

# FUN PHILATELICALY

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## Stamp Camp 2007

Stamp Camp! Holidays! Put the two together and Wow, for young stamp collectors what could be better. This is what Southern Skies Stamp Camp 2007 did for eighteen young stamp collectors during the July school holidays this year. They came from Auckland to Dunedin. Camp was held at the Blue Skies Scout Conference Centre at Kaiapoi, just north of Christchurch. Seven days spent in fun despite the winter weather, a few days rain and a couple of real Canterbury frosts. But the bunkrooms were well heated, the hall nice and warm, the dining room and kitchen right cozy. Campers gathered over Sunday, with camp opening after tea. Right from the start, camp had a good feeling. Sunday night set out the camp programme, the duty groups gave themselves names, camp rules were explained and this meant a good start to Monday morning.

Projects, workshops, visiting speakers, wind down time, meals, so called bedtime; all make a busy day. During the week there was a mystery bus trip to town to dealers and later to the Antarctic Centre, where we had a special visit by a small blue penguin. There was a special letter writing session to thank sponsors, and the week finished with the prize giving where all campers entertained with skits before the prizes were given out. Ten campers also gained their Bronze Achievement Award.

The Rob Hunt Trophy was awarded to Ross Jordon, who was also awarded The John & Val Hunt Award. Annamarie Moot was awarded The South Island Award, and Brydon Sundgren The Iris Tyson Award. Best team leader went to Ross Jordon, and his team of Cosmos was best duty group.



One special highlight was the camp cover, this year a balloon flight with covers flown from Darfield with three campers as passengers - Timothy Kemp from Auckland, Brydon Sundgren of Wellington and Serena Somlyai of Christchurch. This cover also had a Customised Advertising Label (CAL) showing the balloon in flight and the pilot signed some covers. Not many were signed by the passengers, so these are quite special. A Maxi card was also produced. Every camper and camp staff member has this special souvenir.

Numbers were low for a stamp camp, but the good thing about this is that leaders had more time to give to individual campers. Every camper finished a project, which went on to be exhibited at HuttpeX 2007. So a great amount of fun and everyone learnt a lot, both campers and leaders. Next year's camp is probably going to be in the Hastings area.



# Story of a Stamp

For those of you interested in ships on stamps, I have in my collection a beautifully engraved stamp of Guatemala depicting a sailing ship at anchor in a mountain encircled bay. Just as I was delighted to find a copy of this stamp some years ago - so too were the stamp collectors of Europe and North America delighted to encounter, in 1867, the "First-issue1 of Guatemala".

Brazil, it must be remembered, was the second country in world to issue stamps (1843) and by 1867 fifteen countries of Central and South America had issued stamps, leaving Guatemala as one of the five remaining countries yet to do so. It was, therefore, not at first surprising to be offered stamps of an awaited Guatemalan issue.



That something was not right, however, became apparent when some of the informed collectors of the day learnt that Guatemala had not yet issued any stamps at all. (Indeed Guatemala did not issue stamps until 4 years later in 1871). It was then discovered that this superbly produced stamp was a "Bogus Issue 1" and the brainchild of one S. Allan Taylor, an infamous stamp dealer and member of the notorious 'Boston Gang 1" of forgers.

Exploits of some of the other members of the gang will possibly be retold in later issues of this column. Meanwhile I hope that you have liked my story in this issue of a ship upon a stamp.

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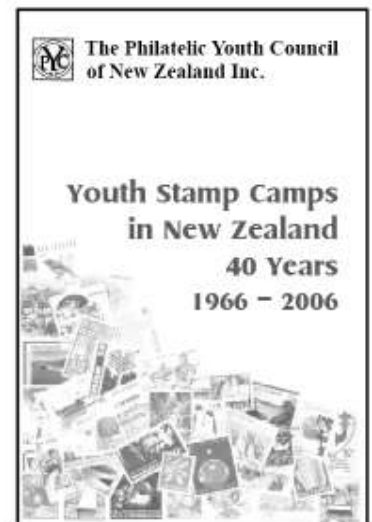
## Youth Stamp Camp Book Launch at Huttplex

The Philatelic Youth Council of New Zealand Inc. is proud to announce the publication of the History of the first 40 years of Youth Stamp Camps in New Zealand. The book is like a Who's Who of New Zealand Philately, covering the many hundreds of New Zealand collectors who have either attended, assisted with or supported the camps during their history. Many of the young collectors who attended the camps have grown up to become well known philatelists or leaders in their chosen fields and this book documents the camps and their involvement.

