

FUN PHILATELICALY

NEWSLETTER

ISSN 1171-6029

December 2009

Produced by the PHILATELIC YOUTH COUNCIL OF N.Z. (Inc.)
PO Box 2979, Shortland St, Auckland 1140
www.nzpf.org.nz/youth/youth.html

With funding from 

Visiting an Exhibition

The innovation of the stamp exhibition was first introduced in 1890 by the Royal Philatelic Society, London. Such is the worldwide attraction of stamps that many countries in Europe, the rest of the world and including New Zealand hold regular exhibitions and stamp fairs...

These are exciting places to visit. At the larger shows competitive entries are on display, providing countless examples of stamps from many countries to look at. Some of the most famous collections are also displayed in the 'Court of Honour', as when part of the Queen's collection came to Te Papa to celebrate New Zealand's 150th anniversary.

There is also the opportunity to buy some stamps to add to your collection, as attending these events are stamp dealers, not only from your home town but from other towns and even from overseas.

In New Zealand entry into stamp exhibitions is free; organisers usually have a special souvenir to purchase which helps raise funds. These are called Cinderellas because they are not issued by the Post Office, but adding a stamp and getting it cancelled at the show (New Zealand Post always have a stand), is a nice memento of your visit.

Recently I have visited Lower Hutt and New Plymouth and both times collected a souvenir. At the back of New Zealand catalogues you can find previously issued Cinderellas by earlier exhibitions held in New Zealand.

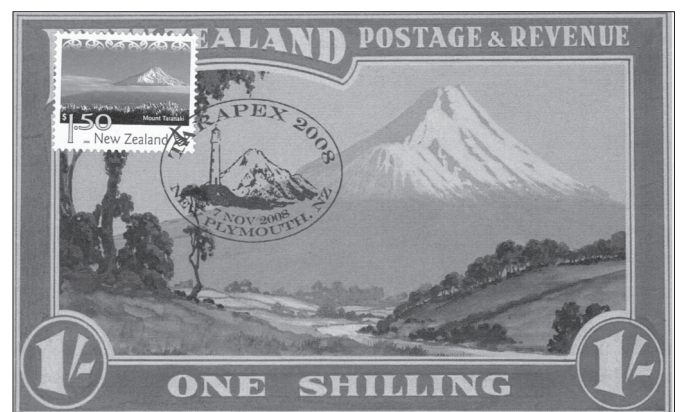
After one of your visits you may decide you would like to prepare a display of your stamps. Help is always available from a member of an adult club near you. To find your nearest club look on the website at the top of this newsletter as the first step.

While visiting an exhibition it is a good opportunity to see the different fields of collecting within the greater hobby of stamp collecting. The most closely associated one is the one of postal history. This means the post marks used to cancel an envelope. Another area of collecting which you can look at is collecting by theme, i.e. ships, railways, or wild animals.

Next year from November 12th-14th, there's a National exhibition being held in Palmerston North, where there will be plenty of displays to look at, stamp dealers to buy from and special activities for young collectors.



Above: Souvenir maximum card from Lower Hutt in 2007.
Below Left & Right: Tarapex 2008 - the one on the left was given free to all visitors.



Three of the Worlds most Valuable Stamps

MAURITIUS 'POST OFFICE' 1847

The first British colony to issue stamps was a beautiful remote island in the Indian Ocean – Mauritius.

In 1847 the Governor of Mauritius, Sir William Gomm, ordered stamps through the Crown Agents in London, from Perkins, Bacon and Co., who were preparing to supply various British colonies with stamps in a uniform 'Britannia' design.

When the stamps showed no prospect of being delivered, an engraver of Port Louis, J. Barnard, was commissioned to engrave a copper plate and print stamps modelled on the British 1d and 2d blue.

It is recorded that he was urged to complete the work quickly as the stamps were required by Lady Gomm to be used on invitations to a ball at Government House.

Barnard printed 500 each of the 1d orange-red and 2d blue stamps directly, one at a time, from the plate, and they were placed on sale 21 September 1847. The entire issue sold in a few days and nothing was heard of them until years later. A cover with both the 1d and 2d stamps sold for US\$3.8 million in 1993.



The famous 1d, and 2d. 'Post Office' stamps of Mauritius—the first issue of 1847 (SG 1 and 2).



