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STAMP MARKET TREND

- Harold Wasserman -

While the stamp market is not robust, there are definite signs that prices are becoming a little firmer. This is more noticeable in certain countries and areas, such as the Far East, elusive items from France, and high values of German Colonies. Sports and Olympic stamps are still lagging behind in the auction mart, but it is somewhat difficult to get the entire picture. Auctions generally have the better-grade material; thus, in sports stamps the same sets tend to crop up. Although the high-priced sets have been common in auctions, the unusual material is not to be seen. Here are some prices realized at auction, with the catalog price in parentheses. (All are mint, fine-very fine, unless otherwise noted.)

Greece - 381 NH \$24.00 (40.00)
Russia - 559-68 used \$22.00 (47.25)
Monaco - 365, 2 blocks of 4 \$20.00 (64.00)

Ecuador - 377-81 \$10.00 (24.24)
Italy - 324-8, C62-5 \$29.00 (57.00)
Japan - 412 sheet of 30 \$9.00 (22.50)

The above were prices from East Coast auctions. The West Coast did not do as well in general. One item which literally was a "steal" was a beautiful first day cover, registered, with four clear cancels on a crisp cover of the first Austrian ski set. Some lucky mail bidder bought it for \$50.00. Other West Coast prices were:

Austria - B138-41 \$26.00 (70.00)
Belgium - B480-4 plus the 3 souvenir sheets \$20.00
Czecho. - B140-3 used \$10.50 (48.00)
Hungary - B80-7 \$6.50 (20.00)
Japan - 397-400, 417-21, 469-73 \$7.50 (30.45)
Russia - 1376-83, 1415-19 \$7.00 (23.90)
Russia - 1710-17, 1840-53, 1963-70 \$7.50 (24.25)
Switzerland - B206 \$32.00 (75.00) and a used sheet with first day cancel \$25.00 (90.00)

Austria - B138-41 used \$19.00 and another set, each on piece with FIS cancel \$20.00 (59.75)
Czecho. - B137-9 \$30.00 (72.50), and the same set used \$14.50 (61.00)
Italy - 324-8 \$10.50 (39.00)
Liechtenstein - 277-80, 289-92, 297-300, 308-11, 320-23 \$23.00 (63.75)

The Russian Spartacist set used which brought \$22.00 in the East brought only \$10.50 out West. A beautiful set of the Tripolitania Circuit of the Oasis, C38-42, CE1-2, went for \$190.00 (586.00). The German sports and Olympic stamps and sheets were still generally weak, selling for 25%-33% of catalog. A grouping of the Olympic Games issues in se-tenant pairs, strips, blocks, and booklet went for a rather reasonable \$15.00. Costa Rica C57-66, which crops up frequently in auctions sold at \$50.00 (152.00). The 201-8 set of Costa Rica, used, fetched only \$7.50 (23.80) while the imperf set of B2-4, also used, went at \$5.50 (19.00).

Another West Coast auction saw these figures:

Austria - B138-41 on cover but with some slight gum staining in margin \$20.00 (59.75)
 Czecho. - B140-43 on piece, but with some slight staining on borders \$14.00 (48.00)
 Monaco - CB7-10 \$10.00 (31.50) and the same set imperf \$18.00

Bulgaria - 244-8, short set, \$8.50 (25.00)
 Czecho. - B137-9 \$26.00 (72.50)
 Monaco - 176 \$20.00 (55.00)
 Monaco - 333 \$9.50 (18.50)
 Greece - 117-26, short set, used \$22.00 (61.20)

Few specialty sports items have been noticed in auctions. One that did make it was a deluxe sheet of the Saar bicycle stamp 253, this brought \$16.00 by a floor bidder.

An East Coast auction by a smaller firm did not fare too well price-wise.

Colombia - 421-32, short set \$15.00 (65.75)
 Austria - B138-41 NH \$21.00 (59.75) and the same set on pieces with FIS cancel \$16.00.
 A picture cover with the same postmark brought \$20.00
 Czecho. - B140-3 also on registered cover with the Sokol cancel \$20.00 (65.00)
 Italy - 324-8 \$16.00 (39.00)
 Russia 559-68 but with the next-to-the-high value with a corner crease \$37.50 (180.00)

Austria - B106-109 \$50.00 (199.00) and the same set on a registered cover with the special FIS cancel, but not first day \$55.00
 Czecho. - B137-9 on registered cover with the Congress cancel \$20.00 (61.00)
 Monaco - C36-9 in number blocks of 4 NH \$39.(80.)
 Italian Colonies - 46-50, C29-35 \$39.00 (153.00)
 Italy - 574-6 \$9.00 (42.00)

As can be seen quite readily from the above listings, some sets show up frequently in auctions. Prices do vary, but the chances are they vary in direct relation to condition. A condition listing of Fine-Very Fine will depend a great deal on the auction firm preparing the catalog. The above prices were gleaned from three auctions on the West Coast, one on the East Coast, and the remainder from auction results as quoted in the Stamp Wholesaler (and these were all East Coast houses). It doesn't take a detective to notice the scarcity of the elusive items which sports collectors are constantly hunting for.

A deluxe price list from a major East Coast dealer had some listing of sports material, all one of a kind. This was not an auction, and there would be no way of checking to see if the item was sold or how many people sent in checks for it.

Chile - 1962 soccer sheet of 4 \$10.00
 Guatemala - C173 in trial color die proof \$60.00
 Italian Colonies - C29-35 \$32.50 (72.50)
 Greece - 126, close at top \$40.00 (80.00)
 Greece - 128, not quite centered \$140.00 (275.00)
 Bolivia - airmail souvenir sheets C150-56b \$10.00 (26.70), and the same set on flown covers \$11.
 Costa Rica - C57-66 \$70.00 (152.00), used \$40.00, and the same set on 2 flown FD covers \$75.00
 Dominican Republic - 1957 Olympic Souvenir sheets, perf and imperf \$12.50, and the sheet with the black color missing on the 17¢ stamp, imperf \$375.00 (This originally listed for \$2000.00 in Sanabria, and a copy was sold some years ago in a major Eastern auction for \$200.00) (San. 118d)
 Dominican Republic - Olympic sheets with the inverted colors in the Dom. flag \$28.00. (San. 134-5)
 Dominican Republic - Olympic souvenir sheet with the black color missing in the German flag (San. 150a) possibly unique \$275.00
 Guatemala - C158-62 and C171-6 both used \$13.00 (31.95) and on 2 flown FD covers \$20.00
 Guatemala - C171-6 \$12.50 (26.25), and on a flown FD cover \$15.00
 Guatemala - C285 with the Olympic symbol omitted \$100.00
 Haiti - CB1-2 \$30.00 (67.50), and used for the identical figures
 Aegean Islands - C28-31 on flown cover, not FD. \$225.00
 Italy - C62-5 on flown FD cover \$45.00
 Monaco - CB7-10 \$15.00 (31.50), used \$16.00, and on cover \$17.00

As a rule, I am opposed to using dealers' price lists as a method of determining the market trend. However, since some members have expressed an interest, I have included the above. Most good philatelic journals carry ads which can be checked without much difficulty. It is auction results which are a little harder to get. Although auctions are subject to the fluctuations of collector and dealer interest, they can be used to gauge the market in general. They should never be used to determine the price of an item that does not have an auction 'history' behind it. Items that come up only once in five years or so are not to be judged by the same standards used to estimate prices for the material that is constantly on the market. The really scarce material still brings high prices - if and when it comes on the market.

