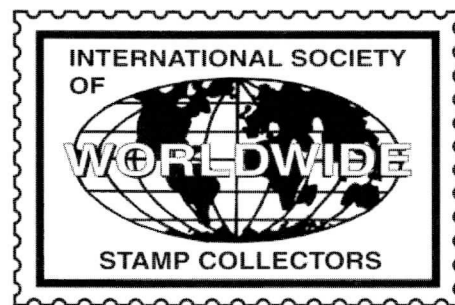


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## Myers Resigns; Berkowitz Appointed

**D**r. Terry Myers (#736), ISWSC Executive Director, recently submitted the following letter of resignation to ISWSC President Joanne Berkowitz (#98):

Dear Joanne,

*For many years I have had two passions: collecting stamps and traveling around the world. In many ways they were the same hobby. By now I have a collection of well over 350,000 varieties and have visited 164 countries.*

*The travel to reach new locations has become increasingly difficult as I obviously have made it to all of the easy to reach countries. The next trips I schedule will almost certainly require me to be gone from home for extended periods of time.*

*In the past, my wife has been quite willing to cover ISWSC duties for me when I have been gone a few days at a time. But even she is getting more adventurous and would like to accompany me on some of the trips I am planning.*

*Accordingly, I think it is time to ask the Board to begin to search for a new Executive Director who is going to be more available to the membership.*

*I have very much enjoyed the many interactions I have had with the members and officers during the past three plus years and hope we can make a speedy transition to another person.*

Respectfully,

Terry L. Myers

In order to act on the resignation, President Berkowitz called a meeting of the ISWSC Board of Directors. Following discussion of various options, the Board unanimously appointed President Berkowitz to the position, effective immediately.

The Board wishes to express its thanks to Dr. Myers for his service to the ISWSC over the past three years as Executive Director.

## Who's Who on Stamps of Latin America

by Ken Bonvallet (#409)

**L**earning about those portrayed on stamps has always been a part of collecting for me. Some years ago, I ran across a few booklets written or revised by Albert Kunze with titles *Who's Who on the Postage Stamps of Argentina* or *Bolivia*, *Chile*, *Guatemala*,



or other Latin American countries. They were published by the Pan American Union and had sequential booklet numbers. A booklet consists of 20-50 pages of short biographies, a timeline of the country's history, a foreword by the country's ambassador, and a page or two of black and

white images of stamps. The text is typewritten and the binding is stapled. The first booklet was for Argentina, published in 1940.

I kept looking for these booklets, not knowing how many there were. They are hard to find. Finally, I obtained some collateral documents that answered my questions. Letters to a collector from Albert Kunze indicate that Kunze worked in the Latin American Stamp Section of the Pan American Union (now part of the Organization of American States). In addition to these booklets, this section offered new stamp issues; flags, coats of arms and pictorial poster stamps; and booklets about individual countries, cities, and commodities.

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# President's Report: Membership News

by Joanne Berkowitz (#98)

ISWSC President & Executive Director

We are sorry to lose our Executive Director. Terry Myers (#736) stepped in just about 3 years ago and has served us ably in the position. At the onset of his tenure, Terry graciously used some of his frequent flyer miles to get a ticket and come to Sacramento so we could meet and talk. Despite his frequent trips, he kept up our roster and corresponded with members as well as kept our books and bank account straight. Terry has always been an avid world traveler and now he plans to do even more travel. Since he was also an avid new issue collector of many countries, he was able to obtain many interesting stamps, brochures and promotional materials from various philatelic agencies around the world. We distributed much of that new material to new members and placed some of it in the auctions. We wish him well and thank him heartily for all his service.

Please consider volunteering for a position. We have a Vice President position to fill, as well as At-Large Director positions on the Board. It's not really time consuming to sit on our Board, but you must have a computer as we meet "virtually". This is an all-volunteer organization and if we don't have volunteers, we cannot continue to exist. For anyone who has benefited from our circuits, sales, auctions or swaps, consider giving back with a bit of your time.

The ISWSC mourns the loss of two of our members who have died recently. **Sid Golovin** (#2120) was active in the auctions and sales circuits. **Bill Kiepora** (#503) was a dealer member who also contributed his time by writing letters soliciting members and enclosing membership information in his sales packets. He was in his late 90's and still active as a part time dealer. He was a delightful correspondent and I will miss his letters.

By the time you get this, APS Stampshow will be over. I hope that I have the opportunity while there to meet as many members as possible and to solicit a few new members. If anyone needs membership brochures to hand out to prospective members, I will happily send you either brochures or an e-mail file with the brochure in it. Have a wonderful Fall and stay healthy!!

**CHECK THE LABEL—RENEW EARLY!**

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### Display Rates (Camera Ready\*) per Insertion:

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# Bargain Bin Lots Added to Auctions

Welcome to Auction #33! This auction begins a new feature: The Bargain Bin. The Bargain Bin will list previously run lots that did not sell and now return with usually drastically reduced minimum bid levels, resulting in some real steals. Please note the special section of bargain lots (noted by lot numbers beginning with "BB" at the end of the regular auction lots.

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Included in this issue are the bid results for Auction #31. Auction #34 and results for Auction #32 will appear in the next newsletter. The deadline for submitting lots for Auction #35 (to appear in the January/February 2009 newsletter) is November 10, 2008. Have something to sell? Downsizing or closing out a collection? It's simple to submit lots. Need help getting started? Contact me!

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2. High bidder wins at one advance over second-highest bidder.
3. If there are tie bids, the earliest postmark wins.
4. If only one bid is received, lot goes at the minimum bid listed by the owner.
5. State the highest you are willing to pay. Your high bid will be used only if necessary. No "buy" bids or requests for percentage increases will be accepted.
6. Lots are returnable for items misdescribed or misidentified. No returns on large lots or collections, etc.
7. The Auctioneer reserves the right to decline unreasonably low bids.
8. Lot information will be sent to successful bidders with invoice. Invoice will include postage. Payment is expected in U.S. funds within 10 days.
9. Lots will be shipped and billed by Mike Crump and payment should be sent to him at the address on the invoice.

