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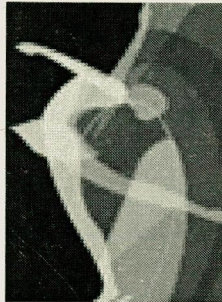
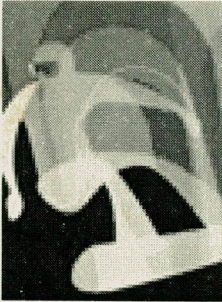


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## SEASONS GREETINGS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

## 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.

Subscription rates for 2005 are:

U.K. £12.00; Europe, £14.00 (€ 20, \$US 30).

Outside Europe, £19.00 (€ 30, \$US 35, \$AU 45)

Acceptable forms of payment: Sterling, \$US, \$Australian or € currency notes; Sterling cheques; **PayPal - in £ sterling**.

## FRONT PAGE

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Another year is almost over, an Olympic year approaches - and **Society subscriptions are due by the 31st. January, 2006.**

It has been an eventful year for the Society, the highlights of which must include:

- The selection of London as host of the 2012 Olympic Games;
- The introduction of the International Circulating Packet;
- The success of SmartStamp items.

The selection of London, fulfilled many dreams, and exceeded many expectations. The SOC was afforded considerable assistance and contact by the Bid Committee, without which, many of the items reported in Torch Bearer would not have been possible. We will strive to achieve a similar rapport with the Organising Committee for the future.

The International Circulating Packet was long in gestation, but worth waiting for (or that seems to be the message from the relatively small band of current subscribers). The packet is circulating on a regular basis, and Brian had to take the unusual step of interrupting packet 3 during circulation to 'top up' the material offered as a result of early sales. A very varied mix of material has been offered, and sales levels have exceeded expectations. Please consider either selling or buying via the packet and register your interest with Brian.

SmartStamps have impacted in a number of ways. Funds have been raised for the SOC; genuine philatelic/postal souvenirs have been created for key events / occasions; substantial sales have been achieved to postal historians (an unexpected non-SOC market); and publicity through editorials and articles has been extensive, nationally and internationally.

We enter 2006 in a healthy state, with the promise of an exciting time ahead.

**Please make renewals before 31st January to avoid missing February Torch Bearer.**

It is with great sadness, that we report the death of Greek member Constantinos Varotsis. A report was received that Constantinos passed away in August.

The Society has been supported by Constantinos in many ways. He was a regular contributor of material to the original circulating packet, and the auction.

Torch Bearer relied on Constantinos to keep the membership informed of philatelic events in Greece and ELTA activities for many years.

Constantinos was a member of various FIPO affiliated societies or groups, and corresponded with fellow collectors in many countries so the impact of his passing will be felt by many.

Sincere condolences are offered to his family.

## LONDON 1948 - A POSTAL MYSTERY SOLVED



Bob Wilcock recently submitted the illustrated cover to **STAMP MAGAZINE**.

His query was answered in the October 2005 issue, and clearly demonstrates the benefit of consulting the 'experts':

**Q** I have an Olympic Games first day cover of 1448, sent from Wembley with postage totalling 1s 11½d., more than enough to cover the 2½d. postage and 3d. registration fee of the period. On arrival at the destination post office in Sidcup, 'POC 3d to pay' has been written on the cover accompanied by a registration label and a 3d postage due label. The envelope is still sealed, so clearly it weighed under 2oz. Can you offer any suggestion as to why it has been surcharged in this way?

**A** Although the sender applied blue lines to denote registration, he or she negated this by merely dropping the cover into a mailbox instead of taking it to a post office counter first for registration.

The giveaway is that it has the Wembley wavy line machine cancellation instead of some nice counter handstamps.

The initials POC signify 'Posted Out of Course', a term used by the Post Office to cover such irregularities. Such mail was subject to a fine of 3d, regardless of the postage paid.

The POC crayon mark would have been applied at the Wembley sorting office when the irregularity was detected, and served as an instruction to Sidcup to raise the surcharge, hence the postage due label.

The Sidcup delivery office would have added the registration label to ensure that the cover was properly handed over and a receipt signed by the addressee.

Had the sender not applied the blue lines, the cover would have gone through the post without surcharge. But by adding the lines he clearly intended that it should be registered, hence the action taken to penalise the breach of the rules.

## 2006 TORCH BEARER - A LOOK AHEAD

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**February Torch Bearer** - There were no matters arising from members for discussion by the committee from the 2005 renewal questionnaire, but a financial summary will be included in February Torch Bearer.

A special auction of SmartStamp items that are close to 'sold out' will be included.

**May Torch Bearer** Torino 2006 will be reported.

Articles are currently in preparation or review stage for 1956 Melbourne; Tokyo 1940, and will appear in 2006, together with all the Olympic news that can be covered!

### REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE:

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Torch Bearer - Society of Olympic Collectors  
Letter to the editor:

Aurum Press, publishers of the Complete Book of the Olympics, have commissioned me to write a book on the history of the 1948 Olympic Games held in London.

The British Olympic Association is giving me access to the 93 surviving competitors and I have the published facts and figures, but I should also like to hear from people who were involved.

I wonder whether readers of Torch Bearer have any articles or archives about the 1948 Olympics? Or were there, in any capacity, and would like to tell me their experiences?

Yours sincerely,

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### A Reminder to all Society Members:

Japanese member Maosoki Ichimura is intending to publish a book to celebrate and commemorate the Centenary of the Japanese Olympic Committee.

He is particularly interested in any material or reports that relate to Japanese involvement in the Modern Olympic Movement prior to 1932.

Please let the editor know if you have any material that may be of interest.

Any contributions used will of course be acknowledged.

# INNSBRUCK / TOKYO 1964 - WEST GERMAN BALLOON POST



Start des Freiballons D-ERGE  
anläßlich der IX. Olympischen Winterspiele  
in Innsbruck 1964

## Balloon Post Flight 10.10.1964. Supporting the Olympic Team

*John Miller*

The flight coincided with the commemorative stamp issue for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The balloon D-ERGE was launched at 10:58 hrs. and after travelling westward for a short time, turned in a north easterly direction, passing over Todinau then east of Freiburg and over St. Georgan, landing near the villages of Sulz and Horb (Mulheim am Bach) at 14:16 hrs. The flight of 128Km took 3hrs 18min. at an average speed of 38km/hr, reaching an altitude of 3150m.

The signature of the Pilot on the cover is at the bottom right corner of the map. Unfortunately on FDC 02045 it is illegible due to the map details and a postmark. The card is franked with Michel 451, and cancelled with the 'First Day' cds. Bonn 1, location 53 (W. A1).

Above: Balloon D-ERGE at the Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck 1964.



## THE VIIth WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES, CORTINA

Bob Farley

In 2006, Italy will have the honour of hosting the Winter Olympic Games for the second time at Torino. Surprisingly, there appears to have been little mention of the fact that 2006 will also mark the 50th anniversary of the VIIth Winter Olympic Games hosted by Cortina d'Ampezzo. It therefore seems appropriate to review the Cortina Games on the eve of such an important anniversary.

For collectors, the Cortina Games fall in one of the decades that are caught between those who collect the 'early' celebrations of the modern games most of whom set boundary dates between 1894 and 1948, or those who collect the 'modern' celebrations of the games between 1972 and a future date. Perhaps it is not surprising that the games from 1952 until 1968 are rarely found as the subject of articles by collectors, particularly if articles from nationals of the relative host nations are discounted.



This article will attempt to summarise published material from a number of sources and provide a starting point for those who may wish to take up the challenge of forming a collection of the VIIth Winter Olympic Games.

Cortina was selected as host of the VIIth Winter Olympic Games by the International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.) in 1949 whilst meeting in Rome.

Cortina was a small town and winter sports resort nestling in the Dolomites (fig. 2), with a population of circa 6,000.

fig. 1 Official postcard the emblem of the Games.



fig. 2, postcard showing a panoramic view of the Dolomites around Cortina.

To stage the Games, a number of modern facilities were required, and constructed culminating in a successful celebration of the Games at which 819 athletes represented 32 countries, exceeding the previous participation record of Oslo in 1952.

Two notable 'firsts' occurred at the VIth Winter Games, television broadcasting reached a worldwide scale and a special body 'Servizio Assistenza Filatelisti' was established by the organising committee to allow commemorative stamp purchase worldwide and to service collector requests for cancellations.

