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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

Oops, We Forgot the Election Ballots

If you were wondering last issue why you didn't receive a ballot for the SPI elections, you weren't the only one. We forgot to insert them!

While your current officers and board members are running unopposed for the next two-year term, your vote for them would nonetheless be appreciated. Remember, this is an all-volunteer endeavor; your vote is like that pat-on-the-back that we don't expect, but it's still nice to receive.

Passing of Sherwin Podolsky

This past June 7, longtime Olympic and sports philatelist, and one of the founders of Sports Philatelists International, Sherwin Podolsky, passed away in Simi Valley, California.

Jim Bowman, who has known Sherwin and his wife Adele for many years, presents a remembrance of Sherwin elsewhere in this issue. I would be remiss, though, if I did not include a few thoughts of my own.

Sherwin was very much a philatelic mentor and guide, especially when it came to Olympic philately. I remember the first time we met was at the Pasadena Center during OLYMPHILEX '84. As I walked into the exhibition hall, Sherwin greeted me with his big smile and handshake and proceeded to educate this philatelic neophyte about Olympic stamps. As we walked around the exhibits, Sherwin filled me in on what Olympic philately was all about, illustrating his points with items in the frames. Later, he acquainted me with Sports Philatelists International, an organization of which I was unaware. Sherwin, who was president back then, made sure that I walked away from

OLYMPHILEX with a membership application which I mailed in not long after. Had it not been for this serendipitous meeting, I might never have heard of SPI!

Over the years, Sherwin became a good friend. I fondly remember going to his home in Simi Valley whenever I was visiting in the area, spending a quiet afternoon going through his many albums, while gleaning nuggets of philatelic knowledge from his vast repertoire of stories.

Sherwin's health in recent years has prevented him from attending shows, but he did make it to our convention at SESCAL back in 2003. What a treat! While I haven't seen Sherwin since then, I did purchase a number of items from his 1960 Squaw Valley Olympic collection which I will cherish as a remembrance of him.

I know that all those who knew Sherwin will miss him and join with me in extending our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Adele, and family.

New Auction Manager & New Website

Yes, new things are happening here at SPI! First, I'd like to introduce our new Auction Manager, Thomas Stillman. Tom, a San Francisco college professor, has already taken over the reins from Dale Lilljedahl. There wasn't time to have an auction ready for this issue, but look for one in December with a special surprise section from a well-known Olympic collector! You may send your consignments to Tom Stillman, PO Box 210748, San Francisco, CA 94121-0748. His email is below.

We rolled out a new website on September 1. Still in its development stage, we hope to include more features, both static and multimedia, and welcome input from all our members.

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Figure 1. China Post's "Inauguration of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad" stamp (a pair is shown at upper right) presaged what was to come during the spectacular Opening Ceremony later that day. This is a registered first day cover to Macau.

The Stamp Issues of the Beijing Olympic Games

by Kwan Kwok-Yiu

By the time our readers see this article, the Beijing Olympic Games will have already concluded. The general impression of the media was that the Games were a great success. The Beijing Olympics will be remembered for, among many things, the massive number of volunteers (over 1.7 million!), numerous new world records (particularly those set by Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt), as well as the disqualifications of the 4 x 100-meter relay teams (both male and female) from various nations. As Olympic and sport stamp collectors, we are able to memorialize the Games through collecting the stamps issued by the host country.

Sticking to the host country tradition, China Post issued numerous stamps immediately prior to the opening of the Games on 8 August 2008, with more during the Games themselves. (Information on earlier China Post Olympic stamps have been reported in prior issues of *JSP*.)

1) Opening of the Games of the 29th Olympiad (Figure 1)

(Official text on the FDC: "Commemorating the Inauguration of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad")



A souvenir postcard showing the author with the Olympic "Bird's Nest" Stadium in the background.



Figure 2. Water-activated gum version of the “Opening Ceremony” stamp in sheetlets of 12.

Issue Date: 2008.8.8

Denomination: 1.20 Yuan (domestic letter rate)

Number of Stamps: 1

Designer: Zhang Yi Mou and Chen Ming Jie

Dimension of the stamp: 44mm X 33mm

Perforation: 13 x 13.5

This was a single stamp issue with a 1.20 Yuan denomination paying the inland letter rate for inter-province mail. The stamp depicts the “Bird’s Nest” Stadium with a traditional Chinese landscape painting at center. As the stamp was released the morning of 8 August (actually some post offices began selling the issue just after midnight on 7 August) nobody knew how the painting related to the Beijing Olympics. It wasn’t until after the Opening Ceremony that the connection was made clear. Readers who watched the ceremony will recall that most of the performances were linked to a large painting on the floor of the stadium. When the athletes paraded into the stadium, they stepped on different carpet-like colored stamp pads, leaving a colorful rainbow of footprints as they marched across the painting. This painting is exactly the same as depicted on the stamp. Mystery solved!



Figure 3. The “Opening Ceremony” stamps also came in self-adhesive sheetlets of 8.



Figure 4. Sports series stamps of 2006 and 2007 were reissued in a single sheetlet on Opening Day.

Did you notice the names of the stamp designers listed above? Recognize the first name, Zhang Yi Mou? At first no one understood why he was listed as the stamp's designer as he was the director of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. After the ceremony, though, all became clear. We might also consider that the athletes too contributed to the design of this opening day stamp issue. What a wonderful idea directly linking philately with the Opening Ceremony! As reported by the media, this painting will probably be donated to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. *China Philately News* reported that due to the overwhelming demand by collectors in Beijing, the original 22 points of sale (post offices) for this stamp were extended to 33.

As usual, this stamp was issued in two formats: with water-activated gum and as a self-adhesive stamp. The water-activated version (Figure 2, half sheet) was issued in a mini-pane format (3 rows of 4 stamps), while the self-adhesive sheet contained 2 rows of 4 stamps with a decorative margin between (Figure 3). In both formats, an invisible

serial number was ink-jet sprayed on the surface of each stamp.

2) Olympic sports series (I & II, from 2006 & 2007) reissued in a single miniature sheet (Figure 4)

Issue Date: 2008.8.8

Dimension: 220mm x 148mm

Number of Stamps: 10

Denomination: 60 fen + 80 fen (x2) + 3 Yuan + 1.20 Yuan (x 6) = 12.40 Yuan (sold for 18.60 Yuan)

This miniature sheet combining the two sports series issued on 2006.8.8 and 2007.8.8 was sold on 8 August. The design of each stamp was exactly as originally issued. A new vignette or label was included at left end of the top row of stamps. The date "2008-08-08" was punched through the stamp paper. Despite the fact that the total face value of the stamps in the miniature sheet was only 12.40 Yuan, the selling price was 18.60 Yuan (printed on the lower right corner of the sheet). Perhaps the price of the label was 6.20 Yuan!

3) The 1st Olympic Expo
(Official text on the FDC: "Celebrating the Opening of the Olympex, the Olympic Expo Beijing 2008")

Denomination: 6 Yuan
Perforation: 11.5
Diameter of the stamp: 56mm
Dimension of the S/S: 140mm x 95mm

Stamps: 2 (Figures 5 and 6, half sheets)
Issue Date: 2008.8.8
Denomination: both stamps, 1.20 Yuan
Designer: Ma Gang
Dimension of the stamps: 30mm x 40mm
Perforation: 13.5 x 13
Dimension of the mini-pane: 150mm x 200mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)

Souvenir Sheet: (Figures 7-12)
Issue Date: 2008.8.8
Designer: Ma Gang

The Olympic Expo was held in conjunction with the Beijing Olympics from 8 - 18 August at the Beijing Exhibition Center. Although it was entitled "Olympic Expo," Olympex was still the backbone of the exhibition. As this was the first Olympic Expo, the stamp designer, Ma Gang, wanted to introduce other "firsts" into the stamp-on-stamp design. The Greek 5 drachma stamp was from the very first Olympic (and sport) stamp issue, while the 1928 issue from Portugal was the first stamp depicting the Olympic rings.



Figure 5. Olympic Expo stamp-on-stamp depicting the 5 drachma value from the first set of Olympic stamps, issued by Greece in 1896.

Figure 6. Another first: Portugal's 1928 Olympic stamp incorporated the Olympic rings in the design.





Figure 7. Souvenir sheet commemorating the Olympex 2008 collectibles exhibition. In addition to the philatelic displays, there were also presentations of Olympic coins and torches.

On the souvenir sheet (Figure 7), the circular shape of the central stamp symbolizes “completeness” in Chinese society. It was also a wish of the Chinese people that the Beijing Olympics would be successful. Again, as disclosed by Ma Gang in the August issue of *China Philately News*, the various elements, such as the world’s first Olympic stamp issue, the 2008 Olympic medal, the Olympic torch and the Olympic mascots, were included in the stamp design to represent the multiple cultural elements of the Olympic Expo. In addition to the paper-printed version, the souvenir sheet was also printed

on silk. Both were identical in design.

