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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY OF OLYMPIC COLLECTORS

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

Junior members are those aged under 18 years in the year of joining, subscription rates are half of the adult rate until the 18th birthday.

All applications should be made to the Secretary.

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## FRONT PAGE

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A number of outstanding projects that have been on the drawing board since as early as 1999 are finally coming to fruition, and the majority are reported elsewhere in this issue.

The International Exchange Packet was first considered in 1999, in conjunction with Sports Philatelists International, with the intention of managers on both sides of the Atlantic. Both societies have struggled with finding volunteers, but we are now ready to commence operations, although administered from the U.K. only. Please take the time to read the details on page 76, and let us all see if we can re-establish the popularity of our earlier packet with the added advantage of access to overseas buyers.

Proposals, with cost savings to the Society, but also offering time saving in the administration of the Society, are detailed on page 59. The Committee have attended recent A.G.M's, often without any members present. Whilst this provides us with an opportunity for a Committee meeting, it does not allow us to schedule it as such with a prepared agenda, as the A.G.M. has to take precedence in the event of members arriving. This is often frustrating, and becomes a wasted opportunity. If the proposal is adopted, we will still make available opportunities for members to meet with informal displays, exchanges etc., but without the restraints of having to provide a venue at a set time of year, allowing better use of facilities that are regularly offered to us at regional events.

S.O.C. have considered establishing a web site for a number of years, and we have finally taken the plunge and registered [societyofolympiccollector.com](http://societyofolympiccollector.com) and [.org](http://societyofolympiccollector.org) - the site is currently under construction (but available to view). Together with the web site, we have established a PayPal account, so that the internet users amongst our members can use this facility for electronic payment of subscriptions or any other monies due to the society. This should make overseas payment easier for many members, as exchange costs are minimised, and simplified, allowing payment in Sterling at lower cost than our own 'exchange' rates which reflect the high cost of bank charges. Our PayPal identification is [pay@societyofolympiccollectors.org](mailto:pay@societyofolympiccollectors.org) and is now active.

Please note that **subscriptions fall due on the 1st January** each year - **not** the anniversary of joining the Society. The administrative difficulties caused, and costs incurred in chasing payment are both time consuming and unnecessary. We all benefit by eliminating these difficulties. If you are receiving this issue after being chased for your subscription please, please, note this for next year!

July will see selection of the host for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games at the IOC Session in Prague - will it be Austria, Canada or South Korea? Next issue will have a report on philatelic souvenirs from Prague and (hopefully) material from the selected candidate.

Photocopies of material from the 2010 candidates would be welcomed for inclusion in Torch Bearer.

Olympihlex 2004 does not appear to be taking place in Athens during the 2004 Games, and in reality time is very short to allow organisation of an event on the scale of previous exhibitions - it is to be hoped that an inferior exhibition will not be staged just to be able to say Olympihlex took place!

## OLYMPIC HOPEFUL - ATHENS 2004

### Janne Holmén of Aland, Gold medalist in the European Athletic Championships

Figure 1. First Day Cover commemorating Holmén's gold medal achievement in Munich's marathon run of 11 August 2002.

Figure 2(inset) enlarged stamp design



JANNE HOLMÉN  
EM-GULD MARATON  
MÜNCHEN 2002



Vic Manikian

Aland honoured marathoner Janne Holmén on a stamp issue shortly after he won the gold medal in the men's marathon run at the European Athletics Championship of 11 August 2002, in Munich.

The stamp was issued on 1 November 2002 as shown on the First Day Cover in figure 1. It shows a photograph of Holmén running, taken by Christian Charisius. The stamp is non-denominated with "1 KLASS" for "first class" inscribed in the upper righthand corner of the design. It was printed in sheets of 30 in two panes of 15 stamps each.

Aland, a province of Finland is composed of a group of islands situated at the northern end of the Baltic Sea, at the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia, between Sweden and Finland. It is a self-governing part of Finland and has issued it's own stamps since 1984.

On Sunday 11 August 2002, Janne Holmén was the youngest man in the field for the marathon run in Munich. He was competing in only his second marathon. Starting the race he chose early to break away from the group, joined only by a Norwegian. None of his other competitors seemed to take the breakaway seriously. The gamble {*Author's personal note: In normal circumstances without careful preparation and the knowledge acquired from previous runs about the ultimate finishing ability of other competitors, the early breakaway is a gamble*} gave Holmén a runaway victory with more than a minute to the silver medalist. The sensational achievement shocked all of Europe.

Holmén's parents, his mother Nina and father Rune are also runners. Rune is in addition Janne's coach, and they both now have the Olympics in Athens 2004 to train for.

## **FIPO CIRCULAR 2003/1 March 2003**

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The first FIPO Circular of 2003 provides information and updates on the following:



### **Commission for Olympic Philately, Numismatics and Memorabilia.**

IOC President has decided the composition of the commission for 2003. The new commission has a total of eleven members including its President, with members representing all collecting disciplines.

President: H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch

Members: Mr. A. Beck (Switzerland); Mr. M. Bergman (Switzerland); Mr. R. Huot (Canada); Mr. Ch-J. Kim (South Korea); Mr. J. Krimsky (USA); Mr. Th. E. Leavey (USA) General Director of the Universal Postal Union; Mr. M. Tecardi (Italy); Mr. J. Varga (France); Mr. F. Wicht (Switzerland); and Mr. C.-K. Wu (Chinese Taipei).

### **New Association Member of FIPO**

ASCAPCO Association Camerounaise de Philatelie et des Collections Olympiques has been accepted as the FIPO representative in Cameroun.

### **2002 Olympia Prize**

The medals awarded to Postal Administrations for the best commemorative stamp designs for the Salt Lake City Games will be awarded at the 112<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Prague (2-7 July, 2003).

### **IXth Olympic Collectors Fair**

Difficulties have prevented the IXth Olympic Collectors Fair will not be held in Athens. It will now be held 25-27 July 2003 in the Norwegian city of BO, in conjunction with the annual event staged by the BO Philatelic Club. The site will be the BO Telmark Hall close to the Summer Festival Park. A large antique fair with forecast attendance of 3000 visitors will also take place at the hall.

### **Olympihlex 2004**

The reasons that have prevented the organisation of the Olympic Collectors Fair in Athens are the same that are complicating the possibility of holding the next Olympihlex in Athens during the 2004 Olympic Games.

In view of the time required to guarantee the organisation of a quality event, the Commission for Olympic Philately, Numismatics and Memorabilia decided to ask ATHOC (Organising Committee for the Athens Games) and Hellenic Post for a final reply before the end of April 2003.

Should the reply be negative, the Commission will examine the possibility of organising Olympihlex 2004 in another European city.

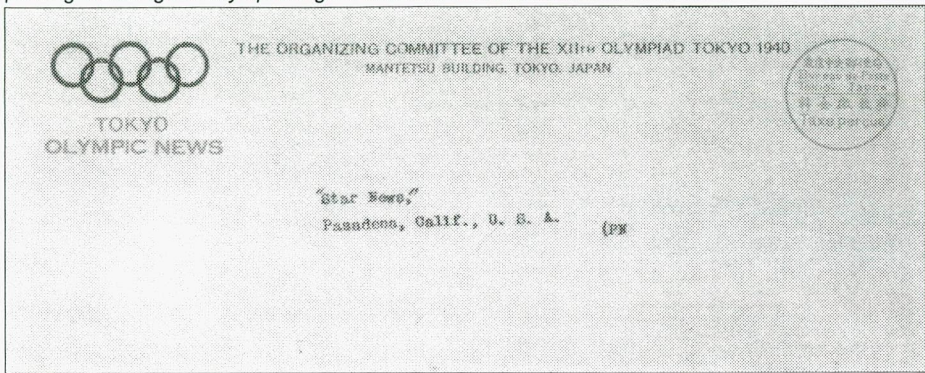
Further news on Olympihlex is promised as available.

## 1940, CELEBRATING THE XII<sup>th</sup> OLYMPIAD

Vic Manikian

The International Olympic Committee had decided that the 1940 Olympic Games should take place in Japan, however the 12th Olympic Games which were to be held in Tokyo and the 5th Olympic Winter Games which were to be held in Sapporo in 1940 were suspended due to the Sino-Japanese war. The Japan Olympics Organising Committee, which had already been established was operating to organise the Games. According to I.O.C. rules, Olympic bulletins were used to inform the world of their preparations.

Figure 1 is an official stationery used in mailing a XIIth Olympiad newsletter. The "Taxe Percue" (postage paid) postal indicium and "TOKYO OLYMPIC NEWS" are in red-orange. All other printing including the Olympic rings is in black. There is no indication of date.



By mid-1938, the Tokyo Olympics had been cancelled because of the Sino-Japanese war, and so far as it is known, only six types of delightful commemorative publicity seals, without any postal value, with Olympic rings and the text "XII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 1940" survive as mementoes of the aborted Games. These vignettes are difficult to obtain, and just as difficult to research as most data was lost long ago, or was never even recorded.



Figure 2  
Design shows flag of Japan, red and white in centre, in front of Olympic rings.  
29 x 45mm.



Figure 3  
Design shows outline of a mountain in blue above the Olympic rings in their correct colours.  
39mm diameter.

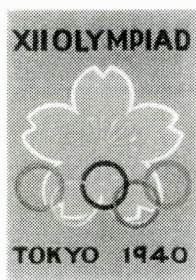


Figure 4  
Design shows a large cherry blossom in pink, with Olympic rings in their correct colours superimposed over the blossom.

34 x 49mm.



Figure 5  
Design shows a blooming cherry blossom tree on left, a pagoda on right, text and rings above.

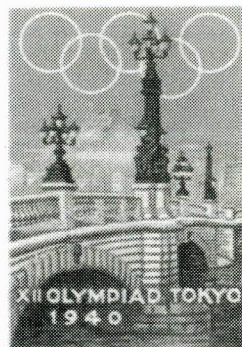


Figure 6  
Design shows lights on Tokyo's famous bridge the Nihombashi with Mount Fuji and rings in the background. Olympic text below.

40 x 61mm.



Figure 7  
Printed by the Japanese Government Savings Bureau. Design shows "2600" among Japanese text across top, and Olympic rings across centre. Multicoloured. 27 x 17mm.

- The issue date of these seals is uncertain, but the following chronology will suggest certain limits:
- 31.07.1936 I.O.C. awards the 1940 Olympic Games to Tokyo (36 to 27 against Helsinki).
  - 06.12.1936 Japan's Communications Ministry establishes an Olympic Telecommunications Preparatory Committee.
  - 24.12.1936 Japan Olympics Organising Committee established.
  - 09.06.1937 I.O.C. awards the 1940 Olympic Winter Games to Sapporo.
  - 07.07.1937 Sino-Japanese War begins in the outskirts of Peking.
  - 14.07.1938 Welfare Ministry decides the Games will have to be abandoned.
  - 15.07.1938 Cabinet announces the 'suspension' of the 1940 Games in Tokyo.
  - 16.07.1938 Organising Committee resolution relinquishing the 1940 Games.

Before the Organising Committee relinquished the Games, Japan's N.Y.K. (Nippon Yusen Kaisha - Japan Mail Steamship Co.) helped to publicise the Games by providing passengers with envelopes imprinted "XII OLYMPIAD / TOKYO 1940" in two diagonal lines [see figures 8 - 11] and on the reverse an imprint of the N.Y.K. insignia. The following table lists XII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 1940 covers of which there is a record [reference 4]. The N.Y.K. cacheted envelopes were used as late as 16.08.1940, but most of those mailed after October 1938 had the XII Olympiad cachet marked out by a handstamp of four parallel lines [figure 13].

