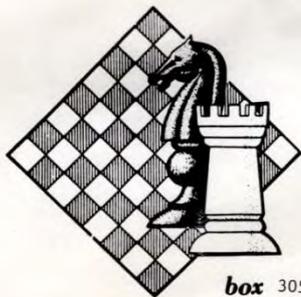




Allan G. Savage's Correspondence Chess Career: A Philatelic Look

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American Postal Chess Tournaments

box 305 Western Springs, Illinois 60558

YOU ARE ENTERED IN _____ 85 ROOK FINALS, SECTION 1 (85RF-1)

		Prelim	SF	Plays White against	CUM PT
1	Robert Curry, PO Box 3552, Palmer, AK 99645	5½	8-0	2,4,6,8,10,12	17.5
2	Steve Bowles, 1652 Highland, Portsmouth, OH 45662	5½	6-2	3,5,7,9,11,13	14.5
3	J F Campbell, 3355 Winter Wood Ct., Marietta, GA 30062	4½	4½-3½	1,4,6,8,10,12	11.25
4	Allan Savage, 5800 Madawaska Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816	6	7-1	2,5,7,9,11,13	16.5
5	Barry Noble, 15448 Saranac Dr., Whittier, CA 90604	5	7½-½	1,3,6,8,10,12	16.25
6	Peter Rimlinger, 811 Bosley Ave., Apt. A, Towson, MD 21204	6	5-3	2,4,7,9,11,13	13.5
7	Fred Bender, PO Box 8812, Madison, WI 53708	5½	6-2	1,3,5,8,10,12	14.5
8				2,4,6,9,11,13	
9				1,3,5,7,10,12	
10				2,4,6,8,11,13	
11				1,3,5,7,9,12	
12				2,4,6,8,10,13	
13				1,3,5,7,9,11	

Allan began his correspondence chess career playing in the APCT (American Postal Chess Tournaments), one of four main postal chess organizations in the US.

His first event was the APCT Rook Tournament, their yearly championship. Allan scored a perfect 6-0 in the Preliminary round and then scored 7-1 in the semi-final, entering the final round with the second best cumulative score.

Allan sailed through Final round, scoring 8½ - ½ His total body count over six years: 21 wins and three draws, a truly outstanding result.

PLAYERS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 SCORE

1 Robert Curry	♙														
2 Steve Bowles		♙													
3 J F Campbell			♙												
4 Allan Savage				♙											
5 Barry Noble					♙										
6 Peter Rimlinger						♙									
7 Fred Bender							♙								
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10										♙					
11											♙				
12												♙			
13													♙		

Post results as they occur; watch for confirmation in the game results section of the APCT News Bulletin.
Report your wins immediately; draws should be reported by the player with the white pieces.
Send reports to APCT at the address shown above.



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ALLAN SAVAGE

MEET THE NEW APCT CHAMPION!

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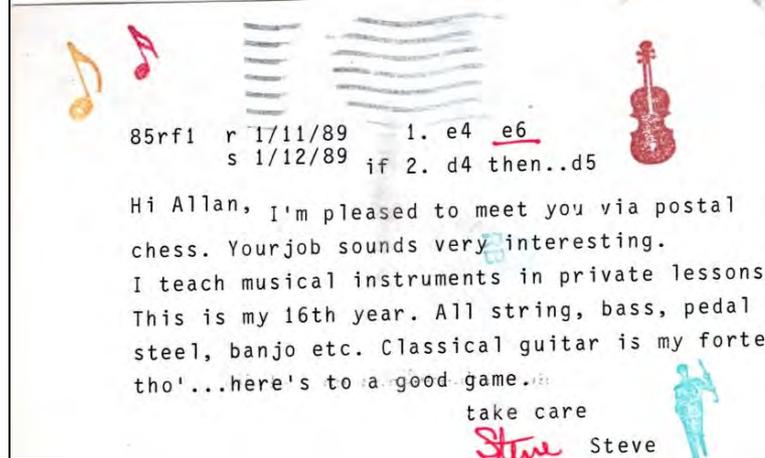
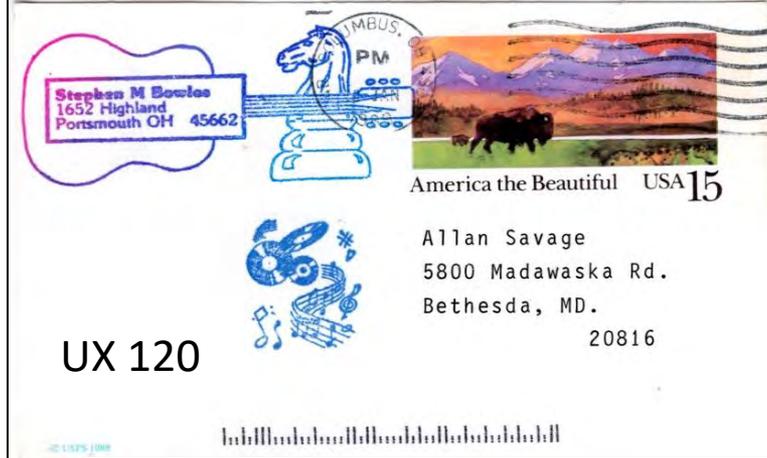
APCT.....	41	pts
CCLA.....	28	"
USCF.....	24	"
TCC.....	23	"
NOST.....	16	"

Note, the above APCT totals are confirmed. Other totals above may be partial since results of games between non-APCT teams have not been reported to team captains. Thus, the APCT lead is probably closer to 8-9 pts. rather than 13.