The competitions of the VIth Winter Olympic Games were staged between January 26 and February 5, 1956, however this was preceded by the 51st. Session of the I.O.C. which was held from 23 - 25th. January, and influenced the operational period of the postal facilities at the Hotel Miramonti.

Postal / philatelic publicity for the Games

Two meter slogans were used by the Italian Olympic Committee to publicise the Games, initially with only the year {fig. 3} and later with the actual competition dates of the events added {fig. 4}.

Fig. 3

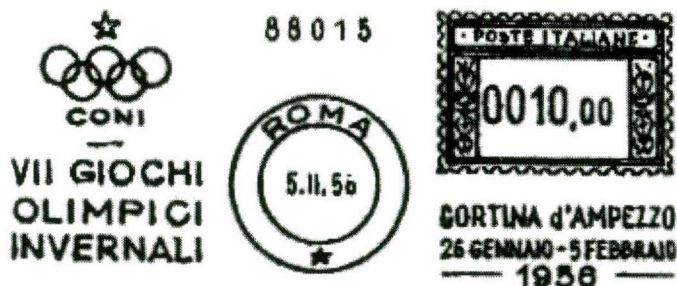
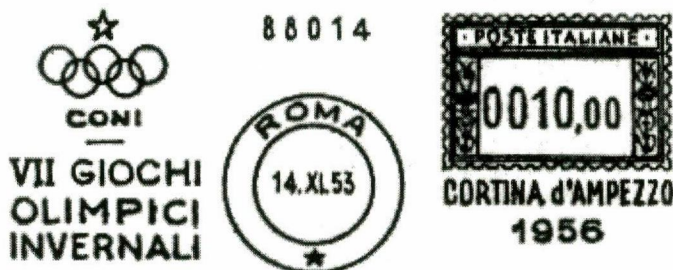


Fig. 4

Preparation of the venues.

Inauguration of the two main construction projects was marked by machine cancellations.

Stadio Olimpica del Ghiaccio (Ice Stadium) on 26.10.1955 {fig. 5};

Trampolino 'Italia' (Ski jump) on 8.12.1955 {fig. 6}.

Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

### Torch Relay.

An official postcard {fig. 7} and two machine cancellations marked the passage of the Olympic flame.

ROMA / CAMPIDOGLIO  
22.1.1956 {fig.8};

VENEZIA / SAN MARCO  
23.1.1956 {fig. 9}.

Fig. 7



## Venues

A series of four official postcards were issued depicting the main venues these cards are commonly used with the commemorative hand or machine cancellations either on the face or back:

Ice Stadium (fig. 10);

Ski jump (fig. 11);

Ski stadium (fig. 12);

Speed skating track (fig. 13).

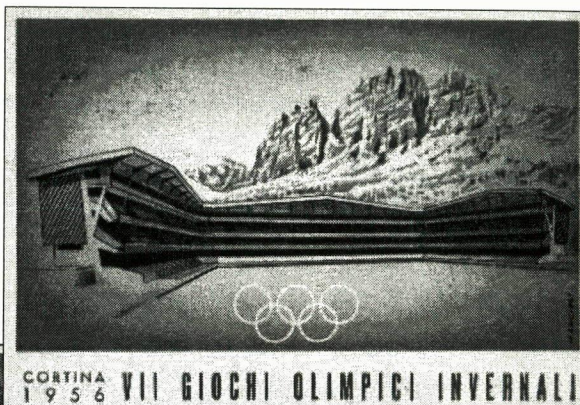


Fig. 10



Fig. 11

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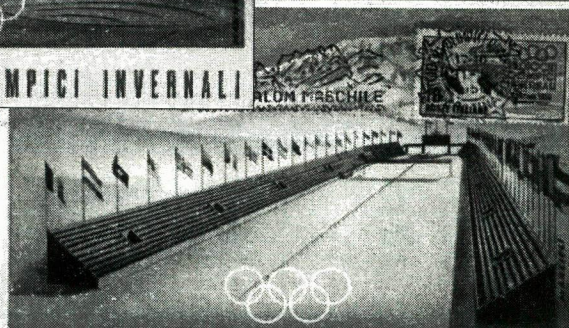
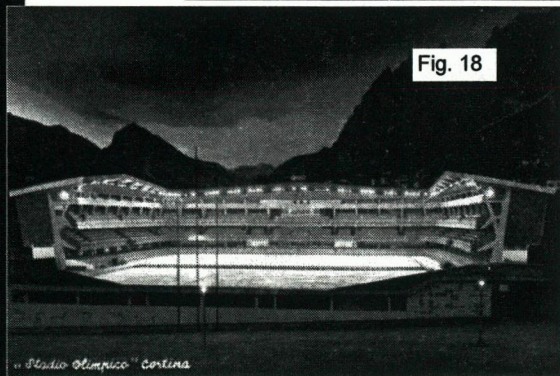
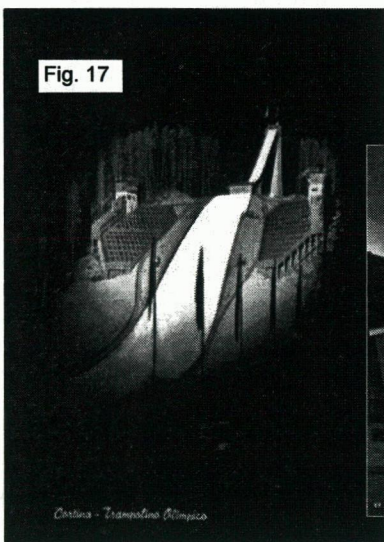
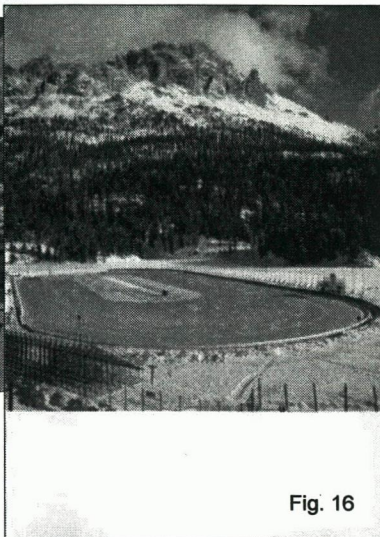


Fig. 13





Commercial postcards of the Ski jump {figs. 14 & 17} and Ice Stadium {figs. 15 & 18} exist in a multitude of designs, postcards depicting the Speed Skating Track {fig. 16} and Ski Stadium are much scarcer.



## Commemorative stamp issue

A series of four stamps was issued on 26th January, 1956.

10 L. {fig. 19} Ski Jump (Trampolina Italia).

12 L. {fig. 20} Ski Stadium.

25 L. {fig. 21} Ice Stadium.

60 L. {fig. 22} Speed Skating Track.

However, two papers were used for production, with 'multiple stars' watermark.

The watermark is easily visible, and the alignment / orientation of the stars provide a simple guide to the actual paper used {figs. 23-24}.

Fig. 19  
left



Fig. 20  
right



Fig. 21  
left



Fig. 22  
right

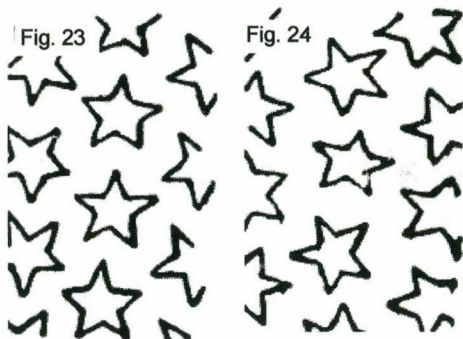


### Fabricano paperworks (fig. 23)

Stars are arranged in definite lines, each star within the line has similar orientation.

### Foggia paperworks (fig. 24)

Arrangement of stars is more random, adjacent stars display rotation.



### Postal Operations

Staff of the 'Servizio Assistenza Filatelisti' provided the 'Olympic' service for the VIIIth Winter Olympic Games at six post office locations, four of which were temporary offices.