There were five special “Theme Days” during the Olympic Expo marked by a special issue of the souvenir sheet (Figures 8-12). The designs of the stamps in the souvenir sheets were identical to the original issue (Figure 7). Only inscriptions in the margin differed. These souvenir sheets were originally scheduled to be issued on their respective “theme days,” however all were placed on sale on 10 August.

The details of these five souvenir sheets are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Olympex 2008 “Theme Day” Souvenir Sheets

<i>Figure</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme Day</i>	<i>Description of Marginal Customization</i>
8	9 August	Media Day	Chinese-language version of the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games label.
9	11 August	Youth Day	Mascot holding a cartoon version of balloons forming the Olympic rings.
10	13 August	Philately Day	First ever Olympic stamp. Interestingly, the 4 Chinese characters translate as “Philatelist Day” rather than “Philately Day.”
11	15 August	Culture Day	Myron's Discobulus
12	17 August	Volunteer Day	Olympic medal



Figure 8. Media Day souvenir sheet.



Figure 9. Youth Day souvenir sheet.



Figure 10. Philately Day souvenir sheet. The Chinese characters, however, mistakenly read “Philatelist Day.”



Figure 11. Culture Day souvenir sheet.



Figure 12. Volunteer Day souvenir sheet.

4) From Beijing to London (A joint issue with Great Britain's Royal Mail)

(Official text on the FDC: Olympic Games from Beijing to London)

Issue Date: 2008.8.24

Denomination: each design, 1.20 Yuan

Number of Stamps: 4

Dimension of the stamps: 33mm x 33mm

Perforation: 13.5

Issuing a stamp honoring the handover of the Olympic flag at the Closing Ceremony to the next host city is a tradition dating back to 1996 at Atlanta. This was a joint issue between China Post and Great Britain's Royal Mail, although the British set was released on Friday, 22 August 2008, probably to avoid the weekend. The designs were selected to represent a traditional and modern structure in each city: Beijing's National Stadium ("Bird's Nest") and the corner tower of the Forbidden City, and the London Eye Ferris wheel and The Tower of London.



Figure 13. The water-activated gum set of stamps from China honoring the handover of the Games to London, hosts of the Games of the XXXth Olympiad in 2012.

As with the previous issues, China produced the set in two formats. Figure 13 shows the four water-activated gum stamps which were issued in sheets of 20 (5 rows of 4 stamps). The self-adhesive set was produced in minipanes of 12 as depicted in Figure 14.

Olympic stamp collectors will find these Games full of philatelic items. It was possible, without too much trouble, to obtain the mint stamps and souvenir sheets. Cancellations were another story

entirely, with philatelists often feeling helpless. And for those attempting to document these Games from a postal history standpoint, they were likely to find themselves on a small island in a vast ocean of material. Even those who were in Beijing often felt philatelically lost! Given the diversity and complexity, our story will unfold over several issues of the journal, so stay tuned as we unravel the philatelic mysteries of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. 🍷



Figure 14. Joint China-UK issue honoring the handover from Beijing to London. These self-adhesive stamps were produced in minipanes of 12 - three of each stamp.



Figure 1. In early times, horses were used for hunting ...



... as well as for military purposes.

Horses in Games and Sports of Different Cultures

by Joan Ortí Ferreres (joanorti@jocs.org)
Translated by M^a José Peraire Besalduch

Human evolution from the dawn of man through the present day has been possible because of invention and the ability to control different objects and elements. Certainly fire and the invention of the wheel were factors which allowed the major development of the human race. The control and domestication of certain animals has also been a big step for humanity. Among animals, the horse has perhaps helped us to advance the most quickly and firmly.

Horses, when used for hauling, allowed man to easily move heavy objects with less effort. They also facilitated the movement of people and were useful in transporting military troops. With horses it was

possible to track and hunt animals more efficiently. So, horses became an important part of human life (Figure 1).

With the advancement of human civilization and satisfaction of basic day-to-day needs, horses were used to pass the time. So began competitions. Horse racing, jumping, equestrian events and other types of competitions appearing on the Olympic program, are not within the scope of this article. Rather, we will look at the competitions with a more local or regional character.

A good example is *buzhaski*, the national sport of Afghanistan and other regions of Central Asia such as Uzbekistan, where it is known as *ulak tartys*.

Afghan-style *buzhaski* is a sport that has been played since the time of Genghis Kahn. The object of the competition is for a mounted rider to try to capture the *boz*, commonly a dead goat carcass. Play begins with the *boz* inside a circle, or *hallal*, with all players fighting to take control. When a player has the *boz* he tries to circle around a distant post with it and then deposit it back in the *hallal*. All the while, his opponents are looking for any way to prevent him from achieving the goal.

Many examples of the traditional sport of *buzhaski* can be found on the stamps of Afghanistan. The stamp shown in Figure 2 is from 1957.

A more elegant and less dangerous sport is *Sinjaska Alka* (Sinj iron ring) from Croatia. The contestant uses a lance to spear an *alka* hanging



Figure 2. The ancient Afghan sport of buzaski.



Figure 3. The traditional Croatian sport of Sinjska Alka.

from a rope by a hook while going at full gallop. The *alka* consists of two concentric rings with diameters of 131.7mm and 35.1mm which are joined by three iron bars spaced equally apart. The resulting object has three sections plus a central circle as may be observed in the upper right corner of the stamp in Figure 3. If the horse rider spears the central circle, he wins three points. If the *alka* is dislodged and



Figure 4. Another Croatian sport, Ljubicevske Konjicke Igre.

falls to the ground, but the rider picks it up on his lance, he still wins three points. Two points is won for spearing the upper section, one for spearing either lower section. A special type of gallop is required.

The *Alka* is a competition which takes places annually and commemorates the triumph over the Ottoman Turks in 1715.

In Croatia, we also find the *Ljubicevske Konjicke Igre* (Ljubicevo Horse Games). In this sport, the competitors gallop at a vertical post on top of which sits an object, typically a piece of fruit or vegetable. The object is to slice the fruit or vegetable with ones sword without knocking it to the ground. The player with the most successful attempts is the winner.

The two stamps shown in Figures 3 and 4 belong to a 1987 Yugoslavian issue honoring traditional competitions.

In Mongolia, a country with an important tradition in the care and breeding of horses, we see a lot of sports and other activities with these animals. At the famous festival of *Naddam*, competitions in archery, wrestling and horse racing are among the activities. The 1976 stamp in Figure 5 reproduces a painting by O. Cevegshava in which a galloping rider is seen attempting to retrieve a red handkerchief from the ground.



Figure 5. A favorite sport in Mongolia is demonstrating horsemanship by plucking a red handkerchief off the ground at a full gallop.

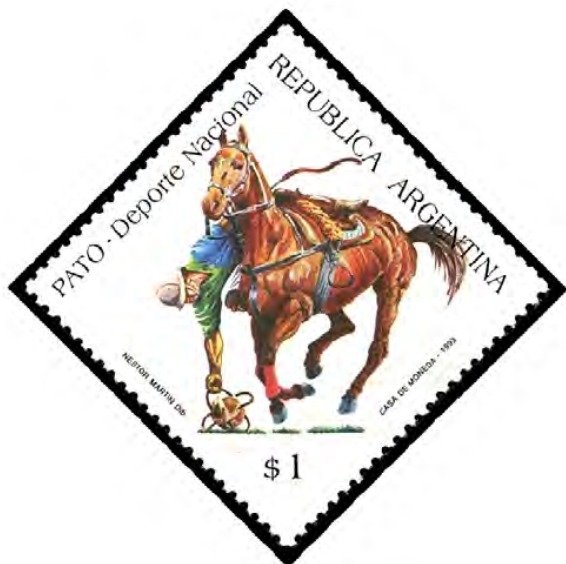


Figure 6. The Argentine sport of El Pato.

El Pato is considered a national sport of Argentina dating to the 17th century. It's played with two teams of four players. An object called a *pato*, a kind of ball with six handles, must be tossed through the opponents' hoop. The hoop, resembling that used for basketball, is 1 meter in diameter and extends from a post 2.40m tall. Players are allowed to pass the *pato* between each other, but only with the right hand.

The stamp in Figure 6 was issued by Argentina in 1993 and honors "Pato – National Sport."

The Burmese postal administration has depicted sporting activities where the horse plays a major role. The image on the 1993 stamp in Figure 7 portrays a horse rider attempting to send his lance into the bull's eye of a target.



Figure 7. The Burmese sport of spearing a target while on horseback.

Children's toys also display equestrian themes. Evidence of this is shown on many philatelic issues from around the world. For example, the USA stamp from 1992 shown in Figure 8 depicts a pull-toy consisting of a horse with its rider.

