ok as far as money is concerned and ??? is a canny manager, by the way he and you would be ideal, he doesn't stint the team at all and the house has not cost him nearly as much as he thought. It would and he did a great old laugh when I told him about it so if you can --- to my association it would be a good idea. I don't know how you will do it, but I'll rely on your good judgement.

I'll try to send you the set on opening day if at all possible but we are not near a Post Office and I don't know how I'll do it never the less I'll try.

Love to Fanny much to self

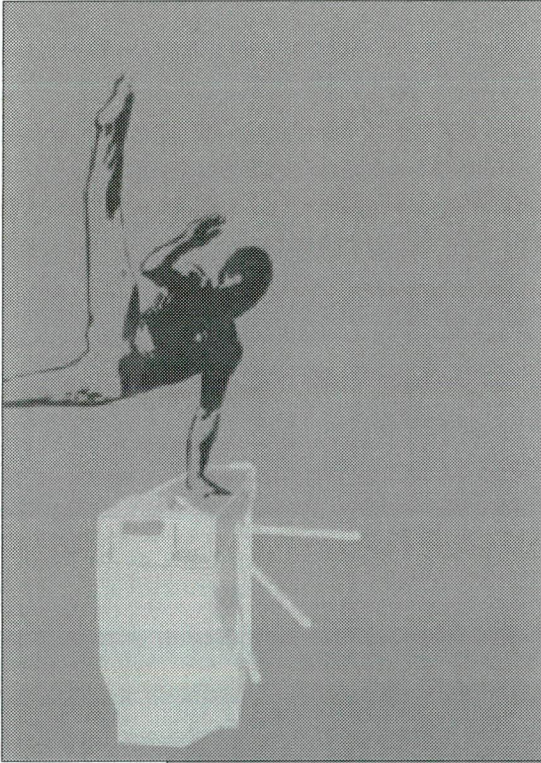
From M---

Finally, not really correspondence, but interesting ephemera:

A menu for the 'OLYMPIC WELCOME HOME BALL' 15th. September, 1932



NEW YORK CITY, USA's CANDIDATE FOR 2012

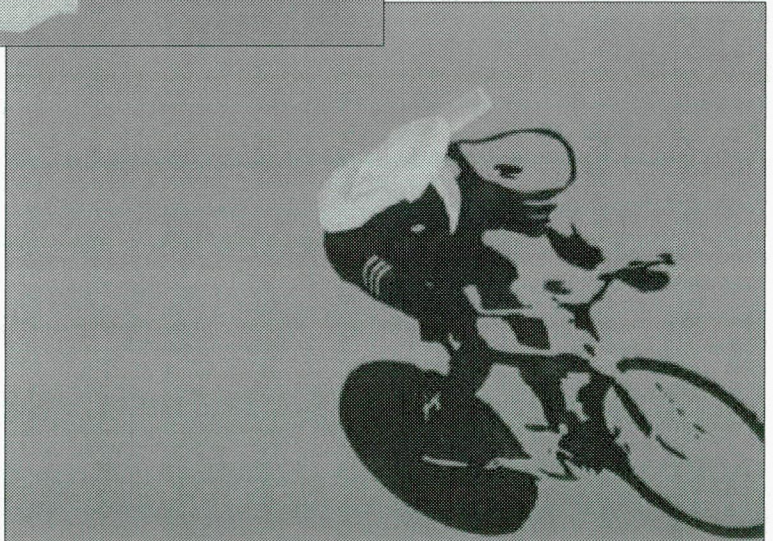


The US Olympic Committee selected New York City as their candidate to host the 2012 Olympic Games on 'U.S. Decision Day' November 3rd, 2002.

New York was selected in preference to San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Houston and Tampa who had all promoted their potential Olympic credentials.

New York has undoubtedly had additional support as a result of the events of September 11th. and the feelings that selection to host such a prestigious event would help to rebuild morale and further strengthen community spirit.

The city is also in the envious position of being able to include many existing venues within it's bid.

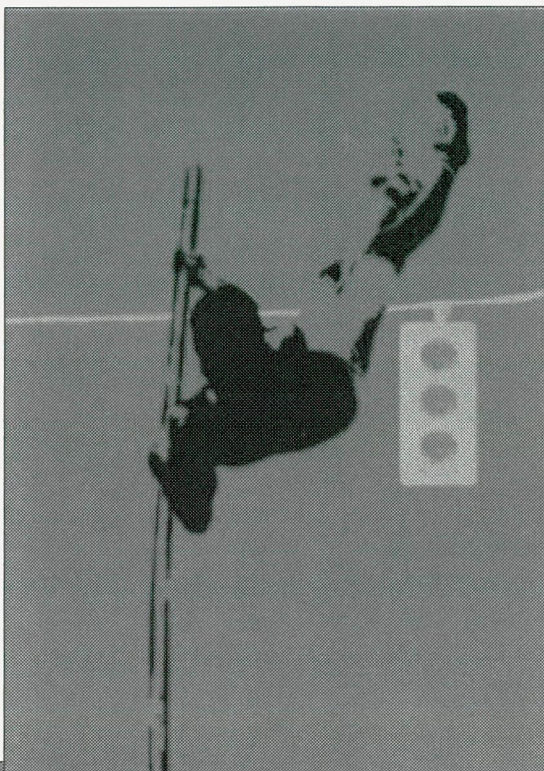


A series of four postcards exist to promote the candidature.

The cards are published by GO CARD postcard advertising (free rack cards), and have the simple slogan 'The Olympic Games in New York - We've been training for this forever', on the reverse.

All of the card designs show an Olympic sport (in black) set against a familiar New York image (in yellow):

- Gymnastics, with ticket barrier as horse;
- Cycling, with courier back-pack;
- Pole vault, with stop-light support cable;
- Wrestling, adjacent to N Y Taxi.



50 OLYMPIANS OF THE FIRST 100 YEARS

The following article was submitted during 2001 against our specific request for ideas to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the S.O.C., and whilst the suggestion of publishing fifty cards in a single year would be a massive undertaking in financial terms, copyright of images and logistics, other options could be considered if there is member support and demand. Examples of options could include producing cards for the 'top' three, five or ten olympians selected by members; a similar or greater number of cards over a period rather than in a single year; a card each year for the an Olympian selected in an annual poll etc. Your views would be welcomed

R. Cyca

Earlier this year the SOC committee asked its members for ideas to be put forward to this year's AGM. I duly presented an idea and this article is to now put it forward to the membership at large.

My idea was for the SOC to solicit from interested members a list of Olympians representative from the first 100 years and to then illustrate these special Olympians by way of a set of cards. Initially I had in mind 100 Olympians but have now reduced the list to 50. The idea grew from a Time Magazine article – June 24th 1996 listing the century's top Olympians, compiled by a group of leading international sports journalists. Once a list is published invariably many outstanding individuals will miss out. The problem with any such list is who to leave out. Still this is just a start and hopefully other members will wish to contribute ultimately arriving at a list that has a general consensus with the membership.

Selection to my list of top Olympians of the first 100 years was based on just a couple of criteria: -

1. A proven track record – medals won over several Olympiads and or
2. A superlative performance at a single games.

Both summer and winter Olympians feature in the list although the bias is favoured heavily towards the summer games – summer 42, winter 8. Men also appear in greater numbers 34 to 16. The list does not feature athletes prior to 1912 as the games had yet to find popular favour with many countries and few athletes competed. Nor does my list contain those Olympians who compete only in team events or in any event that consists of pairs. Fours, etc., Supporters of the great rower Steven Redgrave and the great Russian ice skating pairs will beg to differ I'm sure. Also excluded are equestrian events and the modern pentathlon, as both these events must rely on their horse for their overall performance. I can already hear equestrian purists mounting their arguments in defence.

Financially the SOC is in a sound position and the cost of printing such a set of cards should not be that too prohibitive. If so then as one committee member suggested a sponsor could be found to offset the expenses. The SOC already does a superb service in the issue of the Torchbearer and the quarterly auctions printing a set of 50 cards would I feel provide yet another interesting project for the membership. So what do you think? Is this idea worth while? And more important are there any Olympians you feel should appear on the list that I have not included?

