

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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

October 2008 (#49). While a report on Beijing's Olympic Games dominates the colorful centerfold and surrounding pages of this issue, there are some interesting other articles for the sports enthusiast. Jean-Paul Kazmierczak takes us back a century to the early days of golf in France and the exploits of the great left-handed player, Arnaud Massy. Francis Gonzales acquaints us with the term "stickophily" to describe the collecting of advertising stickers. Displayed are some linking businesses and winter sports, for example dark glasses manufacturer, Vuarnet, and the 1960 Squaw Valley Games. Finally, Jean-Paul Venneraud provides an overview of the many accomplishments of France's oldest living Olympic medalist, Jean Cosmat, who won a bronze medal in the Four-Oared Shell with Coxswain at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. An interesting side note: the coxswain was 12-year-old Noël Vandernotte whose father, Fernand, and uncle, Marcel, were also members of the crew with Cosmat.

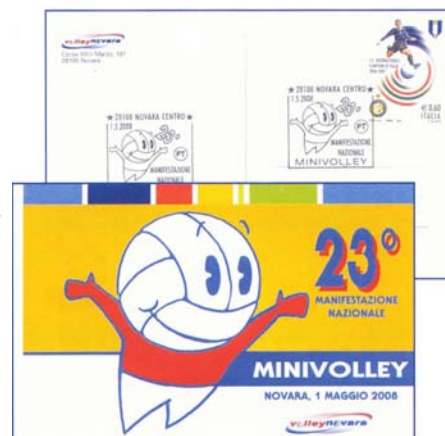
IMOS Journal: Diethard Hensel, Dorfstr. 15, OT Koselitz, D-01609 Röderaue, Germany. [In Ger.]

August 2008 (#139). Olympic canoeing fans will enjoy the article by Dieter Diehlmann, "The Canoe Camp on the Großen Müggelsee on the Occasion of the Games of the XIth Olympiad, 1936." Discussed are the various events contested during the Games along with interesting photographs, maps and philatelic items. Charly Biernat, in two articles, first reviews "112 Years of Olympic and German Olympic Philately," then looks at a rarely discussed topic, "The Paralympics as an Interesting Collecting Area."

My favorite article in this issue is, however, Horst Deitrich's unusual topic of discussion: police sportsmen who have been commemorated philatelically. For example, did you know that the great American swimmer of the 1920s, Duke Kahanamoku, was the Sheriff of Honolulu from 1932-1961, or that Italian skiing great, Alberto Tomba, was a member of the Italian Carabinieri?

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

July 2008 (#67). Like *JSP*, the Italian journal has gone to full-color (at least for this issue), which makes for a very eye-catching report on the Beijing Olympics. Olympex is discussed in detail with a review of the show, jury, and palmares (Italian exhibitors). In other news, Mauro Gilardi covers the sports of volleyball, and automobile racing along with noteworthy items on a galaxy of other sports including cycling, tennis, basketball and rhythmic gymnastics.



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September 2008 (Vol. 25, #3). First impressions of the Beijing Olympic Games and a report on Olympex 2008 by SOC Chairman, Robert Farley, open this issue of *Torch Bearer*. Noting that at the Closing Ceremony IOC President Jacques Rogge did not pronounce these as the "Best Games Ever" (a tradition Rogge has discontinued), Bob felt for these Games it was certainly "most deserved." Also in this issue, Ellis Kwan provides a full discussion of the Shooting Range venue at the Beijing Games, including philatelic aspects and pictures of the on-site postal facilities. An overview of the 31 Beijing Olympic venues and the philatelic program is also provided along with the postal stationery packs that commemorate the Games.

Bob Wilcock writes about the 1908 Olympic and Marathon Centenary. The colorful 8-page centerfold reproduces pages from his new book on the 1908 Olympic Games (see a book review elsewhere in this issue of *JSP* along with an article on the 1908 Olympics by Bob).