A modern issue of Mauritius depicting the famous 2d. 'Post Office' stamp and the Post Office building as it was before 1870 (SG 419)

BRITISH GUIANA 'ONE CENT' BLACK ON MAGENTA 1856



Above: The world's most famous stamp, the 1c black on magenta of 1856, British Guiana (SG 23).

'The World's Rarest Stamp' – a unique distinction – is this stamp. The story begins early that year when the current stamps became exhausted and further supplies of the regular 'Ship' issues from Waterlow and Sons were delayed.

The Georgetown postmaster ordered a provisional supply of one cent and four cent stamps from Joseph Baum and William Dallas. In an attempt to reproduce the existing design, they employed a printing block of a sailing vessel, which normally headed their 'Shilling News' page.

The one cent stamps were used mostly for the local delivery of newspapers. A young schoolboy in 1873 came across a grubby specimen amongst old family letters and sold it for six shillings, that's 60cents. When last sold in New York in 1980 at auction it went for US\$936,000!!

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE – WOODBLOCKS 1861

The Perkins, Bacon triangle stamps were imitated when, during an acute shortage of the 1d and 4d stamps in Cape Town, local provisional stamps, the so-called 'woodblocks' (due to their crude appearance), were engraved on steel by C J Roberts.

Woodblocks were issued between February and April 1861, during which time the missing supply of new stamps from London were sitting in a Cape Town harbour store.

There were several printings, and when it became necessary to replace worn clichés, two were accidentally interchanged, resulting in the printing of one wrong value per sheet.

An unused 4d vermilion sold in London in 1999 for US\$597,000.



CONGRATULATIONS

To the following exhibitors who entered Timpex 2009.
The Grand Award was won by Michael Davis of the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club.

National Class

Michael Davis	Vermeil
Isabella Beach	Silver
Timothy Kemp	Vermeil
Tait Beekmans	Large Silver

Development Class

Warrick Wright	Emerald
Michael Davis	Sapphire
Leyton Wright	Sapphire
Hadley Muller	Sapphire
Amy Rosenfeldt	Sapphire
Amy Rosenfeldt	Sapphire
Chris Townsend	Sapphire
Anna McTaggart	Emerald
Louisa Slack	Sapphire
Kieran Liddington	Emerald
Felicity Andrews	Emerald
Hanley Wright	Emerald
Sharon McTaggart	Sapphire
Leaf Burrows	Sapphire



Our Chairman Geoff handing out goodie bags at the Timaru Exhibition.

EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

NEW SHIPMENT (size 248 x 290mm)

Pack of 25 \$20

Pack of 100 \$55

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PRICE

Order from – PYC of NZ, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140
Money with your order please.

All prices include GST and postage within New Zealand.

WORD PUZZLE

In this puzzle, you can find at least fifty words all associated with stamps or stamp collecting. Words can be found hidden across, backwards, up, down or diagonally. See how many words you can find.

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

Stamp Camp 2010 Advance Notice

Stamp camp next year will be held at
Brookfield Scout Camp, Lower Hutt.
Dates are 11—17 July 2010.

More details in our March newsletter.

HIDDEN MESSAGE

Can you decipher this coded message?

Use the grid to help you.

19 12 7 16 * 12 *

18 3 16 12 5 * 4 6 24 24 16 3 *

19 26 23 20 15 12 10 * 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

Oops!

What's wrong with this stamp?



Answer:

This is a St Kitts-Nevis stamp showing Christopher Columbus using a telescope, even though the telescope had not been invented during Columbus' lifetime.

A TIKI TOUR OF New Zealand



In other countries they might call it the 'roundabout way' to get somewhere. Or the 'scenic route', but in New Zealand it's a 'Tiki Tour'. See how good your knowledge of places to see and visit in New Zealand.

- Punakaiki Rocks
- Cape Reinga
- Pegasus Bay
- Hicks Bay
- Jackson Head
- Golden Bay
- South Taranaki Bite
- Cape Kidnappers
- Foveaux Strait
- Cook Strait
- Mt Cook
- Milford Sound
- Ninety Mile Beach
- Fox Glacier
- Hanmer Springs
- Lake Taupo
- Stewart Island
- Waitomo Caves
- Mt Ruapehu
- Coromandel Peninsula