50 OLYMPIANS OF THE FIRST 100 YEARS

SUMMER - 42

Hannes Kolehmainen	Athletics	Abebe Bikila	Athletics
Nedo Nadi	Fencing	Vera Caslavská	Gymnastics
Duke Kahanamoku	Swimming	Irena szewinska	Athletics
Paavo Nurmi	Athletics	Roland Mathes	Swimming
Ville Ritola	Athletics	Sawao Kato	Gymnastics
Johnny Weiss Muller	Swimming	Daniel Morelon	Cycling
Jesse Owens	Athletics	Mark Spitz	Swimming
Fanny Blankers-Koen	Swimming	Klavs Dibiasi	Diving
Gert Fredriksson	Canoeing	Victor Saneyev	Athletics
Bob Mathian	Athletics	Nikolai Andrianov	Gymnastics
Paul Elvstrom	Yachting	Lasse Viren	Athletics
Emil Zatopek	Athletics	Teofilo Stevenson	Boxing
Lazlo Papp	Boxing	Nadia Comeneci	Gymnastics
Pat McCormick	Athletics	Perti Karppinen	Rowing
Larissa Latynina	Gymnastics	Kristin Otto	Swimming
Dawn Fraser	Swimming	Greg Louganis	Diving
Vyacheslav Ivanov	Rowing	Jacju J. Kersee	Athletics
Murray Rose	Swimming	Alexander Karelin	Wrestling
Al Oerter	Athletics	Krisztina Egerszegy	Swimming
Boris Shakhlin	Gymnastics	Carl Lewis	Athletics
Peter Snell	Athletics		

WINTER - 8

Sonja Henie	Figure Skating	Raisa Smetanina	Nordic Skiing
Lydia Skoblikova	Speed Skating	Bonny Blair	Speed Skating
Sixten Jernberg	Nordic Skiing	Lyubov Egorova	Nordic Skiing
Eric Heiden	Speed Skating	Bjorn Daelhie	Nordic Skiing

Short List

Tony Sailer	Alpine Skiing
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There are certainly plenty of opportunities here to comment on. Do you have views on selection criteria suggested? Do you support the olympians selected? Who do you think is missing?

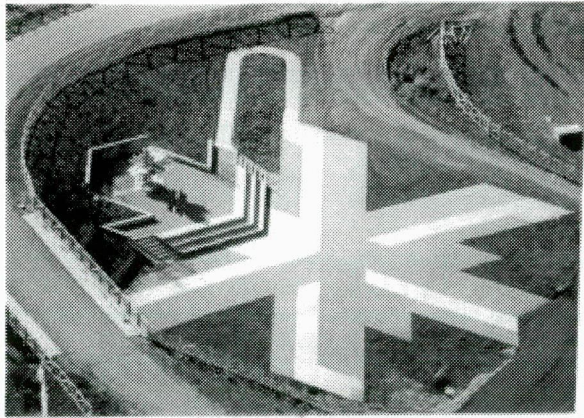
Responses will help the committee to gauge the level of interest in such a project.

SALT LAKE CITY 2002 - Part 3

David Buxton

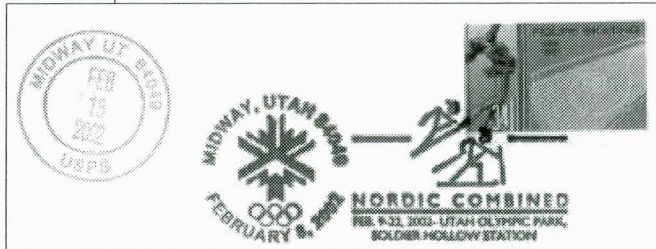
In the first instalment Bob Farley covered the period leading up to our arrival in Salt Lake City and the changes in the philatelic programme. The second article covered the week we spent in Salt Lake City prior to the commencement of the Games and the first few events that we attended. This article continues with some of our experiences at the Games.

Wednesday 13th February. The previous day Norman and Kathy Jacobs had been skiing at their favourite Salt Lake resort, Brighton and during the evening had convinced both Mark Maestrone and Rennie Buxton that they should join them. So it was that early on the Wednesday morning the four set out for the ski slopes. The weather turned out to be sunny with a slight breeze and everyone enjoyed themselves. Rennie on her return to work was keen to stress that she had skied at the Olympic Games as several of her senior colleagues were expert Skiers, spending much of their holidays on the slopes. Rennie's previous experience was a one-hour lesson at Christmas 2000. Bob, Brenda, Sarah and David decided that they would travel to Midway, where the Cross Country and Biathlon events were being held at Soldier Hollow. We all fell in love with Midway, it consisted of Swiss style buildings, they have a Swiss Weekend at the end of August, and the main street was brightly decorated.



2002 Olympic Sculpture, Soldier Hollow

By Les Brown Photo



A locally produced greetings card showing the Olympic sculpture at Soldier Hollow, purchased and cancelled in Midway February 13th.

The Town Hall had a Swiss style Clock which on the hour, figures came out of the wooden doors on a turntable, and next door was a Swiss Bell Shop. Rennie collects miniature Bells and so a purchase had to be made. It also turned out that the shop produced a very nice line in greeting cards, with photos of the Olympic events and the Salt Lake Olympic symbols on the front. Several copies were purchased by Bob and myself and we duly bought some postage stamps and had them cancelled at the local post office. We then found a wonderful cake shop, and placed an order for a selection of the best apple-turnovers that I have tasted and other cakes along with the coffee. We decided that a return visit with Rennie was required.

In the evening I had tickets for the Short Track Skating, which was being held in the Delta Centre, renamed the Salt lake Ice Centre for the duration of the Games. The Delta Centre hosted both the Figure Skating and Short Track. I have only seen Short Track on the Television once before, and, as there was a final during the evening; I was really looking forward to the programme of events. I was not to be disappointed. The evening begun with five heats of the Ladies 1,500 Meters, which was an event making its debut on the Olympic Programme. It took a little time to get used to the "Cat and Mouse" style of the race, which for the first few laps, appeared to be at a slower pace. Then things started happening during the last few laps. Not only did the speed increase, but also so did the casualties as skaters slid off the track (called "wipe out") on the tight bends. The Chinese and Korean skaters dominated the races, with the Korean crowd winning the supporter's stakes! It was then the turn of the Men's 1,000 meters, which was another, round of heats, the final being a few days later. There was no mistaking the crowds favourite in this event, Apolo Ohno was cheered all the way in qualifying for the final. This was followed the semi finals of the Ladies 1,500 Meters, and then the 5,000 Meter Relay for Men.



This was a fantastic sight as all the skaters, 4 from each team and 4 teams to a heat, came onto the ice. Each skater completed a circuit before the next skater comes onto the track in front of them and gets pushed forward. The teams complete 45 circuits! In the second heat, things were really coming to a head as the race entered the final stages, when a Korean skater, Ryoung Min slipped around a turn and crashed into the boards. After a stoppage the Korean skater was stretchered off the ice and taken to hospital. As he crashed into the boards he knocked over an Italian skater, and the Korean team, which was one of the favourites, was disqualified. The three remaining teams had to start all over again.

The final of the Ladies 1,500 meters was won by Gi-Hyun Ko, of Korea, who at 15 became the youngest ever Short Track Olympic Gold Medalist. I then caught the Trax back to the local station, where Bob, as he did most nights, picked me up for the final drive home.



Thursday 14th February, was a free day of Olympic events for Bob and myself, while Mark and Norman went off to watch the Nordic Combined Competition, a two day event of Ski Jumping (which they had tickets for) and the Cross Country on the following day (and which I had tickets for). Unfortunately due to the bad weather, the Ski Jumping was postponed, which meant that all three of us did not get to see any of the Nordic Combined, as both days were re-scheduled when we had tickets for other events. Mark and Norman, however made good use of the time visiting the Olympic Square, where the sponsors had their trade stands and watching the Men's Figure Skating Competition in the evening. Bob, Brenda, Sarah, Rennie and myself decided to go back into Salt Lake to do some shopping, sight seeing and get some more cancellations. Rennie was getting a little tired of sitting in the food hall of The Crossroads Mall, despite the endless soft drinks she was being supplied with, while Bob and I were arranging cancellations on our cards and covers, that she decided to spend the morning sight seeing with me, and the afternoon shopping with Brenda and Sarah.

