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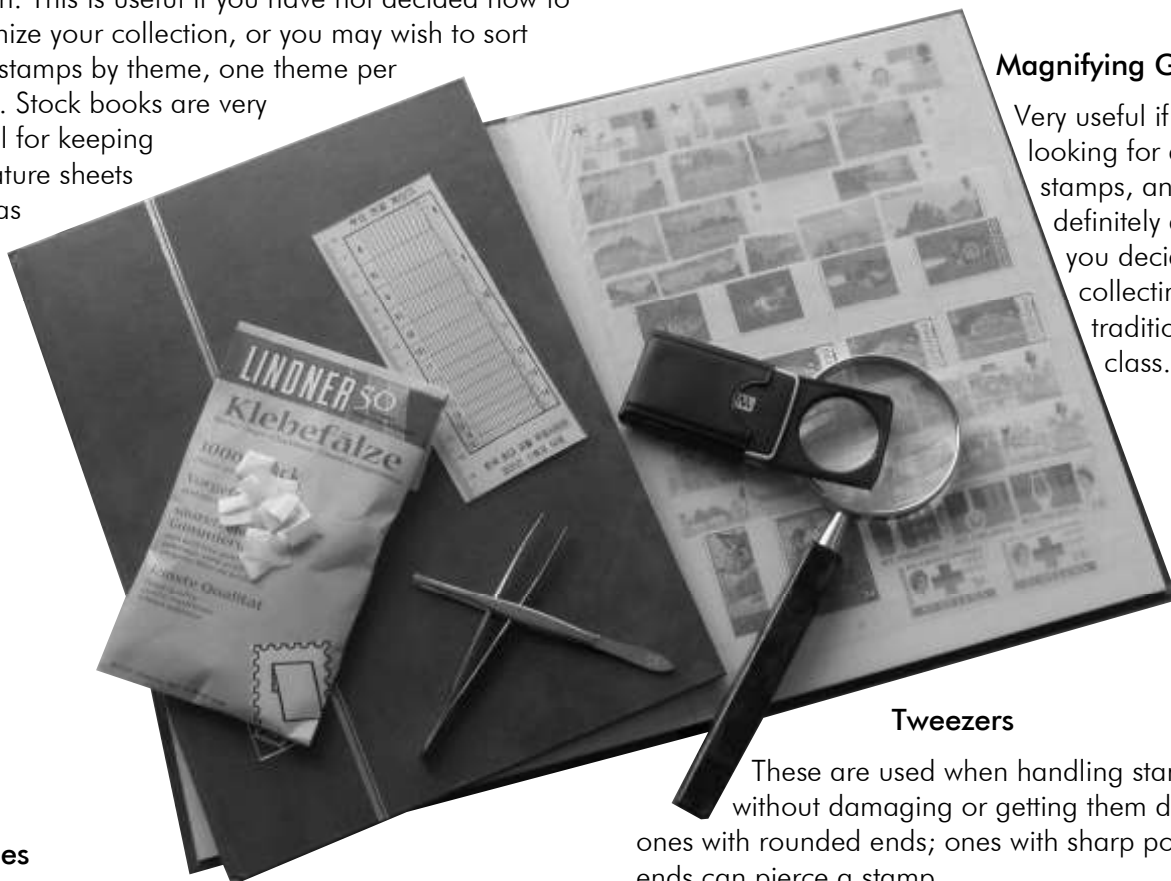


Crème de la Crème

Stamp collecting does not have to be a very expensive hobby, but if you do buy good equipment and the right type of equipment in the beginning, they will last you a very long time.

Stock Books or Albums

There are a vast range of albums to choose from. In the beginning you may keep your stamps flat in used envelopes, and then progress to a stock book as shown. This is useful if you have not decided how to organize your collection, or you may wish to sort your stamps by theme, one theme per page. Stock books are very useful for keeping miniature sheets safe as well.



Hinges

Nowadays hinges come already folded, with one third of the hinge to attach to the stamp, and the two thirds to attach to the page. Never buy cheap hinges, good quality hinges allow you to peel them off the back of the stamp and reposition it, also not taking any of the paper thickness of the stamp away.