## ISWSC AUCTION #33 BID SHEET ~ Closing October 31, 2008

*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR ATTACH AN ADDRESS LABEL.*

**MEMBER #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ISWSC AUCTION #33

Closing October 31, 2008

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
1	USA. #178, U, F/VF, nice stamp, good color, cork cancel, CV \$12.50	\$3
2	USA. #372, MNH, straight edge top, F/VF, CV \$22	\$7.50
3	USA. #1354a, double strip of 20, MNH, CV \$6.50	\$3.25
4	USA. #1686-89, Bicentennial sheets (4), FD cancel, mounted, CV \$12.50	\$4
5	USA. #C4, M, HR, perfs at top cut design, CV \$22.50	\$2
6	USA. #C39a, MNH, airmail bklt pane of 6, CV \$10	\$4
7	USA. #C64b, MNH, airmail bklt pane of 5 + label, CV \$7	\$3.50
7A	USA. #E5, U, Special Delivery 10 cent, CV \$10	\$3.50
8	Aland. #129, MNH, VF, CV \$9	\$4
9	Asia. Japan, Korea, China, 3 retired sales books, M & U, 2004 CV \$250	\$40
10	Australia. #21, MH, F/VF, CV \$4.25	NMB
11	Australia. #21b, U, F/VF, CV \$6	NMB
12	Australia. #47, U, F/VF, CV \$8	NMB
13	Australia. #158, MH, VF, CV \$3.25	NMB
14	Australia. #446-449, MNH, beautiful complete set of 4, CV \$3.20	NMB
14A	Australia. #1063a** booklet of 10, CV \$5.50	\$2
15	Australia & States. 129 stamps in ret. APS circuit book, mostly U, Better: NSW #40, 52, 77, 95; Queens. 13, 103, 119; Tas. 14, 29, 54, 61; Vic. 77, 114, 116, 127; Aust. 22, 27, 28, 51, 63, 72, 117, 118; many newer mostly above min. value, \$100+ retail, CV much higher	\$22
16	A-B Countries. Ret. OMNI book, 72 U stamps: Belgium (21 stamps), Australia (18), Brazil (16), Bavaria (11), others, 1998 Scott CV \$122.55	NMB
17	A-C Countries. Ret. OMNI book, 65 U stamps: Canada (32 stamps), Australia (20), several others, 1997 Scott CV \$25.20	NMB
18	Belgium. #218-220, MH set, F/VF, CV \$4.05	NMB
19	Brazil. #33, U, F, CV \$5	NMB
20	British Caribbean. Ret. APS circuit book, 119 stamps, M & U, singles & sets, Values to \$16, Retail balance 70.00+, CV much higher	\$24
21	British Commonwealth. Coronation issue (CD 312), 20 diff, U, nice cancels: Bahamas, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Bermuda, Cyprus, HK, etc., CV \$5.60	NMB
22	Canada. #145, light cancel, very nice used stamp, great color, CV \$5	NMB
23	Cape of Good Hope. #5 triangle, U, L, cancel, faults, 2007 CV \$225	\$15
24	PRC. 200 recent stamps (1990 to present), U, all diff., all large, Unique! Bargain at	\$6

**Abbreviations:**

&amp; = And

+ = Plus

// = Incomplete

ADDR = Address (ed)

ANN = Anniversary

BKLT = Booklet

BLK = Block

CAT = Catalogue (d)

COMMEM = Commemorative (s)

CPL = Complete

CR = Crease

CV = Latest Scott Catalog Value

DEFIN = Definitive (s)

DIFF = Different

DUPS = Duplicates

EST = Estimate (d)

F = Fine, off center, but perfs

don't touch design

FD(C) = First Day (Cover)

G = Good, perfs cut into design

HBO = Held By Owner

HC = Heavy Cancel

HH = Heavy Hinged

HR = Hinge Remnant

INCL = Include (s) (ed)