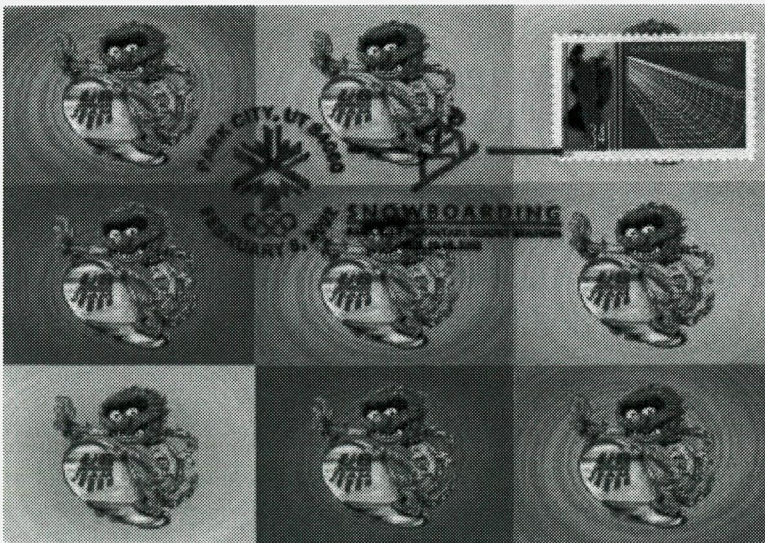
Friday 15th February. As my Cross Country event had been postponed, another day had to be planned. We decided to visit Bingham Copper Mine. Mark and Norman decided that as this was their last full day in Salt Lake, they would visit the IOC Hotel and the Philatelic Exhibition in County Hall. Kathy decided to stay at home and catch up on her reading. Bingham Copper Mine is proclaimed to be the second largest man made item (after the Great Wall of China) that men in space can see on Earth. It is so deep that Two Empire State Building 's can sit on top of each other in it. This is where the Salt Lake Olympic Committee had purchased the base metal for the Olympic Medals,

the first time the Medals have been made from minerals mined in the host City. There was a presentation case showing the medals and many displays and a film show of the history of the mine. During our time there we watched a controlled blast, which shifted much of the rock. There was a gift shop, where several purchases, including embossed copper postcards, were made.

*'Ski Utah'
embossed
copper
postcard.*



We found a small bric-a-brac shop in the locality (next to the Post Office!), and were surprised to find a number of boxes of postcards including many 'free' rack cards. An hour or so later we emerged with a number of cards including a candidate for a snowboard maxi-card, 'Animal' as mascot of the U.S. Snowboard Team.

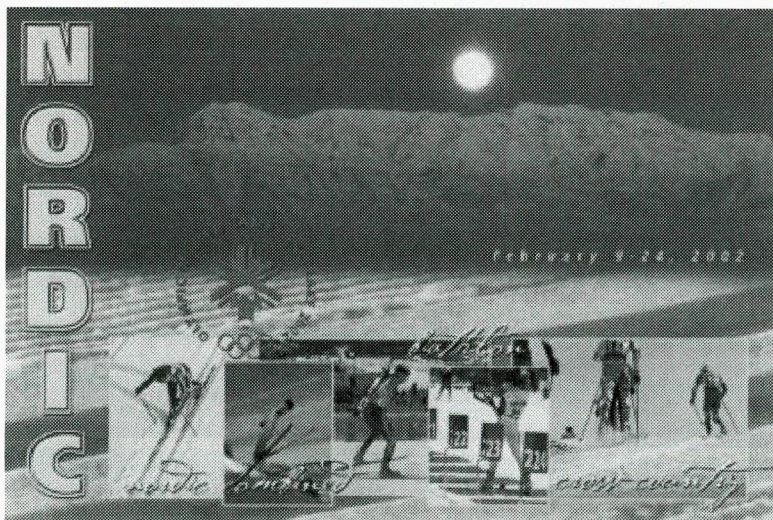


'Animal'

On our circuitous return journey we visited Provo, one of the Ice Hockey venues, for some cancellations on our covers. In the evening I met up with Mark and Norman at the Olympic Square, for another Medal Ceremony, as Kathy had decided not to go and offered me the spare ticket.

Saturday 16th February, was Mark, Norman and Kathy's final day. They went to the Men's Super-G-Slalom Ski event and then drove to the Airport for their flights home. I had tickets for the Biathlon event and Bob drove me to County Hall, where arriving at 6.00 am I boarded the Mountain Express for Soldiers Hollow. I already knew from our earlier visit to Midway, that we would be travelling through some lovely countryside, but I had not been expecting the spectacular view from the Biathlon course. To get to it we travelled past an Old Railway station with a steam train that was transporting other spectators, who then boarded a sleigh. The Mountain Express Bus dropped us off at the Security area, and we had to walk. This was another of those times when I thought that the Mountain Express was not the best option! However we passed a field of Bison and then on arriving at the venue we walked through a Living History Wild West Indian Village. The re-enactors were all very friendly and certainly added to the enjoyment of the day. On arrival, I wondered where was the best place to stand, and soon heard one of the volunteers telling someone else who must have asked out loud the same question, "Find some Norwegians, they know where best to stand". This sounded like good advice and so it was that I found my self a spot surrounded by the Norsemen. There were two events, the Men's 12.5Km Pursuit and then the Ladies 10Km Pursuit.

GMW postcard of the Nordic events



The Biathlon is an amazing event, when Cross Country skiing, the competitors heart beat is very high; at the end of each circuit, they must steady their heart beat as they shoot with rifles at three targets. If they miss a target, they must complete a penalty circuit, which is a small circular track, for each missed shot. Each circuit can add an extra 30 seconds onto their time and of course is extra skiing and so making the competitor more tired. Some of the shooting was in a standing position and some lying down. It took me a while to realise that on the scoreboard, the targets were displayed and the success of the shooting recorded.

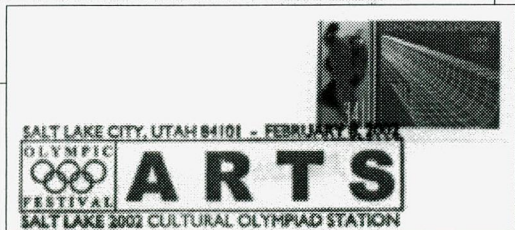
The Men's event was easily won by Ole Einar Bjoerndalen of Norway, which up to that point was his third Gold Medal of the Games. As you can imagine, standing with the supporters from Norway, I was with some very happy people. There was a two hour break, before the Ladies event, and so I decided to walk around the course, taking in the views. I decided that for the next race, I would find a different view point and moved away from my earlier position in view of the shooting targets and finish, and position myself along the Cross Country Course, which was less crowded and from which I could get up close to the competitors as they passed.

The favourite in the Ladies event was Sweden's Magdalena Forsberg, and she led for most of the race. On the very last shooting range, she missed a couple of targets, and on completing the penalty circuit was back in third position. This extra circuit proved costly as she was overtaken on the last lap, near to the finish and came in 4th. The winner was Olga Pyleva of Russia. The Mountain Express returned to Salt Lake City and I caught the Trax and then local bus home. I had been out for over 12 hours to watch two races, each of which was won in about 32 minutes! But it had been a great day.



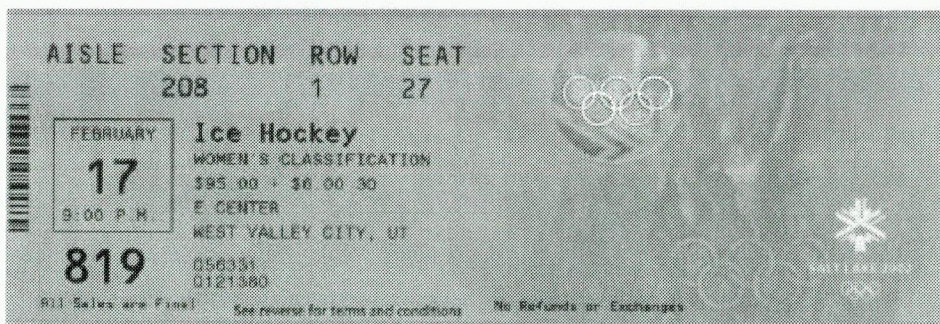
Salt Lake City, Utah

Sunday 17th February. Bob, Brenda, Sarah, Rennie and myself, returned to Salt Lake City for some more cancellations. In Crossroads Mall, I discovered some more of the series of Greeting Cards with photographs on the front, this time they were of the drapes of the events, which hung from the high buildings. These were cancelled with the appropriate postage stamps and cancellations.



We also discovered that the American Post Office had 'reissued' some of their earlier Olympic postage stamp issues, so this encouraged us to get even more covers and cards cancelled! It was then we realised that some other members of the public, had decided that they would get their spectator guides and Olympic books cancelled with the handstamps, but with no intention to purchase postage stamps. It was explained to them that the handstamps could only be used to cancel postage stamps and that if they wanted the books cancelled, they must stick postage stamps in them. Something was lost in the translation, because the next we knew, they had bought one-cent stamps and were getting the cancels. Bob and I decided that this was not on, as we were paying the full postage rate, for our postcards, some of which I was not posting. We had of course, spent a small fortune on postage stamps, not just for ourselves but for all our friends and Society members who had made requests for them. Bob made an official complaint, and then the arguments really started between the Post Office staff and the couple who were still trying to obtain cancels on the lowest value stamp. Bob stood by the Post office Manager, supporting their argument and then decided to let them get on with it, as I had tickets for the Curling that afternoon, and everyone else was going to Antelope Island out in the Salt Lake and home to some wild Bison.

