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Collecting Go VI

This time we will look at some of the Go postcards created for the European Go Congress (EGC).



The first is from 1993 when the EGC was first held in Prague in the Czech Republic. It was a nice surprise when a copy of this card fell through my letter box, signed by various British and other players who rued my not being there. The tumbling Go boards and stones of the design is an example of abstract Go art. The card of Cho they issued in 2005 is pictured in BGJ 149.

The second abstract design is one of two with an art deco cafe setting. It is entitled "After Go party" and was issued as part of a series of 18 from the 2000 EGC in Strausberg, Germany.



The series included several copies of oriental Go prints and a couple of portraits of famous players. In this one we see Nakayama (who died earlier this year) watching a Go game in a swimming pool. The caption on the back says "A hot Tip - for the cool Go Players!"

The fourth card shown, also from the 2000 EGC series, shows a 17cm thick Tenmasa Kaya board and mulberry bowls, with the congress poster stuck on the side (hopefully digitally). Other cards in the series included the congress poster and congress journal design, and also the 120 yen Japanese stamp we saw in BGJ 148.



Both the Leksand EGC in 2008 and Groningen in 2009 issued postcards, so the EGC card collection continues to expand. We will look at postcards from other sources next time.



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