Perforation Gauges

This is for measuring the small holes between stamps which help you tear them part. In some catalogues you may see "Perf 13". That means it has 13 complete perforations in two centimetres.

Many stamps when reprinted have a different perforation and if you find both, put them side by side in your collection, marking the difference.

Magnifying Glass

Very useful if you like looking for errors on stamps, and definitely a must if you decide on collecting by the traditional class.

Tweezers

These are used when handling stamps without damaging or getting them dirty. Use ones with rounded ends; ones with sharp pointed ends can pierce a stamp.

Lastly Catalogues

Used to identify and study your stamps, and to find out what others are available. You should be able to look at an up-to-date edition in your library.

Excerpts of Chairman's report given at the AGM in February 2008

Our philatelic year has grown into a fairly settled pattern, the national stamp camp in the July school holidays, the Inter-Club Competition in early November, and a National Stamp Exhibition, somewhere in New Zealand in-between.

It's a strong and full year should a youth collector really want to get into the hobby. It is encouraging that our enthusiasm to run Junior Clubs has still got that bubble, where youngsters can grow in their collecting.

Stamp Camp at Blue Skies in Kaiapoi produced some very good results. There were a good number of new campers, and everyone completed their project. These went on to HuttpeX, then displayed at North Shore, and lastly entered in our own Inter-Club Competition in November. One more highlight was the work of the Youth Court at HuttpeX 2007. It was a great idea of the organizers to have the Youth Section entries right in front of the Youth Court, where visitors could see what our young collectors are achieving with their exhibiting. The Hull Valley Junior Stamp Club has benefited from the names gathered from the quiz, as has our Fun Philately

mailing list. A great exhibition, and lots of fun

Another highlight was the publication and launching of the Camp Book, "Youth Stamp Camps in New Zealand 40 years, 1966 to 2006, at HuttpeX. We thank HuttpeX for giving us the time and space during the exhibition to give the book a jolly good start. Sales is now past the break even point. A big thank you to all those involved.

One more highlight was the work done through the Youth Court, proving that being on the ground and publicizing PYC at Stamp Exhibitions is very worthwhile promotion to young collectors.

As Chairman I thank all those who continue to commit their time, energy and enthusiasm to our Youth Clubs. Our sponsorship from Stamp Dealers, New Zealand Post, Federation and Societies up and down the country, we acknowledge with special thanks. As we go through another year, I know that in the background of our stamp collecting and organizing, we all have that little slogan still alive, "Stamp Collecting is Fun".

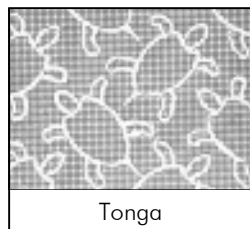
Geoff Tyson Chairman.

QUESTION & ANSWER

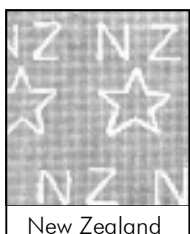
Do you know what a watermark is?

It is a thinning of the paper pulp produced by Dandy Rolls while the paper is being made. A Dandy Roll is a kind of roller which presses down on the wet paper pulp. The roller has a design in metal attached, which makes the paper thinner where it touches it. It is put there to make it as difficult as possible for people to forge stamps. Some countries have never used this kind of paper, but England, New Zealand, Australia, and more of the British Colony Countries have in the past.

Watermarks are not always anchors or crowns. There are Lotus flowers (Ceylon), Lions (Persia), Pineapples (Jamaica) and Turtles (Tonga). One of the most common watermarks is the Tudor Crown used when Queen Elizabeth came to the English throne in 1953.



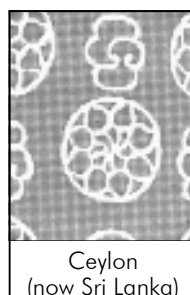
Tonga



New Zealand



England



Ceylon
(now Sri Lanka)

HAVING A STAMP HINGE - BINGE

Stamp hinges are very hard to use when we first start out in stamp collecting.

