

Nelson Philatelic Society (Inc)

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JOIN THE NELSON STAMP CLUB



Annual Joint Meeting with the Blenheim Stamp Club

The members of the Blenheim Stamp Club have invited us to join them on Sunday 18th September at their venue for this year's annual combined meeting. In accordance with tradition this will run from about 10am till about 3pm.

Hopefully we can send over a couple of cars full of members plus some items for display and discussion.

Next Meeting : Tuesday 13th September at 7.15 pm

Earlier time allows members and visitors time to review the Sales Table, Set up Displays, etc, before the official meeting Starts at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Dates

Sept 13th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Allan - Israel
Sept 18th	Sunday	10.00 am	Meeting at Blenheim to about 3pm
Oct 11th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	8 Page Competition – "Open Topic"
Oct 15th	Saturday	9.00 am	Open Day to 3.30pm
Nov 8th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Robert—Display
Dec 13th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Xmas Supper & Auction

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

2016 Rio
NEW ZEALAND
MEDALLIST
STAMPS



The New Zealand Olympic team is on the medal table and NZ Post have issued stamps to celebrate!



IS A COMPLETE ALL-ERA WORLWIDE STAMP COLLECTION POSSIBLE?

10th June, 2009 (Part 1)

A friend of mine recently asked why I collect worldwide stamps from all eras as I have non-existing possibilities of building even a somewhat complete collection. I told him that I collect for personal fun with no serious goals (like exhibition philately or profit seeking) attached; for me it's just a hobby like reading a good novel.... But I dared to challenge him by saying that a complete, all-era worldwide collection is by no means as impossible as generally considered. And I've got the proofs...

How many stamps have been issued?

The first piece of information I needed to know is how many different stamps have been issued since the Penny Black to date.

Keeping up with all new issues is "Mission Impossible"

A generally acknowledged piece of information is that there are over half million different stamps, and new ones come at a rate of 10-15,000/year. But to find a more precise number, one has to pick up their favorite stamp catalog and start counting. As each stamp catalog has a somewhat different numbering system, the results will vary at some extend.

Luckily I've been building a "rough index" of stamp issuing entities for years, so I didn't have to do all the "ugly maths" at one go. My figures are based on [Michel catalogs](#) (issued between year 2000 and 2009) and don't include any perforation, color etc. varieties listed unless they have their own catalogue number.

And the total figure is (...drumroll, please..) 527,628 stamps... Of these about 92% are what can be dubbed as "normal stamps", the rest are officials, postage dues, parcel stamps, military and telegraph stamps etc. special purpose issues used in postage.

The percentage of "different stamps" by area/continent >>

How many stamps do I have now?

Most long-time collectors (me included) consider the question "How many stamps do you have?" as a completely trivial piece of information. But since I do keep a simple (Excel-based) records of my collections, this one is easy to answer.... Based on my records I have 51,023 different stamps, and the number increases daily.

My latest purchase -a lot of early British South African Company

This means that my worldwide collection is currently approx. 10% complete already. But I know some areas are better than others. For example my Europe collection is about 4x more complete than for example the Africa.

My stamp collection. The percentage number on each slice shows the completion level by Area/Continent. >>