The locations, dates of operation and cancellations available are summarised in the following tables:

Table 1.  
OPERATION OF POST OFFICES  
DURING THE OLYMPIC  
PROGRAMME

		Hand cancels	Machine cancels	Registered cancels	Dates of operation																
					January							February									
					23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5			
IOC OFFICE CORTINA	Hotel Miramonti	2	1	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PRESS CENTRE CORTINA	Savoy Hotel	2	1	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NOC-FSI OFFICE CORTINA	Hotel Cristallo	2	1	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
ICE STADIUM CORTINA	---	2	5	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
POST OFFICE CORTINA	---	1	18	--	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
POST OFFICE MISURIMA	---	2	4	--	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■



Fig. 25a



Fig. 25b

Fig. 26a CORTINA D'AMPEZZO  
SEDE C.I.O.

Fig. 26b CORTINA D'AMPEZZO  
SEDE C.I.O.

**SEDE C IO** - Identification points:

Handstamps - letter above top point of star;

(Figs. 25) - Interlocking of rings;

- 'separators' between CIO.

Registered postmark

(Figs. 26) - position of 'D' under 'I'



Fig. 27



Fig. 29a CORTINA D'AMPEZZO  
CENTRO STAMPA

Fig. 29b CORTINA D'AMPEZZO  
CENTRO STAMPA

**CENTRO STAMPA** - Identification points:

Handstamps - letter above top point of star;

(Figs. 28) - Interlocking of rings;

- Size of star.

Registered postmark

(Figs. 29) - position of 'N' under 'T'



Fig. 28a



Fig. 28b



Fig. 30









Fig. 44



Fig. 45



Fig. 46



Fig. 47



Fig. 48



Fig. 49



Fig. 50



Fig. 51



Fig. 52



Fig. 53



Fig. 54



Fig. 55



Fig. 56



Fig. 57



Fig. 58



Fig. 59





Fig. 60



Fig. 61



Fig. 62a



Fig. 62b

Table 4. MISURINA

Use of Slogan cancels Figs 63-66.

- 1 500m Speed skating
- 2 5000m Speed skating
- 3 1500m Speed skating
- 4 10000m Speed skating

MISURINA - Identification points:

- Handstamps - Size of star;
- (Figs. 62) - Interlocking of Rings;
- Letter above point of star.

January						February				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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			■							
				■						
					■					



Fig. 62



Fig. 63



Fig. 64



Fig. 65



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POST, PHILATELY AND OLYMPISME II, published by the International Olympic Committee.

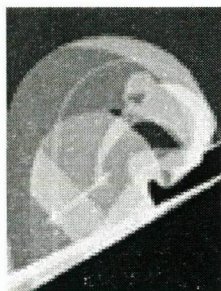
## TORINO 2006 , PICTOGRAM DESIGNS

Subscribers to the free email notification service were informed that the designs of the pictograms for the 2006 Winter Olympic Games, Torino had been illustrated on the internet.

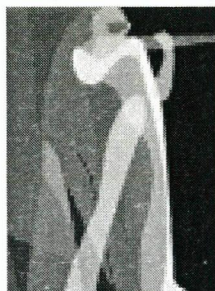
It appears that all 15 of the designs are also available as publicity postcards (about 50% have been confirmed).

Similar designs exist for the Paralympic disciplines, but unfortunately these are not displayed on the internet, but a number of designs have appeared as postcards - further details awaited.

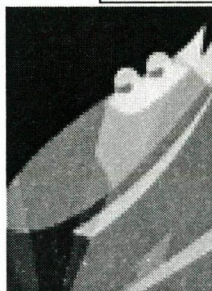
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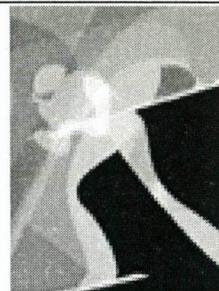
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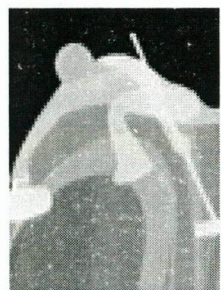
Biathlon



Bobsleigh



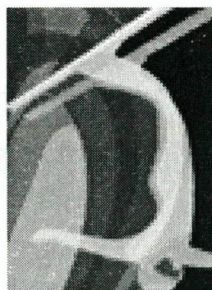
Cross country skiing



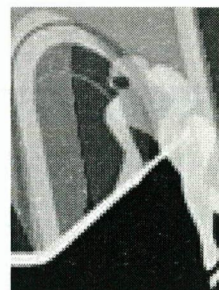
Curling



Figure skating



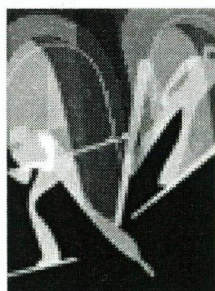
Freestyle



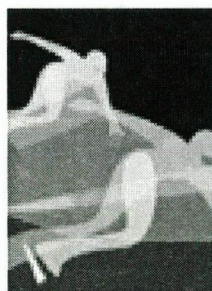
Ice hockey



Luge



Nordic combined



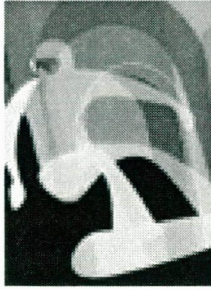
Short track speed skating



Skeleton



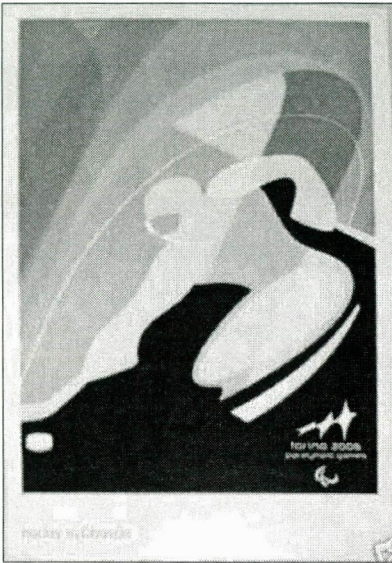
Ski jump



Snowboard



Speed skating



Sled hockey



Curling

The two postcards above show similar designs for Paralympic events.

A series of four official commercial postcards based on the mascots have finally appeared in Torino, although these are of the lenticular (3D) type. The cards are produced by 'bloom design' and are marked 'Official Licensee XX Olympic Winter Games Torino 2006', but as bloom are a design company not a postcard publisher, and other lenticular products have also appeared, this may not herald an extended series of postcards.

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## PARIS 2012

Philatelic material for the Paris candidature to host the Olympic Games in 2012 continues to be reported and recorded.

A.F.C.O.S. our French counterpart society reported a number of new franking meters in issue 37 of their journal 'Sports et Olympisme', together with a report from Timbrojournal No. 60 a national philatelic magazine, which is illustrated below with translation.

**Echec olympique**  
 Le 8 juillet dernier, notre pays était fin prêt pour la victoire de Paris dans la course à l'organisation des Jeux Olympiques en 2012 comme s'appretait à en témoigner La Poste : elle avait préparé l'émission d'un timbre pour fêter l'événement, dessiné par Bruno Ghiringhelli. Et comme ce genre de choses ne se fait pas en un jour, 4 millions d'exemplaires sur les 12 millions prévus du tirage étaient déjà imprimés avant que l'affaire ne tourne mal. Voilà donc le timbre que vous ne verrez pas, ainsi qu'un projet de maquette non retenu (en haut).



On the 6th of July, France, together with La Poste, anticipated the victory of Paris in the contest to organise the Olympic Games of 2012.

La Poste prepared for the issue of a stamp to honour the event and selected a design by Bruno Ghiringhelli.

As such things cannot be achieved in a single day, 4 million copies of the proposed 12 million stamps to be issued were printed before the whole celebration turned sour. Here is the stamp that you will not be seeing together with an unadopted design (above).

Paris 2012 bulletins throughout the candidature period have included vignettes (poster stamps) with designs relating Parisian architecture to sporting images.





The twelve designs of the 46mm x 91m. 'stamps' are illustrated above and on the previous page. A commemorative A4 folder 'TO CELEBRATE THE PARIS CANDIDATURE FOR THE 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES' was produced to house the complete collection.

Fencing.

Gymnastics.

Basketball.

Swimming - the start.

Javelin.

Archery.

Hurdles?

Swimming.

Athletics - the start.

Canoe, slalom.

