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OLYMPEX '88 was held during the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games, from February 13 to 28, at the Calgary Convention Centre. It could not have been possible without the help of members of the C.P.S., who put in many hours of work.

Canada Post advertised nineteen venue cancellations to the general public. These cancellations are shown on page 16 of this issue. Also used was a machine slogan cancel, and OLYMPEX '88 had a postmark as shown at upper left on this page.

The rubber stamp at lower left was used as part of the Olympic Passport scheme. Many philatelists used it as a cachet for their covers, or as an unofficial cancel on stamps.





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OLYMPLEX 88 VOLUNTEERS

This show could not have been possible without the hours of work put in by C.P.S. members who volunteered for the Olympic Arts Festival. OLYMPLEX 88 took a year to organize and plan, and many hours of on-the-floor work during the actual show.

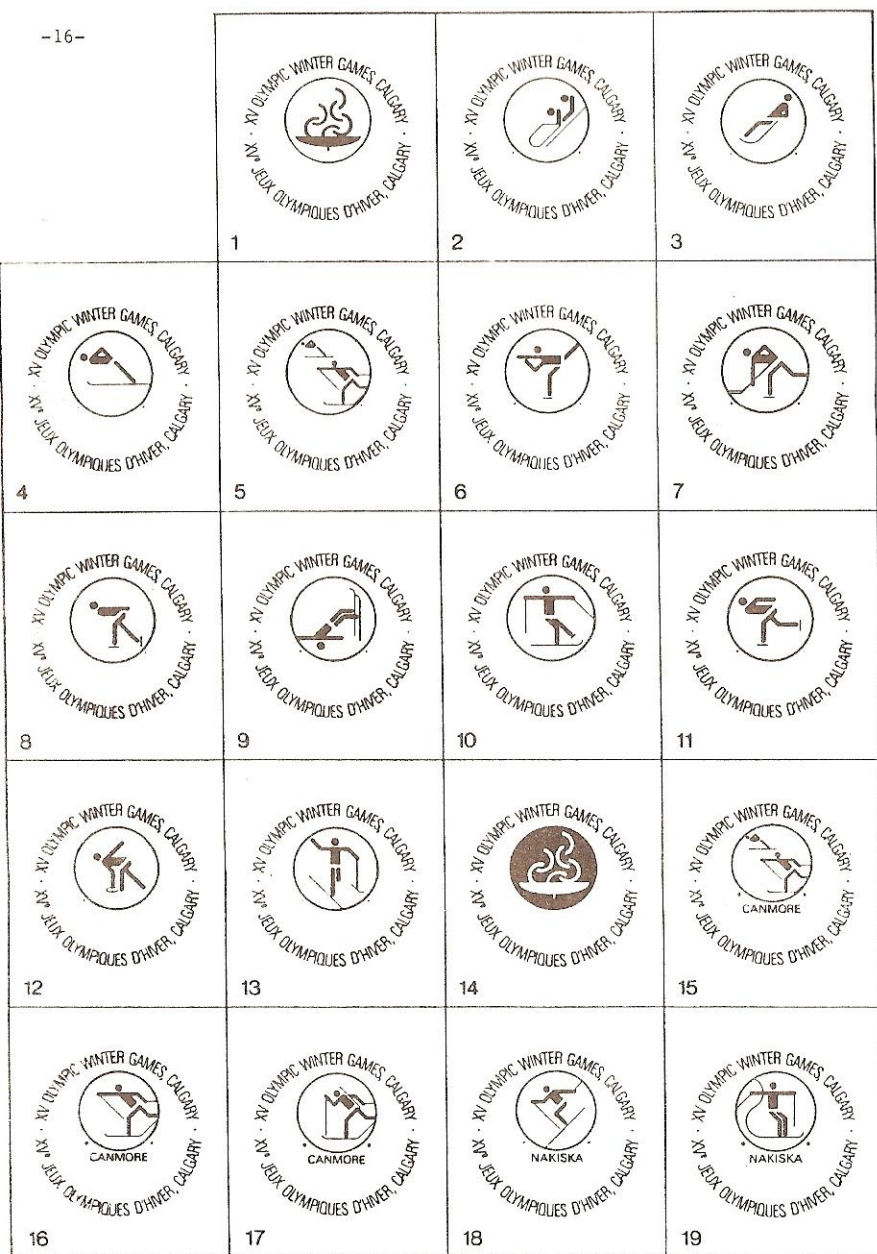
Because many of the volunteers had more than one position on the show committee, no attempt has been made to provide titles. The list is alphabetical; the Editor apologizes to anyone inadvertently left off.

