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Larry Doby (1923-2003) was the first African American to play in the American League, joining the Cleveland Indians shortly after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the National League.

Joe DiMaggio (1914-1999) led the New York Yankees to ten pennants and nine World Series titles. Many consider him the greatest all-around player of his time.

Willie Stargell (1940-2001) powered the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates, a multicultural team known as "The Family," to a World Series title

Ted Williams (1918-2002) of the Boston Red Sox was the last Major League player to bat over .400 for a single season (1941). During his stellar career, he won six American League batting titles and four home run titles.



For the design of the first stamp in the series, the Postal Service selected a long-admired painting of the famed USS *Constitution* by Michele Felice Corné, circa 1803. Constitution acquired the nickname "Old Ironsides" during a victorious battle with HMS *Guerriere* in August 1812, two months into the war.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STARS

The four players honored on these stamps capture our imagination for their exploits and for what they symbolize — the best of baseball — and, in a way, the best of ourselves, the Postal Service salutes Joe DiMaggio, Larry Doby, Willie Stargell, and Ted Williams. Each of these Hall of Famers was a perennial All-Star selection and each left an indelible impression on the game. Artist Kadir Nelson based his artwork on historic photographs of the four players. Art director Phil Jordan designed the stamps.

SCHEDULED FIRST DAY OF ISSUE JULY 20.

INDIVIDUAL PANES SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21 AT SELECTED POST OFFICES AS FOLLOWS:

LARRY DOBY – CLEVELAND, OHIO
JOE DIMAGGIO – NEW YORK, NEW YORK
WILLIE STARGELL – PITTSBURGH PA
TED WILLIAMS – BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

THE WAR OF 1812: USS CONSTITUTION

The United States declared war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812. In his war message to Congress, President James Madison charged the British with violating the nation's sovereignty by restricting American trade with Europe and by removing seamen from American merchant ships and making them serve in the Royal Navy. Greg Breeding served as art director and designer for the stamp.

SCHEDULED FIRST DAY OF ISSUE AUGUST 17.

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - JULY-AUGUST, 2012**OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET**

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and fourth Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER YEAR (JULY-JUNE)

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DUES NOTICE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND YOUR \$8.00 TO THE MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE. PAYABLE TO: THE WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

JULY – AUGUST 2012 MEETING DATES

July 8th ONLY

August 12th ONLY

(Only 1 meeting in June, July and August)

***** ENJOY YOUR SUMMER *****

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

****** OUR FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 – JUNE 30 ******

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Since the last newsletter we are pleased to announce four new members, Loren A. Dick from Turtle Creek, Leon Szwedko and his daughter, whom I believe is named Donna from O'Hara Township and James B. Moyer from Monroeville. Loren collects United States. Leon collects United States and also postcards (no interests listed for Donna). James listed "NONE" in the collecting interests area. Please introduce yourself when you see them at one of our meetings

APS NEWSLETTER AWARD: The Club has been awarded a VERMEIL award for our 2011 newsletter. The APS judges the last three issues of the calendar year. For 2011 the three judges awarded 88, 80 and 76 points for an average of 81.3, only 3.67 points from the GOLD. With improvements, based on judges' work sheets, we may get that gold this year.

Awards, based on average points, are: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. Points are awarded based on nine different areas within three categories: Content Coverage (60 point maximum), Production Quality (40 point maximum) and Bonus Points of 0 to 10 additional points. The APS issues a certificate and displays the submitted newsletters and their awards at the annual APS Stampshow. This year it is in Sacramento, CA August 16-19.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: This year the Club is having our annual luncheon once again at Drew's Family Restaurant in Forest Hills at 1:00 PM on September 22, 2012. We will be ordering from the menu. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 25 people. For reservations, please call Ray Damico at 724-478-2107 or Andy Novotny at 412-351-4954. Drew's is located at 2060 Ardmore Blvd. (Route 30) across the street from the Borough Building. If you are traveling east on Route 30, it is on the right side.

STAMP SHOW TRAVELS: Several of our members, known to you editor recently "hit the road" to stamp shows in New York, Virginia and eastern Pennsylvania. In mid May, Andy Novotny attended ROPEX in Rochester, New York. In early June, Ray Damico and Herb Mendelsohn attended NAPEX in McLean, Virginia. In mid June Bill Brierton, Fred Lewis and yours truly, Tom Reiff attended the ATA (American Topical Association) National Show in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Everyone reported that they enjoyed the shows and found some great additions to their collections.