Covers with N.Y.K. "XII OLYMPIAD / TOKYO 1940" cachet

Date of postmark	Mailed at	Stamps	ref. figure
20.03.1937	Penang, Malaya	Japanese	
26.03.1937	Yokohama, Japan	Japanese	
24.04.1937	Colombo, Ceylon	Japanese	
11.05.1937	Tatsuta - Maru	Japanese	See figure 8

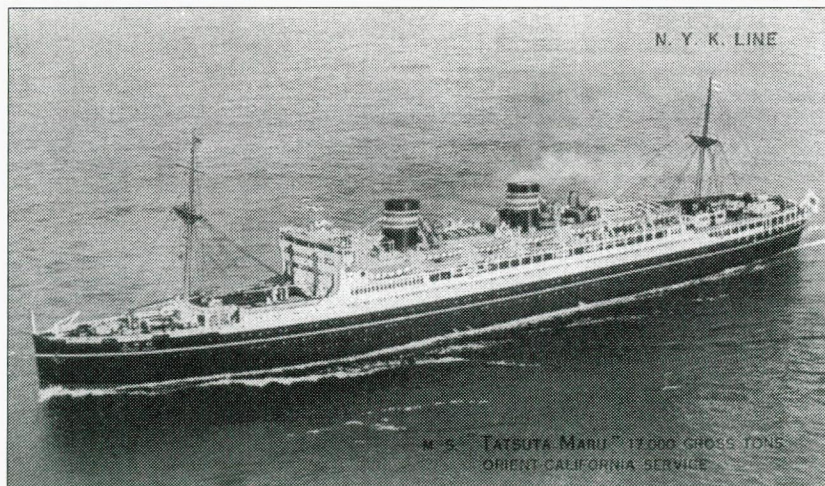
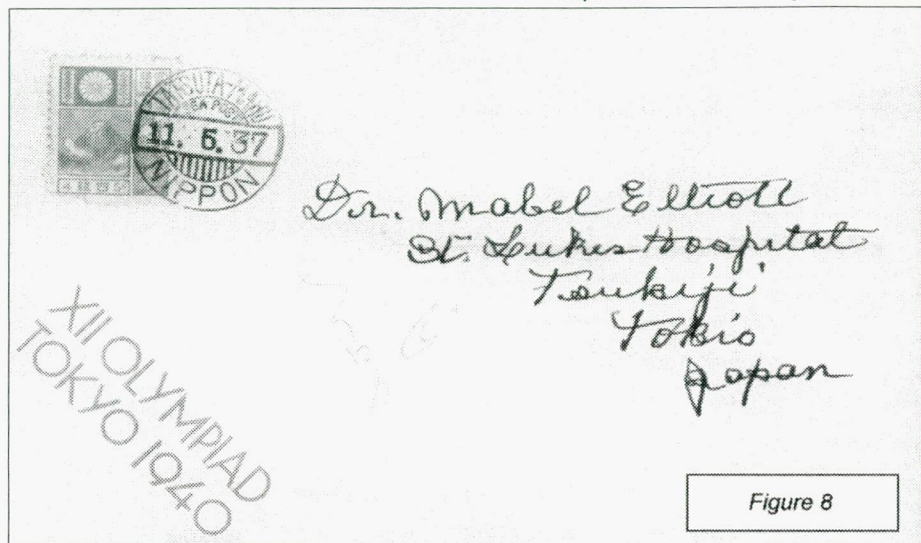
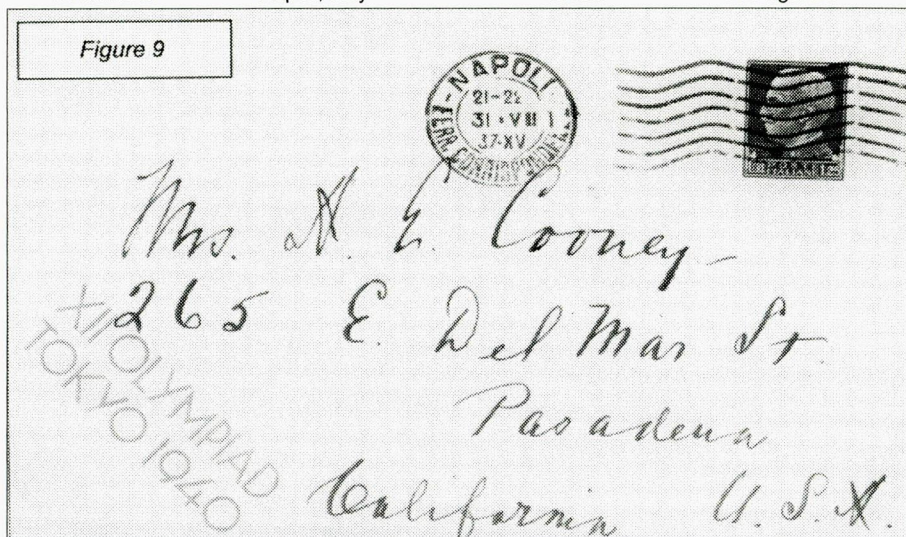


Figure 8A; The Tatsuta Maru - the vessel on which the cover in figure 8 was mailed. The postcard also has promotional Olympic text as divider between the message and address.

**Covers with N.Y.K. "XII OLYMPIAD / TOKYO 1940" cachet**

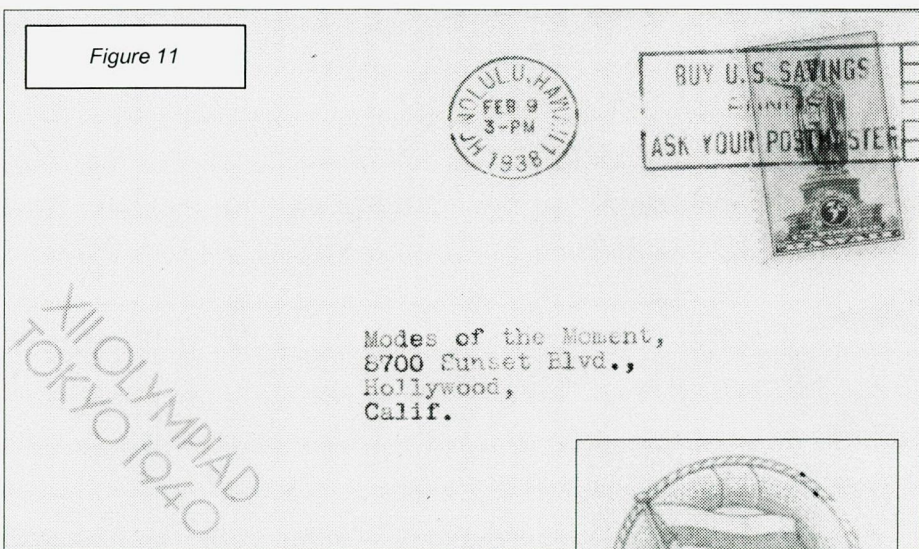
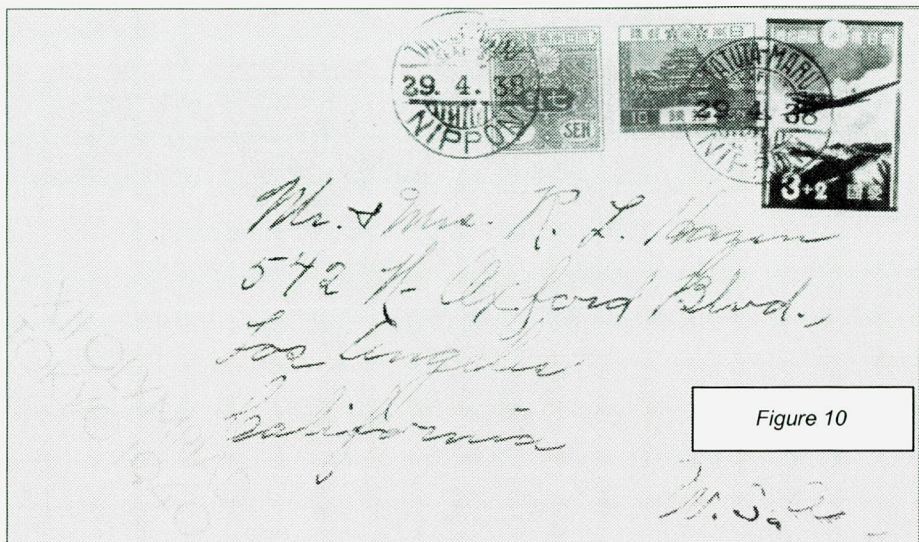
<b>Date of postmark</b>	<b>Mailed at</b>	<b>Stamps</b>	<b>ref. figure</b>
20.05.1937	San Francisco, U.S.A.	U.S.A.	
05.06.1937	San Francisco, U.S.A.	U.S.A.	
31.07.1937	Napoli, Italy	Italian	See figure 9



08.08.1937	Tokyo, Japan	Japanese	
30.08.1937	Honolulu, Hawaii	U.S.A.	
10.10.1937	Keijo (Seoul) - Kokamon	Japanese	
23.01.1938	Hikawa - Maru	Japanese	
01.02.1938	Tatsuta - Maru	Japanese	
09.02.1938	Honolulu, Hawaii	U.S.A.	See figures 11, 12
29.04.1938	Tatuta - Maru	Japanese	See figure 10
14.05.1938	Shanghai, China *	U.S.A.	
30.09.1938	Shanghai, China	Chinese	
02.10.1938**	Gibraltar	Japanese	
24.10.1938	Saipan, Marianas	Japanese	
01.12.1938**	Hakone - Maru	Japanese	
07.03.1939**	Honolulu, U.S.A.	Japanese	
14.03.1939**	Terukuni - Maru	Japanese	
06.04.1939**	Haruna - Maru	Japanese	
23.07.1939	Asama - Maru	Japanese	
14.08.1940**	Kamakura - Maru	Japanese	See figure 13
16.08.1940**	Kiirun, Taiwan	Japanese	

\* 4th Reg. U.S. Marine post office.

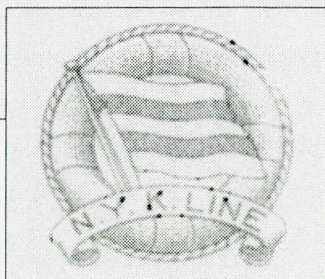
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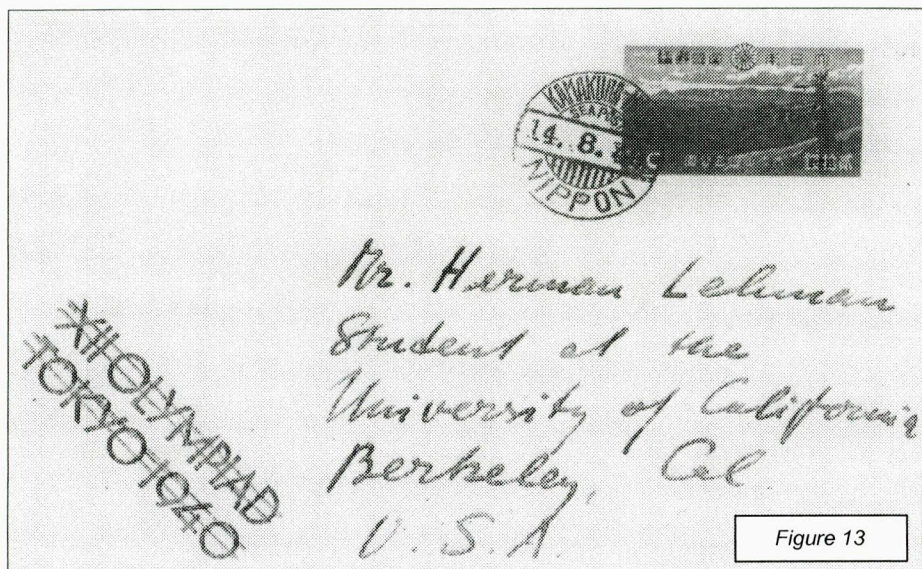


Detail of the N.Y.K. Line insignia on the flap of the envelopes.

Actual size: 17mm diameter.

Figure 12





An attempt has been made to provide details of all the recorded privately printed envelopes made available by the N.Y.K. Steamship Co. and postmarked.

The Editor would be pleased to hear from any members who may be able to add any further information and details of mailed covers.