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Dealers supporting the show were Clyde Vincett Ltd. (2823 - 14 Street SW), Calgary Stamp Shop (613 Centre Street South), Canada Post, the South Korean postal administration, the Paraguay postal administration, Linn's Stamp News, and Lighthouse Publications.

VISITORS TO OLYMPLEX 88

The visitor's book reveals some interesting signatures. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President, signed at the top of the first page. OLYMPLEX 88 had visitors from Italy, Poland, various American states, Korea, England, Phillipines, Australia, Greece, Portugal, Tanzania, Finland, Netherlands, East Germany, Russia, Andorra, Denmark, Belgium, New Zealand, West Germany, France, Japan, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Mexico, Pakistan, Bulgaria, Singapore, Hong Kong, Liechtenstein, India, Malaysia, China, and various parts of Canada, mostly Alberta and Ontario. The last few days of OLYMPLEX 88 had almost entirely Canadian signatures, our foreign guests having departed.



LIST OF CALGARY OLYMPIC VENUE CANCELLATIONS

On the facing page is shown a chart of the nineteen venue postmarks. The events they depict are listed below, in order of cancellation number.

- 1 - Opening ceremonies
- 2 - Bobsleigh
- 3 - Luge
- 4 - Ski jumping
- 5 - Nordic combined (first half of event, held in Calgary)
- 6 - Figure skating
- 7 - Ice hockey
- 8 - Speed skating
- 9 - Freestyle skiing
- 10 - Freestyle skiing
- 11 - Short-track speed skating
- 12 - Curling
- 13 - Disabled skiing
- 14 - Closing ceremonies
- 15 - Nordic combined (second half of event, held at Canmore)
- 16 - Cross-country skiing
- 17 - Biathlon
- 18 - Alpine skiing
- 19 - Freestyle skiing

PRECURSOR CANCELLATION

The machine slogan cancel shown below is found with Calgary or Banff postmarks, and represents an obviously unsuccessful attempt to bring the Olympic Winter Games to Calgary.



XV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES VENUE CANCELS

by John Van Staden Jr.

For the Calgary Olympics, Canada Post provided nineteen venue cancels for the mail. Not all cancels were to be used each day, but only on the days that each event was run.

Each of the cancels had a place for the date below the sports figure in the circle. This date can be represented in a number of ways, either as year-month-day (metric) or day-month-year (standard). On February 15, 1988, Canada Post decided that the metric date would be the proper usage. This would be shown as 88.11.--, with the year and date in Arabic numerals, and the month as a Roman numeral 2. The Roman numeral can be identified by a dot on either side of the numeral, as shown in Figure 1.

Due to the number of cancels being used, not all post offices had enough Roman numerals for each cancel. Various other numerals, therefore, were substituted in place of it, usually a number 11. (11 with no dots, and spaced further apart than the Roman numeral, as in Figure 2).

An Arabic numeral 2 was also used on occasion, although only by the Nakiska post office (Figure 3), which never used a Roman numeral.



All three of these dates can be found in the reverse (standard) order of day-month-year (Figure 4). One post office, Station J, used a numeral 11, which at first glance looks like a Roman numeral II, but without the dots. This numeral was examined and found to have no dots, not even residual signs, so it is therefore classified as a narrow 11 (Figure 5).

This makes for seven known date types and a possible eighth that could have been used for the cancels, as shown in Table 1. Type 4b is questionable.

Table 1: Date types of the venue cancels.

	a	b
1	88.II.--	--.II.88
2	88 11 --	-- 11 88 (wide spacing of 11)
3	88 2 --	-- 2 88
4	88 11 --	-- 11 88 (narrow spacing)



