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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

Election & Dues Renewal Time

Once again, it's time to elect officers and board members of *your* society!

Readers will note that we are saying goodbye to a couple of long-serving board members: Sherwin Podolsky and Glenn Estus.

Sherwin, a charter member of SPI, has held nearly every office in the society over the 40 years of our existence. During my terms as President, I have welcomed his sage advice and boundless energy. He has also provided me, as Editor, with a critical eye, while contributing countless articles and columns to our journal. I am certain that were it not for some health problems that he is currently experiencing, he'd be right here volunteering more of his time and energy for our society.

Glenn has been our Auction Manager since 1987, so he can hardly be faulted for wishing to try his hand at other things. Knowing Glenn, I'm sure he'll continue contributing to SPI in other ways, especially by imparting his specialized knowledge of the Lake Placid Olympics through the pages of this journal.

Replacing Sherwin and Glenn on the board will be Dale Lilljedahl from Texas, and Bernard McGovern from Florida.

Dale specializes in the 1924 Paris Olympic Games and 1960 Squaw Valley Olympic Winter

Games. He contributes frequently to our journal about these interests. Those of you who attended our last convention at ROMPEX in 2001 will recall that Dale gave a talk about interesting facets of the 1960 Winter Olympics to our group.

For those of you that pay attention to my President's Messages, you will recognize Bernard "Bernie" McGovern's name. In our last two elections he's served as our Nominations Chairman. Over the past few years, he has also worked valiantly in Florida to "educate" those on the Tampa 2012 Olympic bid committee about the advantages of using philately to get their message across. Unfortunately, their bid did not make the U.S. Olympic Committee's first cut last fall. Bernie's collecting specialty is fencing.

I look forward to working with both these gentlemen, and urge all members to take a few moments to cast your ballots.

Readers will also note that enclosed with this issue are your renewal envelopes for the 2002-2003 membership year. If you did not receive a renewal envelope, that means you are paid up for the upcoming year.

Please pay your dues promptly so that our Membership Chairman, Margaret Jones, doesn't have to send you a reminder. Besides, you would not want to miss any issues of *JSP*!

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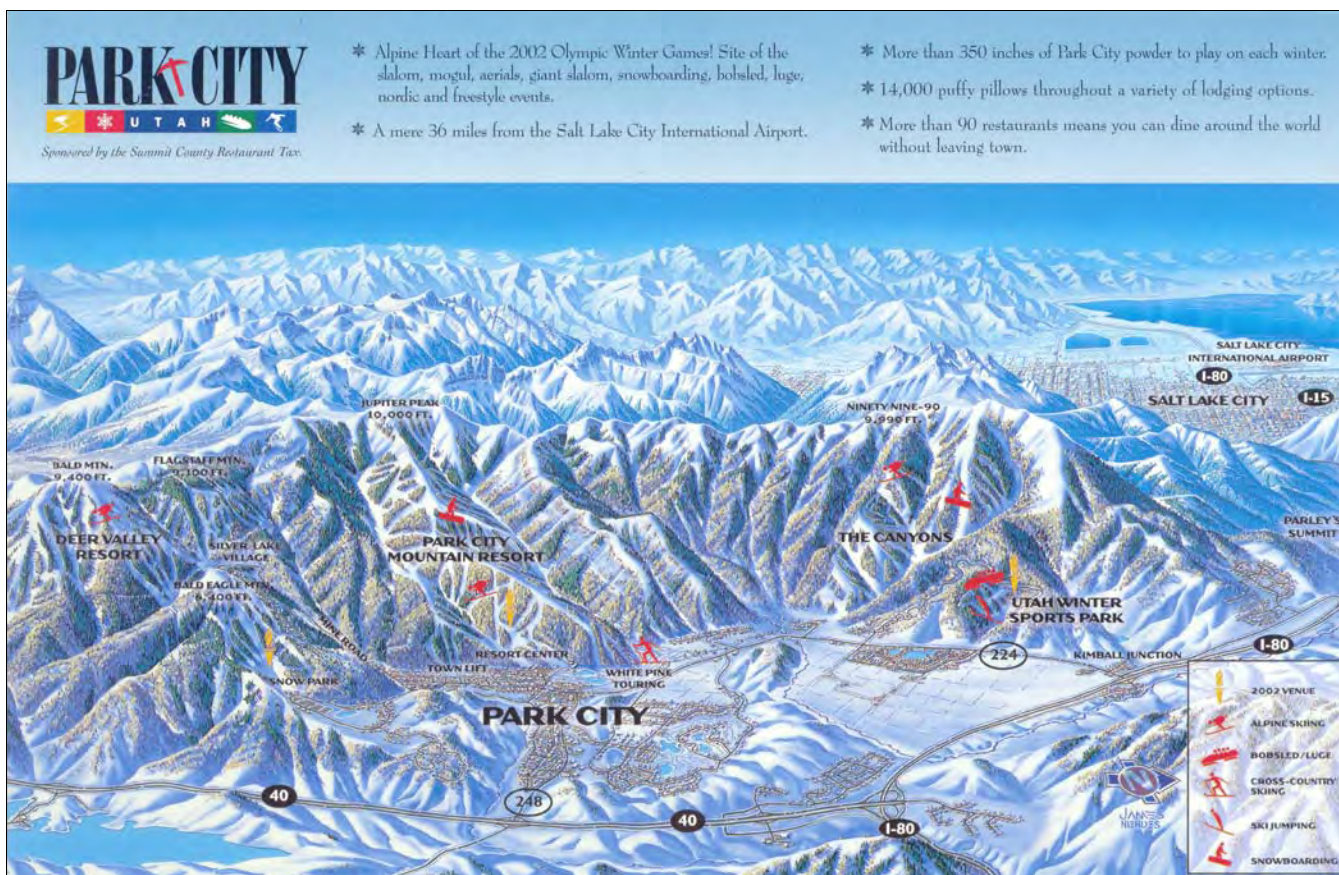


Figure 1. Park City hosted the most Olympic sports – 8 of 15 – as shown on this large format post card distributed free by the city's marketing department.

Salt Lake City's 2002 Winter Olympics, a "Superb Games": Part 2

by Mark Maestroni

When I left off in Part 1 of my story, Norm and Kathy Jacobs and I had just spent a fun-filled day watching the men's halfpipe snowboard competition at the Park City Resort (Figure 1).

As we tromped back down the mountain, along with the 20,000 other snowboard fans, it dawned on us that there was no way we would make the 7:00 p.m. face-off of that evening's France vs. Belarus men's ice hockey match in Provo.

Of all the Olympic venues, the Park City Resort turned out to be the most difficult and time-consuming to depart from. The sea of spectators, having already been ushered the few blocks from the resort to the park-and-ride shuttle bus pick-up spot,

were now herded through snaking rows of barricades. I think we all felt a bit like cattle at the last round-up! Eventually, though, we were all on our way. Total exit time from the top of the mountain to our car: about 2 hours.

Speeding home (the freeway between Park City and Salt Lake City was never crowded!) we took just enough time to change from our cold-weather gear into more comfortable clothes before once again setting off.

HOCKEY PUCKS & HOT DOGS

Provo, about an hour south of Salt Lake City, is the home of Brigham Young University (BYU) as well as the site of the Peaks Ice Arena, the secondary ice hockey venue for the Games (Figure 2).

Arriving late for the competition had its benefits as we breezed right onto a shuttle bus from the parking lot at the BYU stadium to the ice arena. Once there, we got through security in no time and made it to our seats for the start of the second period (for you non-aficionados, there are three 20-minute periods in Olympic ice hockey).

Both teams commanded large contingents of boisterous fans, but I think maybe the Belarus team had the edge in this department. In the end, they triumphed over France, 3 to 1. What rather surprised both Norm and myself was the lack of penalties called on either team – and not because they didn't commit them! The refs that night were certainly applying a liberal interpretation of what constituted a foul.

And speaking of foul, if there was one aspect of these Games for which the Organizing Committee justly deserved criticism, it was the food menu at the events.

Let's face it, no one expects the edibles at an Olympic venue to offer a memorable gastronomic experience (except, perhaps, for memories of the heartburn that followed), but the selection at these Games was particularly mediocre.

Food at the mountain venues consisted primarily of hot dogs and some other rather ghastly-looking concoctions. At \$3.50 each, the hot dogs were overpriced and barely edible. I discovered, however, that when you're hungry you can eat just about anything.

Needless to say, after two consecutive days of this fare, we were ready for something more substantial. Taking a break from the action on the ice (those hot dogs at noon seemed a lifetime ago) we beat the crowds to

the concession stand expecting more interesting dishes. After all, this was an indoor venue with permanent cooking facilities, not a tent perched on the side of a mountain. With anticipation we scanned the menu. Oh no ... not hog dogs again!

Well that was the last straw; none of us could face another venue meal. We managed to make it through the rest of the game without fainting from hunger. Sneaking away with three minutes to go in order to beat the crowds out of the arena, we were back at our car and on the road in no time.

Nothing along the highway heading back to Salt Lake City looked particularly inviting so we decided to hang in there until we got closer to home. The small shopping center near us had at least three restaurants, so we felt reasonably sure of finding a bite to eat. How naive we were! At 10:00 p.m. on a weekday night we should have known we were destined to fail. Our first choice was already closed. Looking around we spotted a neon "open" sign on a small Italian establishment nearby. Getting out of the car, we could see two figures inside, but no customers. They spotted us too, and in the blink of an eye the "open" sign dimmed.



Figure 2. Ice hockey registered cover mailed from the Crossroads Plaza post office.



Figure 3. Registered Little America Hotel (the Olympic Family Hotel) stationery with IOC Family Hotel cancel and special “2002 Winter Games” circular date stamp used only two days at the Crossroads Plaza post office.

Hungry and dejected, we turned back toward the car. I don’t know if it was our forlorn looks or maybe the Olympic Spirit seizing the proprietor at just that moment, but he took pity on us. Calling to us from the door, he invited us in. “I can only offer you something simple,” he advised. “I can make you a steak and a salad with some pasta on the side.” Well, readers, those were the most welcome words we could have heard. And the meal was excellent!

As it turned out, our host (the owner) and his waiter were both Croatian having relocated to Salt Lake City from New York City about seven years previously. We chatted about the Croatian Olympic team and especially the marvelous fortunes of their women’s Olympic Alpine skier, Janica Kostelic, who was walking away with multiple gold medals.

We learned two valuable lessons that day: (1) bring snacks to the venues; and (2) don’t show up at a Salt Lake City restaurant after 9:30 p.m. and expect to be seated!

TO SKI, OR NOT TO SKI ...

During the planning stages, Norm, Kathy and I had decided to schedule a couple of days in the middle of our Olympic visit as rest days. Well, maybe not *rest* days, but rather non-event days. Norm and Kathy wanted to do some skiing and I wanted to spend some time at the IOC Family Hotel, Olympex, and the Collectors Fair.

Bright and early Tuesday morning we headed in our separate directions: the Jacobs’ to their favorite ski resort, Brighton, and I into town.

Ever since Salt Lake City entered “lock down” mode at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, access to the IOC Family Hotel, the Little America (Figure 3), was restricted to hotel guests and accredited individuals, only. The philatelic table that had been installed in the lobby served two basic functions: selling stamps and blank cacheted covers, and cancelling mail with the special Olympic postmarks (a full set of the self-inking cancels was available). A USPS employee, Adelaida Capati, was there to make sure the cancels were used properly, while a retired postmaster, Barbara Hopes, helped out selling the Olympic stamps. FIPO’s Secretary-General, Maurizio Tecardi from Italy, was usually present to answer questions and help serve the members of the IOC Family. He also had available a pair of rubber handstamps that were sometimes used as cachets on covers or cards (Figure 4).

The majority of patrons elected to use either the free IOC postcards printed during the Games – there were three different versions: Opening Ceremonies, cross-country skiing, and the Olympic banners in downtown Salt Lake – or those purchased at the nearby gift shop.

Over the course of the first week, visitors to the philatelic table could also get their photographs taken and then have them printed directly on a

cached cover or card of their choice. The idea was similar to the so-called P-stamps (personalized stamps) available at Olympilex 2000 at the Sydney Olympics. In this case, though, the resulting product was only a souvenir; at Sydney, the images were printed on blank tabs attached to Australia Post stamps, making them pseudo-philatelic.