Another example, this time from the Thai philatelic service, commemorates Children's Day. The stamp, shown in Figure 8, illustrates a child using a stick representing a horse.

In conclusion, it is clear that horses are featured prominently in our sporting traditions and recreational activities. 🐾



Figure 8. Child's toy celebrating horse racing.



Figure 9. A toy horse fashioned from a stick.



Figure 1. Pre-stamped torch run postal card for the city of Baise, Guangxi province issued by the State Postal Bureau showing an idyllic sculpture of Mao Zedong.

Deadly Sichuan Earthquake Shakes Up the 2008 Beijing Olympic Torch Relay

by Andrew Urushima

The 2008 Olympic torch relay was a truly memorable event marked by emotional and political highs and lows, culminating in the igniting of the cauldron over Beijing's "Bird's Nest" Olympic Stadium by Chinese Olympic gymnastics champion, Li Ning. The 2008 Olympic Games were presented on a scale that only China could produce including its torch relay which touched more than 120 major cities in China and throughout the world. With all of the advance preparations that were needed to pull off a relay of this magnitude, no one could have foreseen, or made contingency plans for, the massive and destructive earthquake that hit Sichuan Province on May 12, 2008. The 8.0 magnitude earthquake was centered in Wenchuan County and, according to official sources, accounted for over 69,000 deaths, 370,000 injuries and over 18,000 inhabitants missing.

As a result of the earthquake, a monumental

rescheduling effort was required to reroute the torch relay, which had already begun some two months earlier. China observed three days of national mourning from May 19 to May 21. The mourning period included the flying of all flags at half-staff as well as the cancellation of all public events, including the torch relay. By order of President Jacques Rogge of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Olympic flag at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland was flown at half-staff in respect for the earthquake victims.

The rescheduling effort was a logistical challenge and affected the relay in two significant ways. First, as the relay was to touch every province in China, the route through Sichuan Province had to be postponed. With some flexibility built into the route, it was possible to shift the relay through Sichuan from June 15-18 to August 3-5. Second, the official mourning period created a three-day delay that needed to be accounted for in the schedule. These delays affected every city hosting the Olympic



Figure 2. “Generic” torch run cancellation used throughout the torch relay. Kunming, Yunnan Province, June 9.

flame after May 18 (except Beijing). Table 1 shows both the original and rescheduled dates for cities hosting the torch relay.

From a philatelic perspective, the Beijing Olympic torch relay produced hundreds of different cancels commemorating each of the destinations that were touched by the flame. Many cities adopted a uniform single-ring handstamp with the Beijing Olympic torch relay logo in the center, and the city and date at the bottom of the ring (Figure 2). These hand cancellations are most commonly in red ink, but can also be found in black. In addition, the Chinese State Postal Bureau issued a series of over 120 scenic pre-stamped postal cards (80 fen for domestic service) showing the Olympic torch relay logo as well as the city and date as originally scheduled (Figure 1).

The extensive rescheduling of the relay due to the Sichuan earthquake resulted in a myriad of postal markings, cachets and cancellations weaving together the Olympic torch relay and earthquake themes. In many cities along the torch relay route,

local postal authorities applied hand cancels noting the delay of the relay along with slogans urging support for the victims of the earthquake (Figures 3-6).

Immediately prior to the three days of national mourning, the relay proceeded on its original schedule through the city of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province on May 18. The relay then resumed again in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province on May 22. As this was only ten days after the devastating earthquake, some postal items exist with the original date. A Ningbo cancel can be found with both the May 19 date and revised May 22 dates (Figures 7 and 8).

The route through Sichuan Province was to pass through Sichuan’s major cities of Guang'an, Leshan, Zigong, Yibin, Guanghan, Chengdu and Mianyang. A special cancel in Guanghan on June 16 honors the original date of the torch relay in Sichuan Province (Figure 9).

As a result of the rescheduling effort, the torch relay through Sichuan Province was ultimately shortened to three days – August 3 to August 5. This was an honor in itself as Sichuan would be the last major province to share the flame prior to the opening of the Games. Ultimately, the cities of Zigong and Yibin (Figure 10) were taken off the torch relay route, while the cities of Mianyang and Guanghan would be part of a shortened torch “display tour.” As with other cities along the torch relay route, postal cancellations and related commemorative philatelic items were available.

Figure 3. Postcard cancelled May 26, the day of the torch relay through Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province. Text in black box: line 1 – “Earthquake Relief, Lets Unite!”; line 2 – “In memory of casualties of Wen-chuan, Sichuan. The Torch Relay will be delayed for 3 days.”





Figure 4. Postcard commemorating the torch relay through Yantai, Shandong Province on July 20. Red-boxed text reads: "Due to earthquake in Wenchuan, Sichuan, the Chinese Olympic Committee proclaimed the torch relay in Yantai will be delayed to July 20 2008."

Figure 5. Postcard commemorating torch relay through Suzhou, Jiangsu province on July 25. Black-boxed caption reads: "Due to earthquake in Wenchuan, Sichuan, a three day National Mourning was declared (May 19 to May 21) and the Torch Relay in Suzhou will be delayed to May 25. – Suzhou Youth Post Office."

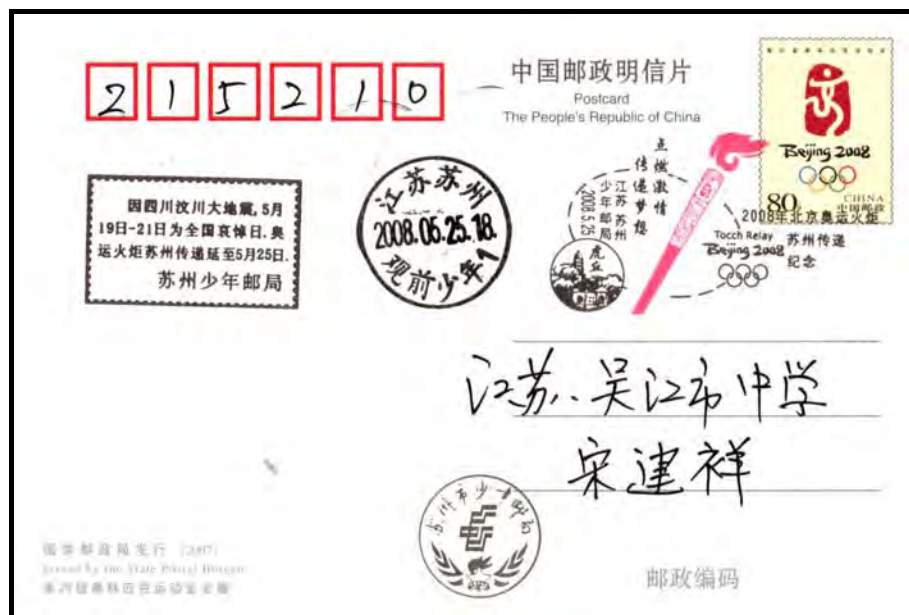


Figure 6. Postcard commemorating torch relay through Suzhou, Jiangsu Province on July 16. Cachet indicates delay due to Sichuan earthquake.

Table 1: Chinese Route of Beijing Olympic Torch Relay

<i>Province</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>New Date</i>	<i>Old Date</i>
Hainan	Sanya	05/04	05/04
	Wuzhishan	05/05	05/05
	Wanning	05/05	05/05
	Haikou	05/06	05/06
Guangdong	Guangzhou	05/07	05/07
	Shenzhen	05/08	05/08
	Huizhou	05/09	05/09
	Shantou	05/10	05/10
Fujian	Fuzhou	05/11	05/11
	Quanzhou	05/12	05/12
	Xiamen	05/12	05/12
	Longyan	05/13	05/13
Jiangxi	Ruijin	05/14	05/14
	Jinggangshan	05/15	05/15
	Nanchang	05/16	05/16
Zhejiang	Wenzhou	05/17	05/17
	Shaoxing	05/17	05/17
	Hangzhou	05/18	05/18
	Ningbo	05/22	05/19
	Jiaxing	05/22	05/20
Shanghai		05/23-24	05/20-21
Jiangsu	Suzhou	05/25	05/22
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Figure 7. Postcard commemorating torch relay through Ningbo on May 22. Cover bears torch run cancellation showing original date of May 19.



Figure 8. Postcard bearing red torch relay cancellation with actual date of the Ningbo relay – May 22.

With the memories of the earthquake still fresh in the minds of Sichuan's residents, the Olympic torch relay was an uplifting but bittersweet event that would honor many of the heroes of the tragedy, many of whom lost loved ones while saving others. As with all cities in which the Olympic flame passed, the streets were lined with proud residents waving

the national flag and displaying banners with the Olympic slogans "One World One Dream" and "Light the Passion Share the Dream."

