

# The Circuit

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### Your Club Needs Your Help

Ken Jenkins #15

I want to call your attention to a few upcoming items and also to some of the past year. This year, 1989, will be an election year. Because of the long lead time we need to get candidates, ballots, counting and notification, nominations are now open for all offices and positions. Please, let's make it a true election and have more than one candidate for each office. Contact Dave Nelson, our P.R. person in regards to nominations, volunteers, etc.

Next, our editor of "The Circuit" for the past couple of years has submitted her resignation for personal and family reasons. If you have ever done this kind of work and would like to help out your club, please write to me or to Arlene Futrell, the present editor. Please note, we must have someone to fill this vacancy in order to provide continuity to the newsletter.

Another item that needs your attention is the existence and fibre of the ISWSC itself. We have initiated several programs and benefits for the members in the past years. We have begun a sales circuit, a donation auction, a stamp mail sale, an exchange circuit, and I tried to get interest in a stamp beauty contest, international in scope, to get our name and organization known on a truly world wide basis. Of all of these, only the stamp exchange has received any interest except from a very few members. The donation auction/mail sale had four bidders. The mail sale has had very few lots entered as you can see elsewhere in this issue of "The Circuit." The sales circuit will be closing down soon if there is not improved participation. What I and the other officers would like to know is: What do you want from your club?? Please write or call any of us and let your wishes be known so we can try to provide what you want. My phone number is (702)459-3182, but I cannot accept collect calls. I hope you have all had a super holiday season and are all ready for 1989 to be the best.

## ISWSC FIRST ANNUAL AUCTION RESULTS

In October, ISWSC held its first donation auction. Twenty lots were donated by club members for this auction and the club realized a profit of \$53.11. Some of the lots were not sold and will be held for another auction.

Many thanks go to those who donated lots and to those who bid on auction items.

Now is the time to look to the next auction. Start thinking now of items you might want to donate. Lots should have a minimum \$5 value. Items may be sent at any time to Donation Auction Chairman Dalene Thomas, 8612 West Warren Ln., Lakewood, CO 80227-2352.

## "INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY" EXPLAINED

Ray Compton #73

President Ken Jenkins has asked that I clarify just what I am offering our organization in the role of "International Foreign Secretary."

Basically, my role is to facilitate the payment of dues by members and would-be members from overseas who are unable to come up with United States funds or currency with which to pay the monetary portion of their dues.

Since I collect mint stamps from all countries, for which I would expect to pay face value, I have offered to accept these from ISWSC members, and send the payment to the Society as that person's dues.

The stamps sent should be post-office fresh, undamaged and all-different in complete sets if possible, and should total the amount of dues owed at the current rate of exchange. I do not collect first-day covers, maximum cards, etc.--just mint stamps.

Exchange rates would be the official ones for countries whose currencies are readily convertible to U.S. dollars, but actual rates in those where government-set exchange rates do not reflect reality. For example, it would take four East German marks to match a  
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Let's start off by acknowledging with thanks these generous donations:

#142 Costilow \$14.01  
 #173 Erickson 2.50  
 #326 Souza 1.00

And a happy lot of income from the Donation Auction which Dalene Thomas conducted: \$53.11. Thank you, Dalene, and all who contributed items to the auction.

As soon as the Christmas mail rush is over I will be sending out dues notice postal cards to all whose dues expire in January. This includes many of our charter members and many others. Please respond promptly, before you forget or mislay the card, by sending \$3.40 (till Oct. 89) or \$8.40 (till Oct. 90). Also, I'm still waiting on seven members whose dues expired earlier and to whom I sent cards a month ago: #s 116, 117, 168, 176, 260, 262, and 297. Please send your renewal. We sure don't want to drop you.

In the July-Oct issue I announced the receipt of a gift of stamps to be donated to a serious young collector. There were no nominations received. Does that mean that none of you know of any serious young collectors of that you were just too busy to bother to write? I will send the stamps on to Ken Costilow for use in our regular youth program.

