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

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All applications should be made to the Secretary.

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## FRONT PAGE

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The first half of 2008 certainly seems to have been hectic, and I guess that it must be a sign of age because it has flown past.

Members of your Committee have been very busy, and it is worth drawing attention to a few of their activities in promoting the SOC:

- Attendance at the Dorando Exhibition in Correggio, where we were joined by Vic Manikian from Alaska;
- Publication of 'The 1908 Olympic Games, the Great Stadium and the Marathon' by Bob Wilcock;
- Liaison with the London Marathon and contributions to the official souvenir;
- Attendance at the London Marathon Exhibition, where we were joined on the stand by Alan Sabey and Klaus Fink, and visited by a number of members;
- Preparation of souvenir covers for the Dorando Exhibition, The London Marathon, and the 2008 Torch Relay;
- Contribution of articles to the National Philatelic Press for Olympic specials or features;
- Preparation of souvenir postcards for the centenary of the London 1908 Olympic Games.

SOC have provided four literature entries to the Olympic Expo (Olympex), Beijing 2008 and eight exhibits will be taken to Olympex for the competitive and non-competitive classes.

SOC have provided articles for the Official programme of Olympex.

Other opportunities have resulted from these events, radio and television interviews, and requests for information with subsequent acknowledgement of the SOC. As a result of the London Marathon Exhibition, Bob Wilcock has arranged for images to be provided for an Olympic film that is currently in production.

The Olympic Museum intends to mount an exhibit on the 1908 London Olympic Games later in the year (after Beijing), and this is likely to feature material from SOC members.

I trust that the details above will serve to illustrate the commitment of your committee to promotion of the SOC, and would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that the society exists for the members - the majority of the above activities are open to all, members are always welcome to participate in all events. Committee members give their time freely, and bear the costs of their own attendance, and the greatest 'reward' we could receive would be increased participation.

2009 is the bicentenary of the birth of Dr. Penny Brookes. Much Wenlock Olympian Society intend to treat this as a major event at the July 2009 Wenlock Games, and the SOC are invited to play a role. The possibility of arranging a weekend event including an exhibition is being considered, and early expressions of interest would be very welcome.

The bias towards Beijing in this issue was I suppose predictable, but I hope that you will enjoy the variety of advance coverage. 'News' relating to Beijing arrives daily, and as a result of attending the Games, the next issue of Torch Bearer will be in September.

## New SmartStamp covers



2008 Beijing, Global Torch Relay - London 06.04.2008  
SOC SmartStamp souvenir cover (postally used).

The only post office that currently operates on Sunday is at Heathrow Terminal 2.  
SmartStamps printed on Friday, Saturday or Sunday all bear the 'post by' date of Monday.  
These covers were all mailed at Heathrow and bear the correctly dated cancel 06. AP. 08



SmartStamp: LONDON MARATHON / 1908 - 2008 / 100 YEARS OF THE DISTANCE,  
illustrated with Dorando and Hayes. Copies on postcard.

Orders to Bob Wilcock (see inside front cover).  
Each item £1.50 postpaid UK; £1.75 postpaid Europe; £1.90 (\$4.00) postpaid Rest of World.  
Payment by PayPal or banknotes for European or overseas orders.

## MELBOURNE 1956 - The Colgate postcards

Uwe Kruger

The article in torch Bearer, Volume 25 Issue 1, could have been more detailed but if Mr A. Sabey only acquired one card it is understandable.

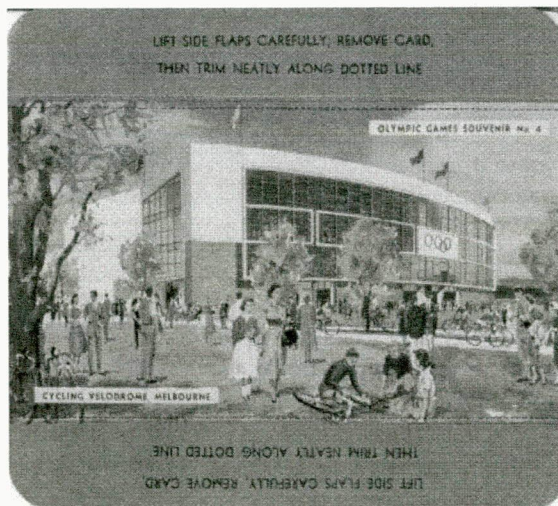
During my research and subsequently writing for my book regarding the Olympic Games 1956, Melbourne I included in the Ephemera chapter a detailed description of the Colgate cards. I did not bring it to the attention of the readers of Torch Bearer as I assumed it to be 'old hat', i.e. known to everybody.

The listing of cards provided in the above issue is correct with one exemption, no card No 1 has been found. Our late Tom D'Arcy assured me that he had never seen this particular card and I do believe him. I only found out about the title of that card in 2006. If anyone has a card: it will be a winner. An image of it would be greatly appreciated by me.

The Colgate cards are printed in portrait and land-landscape.

Card No.	Title	Cut-down size	Uncut size
1	Cortina, VI Olympic Winter Games.	No example seen	
2	Olympic Village, Heidelberg, Melbourne	151 x 76 mm	151 x 124 mm
3	London, 1948 Games	151 x 76 mm	151 x 124 mm
4	Cycling Velodrome, Melbourne	151 x 76 mm	151 x 124 mm
5	Helsinki, 1952 Games	94 x 120 mm	144 x 120 mm
6	Exhibition Building, Melbourne	120 x 94 mm	120 x 144 mm
7	Olympic Stadium and Park, Melbourne	120 x 94 mm	120 x 144 mm
8	Collins Street, Melbourne	120 x 94 mm	120 x 144 mm

The story could end here but it does not. Recently I came into the possession of cards No 4, 5 and 6 totally uncut with two flaps (green) on each side.



Illustrated left: Card 4 uncut

There is hope that there may be other uncut cards out there. All Colgate cards in this series are usually regarded as extremely scarce.

*Uwe has a number of duplicate cards from this series that he may be prepared to exchange for other Melbourne 1956 materil.*

*Any interested members please contact the editor.*

# **EXHIBITION STUDY GROUP**

**DEVOTED TO THE STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO EXHIBITIONS**

**From Alan Sabey - Publicity Officer**

22nd April 2008

## **2008 CONVENTION**

The Annual Convention for 2008 takes place at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel (formerly known as The Comet), St Albans Road West at Hatfield (where we met in 2005). To remind you, it is opposite the Galleria. The Convention begins on **Saturday September 27th**, following the Annual General Meeting which takes place at 10am. **Displays usually start around 11am.**

**The Committee has decided that the main theme of this year's displays will be based on the centenary of the Franco-British Exhibition and of the Olympic Games.**

There will be displays of postcards, philately and associated items by Don Knight, Alan Sabey, Bill Tonkin and others.

