

NELSON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Inc)

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New Zealand focus: Margaret Mahy (1936 – 2012) is the only author ever to have been appointed an Ordinary Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (1993), and she won many of the world's major prizes for children's writers. In 2006 she won the highest international award for children's literature – the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award, and is the only New Zealander to have done so. In New Zealand she was awarded the Esther Glen Medal and the New Zealand Post Book of the Year Award multiple times.



Once again the club has ACS catalogues for sale at only \$6 BUTTTT... there are only a few left so come along and grab yours quick

TWICE WARNED: Paula also announced that she will not be standing for secretary again so think about this one too.

PO Stamps OF NZ - VOL X covering 1995 to 2009 is out now and includes extra chapters on booklets, FDC's, stamp points, mini sheets, CAL's and game birds. Full colour and over 800 pp its \$115 from the RPS.

Auckland Philatelic Society red dot sales for 2015; Feb 28, 23 May, 25 July, 17 Oct. I have been to a couple of these - good bargains to be had. We can postal bid and they are working hard on making better descriptions. Look on their website for lots in Feb.

Email: nichen@hotmail.com

Coming up later this year: NIPEX 2015 on 6-7 June sees the annual exhibition of the APS with a competition element open to all North Island clubs. This replaces NORTHPEX which was run out of Whangarei. There will be 8 or 16 pages entries in 8 classes including youth (under 20).



Grrrrrrr - your ed recently posted a letter overseas but forgot to write the country on it. It was returned to me but what does annoy me is they cancelled all 8 stamps (at \$2.50) and then put a big yellow sticker over them !!!

Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Stoke School at 7:15pm sales table, 7:30 meeting

Club Programme: Nik in Africa

Tuesday: March 10th 2015

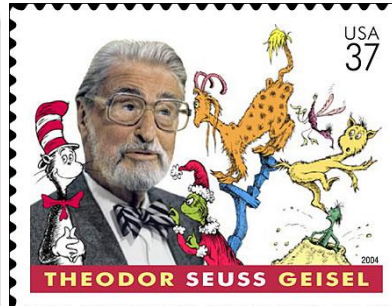
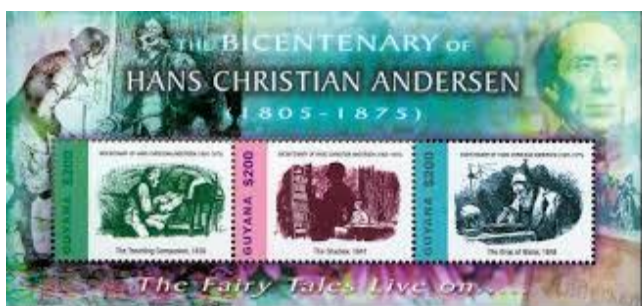
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Free to Full Members



Members 1 page (or so) display and spiel at the Feb meeting as promised (or threatened)

Ann Ross had a page of 1980's GB - very collectible, well designed and nice stamps. She had a page of 3d arms, yellow Asking why? "I can't bear to throw them away" and similarly with a page of 1898 pictorials.

Barry Jackson brought 2 very impressive Australian presentation albums: clipper ships and water birds issues which had artwork, FDC, and stamps as issued by Aus Post.

Allan Smellie brought early stamps of Israel with info tabs attached. From the beginning in 1948 Israel began to issue the sheets with an info tab about the design and significance on each of the bottom 10 stamps in the sheet'. These have become highly collectable.

John Glaiyver collects British colony stamps so he brought along a page of Cayman Islands showing how their designs had progressed with the 1935 issue showing Caymanian life scenery etc.

Robert Perrin as always from left field is entranced by dead countries and had a page of MEMEL issues. It's a small place that came and went, on the Baltic Sea belonging to ... East Prussia, the League of Nations under French troops re-germanised, and finally part of Lithuania. Stamps have French, German, and Lithuania with MEMEL over prints on them, which made a collection of hundreds possible.

Mike Carter Mike started in 1989 with NZ decimals, while his father collected the early pre decimals. He dropped out of the hobby until 2011 and re-started and decided to finish the pre decimal part since he lies to study advanced variations etc. This was easy till the collection became more advanced (and expensive). He now designs pages to fit the extra specimens; other areas include DC3 aircraft, Queenstown, and South Africa Voortrekker FDC's.