The first city in Sichuan to host the relay was Guang'an on August 3. Originally scheduled to host the relay on June 15, Guang'an is notable for being the birthplace of former Chinese leader Deng



Figure 9. Commemorative postmark from Guang'an, Sichuan Province dated June 16, 2008, the originally scheduled date of the Torch Relay through this city.



Figure 10. Torch relay cover through Yibin. The torch was scheduled to be relayed on August 4, 2008 but was ultimately cancelled.



Figure 11. Single-ring cancellation dated August 3 commemorating the Guang'an portion of the torch relay.

Xiaoping. On the morning of August 3, the flame departed from a park dedicated to the memory of the late Chinese leader, passing through the hands of 189 torchbearers over the 7.3-kilometer route through the city. The torch relay through Guang'an was commemorated by a single-ring cancellation in black bearing the Beijing Olympic torch relay logo, minus the words Beijing 2008 and Olympic rings that usually appear below the logo (Figure 11).

On August 4, the torch passed through the city of Leshan which was originally scheduled to host the relay on June 16. Leshan, literally "happy mountain," is best known for the Leshan Giant

Buddha, the world's largest stone Buddha sculpture. Mount Emei (Emeishan) Scenic Area, of which the Leshan Giant Buddha is a part, is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A total of 185 torchbearers carried the flame over the 8.2-kilometer route. The torch relay through Leshan was marked by a meter cancellation in red from Leshan bearing a likeness of the Buddha sculpture (Figure 12) as well as a meter in red from Mount Emei (Figure 13).

In order to touch some of the cities that were on the original relay route, the torch was carried through the cities of Mianyang and Guanghan on August 4.



Figure 12. Leshan Buddha as depicted on the hand cancellation for the city of Leshan. Cancellation is dated August 3 though the actual event occurred on August 4 which is clarified in the red text box.



Figure 13. Handcancel in red dated August 4 from Mount Emei, site of the Leshan Buddha.

The relay through these cities was originally scheduled for June 15 and 16, respectively. As these cities were considered “display tours,” the events were scaled back but were still met with the same enthusiasm as other stops along the route. In Mianyang, the Olympic flame was carried around the track of Jiu Zhou Stadium. This location was particularly poignant as just weeks prior to the relay event, Jiu Zhou stadium housed over 20,000 victims from nearby cities devastated by the earthquake. In keeping with Chinese belief that the number “8” is lucky, the torch in Mianyang was carried by 88 different runners.

On August 5, the last leg of the Sichuan portion of the Olympic torch relay was held in Sichuan’s capital city of Chengdu (Figure 14). Originally scheduled for June

18, the flame traveled 13.2 kilometers with the help of 315 torchbearers from its starting point at the Chengdu Export Processing Zone. The final Sichuan torchbearer was, fittingly, Yu Zhirong, a hero of the recent Sichuan earthquake. Yu, a helicopter pilot for the People’s Liberation Army, was responsible for some of the reconnaissance missions to survey the earthquake damage. At the conclusion of the Chengdu relay, the flame was transported to its final destination, Beijing. The Chengdu relay is marked by three red handcancels (Figure 14).

Author’s note: This article presents a sampling of items that exist for this portion of the Beijing Olympic torch relay. Due to the time to get translations done and the transit time of items arriving from China, I will provide additional items relating to this event in a future article in JSP.



Figure 14. Three cancels dated August 5 for the Chengdu relay. Cover is adorned with a red heart encircling Sichuan Province and the quake’s epicenter.

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Remembering Sherwin Podolsky

by James Bowman

It was by email from Adele Podolsky that I learned of the passing of Sherwin on Saturday evening, June 7, 2008. Services were conducted June 12 with interment at Mt. Sinai Cemetery in Simi Valley, California.

My recollections of Sherwin go back to the '70s when I first seriously began exhibiting my thematic 1936 Olympic Games. We often visited and discussed the technicalities of exhibiting and my desire to include some better material in my exhibit. It was during one of these visits that I purchased a much desired New York City German Railroad meter with the slogan "*TO GERMANY FOR THE OLYMPICS*." This was a very special item for me because it was the only postal marking used in the United States recognizing the 1936 Games.

Sherwin began collecting Olympic Games philately in 1956 when Ernest Trory's *The Philatelic History of the Olympic Games* was first published. He was a Charter Member of SPI and knew the former SPI president Barbara de Violini. He exhibited locally and internationally and authored the SPI

publication *Postal History and Vignettes of the 1932 Olympic Games* as well as being a member of the International Federation of Olympic Philately. Sherwin definitely believed that philately was a two-way street and that members of organizations like SPI should actively share in the responsibilities for such organizations that promote international understanding and personal pleasure. This may seem idealistic to some readers but it is validated by the fact that Sherwin authored over 160 articles, reports and reviews up until health problems intervened. His association with SPI during the period of 1982 to 2002 included holding the offices of President, Vice President and Director.

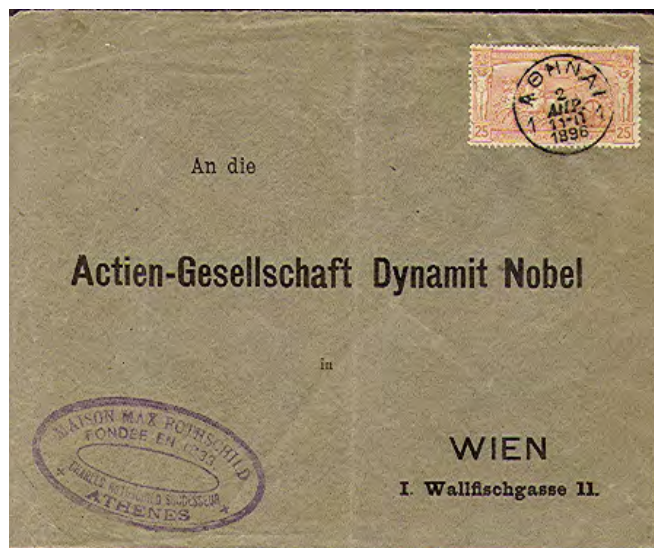
Sherwin mostly limited his exhibiting experiences to the 1932 Olympic Games but his interests spanned the entire history of the Games and he always had an eagle eye out for the unusual item often not recognized by others as to its importance as an Olympic collectible. The full story about one such item was published in the SPI journal, Volume 5, Number 6 in 1993 under the title "The Dynamite Cover."

Sherwin first became aware of "The Dynamite Cover" in 1960. In 1977, the cover was consigned to a Peter Kenedi auction and he was an unsuccessful bidder. In January 1993, the cover appeared in a lot in a Superior Gallery auction. Again he was an unsuccessful bidder. However, this cover appeared again in an Alevizos auction in April 1993 where he was the successful bidder at a price under his previous bids. As Sherwin wrote in his article: "Goodbye to the Dynamite Cover, I thought."

You might be wondering why the interest in this cover. It was a return envelope with imprinted address "Actien-Gesellschaft Dynamit Nobel" frank-



Sherwin receiving his award from IOC President Samaranch at ROMOLYMPHIL '82.



The so-called "Dynamite Cover."

ed with a Greek 1896 Olympic 25 lepta stamp tied by a socked-on-the-nose Athens 1 cancel dated April 2, 1896 by the Greek calendar on the ninth day of the Games. Furthermore, this cover addressed to the Stock Company of the Nobel Dynamite has additional importance in the fact that Nobel established the Nobel Prize. Sherwin even suggested that the Nobel Company may have had a role in the construction of the Stadium. Such articles revealed many details previously unknown to most SPI members. In the final few years of life he was unable to communicate with others and thus his advice as to the disposition of his collections could not be made known to the few of us that assisted the family in successfully doing so.

Sherwin was also helpful to youngsters interested in philately. Upon notifying Greg Cox of Sherwin's passing, Greg, now a dealer in Northern California, related to me how helpful Sherwin was in mentoring him and even to this day, Greg has a notebook file of all of Sherwin's letters, some of which I have read. The correspondence spanned the years 1955-1957 and involved more than 30 letters. Greg was in his teens and living in Port Angeles, Washington with a strong desire to get into the stamp business to "make money." Sherwin was living in Chicago at that time and contact was made as the result of an ad. Early on they both shared an interest in Israel and Trieste. Sherwin often provided Greg with hints about what to buy and at what price. His typewritten letters were extremely detailed and bordered on being a market analysis. In one letter he advised Greg "don't wait, the price will be up."

