

# FUN PHILATELITY

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# 2016 Year of the Monkey

There are many stories and fables to explain the beginning of the Chinese zodiac. One story is that The Jade Emperor called a meeting and the animals had to cross a river to reach that place. The Jade Emperor had also decreed that the years on the calendar would be named after each animal in the order they arrived.

There was a great deal of trickery and activities of fun along the way with some animals riding on another animal's back. In the end the Rat jumped off the back of the Ox, just as it had swum across the river and reached the shore first. So he claimed first place in the competition and the zodiac.

The twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac have been developed in the early stages of Chinese civilization over hundreds of years before it became the current version and it's very hard to prove the real origins.

According to tales and legends, the beginning of the Chinese New Year started with the fight against a mythical beast called the "Year". The "Year" looks like an ox with a lion head and inhabits the sea. On the night of New Year's Eve the "Year" will come out to harm people. Later people found that the "Year" fears the colour red, fire and loud sounds. This is why celebrations now include hanging of red lanterns and firework displays.



Above: the stamps are called a gutter pair, that is stamps with a design between them.

The 8th February was the first day of this brand new year of the ninth animal in the Chinese Zodiac. People born in the Year of the Monkey are considered to be witty and intelligent and tend to be fast learners and astute opportunists. Personality trends like mischievousness and curiosity mean that people often think of those born in the year of the monkey as naughty.



Below: there are many countries that issue stamps for the Chinese New Year



## Excerpts from the Chairpersons Report AGM March 2016.

2015 was another successful year for PYC with the council making the move onto the Web with its own site for the first time. Paul McTaggart has put in a tremendous amount of work to get the site up and running. With additional funding received from COGS some significant advancement is now possible. Paul is planning to utilise some of our older youth to assist in these developments, which is really exciting.

The website advancement will hopefully assist PYC build its profile and reverse the reducing numbers of youth PYC has on its database. We have a need to make stamp collecting desirable again to the technically savvy youth of today. This is an issue that our hobby is having all around the world and it will remain one of our biggest challenges.

We continue to punch above our weight with the number and quality of youth exhibitors. We are envied by other countries with the success we are having. This success is still down to our flagship activity the stamp camps. The 2015 camp was yet again another success and I would like to thank the organising committee from Christchurch, with the camp held in Hanmer Springs for the first time. The organising of our camps is a challenge with rising costs, reduction in campers and a reducing pool of leaders. Geoff Tyson announced at the last camp that it would be his last as a leader, so I would like to

thank Geoff for his many years of camp attendance.

A challenge we do have is to bring in new people on to the team, ideally it would be great to see some of our youth who have come through our activities move onto our committee. The PYC executive is a committed group who do a great job with the resources we have. Once again thank you to the executive for the work you all achieve and look forward to your continued support.

Tim Beach, Chairperson PYC

# CLUBS

## CITY OF SAILS YOUTH STAMP CLUB AUCKLAND

Meet 2nd Saturday of the month  
Time 2.00pm  
Place Ranfurly Room,  
Epsom Community Centre,  
202 Gillies Ave

Contact Tim Beach  
418 3126  
tim.beach@vodafone.co.nz  
Barbara Streeter  
299 5993

Write to PO Box 2979, Auckland

## PUKEKOHE JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Meet 1st Sunday of the month  
Time Swapping 1.30pm  
Meeting 2.00pm  
Place Reid Anderson Hall, Anglican Church,  
Cnr Wesley & Queen Sts

Contact Yvonne Middleton  
238 9443  
ycmidd@ihug.co.nz  
Jacob Liefing  
238 9835

## HUTT VALLEY JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Meet 2nd Saturday of the month  
Time 1.00pm  
Place Epuni Baptist Church Hall  
Waterloo Road, Epuni

Contact Ross Gainsford  
567 2429  
gainsford.family@xtra.co.nz  
Leila Thomson  
589 2981

## CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Meet 3rd Saturday of the month  
Time 1.30pm  
Place Philatelic Centre  
67 Mandeville Road, Riccarton

