

# FUN PHILATELICALY

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## Christmas Seals



The very first Christmas Seals were issued in 1904 by Denmark, and are a Cinderella label. Einar Holboll was a postal employee in Denmark at the time, and the idea struck him when during the Christmas rush of 1903, a "taxable" seal could bring in a good deal of money, but for what purpose? Holboll who was fond of children, soon realised that the money should be used for the benefit of sick children. His idea was taken to the Director General of Posts, and a committee was appointed, they came to the conclusion that the idea was fine and a practical one deserving of being carried out.

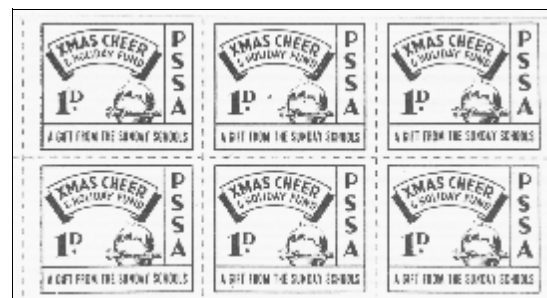
At the time tuberculosis was a serious illness in children, and it was decided that a sanatorium (special hospital), would be an important campaign to invest the proceeds in. The first year that seals were sold was a great success and seals to the value of 74,000 kroner were purchased.

The first sanatorium was opened in August 1911, and was handed over to the Danish National Association for the Combating of Tuberculosis, which has run the sanatoriums (there are now seven), and the Christmas Seal Committee raises the money to maintain the hospitals.



In 1941 the Posts and Telegraphs took over the whole distribution of the Seals, work which until then had been handled by the general office. This change meant a great and valuable simplification of distribution, and also of the accounting. Today, the wish of the Committee is that the Christmas Seal may prosper, and with the same purpose: to help children. So, if you have any friends who send mail from Denmark around Christmas, look out for this Cinderella label.

In New Zealand, one organisation that worked for the benefit of children began in 1907 and was the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, which formed the Presbyterian Social Services Association. One aim was the running of orphanages. In 1939 at Christmas time a special stamp booklet was issued, and sold by Sunday school children in New Zealand to help provide a happier Christmas and holiday period for children in Presbyterian Social Services homes. They weren't especially sold to put on Christmas mail but can occasionally be found on envelopes as a Cinderella label.



Above: Is the 1939 "Xmas Cheer Holiday" Sheet.  
Below: 1961's Christmas seals



In 1960 there was a change to the emphasis in the appeal, and Christmas Seal Booklets replaced the Stamp Booklets which had been used for 20 years. The Committee made the point of asking people to use them on Christmas mail.

Seals are still released as fund raising for Christmas activities and functions for under needy children.

## Excerpts of Chairman's report given at the AGM for 2006 – from Geoff Tyson

Another year is about to be rounded out with our Annual General Meeting. As a Council, we haven't exactly gone ahead in leaps and bounds this year. What we have done is kept a sound core of people, interested in young stamp collectors, pretty much full on with our clubs. And we keep enjoying working in this way. Fun Philately is still important to us. The PYC protectors are a good product for Exhibitors. As Chairman I thank all Council members for their commitment and work through this year.

Our success with the National Youth Stamp Camp in July 2006 at Green Bay, while low in numbers, was a highlight of the year. Our congratulations to the organisers for their work, the leaders and supporters who did much of the groundwork, and the Camp staff for the food and fellowship that comes from the spirit of making a good camp. We look forward to the 2007 Camp being held in Blue Skies, Christchurch in July school holidays.

We have to highlight the launching of the Camp Book, 40 years of Philatelic Stamp Camps. In celebration of the years of work Rob Hunt had done for our Stamp Camps, it was very appropriate for this book to be introduced at Camp. The author, Barbara Streeter, and assisted with the Bevan family in setting the book, are to be congratulated on a

very interesting and successful project. There is still some years to be finalised, before PYC can go to publication. Currently, this is beyond our resources. This is a project we should put in serious effort and will need quite a commitment to see it through.

The other area of success that raised our profile was the stand at the KIWIPEX 2006 Stamp Exhibition held in Christchurch in November. There were a steady number of young people through the Exhibition mainly on the Saturday and Sunday. The Quiz and Goodie Bags were well patronised. The highlight of the stand area was the Kiwi. It drew a lot of attention from the general public, dealers and KIWIPEX 2006 administrators. The special crate made for Kiwi's transport worked extremely well. It was sturdy, light and very easy to handle, dismantle and pack up. PYC will give special thanks and congratulations to the maker of this crate; it is a wonderful piece of work.

These last few years we have continued with keeping the hobby going among young stamp collectors.

We have a strong grounding in Youth Stamp Collecting. We know we can keep it going. So let us do just that, keep going.

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## Starting a Single Country Collection

Some guideline for starting a country's collection.

After you have been collecting stamps for a while you may decide to narrow your interest to collecting either one or several countries. Most collectors gather stamps from the country in which they live, simple because the stamps are that much easier to obtain and to research. New issues can simply be bought from the nearest Post Office, with older issues being found at dealers. Swapping with other collectors is also easier to do.