Rhythmic gymnastics.

Equestrian.

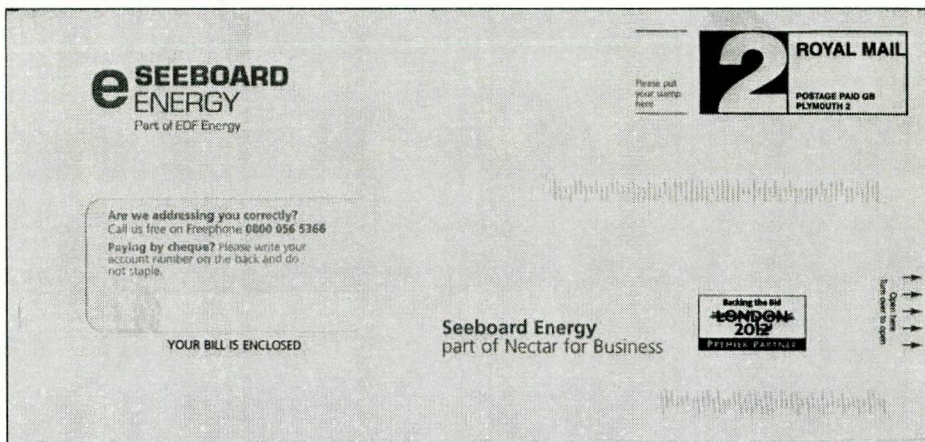
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**Take the opportunity to reach fellow Olympic collectors**

## London 2012: PPI & Peterborough Postcards

Bob Wilcock

### Seaboard PPI envelope

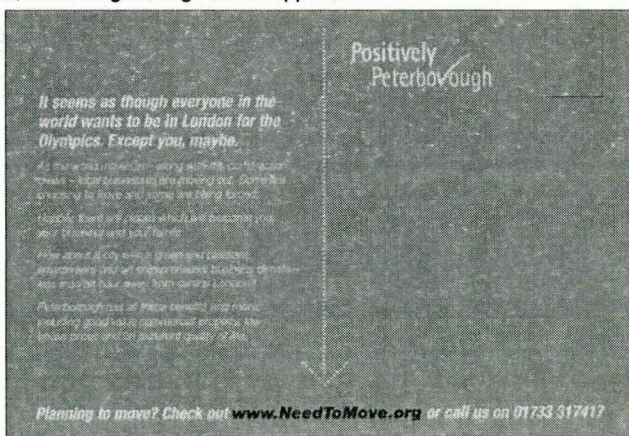


From the candidature period has emerged this postage paid envelope. It will be surprising if it is the only one, so have you come across another? Do let the Editor know!

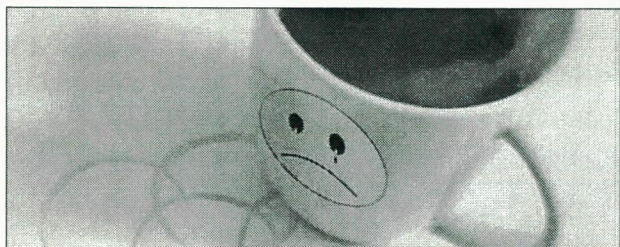
### Peterborough Postcards

It is not often you find a postcard driving down the A1(M) listening to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and waiting for the road reports, but stranger things have happened!

In a nutshell, a substantial number of businesses will be displaced to enable creation of the Olympic Park and other facilities in Stratford and East London. The Peterborough Urban Regeneration Company, an official local government body, has identified some 300 businesses, and starting in October, has been sending tongue-in-cheek postcards to those businesses in a campaign to persuade at least some

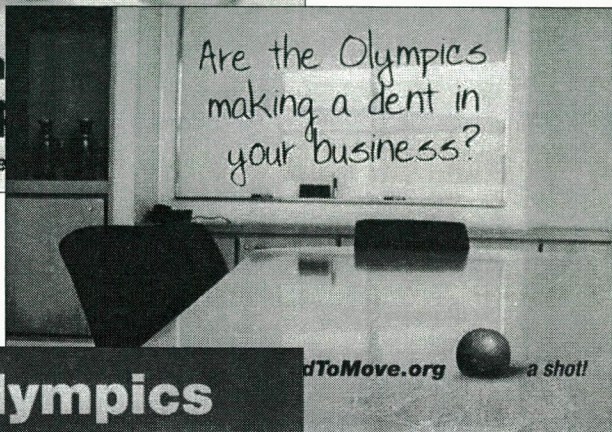


of them to relocate to Peterborough. There are four A5 size postcards, all with similar backs. As can be seen from the cards, you can find more information at [www.needtomove.org](http://www.needtomove.org) and [www.peterborough.net/business](http://www.peterborough.net/business)



Need a break  
**Olymp**

Log on to [www.NeedToMove.org](http://www.NeedToMove.org)



Are the Olympics  
making a dent in  
your business?

[NeedToMove.org](http://NeedToMove.org) a shot!



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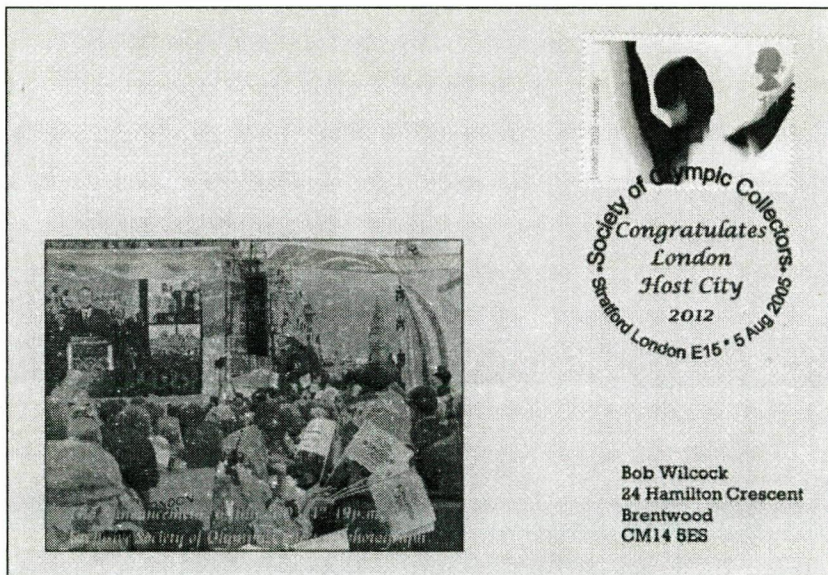
**“Gutted!”**

Log on to [www.NeedToMove.org](http://www.NeedToMove.org)

## London 2012 Host City Miniature Sheet and Canceled

Bob Wilcock

News of the British miniature sheet, issued on 5 August, broke just as the August Torch Bearer was being put to bed (front cover and p. 105). Unlike the French Post Office, Royal Mail were completely unprepared, everything was done in a mad panic. Even London 2012 were unaware of the ground rules, not all the details are clear, but it is a fascinating story.



It seems that London 2012's rights to use and assign Olympic words and symbols expired on 6 July. The London 2012 Bid Committee were not fully conversant with the IOC procedures for stamp issues (mentioned in the review of Manfred Bergman's article in Olympic Review elsewhere in this Torch Bearer) and had problems in communicating with the IOC. As a result, the stamp issue went ahead without the London 2012 Bid logo, without the Olympic Rings, and without a single mention of the word "Olympic" in any of the publicity, which meant that some of the text was very clumsy and contrived. My understanding is that the IOC were not at all happy with events, but it is clear that the experience will mean that everything will be done right for the Olympic philatelic programme which will commence no doubt in 2008, during or after the Beijing Games.

The Royal Mail publicity tells us that the stamps repeat the designs of the 1996 "sports" stamps, doesn't dare mention that the words "Olympic & Paralympic Teams 1996" have been removed, but does mention that the value is changed from 26p to 1st. The text is now "London 2012 – Host City". The sheet was litho printed by Wallsall; the 1996 stamps were also litho printed but by Questa. Design House were the designers, using photographs by Nick Knight.