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*Note on Japanese dates in cancels:*

*Dates are stated with the month in the centre, as in 1 March 1988 or 1988.3.1 or Shōwa 63.3.1*

*Lunisolar calendar dates are converted into solar equivalents but the lunisolar date may be given in parentheses, as in 20 April 1871 (Meiji 4.3.1).*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SOCIETY OF OLYMPIC COLLECTORS

2:30 pm. Saturday July 19, 2003

#### The River and Rowing Museum, Henley on Thames

Members attending the A.G.M. will also be allowed access to the exhibition areas of the museum - simply tell the cashier that you are there to attend the S.O.C. meeting.

If you wish to visit the museum, we suggest that you arrive in the morning for your visit prior to the meeting.

The self-service restaurant is available with a varied, high quality menu.

Car parking is free.

An **Extraordinary General Meeting** will follow the Annual General Meeting, to consider adopting an amendment to the constitution of the Society.

It is proposed that the constitutional business of the Society carried out at the Annual General Meeting, may at the discretion of the Committee of the Society be fulfilled by postal notification and ballot, subject to the publication of an Annual Financial Statement, and subject to there not being a request by a quorum of paid-up members to hold a meeting. Any request for a meeting to be received in writing by the Secretary before 31st March of the Society year.

The formation of a 'quorum of paid-up members' will be agreed at the meeting in the event of the proposal being adopted.

*This proposal is the result of a unanimous decision of the Committee, based on the lack of attendance of members at previous Annual General Meetings, the cost of providing a venue, and the high response received in postal ballots (generally sufficient to determine the outcome of business at the A.G.M.).*

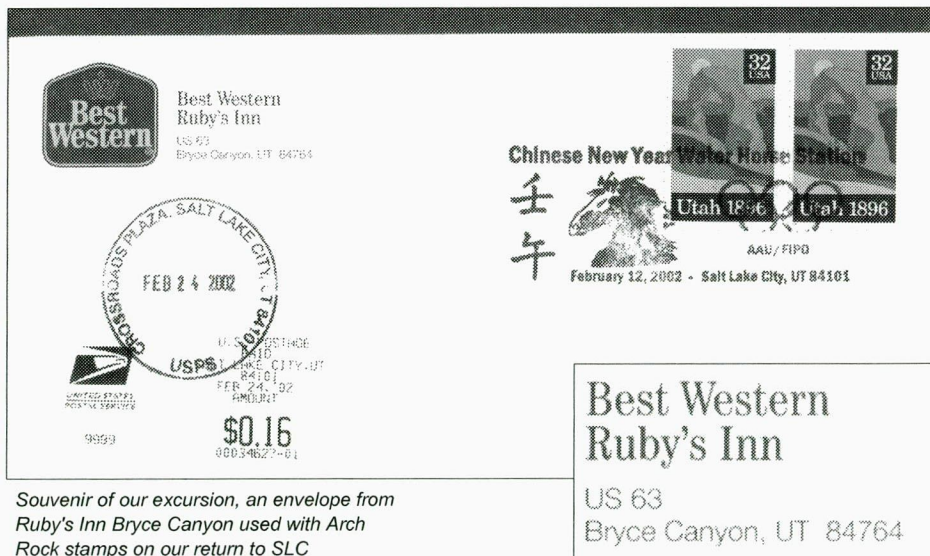
*In future, if the motion is accepted, suggestions received in response to the now established annual questionnaire, would be discussed in Committee, and either published in Torch Bearer, or dealt with by direct response to the instigator.*

## SALT LAKE CITY 2002 - Part 4

David Buxton

**Thursday 21st February** saw a change of scene (in more ways than one) as we left Salt Lake City and the Olympics for a two-day mini-break in Bryce Canyon. We had decided when we arranged the visit to the Olympics that we wanted to see something of America, especially as this was Rennie's and my first visit to the States, and Rennie was not an Olympic fanatic. We arrived in late afternoon, having made a few stops on route, booked into the Motel, and spent the early evening, having our first view of the magnificent scenery at Sunset Point. Sarah found one of the many trails and set off with Brenda. After a few photo sessions, we returned to the Motel, where Rennie and I, watched the final session of the Ladies Ice Dancing on television, which resulted in a Gold Medal for Sarah Hughes. It was whilst I was reading the daily Olympic Programme during the Ice Skating, that I learnt that Britain was in the Ladies Curling Final that day. No mention had been made of their semi final appearance on the television, and no results came up during the Ice Skating.

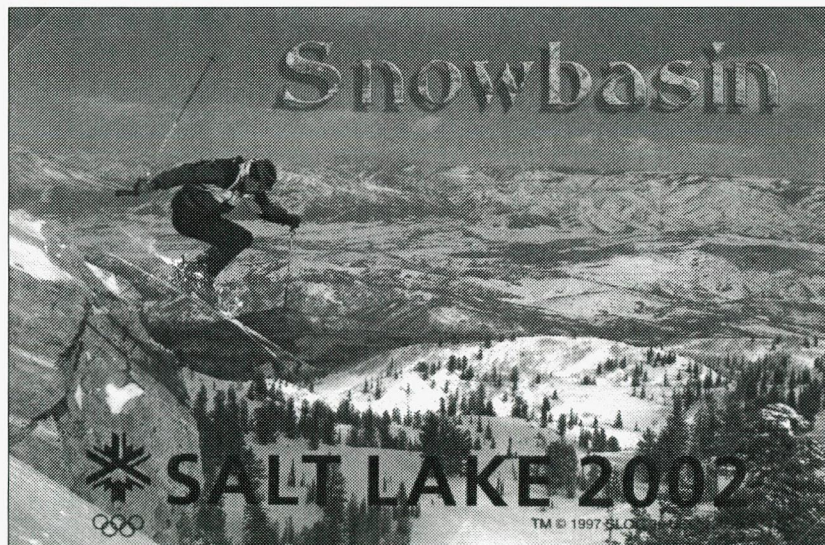
We spent Friday morning, driving to the various view points of Bryce Canyon, and admiring the rich red rock, and the various rock formations. I can still picture the "Sunken Ship" and a mountain that was 80 miles away. Lunch was a picnic, sitting around a bar-b-que bench, outside a food store, with the sun blazing down on us. It was hard to believe that this was the middle of February, at the Winter Olympics and two days before I had been standing on the side of a mountain, in a snow blizzard! We had a leisurely drive back to Salt Lake City, photographing much of the Wild Life and in particular the deer. On arrival at Salt Lake City, I asked Bob to stop at the supermarket so that I could pick up the new edition of the Olympic Programme, where I learnt that Britain had won its first Gold of the 2002 Olympics, with victory for the Ladies Curling. It was not until we arrived back in England, that I learnt that victory had been won over Switzerland, on a dramatic final throw, similar to their loss to the USA when I had watched them a week previously!



*Souvenir of our excursion, an envelope from Ruby's Inn Bryce Canyon used with Arch Rock stamps on our return to SLC*

**Saturday 23rd February** was Rennie's second event and my last event of the Games, the Men's Four- Man Bobsled (rounds 3 and 4). I have always enjoyed the Bobsled, since Tony Nash and Robin Dixon won a Gold Medal in 1964, which was one of my earliest Olympic memories. Four years ago, Britain won a bronze in the Four-Man, and this was the reason, why we were both going. However in those four years the team had changed, and we were already out of the running for a medal. However, armed with Bob's Union Jack, and after meeting the team at the Samsung Sponsors Stand, we were going to cheer them all the way.

First of all, Bob, Rennie and myself went into Salt Lake City to catch up on cancelling our various covers and cards. With over half an hour before Rennie and I were due to board the coach to take us to Utah Olympic Park, I decided to post off a selection of cards and cancels to New Zealand. I came up against my first unhelpful (or was he being too helpful?) Postal Official. Bob had already had one such confrontation, earlier in the holiday. I was second in the queue, so I expected to be in and out in minutes. The Lady being served was posting a parcel. After 10 minutes, I suggested to Rennie, that she ought to go to the Coach pick up point, so that they knew I was on the way. Still plenty of time, but I was getting a bad feeling about this. Eventually it was my turn and thirty minutes later, I was running down the main street to get to the bus stop. I was already 5 minutes late. The simple request to send one packet had taken in every possible way to send it, every possible variation of stamps to make up the value, a debate on what the customs label should say, and did I not have the correct change? As it turned out, the Coach was not going to go for another 20 minutes and lots of people got on the coach after me.



*An 'emergency' issue postcard from Great Mountain West. Tourist card overprinted with gold foil {SLC logo} SALT LAKE 2002. At least fifteen designs received this overprint. Text on the original card includes 'Snowbasin Ski Resort is one of the venues of the 2002 Winter Olympics'. - One that we had missed in all our previous searches!*

The weather had changed again, and it was typical winter conditions that greeted our arrival at the Bob run. The lead up to the event, saw us being entertained by a group of ladies with hats in the shape of tea cups, singing "I like a nice cup of tea" and a group of Alpine Long Horn musicians. We found a spot near the end of the course, along side the T.V. cameras and in view of a big T.V. screen. This proved to be very sensible, as the Bobsled raced passed us, if you blinked, you missed them. This is defiantly a sport to watch on the T.V., with out the screens you would not know what was happening, and I was quite glad that I had not managed to get a ticket for the Skeleton as that would have been another event that I would have spent watching the big screen. One of the T.V. crew kindly took our camera to take a picture of one of the British Bobsleds speeding towards him. After round 3 we decided to move to another part of the course where, we could not only see the Bobsled speed pass us, but by looking over our shoulder we could pick it up a few seconds later, on another part of the course. We also positioned ourselves close to the big screen. The leading teams went off in reverse order, the competition being won by the Germans, with the two USA teams winning Silver and Bronze. There was also a lot of drama, as some teams turned over. After the top teams had finished, the crowd thinned out, and so we were able to get right up to the track, and watched the volunteers sweeping the track and picking up bits of helmets!

Once again Bob picked us up at the Trax station and told us that Alain Baxter had won our first ever Skiing medal, a Bronze in the Men's Slalom. On arriving at our house there was a postcard of the Olympic Village, from Jean-Pierre Caravan with an Olympic Village 20th February Postmark, sending me birthday greetings.

Sunday was the last day of the Games. Bob, Rennie and myself made our last visit to Salt Lake City, this time for a few photo shoots, with the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium in the background, last day cancellations on our cards and covers, and the last opportunity for shopping. Over the past few days, Bob and I had noticed that the various postcard racks were getting low in stock, and some of the event cards had all but disappeared. Imagine our delight when today, we thought we had found some new post cards. In fact the "new cards" turned out to be previously issued postcards with Gold Foil lettering overprinted "Salt Lake City 2002" with the official emblem. This turned out to be the sixth version of postcards that we had found, some had different backs on the same picture front, while some of the pictures and reference numbers did not match up on other versions.

Whilst Bob was finishing off his covers, Rennie and I returned to one of the big stores. Rennie bought a Ski Jumper to commemorate her Olympic Skiing Experience and I found an artist selling postcards he had drawn of events from Nagano and Tee shirts which he had drawn of Salt Lake City events. I bought a couple of sets of the postcards, and a Tee shirt of the Men's Slalom, with Alain Baxter named in Bronze medal position. This was only the second day after the event!

On our way back to the car, we offered a lift to a family, walking to the stadium. The Trax system was not operating to the Stadium for the Closing Ceremony, just as it had not done so for the Opening Ceremony. We listened to the car radio for information of the last event, the Men's Ice Hockey Final between USA and Canada. There had been a lot of television coverage the night before, as the USA was hoping to repeat their epic victory of 1980. We did not learn of the result (Canada won) until the Closing Ceremony, which we all sat down to watch in front of the Television.