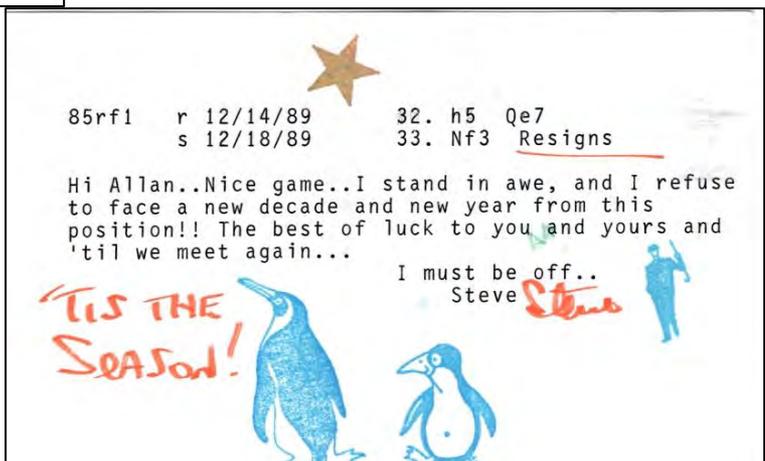
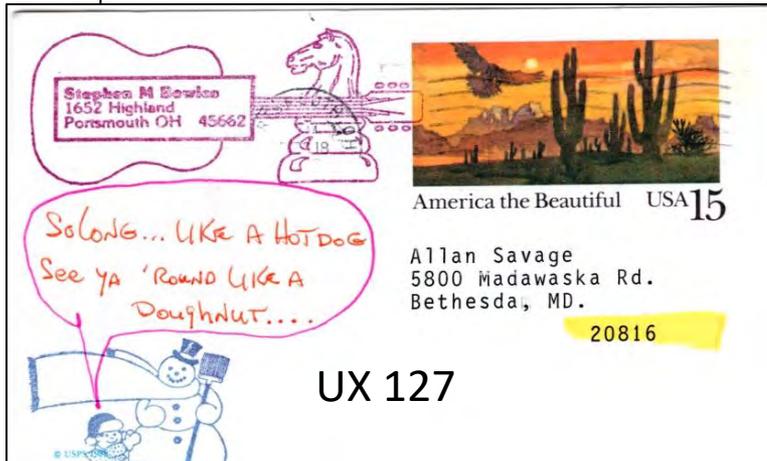
From start to finish, it took Allan six years to win the Rook title.

From APCT TD and Editor Helen Warren:

“Allan’s reasons for playing serious correspondence chess are those many APCTers share. After returning to graduate school, he had little time for OTB chess, but he wanted to stay ‘sharp’. “It certainly served its purpose and now I find that it complements my OTB chess very well. Besides APCT, I have also played some team matches in ICCF and I am a member of the US standing team” says Allan. “I collect about everything related to chess including books, stamps, autographs, picture postcards, travelling sets, and other ephemera.”



Only the cards from Allan's Final game against Steven Bowles survived. The rate throughout the game was 15c, and three different postal card types were used.





Max Zavanelli
ICCF-U.S. Secretary
1642 N. Volusia Ave.
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August 23, 1993

Allan G. Savage
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Dear Mr. Savage:

As the United States Secretary, it is my sincere pleasure to extend to you an invitation to have the honor of representing the United States as a member of the USA Team in the North American Invitational Correspondence Chess Championship VII.

This tournament will consist of 15 players (10 USA, 5 Canadian). The winner, who will be declared North American CC Champion, and the runner up will have the right to play in the 3/4 final of the World CC Championship. International title norms are possible.

The planned starting date for this tournament is October 20, 1993. Please do not accept this invitation unless you are confident of finishing the event. Please reply by return mail as soon as possible. My deadline for receipt of your acceptance is September 9, 1993.

The entry fee to cover our Team Captain expenses and ICCF fee is \$25.00.

Amici Sumus,

Prof. Max Zavanelli

Allan's win in the 1985 APCT Rook Championship offered a money prize and, more important, an entry into the 7th North American Invitational run by the ICCF (The International Correspondence Chess Federation).

Allan left the APCT and embarked upon a path into the World Championship cycle. The first challenge, a win in the NAI-7 provided an entry in the World $\frac{3}{4}$ Final.

Fortunately for us, Allan preserved almost all of the postal cards that he received in this event!



NAI VII
R: (0/0)
Sent: 4 October 1993
Hi, Allan!

1. 5254, or if you
prefer, 1. e4

Glad to meet you via
postal chess! I hope we
have an interesting game!