**In this Olympic Year it is fitting to note that the second, third and fourth Olympic Games coincided with exhibitions - 1900 Paris, 1904 St Louis and 1908 London (Franco-British).**

**All are welcome** to come along and experience the joy and excitement felt when members show their items whether they are postcards and stamps or three-dimensional items. The Group's meeting is known for its convivial atmosphere. The Convention continues on the Sunday morning but tends to break up about 1pm as members depart, some travelling long distances to attend this popular event.

Please visit our website for information about the Group [www.studygroup.org.uk](http://www.studygroup.org.uk) alternatively further information can be obtained from the Secretary:-

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# BEIJING 2008 - OLYMPEX STAMP ISSUE - CANCELS

Compiled from information and material supplied by Tang Ganxian.

As previously announced, Olympex the Olympic Expo will take place from the 8 - 18th. August, 2008.

China Post, as a major sponsor of the exhibition released a series of two 1.20 Yuan stamps on April 30th. to promote the event. The release of stamps to commemorate a philatelic and collectibles exhibition by the host postal authority is a relatively established event in recent years, however the widespread use of special cancellations across the host nation is a new development.

The designs of the two stamps issued:

- The logo of the Olympic Expo.
- The Exhibition building.

Cancel numbers 1, 3, 7 & 8 are struck in red, all others in black.



No. 1  
Beijing



No. 2  
Beijing



No. 3  
Tianjin



No. 4  
Beijing



No. 5  
Shanghai



No. 6  
Xiamen



No. 7  
JiaXing



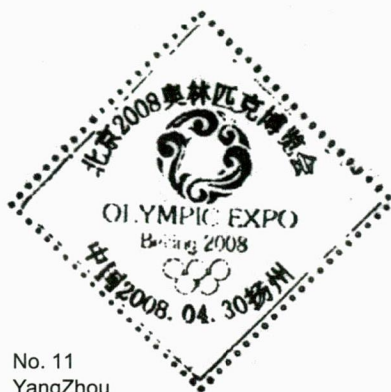
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HuZhou



No. 9  
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No. 11  
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北京2008年奥林匹克博览会纪念  
中国·秦皇岛 2008.04.30

No. 12  
Qing Huangdao



传承奥运



激情北京  
OLYMPIC EXPO  
Beijing 2008



No. 13  
Yan tai

北京2008年奥林匹克博览会——会徽



No. 14  
JingZhou



بېيجىنگ 2008 ئولىمپىك كۆزگىرىسى  
《北京2008年奥林匹克博览会》  
发行纪念  
主题：传承奥运 激情北京  
距29届奥运会还有94天  
迎奥运 讲文明 树新风

OLYMPIC EXPO  
Beijing 2008



No. 15 Wulumuqi  
The stamps did not arrive in Wulumuqi until May 6th, for that reason, the 'first day' cancel is dated 06.05.2008.

# BEIJING 2008 - 100 DAYS TO GO!

Tang Ganxian

To commemorate the 100 day countdown to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, commemorative cancellations and cachets were used in numerous cities of China.

The following illustrations represent current knowledge of the cancels produced, except where noted copies seen are applied in black..

{To achieve an economic layout, some illustrations have been moved from their numeric position. The numbers used are those allocated by Ganxian. Ed.}



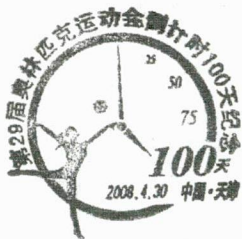
No. 1 Beijing



No. 2 Beijing (handstamp)



No. 2 Beijing (printed)



No. 3 Tianjin (red)



No. 4 Jinan



No. 6 ShenYang



No. 5 Beijing (red)



No. 7 Qingdao (red & black)



No. 8 Beijing (red)



No. 9 YangZhou (red)



No. 10 XiaMen



No. 12 XinTai



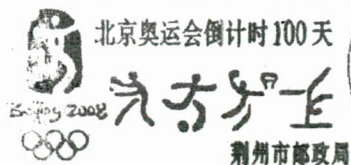
No. 11 ZhouShan (red)



No. 13 MianYang (red)



绿色奥运 人文奥运 科技奥运



No. 14 JingZhou (red)



No. 15 TaiYuan





距2008北京  
第29届奥运会  
开幕

还有100天



No. 16 DanYang (red)

No. 17 Wenzhou  
(red & black)



团结的中国  
欢乐的北京

北京奥运会  
倒计时:100天



No. 18 TaiCang (red)



No. 19 Jilin (red)



No. 20 QinHuangdao



No. 21 Ganzhou

2008北京奥运会开幕倒计时100天

No. 22



刘长春

缅怀“中国奥运第一人”刘长春



2008北京奥运会开幕倒计时100天



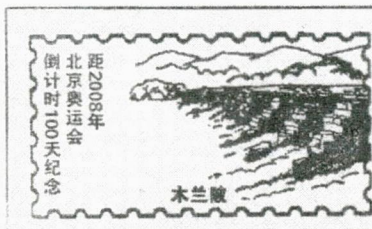
刘长春

小小邮递员 笑脸迎奥运



No. 23

No. 24 PuTian (red)



No. 25 PuTian (red)

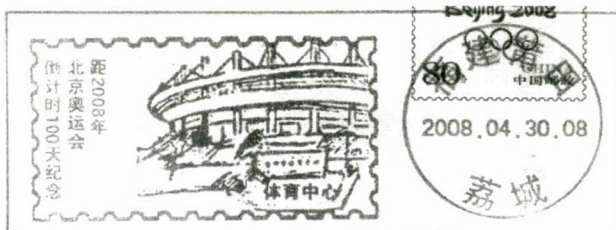


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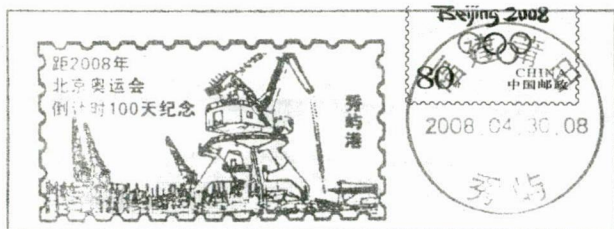




No. 27 PuTian  
(red)



No. 28 PuTian  
(red)



No. 29 PuTian  
(red)

**Remember the Society International Packet when disposing of your duplicate material. - The Packet Manager is accepting lots for the next circuit now.**

**Remember the Society auction when disposing of your duplicate material. - The Auction Manager would be pleased to receive your lots.  
Take the opportunity to reach fellow Olympic collectors**

## BEIJING 2008 - Postmarks of the Temporary Post Offices

A number of temporary post offices (TPO) at the venues of the Beijing Olympic Games started operation in April 2008 without prior notification. Each TPO was equipped with a circular date stamp (CDS). The date stamp is inscribed with the name of the office / venue where it is located in short form script. Some of the examples of these CDS are listed below in Figure 1.