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DID YOU KNOW -

That Jose Meiffret of France attained a speed of 109 MPH behind a motorcycle pacer in 1951?
 That Fausto Coppi of Italy was the highest paid cyclist of all times?
 That one woman rode a bicycle for a whole year in order to set a record of 29,604 miles?

RESEARCH PROJECT ON BASKETBALL PHILATELY

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- Bob Bruce -

This issue's report is a short one, involving corrections and additions to the original "Master Check-List of Perforate Basketball Stamps", which appeared first in the March and April 1969, issue of this periodical. Corrections have been underlined while new data has simply been added.

Report #3

MASTER CHECK-LIST OF PERFORATE BASKETBALL STAMPS

Corrections and Additions as of June 1, 1969

	<u>Scott</u>	<u>Gibbons</u>	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Yvert</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
Albania	892 893 894 895 896				Dec. 15, 1964 Dec. 15, 1964 Dec. 15, 1964 Dec. 15, 1964 Dec. 15, 1964
Bulgaria	579 1161	1247	1222	1073	Sept. 27, 1947 May 15, 1961
Cameroun	399				Aug. 14, 1965
Congo	604			<u>655</u>	
Ecuador	C326		<u>973</u>		
Guinea Republic	312(y)	Delete entirely			
Hungary	1593 1702		2062A 2162A		
Italy	804 806		1069 1071		
Jordan	446		437A		
Khor Fakkan (Overprinted)		K32 K32	33 97	14	
Korea	589			<u>480</u>	
Korea, North		NK333			Nov. 4, 1961
Niger	110				May 26, 1962
Panama	C43 C226 C234 C266		564 574		Feb. 12, 1938 Aug. 27, 1962
Philippines	382 915		<u>357</u> 762A		
Poland	1265d				Aug. 17, 1964
Qatar	86		89A		
Senegal	C37				Aug. 22, 1964
Uruguay	723		1012		

William Wylie, editor of Scott's Monthly Journal, reports that Rhodesia has been added to the list of countries whose stamps may not be imported into the United States

REVIEWS

- Bob Bruce -

"Chesstamps Informant" -- Vol. II, Nos. 2 and 3, March and May, 1969.

This delightful little periodical is published on a bimonthly basis by Robert B. Long, 127½ S. Lafayette, Macomb, Ill. 61455. It is reproduced by ditto and is ten pages in length (all the postage will bear!).

Analysis of the two issues supplied for review showed about fifty percent of the copy devoted to philatelic matter, chess-on-stamps, if you will, with the second half very much concerned with chess itself.

These issues included features such as "Emanuel Lasker, World Chess Champion", "Miscellany in Collecting Terms", "1968 Chess Philatelic Review", "Chess on Stamps Catalogue" (in German, incidentally), "Chess in Science Fiction", "Chess on Seals or Poster Stamps", and "Chess Publications". An editor's page, several modest columns, and some interesting chit-chat round out each issue.

The cost of a year's subscription is \$3.00. If you collect chess-on-stamps, this is for you. Your support would be appreciated. The precursor of our "JSP" began in just about this same manner.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the "Letters to the Editor" column, you will find a letter from Bob Bruce which should please all of the members. We have all been waiting - not so patiently - for additions to the Seebacher Handbook. Mr. Bruce has offered to finish it, and then bring the earlier part up to date. It has always been my dream to see it corrected, brought up to date and then reprinted as a volume, with yearly supplements. Now it looks as if my dream may come true.

John La Porta, our Vice-President, has offered to take over the editorship of the Journal as of the end of this year. Helen Turner is leaving for a tour of the Orient after the first of the year, and I will be so busy with the SPI participation in SPORTMEX, that we had to get out from under the job. I know that John will do a wonderful job, and he can depend on our help, as well as the help from the other members who give willingly of their time and knowledge.

Paul Bosquet has offered to take over Publicity - although I think we talked him into it - and with SPI participation in so many things in the next year, we should keep right on building. If any members have ideas, or information for publicity, please contact Paul.

George Kobylka, of K-Line publications, has made a terrific offer to SPI members. The full particulars will be in the next Journal, so look for it.

Now all I need is someone to take over the advertising. It isn't a big job - you only bill once a year. How about it!

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1968 Additions
(Scott Listed Material)
The next issue of J.S.P. will have the
list of non-Scott listed material.

Barbara T. Williams

				REMARKS					REMARKS
AFFAR & ISSA	M	U	C		BELGIUM	M	U	C	
1968 C51	()	()	()		1968 *B827	()	()	()	
C51 Imp.	()	()	()		*B828	()	()	()	
C52	()	()	()		BERMUDA	()	()	()	
C52 Imp.	()	()	()		1968 *226	()	()	()	
AFGHANISTAN	()	()	()		*227	()	()	()	
1968 *780	()	()	()		*228	()	()	()	
*781	()	()	()		*229	()	()	()	
*782	()	()	()		BOLIVIA	()	()	()	
ALBANIA	()	()	()		1968 512	()	()	()	
1968 *1177	()	()	()		513	()	()	()	
*1177 Imp.	()	()	()		514	()	()	()	
*1178	()	()	()		514a S/S	()	()	()	
*1178 Imp.	()	()	()		C293	()	()	()	
*1179	()	()	()		C294	()	()	()	
*1179 Imp.	()	()	()		C294a S/S	()	()	()	
*1180	()	()	()		BRAZIL	()	()	()	
*1180 Imp.	()	()	()		1968 1086	()	()	()	
*1181	()	()	()		BR. SOLOMON IS.	()	()	()	
*1181 Imp.	()	()	()		1968 180	()	()	()	
*1182	()	()	()		181	()	()	()	
*1182 Imp.	()	()	()		182	()	()	()	
*1183	()	()	()		183	()	()	()	
*1183 Imp.	()	()	()		184	()	()	()	
*1184	()	()	()		185	()	()	()	
*1184 Imp.	()	()	()		BULGARIA	()	()	()	
*1185	()	()	()		1968 1651	()	()	()	
*1185 Imp.	()	()	()		1659	()	()	()	
ALGERIA	()	()	()		1660	()	()	()	
1968 *399	()	()	()		*1674	()	()	()	
*399 Imp.	()	()	()		*1675	()	()	()	
*400	()	()	()		*1676	()	()	()	
*400 Imp.	()	()	()		*1677	()	()	()	
*401	()	()	()		*1678	()	()	()	
*401 Imp.	()	()	()		*B33	()	()	()	
406	()	()	()		*B34	()	()	()	
ANDORRE	()	()	()		BURUNDI	()	()	()	
1968 *181	()	()	()		1968 **C45a S/S	()	()	()	
*181 Imp.	()	()	()		**C45a Imp.	()	()	()	
*184	()	()	()		S/S	()	()	()	
*184 Imp.	()	()	()		*226	()	()	()	
ANTIGUA	()	()	()		*226 Imp.	()	()	()	
1968 203	()	()	()		*227	()	()	()	
204	()	()	()		*227 Imp.	()	()	()	
205	()	()	()		*228	()	()	()	
206	()	()	()		*228 Imp.	()	()	()	
207	()	()	()		*229	()	()	()	
ARGENTINE	()	()	()		*229 Impl	()	()	()	
1968 829A	()	()	()		*230	()	()	()	
AUSTRALIA	()	()	()		*230 Imp.	()	()	()	
1968 *442	()	()	()		*231	()	()	()	
*442a Sht.	()	()	()		*231 Imp.	()	()	()	
*443	()	()	()		*232	()	()	()	
*443a Sht.	()	()	()		*232 Imp.	()	()	()	
AUSTRIA	()	()	()		*232a S/S	()	()	()	
1968 807	()	()	()		*232b Imp.	()	()	()	
812	()	()	()		S/S	()	()	()	
BAHAMAS	()	()	()		*260	()	()	()	
1968 272	()	()	()		*260 Imp.	()	()	()	
273	()	()	()		*261	()	()	()	
274	()	()	()		*261 Imp.	()	()	()	
275	()	()	()		*262	()	()	()	
*276	()	()	()		*262 Imp.	()	()	()	
*277	()	()	()		*263	()	()	()	
*278	()	()	()		*263 Imp.	()	()	()	
*279	()	()	()		*264	()	()	()	
BELGIUM	()	()	()		*264 Imp.	()	()	()	
1968 *B824	()	()	()		*C88	()	()	()	
*B825	()	()	()		*C88 Imp.	()	()	()	
*B826	()	()	()		*C89	()	()	()	