Fax,
Alex Dunne
114 South East
Sayre, PA 18840
USA

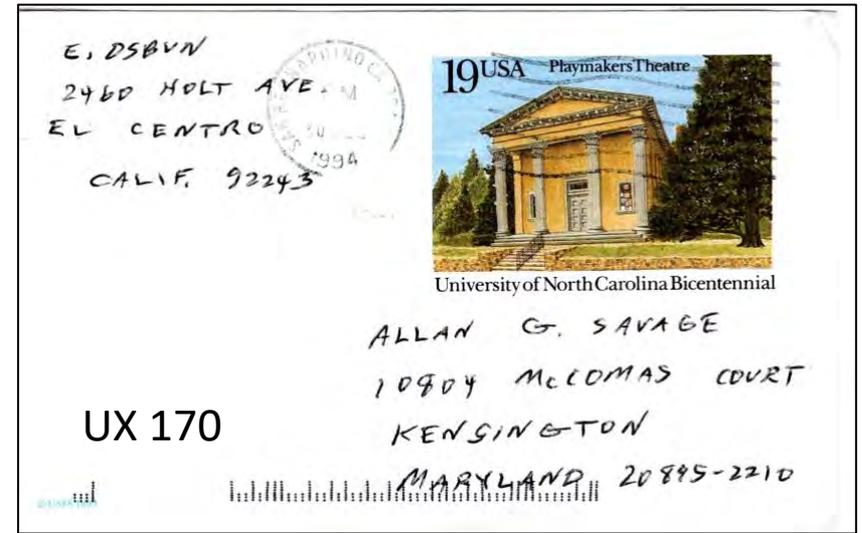
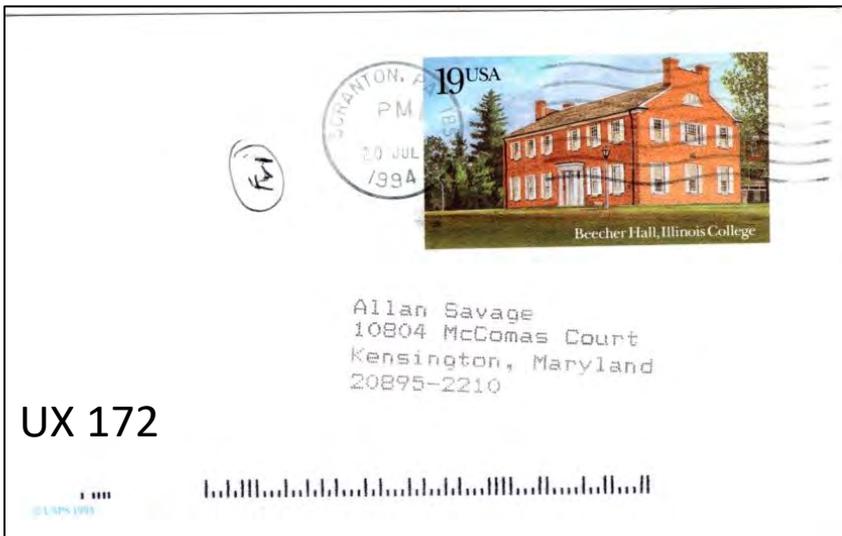
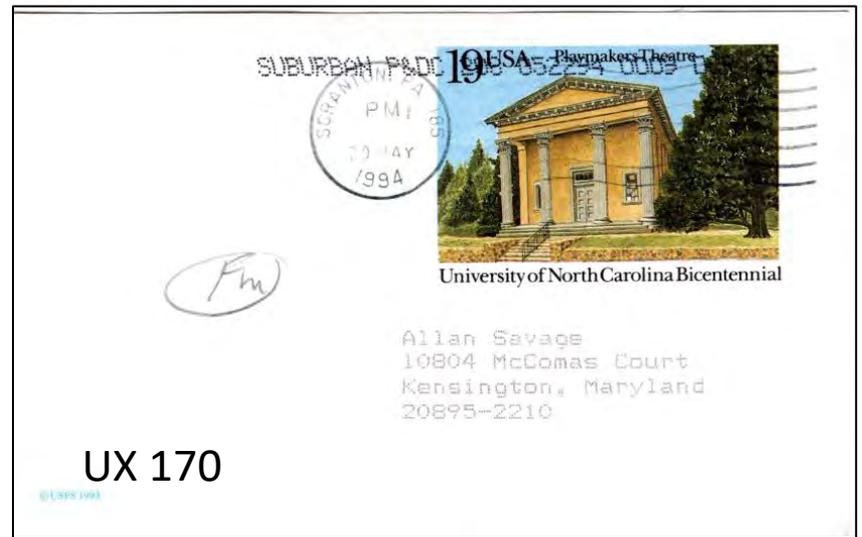
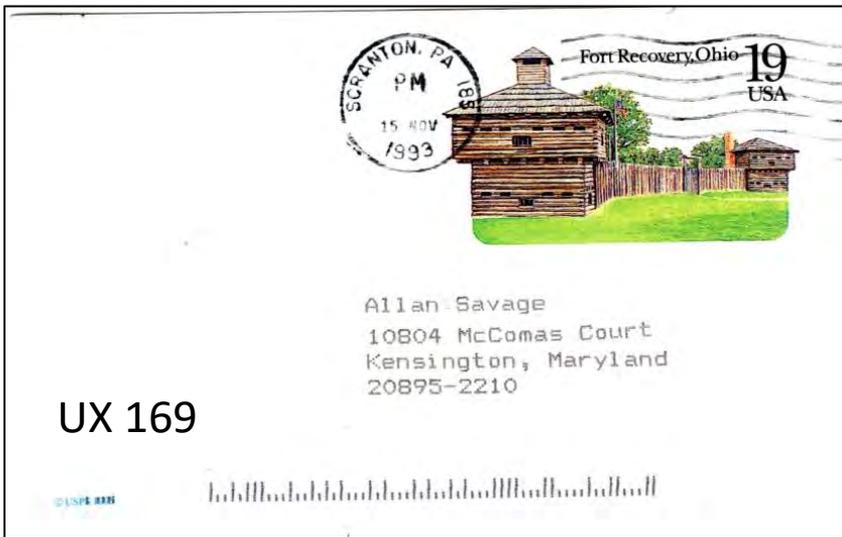
Play began in October 1993. All 15 players competed at the same time against all of the others, a total of 14 games each.