I had a ticket for Round 10 of the Ladies Curling, which was in the closing stages before the semi finals. In Nagano, the British Ladies Curling team had done very well and when I bought the tickets the previous summer; I believed that this was the stage that the British would still be winning some matches. As it turned out the British (I should of course say Scottish) Ladies were at this point second in their pool and on course for the final stages. Unlike the other events, there was no queue to enter the Curling Rink, and I soon found my seat, which was amongst all the Scottish Supporters. The British Team was playing the USA and although there were other matches playing at the same time, 90% of the audience were following our game, which was being played on the lane nearest us. I was immediately asked who I was and what I was doing there by my neighbour, wearing his Kilt and holding the Union Jack. On explaining my credentials, I was warmly accepted and felt at home. The first few ends were quiet affairs, the winners nearly always the team sending their stone down last. However after 10 ends it was all-square and the game entered into the 11th end. Normally a team has won by the 10th end, so whoever won this one, won the match. I thought that as we went last, we would win, however, unlike the Final, four days later, Rhona Martin's last effort went wide of the target area. U.S.A. had won. I was disappointed as for much of the game the British had the upper hand. Little did I know that I had been watching our eventual Gold Medalists and that I had seen a pre-run of that final Slide, which, when it really mattered, made the target area.



Locally purchased 'on the day' ticket

I walked down to the local Burger bar, where Rennie, Bob and family were waiting for me. Bob had found some excellent new postcards, and had them cancelled. I heard all about the Wildlife and fauna on Antelope Island. We returned home, before Bob and Sarah went off to watch the evening Ice Hockey, while the rest of us decided that an evening in, with a Pizza and a video would make a good end to the day.

Monday 18th February. This was the day that Rennie would see her first live Olympic action as we had two tickets to the Ice Dance Figure Skating for the Free Programme and would therefore see how the Medals would be shared out. Bob, Brenda and Sarah set out for some more exploring, which would take in a Post Office or two, while Rennie and I had a leisurely Breakfast and caught the local bus and trax into Salt lake City. We decided that we would visit the Budweiser Centre, which was an area screened off from one of the main streets, and which had another security entrance as it was designated an Official Olympic Site. Each day we had noticed large crowds queuing to get in, and we decided to join them. There was a wild animal show, which Rennie decided to watch, while I found a souvenir shop. An artist manned one of the stalls, with many of his paintings displayed. He did have a set of Winter Olympic Sports, which he had produced, and I naturally bought a few sets. When Bob saw them later that evening, he decided that they would make excellent Maxi-cards using the different Olympic Postage stamps that we could now purchase. When Rennie found me after the Animal Show, we looked around the rest of the Budweiser centre. The big posters that were displayed, about 8 or 9 feet high and about 7 feet wide, impressed me reproducing previous Sports Illustrated front covers of Olympic Champions. One was of the 20th February issue of 1984 featuring Debbie Armstrong, and which I had to have my picture taken next to. I later found out that Bob had bought a copy of this issue for my birthday! There were also other 20th February competitors such as Michelle Kwan from Nagano and Tracy Albright from Cortina (although her 20th February appearance was winning a Silver Medal in Oslo). Another poster, which I took a picture of, was Kristi Yamaguchi as we had watched her run with the Torch to County Hall on 7th February. A photograph of a different subject was of a VW Beetle Car with Dolphin fins and tail in the livery of and advertising Sea World, as one of our best friends back home collect VW Beetle memorabilia.

One of two different Samsung postcards found in the Olympic Square.



We had an early tea and then made our way to the Olympic Square to look at the Sponsor hospitality centres, which Rennie had seen before on one of her earlier visits. We picked up several copies of two different designed cards at the Samsung Display stall; both had the mascots of the Salt Lake Games, one featuring the Bob Sleigh and the other an Alpine Skier. We sent greetings cards home to our children Tracy and Philip from the Hallmark tent and then entered the Salt Lake Ice Centre to take our seats up in the Gods (about three rows from the back) in good time for the Ice Skating. After a few minutes Rennie asked me how much I had paid for the tickets (I had bought them at face value) and expecting Rennie to complain about where we were sitting as she does not like heights, was reassured when she told me that the man behind us had bought his that day for \$400 and thought that it was a bargain. We enjoyed the skating, even though to our untrained eye, we thought that some of the dancing from the lesser known skaters was better than some of those in the top six. We enjoyed the routines more anyway! However we had no argument about the French Pair Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat who certainly deserved to win the Gold Medal.

Before leaving the Olympic Square, I decided to revisit the Samsung Stand to get some more postcards and to see if there were any different ones, as I was hoping that there might have been one for each sport. To my astonishment there were no more cards left and then I realised why. On the stage was the British 4 Man Bob team, being interviewed. Rennie and I both had tickets to see this event at the end of the week, and in my shoulder bag, I knew that I had a postcard of the Samsung Bobsleigh, which I had earlier cancelled a Luge postage stamp ready to post to myself on the day of the competition.

However here was a better use of the card as I queued up (in the bronze medal position) for their autographs. Not to be outdone, Rennie then queued up and as I was taking a photograph of her with the Bobsleighers they asked her where she came from. "England" she replied, "We can tell that they said,



whereabouts?" When Rennie told them she came from Oxfordshire, one of the team told her he came from Buckingham, which is 12 miles from where we live. We asked them to sign another card for Sarah, and headed for the Trax. We stopped briefly at the Utah Tourist Information Centre as I saw another rack of card and although there were no new ones, there was a free E-mail service, so we both sent appropriate Greeting E-mails of Alpine Skiers to our colleagues at work.

Tuesday 19th February. We decided that it was time to take Rennie to Midway, and sample some more of those apple turnovers and cakes. First of all it was another visit to the Swiss Bell Shop, and then over to the Post Office for some more cancellations. The Cake shop soon beckoned and we were soon enjoying their produce, in fact we enjoyed them so much that we pointed out the Birthday cakes to Rennie as we were one day away from that very important date 20.02.2002! Rennie was not taking the hint; they are too big, she was saying. The shop assistant told us that they could make them any size, decorate to order and all within 30 minutes. Game, set and match. Having decided on the flavour of the cake, it came to the design. No they could not do the Olympic Rings, copyright reasons, yes we understood all about Olympic rings and copyright. That withdrawn handstamp at Crossroads for example. No they could not use the words Salt Lake City and Olympics for the same reason. So in the end we kept it simple "Happy Birthday" at the top, "David" on line 2, "SLC" on line 3 and "20.02.2002" at the bottom. Not that I was allowed to see it until the following day. While we waited for the cake, we looked at the other shops within the complex and I purchased a 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympic calendar, with a different sport for each month. We returned to pick up the cake and made our way to the Collectors Barn where Bob purchased a Hockey Pin for one of our members and then we made for the Old Railway station that I had seen on my way to the biathlon event. We saw the train as it sped out to Soldiers Hollow and obtained more cards in the Gift shop, some showing the train with the Salt Lake City Olympic Emblem on, photographed as it brought the Olympic Torch into Utah.



{above} *The special 'Flame' car on the Heber Valley Rail Road, used to transport the flame on the 7th February.*

These cards were actually real photographs on mounting board, making them two or three times the thickness of a postcard, however, they still qualified as basic weight for mailing, and arrived safely used as postcards. In fact as they were mailed without a plastic cover, they received clear sorting marks / coding.

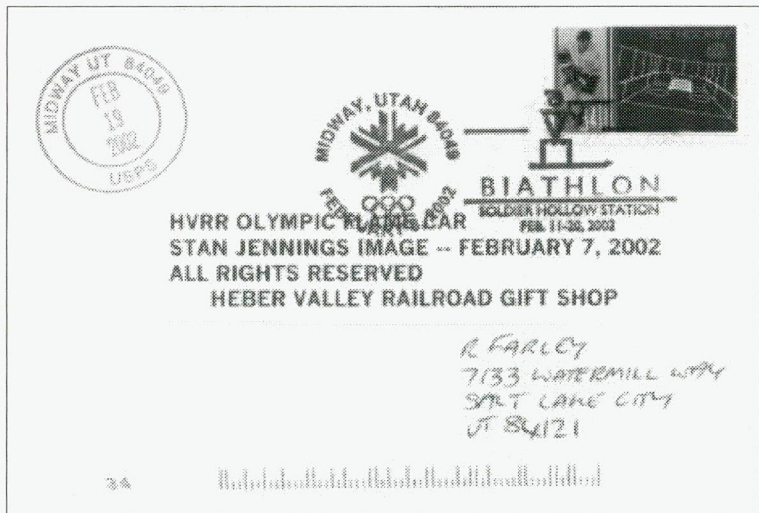


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The HVRR
Olympic
Special,
7th February
2002

{right}

Postally used
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card.