LH = Light Hinge

M or \* = Mint

MLH = Mint Light Hinge

MH = Mint Hinged

MNH or \*\* = Mint Never Hinged

NMB = No Minimum Bid

NG = No Gum

RET = Retired, Returned

S/S = Souvenir Sheet

SE = Straight Edge

TH = Thin

U = Used

VF = Very Fine, wide margins

VG = Very Good, perfs touch design

W/ = With

W/O = Without

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
25	<b>Congo.</b> #995A-D, MNH, VF, CV \$9.25	\$3.50
26	<b>Cuba.</b> Beautiful recent issues, all MNH: #4435-37, 4472-76, 4479-82, 4483, 4484-88, 4496, 4497-98, 2461 (5 copies), CV \$23+	\$6
27	<b>Curacao.</b> #1, U, light cancel, F/VF, slight creased, 1 pulled perf., CV \$8	NMB
28	<b>Denmark &amp; Finland.</b> Ret. OMNI book, 114 U stamps: Denmark (96), Finland (18), 1997 Scott CV \$49.57	NMB
29	<b>Ecuador.</b> #11*, F/VF, CV \$3	NMB
30	<b>Ecuador.</b> #53, MNH, F/VF, not perfect but a beauty! CV \$10.50	\$2
31	<b>Faroe Islands.</b> #94a, complete booklet, MNH, VF, CV \$15	\$6
32	<b>Germany.</b> One APS, two ISWSC ret. sales books, 194 stamps, M & U, Values to \$5.75, Many M (APS book), Retail balance \$103, CV much higher	\$25
33	<b>Germany (DDR).</b> Small lot: #611-13, 656a (pair), 719, all M, plus a few used, CV \$4	NMB
34	<b>Gibraltar.</b> #116, U, 5 shilling value, light cancel, CV \$21	\$6
35	<b>GB.</b> #26, U, straight edge, heavy cancel #19 in diamond, CV \$100	\$9
36	<b>GB.</b> #112-119, U, good cancels, F/VF, Nice stamps, CV \$92	\$10
37	<b>GB.</b> #129-138, U, good cancels, F/VF, Don't miss out on these important stamps! CV \$268+, Great value at this minimum bid!	\$25
38	<b>GB.</b> #145, U, light cancel, F/VF, CV \$17	\$2.50
39	<b>GB.</b> #148-150, U, light cancel, F/VF, #148 short perfs. on left side, CV \$42	\$5
40	<b>GB.</b> #180, U, nice clear round cancel, rough perfs. right side (priced accordingly), CV \$110	\$11
41	<b>GB.</b> #288, U, F/VF, CV \$9.75	\$1.50
42	<b>GB.</b> #1478, U, 10 pound value, square cancel, CV \$14	\$3
43	<b>GB.</b> #1692a, MNH, strip of 5, 1996 Olympics, CV \$5	\$3
44	<b>GB.</b> Ret. sales book, 57 stamps, M & U, Retail balance \$60.90, CV \$70+	\$16
45	<b>GB.</b> Ret. APS circuit book, 97 stamps, mostly U, Better: #58, 67, 78, 114, 115, 118, 119, 121, 127, 128, 164 (all U), Many others more recent, Retail \$83.95	\$27
46	<b>Honduras.</b> #36*, LH, F/VF, CV \$6	NMB
47	<b>Hong Kong.</b> #11, U, CV \$50	\$13
48	<b>Hong Kong.</b> #16, U, heavy cancel, CV \$75	\$12
49	<b>Hong Kong.</b> #47-48, U, good cancels, CV \$47	\$12.50
50	<b>Hong Kong.</b> #61-63, U, 1891 Victoria overprints, CV \$39	\$12
51	<b>Hungary.</b> #1212-1218, MNH, CV \$3.70	NMB
52	<b>H-I Countries.</b> Ret. OMNI book, 60 U stamps: Hungary (47 stamps), Iran (9), others. 1996 Scott CV \$18.40	NMB
53	<b>Iceland.</b> #107, U, light cancel, F/VF, CV \$22.50	\$2
54	<b>Iceland.</b> #183, U, light cancel, CV \$5.75	NMB
55	<b>Iceland.</b> #195, U, light cancel, CV \$4	NMB
56	<b>Iceland.</b> #C29, U, very light cancel, VF, CV \$9	\$2
57	<b>Iceland.</b> Two ret. sales books, 126 stamps, M & U, Values to \$16, Retail balance \$192, CV much higher	\$35
58	<b>India-Charkhari.</b> #8, NG, CV \$7	NMB
59	<b>India-Nandgaon.</b> #1, 2, MNH, issued w/o gum, CV \$14.50	\$3
60	<b>India-Wadhwan.</b> #1, MNH, NG, CV \$8	NMB
61	<b>Indonesia.</b> Semi-postals, MNH sets (3): B156-9, B187-90, B191-4, CV \$4.05	NMB
62	<b>Iran.</b> #53, MNH, F/VF, pencil note on back, CV \$30	\$3
63	<b>Ireland.</b> #85-86, MLH, F/VF, CV \$2.80	NMB
64	<b>Ireland.</b> #C2, U, F/VF, CV \$8	\$1.50
65	<b>Ireland.</b> 129 stamps in APS circuit book, Many useful stamps, mostly newer, Bonus (not counted in CV): 24 recent NZ, U, CV \$184	\$19
66	<b>Israel.</b> #1274, MNH, w/tab, CV \$3	NMB
67	<b>Israel.</b> APS Circuit book, 141 U stamps, many w/tabs, CV \$42	\$6
68	<b>Italy.</b> #C113, U, not heavily cancelled, F/VF, CV \$6.50	NMB

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69	<b>Japan.</b> Sensational Souvenir Sheets! 13 large s/s, MNH: #2701/2833, CV \$174	\$45
70	<b>Japan.</b> #B1-3, MLH, plane over mountains, Nice stamps! CV \$8	\$4
71	<b>Japan.</b> Ret. OMNI book, 71 U stamps: Japan (68 stamps), others (3), 1998 SCV \$57+	NMB
72	<b>Japan.</b> ALL PREFECTURES, U, in APS circuit book, CV \$161	\$17
73	<b>Japan.</b> PREFECTURES! 84 U in APS circuit book, Very nice! CV \$69	\$8
74	<b>J-M Countries.</b> Ret. OMNI book, 87 U stamps: Japan (33 stamps), Malaysia (12), others. 1998 SCV \$51+	NMB
75	<b>Kiribati.</b> #491-4, MNH, VF, CV \$3	\$1
76	<b>Lesotho.</b> #105-11, MNH, VF, CV \$29.75	\$16
77	<b>Luxembourg.</b> Ret. APS sales book, 73 stamps, M & U, Values to \$8.75, Balance retail \$29, CV much higher	\$8
78	<b>Malawi.</b> #542-5, MNH, VF, CV \$12.45	\$5
79	<b>Malawi.</b> #550-3, MNH, VF, CV \$12.35	\$5
80	<b>Mexico.</b> #161, U, block of 10, 1884 issue, light cancel, CV \$110	\$30
81	<b>Mexico.</b> Mint lot: #1136, 1137, 1795, C234, C262, CV \$11.75	NMB
82	<b>Mexico &amp; Nicaragua.</b> Two ret. sales circuits, 66 stamps, M & U, Values up to \$5, Retail value \$50, CV much higher	15.00
83	<b>M-N countries.</b> Ret. OMNI book, 87 U stamps: Malta (20 stamps), Netherlands (30), Mexico (10), several others, 2000 SCV \$41.52	NMB
84	<b>Netherlands.</b> Ret. APS circuit book, 87 stamps, M & U, #25//1047, Retail was \$52, CV much higher	\$20
85	<b>New Zealand.</b> Ret. APS circuit book, 47 stamps, M & U, #1427/B162 & others, Better: AR103, AR104 (CV \$22.50), Retail value \$37.40, CV much higher	\$15
86	<b>New Zealand.</b> Ret. sales book, 70 stamps, M & U, singles and sets, Retail balance \$30+, CV \$58+	\$12
87	<b>Norfolk Island.</b> #42, MLH, VF, CV \$16	\$6.50
88	<b>Portugal.</b> Ret. APS sales book, 83 stamps, M & U, Values to \$22.50, Balance retail \$98+, CV much higher!	\$21
89	<b>Rhodesia.</b> #101* (1/2 d value), CV \$11	\$4
90	<b>Russia.</b> Ret. OMNI book, approximately 80 stamps, U, 2001 SCV \$25	NMB
91	<b>Ryukyu Islands.</b> #58-62, MNH, VF, CV \$43.50	\$16
92	<b>Ryukyu Islands.</b> #195-9, MNH, VF, CV \$2	\$1
93	<b>Ryukyu Islands.</b> #195a-199a, Five sheets of 4 stamps each, MNH, VF, gorgeous! CV \$25	\$12
94	<b>St. Lucia.</b> #674-9, MNH, VF, Nice set! CV \$4.60	\$2
95	<b>San Marino.</b> #1720-1, MNH, VF, CV \$3.50	\$2
96	<b>San Marino.</b> #1722-3, MNH, VF, European baseball! (?), CV \$4.50	\$2.75
97	<b>Senegal.</b> #440-1, MNH, VF, Mohamed Ali vs. Smokin' Joe Frazier! CV \$2.90	\$1.50
98	<b>Singapore.</b> #60-1, MNH, VF, CV \$3.50	\$1.25
99	<b>Singapore.</b> #70-1, MNH, VF, CV \$3.00	\$1.25
100	<b>Singapore.</b> #210-11, MNH, F/VF, CV \$2.25	\$1
101	<b>Solomon Islands.</b> #296-311, MNH, VF, Huge set complete! CV \$33	\$20
102	<b>Surinam.</b> #62, U, F, some rough perfs., light cancel, CV \$10	\$1
103	<b>Sweden.</b> #38, U, F/VF, nice cancel, CV \$15	\$1.50
104	<b>Switzerland.</b> #37, U, all clear margins, CV \$20	\$7
105	<b>Switzerland.</b> #48, U, trimmed on upper right corner, circular Geneve cancel dated 14 May, 1866, CV \$150	\$7
106	<b>Switzerland.</b> #50, U, nice circular cancel, 1 Fr. Gold, CV \$120	\$36
107	<b>Switzerland.</b> #100, U, light cancel, CV \$30	\$12
108	<b>Switzerland.</b> Ret. APS circuit book, 136 stamps, M & U, Values to \$17, Balance retail \$95+, CV much higher	\$25
109	<b>Trinidad.</b> #85, U, F/VF, nice stamp, CV \$6.50, Bargain!	NMB
110	<b>U.A.E.</b> #156, U, F/VF, light cancel, CV \$13.50	\$1.50
111	<b>U.N.</b> 1970 Mint issues in souvenir folder, 10 stamps and 1 souvenir sheet, CV \$3	NMB