Intellectual property rights reared their ugly head even more strongly when it came to handstamps. London 2012 have received numerous requests for sponsorship rights, and for big money. They are not in a position to grant them, and will not be before the Olympic Bill is enacted, which should be before Parliament goes into Christmas recess. London 2012 were not therefore able to approve any handstamps, only to give an opinion that a proposed design did or did not breach any intellectual property rights. Royal Mail were equally nervous, issuing letters that proposed handstamp designs "may include third party intellectual property" and asking for copies of legal advice. Only a few handstamps passed these hurdles quickly, and details of these were published on 19 August. Covers for these cancels could be submitted until 1 September. Eleven more, including SOC's handstamp, did not make it until the Postmark Bulletin of 2 September, and covers for these were accepted until 29 September. One final cancel took another fortnight to gain approval, with acceptance date also effectively 29 September. Thanks to our name, SOC achieved the word "Olympic" in the handstamp. Only one other managed it, from "Olympic Way, Wembley".

The final hurdle related to the illustrations on covers: the SOC covers were initially rejected because there are London 2012 flags in the design. More telephone calls were needed before that was successfully sorted out.

At the end of the day there are two Royal Mail "First Day of Issue" handstamps plus 15 sports related sponsored cancels (and two 'hangers on' illustrated for the sake of completeness). These are shown below, with their Royal Mail numbers, followed by details of sponsors:

FD 0539



FD 0540

5-8-2005



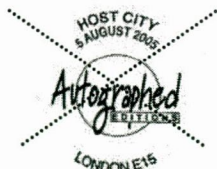
9709 - 5 August



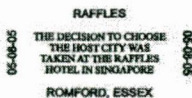
9710 - 5 August



9711 - 5 August

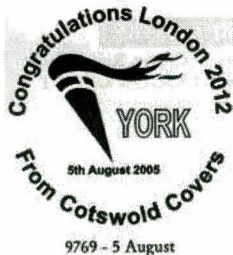
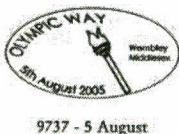


9712 - 5 August



9713 - 5 August

*Note the error in 9713: the decision was taken in the Raffles City Convention Centre*



- 9709 Adrian Bradbury, 3 Link Road, Stoneygate, Leicester, LE2 3RA
- 9710 Buckingham Covers, Church House, 136 Sandgate Road, Folkstone, CT20 2BY
- (9711-9712 The Westminster Collection, PO Box 30, Watford, WD24 4ZY)
- 9713 Mike Brazier, 7 Fosters Booth Road, Towcester, NN12 8JU
- 9736 Phil Stamp Covers, PO Box 178, Dartford, DA2 7YE
- 9737 GB Covers, 102 Regal Way, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 0RY
- 9738 Society of Olympic Collectors, 24 Hamilton Crescent, Brentwood, CM14 5ES
- 9739 - 9743 Benham Covers Ltd, Benham House, Tontine Street, Folkstone, CT20 1SD
- 9744 Phil Sheridan, PO Box 99, Widnes, WA8 0NN
- 9745 Steven Scott, The New Stamp Centre, 79 The Strand, London, WC2R 0DE
- 9769 Cotswold Covers, PO Box 100, York, YO26 9SS
- 9779 Terry Hurlestone, 24 Garry Way, Romford, RM14 4YX

## SOC souvenirs

- 1           **SOC cover and handstamp (no. 9738)**  
The cover has an ink-jet printed exclusive SOC photograph taken on 6 July in Trafalgar Square at the moment that Jacques Rogge announced the decision. It is available from Bob Wilcock at £2.50 per cover, post paid.  
We regret that the cancel is not available on the full miniature sheet – there were so many cancels we ran out of stamps! You are welcome to indicate a preference for any particular stamp.
  
- 2           **Set of 6 cancels on set of 6 London 2012 official postcards**  
Cancels 9739 – 9744 – stamps, cards and cancels match as far as possible  
Only 10 sets are available and these are available by special auction only at a minimum bid price of £15 (see below).
  
- 3           **Set of 11 cancels on 8 largely different covers plus one 'Olympic Draw' postcard (see Torch Bearer Vol 22 Issue 1 pp18-19), and the two 'Torch' cancels on the SOC 2004 Torch Relay postcard (Vol 21 Issue 3 front cover).**  
The set includes SOC cancel 9738, the 2 Royal Mail FD cancels, and nos 9709, 9710, 9713, 9736, 9737, 9745, 9769 and 9779.  
Only 10 sets are available and these are available by special auction only at a minimum bid price of £25 (see below).

### Special Auction

Because of the limited number of sets available, and to be fair to all members, the two sets of cancels are being sold by special auction closing on Tuesday 3rd January 2006.

- If 10 or fewer bids are received for each lot they will be sold at minimum price.
- If more than 10 bids are received all the sets will be offered to winning bidders at the second highest bid price ( if the top bid for the set of 6 is £24, next highest is £17, then all 10 sets will be offered at £17).
- Bids may be made for either or both sets, but only 1 of each set per person.
- Bids should be sent to Bob Wilcock preferably using the special form enclosed.
- Bids by e-mail will also be accepted. (Please do not send to the regular auction manager, but let him have your bids for the regular auction separately.)
- Equal bids will be ranked by date of posting with allowance for overseas members.
  
- All proceeds are for Society funds
  
- Certain scarce or nearly sold out SmartStamp covers will also be offered in a similar Special Auction to be issued with February 2006 Torch Bearer. These will be sold at bid prices (i.e. normal terms). See the bid form.
  
- The auctioneer's decision is final.

## ATHENS 2004 - A VOLUNTEER IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Jean-Pierre Caravan

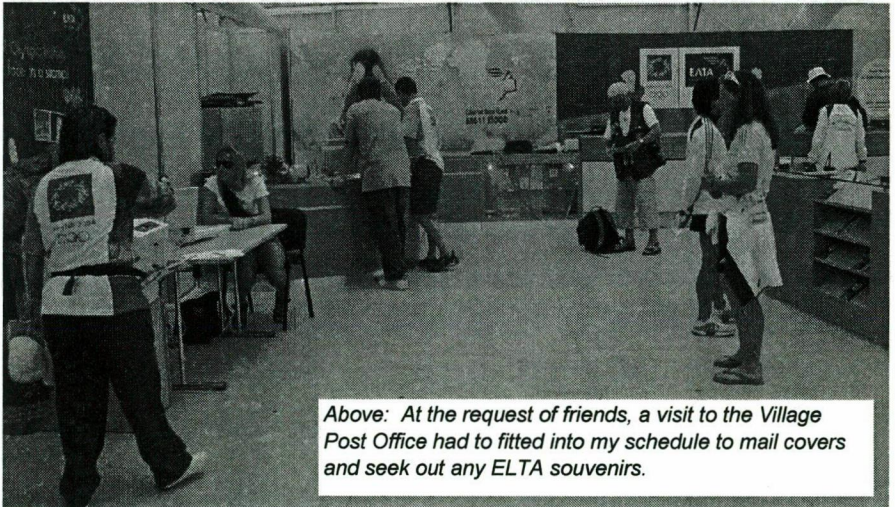
The Olympics finally returned to their original home, Greece, in 2004 and I was fortunate to once again serve as an Olympic Village volunteer. One of the great things about being in the village is that you are surrounded by such incredible people. From just-glad-to-be-there first time Olympians to those current and former Olympians with many medals to their credit.



In Athens I was given the opportunity to work with the International Olympic Committee's Athlete Commission. I was honored to be one of 16 elite volunteers that helped run the IOCAC's Elections. The IOCAC holds elections every Olympics to elect athletes to the Commission. Electees are now also full members of the IOC. Every country that has an Athletes Commission is able to nominate an athlete as a candidate for the elections.

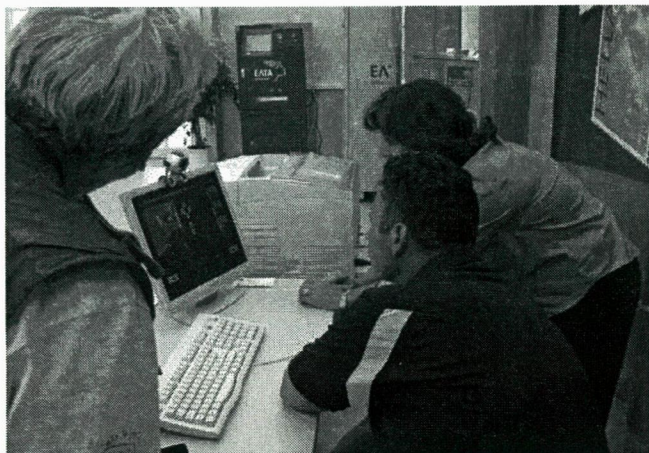
Before I started working with the IOCAC I spent four days in the Village arrivals area. On my last day in arrivals I had one of my "Moments of the Games".