We also learnt that there were going to be long queues at the Airport the next day, so we decided to get up extra early in the morning.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2002

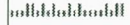
Great Britain got the golden medal in women's curling !  
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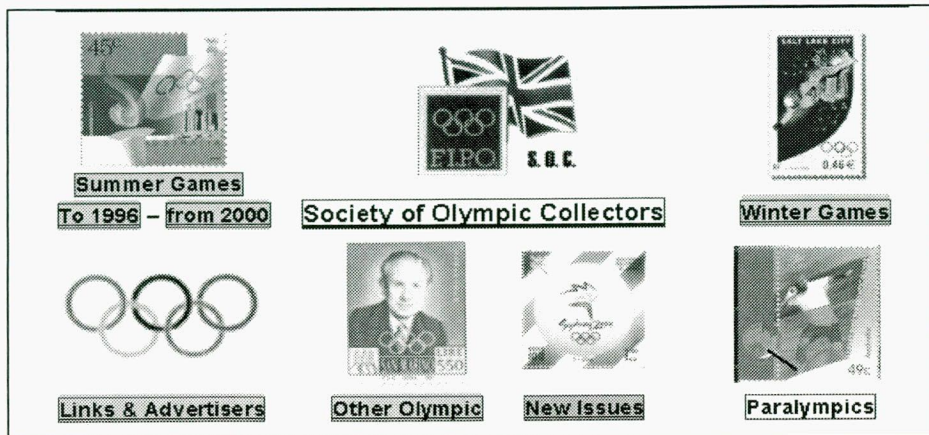
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**Monday 25th February**, an early start saw us arrive at the Airport and we left the car with the Hire Firm. Our first view of the queue, made us feel that it was a good job we got here when we did, as it is already quite long. Bob then realised that we were not at the check-in, but in the queue for the departure gate. We had to go back around the building, and just managed to get into the queue before it left the warmth of the terminal building and was outside in the early morning cold. We had the Norwegian delegation in front of us and the Israel delegation behind us. We were served with water, chocolates, and serenaded by those same ladies wearing their teacup hats, and by a boy band. The boy band was excellent and Sarah was encouraged to join in with them, which she gamely did. After five and a half hours we were through the check-in and arriving in the departure lounge. A considerable number of people tried to break into the queue, complaining that their plane was soon to depart. After about three hours we lost some members of the Israel delegation, they had managed to "pull rank" and were ushered through. The only saving grace was that the queue for First Class Passengers was just as long. This was one of those times, when it did not really matter, you wanted the security to be tight, and it was. It was unlikely that the plane would leave without us, knowing that the queue was there, and we had given ourselves the right amount of time.

Looking back the last morning in the airport, will be one of the endearing memories, along with the warm welcome given by the people of Salt Lake City, the excitement of the various events, my special birthday celebrations, the lovely house that we stayed in, and above all the comradeship of all the Olympic Collectors that stayed there during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

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## ATHENS 2004 - UPDATE

The declared issues by Hellenic Post were detailed in Volume 20 page 20. A change to plans was announced early in March, just before the issue of the 'P' stamps composite sheetlet and individual 'P' stamps.

The stamp intended for use with Corporate logos (row 1, stamp 3 of the composite sheet) underwent a design change from the original 'text' design, to one including the Athens 2004 logo. It was also announced that each of the 'P' stamps would be issued in limited quantities with a generic label. For the new Athens 2004 stamp, this would be a label with the ???? logo.

Information received, suggests that the whole print run of these generic sheets for the Athens 2004 'P' stamp were reserved by the Department of Telecommunications for use on mailsots or commercial mail, so that there were no supplies available to fulfil collectors requests - potential for some interesting 'junk' mail to drop through Greek letterboxes!

The issued composite sheetlet and Athens 2004 design issued on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 are illustrated:

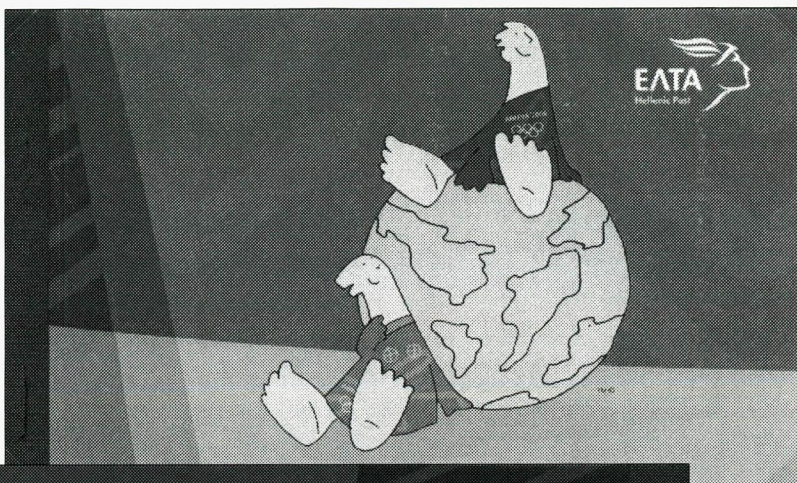


The special booklet declared for issue on 9<sup>th</sup> May took was produced in a similar format to the Great Britain 'prestige' booklets.

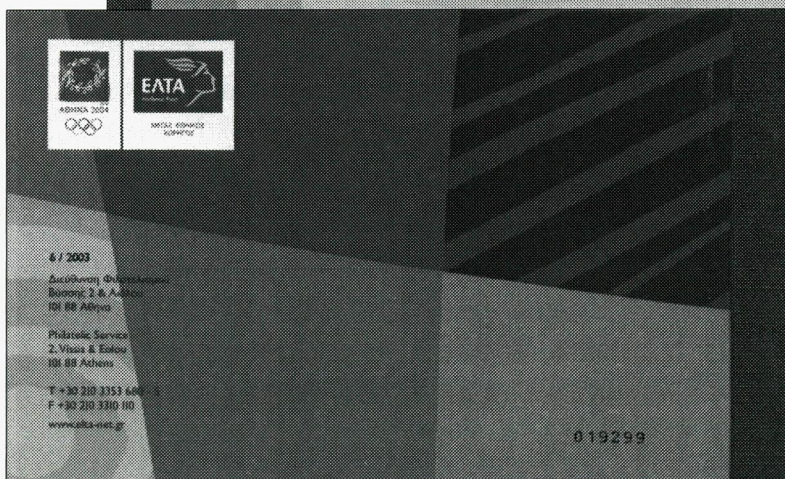
Nine panes, containing twenty eight stamps were included in the booklet, all of the stamp designs show one of the Athens mascots participating in an Olympic discipline. The interleaving pages of the booklet give details of the mascots in Greek and English, opaque interleaving is used to separate a number of the stamp panes in each of the colours of the Olympic rings except black.

On a number of the stamp panes the design continues outside the perforated area of the stamps, and all of the sports shown in the designs are named on the panes. The exploded booklet effectively produces nine miniature sheets, which are illustrated.

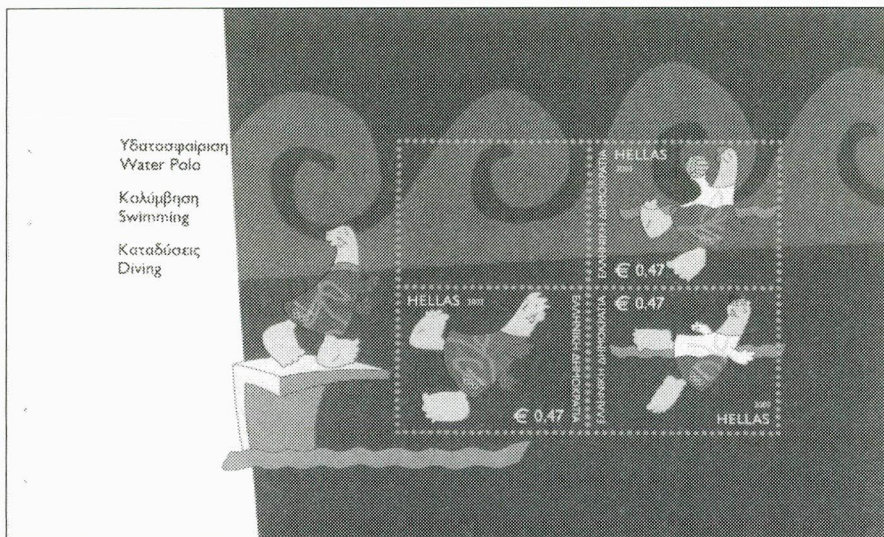
Assembly of the booklet is achieved by two staples, with the bound edge over-taped.



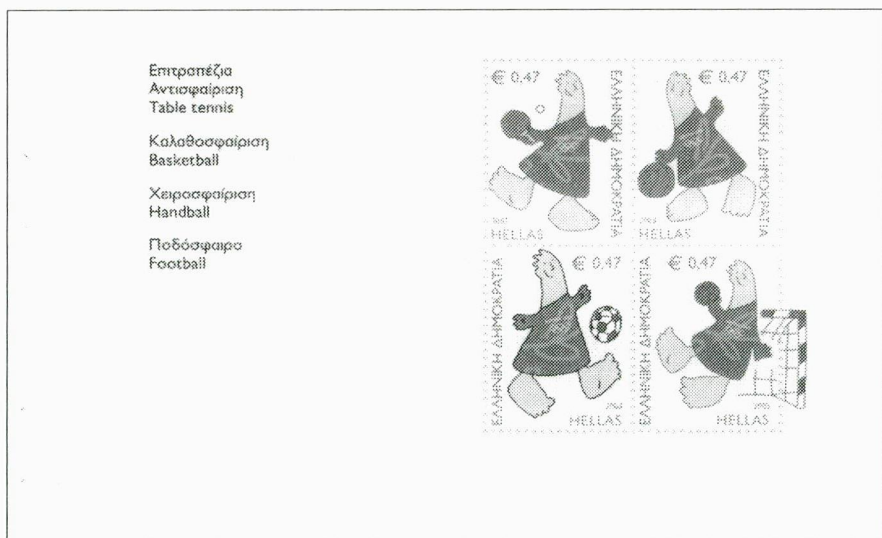
*Above:  
Front cover  
of the  
Mascot  
booklet.*



*Left:  
Back cover  
of the  
booklet with  
serial  
number.*



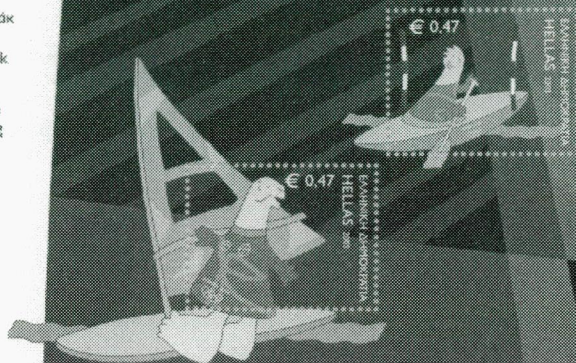
First stamp pane: € 0.47 Water Polo; € 0.47 Swimming; € 0.47 Diving.



Second stamp pane: € 0.47 Table tennis; € 0.47 Basketball; € 0.47 Handball; € 0.47 Football.

Κανόε/Καγιάκ  
Σλάλομ  
Canoe/Kayak  
Slalom

Ιστιοσανίδα  
Windsurfing



Third stamp pane: € 0.47 Canoe / Kayak Slalom; € 0.47 Windsurfing.