Wednesday 20th February. Another early morning session as I had decided to celebrate my Olympic Birthday at an Olympic Event. I had chosen the Ladies Slalom on the basis that this event had been held more times on my birthday than any other. I had of course had second thoughts when I realised the previous autumn that Britain had a World Champion in Alex Coomber in the Skeleton, which was also being held on my birthday. However many attempts to get a ticket had failed and so it was that I headed for Deer Valley Resort and for the first time since our arrival, it was snowing, and snowing very hard. A real Winter Olympic feel.

Bob once again dropped me at the County Hall for a six O'clock bus and by eight, I was trying to walk up the side of a mountain in thick snow. It was hard going, and very slippery. I called into the Restaurant and Shop, first to get a coffee to warm me up, but the queue went on for miles and second to see if there were any postcards. Although they were not Olympic, there were three of the Ski Course and so I bought a few copies. When I reached the arena I decided that I would try to get somewhere up the side of the course, as I wanted to see the competitors negotiate the gates, and keep my eye on the big screen to cheer on Alex Coomber. The big screen did not show very much of the Skeleton and soon the skiers were doing their practice runs.

There were a number of skiers that could not complete the first run, although both British Girls managed to do so. The Skiing was quite spectacular with much skill and some nasty falls, but no one was hurt. The snow made some visibility difficult, so the early stages were viewed on the big screen, and soon I could anticipate when they would come in full

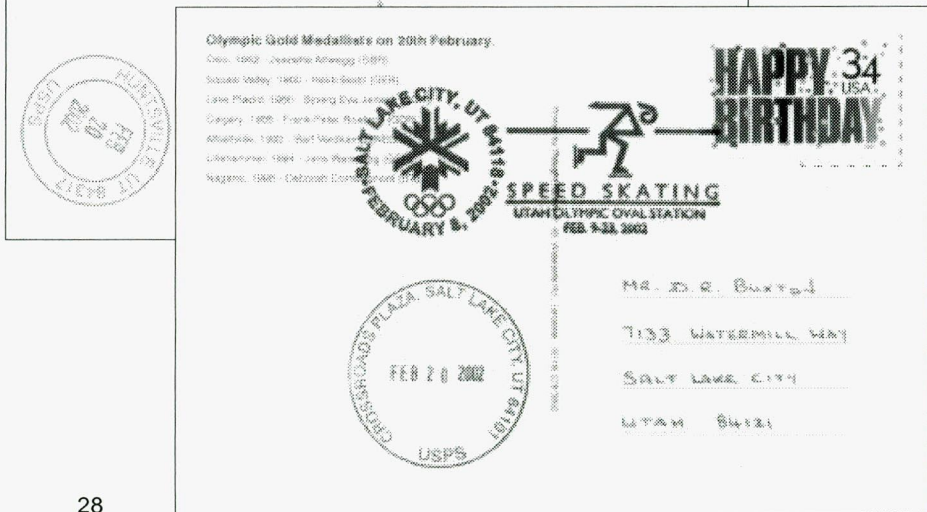
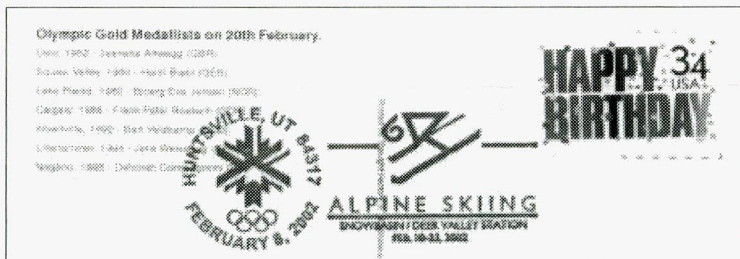


view. After the first run, there was a two hour break. I hoped that the Skeleton event would be shown, but instead, one of the pop groups that we had seen at the Medal Ceremony performed live in the open air and they were broadcast onto the screen as well. It seemed a little odd that everyone was covered in their Ski suits, snow falling in a blizzard and a Pop Group and dancers in a costume more fit for the inside of a Theatre were performing. There was a rumour that Jim O'Shea had won the men's Skeleton, but no news of the Ladies event. No one could confirm the third generation Olympians win, so some thought it was wishful thinking.

The second round started and the top 12 skiers went first in reverse order. The winner was Janica Kostelic of Croatia who had won her third Gold Medal of the Games. I was doing well as this was the second time, I had seen an athlete win their third Gold Medal. I decided that I wanted to make a quick get away, as I wanted to get a number of cards cancelled with the 20th February date stamp in Salt Lake. Despite my efforts I did not catch an early bus, and by the time I got to Salt Lake, I decided to catch the Trax straight away. The queues were going around Temple Square, some distance from the Trax Station, as the snow was forcing people home early. We were also going out to the local Italian Restaurant for a Birthday meal, along with our hostess Rita and one of her friends, so I dare not be late.

When I reached our house, Rennie and Brenda were watching television and a little later Bob and Sarah arrived home. Bob had obtained postcards of each event that was being held that day, all cancelled with the sport handstamp and the 20th February date stamp; my birthday card had the same treatment along with a few registered covers. Bob had really worked hard to obtain all these and it had made my day.

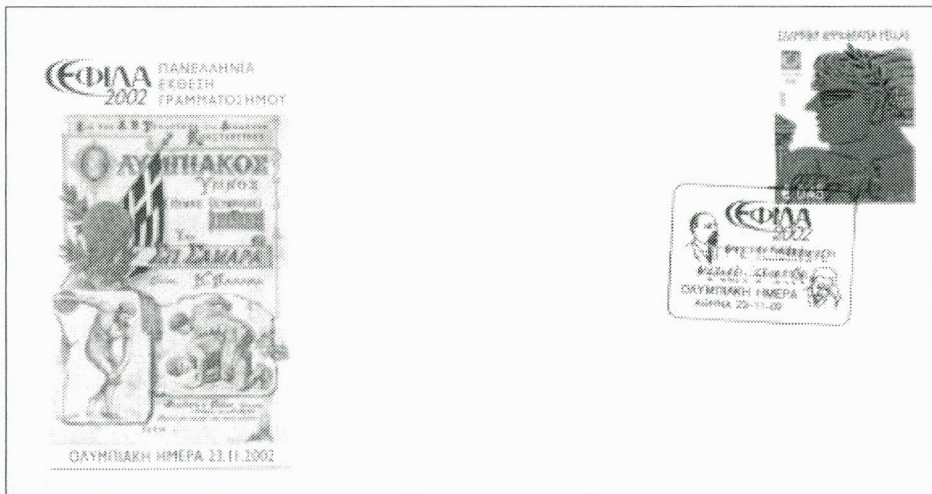
Not to be outdone, and by using the technology of the Web, Thomas Lippert was designing postage paid cards that were produced by the United States Postal Service. For my birthday, Thomas designed a card for each of the Gold Medal Winners on 20th February, with action photos of them winning their event and details along with a birthday message on the back. They make a magnificent and rare series of 20th February items for my collection. Elsewhere in each of the previous seven Winter Host Cities that held the Games on my birthday, Society members Ragnvald Hansen (Oslo), Ursac Mircea (Calgary), Bob Wilcock (Albertville) and Masaaki Ichimura (Nagano) were sending me special post cards with Olympic postage stamps cancelled on 20th February. I also received cards from many of the Post Offices and so managed to have a complete set of cards cancelled on 20th February from each Olympic City that hosted the Games on 20th February. I will write more about this another time. The British Olympic Team did their bit to celebrate my birthday too, Alex Coomber won a Bronze Medal in the Ladies Skeleton and the British Ladies Curling Team beat The Olympic and World Champions Canada, to ensure either a Silver or Gold Medal. I knew that this day would be something special.



EFILA 2002 - ATHENS 2004

"EFILA 2002" - Athens 2004

During the Pan-Hellenic Philatelic Exhibition "EFILA 2002", the Greek Post Office presented the new Hellenic pre-Olympic issue "The Winners" {see V.19 p.178}. The stamp was designed by the artist A. Fassianos.



The stamp presentation day of 23rd. November was nominated by the Exhibition as 'Olympic Day', and a special First Day Cover (less than 1000 copies) was made available.

The back of the cover shown has a printed notation of No. 0448. The stamp is tied with the special commemorative postmark of the day. The two subjects of the postmark are Palamas (poet) and Spiros Samaras (composer) the creators of the Olympic Anthem.

Compiled from material supplied by Michalis Tsironis.

ATHENS 2004 - HELLENIC POST ISSUES 2003

Hellenic Post are to be congratulated for making available information on their stamp issues during 2003 that relate to the 2004 Games, however the range of formats and peripheral products are going to make this apotentially expensive Games for the collector.