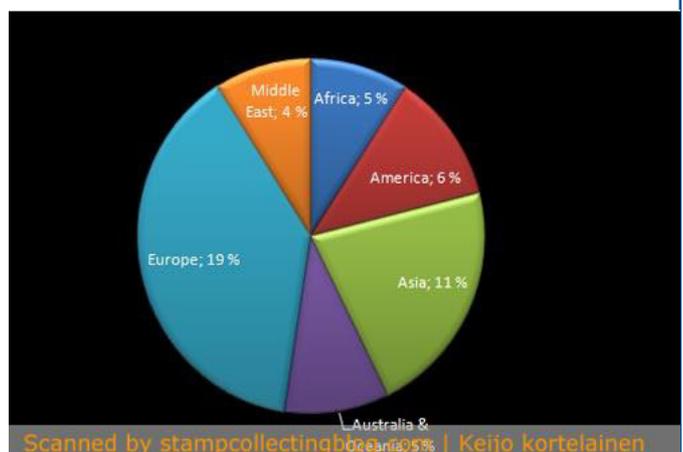
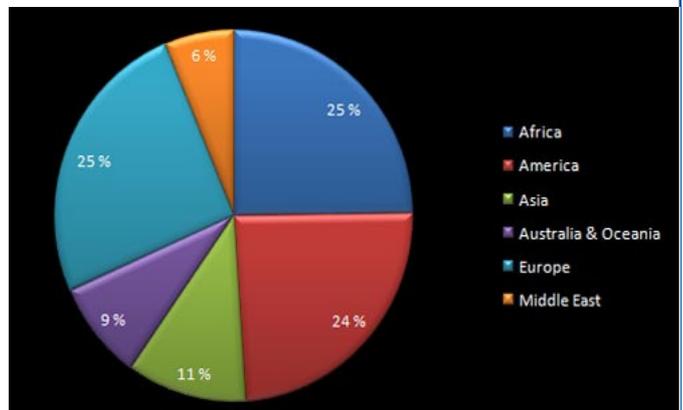
Always have a goal.

Now that I know the number of stamps issued as well as the number of stamps I have, it's easy to count the number of missing stamps: $527,628 - 51,023 = 476,605$ stamps.

It is a HUGE number, but NOT IMPOSSIBLE to reach with time and patience (and some money of course)...Playing a devil's advocate is easy: "just add 40-65 new stamps every day, and in 40 years time you will have a complete worldwide collection" ...The best way to think a goal as big as this is to compare it to apartment mortgage. Instead of getting things done at one go, you have to work with tiny paybacks each month for decades.

In the end, the real issue is not the expensive (or even slightly better) stamps. They are always relatively easy to find from specialized dealers. The hardest part are normal "minimal catalog value" issues that dealers do not care about. These must be found from various sources (and usually you end up with plenty of unnecessary dupes at a same time).

Next Newsletter Issue will have the follow-up "The Anatomy of 100,000 stamp collection (or Is completing a world collection possible) - July 1st 2016.(Part 2)



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Inherited Collections

Many people who inherit a stamp collection have no idea of the value of the collection or what to do with it. Hopefully the following will help if you find yourself in this position.

How valuable could it be?

If you decide not to collect stamps, it's worth assessing the value of the collection. Stamp values are determined by:

Supply and demand:

A stamp printed in large numbers will rarely have much value. A very rare stamp is of little value if there are few people wishing to buy it.

Condition:

The condition of a stamp is very important in determining its value. A damaged stamp is usually of little value unless it is exceedingly rare. Stamp catalogues are used as basis for a dealer's selling price. Because they need to make a profit on a purchase dealers will normally buy a stamp for a percentage of its catalogue price.

To be sure of the real value, you should have the collection properly valued. Some stamp clubs value material or could suggest where you might go. Members of the NZ Stamp Dealers Association (NZSDA) agree to abide by a code of ethics and will either provide you with a realistic idea of what the collection is worth or refer you to another dealer, collector or stamp club with specialised knowledge.

Take care of the collection

Water, mould or insects easily damage stamps. Don't leave the collection in a damp garage or basement. Before you have the collection valued never remove stamps from an envelope or postcard. Many stamps, particularly older ones, can be worth more on a cover than as a single stamp. Take the collection in the albums, books or boxes in which it was housed.

Disposal of the collection

After you've found out the collection's value your options include giving it away or selling it.

Giving It Away:

If the collection has little monetary value consider giving it to a young relation, neighbour or a stamp club for young people.

Selling To A Dealer:

For most people direct sale to a dealer is the most convenient method of selling a collection. A member of the NZSDA will make you a fair offer for the collection or direct you to another dealer who may be interested. It is worthwhile obtaining at least two offers.