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
112	<b>Western Europe.</b> All different, 1000 stamps, mostly large, U, off paper, no GB, excellent value @ 2 cents per	\$21
113	<b>Cigar Box.</b> Full of packets, FDC's, S/S, stamps, ret. sales book pages, etc., Great value and lots of fun!	\$25
114	<b>Cigar Box.</b> Loaded! Covers, air mails, APS book pages, Iceland (10 stamps), Mexico, Netherlands—worldwide—many nice values—lots of fun digging in and sorting, CV ?	\$25
<b>Bargain Bin Category Starts Here! (Unsold lots from previous auctions, now reduced.)</b>		
BB115	<b>USA.</b> #68a, U, off center, pulled perfs. right side, heavy cancel, Better space filler, CV \$70, Now slashed to NMB!!!	NMB
BB116	<b>USA.</b> #73, U, right side SE, perfs. close to bottom, CV \$70, Slashed drastically to	\$5
BB117	<b>USA.</b> Four ret. sales sheets, 93 stamps, mostly U classics: #96, 145, 146, 157, 162, 182, 183, 185, 205, 215, 216, 234, 236, 237, Q1*, many others, G to VF (and a few space fillers), Great value now reduced, Retail (less than CV) is \$450. Minimum Bid slashed to only	\$90
BB118	<b>USA.</b> 300 diff., U, Airs, defines., commems., all off paper, CV \$50+, Now only	NMB
BB119	<b>Hawaii.</b> #32, U, F, "H" cancel, some small faults, CV \$30.00, Great value at	NMB
BB120	<b>Belgium.</b> #Q10, MNH, crease l corner, CV \$72.50, Slashed 50% to MB of	\$5
BB121	<b>Germany.</b> 180 stamps, U, from 1990's, APS circuit book, CV \$150+, now reduced to	\$15
BB122	<b>Mauritania.</b> MB slashed from previous listing! Stock binder, mostly M, collection/stock, #1//330, many dups., CV \$545, now only	\$50
BB123	<b>Mauritania.</b> MB drastically reduced from previous listing! Stock binder, mostly M, BOB, airs, semis, many dups., CV \$120, now only	\$24
BB124	<b>New Zealand.</b> MB cut 50% from previous listing! Stock book, M & U, #286//413, many dups., Better: 296-8, 298A, 315, 325, 351, 353, 356, 360, gutter pairs, CV \$470, now reduced to only	\$50
BB125	<b>Solomon Islands.</b> #570-4, gorgeous MNH set of 50 stamps, America's Cup 1987, CV \$22.50, now drastically reduced to	\$5
BB126	<b>Switzerland.</b> #206, MH, large margins, CV \$110, now reduced to	\$40
BB127	<b>Switzerland.</b> Ret. sales books, 400 stamps, M & U, early to back of book, many nice values, CV \$1000.00! Unbelievably reduced to 10%, only	\$100

END OF AUCTION

## Koller to Manage Small/Definitive I Swap Circuit

by Randy Smith (#1111)  
Swap Circuit Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that **Duncan Koller** (#2154) has volunteered to manage half of the Small/Definitive swap circuit. Duncan, who also serves on the ISWSC Board as an At-Large Director, has been an active participant in the swaps for the past eight years. As current participants in the Small/Definitive swap circuit may be aware, I have been unable to keep Small/Definitive circuits in the mail at the frequency members have requested (and should expect!). I am quite pleased that Duncan has stepped forward and that the Small/Definitive circuits will be getting back on track! Duncan has already gotten some circuits rolling, utilizing stamps from his own inventory until a portion of the circuit stock is transferred to him. When you receive a circuit from him, please give him a

word of welcome and express your thanks for his taking on this role!

Due to the inconsistency at which I have been able to send Small/Definitive circuits, all current members of this circuit will have their Small/Definitive circuit fees waived in 2009. I appreciate your past patience and will attempt to manage the other half of the circuit until another volunteer steps forward. If any ISWSC member is interested in learning more about becoming a Swap Circuit manager (or if you would like to recommend someone for the position), please contact me! Contact information can be found on page 2.