This souvenir proved immensely popular as it sold for a reasonable \$6 per imprint. Software for the system was developed by Escher Group in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and printed out on a Lexmark color laser printer. After the initial set-up and customization by Paul Yarin of Escher Group, the process was run by volunteers from the Utah Philatelic Society.

After spending some time at the IOC Family Hotel, I wandered over to Olympex 2002 and then on to the Collectors Fair in the Walker Building at 175 S. Main Street.

The fair was a great disappointment. As originally conceived, this was to be a rendezvous point for vendors of Olympic stamps, coins, memorabilia, and other ephemera. We had been told that the official SLOC ticket office was also to be housed there. This, in combination with the excellent location on Main Street, should have proved an outstanding venue for dealers to sell their wares. The result, unfortunately, was far different from what we expected. The ticket office turned out not to be an official SLOC agency, but rather the leading ticket scalping outfit in town (ticket scalping is legal in Utah). This drew even more scalpers who clustered around the sidewalk outside and crowded the aisles indoors. Except for two or three philatelic/ memorabilia dealers, the rest were pin collectors and yet *more* scalpers. The entire scene was extremely seedy, driving away potential Olympic collectors. Even the promised athlete autograph sessions never materialized. On the few occasions I visited, I couldn't wait to leave.



Figure 4. IOC Opening Ceremonies post card with logos of the Top Ten Worldwide Olympic sponsors on the reverse. The Olympic cancel appropriately honors the sponsors. The pair of handstamped cachets (in red) applied at left were used by FIPO at the Olympic Family Hotel.

I felt particularly bad for the one SPI-member dealer who I had convinced to take a table, George & Paul Stamps of Sunnyvale, California. George Pollack, the owner, with his extensive stock of Olympic material, braved these surroundings for almost the entire length of the Games. Business was apparently so poor that he couldn't even cover his basic costs. This shouldn't have happened, and I apologize to George. Lesson #3: ticket scalpers and legitimate businesses don't mix.

Meeting up with Norm and Kathy that evening, I was regaled with their skiing adventures which, I'll admit, sounded like fun. After a bit of arm-twisting, I, along with Rennie Buxton, couldn't resist joining them the next day.

I have to say that even though I'd not been on skis for some years, it was rather like riding a bike. Of course a two-hour lesson to start off with didn't hurt.

By lunch, I was exhausted. Hey, this skiing was hard work! But after getting a bit of food in me and relaxing, I was ready for some more downhill action. The weather couldn't have been better with bright, sunny skies and a light breeze blowing. Best of all was that there were no crowds on the slopes. I gather that the locals fled Utah during the Games, and the usual out-of-state skiers were scared away altogether by the Olympics. Well, their loss was our gain as we all had a fantastic time. Next I try snowboarding!

Even after a long day on the slopes, Norm, Kathy and I had sufficient energy to make it back down to Provo for another ice hockey match that evening: France vs. Ukraine. Having attended two games where France was playing, we certainly qualified for French citizenship. Sadly, "our" team lost again, 4-2.

THE OLYMPIC "BIG TIME"

Thursday it was back to the slopes at Utah Olympic Park near Park City, this time for the start of the men's nordic combined team competition.

This is a two-part event that consists of ski jumping on the K90 hill the first day, followed by a 4 x 5 km cross-country relay race the next day. The order of start in the cross-country race depends on the order of finish in the ski jumping.

As luck would have it, a weather front began moving through on Wednesday night, leaving high winds in its wake. Competition officials, after initial postponements, ended up rescheduling the ski jumping for Saturday, thus moving the cross-country event to Sunday. Unfortunately for us, we had tickets

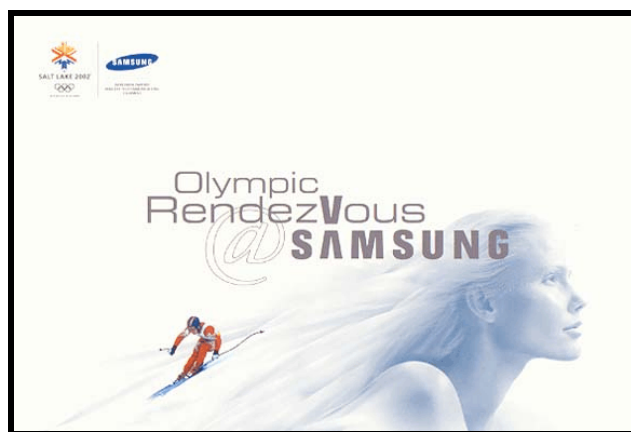
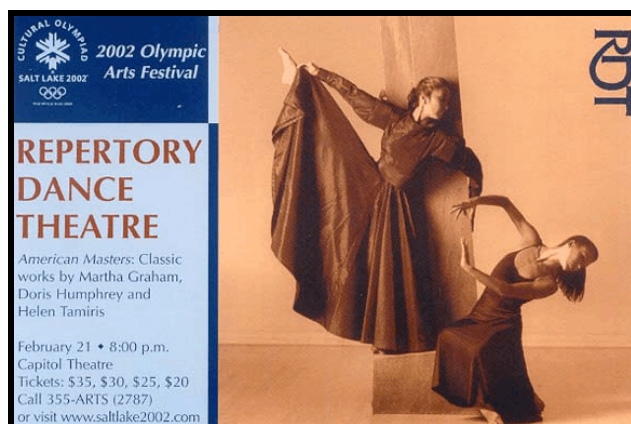


Figure 5. Samsung, one of the TOP sponsors offered free post cards (top) to the public at its pavilion. Apparently there was a second variety of card, but this was not available when I visited. Some of the Olympic Arts Festival events also had their own publicity post cards (below).



to the men's Super-G slalom Saturday morning after which we had flights home. We were able to sell our nordic combined tickets to scalpers for half-face which is better than taking a complete loss on them.

Despite the inclement weather cancelling our event, the morning was not a total loss as we managed a visit to the Snyderville Post Office for a little philatelic action.

In retrospect, missing the ski jumping was a blessing in disguise for it allowed us time to investigate the Olympic Square downtown before our BIG event – the finals of the men's figure skating competition.

Olympic Square was a four-block area of downtown open only to pedestrian traffic. The two primary venues within this security zone were the Salt Lake Ice Center (usually known as the Delta Center where the Utah Jazz NBA basketball team

plays) which hosted the figure skating and short-track speed skating, and the outdoor Olympic Medals Plaza where the nightly awards ceremonies and concerts were conducted. Also within this zone were the Sponsor Showcase Displays, where Olympic sponsors could promote themselves and their products or services (see my discussion of the Samsung facility in Part 1 of this article in the March/April issue of *JSP*), and the SLOC 2002 Superstore where every Olympic souvenir imaginable (except, strangely, for postcards) was for sale.

This particular afternoon at the Olympic Square found us watching a troop of young clog dancers performing on a small stage. Ice sculptures dotted the center of South Temple street, becoming focal points for the milling crowds enjoying the beautiful cloudless skies. The sponsor displays were very popular with long lines snaking out the doors. At some, free postcards were available which made excellent souvenirs (Figure 5).

The highlight of the afternoon was certainly the Olympic parade which marched north on 300 West



Figure 6. A featured player in the Olympic parade was this shaggy bison.



Figure 7. An irresistible Olympic special for just \$129!

past the Ice Center and Superstore. The parade featured huge fabric-and-wire manifestations of indigenous animals such as a moose, elk, bear and bison (Figure 6). The creatures' movements were manipulated by dozens of young "tamers" from, I assume, area high schools and colleges.

Before long it was time to get to our seats for the figure skating action. While the air was quite rarified at the altitude of our seats (a few rows from the top), we quickly became accustomed to switching our attention between the action on the ice and the televised images on the screens overhead.

Was it worth it? You bet! We saw some awe-inspiring performances that were, we felt, fairly judged. I might have quibbled over the silver and bronze, feeling that Tim Goebel (USA) really deserved the silver over Evgeni Plushenko (RUS). However, there was no doubt that his teammate Alexei Yagudin deserved the gold medal.



Figure 8. The barrel-shaped stage for the medals ceremony concealed a number of special features including a cauldron which was lit each evening in honor of the medalists.

STAMP HAPPY

Due to the rescheduling of the men's nordic combined competition resulting from the previous day's inclement weather in Park City, we found ourselves with a free day. Kathy decided she would not mind relaxing at home with the newspaper and a book, while Norm and I spent the day meandering around town.

As this was our final full day in Salt Lake City before leaving for home, philatelic pursuits were uppermost on our agenda. While Norm stopped off at Olympex to view the exhibits, I checked in a final time at the IOC Hotel to process some covers and cards for those "on the outside," as well as bid farewell to Maurizio Tecardi of FIPO and the gang from the Utah Philatelic Society manning the philatelic table.

Meeting up with Norm at Olympex, we headed over to the Collector's Fair for a *very* brief stop before grabbing a mid-afternoon lunch at what had become a favorite restaurant of mine, the Lamb's Grill Café. Lamb's is one of the oldest eating establishments in Salt Lake, having located there in 1939. One of the unfortunate side effects of an Olympic Games is that service industry businesses, such as restaurants, have visions of dollar signs dancing in their heads.

Some simply hiked their rates (Figure 7), while others decided to "sell out" to teams or sponsors, effectively closing their doors to the general public. This policy may have backfired as we read news reports that restaurants in the area were losing money during the Games. Lamb's, however, was doing so much business that they had to hire an extra shift in order to keep their kitchen open 24 hours a day!

After a more than substantial lunch, Norm and I hastened over to the Pioneer

Center post office, and then across the street to Crossroads Plaza. It was a bit of a rush getting all our philatelic mail processed in time to meet Dave Buxton for that evening's medal ceremony, but we made it just in time.

The evening medal ceremony tradition began in 1988 at the Calgary Olympic Winter Games. It was a very informal event back then, with spectators gathering in the main downtown plaza to honor that day's medalists followed by a big open-air party.

Since then, Olympic organizing committees have turned this simple ceremony into a three-ring extravaganza complete with a master of ceremonies, comedians, audience participation games (for example: moving a giant beach ball from the back of the audience up to the stage) and a rock concert following the awarding of the medals. The high-tech stage at Salt Lake City featured enormous moving backdrops, self-lighting Olympic cauldron, and plenty of extras (Figure 8).

I enjoyed the medal event (Figure 9) itself but could have done without an hour or more of standing around in the freezing temperatures listening to really mediocre jokes and playing games. After about 30 minutes of that I was all for getting on with the show. Or better yet, let's return to the old block party-style medal ceremony event!



Figure 9. It was possible to drop certified mail at the IOC Family Hotel. This cover was mailed from there on February 15, the day the men's luge doubles finals were contested. The German team took the gold while the silver and bronze went to the U.S. men.

A FOND FAREWELL

Kathy, Norm and I capped off our Olympic experience with a final event on Saturday morning: the men's Super-G slalom (Figure 10).

We'd not yet been to the Snowbasin venue north of Salt Lake City and decided to play things a bit more conservatively by allowing extra time. It was a good thing we did too!

Arriving at the park-and-ride, a vast sea of asphalt seemingly in the middle of nowhere, we quickly realized that the non-cold weather gear we were wearing in anticipation of our plane flights home later that day would not be sufficient. It was beyond cold outside. The wind chill factor – if the whipping Olympic banners were any indication – must have been well into minus digits. It reminded me very much of the harsh conditions at Calgary Olympic Park during the 1988 Games where ski jumping was repeatedly postponed because of the high winds and swirling snow on the nearly treeless hill.

Being the smart cookies that we were, our ski pants, snow boots, and other winter woollies were easily accessible in our luggage. It took some time to get everything on, but it was worth it in the end.

The shuttle bus ride was a good 30 to 45 minutes long as we wended our way up the mountain roads to Snowbasin. We arrived just in time to get to our seats; for the first time, we were in the grandstand!

The high winds that we had experienced down in the "flatlands" were totally absent with brilliant blue skies and temperatures warm enough that spectators were taking off parkas and sweaters.

The competition was even hotter with the Austrian team nearly completing a sweep of the medals by taking second through fourth places. The gold, however, went to the Norwegian, Kjetil Andre Aamodt.