Dealers may not be interested in buying material when they have no potential buyer or when they are already well stocked. A dealer may be interested in only a few items in the collection. Try alternative buyers before allowing the collection to be split.

Selling By Auction:

If the collection has significant value the best method of disposal is by auction. NZSDA members can advise of auction houses able to sell the material. Some larger stamp societies also run regular auctions often specialising in estate collections. Auctions may have world-wide clientele so you will get the best market value. Commission, however, may be as high as 25 per cent.

Stamp Club Sales:

Where the collection consists mainly of lower value material and the person from whom the collection was inherited was the member of a stamp club the club may be able to offer the collection for sale through its members.



EARLY TIMES WITH NEW ZEALAND STAMP COLLECTING

Stamp Collectors

The earliest known New Zealand stamp collectors were active from the mid-1880s. The Philatelic Society of New Zealand began in Wellington in 1888. Societies also formed in Dunedin (1891), Blenheim (1894) and Auckland (1895). Stamp collecting was popular with children and adult men especially from the 1930s, while women have generally been less avid collectors.

Collectors bought and sold from each other and from dealers, and also swapped stamps. Some people collect by theme, others by country, and the serious collectors by rarity or value. First day covers are also collected – these are stamped envelopes postmarked on the first day that the stamps are issued. In the 2000s stamp collecting was less popular with children than it had been in the previous century.

Stamp Dealers

The first New Zealand stamp dealer, Wilcox Smith and Company, began in Auckland in 1871 and was sold to Dunedin interests in 1883. It was the largest stamp firm in the country for decades. In 1965 Christchurch dealer Laurie Franks bought the firm and its 3.5 tonnes of stock. The stamp world was staggered at the price of \$68,000 (\$2.4 million in 2010 terms). Two of the previous Dunedin owners – William Hooper and then George Kitchin – had been hoarders. Within a year the company had paid off its borrowings and 20 years later still held some stock.

Pim & Co was established in Auckland around 1935 by Frank Walrond. In 1947 it employed 23 full-time staff and six part-timers, making it the largest stamp dealer in the southern hemisphere. Campbell Patterson was the editor of the company's highly successful catalogues. He left Pim & Co in 1949 to set up his own firm. 'CP', as he was known, even did work for Stanley Gibbons, the leading international stamp company, in the 1960s and was awarded an MBE in 1979 for his contribution to philately.

In 1968 there were only 10 full-time stamp shops; import licensing introduced in the late 1950s had hit dealers hard with restrictions on importing stamps and stamp accoutrements. Within a year of de-licensing in 1968 the number of shops doubled, and in 1969 the New Zealand Stamp Dealers Association was formed.

Initially, dealers sold most stamps through postal orders. Since the advent of the internet, selling stamps online became more common. Mowbray Collectables of Ōtaki, New Zealand's largest dealer, has been a publicly listed company since 2001.

A 1906 one-penny claret

One of the rarest New Zealand stamps is the 1906 New Zealand Exhibition Christchurch 'one-penny claret' stamp. It was originally printed with deep claret-coloured ink, which the exhibition committee deemed to be too dark. It was re-printed in a brighter vermilion red and all the claret stamps were destroyed, except one sheet, which somehow entered into circulation. In 1993 an envelope containing three of the claret stamps sold at auction for \$44,000.



Interesting Adverts

Here are a few adverts from Toronto Philatelic Journal of 1885 that are sure to catch your eye!

AGENTS WANTED

In every City, Town, School and College
in the World to sell our

✦ APPROVAL ✦ SHEETS ✦

We sell our stamps one-third less than
other dealers.

All kinds of stamps bought, sold and
exchanged.

Approval sheets sent to responsible
parties.

Highest price paid for old Canadian
stamps, the pence issue especially.

Give us a trial, and you will never
regret it.

GEO. A. LOWE,
18 Orde St.,
Toronto, Canada.