Barbara Streeter, with the assistance of many others, has successfully recorded this history of the Stamps Camps. The late Rob Hunt started the camps back in 1966, after attending a music camp at school. This book is a must-have to understand where many of our collectors started in the hobby.

The book is:

- Printed in full digital colour
- Over 130 pages.
- Contains photographs and other historical records of the camps.
- The 300gsm cover is lithographically printed and laminated.
- Contains, in an appendix, the names of individuals and organisations that appear in the book.
- Limited copies available.
- All proceeds are retained by PYC to support Youth Philately.



From left - Geoff Tyson (Chairperson PYC Executive), Barbara Streeter (Book Author), Anne Bevan (Assistant Book Author) and Trevor Bevan (Executive PYC Council) at the Book Launch at Huttplex 2007 on Saturday 1st September.

# CONGRATULATIONS

Huttpex 2007

## NATIONAL CLASS

Jurgen Speyer Large Silver-Gold and Youth Grand Award recipient  
Serena Somlyai Large Silver

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CLASS

Ross Jordon Ruby and Royal Philatelic Society special prize  
Kacy Bellve Ruby and Trevor & Anne Bevan special prize  
Jenna Bellve Ruby  
Adam Bateman Emerald  
Kyla Fairbrass Sapphire  
Michael Davis Emerald  
Peter Lim Emerald  
Phillip Chung Emerald  
Brydon Sundgren Emerald  
Annamarie Moot Ruby  
Tait Beekmans Emerald

The above nine exhibitors all received a Lower Hutt Philatelic Society special prize.

Kieran Liddington Emerald  
Sophia Fairbrass Emerald  
Louisa Breslin Emerald  
Isabella Beach Emerald  
Alexander Breslin Emerald  
Charyne Sundgren Emerald  
Eric Chung Emerald  
Timothy Kemp Emerald  
Rachel Andrews Emerald  
Serena Somlyai Emerald  
Emma Sturges Sapphire



# Dip Tins



Above shows the dip tin at Huttpex 2007 being well and truly looked through, below shows another dip tin this time at Luxemburg in Europe.

If you are ever at a National Exhibition you may also find a dip tin also in the Youth Court area, good hunting.



# Quiz Winners

The following lucky three people, who did the quiz at Huttpex 2007 exhibition, had their names pulled out of our box, and have been posted a gift donated by New Zealand Post.

Francis Pooke of Lower Hutt, Louisa Slack and Yianni Douglas both of Wellington

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

There are four awards, Bronze, Silver-Bronze, Silver and Gold

**The Bronze and Silver-Bronze Awards can be examined by a stamp club leader, school teacher, youth group leader or adult stamp collector.** The Silver and Gold must be examined by a person approved by the Philatelic Youth Council Executive.

## Silver-Bronze

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least 12 months and must have qualified for the PYC Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver-Bronze Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the ten question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has an eight page display of stamps which has been entered into a Society Youth Section or Youth Inter-club competition and received a 60% mark or more, has given a five minute talk on the display, has answered at least five questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to detect watermarks and measure perforations.
6. The completed examiners form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 60% of the question paper correctly the Silver-Bronze Certificate and Silver-Bronze Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

## Silver

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least two years and must have qualified for the PYC Silver-Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has a 16 page display of stamps of National Emerald Award standard, has given a 5 to 10 minute talk on the display, has answered at least eight specialised questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to use a stamp catalogue.
6. The completed examiners form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 75% of the question paper correctly the Silver Certificate and Silver Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

### EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

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