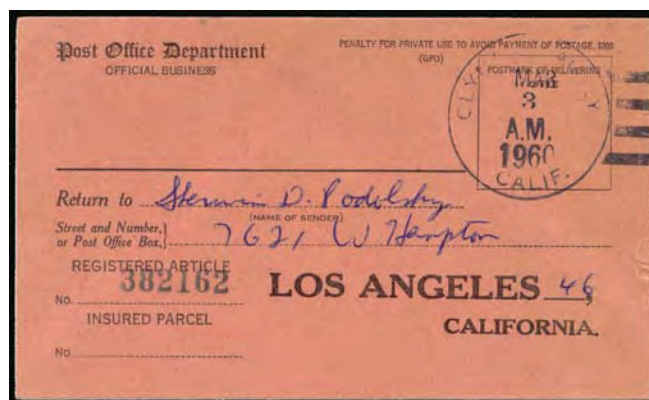
It is interesting to note that about 37 years later at a stamp show in Anaheim, Sherwin walked by

Greg's booth and for the first time the two of them finally met. Thereafter followed home visits, emailing and occasional phone conversations. Greg offers that "He was my mentor as I knew of no other collectors, consequently the path that I took with my various upcoming collections were really predetermined by his imprinting. Without his writings, in all probability, I would have been on an entirely different path – once again, the rings caused by stone thrown in a pond, the butterfly effect."

As early as 1993, Sherwin wrote in the previously cited issue of *JSP* that "Readers might ask themselves: 1) When the time comes, how should my valuable sport or Olympic collection be handled? 2) If it is to be auctioned, who is an effective and reliable auctioneer? 3) Can the consigner have control over the lot descriptions? Although Sherwin had not fully addressed all these direct questions, his many and well researched *JSP* articles became a very important resource in preparing for and disposing of his collections.

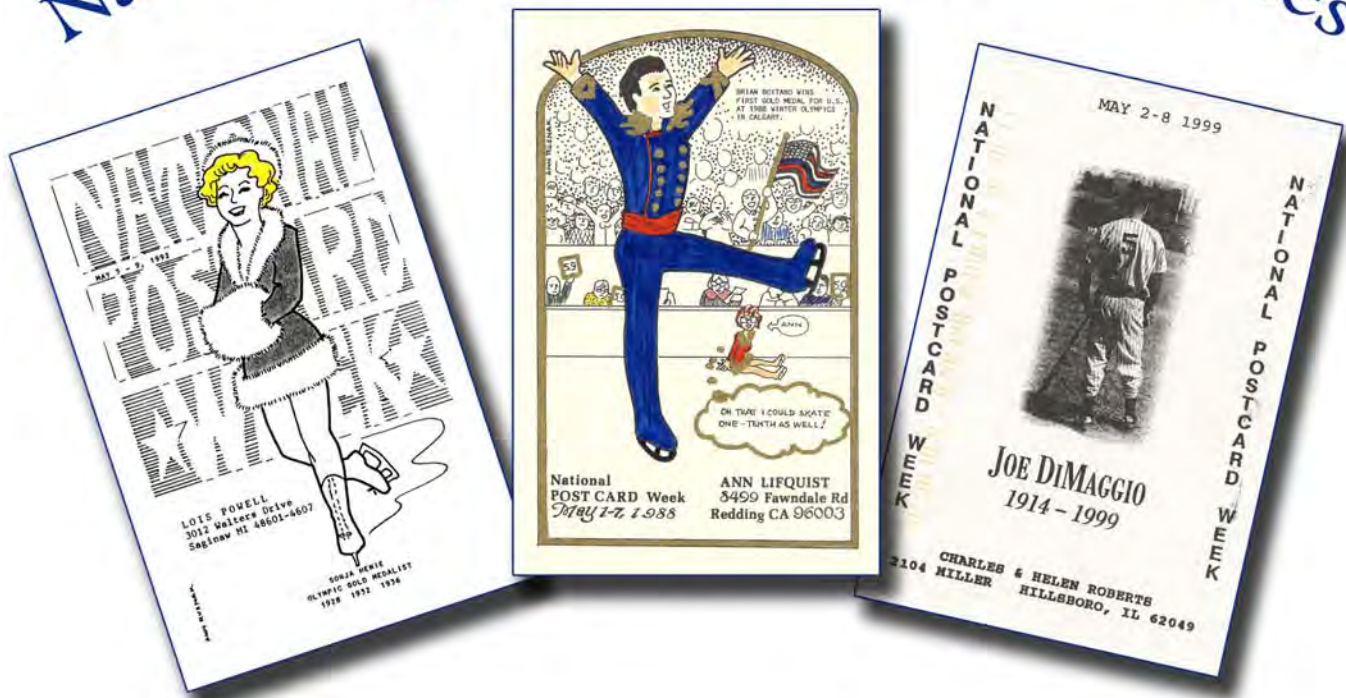
The disposal of Sherwin's collection was a 2-year process. With the valuable assistance of Conrad Klinkner, we evaluated the collection, selling most of it to persons known to us to have an interest in specific pieces. Much of the remainder was consigned to the SPI Auctions. It is of interest to note that only 23 items were sent to a major auction house, all of which, including the Nobel cover, sold at twice our estimate. Unfortunately, Sherwin did not realize how much his many detailed *JSP* articles would serve as a basis for identifying and evaluating his important items.

The loss of Sherwin is a great loss of a source of knowledge about Olympic Games philately and I know that Sherwin would be well pleased if he knew that other SPI members were willing to pick up the torch and share their knowledge with others.



From Sherwin's 1960 Squaw Valley Olympic collection: last day of operation postmark of the Olympic Valley, Calif. Post Office on May 3, 1960.

National Post Card Week Celebrates Sports & Olympics



by Kon Sokolyk

One of the greatest pleasures that I derive from collecting is unexpectedly coming across material previously unknown to me. And so it happened a few months ago. As I was browsing through a shoebox of post cards, I encountered a batch of intriguing cards that immediately caught my attention. There was an undeniable charm to them, whether a painting of a California Valley Quail, a sketch of a train station on US Route 66 or an illustration of Olympian Brian Boitano in action. The incredible diversity of subjects was linked by a common purpose – they all commemorated National Post Card Week (NPCW).

The establishment of the National Post Card Week is generally attributed to American deltiologists (post card collector) John H. McClintock and DeeDee Parker in 1984. Celebrated during the first full week of May, the event promotes the hobby of post card collecting. As part of the festivities, many collectors and/or clubs publish their own post cards. The subject matter of the cards is highly variable, normally reflecting the interests of the collectors, local history or events, or more global

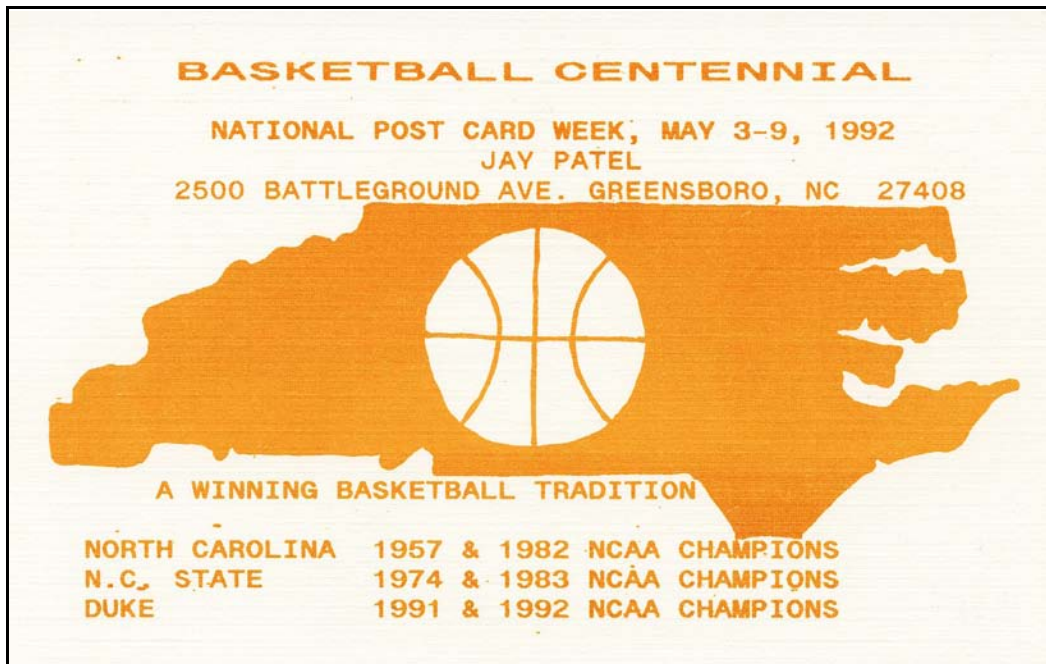
themes such as the Olympic Games. There is no actual coordinator of the event.

The post cards promoting NPCW generally have low print runs, are usually numbered and are shared amongst collectors. Many of the post cards produced are listed in the magazines *Barr's Post card News* and *The Post Card Collector*. The Tucson Post Card Exchange Club publishes an annual catalogue of all the known NPCW post cards for a given year.

