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POSTMARKS HONOR OLYMPICS CHAMPIONS

As a northern mountainous state, it is not surprising that Vermont should have had thirteen athletes on the American team at the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games. In 2010, when the OWG were held in Vancouver, British Columbia, three Vermont women won medals.

After the 2010 games, the Northern New England District of the USPS honored each medalist with a pictorial cancel from her hometown. Ladies' Moguls gold medalist Hannah Kearney was honored on April 10, 2010, with a pictorial from both Norwich, Vermont, and Hanover, New Hampshire, towns that share the local high school which she attended.

Ladies' Halfpipe bronze medalist Kelly Clark received a similar honor on March 21, 2010, from her hometown of West Dover in the southern part of the state. Both Kearney and Clark still live in Vermont.

Ladies' Halfpipe silver medalist Hannah Teter, who was the 2006 gold medalist, now lives and trains in South Lake Tahoe, California. In 2010 she lived in Belmont, southeast of Rutland.

Teter has a special project: helping World Vision improve the living standards in a rural community in Kenya. Her charity sells Vermont Maple Syrup called Hannah's Gold. A member of the Rutland County Stamp Club who knows Hannah asked her to autograph one of the maple syrup labels which he then used as a cachet with the March 21 pictorial cancel.

At the 2014 OWG Kearney and Clark won bronze in their events, while Teter finished fourth in hers. Let's hope that the USPS again sponsors pictorial cancels for any winners.

VERMONT STAMP SHOWS

Vermont stamp shows this year include the Upper Valley Stamp Club's Crossroad Stamp Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 5, and October 4, at Mid-Vermont Christian School Gym, 399 West Gilson Avenue in Quechee. It will have exhibits and more than twenty stamps and post-cards dealers. The Vermont State Stamp Show will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 7 at the Montpelier Elks Club, 203 Country Club Road in Montpelier. ■