6 BURUNDI		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*C89	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C90		()	()	()
	*C90	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C91		()	()	()
	*C91	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C92		()	()	()
	*C92	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C92a	S/S	()	()	()
	*C92b	Imp.	()	()	()
	S/S		()	()	()
CAMBODIA					
1968	*193		()	()	()
	*193	Imp.	()	()	()
	*194		()	()	()
	*194	Imp.	()	()	()
	*195		()	()	()
	*195	Imp.	()	()	()
	*196		()	()	()
	*196	Imp.	()	()	()
	*197		()	()	()
	*197	Imp.	()	()	()
CAMEROONS					
1968	*C107		()	()	()
	*C107	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C108		()	()	()
	*C108	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C109		()	()	()
	*C109	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C109a	S/S	()	()	()
CANADA					
1968	483		()	()	()
CAYMAN IS.					
1968	*200		()	()	()
	*201		()	()	()
	*202		()	()	()
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.					
1968	109		()	()	()
	*C54		()	()	()
	*C54	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C55		()	()	()
	*C55	Imp.	()	()	()
CHAD					
1968	*C40		()	()	()
	*C40	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C41		()	()	()
	*C41	Imp.	()	()	()
	163		()	()	()
	*C45		()	()	()
	*C45	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C46		()	()	()
	*C46	Imp.	()	()	()
CHILE					
1968	372		()	()	()
	C284		()	()	()
CHINA					
1968	*1578		()	()	()
	*1579		()	()	()
	*1580		()	()	()
	*1581		()	()	()
COMORES					
1968	*C22		()	()	()
	*C22	Imp.	()	()	()
CONGO REP.					
1968	174		()	()	()
	175		()	()	()
	176		()	()	()
	177		()	()	()
	178		()	()	()
	C67		()	()	()
	C68		()	()	()
	*C72		()	()	()
	*C72	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C73		()	()	()
	*C73	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C74		()	()	()
	*C74	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C75		()	()	()
	*C75	Imp.	()	()	()
COOK ISLANDS					
1968	*237		()	()	()

COOK ISLANDS		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*238		()	()	()
	*239		()	()	()
	*240		()	()	()
	*241		()	()	()
	*242		()	()	()
CYPRUS					
1968	295		()	()	()
	*319		()	()	()
	*320		()	()	()
	*321		()	()	()
CZECHOSLOVAKIA					
1968	*1522		()	()	()
	*1523		()	()	()
	*1524		()	()	()
	*1525		()	()	()
	*1531		()	()	()
	*1532		()	()	()
	*1533		()	()	()
	*1534		()	()	()
	*1535		()	()	()
	*1536		()	()	()
DAHOMY					
1968	*C85		()	()	()
	*C85	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C86		()	()	()
	*C86	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C87		()	()	()
	*C87	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C88		()	()	()
	*C88	Imp.	()	()	()
	*C88a	S/S	()	()	()
DOMINICA					
1968	211		()	()	()
	*233		()	()	()
	*234		()	()	()
	*235		()	()	()
	*236		()	()	()
	*237		()	()	()
	*238		()	()	()
	*239		()	()	()
	*240		()	()	()
DOMINICAN REP.					
1968	641		()	()	()
	C158		()	()	()
	C159		()	()	()
	*643		()	()	()
	*644		()	()	()
	*645		()	()	()
	*C161		()	()	()
	*C162		()	()	()
ETHIOPIA					
1968	*510		()	()	()
	*511		()	()	()
	*512		()	()	()
	*513		()	()	()
	*514		()	()	()
FIJI					
1968	248		()	()	()
	259		()	()	()
FINLAND					
1968	454		()	()	()
	474		()	()	()
FRANCE					
1968	1204		()	()	()
	*1223		()	()	()
	*1223	Imp.	()	()	()
	*B411		()	()	()
	*B411	Imp.	()	()	()
	*B412		()	()	()
	*B412	Imp.	()	()	()
	*B413		()	()	()
	*B413	Imp.	()	()	()
	*B414		()	()	()
	*B414	Imp.	()	()	()
	*B415		()	()	()
	*B415	Imp.	()	()	()
FRENCH POLYNESIA					
1968	*C49		()	()	()
	*C49	Imp.	()	()	()

GABON		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*C70				
	*C70	Imp.			
	*C71				
	*C71	Imp.			
	*C72				
	*C72	Imp.			
	*C73				
	*C73	Imp.			
	*C73a	S/S			
GERMANY					
1968	*986				
	*B434				
	*B435				
	*B436				
	*B437				
GERMANY-Berlin					
1968	9N266	()	()	()	
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REP.					
1968	*977				
	*978				
	*979				
	*980				
	*981				
	*B144				
	1012				
	1013				
	1014				
	1015				
	1016				
	1017				
	B145				
	1030				
	1031				
	*1043				
	*1044				
	*1045				
	*1046				
	B146				
	B147				
	1069				
	1070				
GIBRALTAR					
1968	**209				
	**210				
	**211				
	**212				
GILBERT & ELLICE IS.					
1968	135				
	137				
	139				
	140				
	143				
	144				
	146				
	148				
GREECE					
1968	909				
	910				
	*911				
	*912				
	*913				
	914				
	915				
	918				
	*932				
	*933				
	*934				
GRENADA					
1968	**267				
	**268				
	**269				
	**270				
	**271				
	**272				
	*280				
	*281				
	*282				
	*283				
	*284				