The election of officers is coming up again. Now's your chance! Send your nominations (yourself or another member) to Dave Nelson #25. Let's everyone get in the act! I don't want to be Secretary-Treasurer for life.

Member #214 Hall is re-instated. (listed with Roster Additions)

Member #330 (See Roster Additions) says he joined our club primarily to get mail trading \*\*partners. So, there's your chance everyone, write him!

Roster changes:

#65 Komisar - 4732 N. Cumberland Blvd,  
 Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211  
 #110 Voshell - 2047 E. Sergeant St.  
 #160 Spens - 6535 24th S.W., Seattle,  
 Wash., 98106  
 #188 Kellogg - U.S.AID/Bangkok, APO San  
 Francisco, 96346  
 #217 Wheeler - 114 Hornell St.  
 #265 Block - 40 Standish Drive  
 #266 Clingan - change zip to 39158  
 #274 Zagoria - 11473 Luz Road, San Diego,  
 CA 92127  
 #288 Long - 6 Bogey Lane

As of this writing we have 217 paid-up members and a bank balance of \$790.99. There are no unpaid bills.

One last reminder: please send address changes to me, the Secy, and not to the editor or publisher of "The Circuit." It will save time, postage and confusion.

So, as Rob and Ray would say: "Hang by your thumbs and write if you get work!" and as I would add, "Happy Stamping."

Herb Holland #31  
 Secy-Treas

825 E. Torrey St., New Braunfels, TX 78130  
 USA

ROSTER ADDITIONS

#				
214	John D. Hall	3/10/86	Yes	Used
	1410 Lake Geneva Dr. Lake Worth, FL 33461 USA			
326	Larry Souza	11/7/88	Yes	Both
	710 Lincoln St. Lyndhurst, NF 07071 USA			
327	Joy Bauer	11/16/88	Yes	Both
	G.D. Decatur Island Anacortes, WA 98221 USA			
<del>328</del>	<del>Louis C. Meilo</del>	<del>11/28/88</del>	<del>Yes</del>	<del>Both</del>
	<del>2350 Fontana Dr. Sumter, SC 29154 USA</del>			
329	Robert P. Zarub	11/29/88	Yes	Both
	3 Hillside Ave Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 USA			
330	Edward A. Stockhammer	11/29	Yes	Both
	222-40 Edmore Ave Queens Village, NY 11428 USA			
331	Bruce C. Negrycz	12/15/88	Yes	Both
	33 Franklin Ave. Clifton, NJ 07011 USA			