In Olympic years, a number of post cards have appeared celebrating the Games. In 1988, for example, a beautifully illustrated, hand-colored card featured skater Brian Boitano. The card had a limited edition of 400. Another card from the same year featured a myriad of athletes and was restricted to 300 copies.

In 1992, a card celebrated the darling of Olympic ice skating, not to mention the Hollywood movie screen, Sonja Henie. 1992 was also the year baseball entered the Olympic Games as a full medal sport. Depicted on the card were seven U.S. baseball stamps.

Baseball appears to have had its fair share of cards whether celebrating a championship team or poignantly commemorating Joe DiMaggio.



National Post Card Week honorees included sports events such as this 1992 salute to North Carolina's collegiate basketball prowess ...

Basketball's centennial was also depicted on cards, as were many other sports, teams, stadiums, race horses, and so on.

National Post Card Week cards provide a genuine personal depiction of subject matter. Perhaps it is the honesty of their design that I find most appealing. Or maybe it is simply the absence of glossy commercialism that so often permeates printed sport related material. Whatever the reason, the cards make a great addition to any topical collection. ❤️

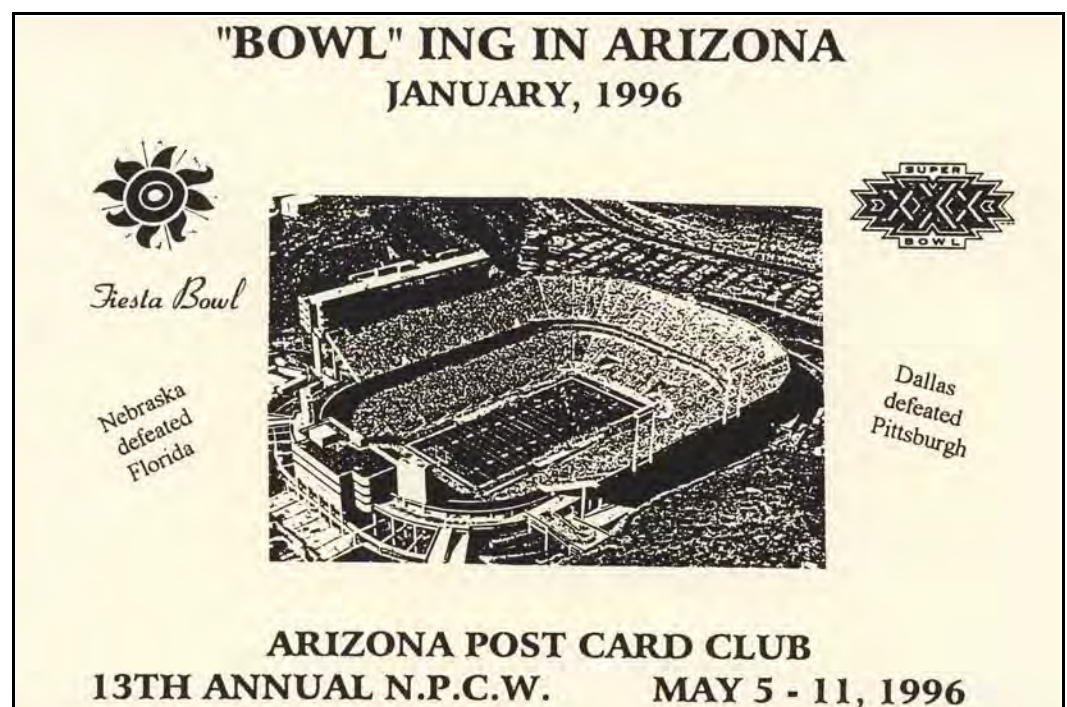
A thank you to Jack Mount of the Tucson Post Card Exchange Club.

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... and 1996 football bowl games (both NCAA and NFC/AFC) at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe Arizona.



REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestroni

Esprit: Sports et Olympisme: Jean-Pierre Picquot, 172 Bd. Berthier, 75017 Paris, France. [In French]

March 2008 (#47). This year, the Stade de France, Paris' main stadium, celebrated its decennial. René Christin reports on the special anniversary postmark and reviews major sporting events, such as the 1998 World Cup, that have taken place there. Other articles in this issue include philately linking "Alpinism and Olympism"; a look back at the sporting triumphs of famed French skier, Jean Claude Killy, as seen through the covers of French publications; a review of the 2007 Women's World Handball Championships held in Dijon, France; and a report (in color) on the AFCOS General Assembly Meeting in Grenoble, France on the 40th anniversary of the 1968 Olympic Winter Games.

July 2008 (#48). Philippe Estang presents an article on Louis Gassiat, a pioneer French golfing professional. Also presented are reports on: the centennial of the IIHF, the International Ice Hockey Federation, along with a look at some past ice hockey world championships; the famous 1908 Olympic Marathon involving Dorando Pietri and a review of Bob Wilcock's new publication on the 1908 Games; and a colorful pictorial review on the visit of the Olympic torch relay to London and Paris. Jean-Pierre Picquot looks at the first tennis stamp, issued by the Philippines in 1934.

Filabasket Review: Luciano Calenda, POB 17126 - Grottarossa, 00189 Rome, Italy. [Color, in English]

April 2008 (#25). The first basketball stamp was issued by the Philippines in 1934 (coincidentally, from the same set featuring the first tennis stamp discussed in the July 2008 issue of *Esprit*, above). Luciano Calenda discusses this stamp in detail including FD covers/cancels and later commercial usages. Of interest to many sports collectors is an article clarifying use of the three different types of Thai postal markings and their usage: general, FD, and commemorative.

August 2008 (#26). Not surprisingly, the many new Olympic basketball stamps issued in honor of the

2008 Beijing Olympic Games are featured. Updates to previous articles include discussions of the Philippine 1934 and Lithuania 1939 basketball issues, as well as recently reported information from Canadian sources on the first Olympic basketball competition which occurred at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. A fascinating item reported on in this issue was a very colorful Western Union telegram form called a "Pep Telegram" featuring the sports of basketball, baseball, football, track & field, and ice hockey. An unused example is illustrated (below). This is the only U.S. sports-related telegram I'm aware of; do others exist?



IMOS Journal: Diethard Hensel, Dorfstr. 15, OT Koselitz, D-01609 Röderaue, Germany. [In Ger.]

February 2008 (#137). Dr. Christian Hochhold's series on the philately of Olympilex continues with a look at the Sydney 2000 Games. The conclusion of Thomas Lippert's article on the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games is also presented (the entire article appeared in English in the Fall 2007 issue of *JSP*). Stefan Breitfeld discusses some of the 1936 Olympic flight covers. German ice hockey team, Nordhessen, is featured on private post stamps produced by PTN, as reported by Wolfgang Marx.

April 2008 (#138). The IMOS annual convention was held in Werder (Havel), Germany this year. This special volume of the IMOS journal features stories on sports and Olympics relating to the city and region. Located in the lake country southwest

of Berlin, it's no surprise that the area has produced many well-known rowers. A number of articles discuss the sport. Potsdam, the capital of the state of Brandenburg, was famous for two figure skating champions, Luduwika Jakobson-Eilers (born in Potsdam, but who competed for her husband's native Finland) and Gillis Grafström (a Swede who lived and trained in Potsdam). Their stories are discussed.

OSPC Bulletin: *Thomas Lippert, PB 102067, D-18003 Rostock, Germany. [In German]*

#1, 2008. Air China was a sponsor of the Beijing Olympic Games, playing an important role in transporting the Olympic torch on its round-the-world relay. Thomas Lippert discusses their involvement accompanied by philatelic documentation. Vancouver's 2010 Olympic Winter Games are just around the corner. Additional articles in this informative publication include: Klaus-Jurgen Alde on the Vancouver 2010 Games; Wolfgang Marx on the 2007 Women's World Football Championship held in China; a detailed examination of the rowing postmarks from the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games by Eberhard Büttner; and the 75th anniversary of ice sports (primarily ice hockey) in Weisswasser.

Olimpiafila: *MOSFIT, Vorosmarty u. 65, 1064 Budapest, Hungary [In Hungarian; English synopses]*

December 2007 (Vol. X, No. 1-2). Sándor Szekeres presents an interesting article on the seal stamps (vignettes) of the Olympic Games starting with the 1894 IOC seal and continuing through the 1932 Los Angeles Games. Also of interest, though not strictly philatelic, is a table listing the qualification schedule for each of the sports on the Beijing Olympic schedule. I know how difficult this task was for Csaba Tóth as I tried to ferret out this information myself! For soccer fans, there is a nice tribute to famous Hungarian soccer star, Puskás Ferenc, who passed away in 2006.