National Aquatics Center (Temp) 1/Beijing



National Indoor Stadium (Temp) 1/Beijing



National Stadium (Temp) 7/Beijing



Fencing Hall, National Convention Centre (Temp) 1/Beijing



International Broadcast Center (Temp) 1/Beijing



Beijing Worker's Gymnasium (Temp) 1/Beijing



Beijing University of Technology (Temp) 1/Beijing



Beijing Worker's Stadium (Temp) 1/Beijing



Olympic Sports Center Stadium (Temp) 1/Beijing



Chaoyang Park (Temp) 1/Beijing



Beijing International Media Center (Temp) 1/Beijing



Main Press Center (Temp) 1/Beijing



Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium (Temp) 1/Beijing



Olympic Village (Temp) 1/Beijing



Tennis Center (Temp) 1/Beijing



Media Villages (Temp) 1/Beijing

No detailed program of the operation of these TPO's has been issued, but from the available philatelic material produced by collectors in Beijing, it is known that five TPO's operated in April in conjunction with the sporting events of the "Good Luck Beijing" series. They can be summarized in the following table:

Venue / stadium / building	Date of operation	Number of the CDS	Related Sporting event in this period
National Aquatics Centre	16/04/2008 (16-20 April)	1 (Figure-2) 13 (Figure-3)	Synchronised Swimming Qualification Tournament 2008
National Stadium	18/04/2008 (18-19 April)	1 (Figure-4) 2 (Figure-5) 11 (Figure-6) 12 (Figure-7)	2008 IAAF Race Walking Challenge
Fencing Hall of National Convention Centre	18/04/2008 (18-20 April)	To be updated	FIE World Championships
Wukesong Indoor Stadium (Basketball Gymnasium)	19/04/2008 (19-26 April)	3 (Figure-8)	Good Luck Beijing 2008 Women's Basketball International Invitational Tournament
Beijing Workers' Stadium	19/04/2008	11 (Figure-9) 13 (Figure-10)	Womens Olympic Football Tournament 2008



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

Obviously some of the other TPO's have not yet operated (e.g. Olympic Village). There is also a possibility that some TPO's escaped detection by the collectors in Beijing, but this is unlikely because the Beijing collectors have good relationships with postal staff.

The following table summarizes all of the proposed TPO during the Olympic period:

Stadium / Venue	Stadium / Venue	Stadium / Venue
Beijing Shooting Range CTF	Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium	National Stadium
Beijing Shooting Range Hall	Olympic Green Tennis Centre	Media Center
Wukesong Indoor Stadium (Basketball Gymnasium)	National Indoor Stadium	Media Villages
Capital Indoor Stadium	National Aquatics Centre	Chaoyang Park
Laoshan Bicycle Moto Cross (BMX) Venue	Fencing Hall of National Convention Center	Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium
Laoshan Velodrome	Olympic Sports Center Stadium	China Agricultural University Gymnasium
Beijing Workers' Stadium	International Broadcast Center	Non-registered media center
Beijing Workers' Gymnasium	Olympic Village	Main Press Center

The TPO's will only operate whenever there is a sporting event at the stadium / venue, and will not generally be in service.



In addition to the CDS, a cachet was also available in the National Stadium from its first day of operation (Figure-11). It reads "The Temporary Post Office of the National Stadium / (1) / Beijing 2008".

Two special cachets (Figure-12 & 13) were also in use at the Wukesong Indoor Stadium for the Good Luck Beijing 2008 Women's Basketball International Invitational Tournament held from 19 to 26 April 2008. The cachets read "Good Luck Beijing 2008 Women's Basketball International Invitational Tournament / 2008.4.19 - 4.26 / Beijing Olympic Basketball Gymnasium.



One further point is worthy of mention. The TPO's had their individual CDS, but from this example of a Registration receipt from the Wukesong Indoor Stadium, it can be seen that the CDS from the nearby governing post office (Yong Ding Road Post Office in this case) was used to cancel the receipt. (Figure-14). It is known that the TPO's are operated / administered by the nearest regular post office. Each of the of the TPO postal facilities will be administered by a governing post office. Mail collected from a TPO will be sent to the governing post office for processing. Extensive further work will be needed if we want to find out all of the governing post offices.

An interesting task / challenge for collectors visiting the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games!

Ellis KWAN

周甜甜

京邮 2102

\* 国际、港澳函件收据  
Receipt for item

注册 Registered 16  保价 Insured

函件号码  
No. 20040419

寄达地 香港 重量 \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (g)

信函 Letter  
 国际平邮 International Letter 中国香港  
 小包 Small packet  
 印刷品专袋 M bag  
 盲人读物 Blind literature

保价(保值)金额 Insured value  
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by air by SAL 航空 surface

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保价费 Insurance fee \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature and Date  
of \_\_\_\_\_ office

**"OLYMPEX, THE OLYMPIC EXPO"**

**Beijing Exhibition Center**

**8th - 18th August 2008**

## 2008 Supporter's Postcards - France & Belgium

Yohann DINIZ  
Champion d'Europe 2006 du 50 km marche à Göteborg  
Vice-Champion du Monde 2007 du 50 km marche à Osaka  
Postier à la Direction du Courrier

**Nous serons tous avec toi pour que tu montes  
sur la plus haute marche à Pékin.**

**Objectif : 22 août.**

Merci à tous de votre soutien.  
Devenez supporter de Yohann et inscrivez-vous sur :  
[www.lestimbresdeyohann.fr](http://www.lestimbresdeyohann.fr)



LES TIMBRÉS DE YOHANN

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The provision of a service for supporters to send messages to their favourite athlete or National team via a domestic collection centre has become well-established in a number of countries for recent celebrations of the Olympic Games.