All Swap Circuit members should benefit from Duncan stepping forward, as I will be able to refocus on the Swap Circuit Coordinator position. By the time you read this article, I hope to have passed along brand new stock to each of the managers. "Happy Swapping!"



## AUCTION #31 RESULTS

Lot #	High Bid	Selling Price	# of Bids	Comments	Lot #	High Bid	Selling Price	# of Bids	Comments
1	\$ 32.00	\$ 27.00	1		61	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	1	
4	50.00	50.00	2		62	33.00	29.00	1	
5	20.00	10.00	1		63	31.00	21.00	2	
6	5.00	3.75	2		64	7.00	5.50	3	
7	70.00	68.00	2		72	5.00	5.00	1	
8	25.00	23.00	3		73	8.50	8.50	1	
9	6.00	6.00	1		74	12.50	12.50	1	
10	8.00	7.50	3		76	5.00	5.00	1	
11	5.50	5.50	2		77	11.00	7.50	4	
12	8.00	7.50	2		78	5.00	5.00	3	tie bids
15	54.00	50.00	1		79	5.00	5.00	3	3 way tie
16	5.00	5.00	1		80	20.00	19.00	2	
18	2.00	2.00	1		81	4.00	4.00	1	
22	18.00	8.50	6		82	10.00	8.50	2	
24	18.00	16.00	1		83	25.00	20.00	1	
25	18.00	16.00	1		84	7.00	7.00	1	
26	34.00	34.00	3		86	7.00	5.75	3	
28	18.00	6.50	3		87	8.00	7.50	4	
30	23.00	16.00	4		88	22.00	17.50	1	
31	11.00	7.00	4		89	20.00	15.00	5	
32	12.00	4.25	2		90	12.00	8.50	5	
33	13.00	7.50	4		91	12.00	12.00	4	
34	20.00	20.00	3	tie bids	92	10.00	9.00	3	
35	1.00	1.00	1		94	15.00	15.00	7	
36	38.00	38.00	2	tie bids	97	2.00	1.50	2	
37	27.00	25.00	1		98	4.00	4.00	1	
38	7.00	7.00	1		101	5.00	5.00	1	
39	67.00	37.00	5		102	4.00	4.00	1	
40	3.00	3.00	1		104	2.50	2.50	1	
41	15.00	14.00	2		106	15.00	12.00	1	
42	10.00	6.50	4		107	15.00	14.00	4	
43	7.00	6.50	2		108	Damaged	Withdrawn	3	
44	10.00	6.50	5		109	7.00	7.00	1	
45	5.00	5.00	1		111	30.00	28.00	1	
46	7.00	7.00	1		112	9.00	9.00	2	
47	6.00	6.00	1		114	43.00	27.00	6	
48	12.00	7.00	7		116	6.00	3.50	2	
49	12.00	7.50	2		117	3.50	3.50	1	
50	21.00	16.00	6		118	8.00	6.50	2	
51	19.00	8.50	12		120	7.00	7.00	7	tie bids
52	40.00	40.00	2		121	7.00	7.00	1	
53	8.00	6.50	2		122	24.00	24.00	3	tie bids
54	10.00	9.50	5		123	10.00	8.50	5	
55	5.00	4.25	5		124	20.00	18.00	1	
56	6.00	5.00	4		125	10.00	5.50	6	
57	7.00	7.00	3	tie bids	126	11.00	11.00	11	
58	9.00	8.00	2		127	10.00	10.00	2	
59	100.00	100.00	1		128	10.00	8.50	3	
60	20.00	6.00	5						

THANK YOU FOR BIDDING!!

**P**lease note that all membership renewals, general inquiries, official correspondence, etc. should be sent to President **Joanne Berkowitz (#98)** at the new address listed on page 2. Requests concerning the newsletter, including requests for replacement copies, should be sent to Editor **Randy Smith (#1111)**.

# Candidates, Volunteers Needed

**Q**As mentioned in the President's Report, the ISWSC is in need of a few good men and women to step forward to serve in various volunteer positions. The ISWSC was built on and continues to operate solely because of the time and effort given by its members. Please consider one of the opportunities listed below, then contact President **Joanne Berkowitz** (#98) or Immediate Past President **Randy Smith** (#1111) to express interest in a position or to get more information. (Please see page 2 for contact information.) For opportunities marked with an asterisk (\*), those interested should contact Joanne or Randy immediately, as ballots must be quickly prepared for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## ISWSC Vice President \*

Candidates are needed for ISWSC Vice President, a position created by the bylaw revisions approved by the membership last year. The Vice President, along with the President and Executive Director, serves on the Executive Committee, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the ISWSC. The Vice President also serves on the Board of Directors, attending two-three Board meetings per year (via e-mail only). In the absence of the President, the Vice President chairs meetings of the Board. Should the President resign or become incapable of serving, the Vice President becomes the President. The initial term of office for the position is one year (January–December 2009). The position is estimated to take 5-10 hours per month.

## ISWSC At-Large Director (2) \*

Two At-Large Directors will be elected to two-year terms on the ISWSC Board of Directors. (Additional Directors may be appointed at the Board's discretion.) At-Large Directors attend Board meetings (held 2-3 times per year via e-mail) and provide input and suggestions concerning all matters discussed by the Board. At-Large Directors may also be asked to lead specific projects as determined by the President.

## Swap Circuit Manager

A volunteer is needed to manage half of the Small/Definitive swap circuit. Managers receive stamp stock and member roster information from the Swap Circuit Coordinator. Managers are responsible for creating routing sheets and stamp packets for each circuit, responding to member's inquiries, communicating with and escalating any concerns to the Swap Circuit Coordinator. Access to a computer, printer, and e-mail are highly desirable. The position is estimated to take 10-20 hours per month. Due to the cost of postage and the location of the majority of the ISWSC membership, those interested in the position should live in the USA or Canada.

## Grab Bag Program Coordinator

A volunteer is needed to manage the 2009 Grab Bag program, a unique swapping opportunity traditionally held early each year. The manager is responsible for receiving packets of 100 used Large, Small, and/or CTO stamps from members wishing to participate in the program. The manager then mails back an equal number of packets from other participant's submissions. Last year, a total of 19 members participated, with most submitting one or two swap packets. A total of 59 submissions were made. It is estimated the position will require a total of 20 hours from January–March.