GRENADA		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*285	()	()	()	
GUATAMALA					
1968	*399				
	*400				
	*401				
	*402				
	*403				
	C409				
	C410				
	C411				
GUINEE					
1968	494				
	498				
	501				
	504				
GUYANA					
1968	36				
	37				
	38				
HAITI					
1968	*578				
	*579				
	*C288				
	*CB57				
	*584				
	*C296				
	*C297				
	*C298				
	*601				
	*C316				
HUNGARY					
1968	*1872				
	*1872	Imp.			
	*1873				
	*1873	Imp.			
	*1874				
	*1874	Imp.			
	*1875				
	*1875	Imp.			
	*1876				
	*1876	Imp.			
	*1877				
	*1877	Imp.			
	*1878				
	*1878	Imp.			
	*B264				
	*B264	Imp.			
	1910				
	1910	Imp.			
	1923				
	1923	Imp.			
	*1924				
	*1924	Imp.			
	*C277				
	*C277	Imp.			
	*C278				
	*C278	Imp.			
	*C279				
	*C279	Imp.			
	*C280				
	*C280	Imp.			
	*C281				
	*C281	Imp.			
	*C282				
	*C282	Imp.			
	*C283				
	*C283	Imp.			
	*CB31				
	*CB31	Imp.			
	1934				
	1934	Imp.			
	1935				
	1935	Imp.			
	1936				
	1936	Imp.			
INDONESIA					
1968	*752	()	()	()	
	*753				
	*753a				

INDONESIA		M	U	C	REMARKS
8 1968	*753b	()	()	()	
	*753c S/S	()	()	()	
	*754	()	()	()	
	*755	()	()	()	
	**B215	()	()	()	
	**B216	()	()	()	
	**B217	()	()	()	
INDIA					
1968	*471	()	()	()	
	*472	()	()	()	
IRAQ					
1968	473	()	()	()	
	474	()	()	()	
	475	()	()	()	
	476	()	()	()	
	476a S/S	()	()	()	
ISRAEL					
1968	*361	()	()	()	
	377	()	()	()	
ITALY					
1968	985	()	()	()	
	986	()	()	()	
IVORY COAST					
1968	*265	()	()	()	
	*265 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*266	()	()	()	
	*266 Imp.	()	()	()	
JAMAICA					
1968	269	()	()	()	
	270	()	()	()	
	271	()	()	()	
JAPAN					
1968	949	()	()	()	
	962	()	()	()	
	963	()	()	()	
	964	()	()	()	
	970	()	()	()	
JUGOSLAVIA					
1968	*900	()	()	()	
	*901	()	()	()	
	*902	()	()	()	
	*903	()	()	()	
	*918	()	()	()	
	*919	()	()	()	
	*920	()	()	()	
	*921	()	()	()	
	*922	()	()	()	
	*923	()	()	()	
	*950	()	()	()	
KENYA					
1968	181	()	()	()	
	182	()	()	()	
	183	()	()	()	
	184	()	()	()	
	*189	()	()	()	
	*190	()	()	()	
	*191	()	()	()	
	*192	()	()	()	
KOREA					
1968	*616	()	()	()	
	*616a S/S	()	()	()	
	*617	()	()	()	
	*617a S/S	()	()	()	
	*618	()	()	()	
	*618a S/S	()	()	()	
	*619	()	()	()	
	*619a S/S	()	()	()	
	*620	()	()	()	
	*620a S/S	()	()	()	
	*621	()	()	()	
	*621a S/S	()	()	()	
	**631	()	()	()	
KUWAIT					
1968	385	()	()	()	
	386	()	()	()	
	387	()	()	()	
	388	()	()	()	
LAOS					
1968	*178	()	()	()	

LAOS		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*178 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*179	()	()	()	
	*179 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*180	()	()	()	
	*180 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*181	()	()	()	
	*181 Imp.	()	()	()	
LEBANON					
1968	C540	()	()	()	
	C541	()	()	()	
	C542	()	()	()	
	C543	()	()	()	
	C544	()	()	()	
	*C573	()	()	()	
	*C574	()	()	()	
	*C575	()	()	()	
	*C576	()	()	()	
	*C577	()	()	()	
LESOTHO					
1968	60	()	()	()	
	61	()	()	()	
	62	()	()	()	
	63	()	()	()	
	64	()	()	()	
	65	()	()	()	
	66	()	()	()	
LIBERIA					
1968	*483	()	()	()	
	*483 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*484	()	()	()	
	*484 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*485	()	()	()	
	*485 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*C181	()	()	()	
	*C181 Imp.	()	()	()	
LIBYA					
1968	334	()	()	()	
LUXEMBOURG					
1968	*460	()	()	()	
	*461	()	()	()	
	*462	()	()	()	
	*463	()	()	()	
	*464	()	()	()	
	*465	()	()	()	
MALAYSIA					
1968	*56	()	()	()	
	*57	()	()	()	
MALDIVE IS.					
1968	*256	()	()	()	
	*256 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*257	()	()	()	
	*257 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*258	()	()	()	
	*258 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*259	()	()	()	
	*259 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*260	()	()	()	
	*260 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*261	()	()	()	
	*261 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*288	()	()	()	
	*288 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*289	()	()	()	
	*289 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*290	()	()	()	
	*290 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*291	()	()	()	
	*291 Imp.	()	()	()	
MALI					
1968	*C53	()	()	()	
	*C53 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*C54	()	()	()	
	*C54 Imp.	()	()	()	
	109	()	()	()	
	110	()	()	()	
	111	()	()	()	
	112	()	()	()	
	C60	()	()	()	
	C61	()	()	()	

MALI		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*C62	()	()	()	
	*C62	Imp.	()	()	
	*C63	()	()	()	
	*C63	Imp.	()	()	
MAURITANIA					
1968	251	()	()	()	
	252	()	()	()	
	253	()	()	()	
	*C69	()	()	()	
	*C69	Imp.	()	()	
	*C70	()	()	()	
	*C70	Imp.	()	()	
	*C71	()	()	()	
	*C71	Imp.	()	()	
	*C72	()	()	()	
	*C72	Imp.	()	()	
MEXICO					
1968	*990	()	()	()	
	*991	()	()	()	
	*992	()	()	()	
	*992a	S/S	()	()	
	*993	()	()	()	
	*994	()	()	()	
	*995	()	()	()	
	*995a	S/S	()	()	
	*C335	()	()	()	
	*C336	()	()	()	
	*C336a	S/S	()	()	
	*C337	()	()	()	
	*C338	()	()	()	
	*C338a	S/S	()	()	
	*996	()	()	()	
	*997	()	()	()	
	*998	()	()	()	
	*998a	S/S	()	()	
	*999	()	()	()	
	*1000	()	()	()	
	*1000a	S/S	()	()	
	*C340	()	()	()	
	*C341	()	()	()	
	*C342	()	()	()	
	*C342a	S/S	()	()	
	*C343	()	()	()	
	*C344	()	()	()	
	*C344a	S/S	()	()	
	*1001	()	()	()	
MONACO					
1968	*676	()	()	()	
	*676	Imp.	()	()	
	*677	()	()	()	
	*677	Imp.	()	()	
	*678	()	()	()	
	*678	Imp.	()	()	
	*679	()	()	()	
	*679	Imp.	()	()	
	*680	()	()	()	
	*680	Imp.	()	()	
	*681	()	()	()	
	*681	Imp.	()	()	
	*C74	()	()	()	
	*C74	Imp.	()	()	
MONTserrat					
1968	*199	()	()	()	
	*200	()	()	()	
	*201	()	()	()	
	*202	()	()	()	
MOROCCO					
1968	*210	()	()	()	
	*210	Imp.	()	()	
	*211	()	()	()	
	*211	Imp.	()	()	
	*212	()	()	()	
	*212	Imp.	()	()	
	*213	()	()	()	
	*213	Imp.	()	()	
	*214	()	()	()	
	*214	Imp.	()	()	
	*215	()	()	()	
	*215	Imp.	()	()	

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES		U	C	REMARKS	9
1968	*313	()	()	()	
	*314	()	()	()	
	*315	()	()	()	
	B85	()	()	()	
	B86	()	()	()	
	B87	()	()	()	
	B88	()	()	()	
NEW CALEDONIA					
1968	371	()	()	()	
	371	Imp.	()	()	
NEW ZEALAND					
1968	*B75	()	()	()	
	*B75a	Sht.	()	()	
	*B76	()	()	()	
	*B76a	Sht.	()	()	
NICARAGUA					
1968	C635	()	()	()	
	*C659	()	()	()	
	*C660	()	()	()	
	*C661	()	()	()	
	*C662	()	()	()	
	*C663	()	()	()	
	*C664	()	()	()	
	*C665	()	()	()	
	*C666	()	()	()	
	*C666a	S/S	()	()	
NIGER					
1968	206	()	()	()	
	C87	()	()	()	
	*C89	()	()	()	
	*C89	Imp.	()	()	
	*C90	()	()	()	
	*C90	Imp.	()	()	
	*C91	()	()	()	
	*C91	Imp.	()	()	
	*C92	()	()	()	
	*C92	Imp.	()	()	
NIGERIA					
1968	*222	()	()	()	
	*223	()	()	()	
NORWAY					
1968	510	()	()	()	
	511	()	()	()	
	512	()	()	()	
PAKISTAN					
1968	260	()	()	()	
PERSIA					
1968	1475	()	()	()	
	1476	()	()	()	
PERU					
1968	*C226	()	()	()	
	*C227	()	()	()	
	*C228	()	()	()	
	*C229	()	()	()	
	*C230	()	()	()	
	*C231	()	()	()	
POLAND					
1968	*1561	()	()	()	
	*1562	()	()	()	
	*1563	()	()	()	
	*1564	()	()	()	
	*1565	()	()	()	
	*1566	()	()	()	
	*1567	()	()	()	
	*1568	()	()	()	
	1585	()	()	()	
	1586	()	()	()	
	1587	()	()	()	
	1588	()	()	()	
	1589	()	()	()	
	1590	()	()	()	
	*1594	()	()	()	
	*1595	()	()	()	
	*1596	()	()	()	
	*1597	()	()	()	
	*1598	()	()	()	
	*1599	()	()	()	
	*1600	()	()	()	
	*1601	()	()	()	
	*B111	()	()	()	

POLAND		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	1623	()	()	()	
	1624	()	()	()	
10	1625	()	()	()	
	1626	()	()	()	
	1627	()	()	()	
	1628	()	()	()	
	1629	()	()	()	
	1630	()	()	()	
QATAR					
1968	*140	()	()	()	
	*141	()	()	()	
	*142	()	()	()	
	*143	()	()	()	
	*144	()	()	()	
	*145	()	()	()	
ROMANIA					
1968	2003	()	()	()	
	*2030	()	()	()	
	*2031	()	()	()	
	*2032	()	()	()	
	*2033	()	()	()	
	*2034	()	()	()	
	*2035	()	()	()	
	*2036	()	()	()	
	*2037	()	()	()	
	*2038	()	()	()	
RUSSIA					
1968	3433	()	()	()	
	3434	()	()	()	
	3435	()	()	()	
	3436	()	()	()	
	3437	()	()	()	
	3486	()	()	()	
	3487	()	()	()	
	3488	()	()	()	
	3489	()	()	()	
	3490	()	()	()	
	3491	()	()	()	
	*3492	()	()	()	
	*3493	()	()	()	
	*3494	()	()	()	
	*3495	()	()	()	
	*3496	()	()	()	
	*3497	()	()	()	
	3531	()	()	()	
	3532	()	()	()	
RWANDA					
	*249	()	()	()	
	*249	Imp.	()	()	
	*249a	()	()	()	
	*249a	Imp.	()	()	
	*250	()	()	()	
	*250	Imp.	()	()	
	*251	()	()	()	
	*251	Imp.	()	()	
	*252	()	()	()	
	*252	Imp.	()	()	
	*253	()	()	()	
	*253	Imp.	()	()	
	*254	()	()	()	
	*254	Imp.	()	()	
	*254a	()	()	()	
	*254a	Imp.	()	()	
	*254b	()	()	()	
	*254b	Imp.	()	()	
	*254c	()	()	()	
	*254c	Imp.	()	()	
	*266	()	()	()	
	*266	Imp.	()	()	
	*267	()	()	()	
	*267	Imp.	()	()	
	*268	()	()	()	
	*268	Imp.	()	()	
	*269	()	()	()	
	*269	Imp.	()	()	
	*270	()	()	()	
	*270	Imp.	()	()	
	*271	()	()	()	
	*271	Imp.	()	()	