Skiing fourth, Daron Rahlves' (USA) blistering 1:22.48 run kept him in the medals for awhile, but he was eventually eclipsed by the Europeans, finishing eighth. He was one of the lucky ones as this tough



Figure 10. A rare Alpine skiing registered cover from the Huntsville post office which served as the nearest post office to the Snowbasin venue.

slalom course claimed plenty of victims. Of 55 starters, 21 either did not finish or missed gates and were disqualified.

Before we knew it, the competition was over and we were heading back down the mountain and on our way to the airport.

We all felt a bit sad to be leaving Salt Lake City and the Games, as we'd had a terrific time. Those of you watching on television at home probably feel you had the best seats in the house without having to endure the cold weather, crowds, and expensive tickets, food and accommodations. Maybe so. But what you didn't experience is that unique feeling that for 17 days seems to possess each individual whom the Games touch. Let's just call it the spirit of the Olympics!

Farewell Salt Lake City ... Hello Athens!

EPILOGUE

On April 23, 2002, SLOC announced that there was a surplus of \$50 million in its budget of \$1.3 billion. Of that amount, \$26 million would be given

to the Utah Athletic Foundation which will be responsible for maintaining the Olympic facilities at Utah Olympic Park, as well as develop youth programming. IOC President Jacques Rogge announced that its share of the profit (roughly \$4 million) would also be donated to the Utah Athletic Foundation. A further \$10 million was donated to the U.S. Olympic Committee for athlete development.

The remaining \$10.5 million were unused federal dollars.



A view of the Wasatch Mountains through the windows of the Torino 2006 headquarters in Salt Lake City. Torino will host the next Olympic Winter Games in four years.

Philately of the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics: The Olympic Village Postal Facilities

by Mark Maestrone

Postal arrangements for the residents of the Olympic Village in Salt Lake City presented two entirely different sets of logistical problems: facilities for outgoing mail and security of incoming mail. Let us take a look at each.

THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE "POST OFFICE"

At Salt Lake City, Olympic marketing provided roughly 40% of the SLOC (Salt Lake Organizing Committee) operating budget. At the apex of this worldwide marketing pyramid were the ten TOP Sponsors who each contributed tens of millions of dollars in exchange for exclusivity in a specific product or service category during an Olympic quadrennium.

One of the TOP Sponsors, Visa, signed on in 1986 as the official payment system at the Olympic Games. At the Salt Lake 2002 Olympics "only Visa credit or debit cards and other Visa-branded products were accepted, along with cash and checks, at all Olympic venues and locations to pay for Olympic tickets, food and beverages, retail goods, services and to obtain cash at ATMs." This requirement for exclusivity is where problems cropped up with respect to postal services at the Salt Lake Olympic Village which is considered an Olympic venue.

Normally, the host nation's postal administration sets up a post office at the Olympic Village for use by the athletes, coaches, and other residents. The U.S. Postal Service was more than willing to provide this service except for one small problem: it could not discriminate against one or more lenders (for example, Mastercard and American Express) in favor of a single institution, Visa. Unfortunately, Visa would not relinquish its right to exclusivity at Olympic venues in order to make an exception for the USPS.

Mail Boxes Etc., a franchise-owned private mailbox and mailing service business that frequently operates on a contract basis for the USPS, agreed to step in and operate a postal facility at the Village. Their ability to conform to the limited Olympic venue payment options solved the problem.

The 70-acre Olympic Village encompassed the new student-housing project at the University of Utah

as well as its student dorms. Most of the services, including the MBE facility, were located in the historic Fort Douglas buildings on Officers' Circle in the "Village International Zone." Kristen James, the franchise owner of an MBE facility in Park City that ran the Olympic Village post office provided details of the operation.

MBE shared one of the Officer's Quarters homes in the Fort Douglas portion of the Village with three other services: the First Aid Station, Information Desk, and a Ticketing Desk. MBE occupied the living room area.

MBE postal operations began on January 25 and continued through the Paralympic Games which closed on March 19, 2002. The MBE office was open seven days a week, usually from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The number of employees varied from one to four. SLOC provided an additional two clerks to help cancel mail, usually for about four hours each day.

Under its contracts with the USPS and SLOC, MBE was obliged to provide certain services to the athletes, coaches and team personnel residing at the Village:

(1) Sell stamps: by agreement with SLOC, stamps were purchased by MBE from USPS and sold at face value. MBE was, however, permitted to sell other products to finance its Village operations. It carried a number of Olympic-related products that it purchased from the USPS and resold for a profit. These included the USPS #10 souvenir Olympic covers franked with an Olympic stamp and the corresponding Olympic cancel (figure skating, snowboarding, ski jumping, ice hockey) or the First Day cancel. They were sold for \$10 each. The "Celebrate Utah Collage" envelopes were very popular, outselling the more restrained "Shapes of Utah" foil-embossed envelopes. As we later learned, the Snyderville Post Office in Park City prepared these covers matching stamp with cancel.

(2) Accept mail: including certified and insured, but not registered. It also accepted packages for UPS and FedEx, however there were no special containers or markings to distinguish the mailings as "Olympic." In one case, they even acted as a freight agent.

(3) Postmark mail: with the USPS-provided cancelling devices. The cancelling devices consisted of two self-inking “Olympic Village” pictorial cancels (identical to those used at Crossroads Plaza and other USPS post offices). These were placed in use on February 8 and used throughout the period that the MBE office was open. The special Paralympic Games cancel was used during those competitions. No USPS circular date stamps were provided for MBE’s use. Generally speaking, athletes did not cancel their own mail. This task was performed by either the two SLOC-provided clerks (about 75% of the time), or the MBE employees.

Outgoing mail was collected in USPS postal tubs. At the end of each day the tubs were transported by Kristen James to MBE store #3471 (also known as the Kimball Junction store) at 6300 N. Sagewood Drive, Park City, UT 84098. This was in the same shopping complex as the USPS Snyderville Branch Post Office. A postal employee from the Snyderville Branch would pick up the mail from the MBE store. The Snyderville Branch Post Office would process any certified or insured mail from the Olympic Village, cancelling receipts with its own daters (remember: the MBE facility at the Olympic Village had no daters), then return receipts to the MBE to be taken back to the Olympic Village and delivered back to the mailer.

While an actual count of the number of pieces mailed from the Olympic Village was never made, usually two full tubs weighing around 15 lbs. each (the USPS considers a full tub to equal 2 cubic feet of mail) were turned over daily to the USPS at Snyderville. As might be expected, post cards predominated.

Despite being contracted by SLOC, MBE was not a sponsor and therefore not entitled to use any protected Olympic brands (i.e. the Olympic rings, the word “Olympic”, etc.). The Kimball Junction store address was printed on all cash register receipts. Only Visa credit card receipts bore Olympic marks.

No other MBE facilities serviced Olympic Villages. However, an MBE facility was set up in the desert for use by one of the military units stationed in the area during the Games.

MAIL DELIVERY TO THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

MBE was in no way responsible for incoming mail to the Olympic Village. This was handled by a separate entity.



The security handstamp in green ink used by the USPS postal inspectors on mail destined for the Olympic Village.

For security purposes, mail was first processed by a team of 50 postal inspectors employed by the USPS. It was their duty to perform security screening of letters and parcels addressed to the Olympic Village and other Olympic facilities. Their inspection handstamp in green ink has been found on many pieces of mail and resembles a fist holding a lightning bolt inside a circle (shown above). The diameter of the circle is approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm.).

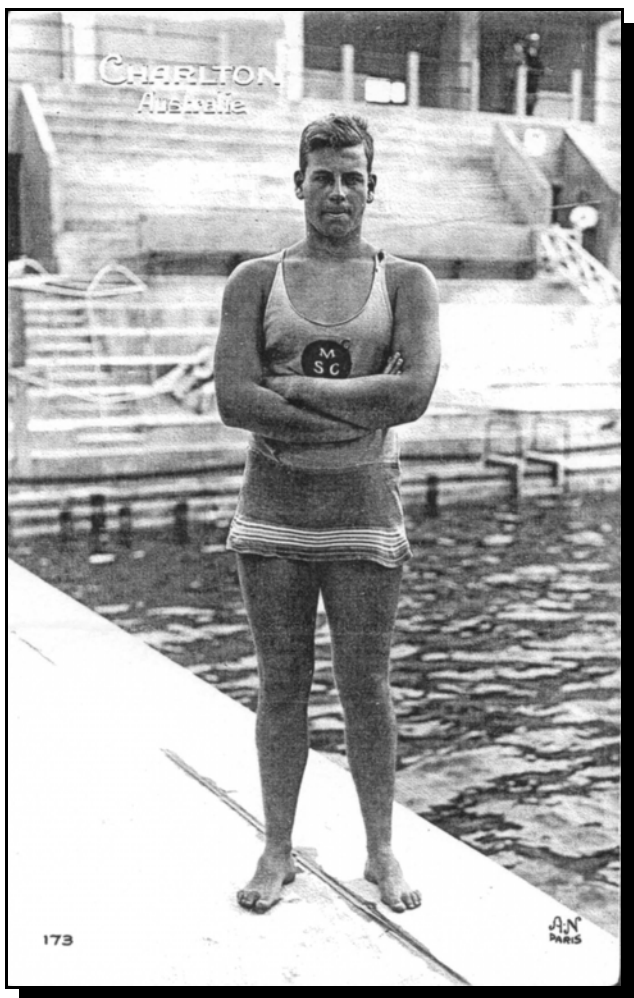
It is not clear whether all mail was inspected and stamped, or only randomly selected envelopes and packages. We also don't know if the inspectors compared the addressee's name to a master list of Olympic Village residents before sending the mail on to the pick-up location. If so, this might have weeded out a lot of “poste restante” mail from philatelists who invariably address mail to themselves in care of the Village.

An example of collector-prepared mail is shown on the front cover of this issue. The item is addressed to the Olympic Village with the additional notation “if not delivered before Feb. 17 please return to sender.” Evidently the “mail room” obliged by marking the cover “RETURN TO SENDER” and placing it back into the general mailstream where it received the “Utah Welcomes the World” machine cancel on February 19.

Another interesting aspect of this cover is the USPS bar coded zipcode added to the bottom of the cover: 84115-9999. The Olympic Village zipcode was 84194, so why did the cover receive an 84115 zipcode?

After inspection, mail was available to be picked up at the Material Transfer Area (MTA). This was the point of ingress for all materials (food, supplies, etc.) entering the Olympic Village. In order to minimize the exposure of the athletes and other residents to any dangers, the MTA was located at the perimeter of the Village. An individual from each NOC was delegated to pick up mail from the MTA for distribution to the addressees on his team (thanks to Thomas Lippert for this clarification). Parcels, however, may have had to be picked up by the addressee (after showing proper SLOC credentials) and opened on the spot for inspection. ☛

Andrew “Boy” Charlton



Australian Swimming Legend

by Bruce Tomkins

The unused French picture postcard shown at left, which was purchased at auction, simply shows a powerful young man near a swimming pool with the rather enigmatic caption “Charlton, Australie.” His swimsuit clearly shows “MSC,” which was not defined. The auctioneer’s lot description, regrettably, added very little additional information. A bit of digging and thought, however, suggested that the subject of this postcard was Andrew “Boy” Charlton, who competed for Australia in the 1924 (Paris), 1928 (Amsterdam), and 1932 (Los Angeles) Olympic Games. What exactly did this athlete accomplish in his career that he is still revered in his home country? Why did his fellow Australians name a major athletic facility after him?

BOYHOOD

Andrew Murray “Boy” Charlton was born at Crows Nest, Australia, on August 12, 1907, the son of a bank manager. At a young age, his parents moved to Manly, and his love for the Queenscliff¹ surf was matched by his love for the land and “jackerooing”² in Gundagai. These passions developed extremely strong and powerful arms that aided his swimming speed.

His climb to national hero began in the 1920s, when he was in his teens. Known as the “flying fish from Manly,” by age 14 he had won a 440-yard (400-meter) open freestyle race in 5 minutes, 45 seconds. Tom Adrian, a local war veteran, coached him the following season at Sid Eve’s Manly Baths in Sydney, and by Boxing Day 1922, “Boy” had defeated his rivals over the same distance in 5:16 at the Manly Carnival. (Is it unreasonable to assume that the “MSC” shown on his swimsuit on the adjacent postcard represents “Manly Swimming Club”?)