About 2 PM we had a bus approach the security gate and eight people exited. It ended up being eight member of the Afghanistan Olympic team (It might have been their entire team). As they entered the building to pass finally into the Olympic Village I noticed one of the two female athletes was crying quite visibly, happy to finally have arrived. It is moments like this that is the real meaning of the Olympics to me. The moment with the female athlete from Afghanistan was a gold medal moment and I was possibly one of three people to see it happen. No cameras, no reporters, just reality.



*Above: At the request of friends, a visit to the Village Post Office had to fitted into my schedule to mail covers and seek out any ELTA souvenirs.*

*Right: The 'P' Stamp desk at the post office in the Olympic Village.*



*Below: With IOC Athletes Commission chairman Sergei Bubka.*



For the IOCAC elections in Athens, we had an original list of 32 candidates. Sureyya Ahyan of Turkey and Konstantinos Kenteris of Greece withdrew their candidatures so we had 30 eligible athletes on the slate. The winners were Frankie Fredericks (Namibia), Jan Zelezny (Czech Republic), Hicham El Guerrouj (Morocco), and Rania Elwani (Egypt).



*IOCAC elections top vote getter Frankie Fredericks of Namibia*

There were 10606 eligible athlete voters and we received 5787 ballots of which 5357 were accepted. That is a percentage of athletes voting of 54.5%. We beat Sydney's total by about 6%.

With the IOCAC we had a chance to interact on a regular basis with Olympians who had just won medals. You never know who would be visiting us or the village on any given day.

It wasn't just Olympians that we had a chance to be with. We had visits with such world leaders as Italian President Carlo Ciampi, Portuguese President Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, and Emperor Akihito of Japan and his wife.



*With Ian Thorpe of Australia.*



A number of times I also had a chance to be a good samaritan. Once, I was travelling by metro to the village when a young lady sat down next to me. In broken English she asked me if this was the train to the airport. I picked up her accent and asked her in French if she spoke French.

*Above: with the fastest human on earth, Justin Gatlin 100m gold medalist of the US.*

Her face lit up and said she was going to the airport and that she got on the train because she saw a sign with an airplane.

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*Japanese emperor Akihito*

The problem was that my stop was the terminus of that train and she'd have to wait for a train at my stop for one that went through to the airport. Rather than go to my bus for the village, I stayed with her until her train came and a very happy French lady was on her way.

Another time, on the night of the opening ceremony, a man (he was a journalist from Columbia) approached me as I was going to board my train for the apartment and asked about going to the MPC (Main Press Center). He spoke English well enough but we ended up using hand signals and a map. The buses were running unevenly so I knew a place in town where he could catch a bus or take the metro from another line. I went three stops past my regular stop and made sure he got his bus and a happy Columbian was on his way.

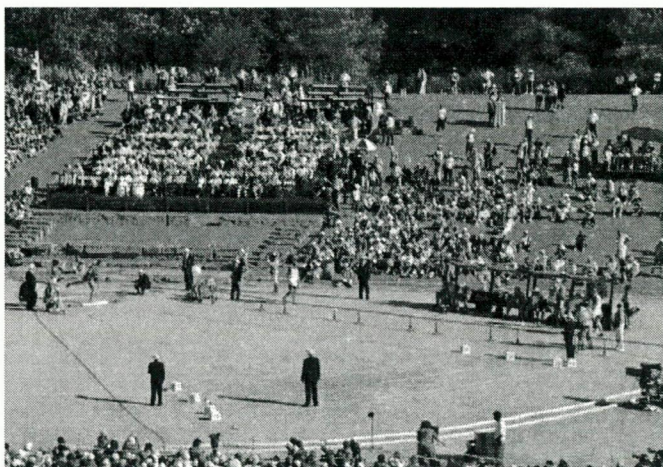
On another occasion I was working from noon to 10PM and during the evening an athlete approached me and asked how to find his delegation. It was a marathon runner from Ecuador who was at his first Olympics. I took him to get his accreditation validated and make sure he got where he was going. We had a nice talk and as we parted he thanked me for being a volunteer and for helping him. A happy Ecuadorian was on his way.

We don't get paid for being volunteers but getting a chance to help the Olympic Movement, being in the Olympic Village, talking to and helping people from all over the world, and getting a smile and a thank you is worth a lot to me.

My duties kept me in the Village quite a bit but I was able to attend a few events and travel around most of Greece.

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I attended the archery competition in the Panathinaiko Stadium and I saw a night of the swimming competition (Ian Thorpe gold in 400m Freestyle with OR). Then on the 18th September I was able to travel to Olympia with my good friend, SOC chairman Bob Farley. While there, I was given a ticket to enter the ancient stadium and I attended the finals of the Mens Shotgun.



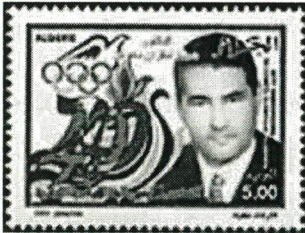
Finally on 29 August, while returning from a short trip to Thessaloniki, I received a call from my IOC supervisor. She had acquired eight tickets to the Closing Ceremony for our volunteer team and she had one for me. It was quite a way to end my duties in Athens. I was able to say my goodbyes again with a few of my fellow IOCAC volunteers and see a great closing ceremony from great seats.

I will have a home with the IOCAC in Turin and hopefully beyond that.

# The World of Olympic Stamp Issues



**Albania** Issue date --/--/2004  
 Olympic Games - Athens 2004  
 L. 10 Discus; L. 200 Vitor with olive wreath.  
 Miniature Sheet  
 L. 350 Torch Bearer.



**Algeria**  
 Issue date 18/10/2003  
 40th. Anniversary of Algerian Olympic Committee.  
 5.00 D.



**Azerbaijan** Printed in se-tenant blocks of four.  
 Issue date 15/4/2004  
 Olympic Games - Athens 2004  
 500M. High jump, 500M. Wrestling,  
 500M. Sprinter, 500M. Urn and Olympia stadium  
 entrance.



**Algeria**  
 Issue date 29/02/2004  
 Olympic Games - Athens 2004  
 5.00 D. Hurdler.  
 10.00 D. Olympic torch.

**Bangladesh**

Issue date 105/01/2004

Sport and Environment

Tk. 10.00 Runner with torch.



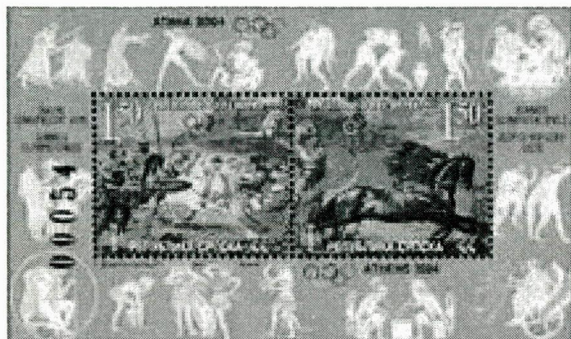
**Bosnia - Herzegovina**

Issue date 7/02/2004

20th. Anniversary of Sarajevo Winter Olympic Games

Km 1.50. Olympic torch with two labels, mascot and emblem.

Sheets contain 8 stamps and 16 labels.



**Bosnia - Herzegovina (Serbian)**

Issue date 2/3/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

Miniature Sheet.

Km 1.50 + Km 1.50

**Brazil** Issue date 12/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

R\$ 1.60 Torch Bearer,

R\$ 1.60 Athens logo,

R\$ 1.60 Yachting,

R\$ 1.60 Athletics.

Printed as se-tenant block of four.