Distribution of these messages of support are usually handled in one of two ways:

- Messages recieved at the centre are summarised and passed to the administrators of the National team or to the 'House' of the NOC at the Games to be displayed;

- The messages are forwarded en-masse to the Olympic Games for distriution to the athletes.

The French postcard illustrated invites supporters of Yohann DINIZ, European Champion 50 km Walk, to send a message of support





## 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials

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### 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials to be Honored with Postmarks

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and Sports Philatelists International (SPI) announced that special postmarks will be available for upcoming 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in rowing, wrestling and judo, BMX cycling, diving, gymnastics, track & field, and swimming.

Each postmark (see accompanying illustrations) measures 1½ inches in height, features the logos of the USOC and U.S. Olympic Team Trials, and is customized for each event. Postmarks will be available on a handback basis on the dates and locations listed below (please contact individual post offices for times of operation):

Sport	Dates	Post Office
Rowing	June 9-13	331 N. Post Road, Princeton Junction, NJ
Wrestling/Judo	June 13-15	1001 E. Sunset Rd., Las Vegas, NV
BMX Cycling	June 14	EVENT SITE: Olympic Training Ctr, 2800 Olympic Pkwy, Chula Vista, CA
Diving	June 21-22	125 W. South St. Indianapolis, IN
Gymnastics	June 20-22	To be determined
Track & Field	June 27	520 Willamette St., Eugene, OR
Swimming	June 29-July 6	1124 Pacific St., Omaha, NE

There is a 30-day grace period during which collectors may mail in requests for the postmark(s) by sending their self-addressed stamped envelopes to: Postmaster, U.S. Olympic Trials Station, [remainder of address below]. For postmarks with multiple dates, please indicate which date is desired.

Sport	Dates	Post Office
Rowing	June 9-13	331 N. Post Road, Princeton Junction NJ 08550-9998
Wrestling/Judo	June 13-15	1001 E. Sunset Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89199-9998
BMX Cycling	June 14	830 Kuhn Dr., Chula Vista, CA 91914-9998
Diving	June 21-22	125 W. South St. Indianapolis, IN 46206-9998
Gymnastics	June 20-22	3190 South 70th St., Room 509, Philadelphia, PA 19153-9611
Track & Field	June 27	520 Willamette St., Eugene, OR 97401-9998
Swimming	June 29-July 6	1124 Pacific St., Omaha, NE 68108-9998

#### About the USOC

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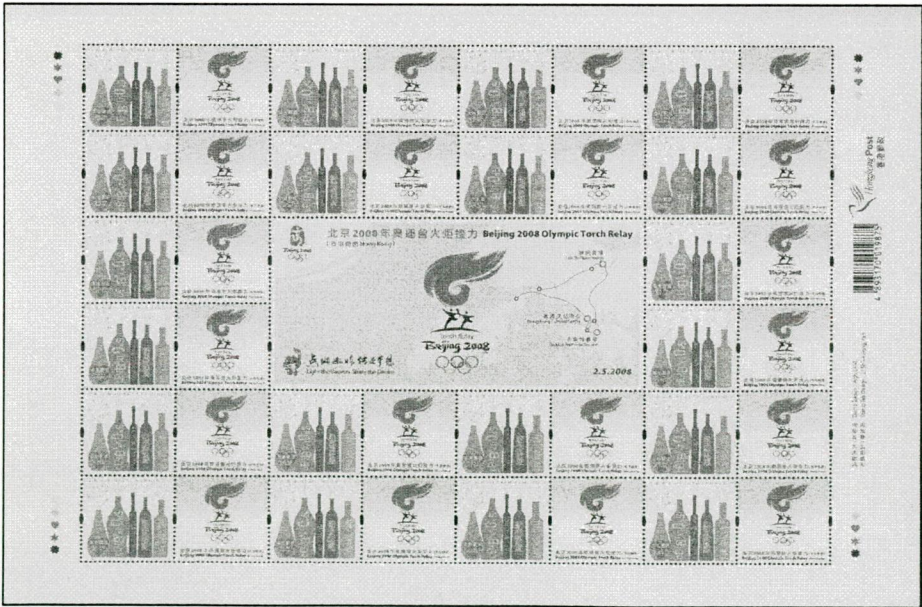


# I Finally saw the Olympic Flame !!

When the Olympic Torch Relay was expanded to a global event in 2004, witnessing the Torch Relay in person became one of my dreams. On 2nd. May 2008, the Torch Relay for the Games of the 29th Olympiad reached Hong Kong, as it started its first leg of the Torch Relay in the Mainland of China. This was a golden opportunity for me to fulfil my dream. Actually, it was the second time that the Olympic Flame had visited Hong Kong. The first visit took place in 1964. On 4th. September 1964, the Olympic Flame for the Tokyo Olympic Games arrived during bad weather with a thunderstorm followed by a typhoon just hovering above Hong Kong. I was unable to attend on this occasion as I had not yet been born!

To allow me to greet the Olympic Flame, I applied for annual leave from my employer, and, an extra day-off would enable me to prepare Torch Relay covers to my friends in different parts of the world, as there were two personalised stamps and a special postmark being released. (Figure 1,2,3 & 4). My original plan was that, after collecting my pre-ordered philatelic material in the nearest post office to my home in the morning, I could prepare the covers for mailing in the General Post Office in Central, the CBD of Hong Kong, as they have better cancelling devices. After the philatelic activities, in the afternoon, I would have plenty of time to wait for the Olympic Flame in Connaught Road Central, just opposite the GPO.