Ρυθμική  
Γυμναστική  
Rhythmic  
Gymnastics

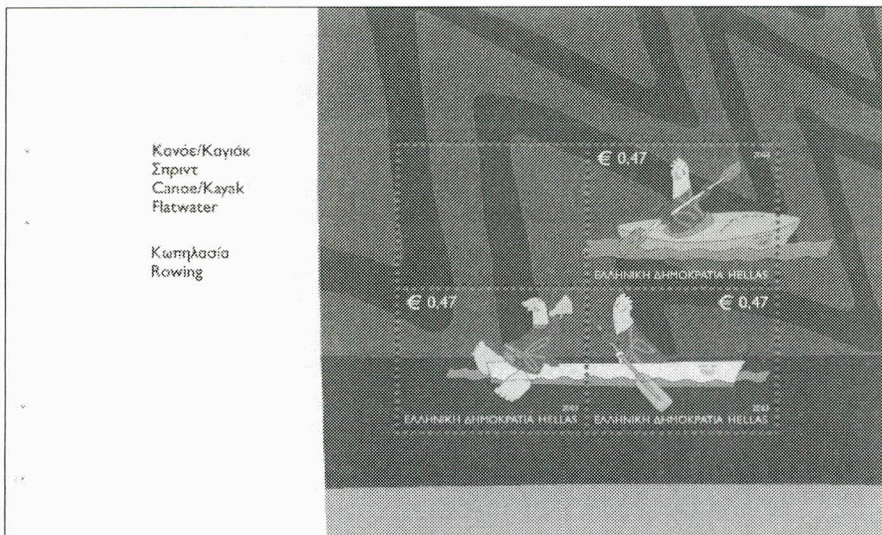
Τζούντο  
Judo

Τραμπολίνο  
Trampoline

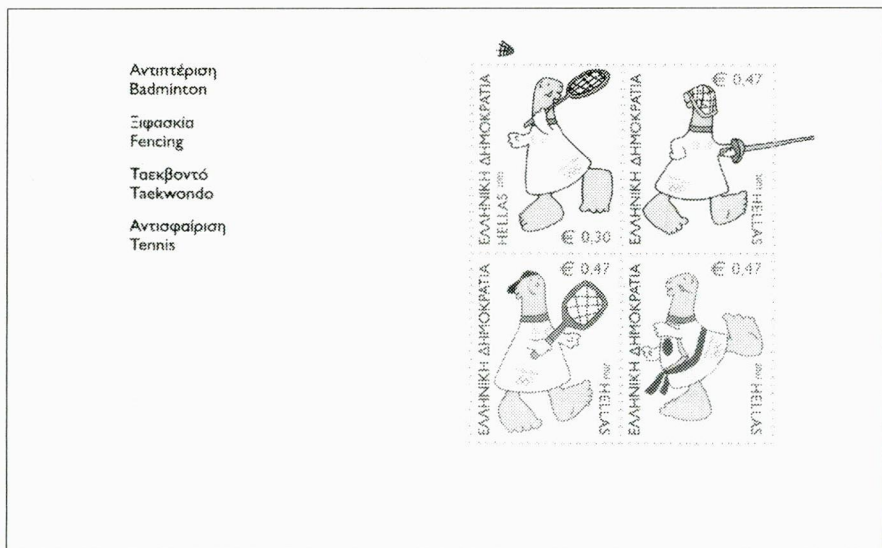
Τοξοβολία  
Archery



Fourth stamp pane: € 0.47 Rhythmic Gymnastics; € 0.47 Judo; € 0.47 Trampoline;  
€ 0.47 Archery.

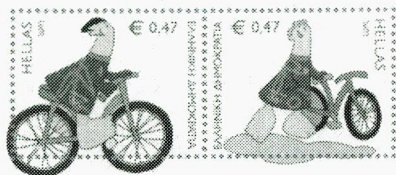


Fifth stamp pane: € 0.47 Canoe / Kayak; € 0.47 Rowing; € 0.47 Rowing.



Sixth stamp pane: € 0.30 Badminton; € 0.47 Fencing; € 0.47 Taekwondo; € 0.47 Tennis.

Γιοδήλασία  
Cycling  
Τριάθλο  
Triathlon



Seventh stamp pane: € 0.47 Cycling; € 0.47 Triathlon.

Μπιτς  
Βόλεϊμπολ  
Beach  
Volleyball  
Χόκεϊ  
Hockey  
Μπέιζμπολ  
Baseball  
Πυγμαχία  
Boxing



Eighth stamp pane: € 0.47 Beach Volleyball; € 0.47 Hockey; € 0.35 Baseball;  
€ 0.47 Boxing.



The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Postal Philatelic Museum of Hellenic Post is celebrated in 2003. To commemorate the event a number of souvenirs were produced, including four series of postcards.

Each of these series is supplied in an illustrated envelope which shows the designs of the individual postcards, together with the Athens 2004 logo and the Hellenic Post logo. The flap of each envelope bears the 'seal' of the Postal Philatelic Museum, in the form of a commemorative handstamp dated 30 x 78.



Above: The envelope wrapper for the first series of Postal Philatelic Museum postcards. The cards are numbered 01/2002 - 12/2002. Each card is illustrated with a stamp from the set issued in 1896 to commemorate and fund raise for the First Olympic Games, Athens.

All designs show a single value in issued colour, against a grey background (similar to British PHQ card format).



Athens 2004 and Hellenic Post logos appear on the back of each postcard, printed in blue

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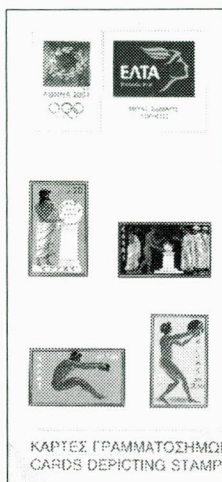
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EDITION FOR THE 1896 OLYMPICS  
Wrestlers

01/2002

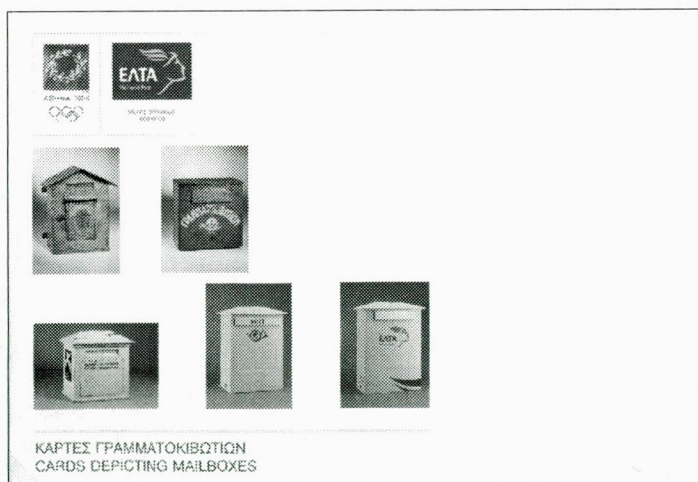
Postcard number  
10/2002 showing the 2  
Dr. value of the 1896  
issue.



Envelope wrapper  
for series two.  
Postcards  
numbered 13/2002 -  
26/2002. Designs  
show the fourteen  
stamps from the  
1906 issue to  
commemorate the  
intermediate Athens  
Games.



Envelope wrapper  
for series three.  
Postcards  
numbered 27/2002  
37/2002. Designs  
show the eleven  
stamps from the  
1960 issue to  
commemorate the  
XVII Olympic  
Games, Rome -  
1960.



Envelope wrapper  
for series four.  
Postcards  
numbered 38/2002 -  
42/2002. Designs  
show five designs  
of Greek mailboxes  
in chronological  
order.

## **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PACKET**

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We are now ready to launch the International Exchange Packet, which was first proposed in 2000 as a replacement to the popular Exchange Packet operated between 1985 and 1996.

The operation of a traditional exchange packet posed a number of problems for the Society, amongst which the exclusion of our overseas members as purchasers, and the ever increasing cost of Parcel Postage rates were the most significant.

Insurance cost and availability excluded overseas members. Postage cost in excess of £4.00 for the first weight band of parcel post, meant that for an average purchaser of £10 - £20 worth of material from a packet, real bargains were needed to counterbalance the 20-40% of spending represented by forwarding costs. A packet containing no material of interest became a liability.

The International Packet, overcomes both problems. Copies, in the form of either scanned images or photocopies will be circulated, overcoming insurance difficulties with international circulation. It is hoped that 'packets' will contain between 30 and 50 A4 copies of material, allowing the use of either printed paper postage rates or special document mailers that are not charged by small weight band increments.

At this stage, members with an interest in either submitting material for sale, or receiving the packet as purchasers are asked to register their interest with the Packet Manager. The first packet will go into circulation as soon as sufficient material and interest is available.

Scans or photocopies will need to be provide in a standard format, and to ensure this a 'template' against which the material should be copied will be provide to vendors - if demand requires, the template will be published in reduced size in a future issuse of Torch Bearer for members to enlarge by photocopying at a predetermined ratio (most probably 140%). The rules of the packet, and details of procedures follow.

Please offer your support, and assist Brian in developing a service of real benefit to members.

### **CIRCULATION INFORMATION**

1) Packets will consist of one copy sheet for each lot, a list of the lots (copies), to be signed on removal of a lot, a slip for requesting purchase and making payment, a circulation list, and a copy of these rules.

2) On receipt of the packet

- please count the number of copy sheets enclosed.

- Remove the copies of any lots you require and return them to the Packet Manager together with one of the purchase slips enclosed, and remittance or advice of Paypal transfer. Payments for the lots required and postage should be included.

3) Payment may be made as follows:

- UK: Cheque or Paypal transfer

- Overseas: GB Pounds Sterling by Paypal transfer, or by postal order or bankers draft, or by cash (sender's risk – registered post recommended).

## **CIRCULATION INFORMATION (cont).**

4) Standard rates of postage will apply:

- UK: 1- 3 lots: 60p. 3-6 lots: 80p. 7 or more lots: £1
- Europe: 1 lot: 70p 2-6 lots: £1 7 or more lots: £1.50
- World: 1 lot: £1 2-6 lots: £1.50 7 or more lots: £2

Lots to Europe and worldwide will be sent by ordinary airmail at letter or small packet rate. All sendings are insured and a certificate of posting will be obtained by the Packet Manager.

In the rare event that postage is not standard, the amount will be indicated by the Packet Manager on the copy sheet for the lot affected.

5) Send the packet to the next member on the list within 7 days of receipt. First class post should be used within the UK, and the equivalent within another country. Airmail should be used if mailing from one country to another.

6) Members who will be away from home on holiday or business for more than 7days should advise the packet secretary.

7) Lots purchased will be sent to buyers in batches at intervals of not more than one month.

8) The Packet Manager will vary the circulation for each packet so that each member will from time to time be the first to receive a packet. To aid the speed of the packet and reduce postage costs, members will be grouped by country. When there are a large number of members participating separate circuits may be instituted.

9) If all lots in a Packet have been purchased, the person making the final purchase should return the circulating documents to the Packet Manager. The Packet Manager may retire a packet before this point, and will notify the appropriate member accordingly.

10) Any queries should be addressed to the Packet Manager.

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## **SOC INTERNATIONAL PACKET**

### **Packet Rules**

1) Membership of the International Packet Circuit is available to all paid up members of SOC over the age of 18, wherever resident, who make written request to the Packet Manager to receive it.

2) Olympic material suitable for the International Packet includes stamps, covers, postcards and phone cards, but not pins, books and other heavy, large or fragile material, which will not be accepted. The Packet Manager reserves the right to reject any lot that he in his discretion considers unsuitable for circulation.

3) Original material is not circulated, only scans or photocopies provided by sellers.

4) Buyers and sellers should send full name and address details together with telephone number and, where appropriate, e-mail address.

5) Sellers need not be members of the Society of Olympic Collectors but non-members will be charged commission of 15%. SOC members will be charged only 10%.

## **Packet Rules (cont).**

6) Material for inclusion in the packet should be sent to the Packet Manager, at seller's risk. Material is covered by the society insurance from original receipt by the Packet Manager to receipt by purchaser or return unsold to vendor.

7) The Packet Manager will advise receipt by e-mail, or by post provided a stamped addressed envelope or International Reply Coupon is provided by the seller.

8) Lots may be a single item or a number of items.

9) Each lot must be submitted in an individual mount or protective envelope, and sent to the Packet Manager in a suitably stiffened outer cover. The Packet Manager cannot accept responsibility for lots received folded or in a damaged state.

10) Each lot must be accompanied by two photocopies/scans of the lot on A4 (or 8½ x 11) pages. Each page should bear the following information:

- Seller's name

- Seller's reference, & space for Packet Manager's reference

- A brief description of the lot, including

- all faults, whether or not visible on the scan/photocopy

- The price in GB Pounds Sterling. Lots priced in any other currency will be repriced by the Packet Manager at an appropriate rate of exchange. The Sterling price will prevail.