Hellenic Post

Athens 2004 issues during 2003

		N° of Stamps	Miniature Sheet	Postal value	First Day	Set Album	Luxury Set	Sheetle	Set	Maximum Cards**
11.02.2003	Olympic Games Instruments	6		€ 6.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11.02.2003	Athens 2004 Mascots		1	€ 5.35	✓	✓				
09.05.2003	Special booklet {mascots?}	28		??						
09.09.2003	Body and Mind	5		€ 7.00*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
09.09.2003	Athens 2004 Mascots		1	€ 6.00*	✓	✓				
28.11.2003	Athletes in Action	6		€ 7.00*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18.03.2003 ^x	Winners (as 'P' stamp)	1		€ 0.47				✓		

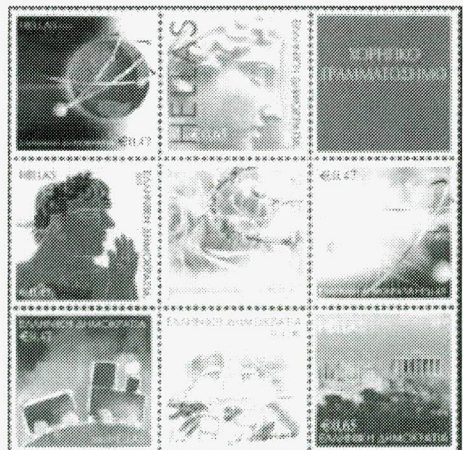
^x This stamp is similar in design to the 'Winners' issue of 2002 without the Athens 2004 logo it is intended for use as a 'P' (personalised) stamp with a personal label of the same size as the stamp. This design, together with eight others will be available in sheets of personalised stamps of a single design. All nine designs without personalised labels will also be available in a composite sheetlet of the nine designs at a cost of €4.59.

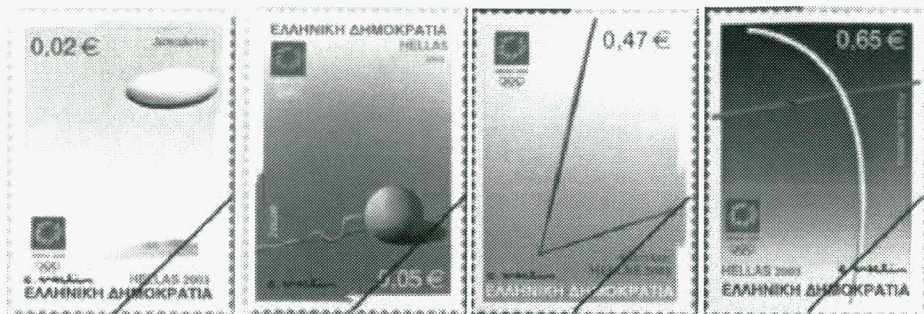
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18th March, 2003

€ 0.47 'Winner'
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{right} in composite sheet

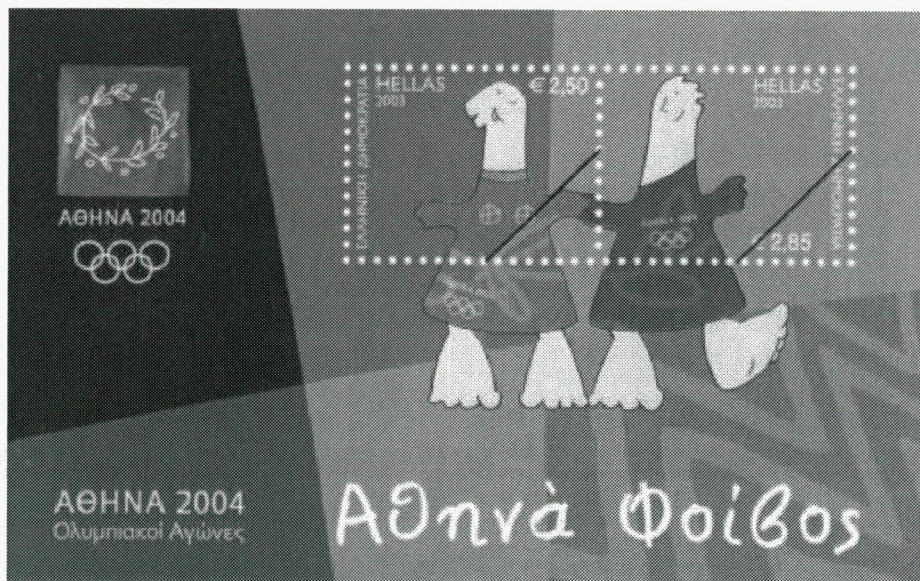




11th February, 2003

- € 0.02 Discus
- € 0.05 Hammer
- € 0.47 Javelin
- € 0.65 Pole
- € 2.17 Hurdles
- € 2.85 Weights

- Miniature sheet
- € 2.50 Athena
- € 2.85 Phebos

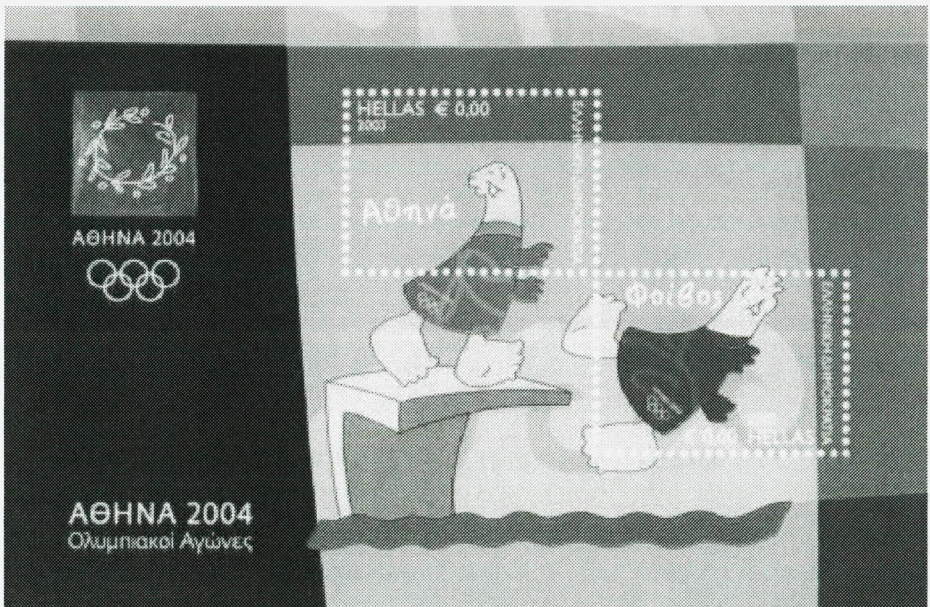




9th September, 2003

- € ?? Wrestling
- € ?? High jump
- € ?? Cycling
- € ?? Sailboard
- € ?? Running

- Miniature sheet
- € ?? Athena
- € ?? Phebos





28th November, 2003

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'Runners'

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'Equestrian'

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'Long jump'

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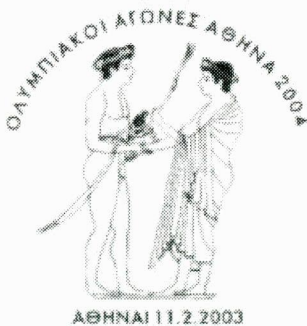
'Marathon'

€ ??

'Discus'

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'Javelin'



The First Day Cancel for the 'Olympic Games Instruments' issue 11.2.2003

The Post Paid indica from the maxi-cards of the 'Olympic Games Instruments' issue. Cards are valid for postage worldwide.

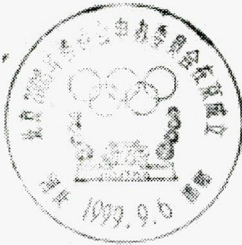
The quantity of maxi-cards issued was only 2000 sets.

Note the PORT RAYÉ text for PORT PAYÉ .

BEIJING 2008 - LANDMARK DATES

For collectors, the vast array of regional postmarks used in China will present a major problem. There does not appear to be a source for notification of cancellations before they are introduced, with each region operating independently 'doing their own thing'.

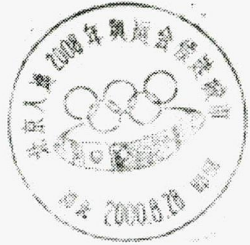
Hebei-Handan has been responsible for a series of 25 postmarks between 1999 and 2001, each cancel commemorates a strategic event in the Beijing candidature process.



1999.9.6 launch of
Beijing 2008 Bid
Committee.