Ten of the players were from the USA. Five were from Canada.

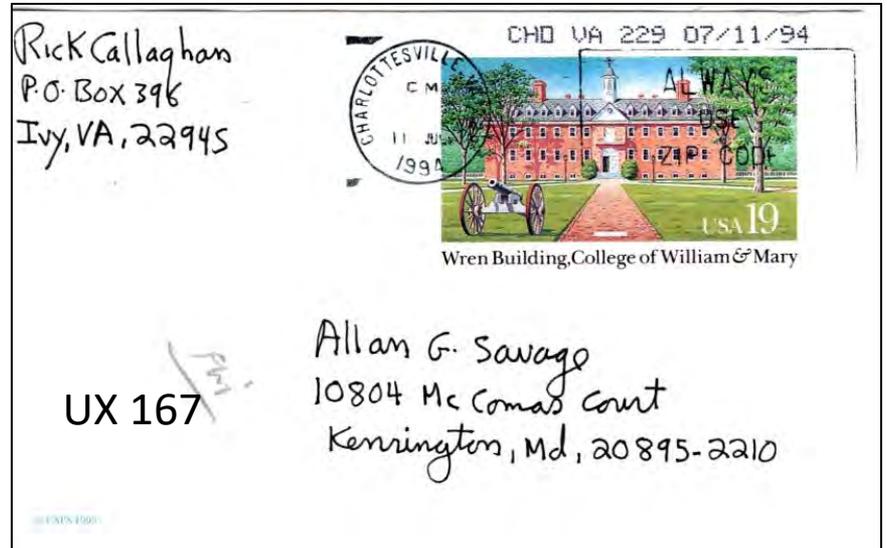
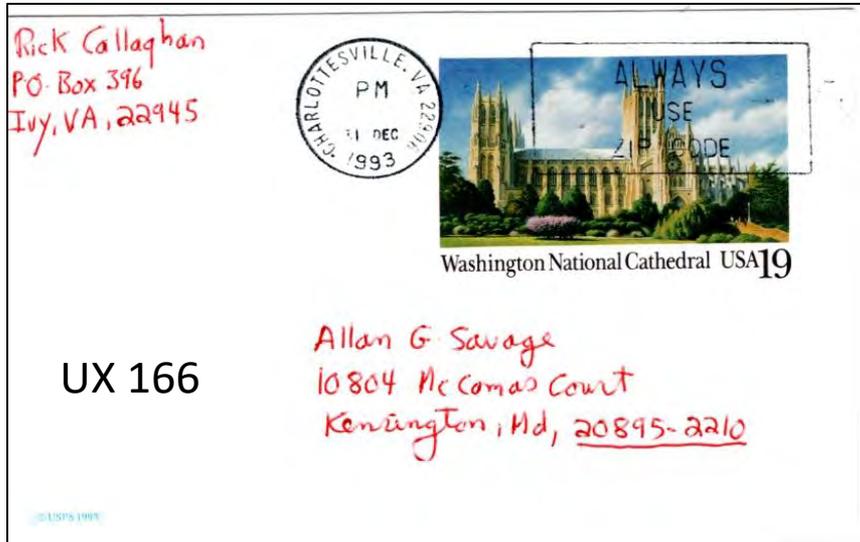
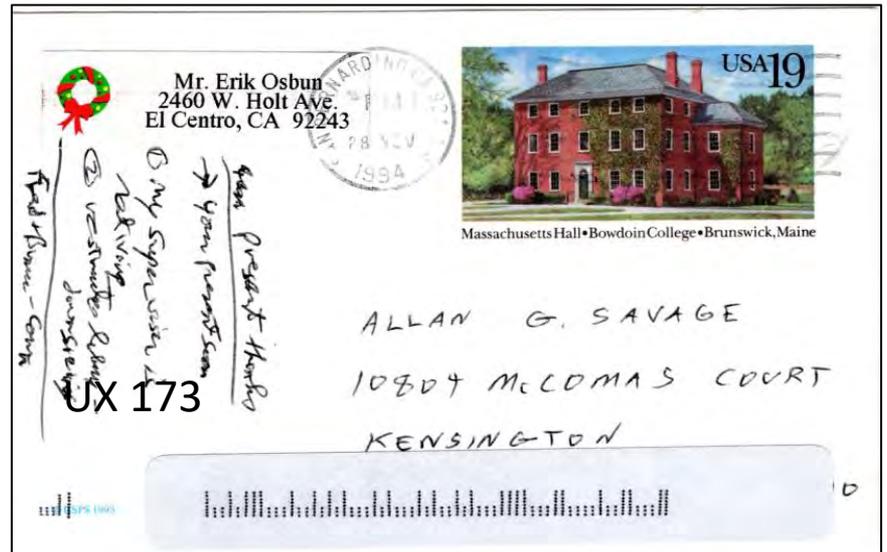
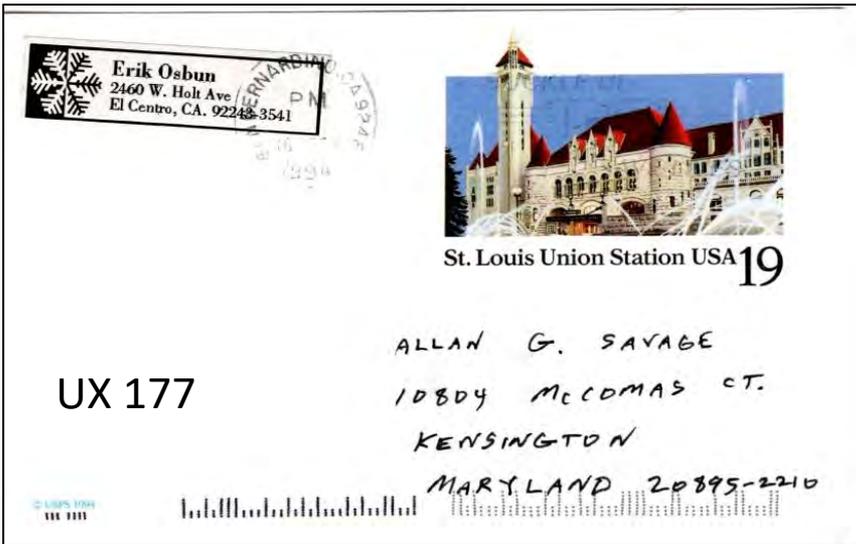
The International nature of the event permitted the awarding of IM norms and titles.