**JOIN the OFFICIAL  
 ISWSC Exchange  
 Trade your duplicates  
 for stamps you need.**

**Write to:**

**OMNI Exchange  
 Tom Allison (#42)  
 Box 252  
 Wilmette, IL 60091**

ISWSC AUCTIONDescription of Lots

<u>LOT #</u>		<u>Minimum Bid</u>
1	1986 Scott Catalogs, Vols. 1-4 and US Specialized, Orig retail \$100.00	\$ 8.00
2	1987 Scott Catalogs, Vols. 1-4 and US Specialized, Orig retail \$100.00	12.00
3	1988 Scott Catalogs, Vols. 1-4 and US Specialized, Orig retail \$100.00	15.00
4	Argentina - 400 different	5.00
5	Austria, Offices in Turkish Empire 6a F, H Cat. Val. \$11.00	5.00
6	Belgium - 500 different	10.00
7	Belize 428-44 Used, cpl. Cat. Val. \$26.23	6.00
8	Brazil - 300 different	5.00
9	Ecuador - 175 different Cat. Val. \$27.00	5.00
10	Egypt 108, 111-3 LH, F-VF Cat. Val. \$32.50	6.50
11	Egypt 172-6 LH, VF Cat. Val. \$55.25	12.00
12	FRANCE - 300 different	6.00
13	Germany - Baden 5N41 MNH Cat. Val. \$20.00	7.00
14	Germany - Berlin 9N 120-36 Cpl. MNH Cat. Val. \$29.63	10.00
15	W. Germany - 500 different	18.00
16	Guatemala 01-5, H, F-VF, pulled Perf-02- Cat. Val. \$34.00	7.00
17	Hungary - 500 different	7.00
18	Italy - 582-3 MNH Cat. Val. \$17.00	6.00
19	Italy Airmails, M&U 13 stamps BTW. C20 and C128, Includes C20-2 unused, C116-21 unused, C128 used Cat. Val. \$28.85	7.50
20	New Zealand - 200 pictorials	6.00
21	Norway - 300 different	9.00
22	People's Republic of China 124-31 MNH Cat. Val. \$32.00	12.00
23	People's Republic of China .936-7 MNH Cat. Val. \$13.50	5.00
24	Pitcairn IS. 15-16 LH Cat. Val. \$22.50	7.00
25	Romania - 500 different	6.00
26	Russia - 500 different	8.00
27	South Africa - 300 different	15.00
28	Spain - 400 different	11.00
29	Sweden - 500 different	12.00
30	Thailand - 300 different	30.00
31	United Nations 25-8 LH Cat. Val. \$18.75	6.00
32	United Nations 29-30, H. Cat. Val. \$26.00	8.00

Successful bidders will be notified by mail with an invoice. Stamps will be held until the invoice is paid.

Send your bids to Wallace D. Johnson, MD, Auction Chairman, ISWSC  
302 Stanaford Rd.  
Beckley, WV 25801

WHY NOT?

Dave Creson #170

I believe I'm correct in saying we are all stamp COLLECTORS to some degree. We either buy "lots" from mail sales auctions or over the counter, or we buy singles through an approval service or we exchange with other collectors who we see or write. But some how we COLLECT stamps.

My past experience with Stamp exchanges has not been positive. Perhaps yours has been the same. So when I received a "LOT" a while back I picked it for my collection (w/w to 1956). Then after examination decided to enter the OMNI exchange. I wrote and was sent an application and soon was working on three blue books. (Blue books are stamps over 50 cents. Pink is for .10 SCV and up.) It was fun really going through my "Picked collection" and removing anything over .50 catalogue and placing in the approval book. The book has 5 pages and each page holds only 14 stamps, so it was done in no time. A small amount (\$5.00) set me up for postage and then I waited. The first sending was OK. I found a few nice ones. The second

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was mostly newer material. Then "WOW"--- I found about 12 old nineteenth century British Colonies, which were just wonderful. Then there was a dry spell, and then another great find in another area. So I was hooked. I bought another collection, which I picked, placed in the exchange, stripped out the rest for the kids or ISWSC dues. So it was no loss.

I'm having a ball. Why don't you give it a try? Just write OMNI EXCHANGE POB 252, Wilmette, IL 60091.

Tell them "Dave" sent you .....

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single West German deutsche mark, no matter what the DDR regime claims about the two being equal. The "black market" rates are the true ones.

Anyone sending me stamps should note on the outside of the letter that this is ISWSC business, to ensure that it gets my immediate personal attention.

**ISWSC****\* SALES \* CIRCUIT \***

Clean those closets & turn those hoards of duplicates into CASH.

Enter them in the ISWSC Sales Circuit so other members can add them to their albums and add a little money to your pocket.

Write to: ISWSC Sales Circuit  
Roger J. Bergeson (#132)  
1814 Viking Avenue  
Albert Lea, MN 56007  
USA

Have lots of Blank spaces to fill in your albums? Write for a trial selection from the Sales Circuit.

MOST BEAUTIFUL STAMP TO REMAIN UNDISCOVERED

Dave Nelson #25

Regrettably, I have had to inform Ken Jenkins that ISWSC simply does not have enough interest in the "Most Beautiful Stamp in History" contest to enable us to proceed.

