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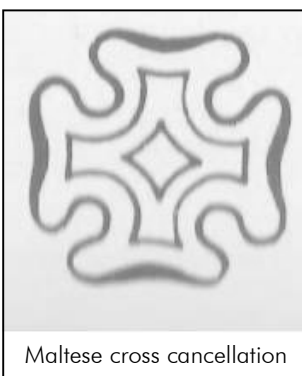
The World's First Postage Stamp

Do you know why the stamps of Great Britain don't have the country printed on the stamp? This is because Great Britain was the first country in the world to issue a stamp to show postage had been paid before a letter was delivered.

On 6th May 1840, the first stamps were issued, printed in black with a denomination of one penny. This was for a letter not weighing more than one ounce, and a few days later the Twopenny Blues came into use.



Both were the same design showing Queen Victoria. The stamps were a huge success and the printers had to work day and night to build up stocks and maintain supplies. They produced an average of about six million 1d blacks each month. Although it was in use for less than a year, and the millions which were printed, they are not very scarce. Nevertheless so many collectors want an example of the first stamp.

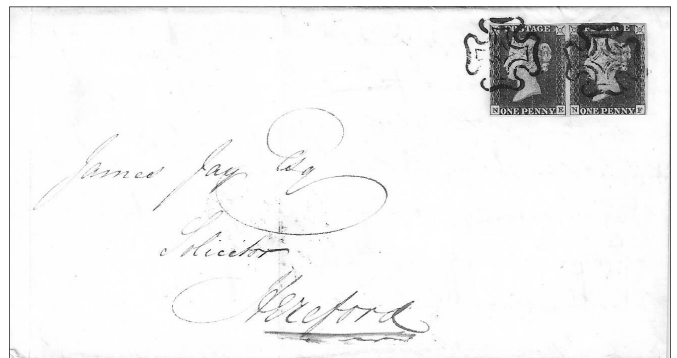


Maltese cross cancellation

The mark used to cancel Penny Blacks and Twopenny Blues was a red Maltese cross. This usually fell on the centre of the stamp, unlike modern cancellations. It was possible to wash the red cross cancellation off and use the stamp again, so the colour was changed to black. Then it no longer showed up on the black

stamp so, in 1841 the Penny Black was withdrawn and replaced by the Penny Red.

With the Twopenny Blue these two stamps remained in use until 1880.



People collected stamps from the time they first appeared but had no idea they might become valuable and did not keep them in good condition. Thousands of Penny Blacks were used to decorate fans and vases, one lady even covered a wall in her house with them. Today a reasonable good used penny black would cost you about one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars.

One of the first stamp albums was someone's wall! This stamp collector was a young Englishwoman. In 1841, a year after the Penny Black* stamp came out, the woman advertised in a newspaper for used stamps.

The Post Office people were a bit worried about this. They thought she was planning to use the stamps again.

But no, she was very proud of her bedroom and simply wanted to wallpaper her bedroom wall with stamps. You probably know that many old paintings are valuable. The same goes for stamps.



PYC Inter Club Competition 2008

This year three clubs entered a total of sixteen exhibits. Comprising of fourteen Thematic and two Traditional, with the numbers approximately evenly spread between four and eight pages entries. All the marks were between 63 and 78, showing a generally good and consistent standard and it was very pleasing to see many collectors in their early teens entering.

The results of the competition were,

Best Thematic exhibit -
Thomas Jenkins (Ashhurst Junior Stamp Club)

Best Traditional exhibit -
Leaf Burrows (City of Sails Youth Stamp Club)

Winning Club -
City of Sails

The exhibits were displayed, and the Interclub Shield presented at the Ambury Shield Day in Hamilton 1st November 2008.

There was great interest in these exhibits and other youth displays, making up our ten frame showing.

Well done everybody.

From John Waller, PYC Interclub Convenor

2008 was a very eventful year for the club. The members achieved so much and enjoyed doing it.

As the PYC Stamp Camp was cancelled the City of Sails ran a five day camp at Clevedon, South Auckland. The six club members and one from Christchurch, who attended, certainly made good use of the guidance given by the leaders. This resulted in success for their efforts throughout the rest of 2008, at the North Shore Open in October,



Tarapex in New Plymouth, and of course the PYC Interclub Competition.

The leaders all agree that these accomplishments augur well for the continuing pleasure that can be achieved with this great hobby of Stamp Collecting.

Barbara Streeter, City of Sails Club leader

Excerpts of Chairman's report given at the AGM for 2008 – from Geoff Tyson

It has been a good year although not outstanding. It will be recorded as the year that the National Stamp Camp did not happen for the first time in forty two years. Despite the disappointment youth philately marches on. Those cities that have youth stamp clubs have had solid commitment by their leaders and a full season of collecting. The Philatelic Youth Council still holds its usefulness amongst the stamp collecting fraternity by providing quality exhibition protectors to a wide range of collectors.

There have been moves by the New Zealand Philatelic Federation to delete a separate youth judging list with the Federation believing that all National Judges can judge youth exhibits. However experience tells us otherwise. It is especially important to give our youth exhibitors the best consideration for their work. The different age groups and the different disciplines make it essential that good training is required to do the judging properly. One of the most compelling reasons for this is that the FIP think along these lines as well, to the extent that they have

established a Youth Commission to look after youth matters at an International level. Would we be wise to ignore their guidelines for youth judging?