## 2008 Election Chair \*

One volunteer (who is not running for an elected position) is needed for a short-term assignment as 2008 Election Chair. The Election Chair will have their name and address printed on the ballots, then will receive mailed ballots (between November and January). The Election Chair is responsible for tallying the ballots received, reporting the final results to the ISWSC Board, then forwarding all of the ballots to a designated Board member. The position is estimated to take a total of 5-10 hours over 2-3 months.

THE MAR/APR 2009 ISSUE WILL BE THE ROSTER ISSUE—PLEASE SEND ADDRESS CORRECTIONS TODAY.

# Stamp Answer Man Ready To Help

**W**hat the heck is this and where is it from???? As the official Stamp Answer Man for the ISWSC, maybe I can help. I have a pretty good record of finding stuff other people sometimes have a problem identifying, so go ahead and send it to me at eandmetc@tampabay.rr.com or via the ISWSC website. If I can't find it, maybe I can refer you to someone that can. By the way, I do not evaluate or try to guess what things are worth. We have smart people in the ISWSC that can do that for you.....just ask!!!!

— Marvin Warner

# Wilcox's Den

by Wilcox, Writer Dude

**Review of mixture:** Review of Switzerland mixture from Christina Jones Stamps: "MIXTURES ON paper \$2 per ounce. Good variety: Australia, Europe, Asia, Germany, GB, Netherlands, Canada, Slovakia, Spain, Swiss, USA, British Commonwealth, Japan or world. Jones, POB 1253, Sterlington, LA 71280." From an ad in *Linn's*.

**Cost:** \$2.00

**Stamps:** 96 sound; 6 faulty

**SCV:** \$47.15, faulty not counted

**Scott numbers of stamps received.** A \* indicates unused, a \*\* indicates mint never hinged. Quantities in parentheses indicate number of copies received.

*Great Britain* MH129; *Switzerland* 225, 364, 383, 385, 385d (2), 438, 441, 442, 444, 505, 522, 523, 534 (2), 570, 637, 638b, 640, 717, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 780 (2), 783 (2), 786, 787, 804 (2), 823, 878, 885, 905, 905, 908, 909 (5), 920, 926, 950, 1019, 1022, 1031, 1035, 1067, 1072 (7), 1125, 1141, 1165, 1167, 1168 (11), 1170 (11), 1189, B378, B399, B411, B444, B510, B625, B665, B694, B698; *Michel Automatenmarken Schweiz* #5

**S**ent away for two ounces: one of Switzerland and one of Slovakia. I enclosed four \$1 bills in payment.

The return envelope was postmarked five days after I posted the request, a fast turnaround. There was a note enclosed that the Slovakia was out of stock. Instead of refunding my money, however, Ms. Jones included a \$2 store credit voucher on a Post-It note. I would have preferred my \$2 to be returned. However,

VALUE	QUANTITY
\$0.20	24
\$0.21 – \$0.49	35
\$0.50 – \$0.99	28
\$1.00 – \$1.99	7
\$2.00 – \$2.99	2
\$3.00 +	0

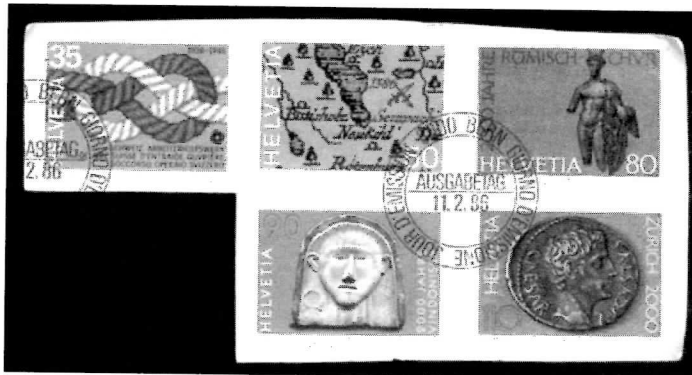
she did go an extra mile and return the stamps I had used to send the request, which included a nice commemorative. She had no obligation to do this, and actually had motive not to, as she sells (as seen in her ad) U.S. mixtures. She used nice, current commemoratives

on the outgoing envelope and had them neatly and lightly hand-canceled.

The mixture, heavy on recent issues, contained 96 sound stamps and 6 faulty stamps. This works out to 6.25% faulty, which is higher than I would have liked. The faulty will not be considered in the rest of this column.

Though on single paper, the yield per ounce was somewhat low due to many of the stamps being on postcard-thickness stock or greater.

Counting only face-different stamps, there were 62 unique stamps. This was mostly due to heavy duplication in two issues, Scott 1168 and 1170, both commemoratives from 2003, which each had 11 copies in the mixture.



One complete set of stamps, Scott 772-776, bore first-day cancellations and were clearly cut from a first-day cover. I don't know why this was done. The block, pictured above, is valued at \$3.75 for the used stamps.

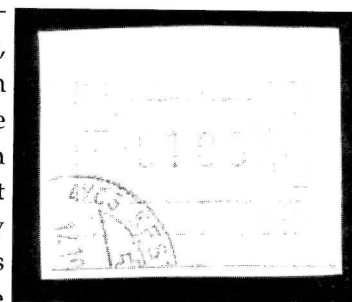
The total value of the stamps is \$47.15; face-different, \$32.50. 23 stamps, or 24%, are valued at the minimum Scott value of \$0.20. If those are removed from calculations, the face-different stamps total \$28.30. The average stamp in this mixture cost \$0.02 and had a catalog value of \$0.49. This is an impressive cost-to-value ratio. Considering only face-different stamps, each stamp cost \$0.06. The most valuable stamps, 225 and B698, are both valued in Scott at \$2.10.

Two items of further interest were included: a Frama label (picture below) identified in the *Michel Automatenmarken-Spezial-Katalog* as Switzerland #5, valued in the 2004 edition at 1.50 euros, and a lone Machin Head stamp from Great Britain that somehow found its way in. Scott identifies it as MH129, but for the sake

of being thorough, I believe it to be DG 250.1.1b under the Deegam Machins catalogue.

The Frama label was included in the count of stamps but its value was not incorporated, due to difficulties with catalog pricing policies, editions and exchange rates.