Paul Shamel #285 volunteered to serve on a committee and Paul Wilson #107 said he would head up the liaison with foreign bureaus. #210 J. Young also told Ken he would chip in in some capacity. No one else offered to help. Just maybe these would have been enough to pull it off if I had the hundreds of hours it would take to do everything else envisioned, but my job responsibilities have just been expanded to include world wide marketing, so the travel associated with that will make it impossible to co-ordinate such a large volunteer effort as Project Director.

If some member has the time and energy to take on the Directorship and find a few more volunteers then it still wouldn't be too late. I would turn over my file on MBSH and would help all I could in some subordinate position. Otherwise, I'm afraid it's a dead issue.

My thanks to members Shamel, Wilson and Young for offering to help the cause; sorry it didn't work out.

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November 22, 1988

Dear Mr Costilow,

Thank you for sending stamps to the Bedford Public Library Stamp Club. The children were very pleased to receive your package. They spent a good deal of time selecting stamps. I wish you could have seen them, their heads were all bent together over the table. Mrs Poling collected the thank you notes from the children and she will be sending them to you under separate cover again. Thank you all for your kindness. The stamps have sparked added interest in stamp collecting.

Very sincerely yours  
Yvonne Benowitz  
Children's Librarian

DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Ron's Mail Bid Sales and Estate Liquidations. Write for free sales catalog. Consignments welcome. Ron Rummel, 149 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012-1605. 5/5

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**Make all checks payable to ISWSC.**

Vice President's Report

The most satisfying part of the Vice President's job has been receiving the thank you notes from youth who have gotten stamps from the Society. These really make it all to be so worthwhile!! I feel somewhat guilty because many of them have been addressed directly to me -- however, each one should be sent to the Society as a whole, and I hope you will experience the same feeling of satisfaction as you read the reprints of some of the letters in The Circuit.

There was ISWSC representation at VAPEX '89. I talked with Bunny Kaplan, #134, and John Hotchner, #62, on separate occasions. The main outcome was to receive several recommendations for new members from Bunny and other recruiting assistance from John. Both had award winning exhibits.

Again, congratulations to the Editor and Publisher of The Circuit for the truly impressive appearance and content of our newsletter.

Ken Costilow #142

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STOKES, NC 27884

INCLUSION NEWSLETTER

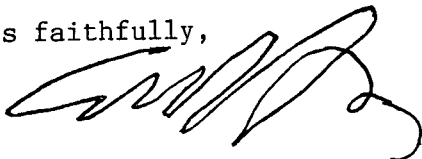
Dear Arlene,

Most of the articles you publish are upbeat but may I point out one reason I put stamps on the back burner for a couple of years, I bought and sold an auction lot which was untouched by me and with a change in description from the same auctioneer just two years later brought in just 22.48% of the purchase price.

Such a disappointment should make one think twice about investing in stamps rather than just collecting for the pure fun of it.

I have received two circuits which have given much pleasure and I thank everyone for their time and effort in running the club.

Yours faithfully,



COLIN L. HALES #38  
CLH/sh

WHATZIT??

#25 I have a bright blue Type A1 from Saint Lucia with a faint red type (a) overprint and a very clear Crown and CA watermark. Per Scott, none of the Type A1 stamps with CA overprint are blue. What do I have?

Please send any information you find on this to the editor for publication in the next issue of "The Circuit."

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Get involved! Contact these men for exchange, sales and purchase.

It takes many hours of work and figuring to fulfill these responsibilities. Thank you, gentlemen for your help. (And to all of our other fine volunteers!)

12/9/88

Dear Mr. Costlow,

My students + I would like to thank you + the ISWSC for your generous donation of stamps. I wholeheartedly agree with the ISWSC's philosophy of putting fun back into philately through collecting worldwide stamps. I have fun helping my 125 worldwide collectors here at Lincoln + I'm now having <sup>more</sup> fun developing four different topical collections (after collecting U.S.-U.N. only for 25 yrs.)

Jerome Balin  
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Naperville IL 60565

Best wishes,  
Jerry