Steven Gray had 4 FDC's from the Otago Centenary issue, he introduced the Stephen Jones catalogue of NZ FDC's - a comprehensive listing of all officially issued FDC's and different cancel cachets for NZ definitives, commems, and health. The Otago covers had at least 20 different designs and different date stamps as wanted Stephen had a cover "not listed in Jones" which he was very excited about.

Mike Petzold started with his grandmother's old world collection from everywhere and now Mike collects used stamps - as they tell a story. Areas include: the Baltic States, Switzerland and African colonies. He told us about the level of customer service in Swiss post offices today, where letters are still stamped with the town they are posted from. Letters are cancelled by hand at the counter, as a measure of good service and customer care.

This evening was a real success. We learnt an amazing amount of stuff from all directions, to those of you who missed it ...

Get to the next one and PARTICIPATE

going, going, gone

As NZ post continues with declining mail volumes yet more cuts are on the way. As well as the every 2nd day delivery service starting this year 400 posties will be on their bikes in cuts rolling out over the next 2 years. What this means for new stamp issues is anybody's guess.

FOR SALE - Got some stamps for TradeMe? A full description helps buyers a lot so think about...

- **the range of years and or countries**
- **condition (good, ok) used, MH, MUH**
- **how many stamps (Approx)**
- **anything special or pricey**
- **any/many duplication**
- **using abbreviations is ok to pad out the description eg. O/p MOG MNG, stk, bk, pl, blk, cv, FDC, X\$ res.**
- **catalogue names (for NZ) CP, LJ, ACS, or (world) SG, Sc, Mich.**



Stamp Magazines **Stamp News** - Philatelic monthly from Australia. **Canadian Stamp News** - 26 issues per year of stamp stories, news and tips. **Gibbons Stamp Monthly** - By Stanley Gibbons includes a monthly catalogue supplement. **Computatelist** - The quarterly newsletter of the Philatelic Computing Study Group contains reviews and descriptions of computer-based resources for the stamp collector. **Global Stamp News** - Tabloid-sized monthly philatelic news magazine. **The GB Journal** - Journal of the Great Britain Philatelic Society. **International Stamp News** - A Stanley Gibbons trade journal, available free upon request. **Linn's Stamp News** - Weekly stamp newspaper backed up by an informative web site. **Mekeel's and Stamps Magazine** - In publication since 1891, Mekeel's is the world's oldest continuing stamp weekly. **The Philatelic FKR Magazine** - Quarterly from Poland devoted to worldwide stamp exchange. **Scott Stamp Monthly** - Monthly survey of the stamp world put out by the creators of the Scott catalogs, albums and the widely used stamp numbering system. **Stamp Collector** - Newspaper issued twice a month by Krause Publications, publisher of the Krause-Minkus catalogs. **Stamp Lover** - Official journal of Great Britain's National Philatelic Society. **Stamp Magazine** - British magazine for worldwide collectors. **The Stamp Wholesaler** - Krause monthly journal geared to professionals in the stamp trade. Subscription includes a biannual Buyer's Guide. **U.S. Stamp News** - Bimonthly magazine for U.S. stamp and cover collectors. **The Philatelist** - (London, Robson Lowe etc.). **American Philatelist** - The scholarly monthly journal of the American Philatelic Society. **The NZ Stamp Collector** in its 95th year!! All sorts of esoterica from the RPSNZ *****

Welcome: Allan welcomed 10 members to this first meeting of 2015.

Minutes: Taken as read, as published in the newsletter. Paula/Nik

Matters Arising: Open Day 16th May. Allan asked that we make note of it on our calendars.

Correspondence:

In: Catalogues X4, Newsletters: Auckland, NZPS + Minutes, and Klaus' resignation.

Original rules and by-laws from Terry Canton, subs bill from Philatelic Society, The Stamp Collector, ACS catalogues. Paula/John

The Business of Stamps:

Out: Write NZ Fed Re: rural delivery, and mint stamps as prohibited item. Nelson Library - Ask for explanation for the request to remove the 3-day loan period for Stanley Gibbons. Alternate libraries purchasing of the Stanley Gibbons.

Klaus thanks - can we have an email address.