Phila-Sport: *UICOS, CP 14327 Roma Trullo - via Lenin, 00149 Rome, Italy. [In Italian]*

October 2007 (#64). Maurizio Tecardi reports on the upcoming new Chinese stamp issues for the Beijing 2008 Games. Germania 2006 soccer issues are described and illustrated by Giancarlo L'Imperio. Other short articles include: the XXXIth Euro-

pean Women's Basketball Championships; motor-sports events reported by Mauro Gilardi; and the 22nd edition of the Venice Marathon.

January 2008 (#65). This issue of the Italian journal focuses on the centennial of the famous 1908 Olympic Marathon event in which Dorando Pietri competed. A special exhibition was held in Italy to commemorate the event. Included in this issue are articles on fencing, javelin, and soccer.

Torch Bearer: *Miss Paula Burger, 19 Hanbury Path, Sheerwater, Woking, Surrey GU21 5RB, U.K.*

February 2008 (Vol. 25, #1). SOC celebrates the centennial of the 1908 London Olympic Games with a series of articles in this issue. First, Bob Wilcock introduces his new book, "The 1908 Olympic Games, the Great Stadium & the Marathon." Bob discusses the difficulties and rewards in putting the book together. [Editor's Note: the book will be reviewed in the December issue of *JSP*.] Bob also reviews the special exhibition as part of the celebration in Carpi and Correggio (near where Dorando Pietri was born) held in Pietri's honor. Reports of more 1940 Tokyo Olympic postcards are presented, along with updates on new Beijing Olympic stamps, cancels and postal stationery.

June 2008 (Vol. 25, #2). As to be expected, SOC devotes most of this issue to the (then) upcoming Beijing Games with reports on the postmark program, torch relay, new stamp issues and wave of cancellations and cachets appearing in the Chinese philatelic marketplace. Once again, some additional 1940 Tokyo Olympic postcards have been uncovered by readers (an example is at right).

1937 New Year Greeting postcard showing women swimmers, the Olympic rings and Japanese flag.



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Alan Sabey, "The 1948 Olympic Games Issue." Vermeil

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Robert Wilcock, "London 1908 Franco-British Exhibition and the Games of the IVth Olympiad." Vermeil

Robert Wilcock, "The Games of the IVth Olympiad London - The Marathon Race - Special Prize." (This two frame exhibit was adjudicated in conjunction with the previous five frame exhibit).

Robert Farley, "The Road to London 2012." Silver

Thematic Class:

Jack Murray, "The World of Football". Bronze

Postal History:

Robert Farley, "Canada Post and the XVth Olympic Winter Games." Bronze

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Albania: November 11, 2007. 60th Anniversary Balkan Soccer Ch. Victory. 10 lek, 80 lek, 1946 soccer team.

November 26, 2007. World Soccer Championship. 30 lek, 60 lek, 120 lek, figures playing soccer. Souvenir sheet with 350 lek stamp, mascots.

Aland: May 9, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Triangular nondenom. stamp inscribed "varlden: Happy Faces.

French Andorra: June 16, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant 0.55e stamps depicting symbolic athletes, kayaking; running; swimming; judo.

Spanish Andorra: July 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 0.60e rings, symbolic athletic.

Antigua & Barbuda: March 25, 2008. Beijing Olympics/History of the Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant \$1.40 stamps, 1898 Athens Games, Pierre de Coubertin; poster, Spiridon Louis; Paul Masson, cycling.

March 25, 2008: America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3, \$5 different yachting race scenes.

Argentina: March 29, 2008. Beijing Oly. Two 50c, mountain biking; taekwondo; 1p basketball; 4p pole vaulting.

Australia: June 24, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 50¢ Australia flag, Olympic rings, Chinese dragon.

Austria: May 9, 2008. European Soccer Ch./Andreas Herzog's goal. S/s with 5.45e stamp, Herzog kicking goal.

May 10, 2008. European Soccer Ch. /Children's Drawing. 0.75e Turk by Silvia Holemar.

May 16, 2008. European Soccer Ch./Children's Drawing. 0.55e soccer ball.

May 16, 2008. European Soccer Ch./Participating Countries. Two panes of eight se-tenant self-adhesive stamps: children's faces painted in national colors.

June 5, 2008. European Soccer Championship/Henri Delaunay Cup. Souvenir sheet with 3.75e stamp. The cup and Swarovski crystals.

Bahamas: April 30, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 15¢ runner, bamboo; 50¢ high jumper, dragon; 65¢ javelin thrower, paper lanterns; jumper, fish.

Bequia: January 10, 2008. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3, \$5 yachting race scenes.

Bosnia-Herzegovina: December 31, 2007. 60th Ann. Bosnia Handball Club. 0.50p, handball player, emblem.

Bosnian Serb Administration: April 18, 2008. Euro Soccer Championship. Souvenir sheet with se-tenant pair of 1.40m stamps, feet on soccer ball.

Bulgaria: May 7, 2008. 60th Anniversary CSKA Soccer Club. Souvenir sheet with 55st stamp, the team.

Canada: July 18, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 52¢ showing an athlete in red track shirt waving Canadian Flag.

Canouan: January 10, 2008. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps; \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3, \$5 yachting race scenes.

China: March 24, 2008. Beijing Oly. Olympic Torch Relay. \$1.20 flame mascot with torch, ancient Greek torch lighting; \$3 torch, runner, Mount Everest. S/s of 2.

April 30, 2008. Beijing Olympics/Olympic Expo. Two \$1.20 stamps, emblem, building in Beijing.

Croatia: May 14, 2008. European Soccer Ch. Circular 3.50k stamp, soccer balls in the sky.

Cyprus: June 5, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 0.22e/13¢ windsurfer; 0.34e/20¢ pole vault; 0.43e/25¢ tennis; 0.51e/30¢ shooting.

Czech Republic: April 16, 2008. 100th Anniversary Czech Ice Hockey. 17kc, early and modern players.

June 18, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 18kc discus thrower.

June 18, 2008 Beijing Paralym. 10kc wheelchair archer.

Dominica: April 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of 4 se-tenant \$1.40: archery, gymnastics, badminton, boxing.

Ecuador: December 18, 2007. Pan-American Games. Five 40¢ stamps, Alexander Escobar, weightlifting, Seledina Nieve, walker; Jefferson Perez, runner; Xavier Moreno, soccer.

France: June 16, 2008. Beijing Oly. Pane of 10 0.55e stamps with four designs, cycling and equestrian; tennis and running; swimming and rowing; judo, fencing.

Egypt: November 7, 2007. 11th Arab Sports Games. 150pi, cat as ancient Egyptian. Souvenir sheet with 150pi stamp, map, symbolic runner.

December 30, 2007. 50th Anniversary Egyptian Handball Association. 30pi symbolic handball player, emblem.

Fiji: May 5, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 20¢ runner, bamboo; 65¢ judo, Chinese dragon; 90¢ shooting, paper lanterns; \$1.50 swimmer, fish.

Great Britain: August 22, 2008. Handover of Olympic Flag, souvenir sheet with four nondenominated 1st stamps. National Stadium, Beijing; London Eye; Tower of London; corner tower of Beijing Forbidden City.

Greece: March 14, 2008. Beijing Olympics. All stamps show ancient Greek athletes. 0.03e discus thrower, bird; 0.35e lighting torch; two 0.67e stamps holding torch; riding bicycles, Chinese buildings.

Guyana: April 22, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant \$100 stamps, field hockey, basketball, judo, shooting.

Hungary: May 16, 2008. European Soccer Championship. 250ft corner arc of soccer field, yellow flag, flags of Austria and Switzerland.

Indonesia: March 18, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Four round 2,500rp stamps, sailing; soccer; badminton; weightlifting.

Isle of Man: April 21, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Souvenir sheet with four se-tenant stamps, 1p British and Chinese archers; 2p equestrian event; 3p Mark Cavendish, British cycling team; 94p hand holding Olympic Torch.

Italy: March 31, 2008. Italian Sport./120th Anniversary Italian Rowing Federation. 0.65e rowers from 1880's.

Jamaica: April 30, 2008. Beijing Olympics. \$20 runner; \$30 four by 400 meter relays; \$60 Veronica Campbell-Brown, lanterns.

Kazakhstan: 2008. Beijing Olympics. Olympic Torch Relay. 25t the torch and buildings.

North Korea: September 10, 2007. Women's Soccer. Souvenir sheet with round 12w stamp, souvenir sheet with five round stamps, 12w, 40w, 70w, 110w, 140w, soccer scenes.

Latvia: May 23, 2008. European Orienteering Championship. 45s, map and emblem.

Liechtenstein: June 2, 2008. Euro Soccer Championship. Three se-tenant 1.30f stamps, Soccer players etc.

Liberia: April 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics/History of the Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant \$30 stamps. Featuring the 1932 Olympic Games.

April 30, 2008. NBA Basketball players. Four panes of six \$40 stamps with three different designs showing photographs of a player.