**Brazil** Issue date 12/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

Miniature sheet

4 x R\$ 1.60 designs as set





**Bulgaria** Issue date 27/10/2003

80th. Anniversary of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee

0.20 Lev. Taikwondo;

0.36 Lev. Mountain Bike.

0.50 Lev. Softball;

0.65 Lev. Canoe slalom.



**Czech Republic**

Issue date 23/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

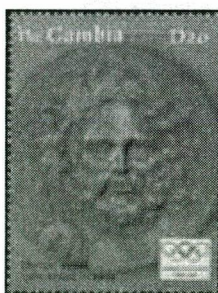
K 9.00 Cyclist

**Czech Republic**

Issue date 23/6/2004

Paralympic Games - Athens 2004

K 6.50 Javelin



**The Gambia**

Issue date 1/4/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

D 10, Swimmer.

D 15,

D 20, Zeus,

D 30, Athletes - frieze from pottery.



**Germany**

Issue date 5/02/2004

For Sport:

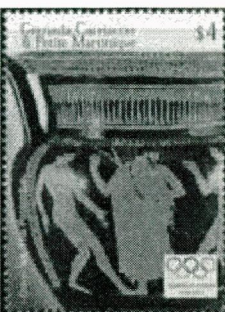
Olympic Games - Athens

Paralympic Games - Athens

€ 0.55 + 0.25 Sprinter

€ 0.55 + 0.25 Wheelchair

Basketball.

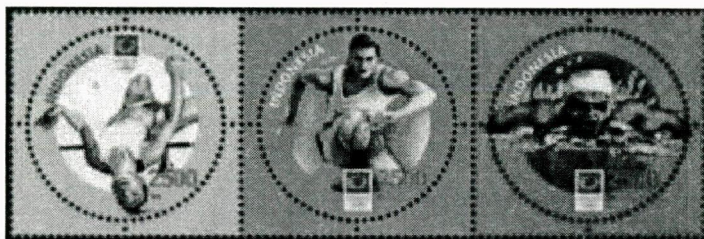


**Grenada Grenadines**

Issue date 1/4/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

\$ 0.25, \$ 0.50, \$ 1.00, Poster for Munich 1972, \$ 4.00, Athletes - frieze from pottery.



**Indonesia**

Issue date 5/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

Rp. 2500, High jump; Rp. 2500, Hurdles;

Rp. 2500, Swimming.

Stamps are circular, printed in se-tenant strips of three.

**Liechtenstein**

Issue date 1/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

85 rp. Olympic torch.





**Liberia**

Issue date 1/4/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

\$ 20,

\$ 40, Medal, London 1908,

\$ 30, Juan Antonio Samaranch

\$ 50, Artifact



**Luxembourg**

Issue date 9/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

E 0.50, Children's art, Torch Bearer and Flag Bearer.



**Macedonia**

Issue date 16/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

50 d. 'Rings and flags';

50 d. 'Rings and flags'.

Printed as se-tenant pairs.



**Monaco**

Issue date 3/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

E 0.45, 1896 Stadium and  
modern runners,

E 0.45, Modern Stadium and  
ancient runners.

Printed in se-tenant vertical pairs.



### Montserrat

Issue date 30/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

\$0.90: Olympic Poster, Los Angeles, 1932

\$1.15: The Olympic Pin, Munich, 1972

\$1.50: Olympic Poster & Label, Montreal, 1976

\$5.00: Greek art representing a sport discipline popular in ancient Greece



### Romania

Issue date 25/3/2004

90th. Anniversary of the Rumanian Olympic Committee.

Miniature Sheet.

Lei 16000+5000, Baron Pierre de Coubertin,

Lei 16000+5000,

1896 1Dr. stamp of Greece,

Lei 16000+5000,

Prince George Valentin

Bibescu (R.O.C.).



### Slovakia

Issue date 31/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

Sk. 34.00, Runner and 'Victory'.



**San Marino**

Issue date 21/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

€ 0.90, Ancient athletes,

€ 0.90, Ancient athletes and Torch Bearer,

€ 0.90, Modern athletes,

€ 0.90, Modern athletes.

Printed as a se-tenant strip of four stamps.



**Serbia & Montenegro**

Issue date 27/02/2004

Pre-Olympic Year,

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

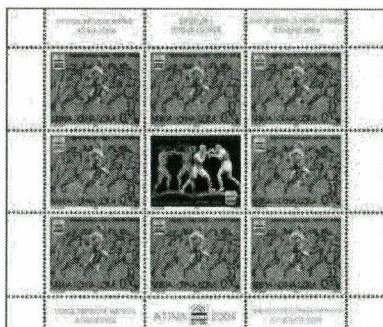
€ 0.50 (32.00 D) Runners

€ 0.80 (56.00 D) Wrestlers

Sheetlets include:

8 x 0.50 + 1 x 0.80;

8 x 0.80 + 1 x 0.50.



**Slovenia**

Issue date 21/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

'C'. Discus,

'D'. Long jumper.

Printed in sheets of three se-tenant pairs.



## Switzerland

Issue date 6/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

SFr. 1.00, 'Runner' Olympic Rings.



## Switzerland - International Olympic Committee

Issue date 6/5/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

SFr. 1.00, 'Runner' Olympic Rings.

## Tajikistan

Issue date 20/05/2003

Miniature sheet

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

S0.53: Archery;

S1.00: Athletics;

S1.23: Football;

S2.00: Gymnastics;

Label 1. Olympic games  
Athens 2004;

Label 2. Olympic games  
Beijing 2008



## Ukraine

Issue date 26/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

H 2.61 'Charioteer'.

Printed in sheets of twelve.



### Serbia & Montenegro

Issue date 24/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

€ 0.25 (D16.00): Ancient and modern sprinters,

€ 0.50 (D28.70): Ancient and modern runners,

€ 0.50 (D32.00): Ancient and modern jumpers,

€ 0.80 (D57.40): Hurdlers.

Printed in sheets of eight stamps plus a central label.



### United States of America

Issue date 9/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

37 c. 'Runners'.

Self adhesive

### Uzbekistan

Issue date 11/6/2004

Olympic Games - Athens 2004

Miniature sheet - Water sports

4 x R\$ 1.60 designs as set

S 205.00 NOC emblem.



## Magazine Review

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### Olympic Review, Issue 56, July – September 2005

There are major articles in this latest issue on the preparations for Beijing, and, in the build-up to Turin, overviews of two of the winter disciplines, skating and luge. There are surprisingly brief reports on the 117th IOC Session in Singapore and London's victory in the vote for 2012, but one important decision noted from the IOC Executive Board meeting that preceded it is the award of the Gold Medal for Show-jumping at Athens to Rodrigo Pessoa of Brazil following the disqualification of Ireland's Cian O'Connor and his horse Waterford Crystal. (Chris Kappler of the USA will have moved up to Silver, and Germany's Marco Kutscher to Bronze - make sure you amend your results book).

It is good to see Manfred Bergman keeping Olympic philately to the fore with a very boldly illustrated four page article. Of particular note is the drop in the number of Olympic stamps issued since Atlanta when the IOC modified its Charter so as to regulate Olympic stamp issues. For Atlanta there were 1,201 stamps issued by 144 countries. For Sydney there was a drop to 139 countries and just 482 stamps, the smallest number since Rome 1960. For Athens there was a rise again to 600 stamps (from 136 countries) but that is still only half the number from eight years previously. This has to be a good thing for Olympic philately.

The article also mentions that future Olympic philatelic exhibitions will be known as Olympex rather than Olympilex, a reversion to the name used at Melbourne in 1956.

Olympic Review is held in the SOC library, and may be borrowed by British members. Photocopies of specific articles can be supplied to all members for a small payment to cover costs; contact the librarian, Kenny Cook, for details. The December 2005 issue will primarily be devoted to Turin and to expert views as to the greatest ever Winter Olympian(s).

#### **Olympic News E-mail Service**

If you have e-mail, this service is for you!

2005 was a busy year for Olympic news – subscribers were alerted to:

- Olympic events in time to go to them
- London 2012 news straight from official press releases on the day of release
- 117th IOC Session stamps from Singapore in time to buy them on-line
- The London 2012 miniature sheet the day after it was announced
- All the first day postmarks well in time to prepare personal covers

And much more . . . . .

2006 will be quieter, but there is sure to be valuable 'hot-off-the-press' Turin News. Items of lasting value are reported in Torch Bearer, but much later of course.