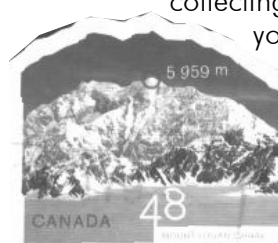
You could possibly collect a foreign country because you have a lot of stamps from that country, or because you have relatives who come that country. Another idea may be that you have friends and family in that country who are willing to send you stamps, or you may just like the look of the stamps you have.

Before you choose a country, check a catalogue to see if a



large number of issues have been released, and would you try to get all those stamps? One idea is to narrow down the period of collecting, to when an event took place in that country, i.e. collect issues after independence, or when a new monarch came on the throne, or there was a change of currency or start with issues from the year you were born.

Be sure to pick a country that is well known, otherwise you may have trouble finding your stamps. Slowly extend your collection by including special uses, like registered mail and postmarks, and postal history of the country. Happy stamp collecting what ever you choose.



# CONGRATULATIONS

Trophies awarded at North Shore Exhibition.

The Post Office Youth Grand Award  
Rachel Andrews – City of Sails Youth Stamp Club

The Rob Hunt Trophy  
Dawn Richardson – Lower Hutt Junior Stamp Club

The John R Kelsey Trophy  
Peter Oomen – Tauranga & Districts Youth Stamp Club

## Kiwipex 2006

### National Class -

Youth Grand Award went to an Australian Entrant  
Amber Everett Silver  
Serena Somlyai Silver Bronze  
Jurgen Speyer Large Vermeil & Special prize  
Morgan Winterburn Bronze

### Youth Development Class

Felicity Andrews Emerald  
Rachel Andrews Ruby & Special prize  
Isabella Beach Topaz  
Isabella Beach Sapphire  
Tait Beekmans Sapphire  
Tait Beekmans Sapphire  
Eric Chung Topaz  
Philip Chung Sapphire  
Matthew Cuttance Sapphire  
Ross Jordan Emerald & Special prize  
Sarah Jordan Emerald & Special prize  
Timothy Kemp Emerald & Special prize  
Grace King Sapphire  
Annamarie Moo Sapphire  
Peter Oomen Sapphire  
Dawn Richardson Emerald  
Stephen Richardson Emerald & Special prize

## WHAT AM I?

My first is in sheet  
But not in sheep.  
My second is in weep  
But never in sleep.  
Mr third is in fine  
But isn't in find.  
My fourth is in mend  
But not in mind.  
My fifth is zoom  
But not in gloom.  
My sixth is in tree  
But isn't in try.  
My seventh is in rum  
But never in gum.  
My last is in seen  
But isn't in been.  
You must use me  
to keep stamps clean.

## Hidden Message

Can you decipher this coded message?  
Use the grid to help you.

19 12 1 1 10 \*  
14 19 3 20 4 5 24 12 4 \*  
17 3 26 24 \*  
17 6 25 \* 1 19 20 23 12 5 16 23 10

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
25	26	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



Above: Our big bird travelled safely to Christchurch and had lots more stamps stuck on him.

Right: Our young visitors to the youth corner enjoyed getting some stamp goodies out of the suitcase.

The following lucky girl who did the quiz at Kiwipex 2006 exhibition, had her name pulled out and has been posted a presentation pack donated by New Zealand Post.

**Christina Zhu of Christchurch**



# CHRISTMAS WORLD PUZZLE



K R A K O S O U M M E R H O L I D A Y Z G  
W C D M R X O B K C A L B C L E A N W A  
M X Z A J K O M A A X L E E G T O N Q Q  
Q Q G R E E M S I R E E Q V P A G E S C  
H A C Y M Z L L D U B T N U O M C I N S  
I S T A R V A E L R E E N I S D C E W R  
S I W N S K C U J S S K Q J O J W S I E  
T V C D L L O V W D S G L U O Z O Q W W  
S M V J E S U S C H R I S T E E O S L O  
A Y H O B G C R D R G P M A V P D M U L  
E T Z S U G C U T M R D L H I T P S I F  
F K J E F A M I L Y G A T H E R I N G A  
L B Y P I C N I C S N G Y S E U G O N W  
A W N H F I V G J D N L Y T D O E D A A  
N C Z C R O M I F E D P A C K E O J H K  
O V X G M Y E E N I P T L G D Z N U B U  
I V C R L L R V W D S G L Q T Z L Q W T  
T M V L I N W E A T B O X W R E W S L U  
I Y H Z B A B Y J E S U S P E P S M U H  
E T Z A U G C U T M R D W I S E M E N O  
A K J R F Y T R E F E R E N S E S D G P  
R B Y R K S D R E H P R H S E U G O L A  
T W N V F I V G J W N L Y T D O L D N E



For a change our word puzzle this newsletter has hidden Christmas theme words, good luck. Remember the words can go backwards or diagonally across.

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| Baby Jesus       | Picnic             |
| Barbeque         | Pohutukawa Flowers |
| Dessert          | Shepherds          |
| Family Gathering | Star               |
| Hangi            | Summer holiday     |
| Jesus Christ     | Traditional Feast  |
| Mary and Joseph  | Wise Men           |
| New Zealand Fern |                    |