It can be very funny just watching the twisting and tongue poking to get those first stamp hinges you stick. Only to find the stamp is sideways or squew wiff, not straight, and maybe upside down.

So you start again twisting arms and tongues, hinges that won't stick until you feel like plonking it all in the round filing bin for ever, If you can laugh about it, keep going. If you are close to tears, yes put it away and start another day.

Try a Stamp Hinging Binge. Get 50 common stamps, an old album page, folded hinges if you can, now with heaps of patience, try and stick the 50 stamps onto the page.

First just do 10 stamps, limiting your time to no more than 30 minutes. If you still have any patience left and still time, do 25 stamps, you are now getting into a stamp hinge-binge.

Did you know that even if you are only 9 years old, 29 years old or 69 years old, all stamp collectors have to get the hang of hinging stamps. So do persevere and enjoy your stamp collecting.

Word Ladder Challenge

In several of our recent issues, we have covered words and philatelic terms used in the hobby. Using the letters of "STAMP COLLECTING IS FUN" see if you can find a stamp collecting theme or association to build the ladder with each letter, e.g. T – Tweezers.

- S.....
- T.....
- A.....
- M.....
- P.....

- C.....
- O.....
- L.....
- L.....
- E.....
- T.....
- I.....
- N.....
- G.....

- I.....
- S.....

- F.....
- U.....
- N.....

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all those that entered Apex, and congratulations to the following class winners.

- Kieran Liddington RH White Cup
Traditional (12 and under 18)
- Timothy Kemp GN West Trophy
Thematic (12 and under 18)
- Aynslie Kemp BL Streeter Trophy
Thematic (under 12)
- Nadia Duxfield Norton Cup
Best Novice
- Kieran Liddington Gordon Cup
Best Traditional City of Sails member
- Timothy Kemp Thematic Award
Best Thematic City of Sails member
- Tait Beekmans Derek Jones Trophy
Best NZ entry (adult class)
- Tait Beekmans Award
Best Modern (Post 1980) (adult class)
- Tait Beekmans Anne Eustace Stamp Room
Best South Auckland member



Denise Rosenfeldt President of the South Auckland Society with junior winners Tait Beekmans and Kieran Liddington

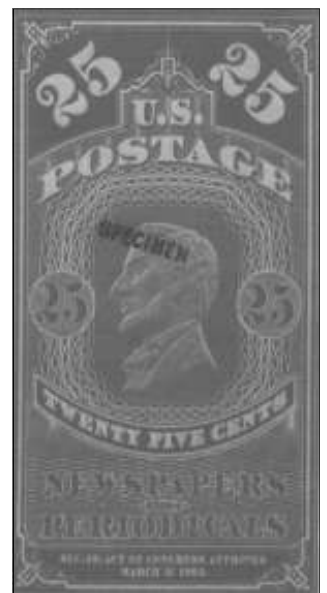


Waiting for the Workshop to begin City of Sails boys with briefcases and their stamps.

From left to right Kieran Liddington, Eric Chung and Tait Beekmans.

DID YOU KNOW

The largest stamp in the world is the one to the right, used by the USA in 1865 for posting newspapers.



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.

Bronze Achievement Award Form

The Applicant:

1. Has formed a stamp collection over a period of more than six months Yes _____
2. Has given a short talk (approx 2 minutes) on four pages from the collection Yes _____
3. Has successfully answered simple questions on -
 - a) the pages shown for the talk Yes _____
 - b) general philately Yes _____
4. Is able to mount stamps correctly Yes _____
5. Is able to remove stamps from paper correctly Yes _____

Note: The questions in 3a should relate to the type of collection formed ie. for Thematic collectors questions on the theme, for collectors of NZ, questions on New Zealand stamps.

The questions in 3b must be on general philately, suggested questions are:

- a) What is the purpose of perforations?
- b) What is the purpose of Watermarks?
- c) What is a First Day Cover?
- d) Who issued the World's first postage stamp?
- e) Why should you use tweezers?
- f) For what purpose would you use a stamp catalogue?

Four to six questions answered adequately is sufficient.

Examiners Signature _____

Examiners Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club Position or Occupation _____

Send the completed form to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland