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Fascination of Collecting Olympics

In 1870, after attending the Olympian Games of the Wenlock Olympian Society, Baron Pierre de Coubertin was inspired to found the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Coubertin built on the idea with the aim of establishing internationally rotating Olympic Games that would occur every four years. In 1894, at the University of Paris, it was decided that the first Olympic Games to come under the auspices of the IOC would take place in Athens in 1896. And thus the beginning of a world wide event was formed.

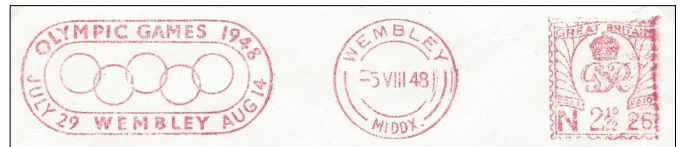
For the 1896 Olympics, the event was celebrated with the release of a set of twelve stamps. All of these Greek stamps depict ancient style of competitors, one of which is shown to the right.



The 1928 games were in Amsterdam: the Olympic champions in football were Uruguay and their country issued these two stamps of a set of 3 stamps to celebrate the win.



Berlin held the games in 1936 which saw the release of stamps, and on the 1st August 1936 miniature sheets by the German Post, one of which is shown here.



There was a gap because of the Second World War until 1948 when London held the games. The main stadium was Wembley and a slogan meter mail is shown, used by the British Olympic Association, which was approved by the Royal Mail.

For the first time the Olympics came to the southern hemisphere in 1956 when Melbourne was the host city. At these games a New Zealand athlete in the 50,000 metre walking race was Norman Read, shown on this stamp of Dominion Republic.



The games of 1992 in Barcelona were celebrated by many countries and shown is this se-tenant strip from the USA.

Postal stationery of USA shows how you can look for not just the front, but also other pictorial images on the back. Both can be



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displayed, if you wish to show either one or both in your display.

To celebrate all this year's New Zealand medal winners at Rio De Janeiro, NZ Post issued some miniature sheets after the games. Shown is one of them with Eliza McCartney.

The variety of material for this collecting theme has become very varied with the popularity and promotion of these events, which adds to the fascination of collecting.



Award of Merit

Tim Beach has been involved with the Philatelic Youth Council of NZ inc. executive committee from 1991, including the Treasurer's role 1992 & 1993 ,until elected as Chairman 2012 to the present time.

Concerning Philatelic Youth Stamp Camps – he attended his first camp in 1987 as a youth and he has been a Teaching Leader for over the last 15 years at various annual camps.

With the City of Sails Philatelic Youth Club, Auckland, he has been for the past 12 years Leader of the club.

Tim has been an Exhibitor over many years both as a youth and as an adult. He also has many times exhibited at various clubs, area exhibitions, National Exhibitions held in New Zealand as well as at overseas exhibitions, achieving amongst other awards Gold at "Timpex

2009" held in Timaru. As a youth he exhibited at the Canadian "World Youth Exhibition" in 1992 and was awarded a Large Silver and Special Prize. He also attended this show as a representative of the Philatelic Youth Council of NZ inc. & spoke at the FIP Youth Commission's Meeting about the PYC's publication 'Philatelic Guide' which had just been released at that time.

Regarding the renowned artist and designer James Berry, he has become a researcher of his achievements and over the years also has accumulated an extensive archive of this gentleman's work and story.



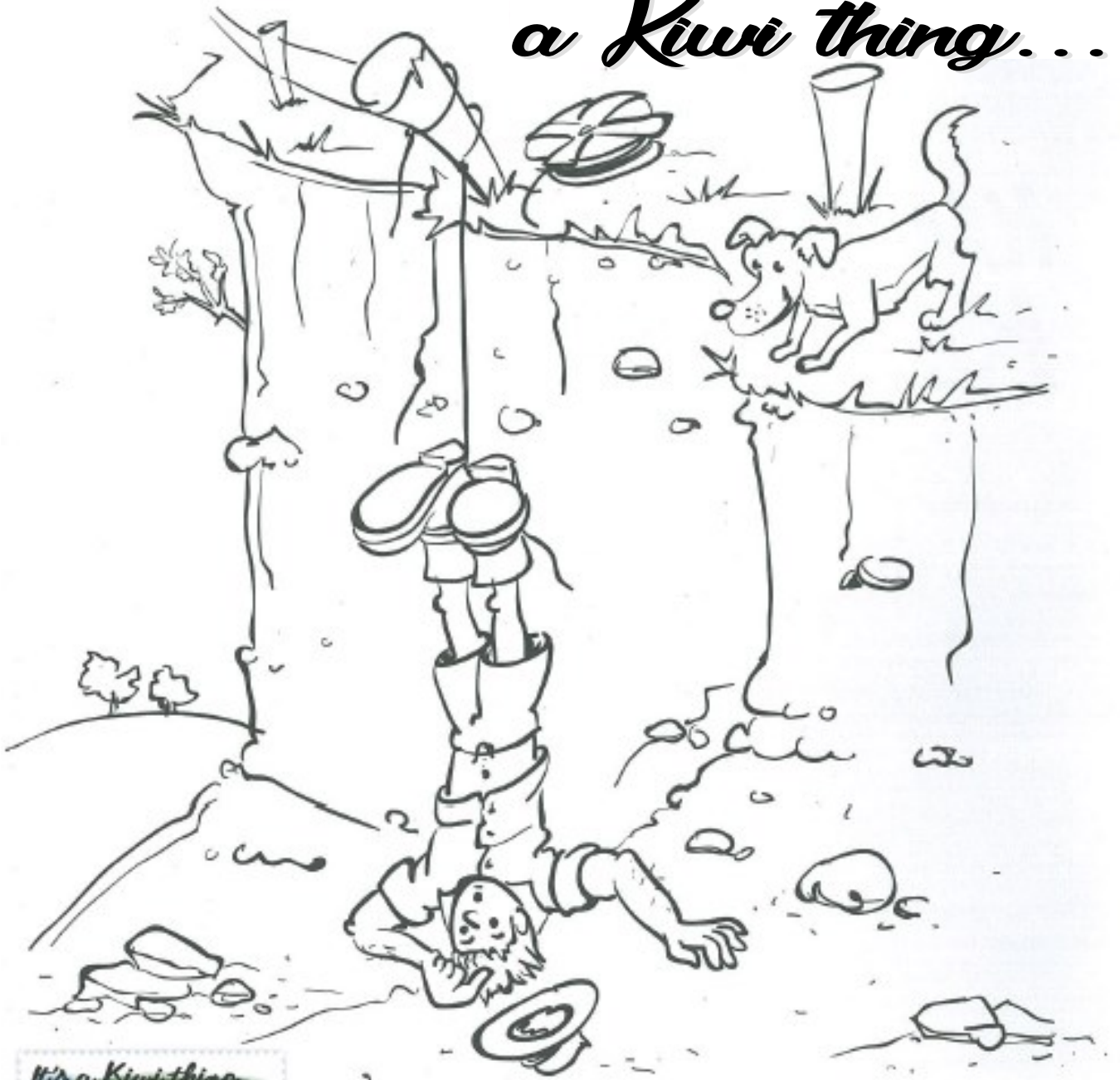
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