Figure 1



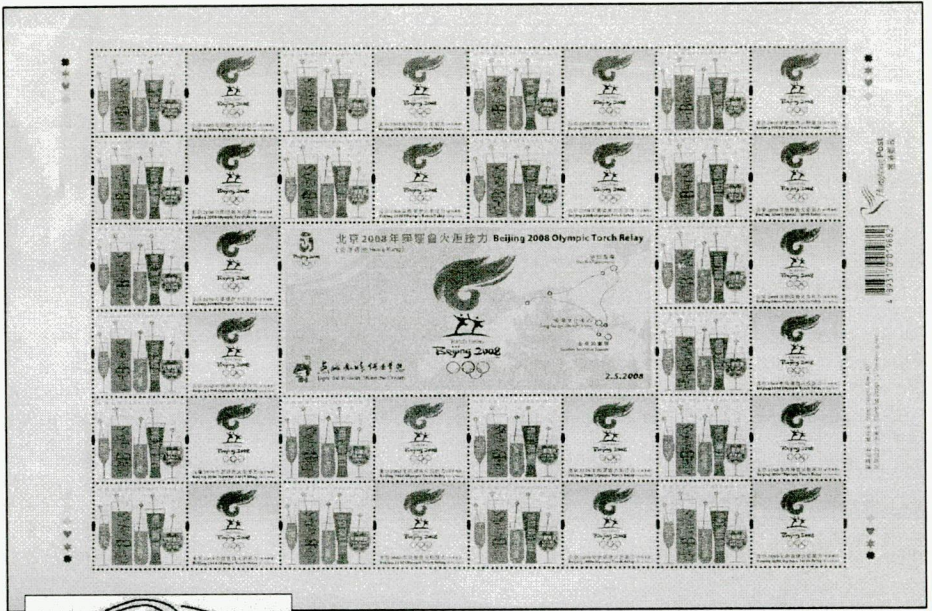
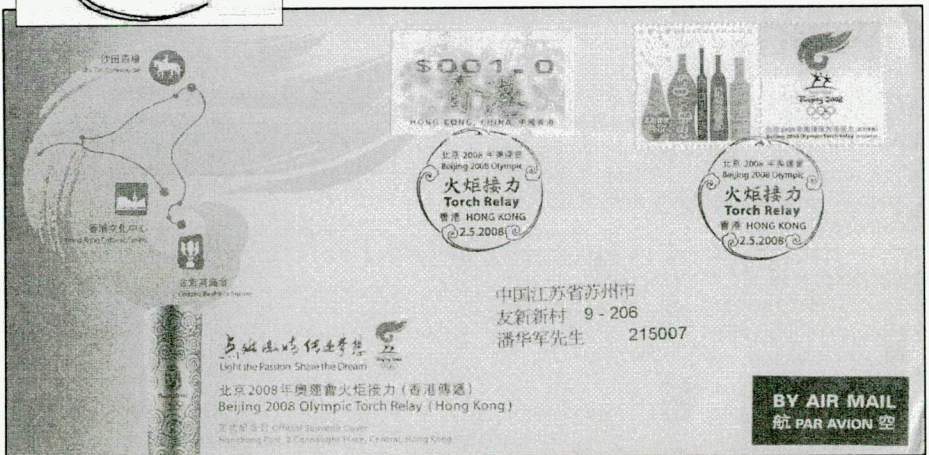


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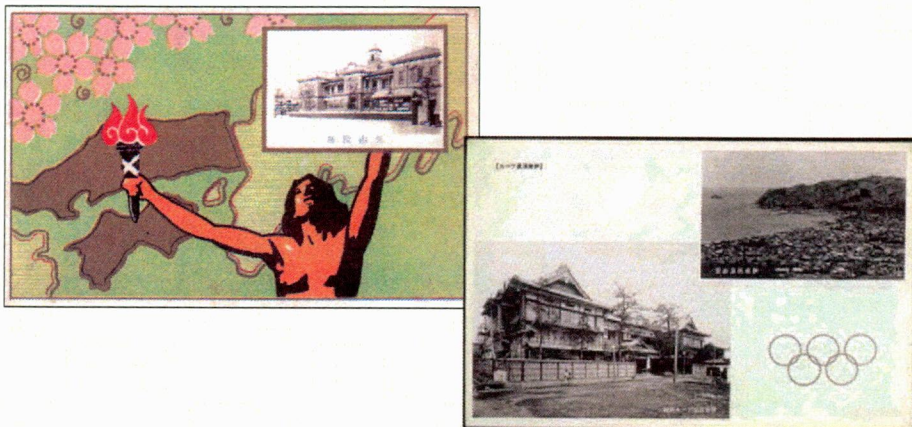


## TOKYO 1940 - THE GAMES OF THE XIIth OLYMPIAD

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Following publication of the S.O.C. booklet, purchasers have continued to provide illustrations and details of items in their collections.

These items will be reported on a 'stand alone' basis, but for the benefit of booklet owners they will be numbered as consecutive pages to act as a supplement.



Page 48 of the booklet, illustrated the two cards shown under the heading:

### XIIth OLYMPIAD ?

Masaoki Ichimura has provided the following information...

The vignette of the card illustrated at the top-left shows Hikari City Hall (in Yamaguchi Prefecture), this is unlikely to be related to the Olympic Movement.

The card illustrated top-right shows Ito hot-springs pool (Shizuoka Prefecture).

Also from Masaoki Ichimura:

In January 1937, the date of mailing for the card illustrated as Figure 2 on the following page, the venue for the Vth Olympic Winter Games had not been decided. Sapporo and Nagano were the candidates, and a decision was to be taken by the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) in march 1937.

The card illustrated as Figure 1, is also promoting the Olympic Winter Games.

Figures 3 - 6 are additions to the cards listed in the booklet.



Figure 1:

Colour pictorial postcard. Design: Skier & Olympic Rings {Rings are at top right in the sky}.

Advertisement for ski goods manufactured by Mizuno (Sports Goods Co.) in 1937. Cancel is the City-post rubber violet postmark (Nagoya) Aichi Prefecture.

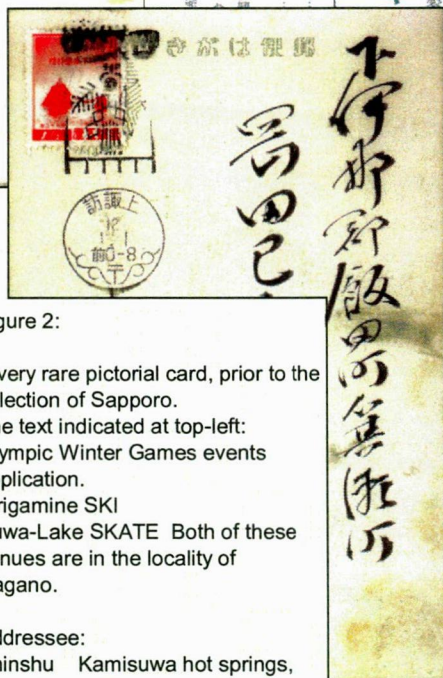


Figure 2:

A very rare pictorial card, prior to the selection of Sapporo. The text indicated at top-left: Olympic Winter Games events application. Kirigamine SKI Suwa-Lake SKATE Both of these venues are in the locality of Nagano.

