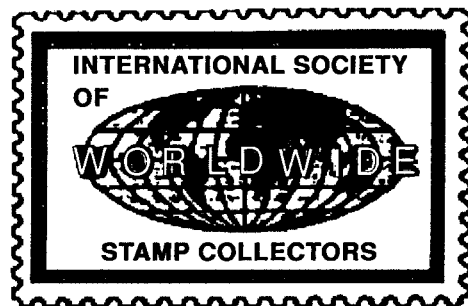


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"The Mounties Always Get Their Man!"

by Don Plaskett (#1257)

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The headline above expresses the famous motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: "They Always Get Their Man!" Well, they almost got me!

I seriously considered joining the Mounties after WWII, but at that time you had to be single — and *stay* single. I wasn't convinced I could abide with that restriction.

Every Canadian respects the Mounties, with their brilliant red tunics, the Musical Ride, but mainly it's their display of confidence that can't be ignored.

Originally known as the "North West Mounted Police" (NWMP), about 300 men were authorized by Parliament on 23 May 1873 to settle differences occurring on the prairies. Recruiting notices specified that men had to be 18 to 40 years old, of good charac-

ter, sound constitution, able to ride a horse, active and able-bodied. Quite a challenge!

By 1875, the NWMP had developed into a formidable force throughout western Canada. They were described as being "awesome" in the way in which they settled confrontations without violence or bloodshed. Their triumphs came from their confident presence and persuasion. The NWMP presence was legendary at the "Red River Rebellion" in 1869-70, when curtailing whiskey peddlers.

When gold was discovered in the Klondike, the Mounties maintained law and order. Canada issued a stamp booklet recognizing this period in Canadian history and featuring the legendary Sam Steele.

In 1904, King Edward of
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allowed the prefix "Royal" to be added to their name. Then, in 1920, the Dominion Police Force merged with the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) emerged.

In 1935 Canada issued its first stamp honoring the Mounties (Sc. #223). A miniature "1935" can be found with magnification to the right of the horse's left hind leg. At that time, the Red Tunic became known throughout the world. The same stamp was reissued in 1982 with the



**Sam Steele,
Scott #1606c**

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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1873 - 1998

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ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

Several important ISWSC positions are in the process of changing hands. As I announced last issue, Jim Gaul (#1853) has agreed to relieve Bob McKenzie (#1055) as the manager of the Sales Circuit. Jim and Bob have been working together to accomplish the transition and it is almost complete. As I write this column (in September) I expect that by the time you read this, Jim will be fully functioning in the position.

The overall manager of the OMNI Exchange is also changing hands. Jerry Foster (#965) has been selected from several excellent candidates to assume this position from Jerry Gross (#429). The two "Jerrys" are just beginning the transition and expect to have it complete in the next few months.

When all of the transitions are complete we will notify all members by placing an announcement in this newsletter and by notifying participants directly.

George Land (#241), the longtime co-manager of our Auction, has also asked to retire. Everett King (#1389), the other co-manager, has agreed to assume full responsibility for the Auction in immediate future. However, he may be looking for a new co-manager in the future. If you think you may be interested, please contact him and let him know.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Bob McKenzie, Jerry Gross and George Land for

See President's Column, next page.

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"Chicken Surprise"

by Joseph E. Palko (#421)

A friend of mine is planning to give a program entitled *Chicken Philately* to some of the local stamp clubs, starting in January 2001.

As a surprise, I would like to present him with an appropriate gift.

Dr. John Nunes is the friend; he lives in Schenectady/Scotia, NY, is a member of Schenectady, and Fort Orange (Albany, NY), and Uncle Sam (Troy, NY) local stamp clubs, is a part-time dealer, and travels from Baltimore to Boston to Buffalo areas.

John is a friend to most of the local (within 100 miles) dealers, may be active in the NY state federation of clubs (so is Tom Fortunato), but is not yet interested in joining ISWSC. However, with a little help from you, maybe I can recruit him!

I'm planning to make him a small pocket stock book, with a fabric cover (of course with a chicken print), the fabric which I have already. I would like to stock the book with stamps depicting chickens, or a few postcards with pictures of chickens (especially a USA postcard with the 3-cent poultry stamp !)