Most of the moves were carried on post cards. In October 1993, the postal card rate was 19c within the USA. The postal card rate from Canada to the US was 49c. The postal card rate to Canada was 30c.

The flag 19c postcard was commonly used by US players at the start of the match.



During play, which in many games lasted more than two years, the US introduced a variety of other 19c postcards. Few players put in a large store of unused postal cards, because recent inflationary pressures had often increased rates. The result was that players often used the new and different postal card types during play.



Collections like Allan's are a boon to those of us who aim to collect postal chess use on every postal card type.

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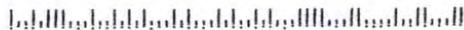
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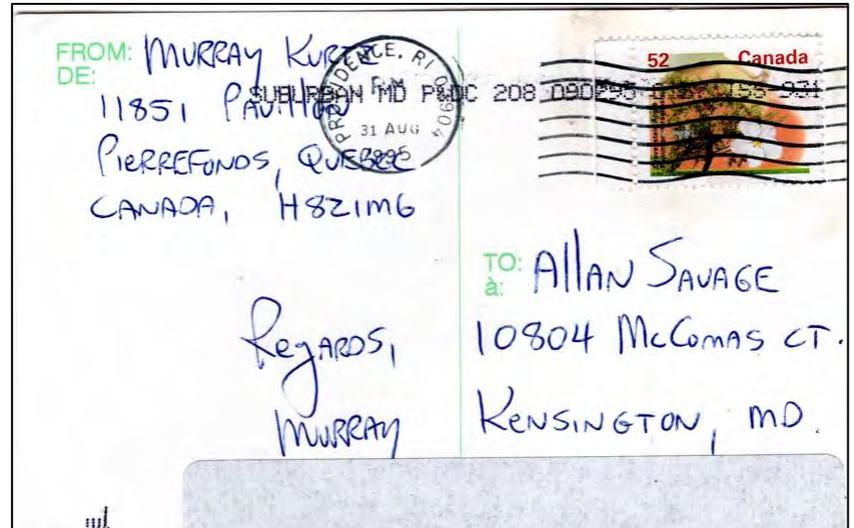
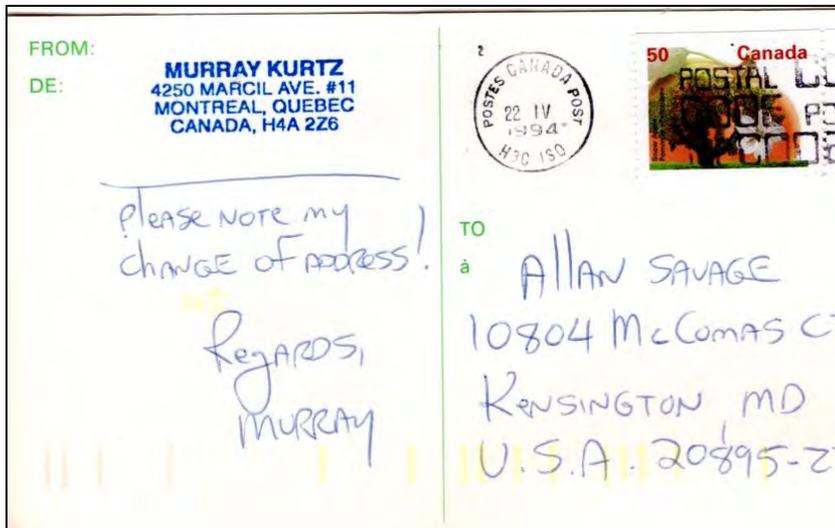
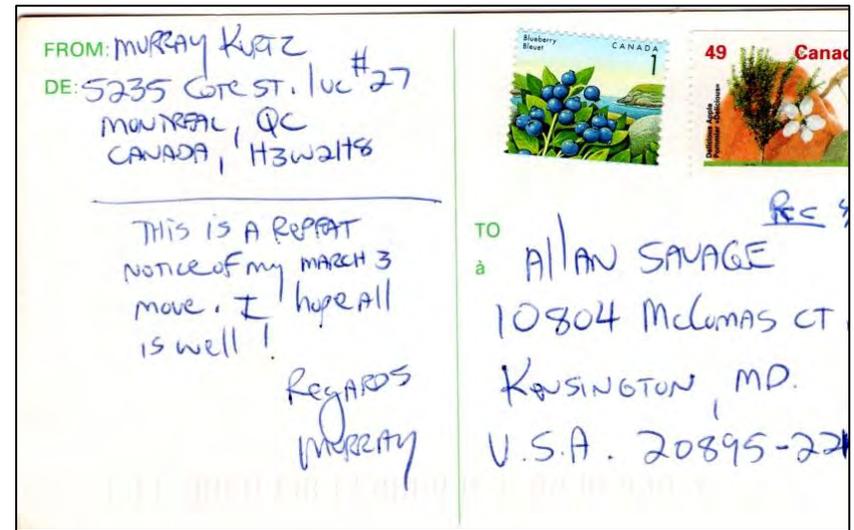
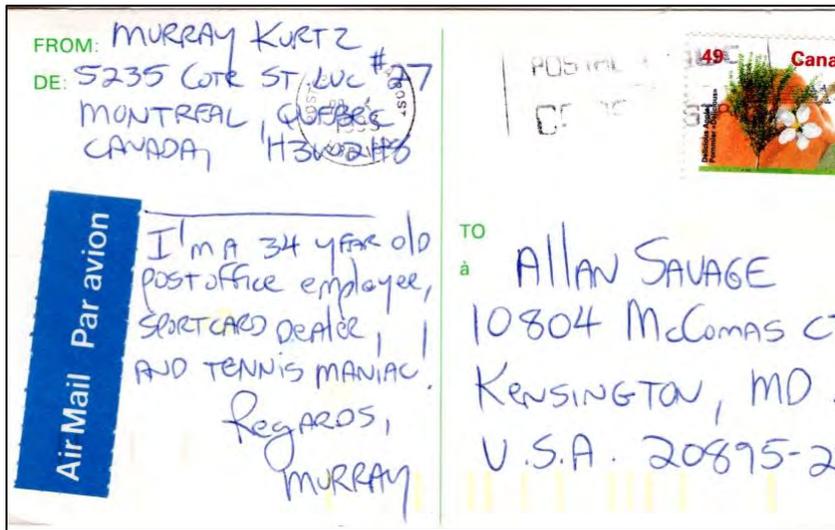
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In early 1995, the US postal card rate increased to 20c. At first, players with games still on-going had to up-rate their cards by adding a 1c stamp to their postal cards. When their stores of 19c cards ran out, they began to use the new 20c postal card.