! HALT !

And send your name on a postal card for one of my new
eight-page price lists of packets, rare sets, and single
stamps, at the lowest prices reached yet.

Sheets and sets on approval to parties who are known
to me, or who send good reference.

Four thousand varieties, including many rarities and
hundreds of complete sets, always in stock.

I OFFER

5 varieties of old Mauritius, unused and fine, for	\$1 10
7 " Bavaria	08
16 " Sardinia, including 3 lire bronze	23
100 " Used foreign stamps...	18
1000 mixed foreign stamps, containing 200 varieties	1 10

Gummed paper, which cuts 2,000 hinges to the sheet,
10c; 3 sheets, 20c. No collector should be without it.
Special rates to dealers in lots of 10, 50, 100 and 1,000
sheets.

Send in your orders at once and be convinced that my
sets and sheets are the best and the cheapest.

THOMAS SEMMES

P. O. Box 296

Alexandria, Va.

DON'T READ THIS !

1000 Stamps, well assorted, including Natal,
3 Cape, Hawaii, India 3, Barbadoes, Servia,
new issue Cuba, Porto Rico, Russia, 100 Eng-
lish, old and new, Java, France, &c., &c., post
free, 30 cents. Sheets on approval on receipt
of reference or deposit. Agents wanted. 33½
per cent. commission. Foreign consignments
and offers of exchange solicited. Philatelic
papers please copy and send bill to

WM. BROWN,

Riverside Castle Street, Salsbury, England.
List post free.

THE CHOLERA

Has not arrived yet, but A. HARPSTER has and will
send his

Price List of Unused Stamps and Sets

To all who ask for it. It contains the best prices which
can be offered to the public. It also gives
prices on

Philatelic Books, Albums, Etc.

Price list and 100 varieties of stamps for only 18c;
1,000 foreign stamps for 30c. I am also agent
for the

"TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL,"

One of the best stamp papers now issued. Price, 25c
per year. Send for copy. Address

A. HARPSTER

Genoa, Ohio

Jokes and Stamps Wanted

Blonde at Post Office

A blonde goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The blonde says, "God help us, Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists."

Good Holiday Deed

A worker in the post office is sorting through the mail when she sees a letter addressed to "God." She opens it up and finds a handwritten note from an old lady. The note says she desperately needs \$200 dollars to pay her heating bills, and she has nowhere else to turn. She hoped God could figure out a way to send her the money. It's getting close to holiday season, so the kind hearted postal worker decides to take up a collection. She ends up getting \$150 and mails the cash to the lady. A few weeks later, there's another letter addressed to God from the same old woman. The worker opens it up, and it says: "Dear God, Thank you so much for the money you sent. It helped me through a difficult time and I'm glad that I have faith. However, I received only \$150. Those damn postal workers must have the other \$50!"

Stamps Wanted:

Any stamps / cinderellas / labels from Guam Guard Mail; Maakhir State of Somalia; Waikoa Island; Queen Maud Land; Mevu; Republic of Port Maria; Chyan; Tui Tui; Bhokara; Sedang; Upper Yafa; Elsenarre; Lunamon; Kolkis; Karenni; Corterra; Vinland; Raoul; Fantippo; Muggy; West Papua; Bounty Island; Liegerland; Spratly Islands; Heliopolis; Taniquah; Tarajara; East Turkestan; Latvijas Tobago.

Please contact Alan Tunncliffe, 2 Inglewood Place, Avonhead, Christchurch 8042,

tel: 03 358 48 38.

email :alant@snap.net.nz

From the Circuit Manager

I want to record my thanks to those of you who have responded to my call for participation in this method of gaining new material for your collections as well as providing an outlet for disposing of some of your duplicates.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to get several volumes (each made up of 10 booklets) out into the circuits recently. I hope we can keep the momentum going, so keep up the good work.

If you want to join the circuits, either as a seller, buyer, or both; then PLEASE let me know as no-one gets put on to lists without their express desire to participate.