Chickens (no limitations) from world wide would be great — actually, I would prefer that; it might get him interested in ISWSC! I think John is of Portuguese descent, and his parents used to raise chickens.

A chicken calendar for the year 2001 would be great !

The deadline is near Christmas, his first presentation is in mid-January, 2001.

I don't want to spend a whole lot, but I'm willing to put \$5 or \$10 into items for this surprise.

You can contact me via email at palkoj421@juno.com, or write to me at: Joseph E. Palko,



President's column, from page 2:

all their work on behalf of the ISWSC and its members over the years. As a member who has enjoyed participating in all three of these programs I want to express to them how many hours of enjoyable stamp collecting their efforts have provided to me and to the other participants (not to mention a great deal of material added to my collection!). I wish all of you the best in your future

Dues Policy

Dues Information:

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Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor, Marian MacLeod. All addresses: p. 2.

efforts.

We still have no active Western European Regional Representative, since we lost all contact with Jean-Marc Fruit over a year ago. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact me via email or regular mail.

Till next time...



"Mounties," continued from Page 1:

price hiked to 35 cents (**Sc. #911**).

Canada recognized the first Commissioner for the RCMP on one of a three-stamp set issued in 1973 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Mounties. This stamp (**Sc. #612**) also traces the route made by the newly-formed NWMP from Dufferin, Manitoba, to Oldman, Alberta, a tough ride in any conveyance. A spectrograph appears in the middle stamp (**Sc. 613**).



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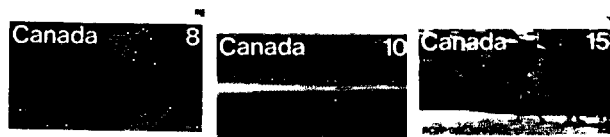
**Sc #911 – a
reissue of
#223**



**Sc #1108 –
Assistant
MacLeod**



**Sc #1109 –
Crowfoot**



Sc #612 – 614: Three-stamp series commemorating the NWMP of Canada

This device is used to compute the visual spectrum of a substance as a matter of identification.

The third stamp in this series (**Sc. 614**) features "The Charge" (from the RCMP's famous Musical Ride, which was developed for training Mounties in 1876. Today, it involves 32 riders on horses that are trained to walk, trot and canter in intricate patterns of twos, fours and eights with the "charge" being the most dramatic part of the show.

In 1978, Canada issued a series of four stamps featuring coastal ice ships. The Mounties were recognized for their Marine Division and the St. Roch, a ship built in 1928 in Vancouver.

The St. Roche sailed in 1940 to the Atlantic via the Arctic on a two-year voyage. The return trip was a little more northerly and took only 86 days. The St. Roch was the only vessel to make the journey in both directions. Then, in 1950, it was the first ship to circle North America, a fact few Canadians know!

Canada recognized two men of peace in 1986 (**Sc. #1108–1109**). One stamp pictures Crowfoot, a chief of the Blackfoot Nation, while the other recognized James MacLeod, an assistant to Commissioner French of the NWMP. MacLeod was a key figure in the negotiation of the treaty made with the Stonies, Sarcee and Blackfoot Nations.

Canada is proud of the Mounties. It will be hard for you to see the familiarity and famous red tunics unless

you visit the Parliament buildings in Ottawa. Here, they appear at formal national affairs for dignitaries, such as the Queen of England.

Some Canadian provinces have Mounties as their provincial police force. If you speed across the Prairies, a Mounty, in an olive-brown uniform will ticket you and in Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will do the honors.

One thing you can count on: If you violate the law in Canada, "the Mounties always get their man"!



Last Chance!

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

Preparations are underway for a new membership roster, scheduled to be published in 2001.

To be guaranteed that changes will appear in that issue (probably due out in March), we need to receive details by January 1. This includes your address, email address, and collecting interest codes.

Send your updates to: Tom Fortunato, 42 Maynard St, Rochester, NY 14615-2022.