Addressee: Shinshu Kamisuwa hot springs, Yanagisawa Travel Inn. Kamisuwa 1937 New Year Greeting postal machine cancellation, January 1st. 1937. Only one copy known to exist.



Figure 3: (right)

Colour pictorial 1937 New Year Greeting card (mint).  
Design: Women swimmers, Olympic Rings and Japanese Flag.

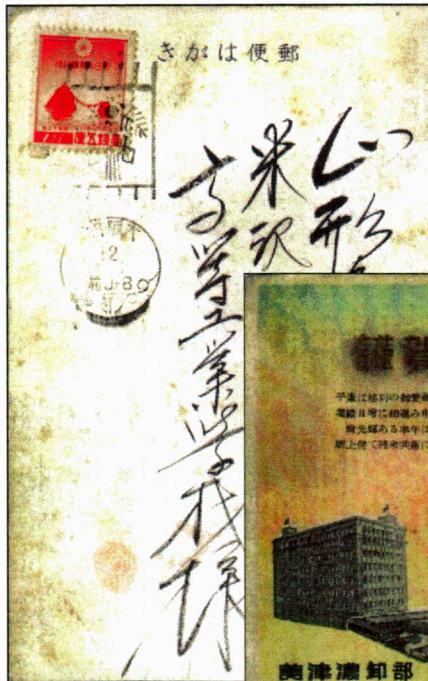
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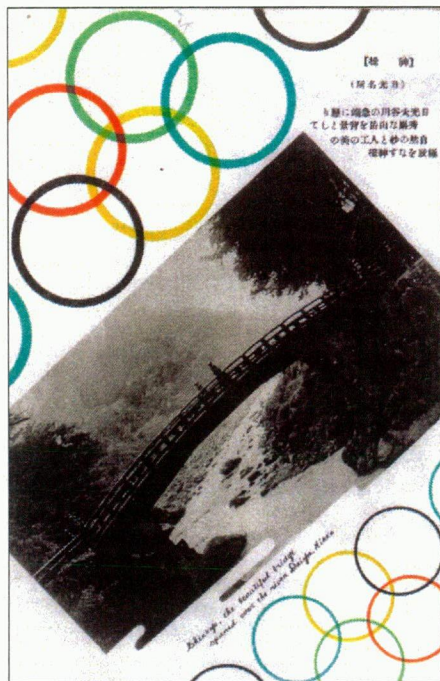


Figure 4: (below)

Colour pictorial 1937 New Year Greeting card.  
Design: Japanese Flag, Olympic Rings & Globe.

Osaka 1937 New Year Greeting postal machine cancellation, January 1st, 1937.  
Mailed to Yonezawa City, Yamagata Prefecture.





Figures 5 & 6:

Two pictorial postcards of the Nikko Toshogu (shrine), Tochigi Prefecture. These cards were not issued because of the positions of the coloured Olympic Rings, making them interesting material. Printed by Nikko Dantaisha Co.



Plans were disrupted after a late night telephone call from my employer the day before the Torch Relay. I was required to report for duty in the morning to settle some urgent issues. Effectively I did not have any choice, I would have only a half-day to complete my task. With time limited, and as an Olympic Collector, the task of creating the philatelic souvenirs had to take top priority. So, I gave up the opportunity to personally watch the Torch Relay. Fortunately, it was not a completely lost opportunity when I travelled to my office in the morning because I was given a colourful sticker (Figure 5) of the Torch Relay just as I got off the bus. It could be compensation for me for the half day at work!

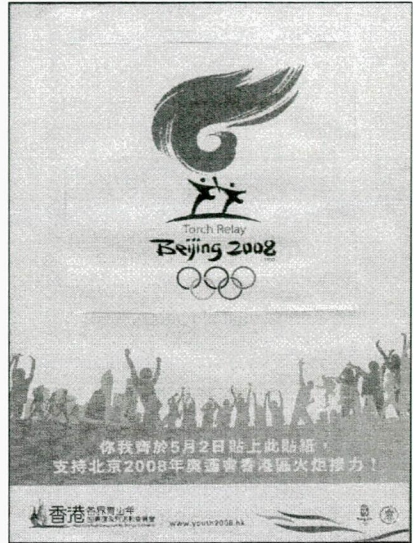


Figure 5

Luckily, I managed the finish my task before noon and I was then free to pursue my philatelic ambitions. I collected the pre-ordered material, and went to the GPO to prepare those torch relay covers. When I arrived in the GPO, there were crowds of people standing in the road opposite waiting for the Olympic Flame. The franking process took much longer than I expected, it was almost a quarter past four when I had finished franking all the covers. Just as I went down to the ground floor to have the covers postmarked, I saw the Olympic Flame passing the St George's Building opposite to the GPO. I was lucky to see it, as I was resigned to the fact that the opportunity had passed - it was at least 200 meters from the GPO to the Olympic Flame, but it was an unexpected bonus to get any view.

After that day, I became determined, I had to witness the Torch Relay in person. The next leg of the Relay took place in Macau and I planned to fulfil my dream there. Macau would also issue a stamp for the Torch Relay. The issue comprised two values (MOP1.50 & MOP3.50) (Figure 6) and a souvenir sheet valued at MOP10 (Figure 7). I could make use of this opportunity to prepare some more torch relay covers. So, I went to Macau the next day (i.e. 3rd. May 2008).

Immediately outside the Macau Ferry Terminal early in the morning, I saw lots of decorations for the Torch Relay, but, I had to visit the General Post Office first. Unsurprisingly, long queues had formed outside the General Post Office (Figure 8). Collectors had to queue for at least one and a half hours before they could purchase the stamp issue (Figure 9). Luckily, one of my friends had already purchased the stamps for me, so I did not need to queue for the stamps, allowing me to complete all of the philatelic tasks before noon. For information, two different special postmarks were available on 3rd. May. They are the postmark specially for the First Day of the stamp issue (Figure 10) and the special postmark for the Torch Relay (Figure 11). When I left the Post Office, the long queue was still there. One of the staff said that, he had not seen this situation during the past ten years. The General Post Office, that was supposed to be open for a half day at the weekend, extended its business hours to the whole day.