A pro-forma will be published in Torch Bearer or may be copied from the SOC web site [www.societyofolympiccollectors.org](http://www.societyofolympiccollectors.org).

11) No photocopies will be included in the packet until the actual lot is received by the Packet Manager.

12) Photocopies will be put into circulation in the next available packet. Where a large number of lots are received in one sending they may be split and circulated in two or more separate packets.

13) A packet will be circulated when sufficient material is available.

14) Unsold material will be offered in a future packet or returned to the seller, postage costs to be borne by the seller.

15) Sales proceeds less commission and any postage costs will be paid by cheque to UK sellers. Sums due to overseas sellers will be advised as packets are wound up, and will, if requested in advance or specifically, be repaid to the seller by way of pounds Sterling cheque or Paypal credit, but will normally be held by the Packet Manager on account for the seller, who may use the monies to pay SOC subscriptions, or for purchases from the International Packet or from the SOC auction. At the packet Manager's discretion payment in pounds Sterling may also be made to third parties. Payments to sellers will not be made in advance of completion of packets, nor in anticipation of sales.

16) Sellers are advised that it will be a minimum of 3 months and up to a year before payment or credit may be expected.

17) The decision of the packet manager is final.

**If you would like to take part in the  
International Exchange Packet as either  
vendor, purchaser (or both) -  
It is now time to register your interest**

## OLYMPIC HISTORY: TRIATHLON IN THE 2000 SYDNEY GAMES; IRONMAN USA, LAKE PLACID N.Y. - THE ULTIMATE TRIATHLON

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Vic Manikian

"The man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win."

*Roger Bannister*

(The first man to run a mile in less than four minutes, in Oxford on 6 May 1954. Bannister's time was 3:59.4).

### Triathlon - 2000 Olympic Games, Sydney

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) added the triathlon event to the Sydney Summer Games in September of 1994. It is the hope of the International Triathlon Union (ITU), the sole governing body for the sport of triathlon, that the event will further expose the sport of triathlon on the world-wide stage.

The ITU and IOC has set specific rules for the Olympic Triathlon. The distances are 1.5 km swim; 40 km cycle and 10 km run. The distances are shorter than the more well-known Ironman distances (2.4 mile swim; 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 mile run), forcing participants to prepare for a speed race rather than a duel of endurance.

In 1991, the IOC recognised the ITU as the sole governing body for the sport of triathlon, which led to the sport's debut in the Goodwill Games (1994) and the Pan Am Games (1995) followed by the 2000 Sydney Games triathlon.

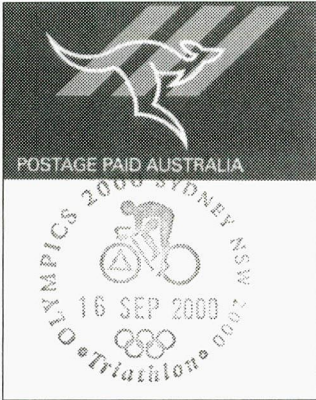
### 2000 Sydney Olympic Triathlon Men's Results

17 September 2000, 52 participants.

1. Simon Whitfield, Canada  
1hr. 48:24.02
2. Stephan Vuckovic, Germany  
1hr. 48:37.58
3. Jan Rehula, Czech Republic  
1hr. 48:46.64

Figure 1 - Sydney cancellation  
17th September 2000.





**2000 Sydney Olympic Triathlon Women's Results**  
16 September 2000, 48 participants.

- |                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Brigitte McMahon, Switzerland | 2hr. 00:40.52 |
| 2. Michellie Jones, Australia    | 2hr. 00:42.55 |
| 3. Magali Messmer, Switzerland   | 2hr. 01:08.83 |

*Figure 2 - Sydney cancellation on prepaid registered envelope 16th September 2000.*

**Lake Placid Ironman - The Ultimate Triathlon**  
15 August 1999, 1670 total participants.

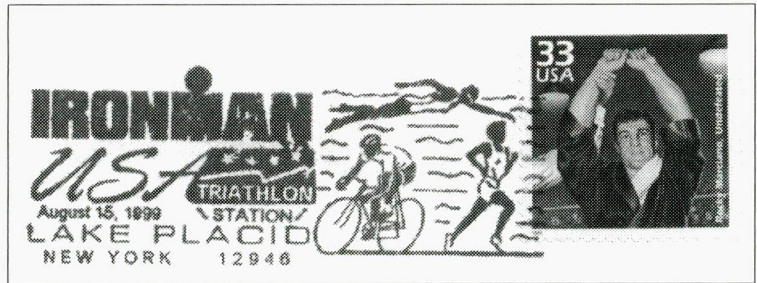
**Men's results**

- |                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Thomas Hellriegel, Germany | 8hr. 36:59 |
| 2. Jurgen Hanber, Germany     | 9hr. 03:39 |
| 3. Cameron Brown, New Zealand | 9hr. 09:14 |

**Women's results**

- |                              |
|------------------------------|
| 1. Heather Fuhr, Canada      |
| 2. Mary Uhe, New Mexico, USA |

*Figure 3 - Ironman Lake Placid, 15 August 1999.*



**Lake Placid Ironman**

30 July 2000, 1700 total participants.

Athletes from 22 countries competed: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Phillipines, Sweden, Switzerland, Tahiti, United States, Venezuela.

**Men's results**

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. Cameron Widoff, Boulder, Colorado, USA    | 8hr. 46:05 |
| 2. Jamey Yon, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA | 8hr. 56:34 |
| 3. Cameron Brown, New Zealand                | 8hr. 58:31 |

**Women's results**

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Melissa Spooner, Canada               | 9hr. 45:57  |
| 2. Juliana Nievergelt, Medfield, MA, USA | 9hr. 55:56  |
| 3. Barbara Buenahora, Argentina          | 10hr. 05:52 |

Figure 4 - Isuzu Ironman -  
Lake Placid, 30 July 2000  
cancellation on  
commemorative cover.

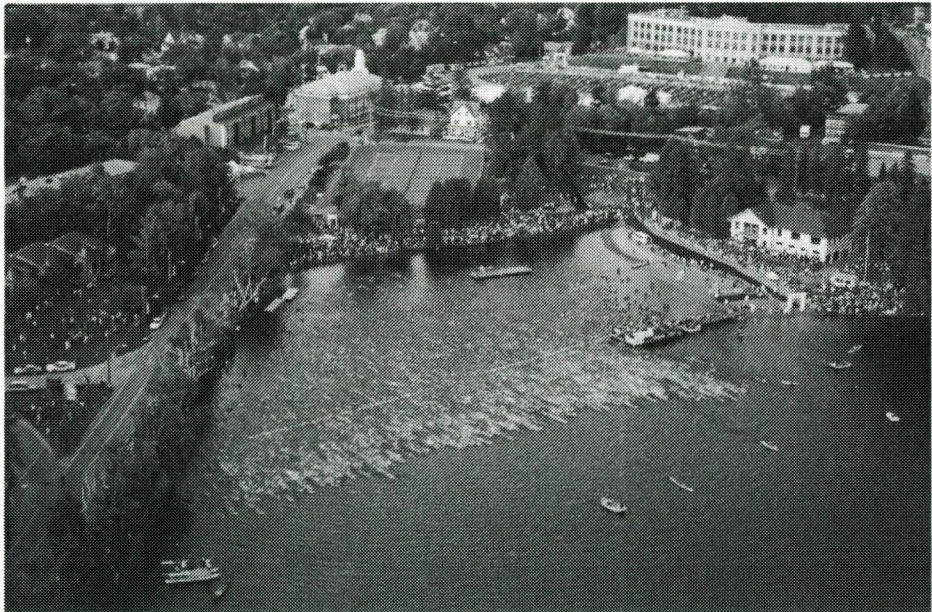
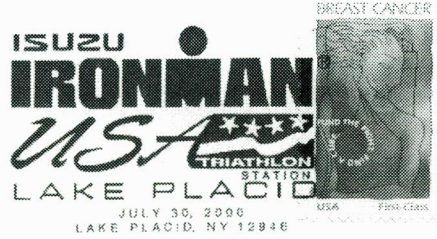
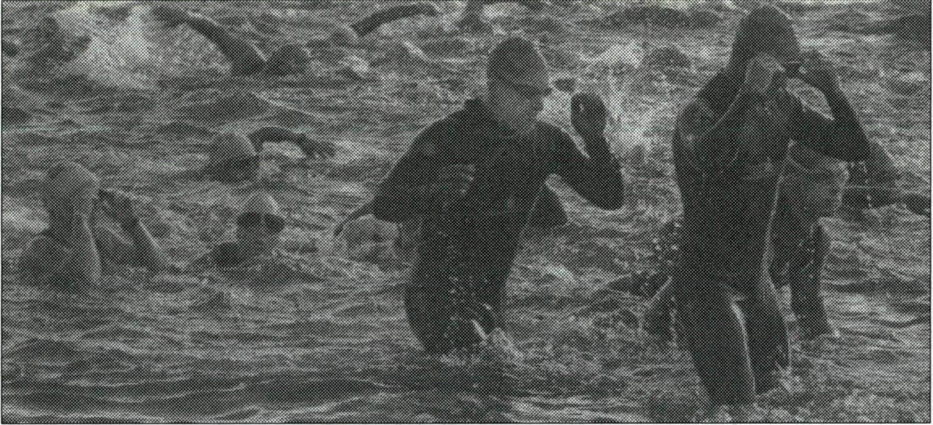
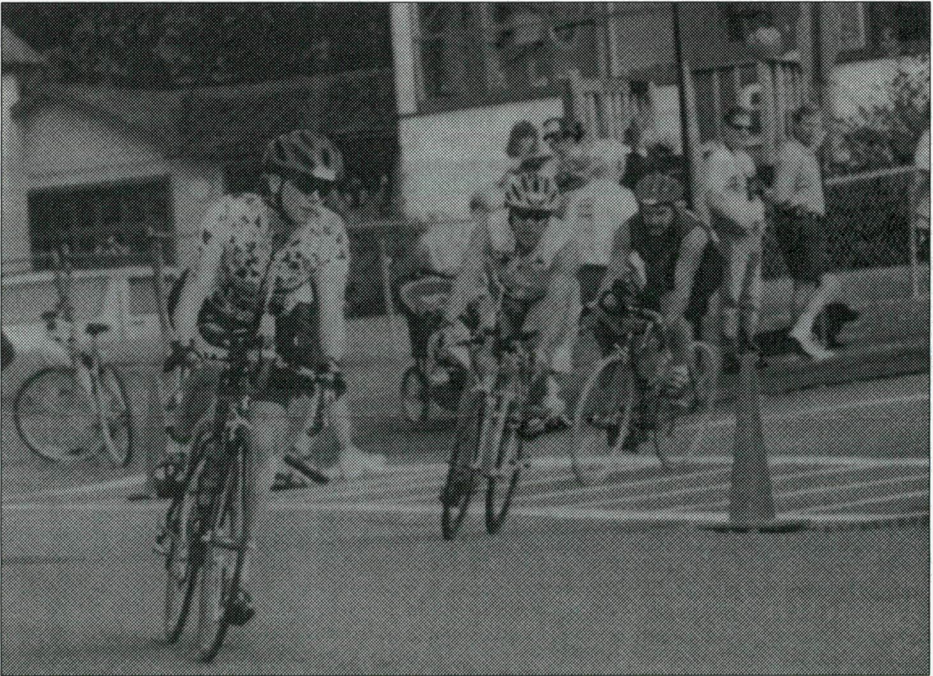


Figure 5 - Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon - the start at 7 a.m. with 2.4 mile swim on Mirror Lake -  
beginning of the all day event



*Figure 6 - The swim finish and heading towards the bike transition area.*



*Figure 7 - Ironman racers brave the curves on the 112 mile biking stretch of the race.*