Figure 1: Cancel #11
Date 1a
Station J



Figure 2: Cancel #2
Date 2a
OLYMPLEX 88



Figure 3: Cancel #18
Date 3a
Kananaskis Village



Figure 4(i): Cancel #14
Date 1b
Athletes Village



Figure 4(ii): Cancel #3
Date 2b
OLYMPLEX 88



Figure 4(iii): Cancel #6
Date 3b
Marlborough

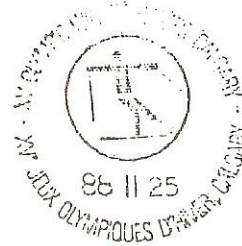


Figure 5: Cancel #10
Date 4a
Station J

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There were 94 scheduled dates of use for the various cancels. Add to this the unscheduled useages; for instance, Nakiska used the downhill cancel for every day the races ran. There were post office errors such as wrong dates of useage, as in the February 14 useage of the shorttrack speedskating cancel, when the sport was first run February 22, as shown in Figure 6. The task of documenting the cancels becomes almost impossible. What makes it even more difficult is that the cancels were available in nine Calgary post offices (Stations F, G, J, M, Marlborough, International Broadcast Centre, Athletes Village, OLYMPEX 88, and the old post office on 9 Avenue SW), two Canmore post offices (Athletes Village and Main post office; Olympic Information Centre on weekends), one Nakiska post office (Kananaskis Village), and at the Philatelic Centre in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

One other cancel was also used (Figure 7) only at the Athletes Village in Calgary. This cancel was for OCO internal use only, and was used in red ink to mark and date incoming mail. Requests for its use were so great that Canada Post began using it on outgoing mail in black ink, after first cleaning the cancel. It has been used on registered and special-delivery mail as the only cancel on the postage. This use, as the only cancel, made this the twentieth official venue cancel.



Figure 6: Cancel #11
Date 2b
OLYMPEX 88



Figure 7: Athletes Village
Calgary

Your help is required in determining where and when, and what date type of each cancel was used. If you know which Post Office your cancel was obtained at, check it for date type, and let me know what it is, as classified in Table 1. The date, cancel number (as numbered by Canada Post, see page 16), and issuing post office are the data required. Please give your name and address, so that I can contact you for a photocopy if needed. Write to: John Van Staden Jr., Box 604, Stn J, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 4X8, or telephone 285-1874.

OLYMPIC MACHINE SLOGAN CANCEL

The Calgary mail processing plant used a slogan cancel on a backup machine. This slogan is relatively rare in good readable condition; it was used only when another machine broke down or when a high volume of mail came thru the processing plant. The wording of the slogan is:

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
FEBRUARY 13 - 28, 1988
JEUX OLYMPIQUES D'HIVER
DU 13 AU 28 FEVRIER 1988
CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA



REVISION OF CLUB BY-LAWS

Dear Member:

RE: Proposed Bylaws

Periodically, the executive reviews and proposes amendments to the Society's bylaws. The executive has done so this year and enclosed herein is a set of the proposed amended bylaws.

The amendments do not represent a significant change to the existing bylaws. Rather, they are intended to clarify several points and to more specifically define the responsibilities of the various executive members and how committees are established and operate.

A motion to adopt these amended bylaws will be put forward at the regular June meeting (June 1st, 1988). I encourage you to read the bylaws and, if you have any comments, to express them at the June meeting.

Yours truly,

Michael Reid
President

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1. NAME

- (a) The society shall be known as the CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

2. OBJECT

- (a) The object of the Society shall be the furtherance of philately, and the promotion of goodwill and fellowship among its members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be eligible to make application for membership.
- (b) Application for membership will be submitted, together with the applicable fees and dues payment, to the Membership Committee Chairman. The Membership Committee will accept or reject application within ninety (90) days of receipt. Dues will be refunded on rejected application.
- (c) Each Society member shall, on joining the Society, be assigned a membership number which shall be used in all transactions with the Society.
- (d) The Life Membership Committee will meet once per year during the month of January to review and recommend a candidate or candidates for Life Membership in the Society. The criteria for selection shall be long and continuous membership in the Society combined with a record of active service to the Society. The committee need not recommend a candidate in any given year if, in their opinion, no member is deserving. The chairman of the committee shall be elected by the Life Members annually and will be responsible for calling the meeting(s) and for passing any recommendations to the Executive Committee in a timely manner. The Executive Committee shall accept or reject any recommendations within sixty (60) days of receipt.

Members shall receive a wooden plaque with a suitably inscribed brass plate when they are awarded Life Membership. The committee chairman shall arrange to obtain the plaque and plate and shall present it to the life member at a general meeting of the Society.

4. FEES AND DUES

- (a) Fees and dues shall consist of an application fee and annual dues as set by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- (b) Life Members shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- (c) Other fees shall be set, as required, by the Executive Committee.

5. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS

- (a) Any member may have his membership rescinded for cause, after a full investigation by and majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- (b) Non-payment of dues for one year by any member shall be considered a resignation of the member. Should such person wish to rejoin the Society, that person must reapply for membership and, if accepted, shall be assigned a new membership number. The old membership number will only be reassigned on payment of all back dues at current rates, including the application fee.

6. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- (a) Officers shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- (b) Directors shall consist of Past President plus four elected directors. Elected Directors shall serve a term of 2 years with two new directors elected each year.
- (c) Officers and elected directors shall be elected by ballot of paid up members at the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. Terms shall be from September 1 to August 31.
- (d) Any officer or director who fails to attend three (3) consecutive executive meetings without just cause in the opinion of the executive committee, shall be removed from office. The replacement shall be appointed by the executive committee.

7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (a) The President shall preside at all general meetings of the Society and meetings of the Executive Committee and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Society.
- (b) The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties and powers of the President. The Vice-President shall also act as Sergeant-at-Arms. In the event the President's position becomes vacant, it will be filled by the Vice-President.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the general meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary will carry out the correspondence of the Society, ensure the mailing of notices, and be responsible for the ordering and purchase of such stationery or other items as shall be needed from time to time to carry out the business of the Society.

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- d) The Treasurer shall keep the books of the Society and shall be in charge of collecting dues, fees, and other funds to which the Society is entitled and shall disburse such funds as necessary to properly conduct the business of the society. All cheques drawn on the Society's bank account must be signed by the President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for and shall oversee the Membership Committee. The Treasurer shall arrange the audit of the annual financial statements and shall submit, in a timely manner, such reports as may be required by the Province under the Societies Act, etc.

8. COMMITTEES

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and Directors of the Society. This Committee shall set the policy, regulations, fees, and dues of the Society other than those set out in these Bylaws. The President or the President's designate shall be a member of all other committees of the Society.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Auction Committee Chairman who shall select the members of the Auction Committee as required. The Auction Chairman shall organize and conduct regular auctions shall, from time to time, formulate auction rules and regulations and submit these to the Executive Committee for approval.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Table Auction Committee Chairman who shall select the members of the Table Auction Committee as required. The Table Auction Chairman shall organize and conduct regular Table auctions and shall, from time to time, formulate Table auction rules and regulations and submit these to the Executive Committee for approval.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Membership Committee Chairman who shall select the members of the Membership Committee as required. The Membership Chairman shall organize and conduct the collection of membership fees and dues and forward these to the Treasurer and shall maintain an up-to-date record of all membership numbers and corresponding members names and addresses. The Membership Committee shall carry out the functions specified in item 3 (b) of these Bylaws.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Circuit Book Committee Chairman who shall select members of the Circuit Book Committee as required. The Circuit Book Chairman shall organize and maintain a record of all circuit books and oversee and maintain a record of the circulation of the circuit books, and shall, from time to time, formulate circuit book rules and regulations and submit these to the Executive Committee for approval.

- (f) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Private Treaty Committee Chairman who shall select members of the Private Treaty Committee as required. The Private Treaty Chairman shall organize and maintain a record of all private treaty sales and oversee and maintain a record of the circulation of the private treaty, and shall, from time to time, formulate private treaty rules and regulations and submit these to the Executive Committee for approval.
- (g) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Exhibition Committee Chairman who shall select members of the Exhibition Committee as required. The Exhibition Committee shall organize and carry out all aspects of Society exhibitions. The budget for all exhibitions shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.
- (h) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Program Committee Chairman who shall select members of the Program Committee as required. The Program Committee shall organize and conduct all aspects of the programs that are part of the general meetings. These duties shall include, but not be limited to, the selection of speaker(s) and the preparation of visual aids to be used by the speaker(s).
- (i) The Executive Committee shall appoint other Committee Chairmen as necessary. These chairmen shall select the members of their committees as required.
- (j) All committee chairmen shall submit to the Treasurer such financial reports and funds as and when required by the Treasurer.
- (k) The Life Membership Committee shall consist of the Life Members, the President, and the Vice-President.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) Meetings of the Society shall be held at the time and place designated by the Executive Committee.
- (b) An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in June of each year for the purpose of electing the Executive Committee for the following year.
- (c) The fiscal year shall be from September 1 to August 31.

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OLYMPLEX 88 SHOW REPORT

by Colin Bolvikoski

The show was formally opened the morning of February 13, in a very splashy ceremony staged by Canada Post. About 1500 people packed the ballroom where the ceremonies were held, across the hall from the exhibits and bourse. A multiscreen display provided a fancy lightshow as the final four stamps were officially launched for the Calgary Olympics. Television crews filmed the event, and it may be possible a few months from now for philatelists to get a video cassette of the ceremonies.