Figure 6



Figure 8a

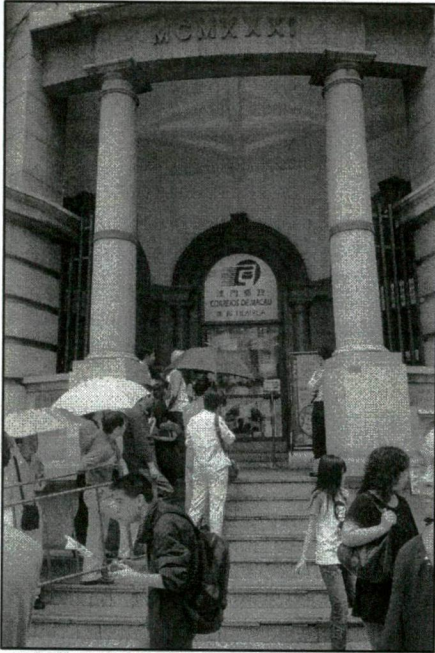


Figure 7



Figure 8b

Figure 9





Figure 10



Figure 11

To the right-hand side of the General Post Office, there is one of the famous locations of Macau, Largo do Senado (Senado Square). A special setting (Figure 12) was prepared in this Square to greet the Olympic Flame. In the Square I was given another sticker for the Torch Relay (Figure 13). I was told there the Torch Relay was starting late at 3 p.m. to align with the programmed firework display at 7 p.m.



Figure 12



Figure 13

I went straight to the Docas dos Pescadores de Macau (Macau Fisherman's Wharf) where the Torch Relay was to start, but, the venue was restricted to invited guests. I could only stand by the Avenida de Amizade, the road beside the venue where crowds had already gathered (Figure 14). I learnt that the majority of these supporters were Chinese citizens who had just crossed the borders in the morning that day.



Figure 14a

Some of them even said that they had already greeted the Olympic Flame in Hong Kong. And, they would also greet it when it arrived in their home towns in China later. Their passion was already showing in their faces.



Figure 14b



After almost one and a half hour waiting under the smiling sun, I finally saw the Olympic Flame just a few feet away (Figure 15).

I was so excited at that moment. In the past, I had only seen it on the TV,- now, it was by my side.

I had finally satisfied my dream.

I will be in Beijing in August, perhaps I will see the Torch again in Beijing.

Figure 15



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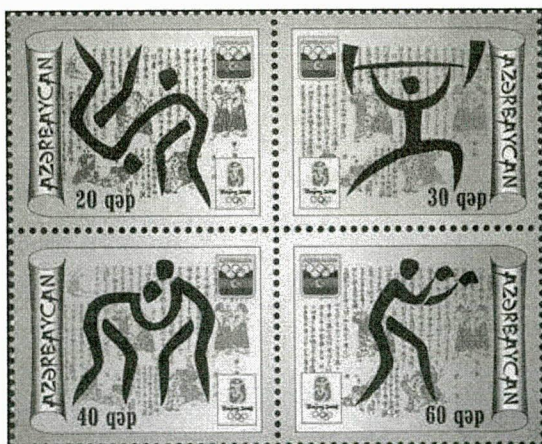
### Angola

4 x 30 Kz. :  
Basketball;  
Volleyball;  
Athletics;  
Canoeing.



### Antigua & Barbuda - History of the Olympic Games, Athens 1896

4 x \$1.40. Pierre de Coubertin; Olympic Poster; Spiridon Louis; Paul Masson.



### Azerbaijan

- 20 q. Judo;
- 30 q. Weightlifting;
- 40 q. Wrestling;
- 60 q. Boxing.

### Bahamas

- 15 c. Running;
- 65 c. Javelin;
- 70 c. Triple-jump;
- 50 c. High-jump.



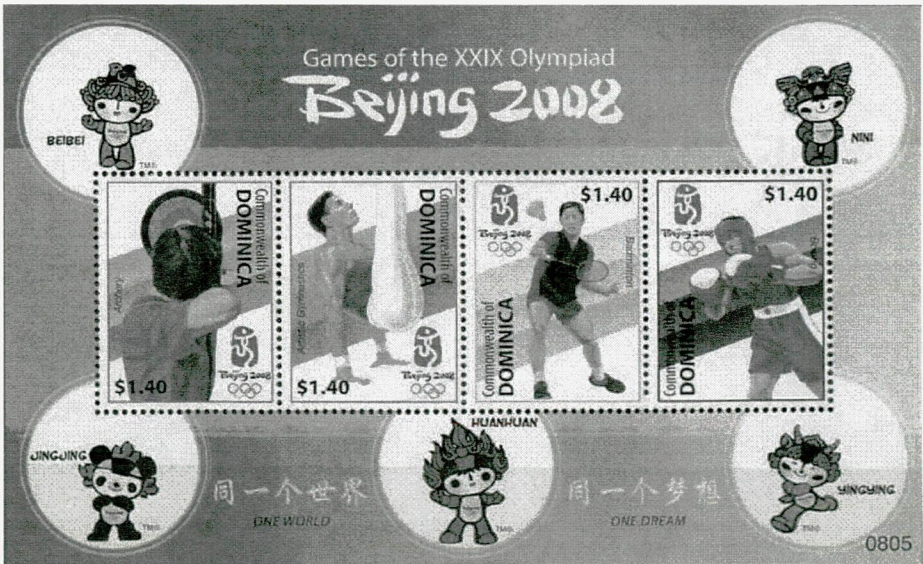
### Cuba

- 15 c. Baseball;
- 45 c. Swimming;
- 65 c. Discus;
- 75 c. Volleyball.



**Cyprus**

- 0.22 € Windsurfing;
- 0.34 € High jump;
- 0.43 € Tennis;
- 0.51 € Shooting.

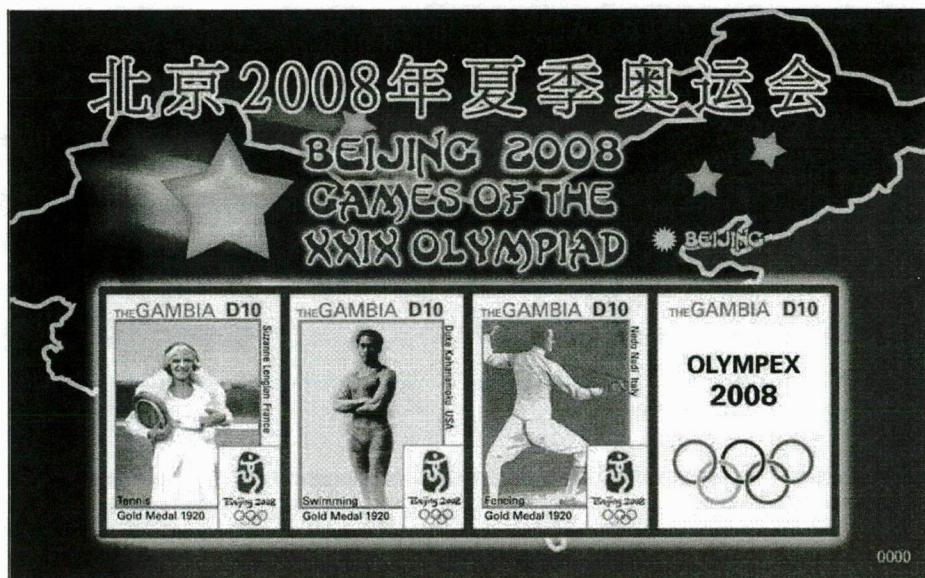


**Dominica**

4 x \$1.40. Archery; Gymnastics; Badminton; Boxing.