INTEREST CODES KEY

Collecting Interests A= All worldwide B= Worldwide (from-to) C= Mint only D= Postally used only E= Postally used/CTOs only F= Mint/postally used/CTOs G= Mint/postally used only

Age AA= under 15 BB= 15-21 CC= 22-40 DD= 41-65 FF= over 66

L= languages read & write Top= topicals Yrs= years collecting

Other Interests 1= covers 2= postal stationery 3= postmarks/cancels 4= precancels 5= perfins 6= post cards 7= countries of interest 8= souvenir sheets 9= maximum cards 10= other stamp interests



New Sales Circuit Mgr. Introduces Self

By James Gaul (#1853)

Greetings to all of my society members. I'm the new Sales Circuit Manager. My name is Jim Gaul. I am 52 years old, born and raised in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania. For the past 15 years I have lived in Hellertown with my family. For 31 years I worked at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and am now retired and can devote a lot more time with my hobby of stamp collecting.

I have been a stamp collector, on and off, for about forty years. I started collecting stamps as a young boy at the age of 10 or 11. I remember an old worldwide album my father acquired while fighting overseas in World War II that I used as a basis for trading stamps with my friends. We spent many a day looking at and trying to identify some of the foreign stamps in that old handmade album.

After my childhood days other interests appeared and I left stamp collecting for awhile. I married my

wife Terry and had a daughter, Jenny. I resumed collecting again in the late '60s and early '70s. I began in earnest to buy stamps for my Worldwide and U.S. albums. I would obtain these stamps in various ways: Mint U S from the post office, used U S off of mail and world-wide through mail order companies such as Littleton Stamps and Jamestown Stamps. I also joined the American Philatelic Society and have been a member for over 20 years and have purchased and sold through their sales circuits.

In the late '70s and, up to the present day, I have been specializing in the stamps of Hungary. I have three volumes of Minkus albums of all mint Hungarian stamps; about 97% complete up to 1999. I have started to put together a used album of Hungarian stamps with emphasis on postal used versus the cto's that abound on the market. I also started to amass quite a few town cancels

on stamps prior to 1920 that I hope to one day turn into an exhibit. Lastly, I have a few first day covers, some postal used envelopes and postcards of Hungary.

Also, I have a mint and used world wide collection, mounted in 7 Scott International albums, covering the years 1840 to about 1978, but by no means complete or anywhere near it.

In addition to the APS I am also a member of the Society of Hungarian Philately and have participated in their sales circuit.

Finally, a year ago I joined a local stamp club, the North Penn Stamp Club, and for the first time have shown a one-frame exhibit of my Hungarian stamps.

I have been a member of this society since August of '98 and have enjoyed reading the Circuit and visiting the society's web-site. A couple of months ago I saw a request in the circuit for someone to volunteer to take over the sales manager position. I thought this would be a good opportunity for me to get more involved in one of the societies I belonged to! One thing led to another and I was selected to fill Bob McKenzie's shoes. Boy, what big shoes he has! Just kidding, I met Bob at the Providence Stamp Show in late August and he has been assisting me to make the transition easy and complete. I hope to continue giving the society as great a service as Bob has done. He deserves every credit for the excellent work he has done.

As the new Sales Manager, I will do my best to provide the society with the great service that you have come to know and expect. I also hope to recruit more participants in the sales circuits. Take care, and keep on stampin.' *Jimbo*

Survey Results

by Randy Smith (#1111)

Earlier this year, a survey of the ISWSC membership was conducted concerning the Swap Circuit program. Nearly 120 surveys were returned, 67 from current Swap Circuit participants, 43 from members who have never participated in the program, and 8 from past Swap Circuit participants. Following is a summary of results:

□ For those not currently participating in the program, "lack of time" and "unfamiliar with program" were listed as the top reasons for not joining the program.

□ For current participants, the vast

majority (56) of members felt the level of yearly fees was about right, and nine felt they were too low. One member felt the fees were too high.

□ Current participants were almost evenly split on whether stamp fees should be paid per circuit requested (33) or per circuit type requested (38).

□ Most current participants (45) indicated that they would not change their level of participation in the program if fees were lowered. Of those that indicated they would change their level of involvement, 14 indicated they would request more circuits, while 11 said they would request circuits

See "Survey Results," Page 7.



Worldwide Stamp Collecting: A Two-Hour Session for Fourth Grade

by John Rose, "The Stamp Man"

It was Catholic Schools Week in early February 2000. I was asked if I would put on a two-hour session for 24 fourth grade students at St. Scholastica in Pittsburgh. Because of the length of the program and the grade level, I decided to do a modified Arts Festival Worldwide program. I used the album *Postage Stamps from the Countries of the world*. The goal of this program is to get to know your world better so you can love it more.