**THE OLYMPICS THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN - THE 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES
A BRIEF HISTORY WITH RELATED COVERS, CANCELS, ETC. by Tom Reiff**

A BRIEF HISTORY

THE WINTER GAMES

The 1940 Winter Olympics, which would have been officially known as the V Olympic Winter Games, were to be celebrated in 1940 in Sapporo, Japan, but the games were eventually cancelled due to the onset of World War II.

Sapporo was selected to be the host of the fifth edition Winter Olympics scheduled February 3-12, 1940, but Japan gave the Games back to the IOC in July 1938, after the outbreak of the Second Sino-Japanese War in 1937. The IOC then decided to give the Winter Olympics to St Moritz, Switzerland, which had hosted in 1928. Due to controversies between the Swiss organizing team and the IOC, the Games were withdrawn again. In the spring of 1939, the IOC gave the 1940 Winter Olympics, now scheduled for February 2-11, to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, where the previous 1936 games had been held. Three months later Germany invaded Poland on September 1 to ignite World War II, and the Winter Games were cancelled in November. St Moritz held the first post-war games in 1948

THE SUMMER GAMES

The 1940 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XII Olympiad and originally scheduled to be held from September 21 to October 6, 1940, in Tokyo, Japan, were cancelled due to the outbreak of World War II. Tokyo was stripped of its host status for the Games by the IOC after the renunciation by the Japanese of the IOC's Cairo Conference of 1938, due to the outbreak of the Second Sino-Japanese War. The government of Japan had abandoned its support for the 1940 Games in July 1938. The IOC then awarded the Games to Helsinki, Finland, the runner-up in the original bidding process. The Games were then scheduled to be staged from July 20 to August 4, 1940. The Olympic Games were suspended indefinitely following the outbreak of World War II and did not resume until the London Games of 1948.



ADVERTISING COVER FOR THE 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES IN FINLAND



ADVERTISING CANCEL FOR THE 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES IN FINLAND



ADVERTISING POSTCARD FOR 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO, JAPAN



POSTER LABEL FOR 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES IN HELSINKI, FINLAND



POSTER STAMP FROM LATVIA FOR THE 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – July 1 – **CRANBERRY, PA**, Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA
10AM – 4PM FREE

STAMP & COIN SHOW – July 7 - **PITTSBURGH, PA** – James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy. 2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM FREE.

STAMP SHOW – July 15 – **HUDSON, OH** – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

STAMP SHOW – August 12 – **HUDSON, OH** – Hudson Stamp Bourse. Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway, Hudson. Sun 10AM – 4PM. FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

POSTCARD SHOW – AUGUST 18 – **LANCASTER, PA** - 20th Annual Lancaster Postcard Exposition (Show.) Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA. Sat 9 AM. - 5 PM. The Expo features 25 dealers selling mostly old postcards although some new cards are usually available. Included in the show are postcard exhibits, free parking, door prizes, home cooking, and air conditioned facilities. Admission is \$2.50 per person.

And don't forget, during the year, weather permitting, Trader Jack's Flea Market (every Sat-Sun), Hannastown (MAY-SEP 2nd Sunday), Bull Creek (MAY-OCT 3rd Sunday), Washington Antiques Fair (Consol Energy Park – Last Sunday of the month), etc.

ATTEND A SHOW - FIND A TREASURE

INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)

Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/NLTR1203/NLTR1203.htm>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

U.S. POST OFFICES
http://www.postalhistory.com/Post_Offices/index.htm

U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS 1847-1970 and MORE
<http://www.1847usa.com/>

50 YEARS AGO – JULY - AUGUST 1962



1992 BURUNDI HIGH VALUE AIRMAIL (SCOTT #C301)
AND 1962 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO INDEPENDENCE ISSUE
(SCOTT #109)

HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS

OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
BURUNDI & RWANDA, ARNOLD PALMER, GOLF,
JAMAICA, THE BEATLES AND TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.

JULY 1, 1962 - Burundi & Rwanda gain independence from Belgium.

JULY 13, 1962 - 91st British Golf Open: Arnold Palmer wins. Shoots a 276 at Royal Troon.

AUGUST 6, 1962 - Jamaica becomes independent after 300 years of British rule.

AUGUST 16, 1962 - Ringo Starr replaces Pete Best as Beatle drummer

AUGUST 31, 1962 - Trinidad & Tobago gain independence from Britain.