RYUKYUS		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	172	()	()	()	
	179	()	()	()	
ST. LUCIA					
1968	229	()	()	()	
	230	()	()	()	
ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON					
1968	*C37	()	()	()	
	*C37	Imp.	()	()	
	*C38	()	()	()	
	*C38	Imp.	()	()	
SENEGAL					
1968	*C60	()	()	()	
	*C60	Imp.	()	()	
	*C61	()	()	()	
	*C61	Imp.	()	()	
	*C62	()	()	()	
	*C62	Imp.	()	()	
	*C63	()	()	()	
	*C63	Imp.	()	()	
SIERRA LEONE					
1968	*364	()	()	()	
	*365	()	()	()	
	*366	()	()	()	
	*367	()	()	()	
	*368	()	()	()	
	*C79	()	()	()	
	*C80	()	()	()	
	*C81	()	()	()	
	*C82	()	()	()	
	*C83	()	()	()	
SOMALIA					
1968	*336	()	()	()	
	*336	Imp.	()	()	
	*337	()	()	()	
	*337	Imp.	()	()	
	*338	()	()	()	
	*338	Imp.	()	()	
	*339	()	()	()	
	*339	Imp.	()	()	
	*339a	S/S	()	()	
SPAIN					
1968	*1509	()	()	()	
	*1510	()	()	()	
	*1511	()	()	()	
	*1543	()	()	()	
	*1544	()	()	()	
	*1545	()	()	()	
	*1546	()	()	()	
SURINAM					
1968	B147	()	()	()	
	B148	()	()	()	
	B149	()	()	()	
	B150	()	()	()	
	B151	()	()	()	
SWAZILAND					
1968	135	()	()	()	
	137	()	()	()	
SWEDEN					
1968	793	()	()	()	
	794	()	()	()	
	795	()	()	()	
	795a	Bklt.	()	()	
	796	()	()	()	
	797	()	()	()	
	798	()	()	()	
	798a	Bklt.	()	()	
	799	()	()	()	
	800	()	()	()	
	801	()	()	()	
	802	()	()	()	
	803	()	()	()	
	803a	Bklt.	()	()	
SWITZERLAND					
1968	487	()	()	()	
	489	()	()	()	
SYRIA					
1968	*C421	()	()	()	
	*C422	()	()	()	
	*C423	()	()	()	

SYRIA		M	U	C	REMARKS
1968	*C424	()	()	()	
	*C425	()	()	()	
TOGO					
1968	*650	()	()	()	
	*650 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*651	()	()	()	
	*651 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*652	()	()	()	
	*652 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*653	()	()	()	
	*653 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*C95	()	()	()	
	*C95 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*C96	()	()	()	
	*C96 Imp.	()	()	()	
	*C96a S/S	()	()	()	
	**656	()	()	()	
	**656 Imp.	()	()	()	
	**657	()	()	()	
	**657 Imp.	()	()	()	
	**658	()	()	()	
	**658 Imp.	()	()	()	
	**659	()	()	()	
	**659 Imp.	()	()	()	
	**660	()	()	()	
	**660 Imp.	()	()	()	
TONGA					
1968	210	()	()	()	
	211	()	()	()	
	212	()	()	()	
	213	()	()	()	
	214	()	()	()	
	215	()	()	()	
	C47	()	()	()	
	C48	()	()	()	
	C49	()	()	()	
	C50	()	()	()	
	C51	()	()	()	

TONGA		M	U	C	REMARKS	11
1968	C52	()	()	()		
	C53	()	()	()		
	C54	()	()	()		
	C019	()	()	()		
	C020	()	()	()		
TRINIDAD						
1968	*139	()	()	()		
	*140	()	()	()		
	*141	()	()	()		
	*142	()	()	()		
	*143	()	()	()		
U.A.R.						
1968	312	()	()	()		
	**317	()	()	()		
	*318	()	()	()		
	*319	()	()	()		
UPPER VOLTA						
1968	*C54	()	()	()		
	*C54 Imp.	()	()	()		
	*C55	()	()	()		
	*C55 Imp.	()	()	()		
	*C56	()	()	()		
	*C56 Imp.	()	()	()		
	*C57	()	()	()		
	*C57 Imp.	()	()	()		
URUGUAY						
1968	758	()	()	()		
	*C333	()	()	()		
VENEZUELA						
1968	*C993	()	()	()		
	*C994	()	()	()		
	*C995	()	()	()		
	*C996	()	()	()		
	*C997	()	()	()		
YEMEN						
1968	**19	()	()	()		
	**20	()	()	()		
	**21	()	()	()		

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Congratulations to another of our exhibiting members - George Kobyłka, for bringing home the bronze award from COMPEX on his four frames of Czechoslovakian Athletics in the Olympic Games. Sorry I can't tell you where COMPEX was held, assume it was in Illinois. My informant gave me credit for knowing what is going on and where - his confidence in a woman knowing it all fell short this time.

The thing that pleased me, personally, was the participation of a full-time dealer in a stamp show - most of the dealers I have met never have time for the best part of philately - collecting stamps.

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- AJMAN March 1, 1969. Gold Medal Winners, Mexico City. 1dh, J. Hines; 2dh, Pierre Trentin; 10dh, Josef Nechermann; 5r, Reiner Klimke; 10r, Klausdi Biasi; 10r, Lieselotte Linsenhoff.
- CAYMAN ISLANDS June 5, 1969. 1/3, Beach scene. Designer, G.L. Vasarhelyi. Printed in offset by Format International.
- CHAD April 25, 1969. Gold Medal Winners, Mexico City. All stamps 1 Franc. From Germany, Zimmermann-Esser, Rowing; Dressage Team; Matthes, 100m swimming; Becker, Women's pentathlon; Klingner, rifle shooting; Wolke, Boxing. From France, Besson, 400, run; Guyon, riding; Trentin, cycling; Camoudi, running; Rebillard, cycling; Morel-Trentin, cycling. From the United States, Meyer, swimming; Matson, shot put; Fosbury, high jump; Smith, running; Davenport, Hurdles; Beamon, long jump. From Italy, Japan and Great Britain, Baran-Sambo, rowing; Di Biassi, diving; Vianelli, cycling; Yacht Race, Great Britain; Kato, gymnastics; Hemery, Hurdles.
- FUJEIRA May 20, 1969. XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo, Japan, 1972. The set of seven stamps, and the S/S, issued on February 25, 1968, in honor of the Grenoble Winter Games, has been overprinted, "SAPPORO '72".
- GERMANY June 4, 1969. XX Olympic Games, Munich, Germany, 1972. 10+5pf, running track; 20+10pf, Hockey sticks; 30+15pf, Archery target; 50+25pf, Sailing. Designed by Werner Schmidt. Printed by the Federal Printing Office, Berlin, by photogravure.
- GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC June 18, 1969. V German Turner Sports Festival, Leipzig. 5pf, Athlete & stadium; 10+5pf, Gymnasts; 15pf, Athlete & stadium; 20+5pf, Athlete; 25pf, Runner, Hurdler & Javelin Thrower; 30pf, Athlete. Designed by Joachim Rieb. The quantity of the 1st four is 5 million, the 5th, 1,700,000 & the last, 3,500,000.
- GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC June 20, 1969. 20th Anniversary of the Olympic Movement. 10pf, Bust of Pierre de Coubertin; 25pf, the Coubertin memorial at Olympia. Designed by Gerhard Stauf. Quantity, 6,000,000 & 1,700,000.
- GUATAMALA April , 1969. Scott #399-403, overprinted, "aero" & laurel ornaments.
- GUYANA August 13, 1969. III Caribbean Scout Jamboree. 6¢, 25¢, 50¢, Scouts raising the flag; 8¢, 30¢, Scouts cooking. Designed by Miss J. Toombs. Printed by Bradbury Wilkenson in Lithograph.
- HUNGARY May 28, 1969. 5f, "The Wrestlers", by Gustave Courbet, 1819-1877. The frame was designed by Ferenc Bokros.
- ISRAEL July 9, 1969. 8th Maccabiah Games, Ramat Gan Stadium. 60a, Hand holding torch. Issued with tab, (five, out of a sheet of 15). Designed by E. Weishoff.
- MADAGASCAR June 1, 1969. 20th Anniversary of the Madagascar Automobile Club. 65f, map, cars, steering wheel & road. Designed by S. Rameadmanana. Printed in photogravure by Delrieu.
- NIGER April 15, 1969. 25f, Panhard & Levassor, 1900; 45f, de Dion Bouton, 1904; 50f, Opes Dokterwagen, 1910; 100f, Vermorel 12/16, 1912. Designed & Engraved by Combet. Printed in recess.
- OMAN IMATE STATE, (JORDAN) December 3, 1968. XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. 1b, Soccer; 3b, Hurdler; 4b, Equestrian; 5b, Torch Runner passing Scouts; 10b, Sailing; 20b, Javelin Thrower; 1r, Volleyball. S/S, Fencing & Soccer.