June 2, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 85c mascots practicing martial arts; 1fr mascots playing soccer and table tennis.

June 2, 2008. Beijing Paralympics. 1.30fr wheelchair athlete in marathon; 1.80fr wheelchair athletic playing table tennis.

Luxembourg: May 20, 2008. Sports. Two nondenominated "A" stamps, basketball player (75th Anniversary Luxembourg Basketball Federation); Legs, soccer ball (100th Anniversary Luxembourg Soccer Federation).

May 20, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 0.70e, emblem, Olympic Rings.

Macau: May 3, 2008. Beijing Olympics Torch Relay. Pair of stamps, 1.50pa man with torch; 3.50pa mascot with torch; souvenir sheet with 10pa stamp, the torch.

Maldives: January 8, 2008. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, 10rf, 12rf, 15rf, 20rf different yachting race scenes.

Mayreau: January 10, 2008. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3, \$5 different yachting racing scenes.

Mexico: June 17, 2008. Wrestling Icons. Six se-tenant 6.50p stamps. Different views of masked wrestler Santo, el Enmascarado de Plata.

Moldova: March 5, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 1 lev cycling; 6.20 leva boxing; 15 leva weightlifting.

Mongolia: January 8, 2008. Muhammad Ali. Two panes of four se-tenant 1,150t stamps, photo of the boxer. Two souvenir sheets each with a 3,000t stamp, the boxer in a white robe; photograph.

Micronesia: December 12, 2007. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, 26¢, 80¢, \$1.14, \$2 different yachting race scenes.

Monaco: May 16, 2008. 52nd Congress International Skating Union. 0.50e skaters in lights.

Montenegro: March 16, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 0.60e map, emblem, symbolic athletes; 0.90e coat of arms, emblem. Sheets of eight with center label.

Mustique: January 10, 2008. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3, \$5, different yachting race scenes.

Netherlands: April 1, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 25¢ runner; 35¢ gymnast; 75¢ swimmer; 215¢ cyclist.

Nevis: December 31, 2007. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3, \$5, different yachting race scenes.

New Zealand: July 12, 2008. Children's Health/Sports. 50¢+10¢ cycling; 50¢+10¢ self-adhesive, child running; \$1 kayaking, souvenir sheet includes the three stamps with moisture-activated gum.

Nevis: March 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant \$2 stamps, cycling; canoe/kayak slalom; sailing; equestrian.

Palau: December 13, 2007. America's Cup. Four se-tenant stamps, 26¢, 80¢, \$1.14, \$2, different yacht scenes.

Papua New Guinea: April 13, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant 1.40k stamps, weightlifting; diving; boxing; hurdles.

Paraguay: 2007. Dr. Nicolas Leoz Stadium. 700g, the soccer stadium.

Portugal: April 17, 2008. European Judo Championships. 0.30e, 0.61e different judo scenes. Souvenir sheet contains two stamps, 0.45e, 2e different judo scenes.

April 30, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Two 0.30e stamps, runners, cyclists; 0.75e long jumper. Souvenir sheet with four se-tenant 0.75e stamps, equestrian event, rowing, shooting, gymnastics.

May 9, 2008. European Triathlon Championship. 2e swimmer, cyclist, runner.

Romania: May 1, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four 1 leu stamps, runner, gymnast on pommel horse, swimmer, rower.

Russia: April 15, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of three se-tenant 8 rub stamps, continuous design of various sports, volleyball, field hockey, swimming, canoeing, gymnastics etc.

St. Lucia: April 30, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 75¢ diver; 95¢ runner; \$1 women runner; \$2.50 high jumper.

San Marino: June 13, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Souvenir sheet with three se-tenant stamps, 0.36e table tennis, 0.60e fencing, 0.85e swimming.

Serbia: February 18, 2008. 100th Anniversary International Swimming Federation. 50d water polo, emblem.

March 7, 2008 Beijing Olympics. 46d women tennis player, 50d hurdles. Printed in sheets of eight and a center label.

April 4, 2008. Serbian Olympic Tennis Team. 20d, two 30d stamps, 40d, 46d, Serbia tennis players. Printed in sheets of eight with center label.

Spain: May 16, 2008. Traditional Sports. 0.43e stone lifter. Printed in sheets of 25 with 25 labels.

May 30, 2008. Traditional Sports. Two 0.43e stamps, man pitching iron bar; sling hurling. Printed in sheets of 25 with 25 labels.

Suriname: April 9, 2008. Beijing Olympics. \$1 archery; \$1.50 weight lifting; \$2 basketball; \$2.50 runner.

Switzerland: May 8, 2008. Euro Soccer Championship. 85c self-adhesive cartoon design of soccer fans with Swiss flag.

May 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 1 fr mountain biking; 1.80fr Official stamp for use from IOC headquarters, bicycle moto cross, BMX.

Tajikistan: March 1, 2008. Beijing Olympics. 1.50s soccer, three 2s stamps, hammer throw; judo; boxing. Offset in sheets of 16 and in mini sheets of 8 with two designs se-tenant.

Turkey: May 26, 2008. 100th Anniversary of National Olympic Committee. 65k dove, Olympic Rings; 80k team with flag; 85k stadium; 1 lira athlete.

Tuvalu: January 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant 60¢ stamps showing silhouettes of athletes, baseball; fencing; field hockey; gymnastics.

United States: June 19, 2008. Beijing Olympics. One 42¢ stamp, gymnast.

July 16, 2008. Take Me Out to The Ball Game. 42¢ stamp depicts an old time ball player.

Vanuatu: June 8, 2008. Beijing Olympics. Pane of four se-tenant stamps, 10v archery; 40v track and field; 60v table tennis; 90v weightlifting.

Vietnam: March 15, 2008. Beijing Oly. 800d gymnast; 3,000d swimmer; 5,000d taekwondo; 9,000d kayaking.

Zambia: May 5, 2008. Muhammad Ali. Pane of six se-tenant 500k stamps. Different portraits of the boxer.

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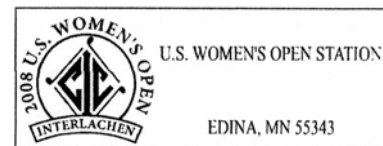
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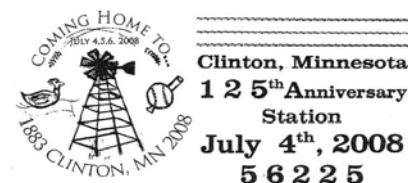
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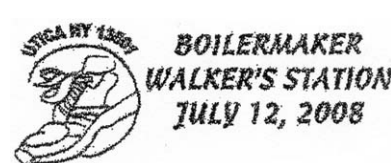
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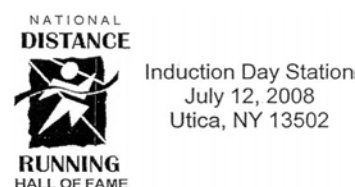
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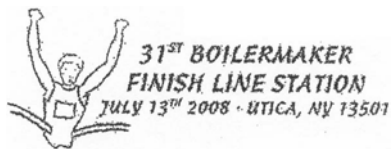
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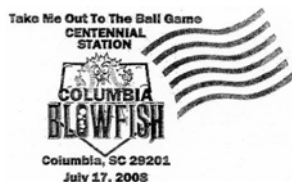
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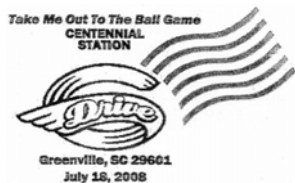
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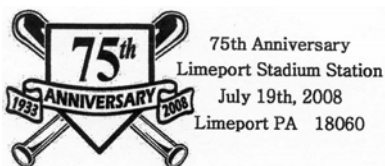
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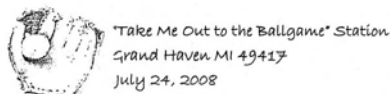
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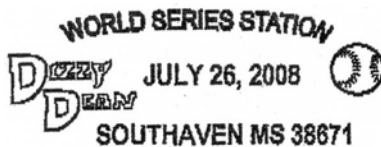
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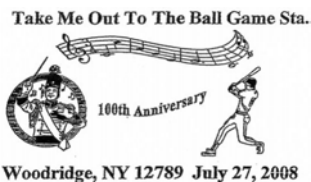
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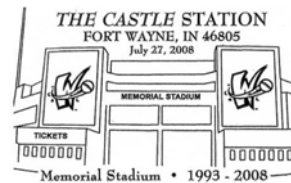
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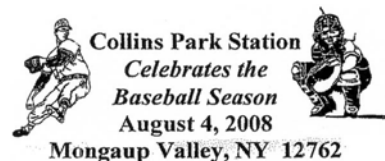
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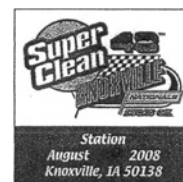
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