Although duplication was high on some issues, receiving approximately \$30 of collectible stamps for a



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# APS Summer Seminar a Hit

by Joanne Berkowitz (#98)  
ISWSC President & Executive Director

I had the privilege of attending the APS Summer Seminar last month. After a long weekend in Pittsburgh that included a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and a Pirates game, I journeyed to Bellefonte. What a philatelic treat!

The town of Bellefonte is small and charming. The APS Match Factory building is located near the center of town and within an easy walk of the downtown, a park and many restaurants and shops. The American Philatelic Research Library is a jewel and every one from the APS staff was delightful. I spent several hours with sales division books and we were able to check out books to take back to our hotel rooms. The weekend prior to the seminar was Socopex, the local stamp show, held at the APS Sundman Hall. I found a "rare" treasure to add to my Canadian Tobacco Revenue collection—a snuff bottle with a series 1897 tobacco stamp affixed. I carefully hand carried it back home and will take it to show my colleagues at our club this week.

My major course was Computers and Philately. With my laptop and a wireless internet connection, I learned about scanning, Photoshop Elements,

spreadsheets for inventory, philatelic websites and much more. Elective classes included postcard collecting, exhibiting, expertizing and many others. We



Joanne Berkowitz (#98), President, and John Seidl (#1646), Director of Public Relations, take a break during the APS Summer Seminar.

had a student auction, a buy-sell night and all week bargains were available from a wealth of material donated to the APS. New issues were available all week from the Headsville Post Office. Just recently opened and dedicated, it is an antique working contract post office previously located at the Smithsonian Museum. Now material sent from the APS has its own cancel. I met many collectors and hope that John Seidl (#1646), who also attended, and I were able to convince them to join our club. I was in stamp heaven and the week flew by!

For those of you who are not APS members, please consider joining the APS (see [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)). Besides *The American Philatelist*, your money goes to maintain the library, supports all levels of stamp collectors, provides educational courses, stamp circuits, an internet sales division and pays for some of the nicest and most helpful people of all. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the folks at the APS for continuing to maintain the public face of philately and your membership will help ensure that they are there for a long time to come.

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## Articles Encouraged!

The Editor encourages members to submit articles of any length for publication. Please share your stamp collecting experiences, knowledge, collecting tips or even an opinion or two!

# Whatzit? Members Respond

by Richard Barnes (#2425)

Whatzit? Coordinator

**T**his is the best Whatzit? column that I have had the pleasure to submit as it is a synopsis of the information submitted by members. I received an e-mail from a member concerning the main text of the Whatzit? column in the July/August issue of *The Circuit*, and I am passing it along:

In Figure 1, the inscription in the upper left appears to say "Palestine Resistance" like the English/French inscription.

Figure 2 indeed appears to be inscribed "al -Jabha ash-sha'biyya li-Tahrir Falastin" (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine). The denomination (50 fils) is apparently in Jordanian currency, although Iraqi currency would be the same. The inscription in the lower right, as reproduced, is too hazy to read.

Figure 3 reads "Kuwait" at the top. The bottom inscription reads "For the Benefit of the Fedayeen Effort" (li-Salih al-9amal al-Fida'i). The inscription at the left side is in fancy script which makes it hard to read at this resolution.

The top of Figure 4 reads "Front for the Palestinian Popular Struggle" (Jabhat an-Nidal ash-Sha'bi al-Falastini). That suggests the English letters "P.P.S.F" may stand for "Palestinian Popular Struggle Front."

Figure 5, the top line, appears to say "The Workers of Palestine and the Leadership of the Revolution and its Defenders" ('ummal Falastin wa Qud ath-Thawra wa Hamatiha). The inscription around the central device is too small to read at this resolution, but the sword-like element inside the innermost ring is a map of Palestine. The denomination is in fils (Jordan or Iraq).



Whatzit 26.5.1

Now for member information on various Whatzits. Back in the May/June column, Figure 5 is a local post stamp from the city of Przedborz, Poland. This city is in the district of Konsk, in the region of Radom. In 1918, the city had a population of 6,000 people. The Austrian military post provided a mail service only for military mail; the nearest civilian post was in Konsk. The Austrians therefore permitted the

establishment of local delivery service for civilian mail. This stamp is part of one of three sets of four stamps each; the sets are similar in design, but different. Michel lists these stamps as #17. Przedborz stamps (and other



Whatzit 26.5.2

Polish 1915-18 locals) are listed in the Michel catalogue for Eastern Europe, after the rest of the country, under "Local Issues" (lokalausgaben) and also in "Poland 1918 Locals," published by J. Barefoot, 1999.

The words on the stamp mean "municipal council" (Rada Mieska) and "Przedborz municipality" (Miasta Przedborza). The denomination in hazerzy is a clue that Przedborz is in Austro-Hungarian occupied Poland. Prior to World War I, Przedborz was part of Russian-occupied Poland.

Stamps were issued by various Polish cities before the end of the war to ensure local mail service. Warsaw was the leader with issues in 1915-16, some other cities followed in 1916. Right after the war's end (November 1918-January 1919), postmasters in many cities issued overprints on German, German Occupation (General Gouvernement), and Austrian stamps. Przedborz, which started its issues in December 1917, was one of three cities to issue newly-printed stamps during this period.

Fakes of all the Przedborz stamps, and many of the other cities' issues, were marketed, the most notable fakes being the stamps of Zarki and Przedborz. (I have been assured this stamp is genuine.)

Also in the May/June issue, the Figure 4 Whatzit was tentatively identified as a fantasy pretending to be from Bulgaria.

Returning to the July/August issue, I received the following information on the Whatzit stamps:

Figure 7 is a stamp issued by the "Stockholms Stadspost," a local post operating in Stockholm, Sweden, started in December 1887 by SA. Jeruliong. The local post

was later purchased by the Swedish Post Office and ceased all operations in October 1889. This stamp is the first of a six stamp set issued in December 1887 and depicts St. Erik. The example shown was remaindered by the Roman numeral five (V). It is listed in Rowcroft's Catalogue of Local Post Issues.

Figure 8 is a municipal revenue stamp issued by the city of St Petersburg, Russia in 1865. It is listed under the heading of "Police Urbaine" in the Forbin Revenue Catalogue. I am not sure exactly how they were used, possibly for payment of some sort of permit issued by the police, such as a residency permit.