- 14 PANAMA March 14, 1969. Telecommunications for the XIX Olympic Games, Mexico City. S/S, ATS-3, which carried TV to the world. D signer, Maison Lollini. Quantity, 6,000.
- PAPUA & NEW GUINEA June 25, 1969. III So. Pacific Games, Port Moresby, 8/13-23. 5¢, The yacht, "Fireball"; 10¢, swimming pool, Boroka; 20¢, main stadium, Konedobu; Designed by J. Fallas, of Port Moresby. Engraved and printed by the Note Printing Branch, Australia.
- PERSIA May 6, 1969. 3rd Free-Style Wrestling Championship for the Ariamehr Cup, to be held in Tehrain. 10r, Wrestlers, Shah & cup. Printed in offset by Majlis Printers.
- ROMANIA May 24, 1969. European Boxing Championship, 5/3-6/8. 35b, 40b, 55b, and 1.75l, Boxing scenes. Designed by Aurei Popescu. Quantity, first 3, two hundred thousand, and the fourth three hundred thousand.
- WESTERN SAMOA July 21, 1969. III So. Pacific Games, Port Moresby. 3s, Weight Lifting; 20s, Sailing; 22s, Boxing. Designed by John Mason. Printed by the Reserve Bank of Australia, Melbourne.
- SWITZERLAND July 1, 1969. 5th Gymnaestrada, Basel, 7/1-5. 50¢, Emblem of the meet. Designed by Herbert Leupin.
- URUGUAY April 25, 1969. World Volleyball Championship, Montevideo, Scott "C318, over-printed, "Campeonato Mundial de Voleibol, Montevideo-Abril de 1969", and the names of the participating countries.
- URUGUAY May 8, 1969. 75th Anniversary of L'Avenir Gym Club. 6p, Gymnasts and Club Emblem. Designer; Angel Medina. Printed in offset by the State Printing Office. Printed in a quantity of one million.



ILLUSTRATED COVER



Cover has cachet of the Manhattan skyline plus the S.S. Manhattan cancel and postmark of U.S.-Ger. Sea Post dated Aug. 10, 1932, maiden voyage from New York to Hamburg, Germany.

First class postage, using Olympic Games stamps, covered the voyage to Germany and return postage via airmail.

Four years later, July 15, 1936, the S.S. Manhattan was the ship which carried the U.S. Olympic team to Berlin for the XI Olympic Games.

(Letter from Bob Bruce, 1457 Cleveland Road, Wooster, Ohio - 44691)

Dear Barb:

Since I committed myself to complete and then to revise Ira Seebacher's "Handbook of Sports Stamps", I have done quite a bit of thinking and preliminary planning. This is a brief report on the project as I see it now.

The first phase, that of completing the alphabet, will be more routine than difficult. The volume is not great; there are only about one hundred singles or sets involved. The greatest limitation may well be the acquiring of the necessary supporting catalogues.

As you know, I want to accomplish a great deal of the work this summer, yet I am already having difficulty in getting a full set of the Michel catalogues. These, Ira tells me, are by far the most valuable. I may have to turn to the West Coast if my own supplier does not come through fairly soon. However, there is much that I can accomplish without the foreign catalogues; so, up to a certain point, my time will not be wasted.

The second phase, that of revising the original handbook material, will be much more difficult. Here there are two parts, up-dating each country and correcting the errors and omissions in the first edition. Once I have gotten into the swing from the completion of the alphabet, up-dating each country in the old edition will be pretty routine. Of course the issues of the last year or two will always give trouble simply because of the lag in catalogue coverage.

On the other hand, the correction of errors and omissions in the first edition is far more than a one-man task. No handbook compiler can guarantee perfect copy. From the very beginning Ira has asked for information on inaccuracies; how much he has received from cooperative readers I shall have to determine from him. But even those would not be enough; it will take more to do the job.

I am sure that there must be members who are serious-enough students of sports collecting to be both interested in, and capable of, locating and reporting the faults in the first edition. I think first of you and Hal Wasserman, and perhaps Chris Norgard. If the three of you were to pitch in wholeheartedly, it would be a great start. Yet there must be others of our old, dependable members who would like to help. There is a practical limitation since only the older members would have available the first installments of Ira's material.

Now the question is how do we locate those who are interested and want to help. For a starter, why don't you get something into the next issue of "JSP", announcing the project and asking for volunteers, encouraging them to get in touch with me directly? As I accumulate a small group of workers, I can establish some working policies and set some deadlines to facilitate progress, especially during the summer months.

As ever, (Bob)

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A BICYCLE STAMP COLLECTION

- Roland C. Geist -

The writer started his specialized collection in 1908 with the 1902 U.S. special delivery stamp showing a messenger on a bicycle. Since then the Postmasters General have never issued another bicycle stamp. To date, over 71 countries of the world have issued at least 166 stamps featuring the bicycle and sport of cycling.

About 24 members of the Antique Bicycle Club of America collect bicycle stamps. The leading collector is John Auerbach, secretary of the Bicycle Institute of America. He probably has the most complete collection in existence. He has been requested to exhibit his stamps at the New York Annual Stamp Exhibition this year (1968). Members of the Antique Bicycle Club of America have won the Honorable Mention Blue Ribbon for their stamp displays at the American Hobby Shows in 1948 and 1949.

Some of the outstanding stamps in the writer's collection are:

1. The Cape of Good Hope 1900 stamp, probably the first bicycle stamp ever issued, shows Sgt. Major Goodyear with his bicycle during the Boer War.
2. In 1935, Russia issued a sports set of ten stamps including a racing cyclist.
3. Back in 1894 there was a railroad strike in California and an enterprising bicyclist printed up a stamp to be used on mail he carried a wheel from Fresno to San Francisco. A California dealer offered this rare stamp to the public for \$25.00.
4. Another non-official stamp was issued about 1940 during World War II when mails were carried by bicycle messenger behind the Allied lines. These Alta Italia sets have been offered at \$25.00.