Emails In:-- Nil Out:-- Nil

General Business: Recording our thanks for the newsletter and especially for the extra newsletter. Nik asked about currency of Belgium - the Euro. Circuit books. Allan reminded us that more material is required for the circuit books.

Items of interest: First day cover sent to Mike with old cancelled stamps 1994. Business card from Australia advertising perfin club. New Zealand Post Rural Delivery fee of \$2.00

Letter of the Month - N

Native dogs from Canada – Ann.

New Brunswick – Robert

Nyasaland (Milawi) postcards from the department of antiquities showing the first post office in British Central Africa with the postmaster, collector of revenue Hugh Charlie Marshall; second card showed Mail bags being unloaded from a ford truck which traveled over gravel roads. 3rd showing uniformed carrier with mail. They traveled over 300 miles - *Mike Petzold*
Mike was the winner.

- The meeting was declared closed at 8.10

Program: (see review on page 2)

Next meeting is March 10th - the guest speaker will be Nik about his travels to Africa (in stamps).

Australia post special edition album



Perkins Bacon (and Petch.... and Heath and....)

England was offering a prize of £20,000 for a bank note which was impossible to forge. Charles Heath contacted Jacob Perkins of Boston and convinced him to come to England to tender for this, arriving in 1819. They did manage to secure smaller contracts for smaller £1 notes, and later won more government contracts, but in the meantime they started publishing. George Heath was a financial backer only, Charles Heath was an engraver and book publisher. Perkins was an inventor who made steel book plates practical (but not cheaper). Fairman had produced a book with Perkins in the USA.

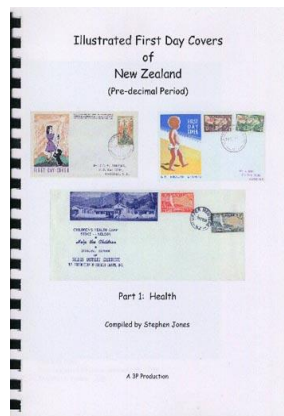
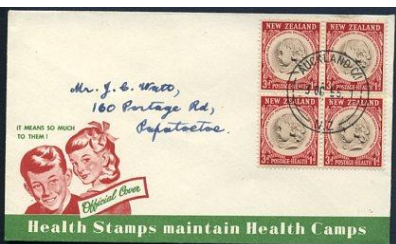
By 1822 the printing firm was known as "Perkins & Heath", then in 1829, after a complicated transaction in which Heath gave up his shares and Joshua Butters Bacon (Perkin's son in law) bought in, as "Perkins & Bacon". Henry Petch joined in 1835, and thus the firm printing the first stamps was actually known as "Perkins, Bacon & Petch". When Petch died in 1852, the firm became just "Perkins, Bacon". In 1861 they (temporarily) lost the contract to print stamps as a punishment for giving copies of new issues away to friends of the management without permission from the governments involved. Although Heath had won a court battle which gave engravers the right to retain 8 impressions of any engraving, this right did not extend to currency or stamps.

In addition to British stamps, Perkins, Bacon printed for a number of the colonies, including the first stamps of the Cape of Good Hope in 1853. They completed their printing contract for the GB line-engraved stamps on 31 December 1879, losing subsequent business to competitor De La Rue. In 1935 the firm went out of business and its records were acquired by Charles and Harry Nissen and Thomas Allen. They were subsequently transferred to the Royal Philatelic Society London. The Penny Black printing plates are currently on display at the British Library.





Some of the covers for just 1 set of health stamps recorded in Pt 1 Health FDC's



Found it in Jones

Stephen Jones' book of health FDC issues, **Illustrated FDC's of New Zealand 1933-2000, Part one - Health.** Compiled by Stephen Jones, published in August 2008. approx. 35pp illustrated in colour up to 1959, then black & white to 2000. Set out in chronological order, the book lists every Health FDC produced for each year, including a brief description. Each cover is given a scarcity rating between 1 and 10.

Illustrated FDC's of New Zealand (pre-decimal Period) Part 2, Commemoratives, Definitives, Christmas, Government Life, Ross Dependency, and Airmail. **Features:** Over 150 pages, more than 400 B/W scanned illustrations and over 570 varieties catalogued. Colour cover and two colour pages, including one with a full size reproduction of the very rare 1933 Kiwi Exchange Club cover. Once again there is a unique catalogue number and scarcity rating for every known cover and variety.