I wish to personally thank those people who have given of their time and skills in keeping PYC running Sue Claridge (Secretary), Anne Bevan (Treasurer and Newsletter Editor) and her daughter for assisting with Fun Philately production, and finally the executive members for their input in the quarterly meetings. Likewise thanks to NZSDA members and New Zealand Post Ltd who continue to give generous support at exhibitions and annual camps. A special thanks to the organising committee of Tarapex 2008 for allowing the space for youth exhibits and an activities area. It reflects the strength of commitment of our team and it gives me great confidence in the Philatelic Youth Council continuing for many years. Yes, we can say that PYC is in good heart, quite poor but still in good heart.

Geoff Tyson, Chairman 2008

Word Find

S P E C I A L D E L I V E R Y
 T E P O S T C A R D S R P E D
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 E S E V I T A R O M E M M O C

AEROGRAMMES	POSTCARDS
AIRMAILS	PROVISIONALS
CERTIFIED	REGIONALS
COMMEMORATIVES	REGULAR ISSUES
LOCALS	REVENUE
OCCUPATION	SEMIPOSTAL
OFFICIALS	SPECIAL DELIVERY
POSTAGE DUES	STAMPED ENVELOPE
POSTAL FISCALS	WAR TAX
POSTAL TAX	

QUESTION & ANSWER



Q. If one of my stamps sticks to the blotting paper when it is drying, how can I get it off?

A. NEVER pull it! Put a little piece of damp cotton wool on a plate and press the back of the blotting paper (where the stamp is) down on the wool, keeping the stamp on top so that you can see it. In a few seconds you will be able to lift it off with your tweezers – or very carefully with your fingers.

Worldwide Treasure Hunt

Find a stamp from anywhere in the World which you feel best depicts the following ten categories.

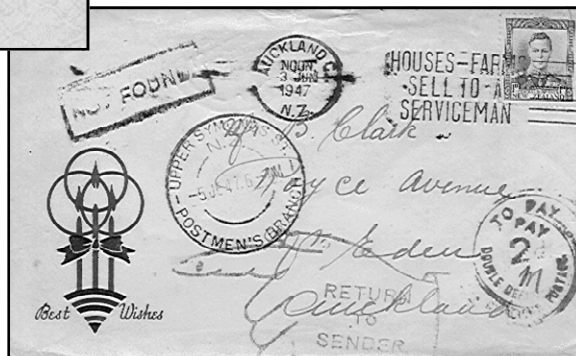
1. A boat
2. A train
3. A motor car
4. A space ship
5. A small country
6. A large country
7. A sea
8. A river
9. A mountain
10. A Wild animal

Mount on paper and every entry receives a prize. Post to PYC, PO Box 2979, Shortland Street, Auckland 1140.

PHILATELIC TERM

Our Philatelic Term this issue is "Postage Due". This was one of the words in the puzzle of the last issue.

Postage Due is used by postal authorities to show the amount of deficient postage on unpaid or short paid mail. New Zealand issued its first Postage Due stamps in 1899. Many other postal authorities used stamps or markings to show deficient paid mail, we show Great Britain and New Zealand. You may even see a stamp franked on the back of an envelope, to prove that payment was made, and the letter released by the Post Office.



COMPETITIONS

APPEX 2009

4 APRIL

SOUTH AUCKLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Youth Classes

Entry is FREE

Entry Form and Entry by 27
March 2009

Y1 Traditional (under 12))

4 or 8 page

Y2 Traditional (12 and under 18)

4 or 8 page

Y3 Thematic (under 12

4 or 8 page

Y4 Thematic (12 and under 18)

8 or 16 page

- The exhibition shall be open to all individual members of any Philatelic Club or Society in New Zealand.
- No member shall be allowed more than one entry of the same number of pages in each class.
- The age of the exhibitor will be taken as at the 1st April in the year of the exhibition.
- Trophies will be awarded in the appropriate classes and in addition "jewel" award certificates will be given to all entries. "Jewels" will be awarded to the entries with marks in the following groups; Diamond - 90 to 100, Ruby - 80 to 89, Emerald - 70 to 79, Sapphire - 60 to 69, Topaz - 50 to 59.
- Details and entry form from PO Box 23 265, Hunters Corner, Auckland or deliver to 60 Omana Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland or Ph (09) 2781486.

TIMPEX 2009

16-18 OCTOBER

Entry Form by 31 July and Entry by 15 October

Entrants are to be aged 21 years or younger on the 1st January 2009

Classes National

2.1.1 up to 15 years (2 to 4 frames)

2.12 16-18 years (2 to 5 frames)

2.13 19-21 years (3 to 5 frames)

Development

3.7 below 13 years (8 or 16 pages)

3.8 13-15 years (8 or 16 pages)

3.9 16-21 years (16 pages)

- Judging will be carried out using the judging sheets approved by the PYC.
- There is no entry fee, but return postage must be paid by the entrant.
- Further details please contact Timpex 2009, PO Box 18 914 Christchurch 8641, email timpex2009@farmside.co.nz

Answers to True or False quiz in
December issue of Fun Philately.

1. False
2. True
3. False, issued in error a few days before
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False,, second country
8. True
9. False, part of Kiwiana series
10. True
11. False, only in some instances
12. True
13. False, for added security
14. False, \$20.00
15. True

RIDDLES

- A. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment but never in an hour?
- B. What goes round the world but always stays in a corner?
- C. What two words have the most letters in them?

EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

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