5. In 1963 Belgium, a great cycling country, issued a beautiful set of bicycle stamps showing the various types of cycling, track racing, motor paced, road racing, etc. The regular set sold for about \$2.00, but a souvenir sheet limited to a few thousand copies was offered at ten times this amount. To date the writer has been unable to obtain this sheet.

6. The Republique du Niger has just issued a commemorative stamp to honor the 150 anniversary of the invention of the bicycle. It pictures the Draisine of 1818 and the modern racing mount of 1968.

7. Switzerland issued a stamp to honor her military cyclists about 1940. It is interesting to note that in World War II the Japanese bicycle corps were instrumental in the capture of the fortress of Singapore.

About 15 countries have, or will issue, bicycle stamps to honor the 1968 Olympic Games. Pan-American, Asian and other games have been commemorated by bicycle stamps from various countries. Most of the bicycle stamps issued portray racing, cyclo-cross, peace races, tours around the country and a few show famous velodromes. Boy and Girl Scout activities are also shown on some stamps. Hungary showed a bear riding a bicycle on their circus stamp set of 1965. Mail and package delivery are featured by some countries.

Another branch of collecting is first day covers, showing stamps and pictures of the event with date cancellation. At least 50 covers are available to collectors. The price of these covers range from 25¢ to \$10.00. Special cancellations are another field for the avid collector. The writer just received a postcard from a friend touring Japan a wheel marked 'Japan on 2 wheels 1968 I.B.T.S'.

Although the 1968 Olympics are over, it is still a most opportune time to start a bicycle collection. The author's advice is to join a sports stamp club, get in touch with a specialized sports stamp dealer and buy a loose leaf stamp album. Bicycle stamp collecting is fascinating.

(Ed.note - next issue of JSP will carry the names of those elected to the 1968 Hall of Fame)

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MODERN OLYMPIC MEDALISTS ON STAMPS

Part two (Team Sports)

- Jim Hughes -

This section covers the team members who have won Olympic Medals (gold, silver or bronze, honored on stamps and listed here in alphabetical order by sports.

ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD EVENTS)

1924 - United States - 400 meter relays (41.0s) U.S. 718

See notes under 'J. Alfred Leconey' (in the individual listings) for the names of the members of this team, and about the design of this stamp.

1956 - United States - 1600 meters relays (39.5s) Dominican Republic C106,CB13

Team members were Charles L. Jenkins, Lou Jones, Jesse Mashburn and Thomas J. Courtney. This stamp shows Jenkins and Courtney passing the baton.

CYCLING

1924 - Poland - 4000 meter Pursuit Team (silver medal) Poland 916

Team members were: Lange, Lazarski, Stankiewicz and Szymeszyk who finished second to the Italian team in Paris.

EQUESTRIAN

1936 - Poland - Steeplechase Team (silver medal) Poland 917

The team members were: Kulesza, Kawecki and Rojewicz, who were runners-up to the German team in Berlin.

FENCING

1952 - France - Foil's Team France 702

A. Rommel, C. D'Oricola, J. Noel, J. Lataste, J. Buhan and C. Netter were members of the French team who bested the Italians (8-6) in finals at Helsinki.

FIELD HOCKEY

1956 - India 1, Pakistan 0 (in finals) Dominican Republic C107, CB14

Names of the team members are not recorded in any of the Olympic record books I now have. The Indian teams have monopolized this Olympic event since 1928, winning their fifth straight title at Melbourne.

1960 - Pakistan 1, India 0 (in finals) Pakistan 164

Pakistan scored at the start on Ahmad Naser's goal into the corner and their stout defense held firm against India's sorties, to bring to an end the monopoly of the Indians of this event.

GYMNASTICS

1956 - Russia - Men's Team (568.250 pts.) Russia 1970 *

1956 - Russia - Women's Team (444.80 pts)

Outstanding members of the men's team were: V. Mouratov (long horse); Boris Chakhline (side horse); Victor Tchoukarine (parallel bars); Albert Azarian (flying rings). All of whom are individual gold medal winners in these events. The outstanding Russian gals were: T. Maniana, S. Muratova and Larisa Latynina, who won three individual gold medals as well. This stamp (*) portrays Victor Tchoukarin, which was part of a set honoring the Russian successes at Melbourne.

SOCCER

1924 - Uruguay 2, Switzerland 0 (in finals) Uruguay 282-84

Uruguay's winning team members were: Mazali, Nasazzi, Arispe, Andrade, Vidal, Chierre, Urdinaran, Scarone, Petrone, Cea and Romano. Note that this was first set of stamps to be issued in honor of the modern victorious Olympians.

1928 - Uruguay 2, Argentina 1 (in finals) Uruguay 388-90

Members of the winning Uruguay team were: Mazzali, Nasazzi, Arispe, Andrade, Fernandez, Gestrido Urdinaran, Castori, Petrone, Cea and Campolo. Uruguay, the only South American team to win this Olympic title as well as the only nation to win this Olympic championship two times.

1956 - Russia 1, Yugoslavia 0 (in finals) Russia 1972

The Russian winning team members were. Jasin, Kuznecov, Basaskin, Ogonkev, Maslenkin, Netto, Tatusin, Isajev, Simonjan, Salnikov and Illjin, which I am assuming was the line-up in the finals. Substitutes were: Strelcov, Tiscenko, Paramonov, Razinskij, Beca, Ivannov and Ryzkin.

SWIMMING

1952 - France - 800 meter Free Style Relays (bronze medal) France 700 *

The members of the French team were: J. Bernardo, A. Eminent, A. Jany and J. Boiteux. The United States won this event at Helsinki, in the then record setting time of 8m. 31.1s. *See further notes under 'Jean Boiteux' in the individual listings (in part one).

This concludes the listing through 1964 of the modern Olympic medalists that have been honored via the postage stamp. In closing I would like to point out there are a number of cachets, and many, many seals and labels (Vignettes) issued on this theme. I now have a number of these in my collection and I would appreciate it if any of our members would send me data on any they may have, in order that we may give a complete listing of these items in the future for the benefit of all the members.

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XII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET

- John La Porta -

The city of Berwyn, Illinois, had the honor of being Slet city for the XII American Sokol Slet held during June 26-29, 1969. There were some 2,500 gymnasts from across the United States and Canada who vied for honors during the four days of the Slet.

The Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America sponsored a philatelic and historical exhibit at the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Bank in Berwyn. The post office had a special Sokol rubber stamp in use during the Slet (June 26-28) and the club had a Sokol postage meter with the American Sokol emblem in use during the same period.

Due to the shortness of time when I found out about the special cancel that was to be in use, I was only able to prepare a few covers on plain envelopes with the Grandma Moses stamp affixed and had the June 28th cancel applied. These are priced at 25¢ each to SPI members with the entire proceeds going to the SPI treasury.

Covers illustrated: Postage meter used by the Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America and examples of the post office special Sokol rubber stamp.

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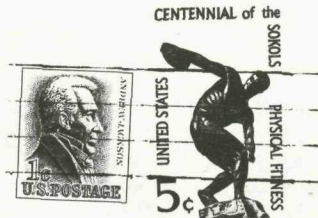
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