2000.2.1 Beijing
Bid logo launched.



2000.8.28 Beijing
becomes Chinese
candidate.



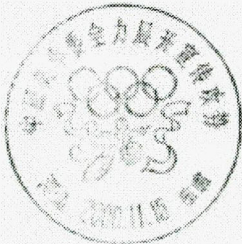
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Chairman submits
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2000.10.16 Support
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2000.10.28
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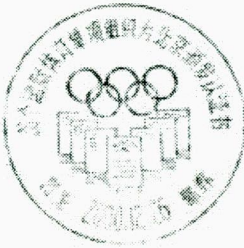
2000.11.15
promotion by Bid
Committee



2000.12.1 Venues
examined and
confirmed.



2000.12.14 Beijing
presentation at the
I.O.C.



2000.12.26 I.O.C. shortlist Beijing.



2001.01.17 Beijing Committee release Bid information.



2001.02.10 Beijing's RENDA promote TV & Radio conference.



2001.2.18 Olympic Bid Literary and drama presentation.



2001.02.21-24 I.O.C. review in Beijing.



2001.3.6 Olympic Bid travel event at Zhejiang-Ningpo.



2001.4.1 Promoting the 'green' credentials of the Bid.



2001.5.1 Famous Chinese singer in concert for the Bid.



2001.5.6 Chinese gymnastics chairman visits Taiwan for support.



2001.5.14 Science and technology for the Olympics.



2001.5.15 I.O.C. evaluation report.



2001.5.21 Racing to Moscow to boost morale of the Bid.



2001.6.14 China and Taiwan long distance run for the Bid.



2001.6.23 Preparing a great Olympic Games.



2001.7.7 The Bid Committee travel to Moscow for the final presentation.



2001.7.13 Beijing selected as 2008 Olympic Host.

The series of postmarks indicate important dates between the formation of the Beijing 2008 Bid Committee and the selection of Beijing as host of the 2008 Olympic Games at the 112th Session of the International Olympic Committee in Moscow on the 13th July 2001.

As previously reported, China Post issued a single stamp with illustrated tab on the 14th July to commemorate the selection, together with a single stamp in the territories of Hong Kong and Macau.

The philatelic calendar of dates leading up to the 2008 Olympic Games was extended by the issue of a single stamp with illustrated tab on the 13th July 2002 - the first anniversary of the selection of Beijing. The First Day cancellation for the issue is illustrated with the Beijing logo, and copies have been seen struck in black and in blue.

The stamp was issued in a sheetlet of 16 stamps and 16 labels in landscape format 266 x 191mm with large illustrated left and top margins.



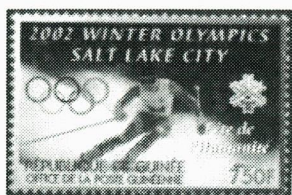
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Guinea Republic Salt Lake City 2002

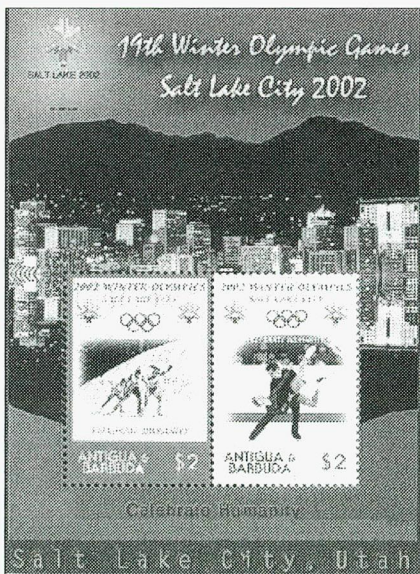
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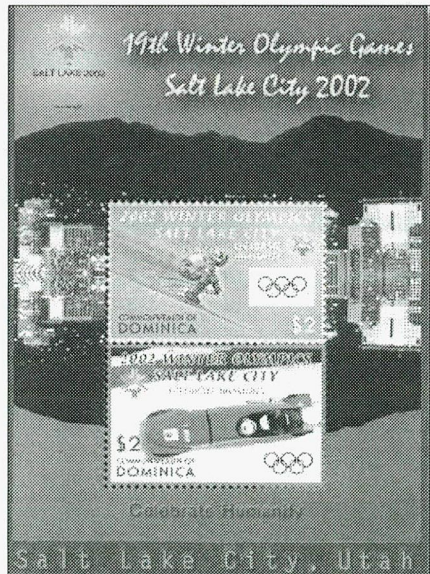
Salt Lake City 2002

- 5.00 CF Photographic views
- 5.00 CF of United States of
- 5.00 CF America Gold Medal
- 5.00 CF Winners at Salt Lake
- 5.00 CF City.
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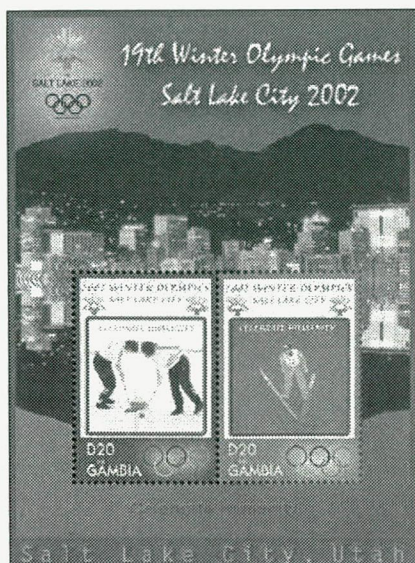
Antigua & Barbuda Salt Lake City 2002

- \$ 2 Speed skating
- \$ 2 Figure skating



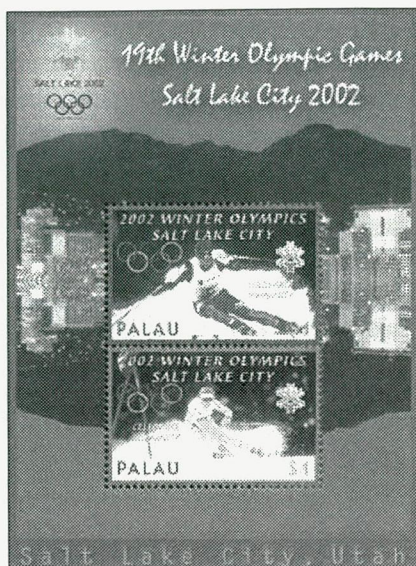
Dominica Salt Lake City 2002

- \$ 2 Downhill
- \$ 2 Bobsleigh



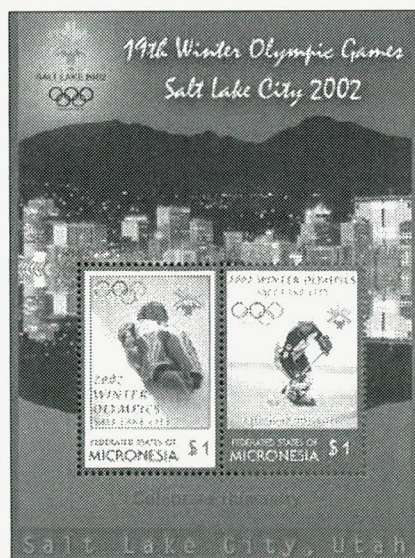
Gambia Salt Lake City 2002

- D 20 Ice hockey
D 20 Ski jumping



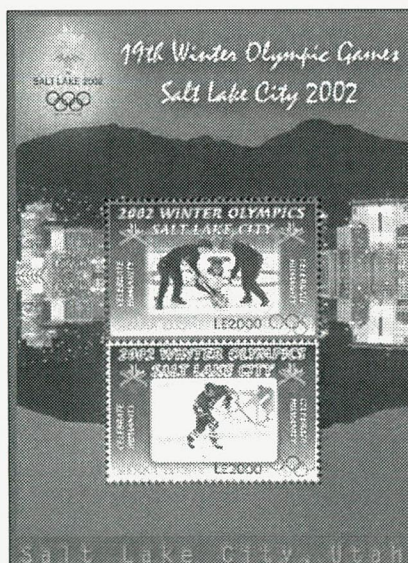
Palau Salt Lake City 2002

- \$ 1 Downhill
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Micronesia Salt Lake City 2002

- \$ 1 Luge
\$ 1 Ice hockey



Sierra Leone Salt Lake City 2002

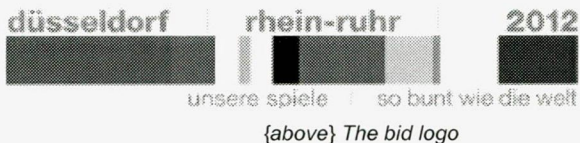
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2012 - GERMAN CANDIDATE CITIES

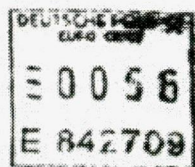
The selection of a German city as candidate to host the 2012 Olympic Games will take place on April 12th 2003, when the National Olympic Committee will choose from Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Stuttgart.

All five candidates have undertaken active campaigns in an attempt to secure selection, and postal material exists for all their bids. The following list contain items that have actually been seen or received, but it cannot be considered as exhaustive as new items seem to appear almost daily.