Three posters were placed, showing a student hugging a globe, stamps of the world and the palindrome "A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL, PANAMA."

The album used lists all of the countries of the world, alphabetically by continent. Broderbund maps clearly show the location of the 192 countries of the world. Because it calls for only one stamp from each country, the album can be used for large classes. The back page of the album contains a stamp identifier which provides much of the fun.

As an assistant handed out the albums and small white paper plates containing stamp hinges, I asked the class to reply in unison to the following questions:

- ☞ What country are we in?
- ☞ Which continent do you live on?
- ☞ Do you live in the Eastern or Western Hemisphere?
- ☞ Why do they call it the Western Hemisphere?
- ☞ What is a country?
- ☞ How many countries are there in North America?

Plates of stamps were then passed out and students were asked to hinge in one stamp from each country in North America, plus one for the United Nations. Hinges were demonstrated to the class. After a short while postcards were awarded to those who had hinged in four stamps. The design on the postcard was the same as the U.S. stamp hinged, and the same as the T-shirts worn by me and my assistant: Globe Love.

Students were next asked the following questions:

- ☞ What is a Nation? (One answer I gave is that it issues stamps.)
- ☞ How many countries are there in the United

Nations? Let's get to know our neighbors.

- ☞ Why do they call it Latin America?
- ☞ What is a "Romance language"?
- ☞ What languages are spoken?
- ☞ What currency is used?
- ☞ What recently happened to the Canal Zone?

Large red plates were then passed out, filled with stamps from Latin America, including the Canal Zone. These were then picked up and a quiz was passed out, to be answered by groups of two. Central America was reviewed and a map quiz was given, asking for identification of the seven countries and the Canal Zone. Those who did well were awarded a Love Stamp design postcard with a Latin America Parrot. Next the 12 countries of South America were reviewed and the Script Love postcard awarded.

Students were then asked:

- ☞ How many countries are there in the world?
- ☞ What is the only country that doesn't put its name on its stamps?
- ☞ What is the correct name of that country?
- ☞ Do you know 50 languages and six alphabets?

The next four pages of the album were reviewed briefly:

- ✓ EUROPE: common currency of the European Union
- ✓ AFRICA: old and new names for most of the countries
- ✓ ASIA: Hong Kong stamps passed out; Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan discussed
- ✓ ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC: Australia and Singapore unique

Green and blue plates were passed out, filled with stamps from around the world. Students were asked to hinge in one stamp from as many countries as possible. They also had access to a file of envelopes of stamps sorted by country., Love Bird postcards were awarded for at least three stamps on each page. Because it was a two-hour session, three sets of questions were asked. Because we picked up the plates

4th Grade Session, concluded:

during the question and lecture periods, the students could not be distracted by the stamps.

The final prize was mint 20-cent Love stamps (to use on their postcards), one if they learned more about the world and to love it a little more, and one if they keep their albums all their lives so they can continue to learn about the countries of the world.

Students hinged about 700 stamps into albums. A tray of about 300 more stamps and hinges was left with the teacher, in case any students wanted to spend more time looking for countries.

These stamps had been donated by many friends. They had been soaked off by the workers at Three Rivers Youth.

The children participated with enthusiasm for the entire two hours and ten minutes. Their teacher was amazed at how much they enjoyed the session, as were many of the students, themselves. With the help of the teacher, it took three adults full time keeping up with the questions of the students during the session. It was a joy for all of the adults involved, seeing the children learning and having so much fun doing it.

**Survey Results, concluded:**

of a different type than they currently receive.

☐ Almost all of the current participants think the monetary and stamp fee structure is fine, however some respondents requested that both portions be sent to the same place.

☐ Thirty-six current participants supported establishing a monetary equivalent to the stamp fee, while 30 opposed it.

☐ The majority of all respondents favored establishing a Super Circuit (200 stamps instead of 100), a Country circuit, and Continent circuit. The majority of respondents did not favor creating a Topical circuit.

A sincere thank you to everyone who took the time to share their opinions. Several changes to the program are being introduced (please see separate article) based on the feedback received, with more changes to the program planned for 2001.