Figure 9 is an essay showing King Amadeo of Spain. He was an Italian Duke who was elected King of Spain in 1870 and ruled until he abdicated in disgust on February 11, 1873, returning to Italy and proclaiming the Spanish people to be ungovernable. This essay may be from either Spain or Puerto Rico and was probably issued in 1873. Stamps of this design were issued in Spain and the colonies, including Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. This example was also remaindered with obliterator bars. They came in 20 different colors.

It has been pointed out that reading the Whatzit answers without accompanying illustrations is not ideal. Unfortunately, space considerations preclude



Whatzit 26.5.3

reprinting previously published illustrations.

One suggestion is to put the Whatzit replies with the pictures of the stamps on the ISWSC

website, which we are working on. Comments, please, to the Editor, myself or the Webmaster (see page 2 for contact information).

Now for this issue's Whatzits: Whatzit 26.5.1 is an

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## Membership Update

### New Members

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| 2578 | <b>Alice Larson</b> (exp. 06/30/09)<br>1823 Alvin Ave<br>Cleveland, OH 44109-4600—USA<br>larsonmadame@sbcglobal.net; A, Beg(50)   | 2584 | <b>Bob Adams</b> (exp. 08/31/09)<br>10 Lansdowne Rd N<br>Cambridge, ON N1S 2S8—CANADA<br>adams@brant.net; A, G, Int(7), Revenues                                     |
| 2579 | <b>Joseph Millo</b> (exp. 06/30/09)   | 2585 | <b>Trevor Lynn</b> (exp. 08/31/09)<br>1901 199 Kent St<br>Ottawa, ON K2P 2KB—CANADA<br>telynn@sympatico.ca; A, G, Int(3), British<br>Commonwealth, Vatican, Botswana |
| 2580 | <b>Marvin Scheer</b> (exp. 07/31/09)<br>PO Box 8004<br>Gates Mill, OH 44040-8004—USA<br>mss9460@roadrunner.com; B(1920-2001), F,<br>Adv(50), EE, Israel, Masonic                              |      |  |
| 2581 | <b>Robert Skinner</b> (exp. 07/31/09)<br>3023 S Atlantic Ave #302<br>Daytona Beach, FL 32118-6100—USA<br>B(1840-1940), G, Int(50), DD   |      |  |
| 2582 | <b>Dr. Chester Wilson</b> (exp. 07/31/11)<br>2112 30th Ave S<br>Minneapolis, MN 55406-1440—USA<br>c9wilson@stthomas.edu; A, D, Int(40), DD,<br>WW postmarks, WW post cards, Feldpost<br>cards |      |  |
| 2583 | <b>S. C. Jackson</b> (exp. 08/31/09)<br>819 W N Temple #218<br>Salt Lake City, UT 84116-3347—USA  |      |  |

### Reinstated

2452 Kay

### Closed Albums

503 Kiepora 2120 Golovin

### Bad Address—Contact Headquarters

1783 Hartig

### Address Changes/Corrections

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| 1756 | <b>Doyle</b><br>17913 Strack Farm Rd<br>Spring, TX 77379-6937—USA   |
| 2528 | <b>Felczak</b><br>5078 Elmhurst Ave<br>Royal Oak, MI 48073-1102—USA |

New Members—Please see page 2 for contact information to join one or more of our many programs. Welcome!!

## Who's Who

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The Pan American Union, at the time of publication, consisted of 21 countries: the United States plus 20 Latin American countries. An enclosure indicates that the plan was to publish a booklet for each of 20 of these countries (presumably all but the U.S.). Clearly they were being numbered, although not always published, in alphabetical order. Twelve booklets were produced, through Haiti. I can find no indication in any library or bookstore that any others were produced. Number 11 was for Guatemala, published in 1955, and number 12 was for Haiti, published in 1949.

These booklets provide information on people not readily available in standard references and explain some interesting facts:

- How someone with the name O'Higgins came to be the national hero of Chile.
- What was the 1735 Geodesical Expedition to Quito, honored by Ecuador with a stamp series in 1936?



- How Padre Francisco Bellini of the Dominican Republic became involved in the controversy over the burial of Columbus' remains.
- Why Grover Cleveland was honored on a Brazilian stamp.

Here's the story of the 1735 Expedition: The French

Academy sent expeditions to several parts of the world to determine the exact shape of the earth. In particular, there were competing theories as to whether the earth was pointed or flat at the poles. The sixteen men sent to the Quito territory of Peru (Ecuador did not yet exist) included astronomer

Louis Godin, geographer Charles

Marie de la Condamine and physicist Pierre Bouguer.

Although Godin was appointed head, the strong personality of Condamine caused his name to be attached to the expedition as indicated on the stamp. The Quito region was chosen as the most favorable land lying along the equator. The expedition was a success, providing measurements of numerous types over several years.

## Wilcox's Den

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mere \$2 was quite pleasant. I can recommend Christina Jones Stamps, but would suggest if you order that you ask for an actual refund rather than store credit on any missing mixtures.

Happy Hunting!

Wilcox, Writer Dude

YEARS	QUANTITY
1840—1929	0
1930—1939	1
1940—1949	0
1950—1959	1
1960—1969	10
1970—1979	10
1980—1989	14
1990—1999	21
2000 +	38

"Wilcox, Writer Dude" is an anagram of "Worldwide Mixture", a pseudonym designed to conceal the identity of the writer to protect against bias in mixtures sent by advertisers. Wilcox happily accepts suggestions of specific mixtures

and packets to review. For fairness, the mixture must be advertised in national or international publications and should not be mixtures prepared by the party making the request. Please include your ISWSC member number and full name when making your request. Wilcox can be reached at [wilcox@iswsc.org](mailto:wilcox@iswsc.org).

## Whatzit?

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Imperial Russian stamp with an overprint. Whatzit 26.5.2 was found in a mixture. We think it is Japanese and possibly a lottery ticket. Any suggestions? Any idea if there is a catalogue for these? Whatzit 26.5.3 is a green Eastern Europe(?) label or revenue. Any information (e.g. date, use, country, history, etc.) for any of these three stamps is requested.

Thank you to all of the members who contributed to this column. This was a very satisfying column to put together. I am always looking for stamps that you cannot identify. If I can't identify the stamp, hopefully a member reading the column will.

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