In January 1924, Charlton swam the races that made him a legend. Sydney became so excited by his successes that Arne Borg, the swimming champion from Sweden and then European champion, was invited to visit Australia and compete against the “boy wonder.” Ten thousand people crowded into the Domain Baths to watch the 400-meter freestyle competition; many others watched from boats moored in the harbor, or perched in surrounding fig trees. They saw “Boy” beat Borg, thereby tying the world record time of 5:11.8. A dinghy was dropped into the pool by spectators. Borg then rowed Charlton around the pool for a “victory lap,” shouting “Charlton is champion! Charlton is champion!”³

When they raced again over 800 meters (880 yards), Charlton beat Borg again and set a new world record of 10:51.8, thereby taking 13.4 seconds off the existing record.³

1924 OLYMPIC GAMES, PARIS

“Boy” Charlton began his Olympic swimming career in July 1924, at the Paris Games (Figure 2). A special pool had been constructed, and for the first time, the swimmers competed in clearly-marked lanes. However, “Boy” was without his coach, Tom Adrian. Adrian had suffered from “shell shock,” or “post-traumatic stress syndrome,” from his days in World War I. In a fit of melancholy, he threw himself over-board from the decks of the *Ormonde*, the ship taking the team to Europe. He was rescued, but was shipped home to Australia in custody after the *Ormonde* docked in England.⁴

Charlton’s first event, which was held in the Paris suburb of Tourelles, was the 1500-meter freestyle. In his heat, fellow competitor Arne Borg cut his own world record (21:15.0) by 3.6 seconds. However, he held that record for just two days, when he would be no match for “Boy” in the final. On July 15, 1924, “Boy” Charlton beat Borg by 45 meters, slashing

almost 65 seconds off the Swede’s mark for a new record time of 20:06.6 (Figure 3). In this race, Borg had taken the early lead, but “Boy” slowly built up speed and overtook his rival at the 250-meter mark. After the competition, Borg graciously described Charlton as one of the “Seven Wonders of the World.” Prior to this race, only Fanny Durack and Fred Lane had won gold medals swimming for Australia.

The finals of the men’s 400-meter freestyle, later dubbed “the swim of the Games,” was held on July 18, 1924. The race pitted “Boy” Charlton against both P. “Johnny” Weissmuller (USA) and Arne Borg (Sweden). This was a thrilling race in which no more than five feet separated the European champion and Weissmuller at any time. At 100 meters, Borg led by six inches; at the half-way point, Weissmuller was ahead by nine inches; at 300 meters, it was Borg again, by just three inches. In the final 20 meters, Weissmuller finally drew away and won by approximately four feet.⁵ “Boy” Charlton stayed in the gold medal hunt all the way, ultimately taking the bronze. He finished four meters behind Weissmuller, two behind Borg.

Figure 4 shows a souvenir sheet from Guyana honoring gold medalists from previous Olympics, including Weissmuller.



Figure 2. The swimming souvenir post card for the 1924 Games with “Colombes Stade Olympique” cancel and “Jeux Olympiques” cachet.

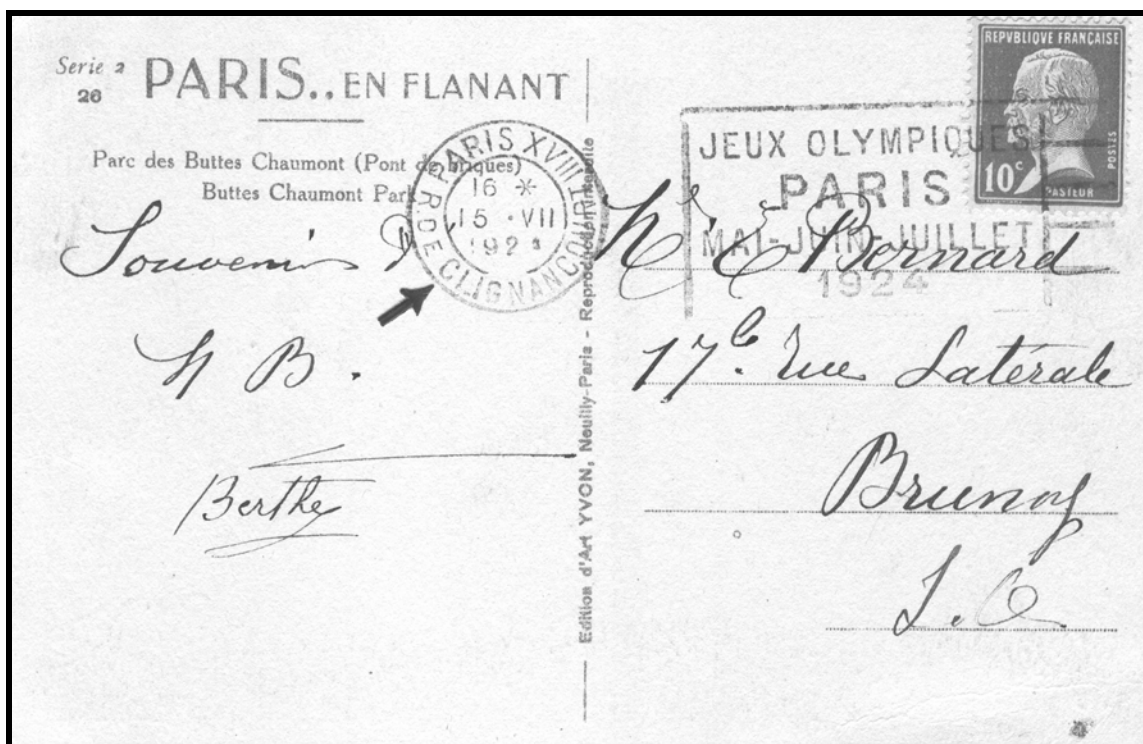


Figure 3. On July 15, 1924 at the Paris Olympic Games, “Boy” Charlton won the gold in the 1500-meter event slashing the world record – only two days old – at the same time!

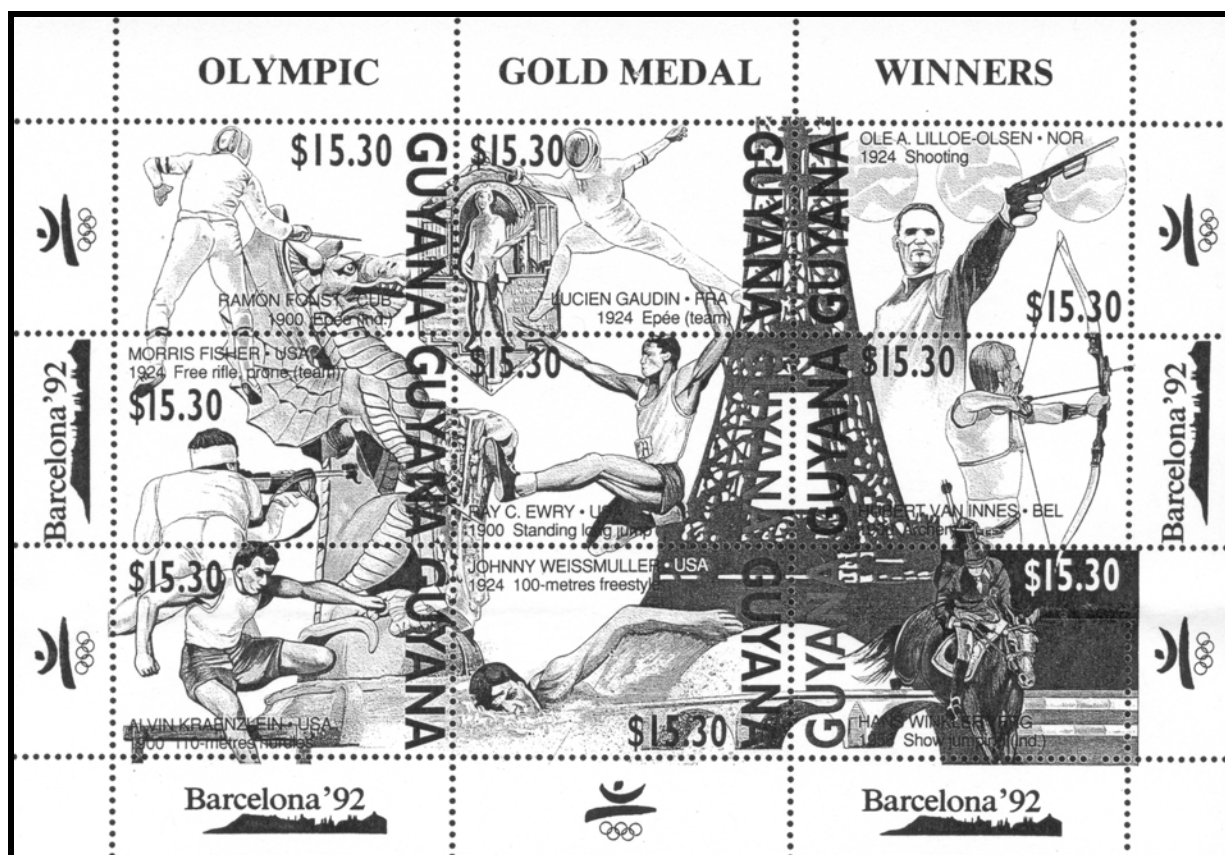


Figure 4. Souvenir sheet issued by Guyana honoring gold medalists from past Olympic Games. P. “Johnny” Weissmuller of “Tarzan” fame, who defeated both “Boy” Charlton and Arne Borg in the 400-meter freestyle on July 18, 1924, is shown in Scott 2390h (bottom row center).

"Boy" Charlton's final swim in the Paris Olympic Games was as the "anchor" of the 4 x 200-meter men's freestyle relay team. He and his teammates, Maurice "Moss" Christie, Ernest Henry, and Francis Beaurepair swam the event in 10:02.2, breaking the world record of 10:04.4 set by Perry McGillivray, Pua Kela Kealoha, Norman Ross, and Duke Paoa Kahana-moku (USA) in the 1920 Olympic Games at Antwerp. Alas, this effort produced only a silver medal! The event was won by the USA (J. Wallace O'Connor, Harrison Glancy, Ralph Breyer, and P. "Johnny" Weissmuller) in a world-record setting time of 9:53.4.

The Australians returned home to a delirious welcome. Hundreds of small craft followed the liner *Tahiti* as it steamed into Sydney Harbor. Thousands of people met the team as it was then driven from the wharf to the Sydney Town Hall for a civic reception. There was a second welcome home at Manly for their local contingent of Olympic swimmers.

Australia had won six Olympic medals (three gold, one silver, two bronze) in Paris; "Boy" Charlton had won or shared half of them!⁶

1928 OLYMPIC GAMES, AMSTERDAM

"Boy" Charlton retired from swimming briefly in 1925, at the age of 18. However, he made a comeback in January 1927, at the New South Wales Championships at Domain Baths. At this meet, he reclaimed his 800-meter (880-yard) world record from Japan's Kiywa Takaishi, who had set a new record time of 10:37.4 the year before. Takaishi was invited to swim at the meet held in the Domain Baths against Charlton, who prevailed with a new record time of 10:32. Thus encouraged, he represented Australia again in the 1928 Olympic Games at Amsterdam.



Figure 5. "Boy" Charlton was not as successful at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics. This time in the 1500-meter freestyle on August 6, he lost to his old nemesis, Arne Borg of Sweden. Rare registered cover from the "Amsterdam Stadion" post office dated "6 VIII 28".

These Games were not the best for Charlton. "Boy" was no longer a teenage sensation; he turned twenty-one on the final day of the Games. Even more serious, however, was a recent bout with influenza. Nevertheless, he turned in two entirely credible performances in his distance freestyle specialty events. This time, however, it was Arne Borg defeating "Boy" Charlton in the 1500-meter freestyle, held on August 6, 1928, 19:51.8 to 20:02.6, reversing the order of finish from the Paris Olympic Games (Figure 5).

Three days later, the two champions vied for gold again in the 400-meter freestyle. Both Charlton and Borg were so intent on their personal duel in this meet that they failed to notice Alberto Zorilla of Argentina slowly creeping up to the lead from an outside lane. Ultimately, Zorilla defeated both men, finishing with a new Olympic record time of 5:01.6. Charlton earned a silver medal for his efforts, with Borg finishing with the bronze.

