

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestroni

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

June 2009 (#52). The summer between Olympic Games is usually a quiet one. The second issue of *Esprit* in 2009 features a selection of articles on a variety of subjects. One of the world's premier snowboarders, Karine Ruby of France, died tragically in May 2009 from a climbing accident on Mont Blanc. A gold medalist at Nagano in the Parallel Giant Slalom, she returned to win a silver in the event at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games. Some philatelic reminders of her accomplishments are presented.

Alain Gerardy reviews a new series of French coins commemorating the upcoming 2010 World Cup event in South Africa, 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games, and other notable events. The 2009 AFCOS General Assembly is reviewed in color pictures.

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

#1, 2009. This issue opens with an article by Volker Kluge on the history of the IOC and Berlin which goes back to the 1909 Session held for the first time in that city. Thomas Lippert follows up with part 2 of his article on the 2008 Olympic Torch Relay, this time discussing the visit of the relay to Hong Kong and then around China. A track & field article by Dr. Elke Langhein looks at the World Championships. Werner Sidow explores the Regattahaus in Potsdam dating back to the 1920's. The philately of the 1980 Moscow Olympics is presented by Eberhard Büttner.

Tee Time: Ron Spiers, 8025 Saddle Run, Powell, OH 43065.

March 2009 (Vol. 15, #1). Published quarterly by the International Philatelic Golf Society, *Tee Time* is a full-color publication averaging 12 pages. The March issue illustrates a golf-related postcard from 1925, reproduces a series of Moroccan color proofs, and shows a number of pieces of prepaid



Colorful Morocco proof of an unissued design depicted in the March 2009 issue of Tee Time.

advertising postal stationery from China with golf themes.

June 2009 (Vol. 15, #2). Golf stamps issued for the 6th South Pacific Games in 1979 opens this issue of *Tee Time*. Cook Island progressive color proofs from 1985 are shown.

More Chinese advertising postal stationery is displayed followed by a discussion on the topic of Chinese postal cards vis-a-vis traditional Printed-to-Private-Order cards and Japanese Echo cards.

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

June 2009 (Vol. 26, #2). This issue of *Torch Bearer* concentrates on telling the story of the 2008 Olympic Torch Relay. Included are a discussion of the torch itself, the ritual lighting of the flame in Ancient Olympia and a time line showing the international and domestic route. The bulk of the article is devoted to illustrating some 154 torch cancels from the Chinese portion of the relay.

Additional articles in this issue review publicity meters of French regional Olympic and sports committees, and the 2009 collectors fairs in Cologne and Warsaw.

A special 12-page color centerfold is the second supplement to SOC's publication on the 1908 Olympic Games.