

Nelson Philatelic Society (Inc)

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**JOIN THE
NELSON STAMP
CLUB**



Next Meeting : Sunday 9th April at 1.45 pm

Earlier time allows members and visitors time to review the Sales Table, Set up Displays, etc, before the official meeting Starts at 2.00 pm.

Meeting Dates

Apr 9th	Sun	2pm	4 Page competition
May 6th	Sat	10am	Open Day
May 14th	Sun	2pm	Postal History (Kelvin)
Jun 11th	Sun	2pm	AGM
Jul 9th	Sun	2pm	Paula Hucklesby "Children's Literature"
Aug 13	Sun	2pm	Possible Blenheim Dealer
Sept 12th	Tue	7.30	Doug South—Technical Night
Oct 10th	Tue	7.30	8 page competition
Oct 14th	Sat	10am	Open Day
Nov 14th	Tue	7.30	Robert Perrin
Dec 12th	Tue	TBA	End of year dinner (Restaurant)

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2. Interesting Stamp Stories
3. Mike Petzold Presentation
4. March Meeting Minutes

Stop Press: Marlborough Fundraising Night for Clubhouse Kitchen.

To be held on 11th April at 6pm at Bamboo Garden Restaurant. Cost \$35

Nelson members all invited.

Dinner and fun night with auctions with donations, raffles and lucky dips. If the club gets 70 people at dinner then restaurant will donate 40% of meals back to club.

If anyone has any items that can be used in auctions they would be gratefully received.

The Stamps Made from Stolen Maps



During World War I, the Baltic region of Latvia didn't have much to call its own. It was governed by Russia, and German forces were occupying much of the area. In 1918, however, Latvia gained independence during the chaos and collapse of the Romanov Dynasty. In addition, German forces had retreated "I" but not without leaving their mark on the new nation. Oddly enough, that mark was on Latvia's stamps.

Latvia suffered devastating damage during the war. Factories were destroyed or moved to Russia, and paper was in short supply. So when the young nation got ready to print its first national stamps, postal officials got creative and used the blank backs of German military maps and unfinished banknotes. Indeed, if you look on the underside of

some Latvian stamps from this era, you'll see a tiny sliver of a military map used by the Germans during World War I.

The Stamp That Almost Started a War

Don't be fooled by its size. A tiny little stamp can cause big trouble. Case in point: This stamp is issued by Nicaragua in 1937. Not uncommonly, the stamp featured a map of the country, but it included a large section of land also claimed by neighboring Honduras. Ownership of the region had long been in dispute between the two countries and remained a source of great contention. In 1906, King Alfonso XIII of Spain decided the matter in favor of Honduras, but Nicaragua refused to acknowledge the decision. Tensions grew in the following years, so when Nicaragua released the stamp in 1937, Hondurans were outraged. Government officials, newspapers, and radio stations demanded the stamps be recalled and destroyed. Nicaraguan authorities, however, refused and insisted the map was correct. They also pointed out that they had the courtesy to label the area on the stamp as *territorio en litigio*. Regardless, in a matter of weeks, anti-Nicaraguan demonstrations erupted in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa. Across the border, Nicaraguan radio announcers called for military action, demanding the national army be sent to guard the border region. The public even began a donation drive designed to fund more planes to build up the Nicaraguan Air Force.

At the last minute, the United States, Costa Rica, and Venezuela intervened to defuse the conflict before it escalated into war. Both countries agreed to withdraw their armed forces from the disputed area and stop mobilizing troops. And, naturally, the peace agreement called for withdrawing the offending stamps. They evidently remained in circulation, however, until supplies in private hands ran out. The example shown was postmarked in 1941—four years after their forced recall.



“The Fuehrer 3rd Reich 1933-45”

Mike Petzold gave an very impressive display and informative talk on part of his extensive collection.

Many thanks Mike, a lot of work to get this collection together.



March Meeting Minutes 2017

Minutes of the March Meeting of the Nelson Philatelic Society held in the Woodstock Room of the Stoke Primary School on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Welcome: President Robert welcomed a rather small gathering of 11 members.

Mitchener Cup: Following our usual practice of "Stamps first", the 7 entries on the colour "Blue" were introduced:

Mike P. B for Blue
Robert "Brunswick" (German State until 1870)
Len British Antarctic Territory
John H. Black and Blue
Sue B for Bicycle
Ann British Columbia
Kelvin Burnbrey (Postal History)

After the show of hands voting, the winner was declared to be **Robert**.

Items of Interest: Ann showed various postcards ; Len pigeon post mini sheet

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

Matters arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

Outward: Greeting to Ngaira (get well) .. Ann

Inward: Various catalogues and brochures.. (mostly out of date)

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

Actions: Nil

General business:

1. Ann advised that past member John Dawson's wife had died. (Greetings to be sent)
2. Allan reminded members that with winter not far off, it was a good time to be filling circuit books.
3. Notice of 4 page competition "open" topic .. scheduled for **APRIL 9th 2pm**
4. Next "Open Day" **Saturday 6th May**
5. WHO HAS THE 8 PAGE TROPHY ... **We need it returned please!!!**
6. Len reminded folks of the fund raising dinner being hosted by the Marlborough Club

New Members: None

There being no further business, Robert advised that the "Letter/subject of the Month" for the meeting on 9th April, would be the subject (Unusual Philatelic items) and that our programme would be the 4 page competition..

PLEASE NOTE WE RETURN TO SUNDAY MEETINGS NEXT MONTH – APRIL 9TH, (2ND SUNDAY of the month), at 2.00PM. (Sales Table from 1.45PM)

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10 and the programme continued with Mike Petzold giving a "great display of, and talking to" part of his extensive collection on **"The Fuehrer 3rd Reich 1933-45"**