1932 OLYMPIC GAMES, LOS ANGELES, AND AFTERWARDS: EPILOGUE

After his defeat in the 400-meter freestyle at the Amsterdam Games, Charlton announced – again – that he was quitting swimming "for good", and planned to live as a "jackeroo" in the bush of his native Australia.

Shortly after his return from Amsterdam, he contracted rheumatic fever, which kept him a semi-invalid for nearly a year and meant virtual retirement from swimming. However, when the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles came around (Figure 6), a completely recovered Charlton decided yet another comeback, and again beat the best in Australia.

Once in Los Angeles, a series of heavy colds plagued "Boy," and his doctors warned of a possible recurrence of rheumatic fever. For that reason, he swam much below form, and failed to medal in either of his best races, the 400- and 1500-meter freestyle.⁷ He did place sixth in the 400-meter freestyle (Figure 7), which was won by Clarence "Buster" Crabbe (USA). That became "Boy's" swansong. He returned to his farm in Australia – this time, for good.

In 1937 he married and moved to Boro near Goulburn, New South Wales to be a sheep rancher. He had two children. He also served in the AIF during World War II. "Boy" died in Sydney on December 11, 1975.

Andrew "Boy" Charlton is credited for being the first athlete to restore Australia's pride in its distance swimmers. To this day, Australian distance swimmers such as Grant Hackett, who earned the gold medal in the 1500-meter freestyle at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, are treated as national heroes.

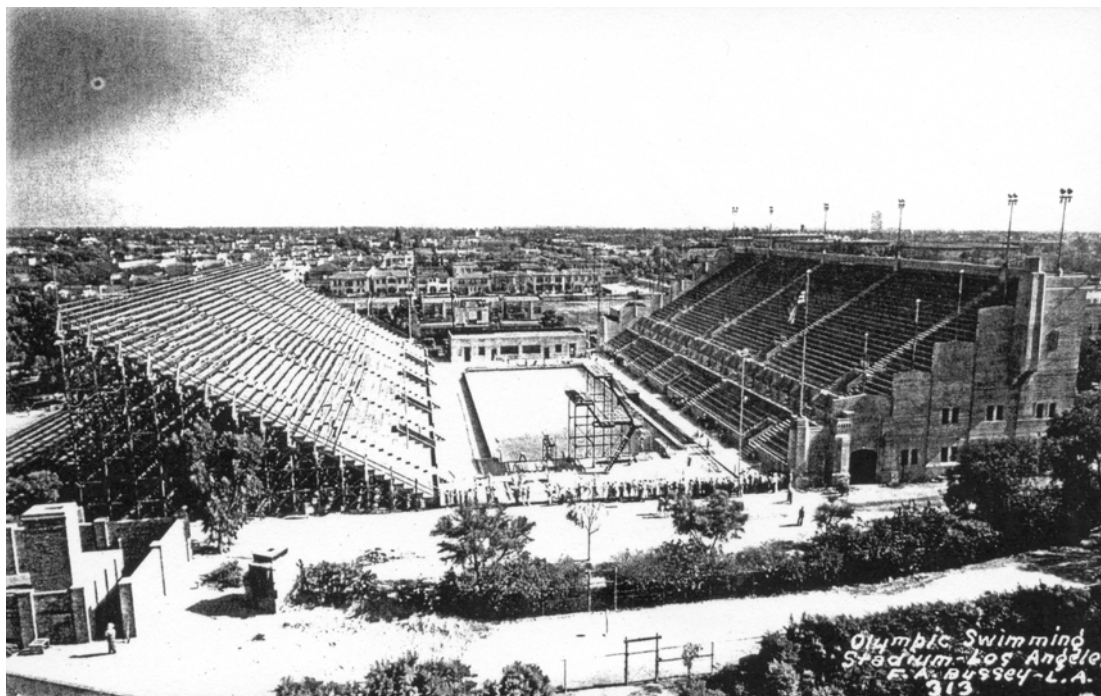


Figure 6. The Olympic Swimming Stadium at the 1932 Los Angeles Games where "Boy" Charlton concluded his Olympic swimming career.

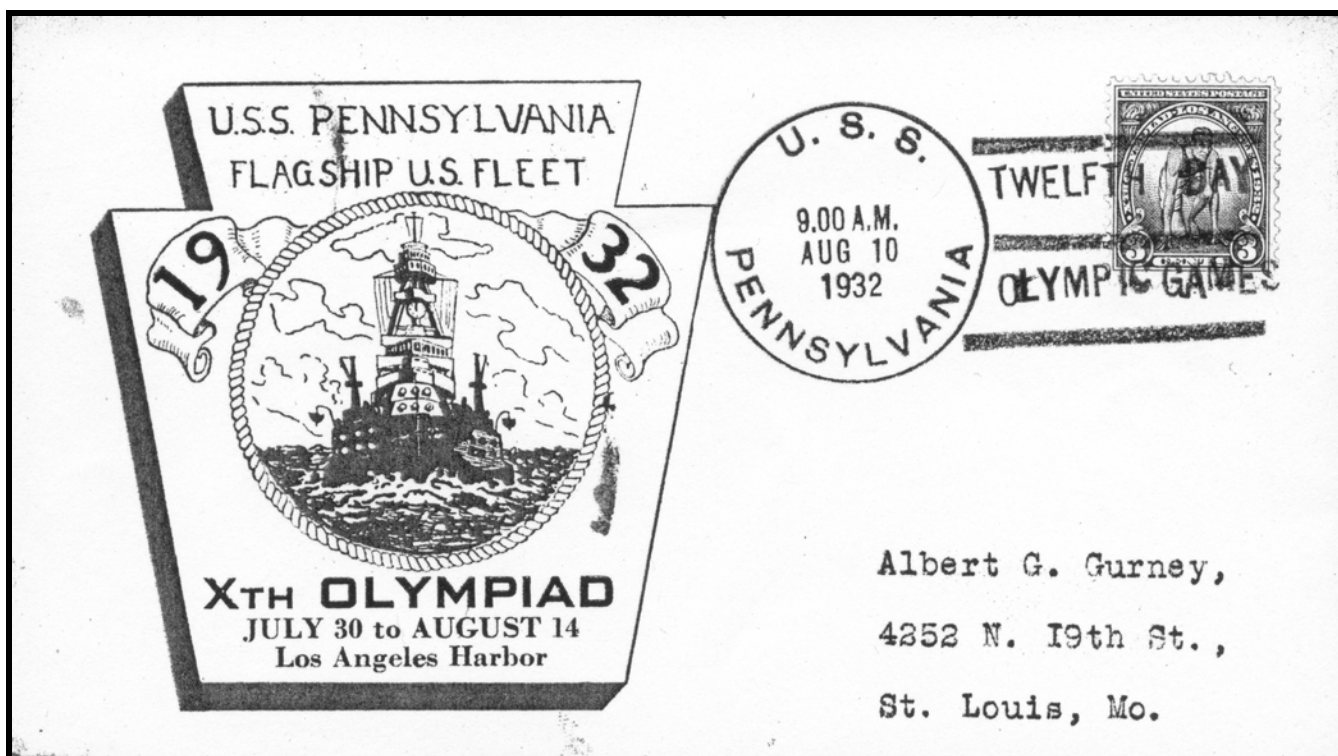


Figure 7. "Boy" Charlton's best finish at the 1932 Olympics took place on August 10 (Day 12 of the Games) when he took sixth place in the 400-meter freestyle event. This time he was beaten by another movie-star-to-be, Buster Crabbe of "Flash Gordon" fame.

In 1968, "Boy" accepted the Manly Council's offer to rename the Domain Baths after him. The facility at the Baths has since grown to become the Andrew "Boy" Charlton Swim Centre of Manly, New South Wales, Australia.

ENDNOTES

¹Queenscliff marks the far northern end of Sydney's famous and expansive Manly Beach. Queenscliff has the envious reputation of one of those beaches that, no matter what conditions, it almost always has waves. With its ease of access by public or private transport and proximity to the vibrancy of Manly Beach, Queenscliff has retained its status as one of the more popular surfing spots, www.wavecam.com.au/cams/nsw/queenscliff_beach.cfm

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One of 12 holographic commemorative covers issued August 22, 2001 for the opening of the 21st Universiade.

21st Summer Universiade, Beijing, China

by George E. Killian

The 21st Summer Universiade was held in Beijing, China from August 22 until September 1, 2001.

The games were opened by the President of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Jiang Zemin before an overflowing crowd of some 70,000 spectators. Over 160 countries and some 6,200 athletes and administrators from around the globe took part in the Opening Ceremonies in the Workers Stadium.

The Opening Ceremonies of the games were a tremendous success that held the attention not only of the spectators but the world as a whole. Hundreds of representatives from the various international sporting federations including some dozen members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had come to Beijing to witness this great multi-sport event. This was the prelude to what the world can expect when the City of Beijing hosts the 2008 Olympic Games.

Philatelically speaking, China Post paraded out

a myriad of postal materials, including stamps, postcards and a wide variety of miscellaneous items that could be purchased by the citizens of Beijing; others were earmarked for VIP's only.

Prior to the start of the Games, China Post produced ten booklets, each booklet containing ten postcards. Nine of the booklets represented the sports of judo, fencing, gymnastics, swimming and diving, athletics, basketball, volleyball, water polo, table tennis and football. The last featured the Universiade itself. They were valid for postal use as I sent some to friends back home. [Editor's note: the gymnastics booklet was described and illustrated on page 25 of the September/October 2001 issue of *JSP*.]

There were three stamps issued for the games, each in sheets of 20. A folder was produced with a very special sheet of the 80p stamp which featured in the gutter labels all of the sports mascots alternating with the emblem of the 21st Universiade. At the top of the sheet is a picture of a stadium used during Universiade 2001. A VIP gift featured twelve of these sheets each with a different stadium in the upper left-hand corner.

A special cover for the Opening Ceremony of the 21st Universiade was printed along with a set of holographic covers each featuring one of the twelve sports included in the Universiade.

There were 28 different official postmarks covering all the major sporting venues used for competition at the games. These postmarks were always in black and measured 1.2" in diameter (Table 1).

In addition, an unofficial cancel with fixed date was produced for each of the twelve sports showing the mascot of the games (Table 2). All measure 1.6" in diameter. Four additional fixed date cancels were produced: two each showing the games' logo and the mascot. For each, one cancel is large, measuring 1.6", while the other is smaller at 1.4". The two smaller cancels were also used in black.

A handsome set of postal cards was also produced. The cards were printed in pairs, separated by a gutter. The top card featured one of the twelve sports, while the bottom showed the games' logo. The gutter portrayed the venue for the sport illus-

trated. The reverse of the cards was imprinted with a 60p peony stamp. Cleverly, the reverse of the gutter portion is a calendar, each of the twelve pairs of cards featuring a different month!



The three stamps issued for the 2001 Universiade.



Special sheet of the 80p value stamp with the games' mascot alternating with the logo on attached labels. This sheet was offered in a colorful presentation folder with descriptive text about the 21st Universiade.



中国邮政明信片

Postcard

The People's Republic of China



水球 Water Polo

国家邮政局发行

Issued by the State Postal Bureau

星期日	星期一	星期二	星期三	星期四
		1 廿五	2 廿六	3 廿七
13 初八	14 初九	15 初十	16 十一	17 十二
27 廿二	28 廿三	29 廿四	30 廿五	31 廿六



第21届世界大学生运动会
中国 2001 北京

国家邮政局发行

Issued by the State Postal Bureau

One of twelve pairs of "calendar" postal cards issued for the 2001 Universiade. Mascot and logo cards are separated by a wide perforated gutter with the illustration of a sports venue on one side, and a one-month calendar on the reverse.