Allan Smellie, Circuit Manager 547 1140.

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 2016-2017

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Message From the Editor

I have decided to try and make the newsletter as interesting as possible, but need input of what members would like to add.

A few people mentioned that they enjoyed reading the newsletter, but no suggestions were forthcoming.

Alan Tunnicliffe sent an email to advertise what he wanted.

I would like members to email me a little information about what your collecting interests are, with a couple of photos of favourite pages. If a computer is not available hand written is ok.

Few suggestions of mine are

A Stamp Buy, Sell, Wanted and Exchange Page.

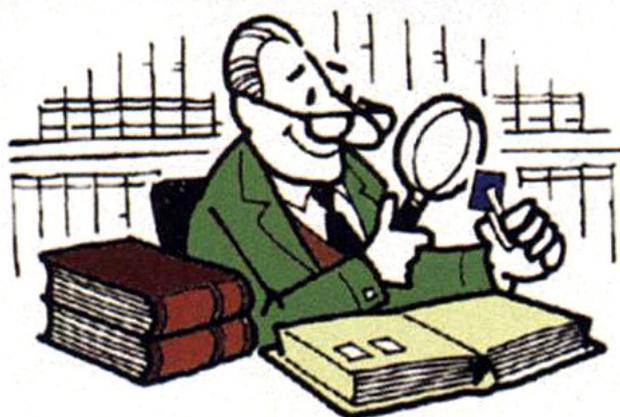
List of members and their collecting interests.

A crossword, if someone has time to make one.

Items of interest, members collections.

My email is Robin.ashley1951@gmail.com.

Cheers Robin



August Meeting Minutes 2016

Minutes of the August Meeting of the Nelson Philatelic Society held in the Woodstock Room of the Stoke Primary School on Sunday 14th August 2016, at 1.30pm.

Welcome: President Robert welcomed a rather small gathering of members.

Mitchener Cup: Following our usual practice of "Stamps first", the 2 entries on the subject "Winter" were introduced:

Ann "winter scenes"

Robert "various Christmas winter scenes"

The winner was declared to be Ann.

Items of Interest: Nil

Minutes: Having been circulated, taken as read and confirmed. Allan/Kelvin, Agreed

Matters arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

Outward: C. Paterson .. return of cat supplement Marlborough club with promised gift of \$5,000

Inward: Ann Ross .. acknowledgement

Nik Rakels .. Resignation from Society

2 Subs .. R.Scott; J Lewis-Richardson

Marlborough Club .. Thanks and joint meeting date 18th Sept

Phil. Youth Council ... Pkt 200 protectors as ordered and invoice

Various newsletters and exhibition invites ..tabled

Various catalogues and brochures.. tabled

"That outward correspondence be approved and inward received" ... Allan/ Ann, Agreed

Actions: Nil

General business:

1. Blenheim Visit Sunday 18th Sept , 10am – 3pm
2. President Robert advised he would be overseas for Sept and Oct meetings
3. Notice of 8 page competition "open" topic .. scheduled for October 11th
4. Next "Open Day" Saturday 15th October
5. WHO HAS THE 8 PAGE TROPHY ... We need it returned please!!!

New Members: Two new members were received. John Deering and Paul Henare

Subscriptions: Received from Ann Ross, Rodger Brodie, John Deering, Paul Henare Those still to pay annual sub ... **Please note it is now due at \$20**

There being no further business, Robert advised that the "Letter of the Month" for the meeting on 13th Sept, would be the Letter "M", and that our Speaker would be Allan Smellie with his collection of Israel stamps. **PLEASE NOTE WE RETURN TO EVENING MEETINGS NEXT MONTH – SEPTEMBER 13th, (2ND TUESDAY of the month), at 7.30pm. (Sales Table from 7.15pm)**

The meeting was declared closed at 2.35pm and the programme continued with a general "Buy, sell exchange" opportunity.

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