So don't miss out – **tick the box and put your e-mail address on the subscription renewal form, or e-mail [bob@toward.freemove.co.uk](mailto:bob@toward.freemove.co.uk) now!**

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## BEIJING 2008 - THE 'FRIENDLIES' HAVE ARRIVED

The mascots for the Olympic Games, Beijing 2008 were unveiled in November 2005 with impressive planning that enabled philatelic items and souvenirs to be on sale immediately following their launch.

Five mascots, collectively named as 'The Friendlies' were unveiled, and introduced by the following official release:

Like the Five Olympic Rings from which they draw their color and inspiration, the Five Friendlies will serve as the Official Mascots of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, carrying a message of friendship and peace--and blessings from China--to children all over the world.

Designed to express the playful qualities of five little children who form an intimate circle of friends, the Five Friendlies also embody the natural characteristics of four of China's most popular animals--the Fish, the Panda, the Tibetan Antelope, the Swallow--and the Olympic Flame.

### 福娃 Friendlies



In China's traditional culture and art, the fish and water designs are symbols of prosperity and harvest. And so Beibei carries the blessing of prosperity. A fish is also a symbol of surplus in Chinese culture, another measure of a good year and a good life. The ornamental lines of the water-wave designs are taken from well-known Chinese paintings of the past. Among the Five Friendlies, Beibei is known to be gentle and pure. Strong in water sports, she reflects the blue Olympic ring.

Each of the Friendlies has a rhyming two-syllable name--a traditional way of expressing affection for children in China. Beibei is the Fish, Jingjing is the Panda, Huanhuan is the Olympic Flame, Yingying is the Tibetan Antelope and Nini is the Swallow.

When you put their names together--Bei Jing Huan Ying Ni--they say "Welcome to Beijing," offering a warm invitation that reflects the mission of the Five Friendlies as young ambassadors for the Olympic Games.

The Five Friendlies also embody both the landscape and the dreams and aspirations of people from every part of the vast country of China. In their origins and their headpieces, you can see the five elements of nature—the sea, forest, fire, earth and sky—all stylistic rendered in ways that represent the deep traditional influences of Chinese folk art and ornamentation.

Spreading Traditional Chinese Blessings Wherever They Go.

In the ancient culture of China, there is a grand tradition of spreading blessings through signs and symbols. Each of the Five Friendlies symbolizes a different blessing—and will honor this tradition by carrying their blessings to the children of the world. Prosperity, happiness, passion, health and good luck will be spread to every continent as the Five Friendlies carry their invitation to Beijing 2008 to every part of the globe.

At the heart of their mission—and through all of their work—the Five Friendlies will seek to unite the world in peace and friendship through the Olympic spirit. Dedicated to helping Beijing 2008 spread its theme of One World, One Dream to every continent, the Five Friendlies reflect the deep desire of the Chinese people to reach out to the world in friendship through the Games—and to invite every man, woman and child to take part in the great celebration of human solidarity that China will host in the light of the flame in 2008.

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游泳  
Swimming



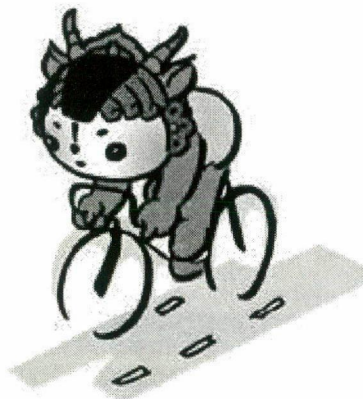
射箭  
Archery

**Jingjing** makes children smile—and that's why he brings the blessing of happiness wherever he goes. You can see his joy in the charming naivety of his dancing pose and the lovely wave of his black and white fur. As a national treasure and a protected species, pandas are adored by people everywhere. The lotus designs in Jingjing's headdress, which are inspired by the porcelain paintings of the Song Dynasty (A.D.960-1234), symbolize the lush forest and the harmonious relationship between man and nature. Jingjing was chosen to represent our desire to protect nature's gifts—and to preserve the beauty of nature for all generations. Jingjing is charmingly naïve and optimistic. He is an athlete noted for strength who represents the black Olympic ring.

**Huanhuan:** In the intimate circle of Friendlies, Huanhuan is the big brother. He is a child of fire, symbolizing the Olympic Flame and the passion of sport—and passion is the blessing he bestows. Huanhuan stands in the center of Friendlies as the core embodiment of the Olympic spirit. And while he inspires all with the passion to run faster, jump higher and be stronger, he is also open and inviting. Wherever the light of Huanhuan shines, the inviting warmth of Beijing 2008—and the wishful blessings of the Chinese people—can be felt. The fiery designs of his head ornament are drawn from the famed Dunhuang murals—with just a touch of China's traditional lucky designs. Huanhuan is outgoing and enthusiastic. He excels at all the ball games and represents the red Olympic ring.



足球  
Football



公路自行车  
Road Cycling

**Yingying:** Like all antelopes, Yingying is fast and agile and can swiftly cover great stretches of land as he races across the earth. A symbol of the vastness of China's landscape, the antelope carries the blessing of health, the strength of body that comes from harmony with nature. Yingying's flying pose captures the essence of a species unique to the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, one of the first animals put under protection in China. The selection of the Tibetan Antelope reflects Beijing's commitment to a Green Olympics. His head ornament incorporates several decorative styles from the Qinghai-Tibet and Sinkiang cultures and the ethnic design traditions of Western China. Strong in track and field events, Yingying is a quick-witted and agile boy who represents the yellow Olympic ring.

**Nini:** Every spring and summer, the children of Beijing have flown beautiful kites on the currents of wind that blow through the capital. Among the kite designs, the golden-winged swallow is traditionally one of the most popular. Nini's figure is drawn from this grand tradition of flying designs. Her golden wings symbolize the infinite sky and spread good-luck as a blessing wherever she flies. Swallow is also pronounced "yan" in Chinese, and Yanjing is what Beijing was called as an ancient capital city. Among the Friendlies, Nini is as innocent and joyful as a swallow. She is strong in gymnastics and represents the green Olympic ring.



击剑  
Fencing



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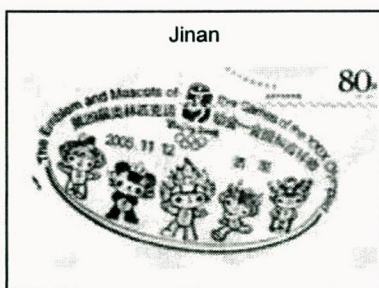
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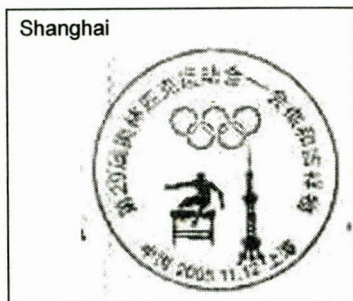
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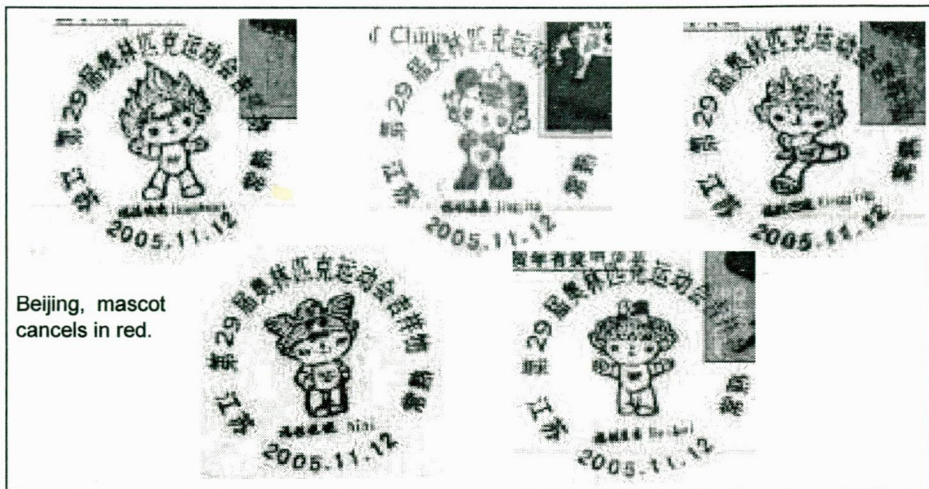


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Beijing, mascot  
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