You don't have to wait for the next survey before offering your opinion! Please send your comments, suggestions, and/or requests for more information about the program to: Randy Smith (#1111); Swap Circuit Coordinator; P.O. Box 21115; Eagan, MN 55121 or send an e-mail to RASmith@Keanempis.com.

Stamps Help Stamp Out Cancer

by Lawrence Gleason, *Crowsnest Pass Promoter* (submitted by Heidi Snyder (#1663))

Heidi Snyder of Bellevue is collecting stamps to help stamp out cancer. Snyder's efforts have helped a retired Sparwood teacher, Margaret Chatterson, collect over one million stamps in the past 11 years which have raised, by auction, up to \$14 thousand each year in the fight against cancer.

"The stamp collectors and stamp companies by them by the thousand, by the pound or by the stamp. There is great demand for the Grizzly stamp," Chatterson said.

She once had four Elvis stamps which, she was told, could fetch up to \$50 from collectors.

Chatterson collected stamps for cancer fund raising before she herself contracted cancer 12 years ago. After she had a bout with the disease, she went to Cancer Society fund raisers in Fernie and told them about fund raising by stamp collecting. No one was interested, she said, and she decided to collect the stamps on her own.

Eleven years later she knows exactly how many stamps she has collected. At the end of last year she had collected 985,335 stamps, and has already collected 81,186 this year.

This means Chatterson has gone over the one million mark in stamps collected since she started.

"The Eastern Star Masonic ladies from Cranbrook collect the stamps from me," Chatterson said.

The money raised is used to buy bandage material, which the Eastern Star members use to make bandages for those with weeping sores caused by cancer. "The rest of the money goes directly into research," said Chatterson.

The stamps collected in the Crowsnest Pass by Heidi Snider are taken by her directly up to Chatterson's door in Sparwood, where they begin their journey to collectors.

Member Heidi Snider lives in Blairmore, Alberta, Canada. You can write to her at:

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532- Cilwik will rejoin in future
836- Icker died
842- Walker ill health
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867- Hunter
952- Portuando
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Small Circuit Manager Found

by Randy Smith (#1111)

Kenneth Wills (#2150)) has stepped forward and volunteered to manage the swap program's Small Circuit. Many thanks to him and the other people who expressed interest in the position. Ken is in the process of taking over managing this Circuit from Richard Bennett (#393), who is stepping down after more than two years. A very heartfelt thank you goes to Richard for his dedication to the program — he will be missed!

Effective immediately, if you are the last person on a Small Circuit, please return the circuit to Ken (not Richard) at the following address: Kenneth Wills; 5308 Shadow Glen Dr; Grapevine, TX 76051-7350. Ken can also be reached via e-mail at wills@airmail.net.

QUIZ: The Old German States on Stamps: 20

By Robert C. Toole (#696)

The *Scott Catalogue* lists 20 old German states issuing stamps between 1849 and 1923. All but two were between 1849 and 1870 (Bavaria and Württemberg). Many became part of the German Empire in 1870.

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| A Baden | K Mecklenburg-Strelitz |
| B Bavaria | L N. Ger. Confederation |
| C Bergesdorf | M Oldenburg |
| D Bremen | N Prussia |
| E Brunswick | O Saxony |
| F Hamburg | P Schleswig |
| G Hanover | Q Schleswig-Holstein |
| H Holstein | R Thurn & Taxis: N Dist |
| I Lubeck | S Thurn & Taxis: S Dist |
| J Mecklenburg-Schwerin | T Württemberg |

Southern Germany: 3

- ___ 1. *New stamps in 1849–1920.* The kingdom in the S.E. became part of the German Empire in 1870. The capital was Munich. After World War I it declared itself a republic, but lost its postal autonomy in 1920.
- ___ 2. *1851–68.* The grand duchy in the S.W. became part of the empire in 1871. The capital was Karlsruhe.
- ___ 3. *1851–1923.* The kingdom was in the south. The capital was Stuttgart. It was a republic in 1918–1934.