Canadian postal rates experienced higher inflation during the same period. Here are four cards against the same opponent, with the rate moving from 49c to 50c to 52c. Note the required up-rating on the second card to bring the rate from 49c to 50c. The messages reflect the complexity of using the mail to play a game. The second card is a repeat card, likely owing to a lost card, and third includes a change of address.

NAI VII
Hi, Allan!

Sent: 21 March 1995

I resign. Good skill in your remaining games!

Pax, Alex Dunne, 114 South East, Sayre, PA 18840

FROM: Jean Desforges
DE: 5764 - 6e Avenue
Montréal, Qc
H1Y 2R2
196



TO: ALLAN G. SAVAGE
à: 10804 MCCOMAS COURT
KENSINGTON, MD.
USA 20895-2210

Hi Allan,
Congratulations on your fine
result!
I wish you all the best
in the 34 world CCC.

Your move postmarked / Votre carte
cachet postal
Was received / A été reçue le
Reply mailed / La réponse a été
envoyée le
Reflection time / Temps de réflexion days/jours
My total reflection time / Mon
temps de réflexion à ce jour days/jours
Your total reflection time / Votre
temps de réflexion à ce jour days/jours

Tournament/Tournoi No. NAI-7

GAME/PARTIE A		GAME/PARTIE B			
No.	WHITE BLANCS	BLACK NOIRS	No.	WHITE BLANCS	BLACK NOIRS
<u>53</u>	<u>R3d5</u>	<u>Resign</u>			

Leon Duforges

7/14-14 Q-137s

63. RESIGN

Like you say..
there comes a time....

Until next time..
The Very BEST..
to You and Yours..!

73rd NORTH AMERICAN
DESERT COUNTRY
The desert country, once wild and beautiful, is
fast being destroyed by the hand of man. One
week-end's thousands of city people take their
trail-bikes and Dune-bugs and speed over the
land. When it rains the tracks soon cause gullies.
"Land developers" come with their earth
moving machines to level the ground and kill
trees and desert growth. It may have taken 100
years for the Joshua Trees to reach their
present size. Hundreds of flowering plants are
torn up, flowers that have covered the desert
floor after the winter snows and rains. In a
short time children of tomorrow may not be
able to see a view like this . . . M.P.