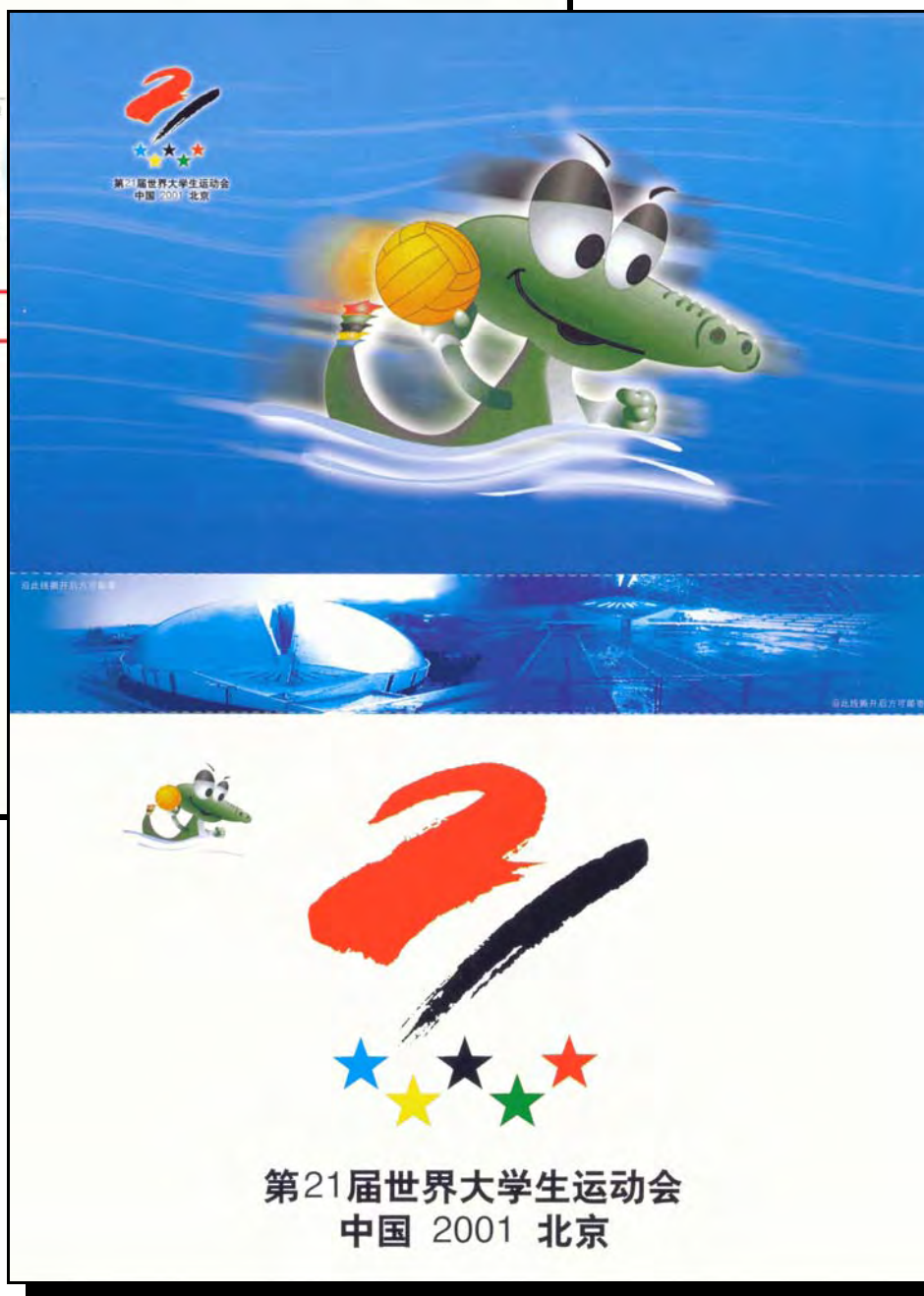


Table 1: 2001 Universiade (Official) Venue Postmarks



<p>National Olympic Sports Center Stadium</p>  <p>Athletics</p>	<p>Beifang Jiaoda Gymnasium</p>  <p>Basketball</p>	<p>Beitida Gymnasium</p>  <p>Basketball</p>	<p>Beijing Collegiate Gymnasium</p> <p>(no illustration available)</p> <p>Basketball</p>	<p>Capital Gymnasium</p>  <p>Basketball Gymnastics (Artistic) Volleyball</p>
<p>Linda Tianjiabing Gymnasium</p>  <p>Basketball</p>	<p>Minzu University Yifu Gymnasium</p>  <p>Basketball</p>	<p>Tsinghua University Gymnasium</p>  <p>Basketball</p>	<p>Tsinghua University Natatorium</p>  <p>Diving</p>	<p>Shijingshan Gymnasium (Shijingshan Stadium cancel)</p>  <p>Fencing</p>
<p>Beijing University Wusi Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>	<p>Beitida Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>	<p>Haidian Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>	<p>Shijingshan Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>	<p>Shoushida Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>
<p>Worker's Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>	<p>Xiannongtan Stadium</p>  <p>Football</p>	<p>Ditan Gymnasium (also see Capital Gymnasium)</p>  <p>Gymnastics (Rhythmic)</p>	<p>Guang'an Stadium of Xuanwu District Beijing</p>  <p>Judo</p>	<p>Yingdong Natatorium, National Olympic Sports Center</p>  <p>Swimming</p>

















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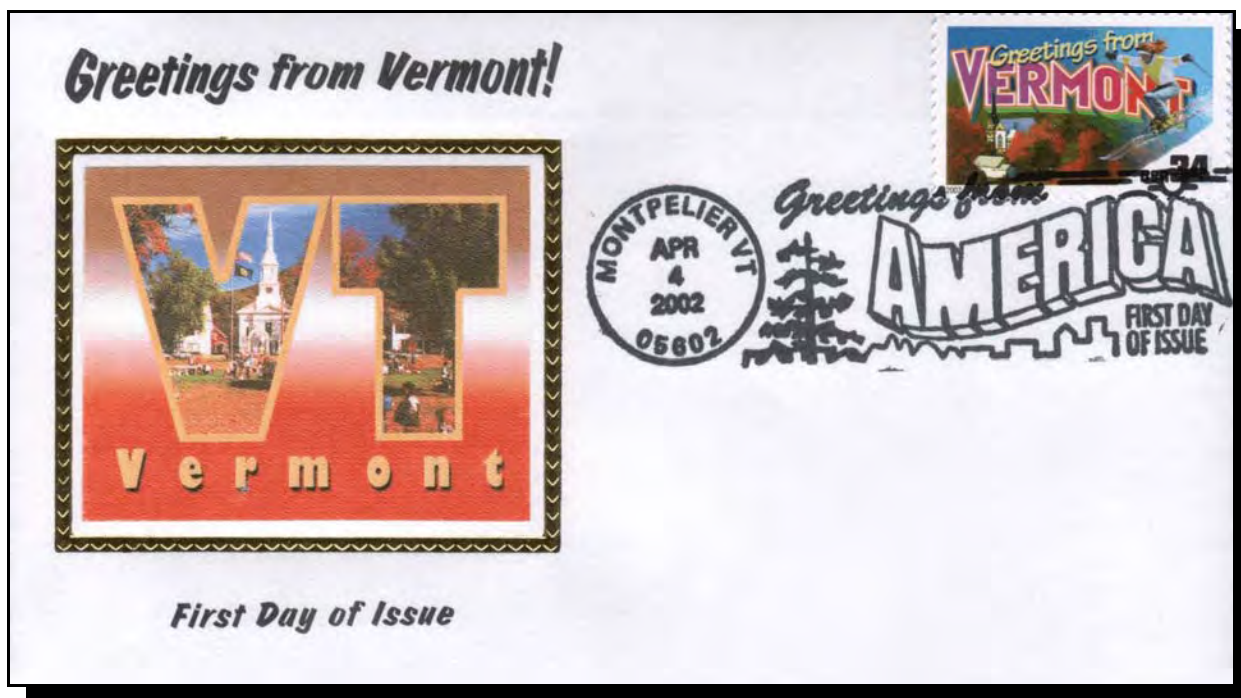
<p>Haidian Gymnasium</p>  <p>Table Tennis</p>	<p>Muxiyuan Tennis Center</p>  <p>Tennis</p>	<p>Beihang Gymnasium (see also Capital Gym.)</p>  <p>Volleyball</p>	<p>Chaoyang Gymnasium</p>  <p>Volleyball</p>	<p>Fengtai Sports Center Gymnasium</p>  <p>Volleyball</p>
<p>Guangcai Gymnasium</p>  <p>Volleyball</p>	<p>National Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium</p>  <p>Volleyball</p>	<p>Beihang Swimming Pool</p>  <p>Water Polo</p>	<p>Sino-Japan Youth Exchange Center Natatorium</p>  <p>Water Polo</p>	



Sports cover issued on the opening day of the games bearing the unofficial red sports postmarks. The cancel on the stamp is the black Worker's Stadium postmark.

Table 2: 2001 Universiade (Unofficial) Sports Cancels

Large Logo	Small Logo	Large Mascot	Small Mascot
			
Red 1.6" diameter	Red, Black 1.4" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red, Black 1.4" diameter
Athletics	Basketball	Diving	Fencing
			
Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter
Football	Gymnastics	Judo	Swimming
			
Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter
Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	Water Polo
			
Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter	Red 1.6" diameter



“Greetings From America” Stamps With Sports Themes

by Glenn Estus

April 4, 2002, the United States Postal Service issued a 50-stamp sheet honoring each of the states of the United States. Each stamp has a value of 34¢ and shows a composite scene of images that represent each state.

The sheet is self-adhesive and also includes a paper backing with printing that lists the state bird, flower, tree, capital and date of statehood. The stamps are printed alphabetically in the sheet beginning with Alabama and ending with Wyoming.

The series is titled “Greetings from America” and is designed to emulate post cards issued in the 1930's and 1940's. The sheet of 50 stamps had its first day

of issue at the Mega-Event Stamp show in New York City as well as individual first days at each of the 50 state capitals.

Eight of the stamps definitely show sports and recreational activities. The Colorado and Vermont stamps picture male and female skiers respectively.

The stamp honoring Kentucky, the Blue Grass State and site of the Kentucky Derby, shows horse racing among its designs.

White-water kayaking and river rafting appear on the stamps of Idaho and West Virginia, respectively.

Other water sports are not forgotten. Windsurfing is on the Oregon stamp; fresh water fishing on the Great Lakes is illustrated is on the Michigan stamp. Sailing is a main theme on the Rhode Island stamp,



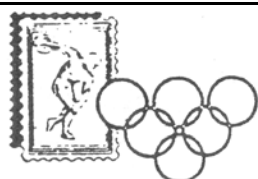


while small sail boats can be seen in the background of the Hawaii and Maryland stamps.

The last sport illustrated is truly American: bronco riding on the Montana stamp. According to an article in *Linn's*

Stamp News, this stamp caused a "tempest in a teapot" when an official of the State of Wyoming complained that the

bronco rider was a registered trademark of Wyoming and shouldn't be used on the Montana stamp.



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POSTAL STATIONERY CORNER

by Glenn Estus

We don't usually think of Australia as a winter sports country, especially since winter in Australia falls between June 21 and September 20, a time when those of us in the northern hemisphere are usually basking in the heat of summer. However this nation of 19 million inhabitants fielded a 26-person team which brought home two gold medals from the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games.

To commemorate the Salt Lake City Games, Australia Post issued a postage-paid international envelope on February 6, 2002. Providing the contents did not exceed 50 grams or 5 mm in thickness, postage was prepaid anywhere in the world (Figure 1).

The indicium (postage design) shows a male freestyle skier while the cachet on the left shows a female alpine skier. Australia Post was correct in forecasting that Australia might be successful in free style skiing, but it had the gender incorrect. Alisa Camplin won a gold in freestyle skiing's women's aerials. She was honored with a 45c stamp issued by Australia Post soon after her win (Figure 2).

The reverse of the envelope carries the following short description of Australia's participation at the Olympic Winter Games:



Figure 2. Alisa Camplin's gold medal in women's freestyle skiing at the Salt Lake City Olympics was commemorated on an Australia Post stamp, as well as tangentially on a postal stationery envelope.

"The first Olympic Winter Games were held in 1924 in Chamonix, France. Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, will host the 23rd Winter Olympics from 8-23 February 2002. The sports program, the largest in Winter Olympic history, will comprise 78 events and fifteen disciplines. Australia's first winter Olympian was the speed skater Kenneth Kennedy, who attended the 1936 Games as a one-man team. Australia was unrepresented at the next Games in 1948 but has sent teams to all subsequent Olympic Winter Games."

Other participating nations issued postal stationery for the Salt Lake City Games.