Northwestern Germany: 10

- ___ 4. *1850–64.* The kingdom became a province of Prussia in 1866. Germans spell it with two ns.
- ___ 5. *1852–67.* The grand duchy became part of the German Empire in 1870. It is west of Bremen.
- ___ 6. *1855–67.* The free city also became part of the empire in 1870. It is NW of Brunswick.
- ___ 7. *1859–65.* The free city and state also became part of the empire in 1870. It is NE of Hamburg.
- ___ 8. *1859–67.* The free city became part of the empire in 1870. It is on the Elbe River.
- ___ 9. *1860–65.* The autonomous territory came under Danish rule in 1851. In 1861 it was occupied by Prussia and Austria and in 1866 it became a province of Prussia. The capital was Kiel.
- ___ 10. *1861–67.* The city originally belonged jointly to the free cities of Hamburg and Lubeck. In 1867 it was purchased by Hamburg.
- ___ 11. *1864–65.* This duchy was formerly part of Schleswig-Holstein. Its stamps were superceded by those of the North German Confederation.

___ 12. *1864–66.* This duchy was formerly the other part of Schleswig-Holstein. Its stamps were also superceded by those of the North German Confederation.

___ 13. *1868–70.* The confederation included northern and southern districts and Hamburg. The stamps were replaced by those of the German Empire in 1872.

Northern Germany: 4

- ___ 14. *1850–67.* The independent kingdom was formerly the greater part of northern Germany. The capital was Berlin. The kingdom became part of the empire in 1870.
- ___ 15. *1852–66.* The princely house enjoyed the privilege of a postal system and monopoly. It was divided into two districts. These stamps were superceded by those of Prussia in 1867, the North German Confederation in 1868 and the empire in 1872.
- ___ 16. *1852–67.* The second district of No. 15.
- ___ 17. *1856–67.* The grand duchy became part of the North German Confederation in 1867. Its capital was Schwerin.

North Central Germany: 1

- ___ 18. *1852–65.* The duchy became part of the empire in 1870. It was SSE of Hamburg.

North Eastern Germany: 1

- ___ 19. *1864.* This grand duchy also became part of the South German Confederation in 1867 and of the empire in 1870.

East Central Germany: 1

- ___ 20. *1850–63.* The stamps of the kingdom were superceded by those of the North German Confederation in 1868. The kingdom became a part of the empire in 1870.

Mr. Toole says: "If some of these are too hard, please look them up in Scott's. I did!"

See page 10 for the answers to this quiz.



Two by Randy Smith (#1111)

Note These Swap Circuit Changes

In response to the opinions shared earlier this year (via the Swap Circuit Survey), several changes are being made to the Swap Circuit program. Changes that have been made, effective immediately, include:

✓ All fees (money and stamp fees) should be sent to the Swap Circuit Coordinator (Randy Smith), rather than sending money to the Coordinator and stamps to the Manager(s). The Swap Circuit Coordinator will be responsible for recording all fee payments, the number and type of requested circuits, and reviewing submitted stamps. Stamps and information concerning circuits requested will then be sent to the appropriate Manager.

✓ Instead of charging 100 stamps per circuit requested, participants will be charged 100 stamps per circuit type (i.e. Regular, CTO, Small) requested. If a member requests 5 or more circuits of a given type, an additional 100 stamps will be charged for every multiple of five circuits requested. (Stamps fees for 1-4 circuits of the same type: 100 stamps; 5-9 circuits: 200 stamps; 10-14 circuits: 300 stamps; etc.)

✓ A monetary equivalent for the stamp portion of the fees has been established. For each 100 stamps charged as fees, members may now choose to send \$4 instead. The money generated from this option will

be used to buy additional stamps for use in the circuits.

✓ A new circuit type, Super Circuit, will be offered. This circuit will be identical to the Regular Circuit, except that each circuit will contain 200 stamps rather than 100 stamps. Accordingly, stamp fees for this circuit will be 200 stamps, rather than 100, with an additional 200 stamps charged for every multiple of five circuits requested. (Stamp fees for 1-4 circuits: 200 stamps; 5-9 circuits: 400 stamps; etc.) Randy Smith will serve as Manager for the circuit.

To address the lack of understanding about the Swap Circuit program, a series of articles about the Swap Circuit program will be written for the newsletter. In addition, additional methods for encouraging participation in the swap programs (e.g. letters to new ISWSC members) will be considered.

Further changes to the Swap Circuit program will be made during 2001. Watch the newsletter for future announcements.

Comments, questions, suggestions and/or requests for more information concerning the Swap Circuit program can be sent to Randy Smith at the address listed at the front of the newsletter or they can be e-mailed to RASmith@Keanempls.com.