**Fiji**

- 20 c. Running;
- 65 c. Judo;
- 90 c. Shooting;
- \$1.50 Swimming.



**Gambia** - History of the Olympic Games, Antwerp 1920.

4 x D 10. Tennis; Swimming; Fencing; Olymplex 2008.

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Ghana

4 x 40 GP. Boxing; Relay; Athletics; Football.



Guinea Bissau

4 x 175 FCFA. :  
Soccer;  
Cycling;  
Judo;  
Table tennis.



**Guinea Republic**

4 x 2000 FCFA. :

Table tennis;  
Judo;  
Wrestling;  
Gymnastics (beam).



**Hungary**

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### Guyana

4 x \$100. Hockey; Basketball; Judo; Shooting.



### Isle of Man

1 p. Archery; 2 p. Equestrian; 3 p. Cycling; 94 p. Olympic Torch.



**Federated States of Micronesia** - History of the Olympic Games, St. Louis 1904.

4 x 50 c. World's Fair; Olympic Poster (programme); Jim Lightbody; Martin Sheridan.



**Moldovia**

1.00 L. Cycling; 6.20 L. Boxing; 15.00 L. Weightlifting.



**Monaco**

0.55 €. Volleyball, tennis, javelin; 0.85 €. Baseball, fencing, shooting.



**Mozambique**

4 x 8.00 Mtn. :  
 Soccer; Basketball;  
 Swimming; Athletics.



**Mozambique**

4 x 8.00 MT overprinted on 8.00 Mtn. :  
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**United States of America**

42 c. Rhythmic gymnastics

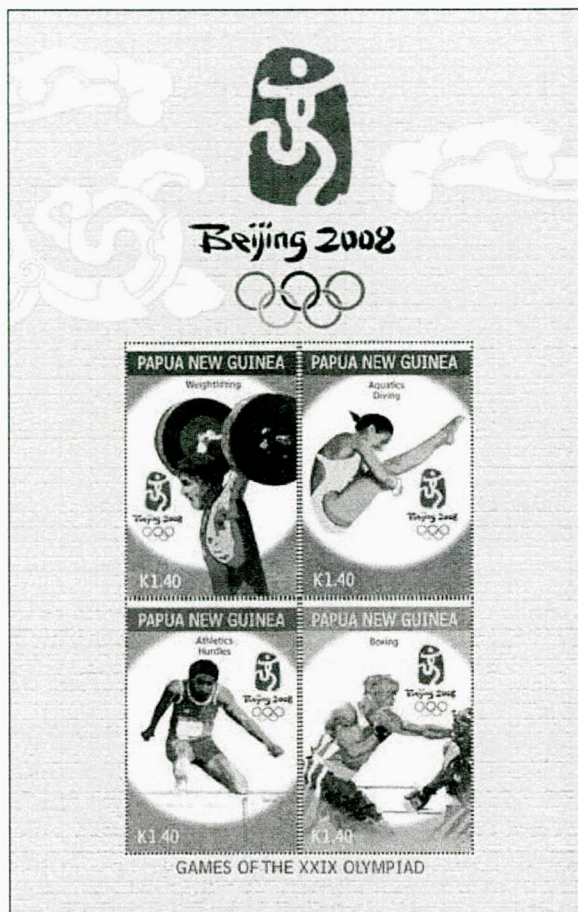




**Nevis** 4 x \$2.00. Cycling; Canoeing; Sailing; Equestrian.



**Tuvalu** 4 x 60 c. Baseball; Fencing; Hockey; Gymnastics.



## Papua and New Guinea

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Hurdles;  
Boxing.



## Portugal

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**Portugal** - Miniature sheet

4 x 0,75 €. Equestrian; Rowing; Shooting; Rhythmic gymnastics.



**Saint Thomas and Prince**

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Rowing.

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**Romania**

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Athletics;  
Gymnastics;  
Swimming;  
Rowing.



## Russia

3 x 8.00 :

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Issued in sheets and miniature sheet.



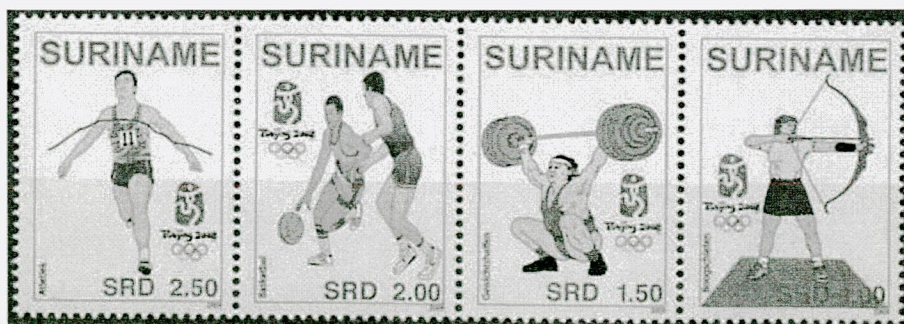
## Slovenia

0.40 Wrestling;  
0.45 Sailing.



**San Marino - Miniature sheet**

0.35 €. Table tennis; 0.65 €. Fencing; 0.85 €. Swimming.



**Suriname**

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I have been collecting stamps and philatelic items of the sport of SEKAP TAKRAW for many years. It is some kind of Volleyball played with the feet and it is not very well known in Europe. It is mainly played in different Asian countries.

So far I could only find one other collector of this topic, my friend Rex Hagget from the United Kingdom, who is a specialist in the field of shuttlecock games, especially Badminton (see also <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Rexhaggett/homepage.htm>).

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