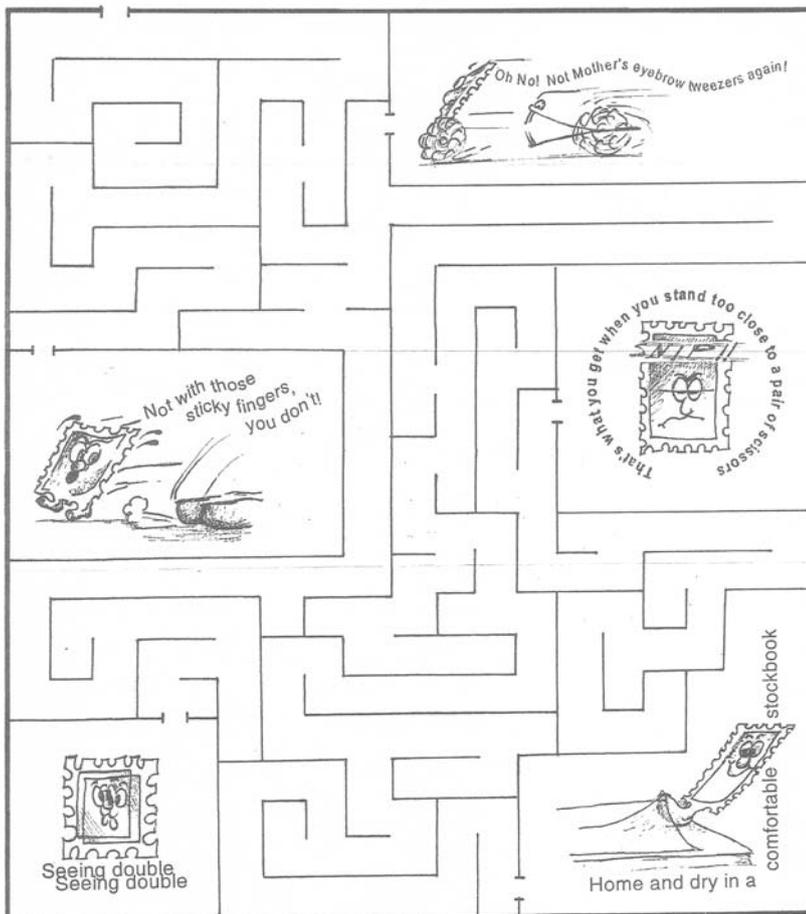
Contact Geoff Tyson  
Tel 359 6279

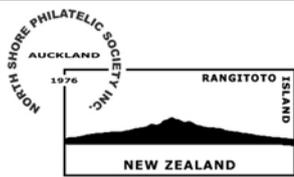
The above list of stamp clubs is made possible from the information supplied by each club. Contact the nearest organiser for the latest information and meeting details.



### HELP MR YACCY MAKE IT BACK HOME

Trace a path for Mr Yaccy to follow in order that he can find his way back to his stock book. A wrong turn along the trail could prove disastrous. Many dangers lurk along the way.





## NORTH SHORE OPEN 8 OCTOBER 2016

Entry Form and Entry by 23 September 2016  
Youth Class

Classes – Postal History, Traditional, Thematic or Open

Youth 10 – 22 years old as at 1 Jan 2016

- Entry is FREE.
- Exhibits can be 8 or 16 pages.
- The Competition is open to the members of all New Zealand Stamp Clubs and Philatelic Societies.
- Entries will be judged to approximate National level. A critique and the marking sheet will be returned with each entry. Judges will be available at the Exhibition to discuss exhibits.
- Special prizes will be available and awarded at the judges discretion.
- Details and entry form from PO Box 34-253 Birkenhead.



## PYC INTERCLUB 29 OCTOBER 2016

Entry Form and Entry 14 October 2016

Classes – Traditional, Thematic, Postal History or Open

Entrants are to be aged 15 years or younger on 1 November 2016

- 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 club or individual.
- Entries must arrive no later than 14 October 2016.
- Entries must be of four or eight pages and have to be submitted through a Stamp Club. Both Community and School Stamp Clubs are eligible to enter.
- Entries should be sent to PO Box 2979, Shortland St, Auckland 1140.



## 18-20 NOVEMBER 2016 ADDINGTON RACEWAY CHRISTCHURCH

Entry Form by 31 July with a copy of title page.

Entrants are to be aged 21 years or younger on 1st January 2016.

Classes **National**

- 5.1 up to 15 years (1 to 3 frames)
- 5.2 16-18 years (2 to 4 frames)
- 5.3 19-21 years (3 to 5 frames)

**Development**

- 5.4 below 13 years (8 or 16 pages)
- 5.5 13-15 years (8 or 16 pages)
- 5.6 16-21 years (16 pages)

- Youth Entries for National and Development Classes are free. Return postage must be paid by the entrant.
- Further details please contact Christchurch 2016, PO Box 18914, New Brighton, Christchurch 8641; [www.cps.gen.nz](http://www.cps.gen.nz); [canpex@paradise.net.nz](mailto:canpex@paradise.net.nz)

Members of the Christchurch Junior Stamp Club at their end of year Christmas meeting.



Above: Pukekohe Stamp Club members Junel and her sister Rocel doing the junior competition at our January meeting.

Below: Geoff Tyson at left showing points of interest.

Right: everyone poised for a lovely afternoon tea.



# TYPES OF STAMPS

## CHARITY STAMPS

In addition to normal postage, these stamps carry an extra charge which is given to charity.



## DEFINITIVES

Usually issued in many different values that remain in circulation for a long time, sometimes dozens of years. They are smaller in size, but printed in large quantities. These are "every-day" stamps.



## AIR MAIL

A special purpose stamp, popular during the earlier days of flight when postage for airmail was much higher than surface mail. Some airmail stamps could be used for surface mail.



## POSTAGE DUE

These are used for collecting money on unpaid or underpaid postage. Best left on cover.



## COMMEMORATIVES

Stamps issued for special occasions, they are usually larger and more colourful than definitives. Commemoratives are also issued in limited numbers for a much shorter period of time.



BRITAIN'S NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION  
18-26 MARCH 1966

WORLD FOOTBALL CUP  
WEMBLEY·ENGLAND  
JULY 1966

## LABELS

Also called "Cinderellas", these look like postage stamps, but cannot be used to pay for mailing a letter. There are many types of labels and they are best left on cover.