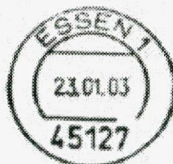
Düsseldorf



50667 KÖLN 1 / Sammlerbörse im Deutschen Sport-und Olympia-Museum / Kölner unterstützen / unser olympia 2012 logo



40213 DÜSSELDORF 102 / düsseldorf rhein-ruhr 2012 / unsere Spiele so bunt wie die Welt / Stadtverwaltung 40200 Düsseldorf logo Meter E 842709



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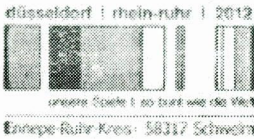


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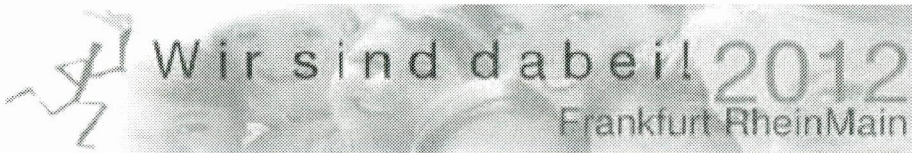


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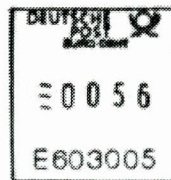


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Frankfurt



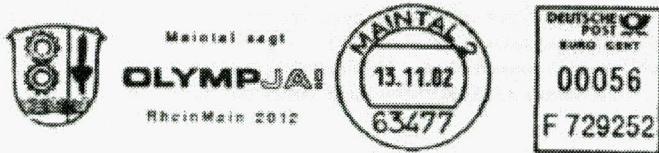
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63477 MAINTAL 2 / Maintal sagt / OLYMPJA! / RheinMain 2012 / Shield Meter F 729252



63571 GELNHAUSEN 1/ MKK / Ihr Kreis. Eine runde Sache!!! / OLYMPJA! / Frankfurt RheinMain 2012 / logo Meter F 701179

63450 HANAU 1 / MKK / Ihr Kreis. Eine runde Sache!!! / OLYMPJA! / Frankfurt RheinMain 2012 / logo

Hamburg



The bid logo



20097 HAMBURG / SENAT DER FREIEN UND / HANSESTADT HAMBURG / POSTFACH 10 55 20 / 20038 HAMBURG logo and Coat of Arms Meter F 556370

Leipzig



The bid logo



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06108 HALLE / SPIELE 2012 MIT UNS / Halle spielt mit / www.olympia-Leipzig-2012.de
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01589 RIESA / SPIELE 2012 MIT UNS / LEIPZIG 2012 Stylised 2012 within text
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Postcards have been produced to both promote and encourage support for the Leipzig bid. Four contemporary artist designs have been seen. The cards have the design to the left, with a Sponsor panel to the right, the righthand panel is also formatted to complete details and express support for the bid. The number of sponsors participating in the postcard programme is not known at present, but the same design is known to exist with at least three sponsors - it is probable that a minimum of 12 different cards exist based on four designs and three sponsors, the actual number is likely to be far higher.

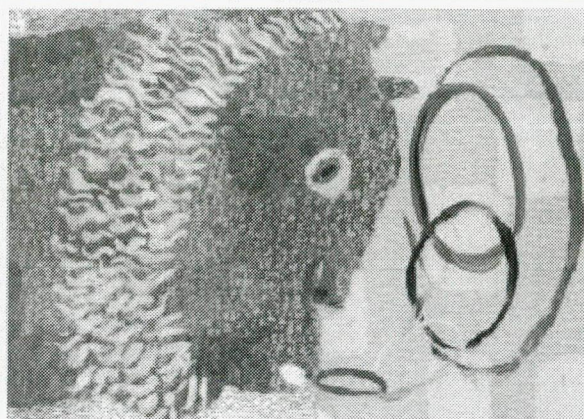
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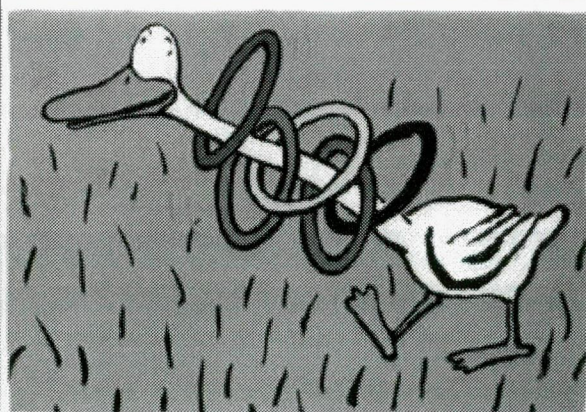
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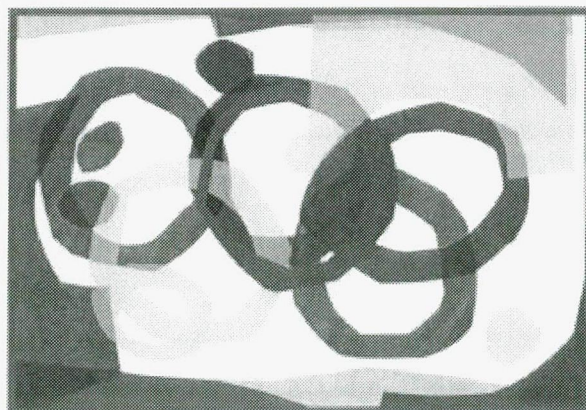
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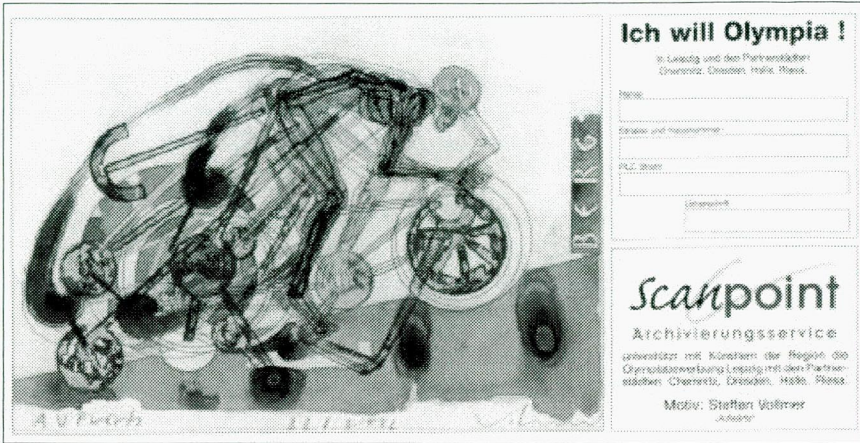
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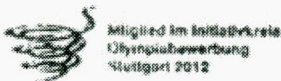
Stuttgart



The bid logo



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The National Olympic Committee will also select the venue for sailing events to partner the selected candidate. Contenders are **Kiel**, **Stralsund** and **Rostock**. A postcard promoting Rostock was illustrated in Volume 19 on page 99. Stralsund also produced a postcard illustrated below.



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JOURNAL OF SPORTS PHILATELY

Volume 41 Number 2 of the Journal produced by Sports Philatelists International commemorated the Anniversaries of two firsts in New Zealand's Olympic Women. The first is Yvette Williams who at Helsinki in 1952 before became the first New Zealand female Olympic Gold Medalist and the second is Annelise Coberger who at Albertville in 1992 won a Silver Medal in the Ladies Alpine Slalom and so became the first athlete from the Southern Hemisphere to win an Olympic Medal. Both events were celebrated at the time on postal covers.

Yvette Williams-Corlett was born in 1929 and as well as winning the Gold Medal in the Long Jump at Helsinki with an Olympic Record of 6.24 meters, was placed 6th in the shot put and 10th in the discus. The commemorative cover and rubber handstamped cachet was issued on 23rd October when she returned to her hometown of Dunedin. Annelise Coberger was born in 1971 and won her Gold Medal on 20th February. A few hours later, a philatelically inclined member of the New Zealand team purchased 50 first day covers featuring the Albertville slalom event stamp, arranged for them to be postmarked at Meribel Les Allues, the site of the competition and asked Coberger to sign them. The details of the competition were printed on the back in New Zealand.

The second major Olympic Article honours the Canadian Ice Hockey teams, which won both the men's and the ladies Gold Medals at Salt Lake City. The article looks in detail at the postage stamp issues, commencing with the Switzerland issue on 15th January 1948. The first Canadian issue was on 23rd January 1956 and the most recent was issued as part of a set on 25th January 2002. Surprisingly no stamp was issued after the Salt Lake Games to commemorate both victories.

Other articles on non-Olympic related sports include Don Bradman visiting America in 1932, a follow up article on the 21st Summer University Games in Beijing, and the 1939 U.S. Baseball Centennial Stamp.

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