Figure 1. Australia Post issued an international rate postal stationery envelope for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

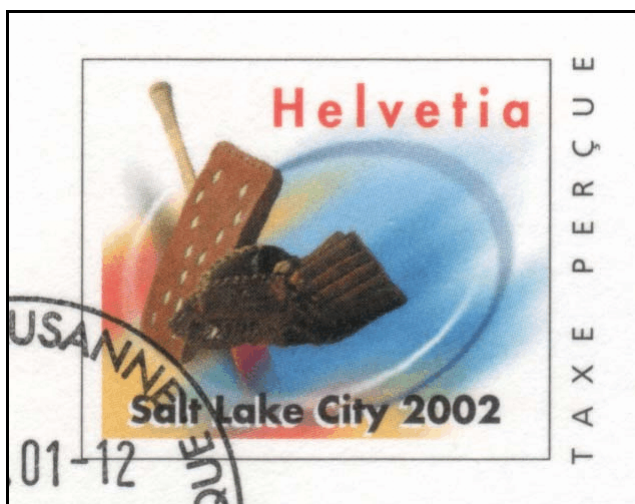


Figure 3. One of two postal stationery cards issued by the International Olympic Committee and Swiss postal administration honoring the Salt Lake City Games. This card's indicium portrays hockey equipment dating to the 1920's.

Canada issued a pre-stamped card for supporters to send messages to the members of the men's and women's ice hockey teams. As we now know, both teams were successful in their quests for gold medals. Although the cards were pre-addressed to the Teams in care of the "Goodyear Drive for Gold," it would seem that the cards could be used for personal domestic use by readdressing the card. Such a usage was shown in the April 2002 issue of *Esprit, Sports et Olympisme*, the journal of the French Olympic and Sports Collectors Club.

Switzerland, in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee, issued two prepaid postal cards on November 20, 2001. One card shows a hockey match at the 1928 St. Moritz Winter Olympics on the reverse and 1920's era hockey shin guards, gloves and stick on the front (Figure 3).

The other card shows a composite scene of Salt Lake City and a hockey game. The indicium for this card shows a modern helmet and hockey player (Figure 4). In addition, the Olympic Museum in Lillehammer issued two prepaid postal cards honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Oslo Winter Olympic Games.

Norway issued a pre-stamped postal envelope (Figure 5) showing



Figure 4. The second of two IOC/Swiss Post postal cards issued for the 2002 Winter Olympics. A modern ice hockey helmet and player are portrayed on the card.

stars in the indicium. The cachet features a female figure skater, two male hockey players and the Salt Lake City logo.

Thanks to Luciano Calenda, I can correct some information in my last column (March 2002). There were 5, not 4, postal stationery envelopes issued by Belarus for Sydney 2000 showing: equestrianism, sailing, soccer, artistic gymnastics and handball.



Figure 5. Norway Post postal stationery envelope honoring the 2002 Olympics sent via registered mail from the 3rd Olympic Collectors Fair held in Lillehammer in mid-January 2002.

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

Basketball Philatelic News **December 2001 (Vol. 15, #2)**

"Basketball Labels," a short article by Dennis Clark, opens the December 2001 *Basketball Philatelic News*. The remainder of this publication catches up with new basketball meters, stamps, souvenir sheets and postmarks. Also presented is a listing of the All Japan Inter High School Athletic Meet cancels from 1996-2001, and commemorative postmarks from the 32nd European Men's Basketball Championships in Turkey.

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Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme **Dec. 2001 (#22); April 2002 (#23)**

AFCOS, the French sport and Olympic philatelic society, met in Albertville on January 26-27, 2002. This coincided with a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the 1992 Albertville Olympic Winter Games. La Poste, the French post office, took this opportunity to issue France's stamp for the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics featuring a snowboarder. René Christin, in issue #22, reports on the scheduled events, machine cancels, and first day cancel, as well as a nice overview on the sport of snowboarding. Also: René Geslin looks at cycling-related commercial vignettes; Jean Claude Clermontel writes on mountain climbing and the Olympics; and René Christin reviews the joint AFCOS-SOC assembly at Henley, England in September 2001.

The centennial of the Paris-Roubaix cycling road race is featured in the April 2002 issue. Philately of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics is reviewed, as is the Olympic Fair held in Albertville in January. René Geslin presents part 3 of his series on cycling vignettes (competitions and federations), while Pierre Vitalien illustrates pieces of his interesting Olympic autograph collection.

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Filabasket Review **Dec. 2001 (#6); April 2002 (#7)**

The editor, Luciano Calenda, opens the December issue with an important article on the 1944 Polish

prisoner of war camp Olympics from the point of view of a single sport: basketball. Wonderfully illustrated with both color and black and white photos, Calenda discusses the philatelic material produced by the prisoners, as well as detailing the basketball calendar of events. This article is a "must" for all Olympic collectors, not just those interested in basketball.

Kazuo Kobayashi helps sort out "Japanese Basketball Cancellations," while Tracy Mitsidis takes on "Basketball Philately in the Balkan Games." Basketball stamp #6 – a 1948 issue from Monaco honoring that year's London Olympics – is examined; and Guglielmo Pinto presents the philately of the 32nd European Men's Basketball Championships.

An overview of Olympic basketball in its early days, beginning with the 1936 Berlin Games, is the first article in the April 2002 issue. Hugh Gottfried presents his extensive list of U.S. high school, NJCAA, and NCAA basketball meters, cancels, and spray-on cancellations.

Also in this number is the study of basketball issue #7, Peru's stamp honoring the 1948 Olympics. Sparked by a stamp honoring the 6th World Maxibasketball Championship, Calenda investigates this little-known sport played by men over 35 and women over 30.

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IMOS Journal **Dec. 2001 (#112); Feb. 2002 (#113)**

December's issue of this German-language publication features a major article by Dr. M. Laufer on the philately of the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Two shorter articles are included: Wolfgang Marx writes on winter sports in Oberhof (Germany) and Klaus-Dietrich Borstel examines the commemorative postmark from the "6010 Innsbruck" post office during the 1976 Innsbruck Olympic Winter Games. This issue also updates IMOS's stamp, meter, and cancel catalogues.

The February number includes separate booklets on the World Cup finals by Gerd Bethke, and the exhibition catalog for "Winter Sports and the Olympic Winter Games" held at Cologne's Sport and Olympic Museum from January 24 through March 3, 2002. The current IMOS auction catalog (#6, closing June 20, 2002) is also enclosed.

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Olimpiafila December 2001 (Vol. 4, #2)

In Hungarian with English synopses, this issue provides articles on Hungarian soccer; Nandor Vermes, founder of the Palics Olympics in 1880; Dr. Ferenc Kemeny, a charter IOC member from Hungary; selected philatelic items of the early Olympic Winter Games; the first Olympic stamps (1932) from the USA; Hungarian women's Olympic fencer Magda Zsabka; transportation of the Olympic flame by plane from Greece from 1984 through 2000; and postmarks of the Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece.

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Phila-Sport July-Sept. 2001 (#39); Oct.-Dec. 2001 (#40)

Gianni Galeotti launches issue #39 with an article on the philately of the Balkan Games. Maurizio Tecardi reviews the philately associated with the 112th IOC Session held in Moscow in 2001 at which Beijing was selected to host the 2008 Olympics, and a new IOC President, Jacques Rogge of Belgium, was elected. Other brief articles discuss baseball, soccer, shooting sports, and the latest on the Torino 2006 Olympics.

Featured articles in issue #40 include "The World of Bobsleigh" by Alvaro Trucchi; official organizing committee post cards promoting the Athens 2004 Olympics as examined by Maurizio Tecardi; and part 2 of Alvaro Trucchi's article on shooting sports.

Additional articles and news briefs touch on the upcoming World Cup of soccer; baseball; Torino 2006; revenue stamps in a thematic sports collection; and soccer memorabilia.

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Torch Bearer November 2001 (Vol. 18, #4) February 2002 (Vol. 19, #1)

The November issue of the SOC journal focuses on reviewing the success of its dual meeting with the French society, AFCOS, last autumn. In addition to an amusing personal diary of the event by Mike Pagomenos, clippings from the local newspaper are also presented.

Kwok-Yiu Kwan reports on the philatelic emissions from China, Hong Kong and Macau celebrating the awarding of the 2008 Olympic Games to Beijing.

Richard Peck reports on the more interesting or



Australia Post mail bag tag for mail destined for the Australian Olympic team at the Olympic Village.

unusual postal items released by Australia Post in connection with the 2000 Sydney Games. One of the more interesting – and certainly more esoteric – series of items are the special mail bag labels attached at the Sydney West Letter Facility to bags destined for the Australian Olympic Team at the Olympic Village. The mail has obviously been pre-sorted by sport. An example of text on one label (shown above):

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Other articles and news briefs in this issue: a report on an official postal card from the Osaka 2008 bid committee submitted by Masaoki Ichimura; a biography of a leading Australian sports caricaturist, Tony Rafty; and news of a Beijing 2008 protest postcard issued by supporters of the Free Tibet Campaign.

The 10th anniversary celebrations of the Albertville 1992 Olympics open the February 2002 issue. Bob Farley accompanies his report of the events with a presentation of the myriad philatelic items issued in conjunction with the festivities.

As this issue immediately preceded the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, the USPS philatelic plans are outlined. An updated listing of the official post cards issued by the licensee, Great Mountain West, is also presented.

Bob Wilcock begins a new series on the Melbourne 1956 slogan postmarks. Bob notes that there are 61 different dies altogether. This first installment provides an introduction, while future articles will set out listings of the various dies and the towns in which they were used.

David Buxton's "2001 Australian Olympic Odyssey" takes David and his wife, Rennie, to Perth, Melbourne and Sydney to explore the traces of Australia's Olympic Games – while of course collecting plenty of post cards!

A brief article touches on "Canada's Olympic Horses 1984-1988" as depicted on a set of four equestrian stamps issued by Canada in 1999.

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Margaret Jones

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Exhibit Awards

STAMPSHOW 2001 (Rosemont, Illinois). J.G. Verge won bronze in the one-frame exhibits class for "The Dublin Horse Show"; Kurt H. Glatzfelder received a silver in the youth class for "Chess: Game of Champions."

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NEW STAMP ISSUES

by John La Porta

Andorra, French: February 2, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 0.58e downhill skier.

Antigua & Barbuda: December 17, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes of six se-tenant \$150 stamps. Pane 1: Daniel Passarella, 1978 World Cup; Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, 1982 Spain World Cup; player holding trophy, Argentina's victory in 1986 Mexico World Cup; Diego Maradona, 1990 Italy World Cup; Roger Milla of Cameroon, 1994 United States World Cup; Zinedine Zidane, 1998 France World Cup. Pane 2: Uruguay wins 1950 Brazil World Cup; Ferenc Puskas, 1954 Switzerland World Cup; Raymond Kopa, 1958 Sweden World Cup; Mauro, 1962 Chile World Cup; Gordon Banks, 1966 Great Britain World Cup; Pele, 1970 Mexico World Cup. Two s/s each with a \$6 stamp: trophy; first trophy, 1930 World Cup, Uruguay.

March 7, 2002. 50th Birthday of Cricket Legend Vivian Richards. 25¢, on the playing field; 30¢, honors from Antigua Cricket Association; 50¢, knighting ceremony; 75¢, batsman; \$1.50, honored by color guard during knighting ceremony; \$1.80, enlarged photograph on field. Two souvenir sheets each with \$6 stamp: Richards holding ceremonial sword; tribute by color guard.

Australia: February 20, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Australian Gold Medalist. 45¢, speed skater Steven Bradbury.

February 22, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Gold Medalist. 45¢, freestyle skier Alisa Camplin.

February 27, 2002. Motor Racing. Six 45¢ stamps: Austin 7 and Bugatti Type 40 tourer; Bob Jane's Jaguar Mark 11; Jack Brabham's Repco-Brabham Tasman; Peter Brock's Holden Torana XU1 and John French's Ford Falcon XY GLTHO Hardie Ferodo 500; Alan Jones' Williams FW07 Ford; Benetton-Renault.

Austria: February 8, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 0.75e skier, bobsledder.

Belarus: October 25, 2001. Aquatic Sports. 200 rubles, windsurfing; s/s 1,000r, water skiing. Booklet of four 200 r stamps and four 1,000r stamps.

February 1, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Two 300r: slalom skier, pair figure skating.

Belgium: January 19, 2002. Sports. Four 0.43e stamps: World Cyclo-cross championships; World Road Championships; women's tennis; men's tennis (honoring 100th Anniversary of Royal Belgium Tennis Federation).