Publisher: Lower Hutt, N.Z.: S.Jones, Edition: 2004. ISBN: 0476002451 (Branch Call Number: 769.56 JON in the Chch library system so you can inter-loan this using your Nelson library card)

2015 Game Bird Habitat stamps



On 2 February each year, the Game Bird Habitat Collection is issued to celebrate World Wetlands Day. The 2015 issue is the 22nd in the series and features the black swan. The Game Bird Habitat Stamp programme was set up to raise funds – from the sale of the game bird hunting licences, stamp collection and related products – for projects aimed at protecting and enhancing wetlands and game bird and other wildlife habitat. This programme is administered by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council. Once costs have been recovered, the net funds are transferred to the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board to apply for the protection, enhancement or creation of game bird and other wildlife habitat. To date the programme has raised over \$1.3m towards wetland enhancement. The Game Bird Habitat Trust has supported many projects on both public and private land by recognising that often all that is needed to enable a project to go ahead is a modest grant. The 2015 Game Bird Habitat collection consists of a stamp, miniature sheet, first day cover and miniature sheet first day cover, and a hand-numbered and signed 'limited edition artist print'.



Postage stamps and postal history of Palestine

Location, location, location!!! Postal services in Palestine were first established around 1000BC while the 20Cth included Austrian, French, Italian, German, Egyptian, and Russian post offices, the Egyptian Expeditionary Forces, the British Mandate, and various interim authorities in the lead up to and after the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Since 1948, postal services have been provided by Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian National Authority. (whew!)

Antiquity: The earliest postal system dates back to the Bronze Age. During Persian rule (538–333 BCE), the govt. maintained an efficient imperial postal system, then under Fatimid rule (969–1099), a pigeon post was used as well as during the following first Crusade. Next, the Mamluks, (1270-1516) had a mounted mail service on the Cairo to Damascus route, the province of Syria was established (including Palestine) and an even more rapid carrier pigeon post developed between the two cities.

Ottoman rule: During Ottoman rule in Palestine, (1516-1918) stamps issued by the authorities were valid in Palestine. In 1834, they established a new imperial postal system with post offices operating in almost every large city. In the last century of Ottoman rule, up to six foreign powers were also allowed to operate postal services which Ottoman citizens were forbidden to use but revoked by the Ottoman authorities at the beginning of WWI. Ottoman postal rates (1840–1918) had 3 types of mail items: ordinary letters, registered letters and official letters. Fees were calculated by the type of mail, the weight, and the distance (measured in hours). Special fees applied to samples, insured mail, special delivery, and printed matters, etc. These postal rates changed frequently, and new services were added over the years. Upon joining the UPU on 1 July 1875, Ottoman overseas rates conformed to UPU rules.

Austria and France: Both obtained permits to provide services as early as 1837. In 1852, the two countries opened foreign post offices in Palestine's main cities. Other European countries followed which facilitated contacts and transfers of money from Europe to the Holy Land.

Russian: From 1856, the Russians established shipping routes in the Eastern Mediterranean and provided a mail service. Russian postal services handled mail service between the various offices, and forwarded mail to Russia through Odessa and their offices received a status equivalent to regular Russian post offices in 1863.



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Austrian Empire: The Austrian Empire established a mail system that became the *Austrian Imperial and Royal Post Offices*: Collecting or forwarding agencies existed in Jerusalem, Safed, and Tiberias. In a number of Jewish settlements, local traders or officials served as auxiliary collection and deposit agents: By special arrangement, as an inducement to use the Austrian service for foreign mail as well the Austrian post transported letters and cards between Jewish settlements free of charge. The stamps used were for Lombardy-Venetia and, after 1867, Austrian Levant

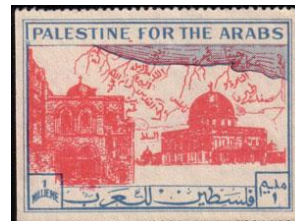
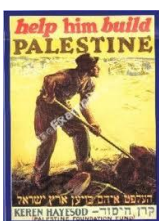
French: The French operated a number of post offices with local French consulates. In Palestine, three offices were opened: Jaffa (1852), Jerusalem (1890) and Haifa (1906). The stamps used were regular French issues, after 1885 stamps were overprinted in Turkish currency, and from 1902 also French *Levant* stamps were used. French mail-steamers departed every fortnight from the coast of Syria to Alexandria and Constantinople. From the ports at Alexandretta, Latikia, Tripoli, Beirut, and Yâfa, letters could be posted to Italy, France, England or America.

German: The German Empire opened its first office in Jaffa, then in 1900 an office in Jerusalem, both closing in Sept 1914. Auxiliary collecting agencies existed in Ramleh (1902) and Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate. Mail collecting points were also present in Beit Jala, Bethlehem, Hebron, and Ramallah. Regular German stamps, and stamps overprinted in Turkish currency, and French currency were in use. Stamps were only cancelled at the three post offices, mail from the agencies received boxed cachets.

Italian: The Italian post office in Jerusalem opened on June 1, 1908. Temporarily closed between Oct 1, 1911 to Nov 30, 1912, it operated until September 30, 1914. The stamps used were regular (non- o/p) Italian ones, stamps overprinted in Turkish currency, and stamps overprinted *Gerusalemme*.

Egyptian: An Egyptian post office operated in Jaffa between July 1870 and February 1872. The postmark reads *V.R. Poste Egiziane Iaffa*.

Other English travellers in the region could receive mail from abroad if addressed to the care of the English consuls in Beirut, Aleppo, Jerusalem or Damascus, or alternatively to the care of a merchant or banker.





QUICK POST



Full tosses As you know the cricket is in full swing right now. Here is the NZ post effort.



This colourful set of stamps consists of 14 cricket ball-shaped self-adhesive stamps – one for each team in the ICC Cricket World Cup: Each stamp features team colours and imagery, as well as the official ICC Cricket World Cup logo + FDC etc etc

And here go the Aussies –



The ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 stamp pack from Aus Post features 5 sheetlets of stamps in a beautiful 4 fold presentation pack. There are 42 stamps and tabs featuring three different stamp designs. They are: Pool A competing nations (8 stamps and tabs), Pool B competing nations (8 stamps and tabs), Australian venues (8 stamps and tabs), New Zealand venues (8 stamps and tabs - *kind of them!*), Past champions (10 stamps and tabs), plus 2 FDC - each with 7 stamps for the 2 pools of the tournament. The 2 stamp designs are nothing special.

X Gutter pairs X

Sheets of stamps are today often printed in 2 halves on a rotary press. In order to make sure the colours are printing in the right place (registration) compared to each other, the printer needs to see a small mark somewhere that can tell them when something is wrong. This is usually



placed running down the middle of the sheet; most often 3 or more simple dots - one for each colour), aka “traffic lights”. This is repeated down the sheet. Taking one stamp from each side of the sheet, plus the middle produces GUTTER PAIRS, which some people like to collect. So you get 2 stamps with a row of different coloured dots between them for your bucks. NZ went one further in the Chinese New Year series, printing the animal in the centre instead.



Gutter pairs are 2 stamps separated by a gutter. A **Gutter block** is a block of at least four stamps where either the vertical or horizontal pairs, or both, are separated by a gutter.



The **Machin series** of postage stamps is the main definitive stamp series in the United Kingdom, used since 5 June 1967. It is the second series to figure the image of Elizabeth II, replacing the Wilding series. Designed by Arnold Machin, they consist simply of the sculpted profile of the Queen side on facing left and a denomination, and are almost always in a single colour. After four decades of service, the series has encompassed almost all changes and innovations in British stamp printing. This has encouraged an abundant specialised philatelic collectors' market and associated literature. The effigy on British stamps has never been updated, and the last proposals to these ends were rejected by the Queen herself. The only major changes have been re-designed numbers as the letter rates got bigger. The machin image has appeared printed in litho, photo-litho, line engraved, embossed, recess, gold leaf; appeared as self-adhesive, gummed, coils, hundreds of booklets, over 60 PSB booklet panes; large size and landscape format; had straight perfs, elliptical perfs, security slits, imperf edges, all over phosphor, phosphor bands, phosphorised paper; is issued in 1st class, 2nd class, E rate, Lg letter 1st, Lg 2nd, Scotland, Nth Ireland, IOM and Wales designs, decimal (1P to 99P+) and sterling (£/d) currency and millions of colours. Now in the billions it is also probably the most printed design image of all time.