POST CARD
Address

ALLAN G. SAVAGE
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MARYLAND
20895-2210

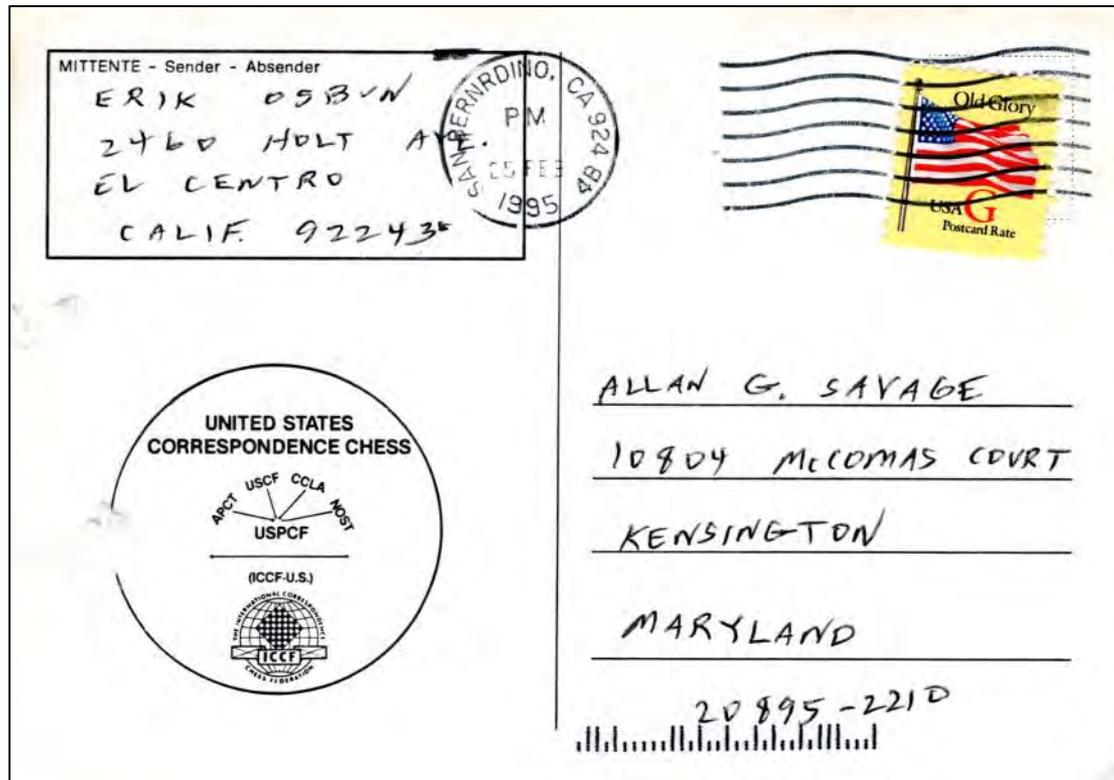
Dear Allan,
I resign on game.
I got off on the wrong foot
simply because I was better
you might win the tournament.
Good luck! Best,
Erik Odum
2460 Holt Ave.
Centerville, Ohio
43223

Game/
Partie.....
Position
after
White's/
Black's
Move
No.
Position
après le
coup des
Blancs/
Noirs



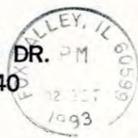
Murray

Resignation cards are the correspondence chess equivalent of the over-the-board handshake. Of course, these cards are also game trophies, a lasting symbol of personal victory.



The US introduced letter denominated stamps as a device for patrons to avoid inflationary increases in rates. The G stamp, dedicated to postcard use, was first used in 1991. This is a rare example of its use on a postcard carrying correspondence moves.

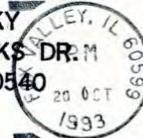
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One of Allan's opponents appears to have had a lingering stock of 13c and 14c postal cards in need of up-rating help from additional postage.

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America the Beautiful USA 30

Murray Kurtz
5235 Cote St. Luc #27
Montreal, QC
CANADA H3W 2H8

UX 158

~~NA 7~~
pm 12/28 6Nc3 Nc7
r 1/5 700
s 1/6
mr 1/6
YT 6/11

I see the holiday mail
slowed you down also.
Q was effected in several
games also.

Best—
Allan

Every collection has its mysteries. Typically, correspondence chess players NEVER again see the cards they post. The cards in this collection are entirely from Allan's opponents, with the exception of this card. It is from Allan, it is used, and it shows a wonderful example of postal card use to Canada. But why did Allan have the card?

Pouliot, Jean - Savage, Allan George [A34]

NAmerica-ch7 correspondedence

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nc7 7.O-O e5 8.b3 f6 9.Ne1 Bg4 10.Ba3 Qd7 11.Rc1 Na6 12.Na4 Rd8 13.d3 b6 14.Nc2 Be7 15.Ne3 Bh3 16.Nc3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nc7 18.Bb2 O-O 19.Re1 f5 20.Nf1 Ne6 21.Ra1 Ng5 22.h4 Ne6 23.Ne3 Nc7 24.Nf1 Nd4 25.Nh2 Qc6+ 26.Kg1 e4 27.dxe4 f4 28.Qd3 fxg3 29.fxg3 [Diagram] Nf3+ 30.Qxf3 Rxf3 31.exf3 Rd2 32.Rab1 c4 33.Nf1 Bc5+ 34.Kh1 Qd7 O-1