The opening began with a procession of dignitaries into the room, led by a Scottish piper. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President, spoke to the crowd and in his remarks indicated that he was there in two capacities: that of his official status as head of the Olympic organization, and that of his private status as an OLYMPLEX exhibitor who had part of his collection in the Court of Honour. Samaranch's collection was begun by his father, and contains all the Olympic stamps issued, in blocks of four. Harvie Andre, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, also spoke at the ceremonies.

There were more than two hundred frames on display, with entries from Europe, Asia, and North America. The show was non-competitive, and displays were restricted to the topics of Olympic and winter sports philately. OLYMPLEX 88 was held on the lower floor of the Calgary Convention Centre, and was part of the Olympic Arts Festival. A show catalogue was published, containing articles on Calgary postal history, Olympic philately, and winter sports philately. It is now available for \$6 from the C.P.S. at Box 1478, Stn M, Calgary, T2P 2L6. Also sold at the show was an Arts Festival FDC of the first Olympic stamp issued for Calgary, the 34¢ digitized map stamp.



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Calgary Convention Centre
February 13-28, 1988
Centre des congrès de Calgary
Du 13 au 28 février 1988

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SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup C.P.S. members, with a maximum of ten lines, including name and address. Mail ads to the Editor, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, T2P 2E7. Next deadline is May 25, for the bulletin appearing in late June.

WANTED: Worldwide stamps picturing owls. Single mint or used stamps required. Call 239-7774 and ask for Clive or Kathryn.

FOR SALE: OLYMPLEX 88 show catalogue. Professionally-printed and illustrated digest with many articles on Olympic philately and Calgary postal history. Price is \$6 each from C.P.S., Box 1478, Stn M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

WANTED: Town-dated singles, blocks, and plate blocks of Canada, especially pre-WW2. Phone Ed Harris at 274-0021.

STAMP DAY 88: Sunday, April 24, from 10 am to 5 pm at Marlborough Inn, Garden Courts 1 and 2, 1316 - 33 Street NE. Competitive exhibits, dealer bourse, club activities.

BNAPS REGIONAL MEETING: Saturday, April 23, starts 9 am at Marlborough Inn, Falconridge Room. We thank Keith Brown, of Clyde Vincett Ltd., for defraying the cost of the meeting room. Activities include slide talks, BNA philatelic quiz, circuit books, and evening supper. For information, phone Bill Pawluk at 278-9708.

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: Philatelic items pertaining to Calgary Olympic Winter Games. Stamps, meters, envelopes, cancels, slogans, mail to and from OCO and CODA. Write John Van Staden, Box 604, Stn J, Calgary or phone 285-1874.

WANTED: Clean, unmarked copies of the following philatelic periodicals, with no scribbling or yellow felt pen marks, or cut-out ads. Write first to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Stn D, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2E7, or see him at the meetings. Phone 243-1752 anytime and leave message on answering machine. I need: Canadian Philatelist (most issues before 1959), Maple Leaves (most issues 1957 and earlier), BNA Topics (whole # 103, 85 to 99, 83, 1 to 79), SPA Journal (most issues 1977 and earlier).

OLYMPLEX 88 VISITORS: WHAT DID THEY THINK ABOUT US?

About 11,000 people toured OLYMPLEX 88, and many of those signed the guest book at the front desk. The majority of those who commented on the show had the usual compliments, but there were some that were a little bit different. 'Exasperating' said a Massachuset man, while immediately after him was a Pole who wrote, 'It was very nice to see it, and particularly to find Polish stamps.'. A European who left out an address said 'Almost complete', while a Calgary Flames fan took the opportunity to make a derogatory remark about the Edmonton Oilers. A few pages later, someone listed their address as 'Edmonton, The City of Champions'. The OLYMPLEX visitor's book is now in the C.P.S. Archives.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1988

April	23		BNAPS regional meeting
	24		STAMP DAY
	27		Auction
May	1		Sunday bourse
	4		General meeting
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
	25		June bulletin deadline
June	1		Election meeting
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
Sept	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
Oct	5		General meeting
	19		Auction
	26		Auction
Nov	2		General meeting
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
Dec	7		Wine and cheese party

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, second floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSES are at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 430 pm. To book a table, phone Tim Presber at 280-9739.

AUSTRALASIAN STUDY GROUP meets third Wednesdays. For information, contact Leanna Johnson at 282-9775.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, Calgary Chapter, meets second Wednesdays. For information, contact Phil Wolf at 251-4109.

GREAT BRITAIN STUDY GROUP just recently formed. For information, contact David Warren at 253-7342.