## Lake Placid Ironman

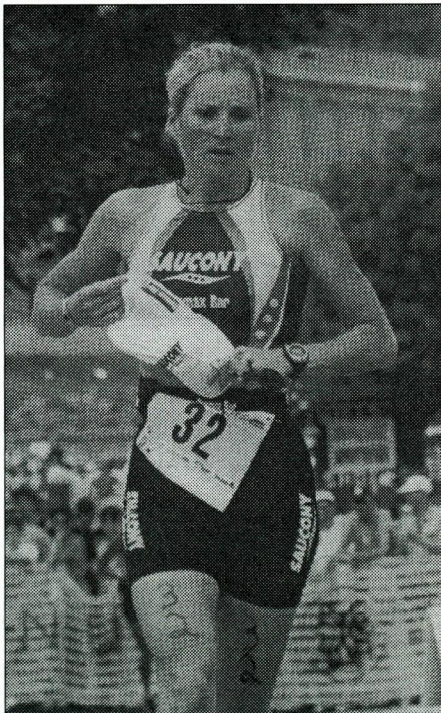
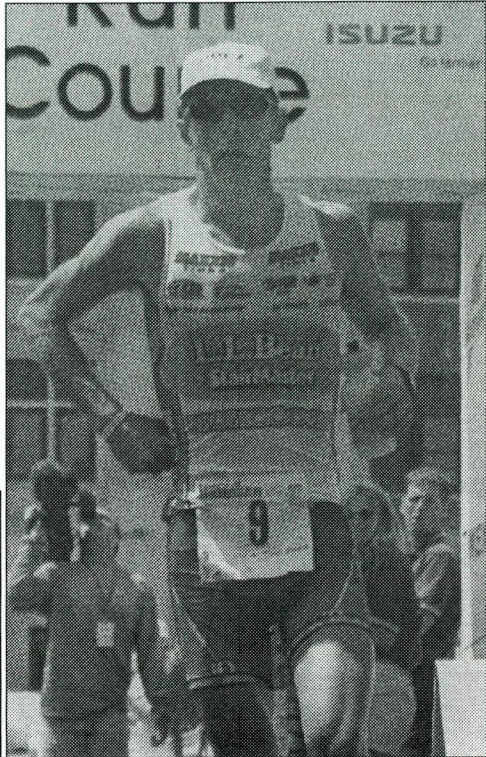
29 July 2001, 2074 total participants.

Athletes from 14 different countries and 46 States of the USA competed.

### 2001 Men's results

1. Steve Larsen, Davis, CA., USA  
8hr. 33:11
2. Ryan Bolton, Boulder, CO., USA  
8hr. 41:53
3. Cameron Widoff, Boulder, CO., USA  
8hr. 55:07

*Figure 8 - End of the 26.2 mile run for Steve Larsen's record time for the gruelling Ironman course.*



### 2001 Women's results

1. Heather Fuhr, San Diego, CA., USA  
9hr. 31:11
2. Joanna Zieger, Baltimore, MD., USA  
9hr. 33:12
3. Laura Drake, Atlanta, GA., USA  
9hr. 51:56

*Figure 9 - Heather Fuhr close to victory on the Ironman course. She has won ten previous Ironman events.*

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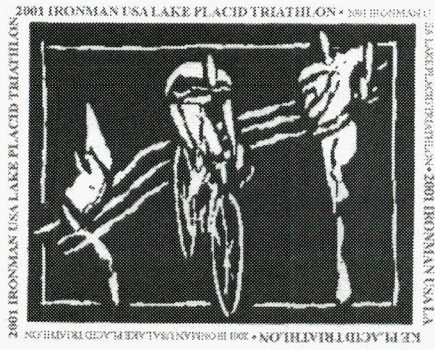


Figure 10 - Isuzu Ironman - Lake Placid, 29 July 2001. Red ink cancellation on commemorative cover.

Figure 11 - Ironman communications director Shane Facticeau and a volunteer "carrier" take care of an Ironman after he finishes the 2001 race. Even professional racers can take months to fully recover from the gruelling ordeal.



## Lake Placid Ironman

28 July 2002, 2098 total participants.

### Men's results

- |                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Ryan Bolton, Boulder, CO., USA | 8hr. 39:19 |
| 2. Kirill Litovtsenko, Estonia    | 8hr. 53:50 |
| 3. Tani Shingo, Japan             | 9hr. 01:46 |

### Women's results

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. Heather Fuhr, San Diego, CA., USA      | 9hr. 43:12  |
| 2. Joanna Lawn, Auckland, New Zealand     | 9hr. 56:59  |
| 3. Jackie Hatherly, Lake Placid, NY., USA | 10hr. 11:37 |

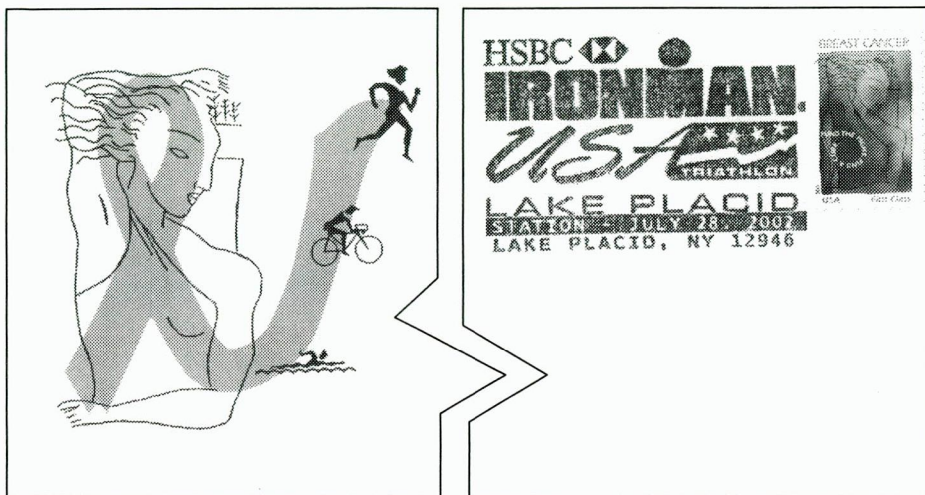


Figure 12 HSBC Ironman - Lake Placid, 28 July 2002. Cancellation and cachet section of commemorative cover {full cover measures 241 x 105mm}.

Reference: Lake Placid News, Aug 1999; July 2000, 2001 and 2002.

*Do you collect an individual sport that is included in the Olympic Games?*

*We have rarely published articles from members on individual disciplines - purely because they have not been submitted.*

*In future issues, Basketball and Cycling will be featured - submissions on other sports would be very welcome.*

## 50 OLYMPIANS OF THE FIRST 100 YEARS

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The following responses and suggestions were received from Bomi Kavarana and Martin Leath to the proposals published last issue:

### **Bomi writes:**

"It is a good idea to commemorate the achievements of special Olympians over the period 1896-1996, but as 1996 has come and gone, why not include those of the 20th century ie. the last century.

Whatever you come up with, there will be others who will not agree with your views, but that is life - you cannot please everyone! I would suggest that you split the events into groups with the most popular sports having a wider say, for example athletics could have 10 best Olympians, swimming 7, rowing and gymnastics 5 each, winter sports 10 and the remaining sports 13.

For rowing which is my specialist sport, I would choose:

Vyacheslav Ivanov  
Pertti Karppinan  
Steve Redgrave  
Matthew Pinsent (or John Kelly if 1896 - 1996)  
Elisabeta Lipa

If you intend to print a set of 50 cards for availability to members, you may also wish to sell the cards separately or sets of various sports".

### **Martin writes:**

"On reading Torch Bearer (Vol. 20 issue 1) I came across the article '50 Olympians of the first 100 years' to which I felt a reply was necessary. From the outset I quickly realised that most Members would probably agree with 30 - 35 of the names put forward but 20 - 15 names would be open to dispute. I therefore set about producing two ranking lists based on performance alone.

I felt that Ray Ewry should be included by any standard but that Steve Redgrave could only be included if Aladar Gerevich and Edoardo Mangiarotti - both with superior total and individual Medal records - were also considered. My own top-five would be:

Nurmi  
Latynina  
Ewry  
Caslavskva  
Lewis / Andrianov (joint fifth)

I am sure that you will have many different replies to this project".

Martin's ranking tables are on the following pages -

Rank		Total medals			Sport	Individual medals			Rank
		G	S	B		G	S	B	
1	Larissa Latynina	9	5	4	Gymnastics	6	5	4	<b>4</b>
2	Paavo Nurmi	9	2	0	Track and field	7	2	0	<b>2</b>
3	Mark Spitz	9	1	1	Swimming	4	1	1	<b>18</b>
4	Sawao Kato	8	3	1	Gymnastics	5	1	1	<b>11</b>
5	Carl Lewis	8	1	0	Track and field	6	1	1	<b>7</b>
6	Ray Ewry	8	0	0	Track and field	8	0	0	<b>1</b>
7	Nikolai Andrianov	7	5	2	Gymnastics	6	2	3	<b>5</b>
8	Boris Shakhlin	7	4	0	Gymnastics	6	2	2	<b>6</b>
9	Vera Caslavskaja	7	4	0	Gymnastics	7	1	0	<b>3</b>
10	Viktor Chukarin	7	3	1	Gymnastics	5	3	1	<b>10</b>
11	Aladar Gerevich	7	1	1	Fencing	1	1	1	59
12	Edoardo Mangiarotti	6	5	2	Fencing	1	4	2	58
13	Hurbert Van Innis	6	3	0	Archery	4	3	0	<b>16</b>
14	Akinori Nakayama	6	2	2	Gymnastics	4	2	2	<b>17</b>
15	Gert Fredriksson	6	1	1	Canoeing	6	1	1	<b>7=</b>
16	Vital Sherbo	6	0	4	Gymnastics	5	0	4	<b>12</b>
17=	Nedo Nadi	6	0	0	Fencing	3	0	0	<b>41=</b>
17=	Kristin Otto	6	0	0	Swimming	4	0	0	<b>24=</b>
17=	Lydia Skoblikova	6	0	0	Speed skating	6	0	0	<b>9</b>
17=	Lyubov Egorova	6	0	0	Nordic skiing	4	0	0	<b>24=</b>
21	Carl Osburn	5	4	2	Shooting	2	3	2	<b>49</b>
22	Polina Astakhova	5	2	2	Gymnastics	2	2	0	51
23	Matt Biondi	5	2	1	Swimming	2	2	1	<b>50</b>
24	Hans-Gunter Winkler	5	1	1	Equestrian	1	0	0	60
25	Don Schollander	5	1	0	Swimming	2	1	0	53
26=	Johnny Weissmuller	5	0	1	Swimming	3	0	0	<b>41=</b>
26=	Steven Redgrave	5	0	1	Rowing	0	0	0	62
28=	Eric Heiden	5	0	0	Speed skating	5	0	0	<b>13=</b>
28=	Bonnie Blair	5	0	0	Speed skating	5	0	0	<b>13=</b>
28=	Kristina Egerszegy	5	0	0	Swimming	5	0	0	<b>13=</b>
28=	Bjorn Daelhlie	5	0	0	Nordic skiing	4	0	0	<b>24=</b>
32=	Dawn Fraser	4	4	0	Swimming	3	4	0	<b>37</b>
32=	Kornelia Ender	4	4	0	Swimming	3	0	0	<b>41=</b>
32=	Alexander Popov	4	4	0	Swimming	4	0	0	<b>24=</b>
35	Takashi Ono	4	3	4	Gymnastics	3	4	3	<b>36=</b>
36	Sixten Jernberg	4	3	2	Nordic skiing	3	3	1	<b>38</b>
37=	Roland Mathes	4	3	1	Swimming	4	1	0	<b>20=</b>
37=	Nadia Comeneci	4	3	1	Gymnastics	4	1	1	<b>18=</b>
39=	Agnes Keleti	4	2	2	Gymnastics	3	0	0	<b>41=</b>
39=	Galina Kulakova	4	2	2	Nordic skiing	2	1	1	52
41	Ville Ritola	4	2	0	Track and field	3	2	0	<b>39</b>
42=	Hannes Kolehmainen	4	1	0	Track and field	4	0	0	<b>24=</b>
42=	Emile Zatopek	4	1	0	Track and field	4	1	0	<b>20=</b>
42=	John Naber	4	1	0	Swimming	2	0	0	54