NAmerica-ch7 corr9397 1993

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2	 Savage, Allan George	½	*	0	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11.0 / 14	66.25
3	 Kurtz, Murray	0	1	*	1	1	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	10.0 / 14	
4	 Aiken, Richard	½	½	0	*	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	8.5 / 14	49.50
5	Osburn, Eric D	½	0	0	½	*	½	1	½	1	1	½	0	1	1	1	8.5 / 14	49.00
6	 Callaghan, Richard S Jr	½	½	½	1	½	*	½	½	½	0	1	0	½	1	1	8.0 / 14	50.00
7	 Lonoff, Marc J	0	½	½	0	0	½	*	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8.0 / 14	44.75
8	 Golyak, Isay Grigorievich	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	1	1	½	0	1	1	7.5 / 14	
9	 Eisen, David J	½	0	1	½	0	½	0	½	*	½	½	½	½	1	1	7.0 / 14	41.00
10	 Pouliot, Jean	0	0	0	½	0	1	0	0	½	*	1	1	1	1	1	7.0 / 14	34.25
11	 Dunne, Alex	½	0	½	½	½	0	1	0	½	0	*	0	½	1	1	6.0 / 14	34.50
12	 Martinovsky, Eugene Simeon	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	½	½	0	1	*	½	½	1	6.0 / 14	33.00
13	 Desforges, Jean	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	½	0	½	½	*	1	1	5.0 / 14	
14	 Leskowsky, Zoltan Emerk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	*	1	1.5 / 14	
15	 Leveille, Francois	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0.0 / 14	

(105 Games)

Allan tied for first place and locked in an entry into the World Correspondence Chess ¾ Final, whose top two finishers would go on to the World Final. And Allan earned the International Master (IM) title that he collected during the 2000 ICCF Congress in Daytona Beach, Florida.



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APCT National Team Champions - 1994

Team Captain: Jon Voth, Team Newsletter Editor: Franklin Campbell, Organizer: Helen Warren

A TEAM VICTORY ALL THE WAY!

Allan's last APCT games were actually played in the National Team Championship that pitted players from five Postal Chess Organizations, the USCF, the CCLA, APCT, TCC, and NOST.

As the trophy suggests, the APCT won the 50-Board match.

COSSU members will recognize three of the players for the APCT: Jon Edwards on Board 3, Allan Savage on Board 4, and on Board 40, Ray Alexis, COSSU's Editor just before me.

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The Old Mill
University of Vermont
Bicentennial

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Old Red
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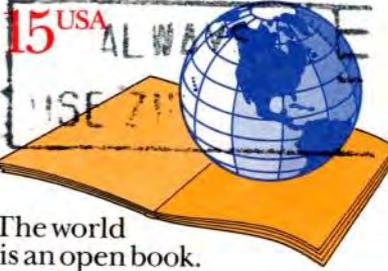
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Each card carried two games against each player, an economical use of the postal cards. The postal card rates did not change during the games, played in 1991-1992.

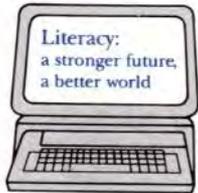
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This U.S. stamp,
along with 25¢
of additional
U.S. postage,
is equivalent to
the 'F' stamp rate



The world
is an open book.



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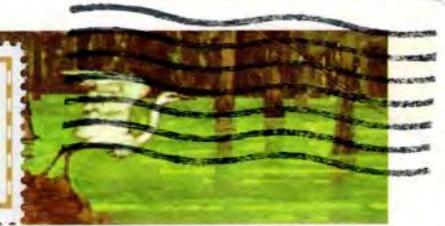
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Despite the stability of the rates, two of the players up-rated a few cards, in these instances using the equivalent of an 'F' stamp to uprate from 15c to the 19c postal card rate.

MIKE & KAREN BLECHAR
12073 CRANEFoot DRIVE
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32223-9900



This U.S. stamp,
along with 25¢
of additional
U.S. postage,
is equivalent to
the 'F' stamp rate



America the Beautiful USA 15

UX 129

ALLAN SARAGA
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Scottish Correspondence Chess Association

GAME PARTIE	MOVE ZUG	WHITE WEISS	BLACK SCHWARZ
	A 28		Rxc3+
	29	Rg3	
	B. 23	Rb1	Rb8

8	18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88	
7	17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87	
6	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	
5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	
4	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84	
3	13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83	
2	12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82	
1	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h

Postmark date Poststempel datum	20/6	Received Erhalten	27/6	Sent Gesandt	28/6	My time Bedenkzeit	1
My total time Meine Gesamtzeit	34 days Tage	Your total time Ihre Gesamtzeit	30 days Tage	Tournament Turnier	60 v USA d/s		
Your move is impossible Ihr Zug ist unmöglich	Holidays from: Urlaub von:		to: bis:	Yours sincerely Mit freundlichen Grüßen			

I offer draw Ich biete remis an	I accept Ich nehme an	I decline Ich lehne ab	I resign Ich gebe auf
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The games were a little messy,
Speelman playing some strange
moves in the openings which
unbalanced the positions. Short
missed his chances though.

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To warm up in ICCF play, Allan took part in a Friendly Match against Great Britain, playing two games against S C Crowdy. In the middle of the game, the postcard rate from Great Britain to the US increased from 26p to 27p, requiring the usual uprating.



Certificate Of Chess Excellence

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ALAN SAVAGE

FOR

Superior chess skill in your victory in the match
with Great Britain which qualifies you for the
United States Correspondence Chess Standing Team.

February 1, 1989

DATE

Wap Zawadzki

ICCF-U.S. Secretary

After his two wins against Crowdy, Allan received this Certificate. He became a regular participant in such ICCF Friendly Matches for decades.



Allan played in the ICCF World $\frac{3}{4}$ Championship but finished well off the lead. So was the story for many US players who found that ICCF players were all very well prepared.

More to the point, unlike in APCT play, computer use was permitted and computers were finally becoming strong enough to influence play. Allan never again participated in the ICCF World Championship cycle

Allan returned to his true chess passions, playing over the board, teaching, and collecting all things chess.