Swap Circuit Fees Due Jan. 15, 2001

Members are reminded that Swap Circuit fees for 2001 are due by January 15. While the monetary portion of the fees remains unchanged, the stamp portion of the fee has been reduced when multiple circuits are requested. Rather than paying 100 stamps per circuit requested, members will be charge 100 stamps per circuit type (i.e. Regular, Super, CTO, Small) requested. Fees for 2001 are:

Monetary Fee: \$2.00 plus Stamp Fee: **Regular Circuit** (A-F, G-M, N-Z)—100 large stamps or \$4.00; **Super Circuit** — 200 large stamps or \$8.00; **CTO** — 100 CTO stamps or \$4.00; **Small** — 100 Small stamps or \$4.00.

If you request five or more circuits of the same type, an additional 100 stamps (200 for the Super Circuit) are due for every multiple of five circuits requested.

Along with your payment, please include your membership number, current address, collecting interests, and the number of each circuit type requested. Please also indicate if you would like to be on circuits with members living only in the USA/Canada (domestic circuits) or on circuits with members living

anywhere (foreign circuits). All Swap Circuit fees (money and stamps) should be sent to: Randy Smith; Swap Circuit Coordinator; P.O. Box 21115; Eagan, MN 55121. 

Quiz Answers (from Page 9):

Answers		Scores
1. B	11. P	17-20: A
2. A	12. H	13-16: B
3. T	13. L	9-12: C
4. G	14. N	6-8: D
5. M	15. R	3-5: E
6. D	16. S	0-2: F
7. I	17. J	
8. F	18. E	
9. Q	19. K	
10. C	20. O	

Junior Philatelists Become Associates

By Ken Martin (#39)

The Junior Philatelists of America is proud to have become the fifth associate group of ISWSC. Founded in 1963, JPA was founded on the principle that the group should be run by and for youth collectors. While the editor of its bimonthly publication is now an adult, all of its officers still must be less than age 18. Although at its founding the JPA was given virtually no chance of survival, allowing youth to write articles and run services such as a penpal program and special interest clusters has worked. An IRS recognized non-profit educational organization, the JPA is affiliate 26 of the APS, and has the prime objective of helping young collectors enjoy and learn more about the hobby.

Some of our members do drop out of the hobby, but if you wonder if your support of youth philately makes a difference, I assure you it does. A number of the JPA's 7,500 youth members (cumulative total since

founding) have established themselves outside of youth philately. Founder Bob Osterhoff served on the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. Ed Roth is now a well known stamp dealer. Bill Donovan is currently an attorney in State College and is past president of the Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society and past chairman of the local SCOPEX stamp show. Ken Trettin who may be known to some of you as editor of the American Revenuer and an accredited judge, got his start writing for the November/December 1965 issue of The Philatelic Observer as director of the JPA U.S. Study Unit. Mark Winnegrad is current President of the Graphics Philately Association as well as a regular top membership recruiter for the American Topical Association.

"Johnny" Apfelbaum today runs the Apfelbaum firm in Philadelphia. John is also one of at least two former regular JPA members who have gone on to serve on the APS Board. John was APS Treasurer from 1995 to 1999 (and succeeded by former JPA Executive Secretary and JPA supporting member Nancy Zielinski Clark). After organizing JPA activities at INTERPHIL 76, Dan Siegel lost a race for JPA president by three votes. However, his experience was put to good use as chair of the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition and service on the APS Board of Vice Presidents. John Hufnagel apparently did not play as significant a role with the JPA but is a well known exhibitor today. After serving as JPA president, Dane Claussen went on to become Executive Editor of Stamp Collector and Stamp Wholesaler, and today is President of APS Writers Unit 30 and an accredited literature judge.

The JPA certainly appreciates ISWSC leadership in promoting youth philately and welcomes adult supporting members. Regular JPA membership, limited to youth under age 18, is \$9 per year and makes a great birthday or holiday present. Membership includes a subscription to the bimonthly Philatelic Observer and an invitation to join Study Groups and use the Stamp Identification, Penpal and other services. Full member details are available from PO Box 1665, Albany, OR 97321-0481 or the JPA web site at www.jpastamps.org.

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