Rank	A	Total medals			Sport	Individual medals			Rank	B
		G	S	B		G	S	B		
42=	Greg Louganis	4	- 1	- 0	Diving	4	- 1	- 0	20=	
42=	Matti Nykanen	4	- 1	- 0	Ski jumping	3	- 1	- 1	40	
42=	Aleksandr Tikhonov	4	- 1	- 0	Biathlon	0	- 1	- 0	61	
42=	Charles Pahud de Mortances	4	- 1	- 0	Equestrian	2	- 0	- 0	54=	
42=	Clas Thunberg	4	- 0	- 1	Speed skating	4	- 0	- 1	23	
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50=	Alvin Kraenzlein	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Paul Radmilovic	4	- 0	- 0	Water polo/swimming	0	- 0	- 0	63	
50=	Jesse Owens	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	3	- 0	- 0	41=	
50=	Fanny Blankers-Koen	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	3	- 0	- 0	41=	
50=	Paul Elvstrom	4	- 0	- 0	Sailing	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Henri St. Cyr	4	- 0	- 0	Equestrian	2	- 0	- 0	54=	
50=	Betty Cuthbert	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	3	- 0	- 0	41=	
50=	Pat McCormick	4	- 0	- 0	Diving	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Al Oerter	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Vladmir Salnikov	4	- 0	- 0	Swimming	2	- 0	- 0	54=	
50=	Lasse Viren	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Tasmas Darnyi	4	- 0	- 0	Swimming	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Amy Van Dyken	4	- 0	- 0	Swimming	4	- 0	- 0	24=	
50=	Michael Johnson	4	- 0	- 0	Track and field	3	- 0	- 0	41=	

1. The **full** First Hundred Years of Olympic Games **1896 - 1996 (8)** was examined although I partly agree that the first three Summer Games were less popular than post 1912 Games it must be remembered that several Nations have withdrawn or not been invited to 'modern' Games. No medals have been added from the so called 'interim' 1906 unofficial Games.

*N.B. only two Olympians from the 1896-1908 period have been put forward.*

2. I felt that **discontinued events/sports** should count in that it was not the fault of competitors that their events had become outdated - the modern Olympic programme is still undergoing change with 'new' events/sports introduced in 2000 and 2002. I therefore included the **full** range of events/sports - standing jumps, tug-of-war to triathlon, womens ice hockey etc., but also **equestrian events / modern pentathlon**. However I did agree that the latter two events did involve the performance of the horse as much as the rider.

3. No account has been taken of injury or illness before or during a Games by a competitor, likewise no '**firsts**' of any kind have been taken into account.

4. The **benchmarks** used in the ranking lists were:-

a) **Four or more Gold Medals - this included 'team' Gold Medals. Thus the left-hand ranking list 'A' or Total Gold Medals may be considered by members.**

Note that this benchmark has been modified to Four Gold Medals **plus** a Silver or Bronze medal to produce a group of 49 (!) competitors. It has been noted that certain sports e.g. Boxing, do not have a team event and therefore there is a small bias against such sports using such a ranking list. Gymnastics, Athletics and in particular Swimming gained most under 'A'.

**b) Individual Gold Medals - by removing 'team' gold medals a very different ranking list 'B' appeared in the right-hand column.**

By using this list was able to run (in bold figures) from 1 - 50. It should also be noted that after 40th place on this list there are at least 23 Olympians not previously mentioned who could be added on with three Individual Gold Medals but no "team" medals.

5. Using the B list I felt the balance between Summer (42) and Winter (8) about right with 40:10 ideal. There were 35 male and 15 female Olympians on this list.

## **REVIEW OF MAGAZINES WITH OLYMPIC INTEREST**

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### **JOURNAL OF SPORTS PHILATELY**

Volume 41 Number 3 of the Journal produced by Sports Philatelists International covered a number of Olympic Sports in non-Olympic articles. The first article covered the decision of Canada Post to commemorate six famous Ice Hockey stars each year. To date 24 stars have been featured of which 15 are still alive (but retired) and only one was born outside Canada, but played Ice Hockey in Canada. Each of the 4 sets issued are printed in a souvenir sheet format, and feature three forwards, two defenders and a goalie – making a full on-ice lineup.

The second article features Bjorn Borg and his success at the Roland Garros (French Open) Championship's winning 6 out of the 8 Championships that he played in. In the two championships that he did not win, the same player, Adriano Panatta of Italy, defeated him. The third article covers the 2002 World Gymnastics Championships held in Hungary. All the events contested were individual events, with Hungarian Szilveszter Csollany becoming World Champion for the Men's Rings for the first time, adding to his Sydney Gold Medal. The article also covers the presence of the Hungarian Post Office and the postage stamps, special hand cancels and first day covers that they issued.

The 1948 Displaced Persons Olympiad for refugees and Allied Prisoners of War in Central Europe and the Grand Slam Golf 2003 season make up the other articles.

Available from Margaret A Jones, 5310 Lindenwood Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63109. U.S.A.

### **JOURNAL OF OLYMPIC HISTORY**

Volume 11 Number 1 of the Journal produced by the International Society of Olympic Historians has as its leading article The Exhibition Tradition of the Olympic Games. The article concludes that the International Exhibitions were first the fore runners of the Modern Olympics, became the venue of the Modern Olympics and were then replaced by the Olympics. A second article debates the status of the 1900 and 1904 Olympics and suggests that they were held as a sideshow to the Universal Expositions held in Paris and Saint Louis and that the I.O.C. have not made decisions as to which events were "official" and which were "demonstration".

The Shooting Matches of the 1920 Olympics; A tour of the 1936 Olympic Village of Berlin, which is now in a state of ruin; Henri Padou, a member of the 1924 French Water Polo Team; Olympic Speed Skating at the 1932 Lake Placid Games; The 1928 Water Polo Tournament; and Charles Reidpath the 1912 400 meters champion on the Track; make up a varied and interesting selection of Olympic articles.

Available from Peter Lovesey, 43, Grosvenor Road, Chichester, Sussex. PO19 8RT.

## **ESPRIT SPORTS ET OLYMPISME**

The March 2003 issue of the Journal produced by the Association Francaise des Collectionneurs Olympiques et Sportifs (AFCOS) looks at some of the Candidature Venues. Annecy (France) 2014, Paris 2012, a number of the German candidates, and for 2010 – Vancouver, Pyong Yang and Salzburg. A tribute to Emil Zatopek, who died in November 2000, and featuring a number of special cancellations, which were issued in 2002.

Other articles include Chris Evert at the Roland Garros Championships; special cancellations from the 2002 Football World Cup; The World Ski Championships, which were held in Saint Moritz; and the 2003 Table Tennis Championships, which are being held in Paris during May.

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## BOOK REVIEW - METER MARKS OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS

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### Repertorio delle Affrancature Meccaniche dei Giochi Olimpici Invernali

Alvaro Trucchi, 180 pages - A5 format.

Published by MEC-SPORTS 3 - Verona. *Text in Italian*

*Review by Brian Hammond*

This is an excellent book and will make a good companion to the Olympic Winter Games catalogue produced by Domfil and reviewed in Torch Bearer volume 19, issue 3. Unlike that catalogue this one only has text in Italian, however most text is taken from the illustrated meters in the language of the actual impressions. Translation should not be a major problem as the vast majority of the hundreds of Winter Olympic Games franking machine cancellations are illustrated in black and white. Like the Alvaro Trucchi catalogue of philatelic material from IOC Sessions and Congresses, where he has not been able to find an illustration of a cancellation a space has been left for it. This catalogue deals only with franking machine impressions.

Many members will have copies of catalogues issued by Ernest Troy listing up to 1936, Gunter Schneider listing up to 1960, Heiko Volk listing up to 1944, and Manfred Winterheimer who has listed material since 1964.



This catalogue covers the whole period of the Olympic Winter Games from 1924 until the 2002 Games held in Salt Lake City.

Unlike the other works mentioned, this catalogue groups the meter marks that relate to a single celebration of the Games together. For example, no meter cancellations were used at the time of the first Olympic Winter Games in 1924. This work shows four - three issued subsequently in France, and one used in the Czech Republic in 1994. For more recent Games, meter marks from bid cities are included. Listings are not restricted to host countries, all known impressions from around the world are included. Meter marks from cities bidding to host the 2006 Olympic Winter Games are also included.

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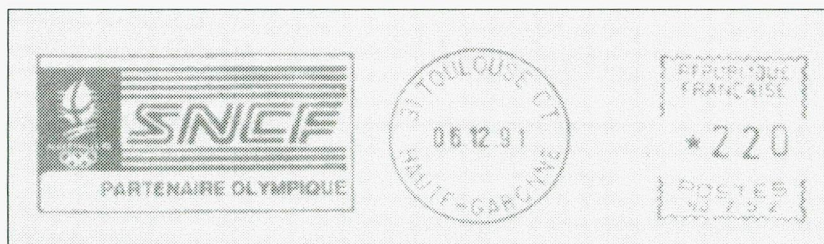


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No work of this size, or with such ambitious targets will ever be complete. My own collection of the 1992 Albertville Games includes two examples that are not listed, but I am sure that any reader will find far more examples that are new to them, even in areas where they consider their knowledge close to complete.

This book leaves you wanting more of the same, and it is to be hoped that it will be updated in the future as other meter marks are discovered and additional Games take place.

Readers and collectors should take the opportunity to notify Alvaro Trucchi, will clear illustrations of any omissions so that they can be added to this excellent listing in future editions.



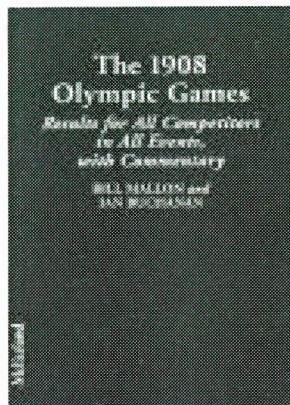
## BOOK REVIEW - THE 1908 OLYMPIC GAMES

### Results for All Competitors in All Events, With Commentary

by Bill Mallon & Ian Buchanan

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The Official Report of the 1908 Olympics is hard to find and usually very expensive. Furthermore it does not for instance contain full results for archery, track and field athletics, football (soccer), gymnastics, motorboating and shooting. A great deal of new information has been gathered by the authors, and this work gives complete results for all events. The information presented is based primarily on 1908 sources. For the first time, definitive word on the sites, dates, events, competitors, and nations as well as the event results are available for all of the 1908 Olympic events, including boxing, cycling, diving, fencing, field hockey, lacrosse, polo, raquets, swimming, lawn tennis, tug-of-war, weightlifting, wrestling and yachting, among other sports. The 1908 Olympic Games were controversial. There was almost constant bickering among the American team and the British officials.



Because of the controversies, the 1908 Olympics have been termed "The Battle of Shepherd's Bush," referring to the site of the Olympic Stadium. A series of appendices include rarely seen information about the many controversies surrounding the Games, and with one author American and the other British they have looked at the controversies from the eyes of both nations' media to present a balanced overview.

Although there are no illustrations there are detailed tables and statistics, and the presentation of results is both clearer and more comprehensive than in the Official Report. The Official Report however has much more detail of the competitions, gives more of the atmosphere. There is no doubt about it, in an ideal world you want to have both, but Bill Mallon & Ian Buchanan's book gives you all you need and more – it is an outstanding reference work.

The book is 536pp, hardback, and is published by McFarland & Co Inc ([www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com)) and costs \$69.95. It is available at this price, post free from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and they sometimes have second-hand copies available from about \$30. [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) offers it at £37.95 plus postage.

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