Brazil: April 20, 2001. Libertadores Tournament Champions. One real, soccer player representing Santos Soccer Club.

September 10, 2001. Brazilian Soccer Club Champion/Remio Porto Alegre Club. 70c, soccer player.

November 23, 2001. Brazilian Soccer Clubs. 1r, Regatas do Flamengo club, player, coat of arms.

February 4, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Four se-tenant 1.10r: downhill skiing; cross country skiing; luge; bobsled.

China: August 22, 2001. 21st Universiade. 60f, participation; 80f, exercise for good health; 2.80y, enhance communication.

November 11, 2001. Ninth National Games of China. Two 80f: symbolic diver; athlete; s/s, one of each.

Croatia: February 8, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 5kr skier.

Czech Republic: January 30, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 12kc freestyle skier.

January 30, 2002. Winter Paralympic Games, Salt Lake City. 5.40kc, downhill skier.

Dominica: December 3, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes of six se-tenant \$2 stamps. Pane 1: Daniel Passarella, 1978 Argentina World Cup; Diego Maradona, 1986 Mexico World Cup; 1990 Italy World Cup poster; Seo Jungulon, 1994 United States World Cup; Jurgen Klinsmann, 1998 France World Cup. Pane 2: United States team that upset English team in 1950 Brazil World Cup; 1954 Switzerland World Cup poster; 1958 Sweden World Cup poster; Zozimo, 1962 Chili World Cup; Gordon Banks, 1966 Great Britain World Cup; Pele, 1970 Mexico World Cup. Two s/s each with \$5 stamp: top of original trophy awarded to Uruguay in 1930; top of current trophy.

Estonia: Estonia Racing Car. 6kr, Estonia 26/9 racing car.

January 10, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 8k, cross-country skier.

France: January 26, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics 2002. 0.46e, snowboarder with "France" on board.

French Polynesia: March 9, 2002. 10th World Champion of Va'a outrigger canoe racing. 120fr and 180fr.

Germany: February 7, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 0.51e+0.26e, biathlon; two 0.57e+0.26e, speed skating, ski jumping; 1.53e+0.51e, luge.

Grenada: November 29, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes, six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps, past World Cup posters and players. Pane 1: Brazil 1950 poster; 1954 West German team, winner 1954 Switzerland World Cup; Just Fontaine, Brazil 1958 World Cup team; Garrincha, Brazil 1962 World Cup team; Bobby Moore, England holding 1966 trophy; Pele, Brazil 1970 World Cup team. Pane 2: Osvaldo Ardiles, Argentina 1978 World Cup team; Lakhdar Belloumi, Algeria, 1982 Spain World Cup; Diego Maradona, Argentina 1986 World Cup team; Matthaus and Voller, West German 1990 World Cup team; Seo Jung Won, South Korea, 1994 World Cup; Ronaldo, Brazil, 1998 World Cup. Two \$6 s/s: Uruguay wins first World Cup, 1930; trophy.

Grenada Carriacou & Petite Martinique: October 15, 2001. Richard Petty. Two s/s, \$6: Petty & "Son of a Gun" No. 43 racing car; Petty being interviewed at racetrack.

November 19, 2001. Auto Racing, Legacy of Ferrari. Six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps: F1 86, 1986; F1 89, 1989; F9 2A, 1992; F1 93, 1993; 412 T1, 1994; F310, 1996.

November 29, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes, six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps, posters and badges of previous World Cups. Pane 1: 1950 Brazil; 1954 Switzerland; 1958 Sweden; 1962 Chile; 1966 England; 1970 Mexico. Pane 2: 1978 Argentina; 1982 Spain; 1986 Mexico; 1990 Italy; 1994 United States; 1998 France. Two \$6 s/s: 1930 Uruguay; top of trophy.

Guyana: December 26, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes, six se-tenant \$100 stamps. Pane 1: Obdulio Vareal, 1950 Brazil World Cup; Jules Rimmet, 1954; Pele and Brazilian teammates; Zito, 1962 Chili World Cup; England celebrates 1966 victory; Jairzinho, 1970 Mexico World Cup. Pane 2: Daniel Passarella, 1978 Argentina World Cup; Paolo Rossi, 1982 Spain World Cup; Diego Maradona, Mexico 1986

World Cup; Matthaus and Voller, 1990 Italy World Cup. Two \$400 s/s, trophy; 1930 Uruguay World Cup poster.

Iran: October 24, 2001. Third Islamic Women's Games.. 250r emblem, stars in sky.

Japan: October 1, 2001. Prefecture (Kagoshima) 80y, symbolic cyclist, ball.

March 8, 2002. World Figure Skating Championships. Two 80y: men's singles and ice dancing.

Jersey: April 26, 2002. 100th Anniversary of La Moye Golf Club. 23p, Aubrey Boomer, circa 1920's; 29p, Harry Vardon, circa 1904; 38p, Henry Cotton, circa 1940's; 47p, swing; 68p, putting.

Jordan: October 31, 2001. Sports for People With Special Needs. 200f, person in wheelchair; 300f, photograph of women, symbolic people.

Liberia: January 7, 2002. Wang Zhi Zhi. Two panes of six se-tenant \$25: different designs of Wang Zhi Zhi.

Lithuania: January 26, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 1.70l, cross-country skier.

Luxembourg: March 5, 2002. Fun Sports. Three 0.07e self-adhesive stamps: snowboarding; skateboarding; inline skating. Three 0.45e self-adhesive stamps: BMX cycling; beach volleyball; street basketball. Issued in booklets of 12, two of each stamp.

Malaysia: January 2, 2002. Field Hockey World Cup. 30s, 50s, \$1, and s/s \$3: hockey scenes.

Maldives: November 28, 2001. Korea-Japan 2002 World Soccer Cup. 1 rufiya, (each stamp pictures the trophy) Eusebio, Portuguese Flag; 3rf, Johan Cruyff The Netherlands flag; 7rf, French player with flag; 10rf, Japanese player and flag; 12rf, Seoul World Cup Stadium; 15rf, poster for the 1930 World Cup in Uruguay; s/s 25rf, Gerd Muller's winning goal for West Germany in 1974 World Cup final.

Monaco: February 8, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Se-tenant pair 0.23e: symbolic athletes including skiers, skaters, hockey players.

New Caledonia: November 8, 2001. First Olympic Gold Medal/Cycling. 265f, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place cyclists.

March 20, 2002. Cricket. 100fr, cricket players.

November 16, 2001. Kite Surfing. 100f, person surfing attached to a kite.

Mexico: February 20, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympic. 8.50p, symbolic skater and skier.

Nevis: December 10, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes, six se-tenant stamps. Pane 1: Moracana Stadium, Rio de Janeiro; 1950 World Cup; Ferenc Puskas, 1954 World Cup Hungarian team; Luis Bellini 1958, Brazilian team; 1958 Sweden World Cup; Mauro, Brazilian 1962 World Cup team; West German cap, 1966 England World Cup; triangular flag, 1970 Mexico Cup. Pane 2: Passarella, 1978 Argentine World Cup team; Dino Zoff, 1982 Italian World Cup team; Azteca Stadium, Mexico City; 1986 World Cup; San Siro Stadium, 1990 World Cup; Dennis Bergkamp, 1994 United States World Cup; Stade de France, 1998 World Cup. Two \$5 s/s, 1930 Uruguay World Cup; trophy.

February 6, 2002. Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee. One stamp out of set of four, 50p at Newmarket Races. S/s containing complete set.

Norfolk Island: December 2, 2001. Sixth South Pacific Games. 50¢, track and field; \$1.50, tennis; \$1.80 and \$4.00 s/s.

Palau: November 29, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Six se-tenant 34¢ stamps, tournament posters: 1950 Brazil; 1954 Switzerland; 1958 Sweden; 1962 Chile; 1966 England; 1979 Mexico. Six se-tenant 80¢ stamps, posters: 1978 Argentina; 1982 Spain; 1986 Mexico; 1990 Italy; 1994 United States; 1998 France. Two \$2 s/s, 1930 Uruguay World Cup poster; trophy.

Poland: October 6, 2001. Poland in finals of 2002 World Soccer Cup Championships. 1z, soccer scenes.

February 8, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. One 1.10zl: figure skating, skiing, biathlon, ski jumping.

St. Vincent: November 29, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes, six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps, players, national flags. Pane 1: Hong Myung-Bo, South Korea; Hidetoshi Nakata, Japan; Ronaldo, Brazil; Paola Maldini, Italy; Peter Schamichel, Denmark; Raul Blanco, Spain. Pane 2: Kim Bong Soo, South Korea; Masami Ihara, Japan; Marcel Desailly, France; David Beckham, England; Carlos Valderrama, Columbia; George Popescu, Romania. Two \$5 s/s: aerial views Seoul World Cup Stadium; Yokohama Stadium.

San Marino: January 16, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Block of four se-tenant 0.41e, Games logo and cartoon characters: Pimpa, red polka-dot puppy skiing; Bombo, hippo ice skating; Coniglietto, blue polka-dot bunny cross-country skiing; Isotta, baby elephant playing hockey.

January 16, 2002. Manuel Poggiali Wins 2001 World Motorcycling Championships. Se-tenant pair of 0.62e, scenes of Poggiali in race.

Sierra Leone: December 7, 2001. Japan-Korea 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes of six se-tenant 1,400 leone stamps. Pane 1: Daily Mirror headline announcing England's defeat to United States, 1950 World Cup, Brazil; Jules Rimet, president of FIFA, at 1954 World Cup, Switzerland; Pele and Brazilian teammates, 1958 World Cup, Sweden; Vava of Brazil and Schroiff of Czechoslovakia in 1962 World Cup final, Chile; Bobby Charlton, Great Britain; Pele, 1970 World Cup, Mexico. Pane 2: Daniel Pasarella, 1978 World Cup, Argentina; Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, 1982 World Cup, Spain; Diego Maradona, 1982 World Cup, Mexico; "Roger Milla, 1990 World Cup, Italy; Romario, 1994 World Cup, United States; Zinedine Zidane, 1998 World Cup, France. Two 5,000 leone s/s: original FIFA World Cup trophy, Japan-Korea 2002 World Cup Championship.

Slovakia: January 15, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. One 18sk: cross-country skier, ski jumper, ice hockey player.

South Africa: October 23, 2001. Around the World Yacht Race. One 1.40r, bow of yacht. S/s 6r, yacht.

November 1, 2001. Cricket World Cup. One non-denominated stamp, emblem with zebra stripes.

Sweden: January 24, 2002. Ice Hockey World Championships. Non-denominated: players Mats Sundin of Sweden and Raimo Hellminen of Finland.

Tunisia: May 17, 2001. Mediterranean Games, Tunis. 250m, track, stadium; 500m, runners, medal.

Uruguay: November 9, 2001. Sauce Basketball Club. 12p, basketball in hoop and emblem.

November 22, 2001. Penarol Athletic Club's 110th Anniversary. 12p, trophy, coat of arms.

November 29, 2001. 100th Birth Anniversary Jose Nasazzi. 12p, soccer player Jose Nasazzi.

Zambia: February 26, 2002. 2002 World Soccer Cup. Two panes of five 2,000k stamps. Pane 1: Ferenc Puskas of Hungary; View of Jeonju Stadium, Korea; Spanish player; English player; poster of 1962 World Cup Tournament. Pane 2: Poster of 1954 World Cup; Stanley Matthews of England; Scottish player; Belgian player; view of Daejeon World Cup Stadium. Two 8,000k s/s, Bryan Robson of England; Salenko of Russia.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CANCELS

by Mark Maestrone

THE NUMBERING SYSTEM

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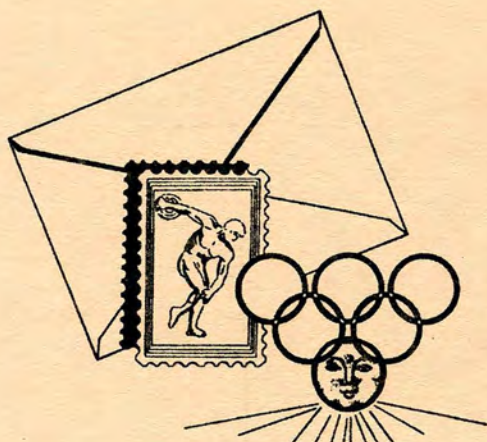
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