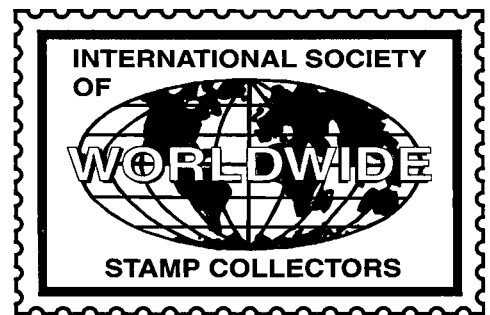


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President's Column

by **Randy Smith (#1111)**
ISWSC President

It is an exciting time at the ISWSC! As announced elsewhere in this newsletter, the ISWSC now has a new Executive Director – Dr. Terry Myers (#736).

Although I am saddened that Tony Zollo (#856) needed to leave that position, I'm extremely thankful for his years of service to the ISWSC. I am especially thankful for all the advice and assistance he gave to my over my past four years as ISWSC President. Without his guidance, my job would have been much, much harder! Thank you, Tony!

And I want to express my thanks to Terry for agreeing to take on the Executive Director role. One of the intriguing aspects of Terry is that he is a world traveler. Although I haven't spoken to him about this, it is my hope that his journeys may help us bolster our membership – especially that of worldwide collectors living outside the United States. (Can you fit a few ISWSC applications in your suitcase, Terry??) As the Board and Terry begin their new relationship, I'm sure we'll see some new ideas surface to help the ISWSC and further its mission. Welcome, Terry!

One of the items the Board discussed before Terry was appointed were various methods for increasing our membership. As with most philatelic organizations, the ISWSC has seen a decrease in its membership over the past few years and the Board is working to reverse the trend. For those who don't know, the average demographics for a stamp collector in the United States is a white male, aged 70 or older. (Age, poor health, and selling off collections are often given as reasons when members don't renew...)

Being a mostly "virtual" organization, the ISWSC relies heavily on its membership to spread the word of the ISWSC and get others to join. To give you an additional incentive, the Board has authorized a special membership drive contest, with a very nice prize donated by Ken Wills (#2150). Details of this contest can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another item that I am excited about concerns a new ISWSC publication. I'm pleased to announce that Richard Rizzo (#2215) has asked the ISWSC Board to adopt his publication *World History and the Postage Stamp* as an official ISWSC publication.

Rizzo's work is the result of his starting a "one stamp per country" collection and researching the political history of each of those nations.

The Board officially adopted his nearly 400 page publication and are working out details concerning how to make his publication available to ISWSC members and also to non-members. Look for more information concerning this in a

future newsletter. My thanks to Richard for thinking of the ISWSC and congratulations on your publication!

Finally, just a reminder of two things. First, the ISWSC needs new volunteers to throw their tongs in the ring and run for one of the Board positions. A final call has been issued for candidates – please consider how you can serve the ISWSC and respond today. Second, please note the new addresses listed for various ISWSC leaders. A complete list of current addresses appears on page 2.

Recruit a new member, run for a Board position, and Happy Stamping!

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT ISSUE:**

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Executive Director Named

The ISWSC Board recently voted to appoint Dr. Terry Myers (#736) as the new Executive Director, replacing Dr. Anthony (Tony) Zollo (#856) who had previously announced his need to retire from the position. Although you'll probably hear directly from Terry in future newsletters, here's a little background information about our new Executive Director:

Terry first joined the ISWSC in 1992. For years, he dreamed of completely filling a Scott International album - and now has managed to complete over 95% of that goal. He has been a collector since joining a stamp club in the fourth grade.

Terry and his wife, Marian, spent over 30 years on the pediatric faculties at the University of Virginia, Creighton University, East Tennessee State University and Texas Tech University.

Terry is a clinical geneticist (specialist in birth defects) and Marian is a neonatologist. Terry's career developed into one of medical administration and he served as the chairman of several departments and ultimately as an associate dean of clinical affairs. The Myers' have two adult sons and one tiny granddaughter.

In order to keep his collection current, Terry maintains standing order accounts in dozens of philatelic agencies around the world, resulting in a lot of interestingly stamped mail arriving almost daily.

As part of these trips, Terry sends back fancy postcards with unusual stamps to the first grade classroom where his daughter-in-law teaches and where they now cover an entire wall!

The ISWSC Board wishes to thank Terry and the other candidates who expressed interest in the Executive Director position.

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*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra.

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NOTE: State abbreviations = one word; "P.O. Box 1234" = two words; ZIP code = one word.

Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.



Last Call for Nominations!

This is the last opportunity to express interest in an elected position or to nominate your fellow ISWSC member for a position on the ISWSC Board. As many current Board members are unable to serve in the same positions due to bylaw restrictions, new volunteers are needed to keep the ISWSC going. Nominees are needed to fill two year positions (January 2006 – December 2007) for the following Board positions:

President

This person presides at all meetings of the ISWSC and its Board. He/she performs all duties incident to the office as described by *Robert's Rules of Order* and recommends such action as he/she believes will increase the effectiveness of the organization.

Secretary

This person keeps a permanent record of all society Board of Director proceedings, including Board meetings and votes. The Secretary also attests to all legal documents of the Society and performs other duties are requested by the Board and/or the Executive Director.

Vice-President for Public Relations:

This person performs duties with respect to promoting the ISWSC, monitors and assists the ISWSC Regional Representatives, and is responsible for securing an Elections Chairman.

Vice-President for Charitable Programs

This person serves as Chairperson of the Youth Program and assumes other responsibilities as assigned by the Board. This person also serves in place of the President, should the President be absent or unable to serve.

Elections will be held in November 2005. (Ballots will be included in our next newsletter.) To express your interest in a position or to obtain more information, please contact **Randy Smith (#1111)**, ISWSC President or the person currently serving in the position in which you are interested. In order to prepare ballots for the next newsletter, nominations must be received ASAP. Your response will determine the future of the ISWSC!!



Buying New Issues Direct

by Terry L. Myers, M.D., Ph.D. (#736)

About 25 years ago I decided that my new issue dealer was simply charging me too much money by marking up many issues way above the face values. So I decided to see if it was possible to get the same stamp sets directly from the issuing philatelic agencies more cheaply. By now I have relationships with a bit over 100 agencies – and still use my new issue dealer for a lot of others where his prices are really lower than I can get by myself.

Collecting new issues can be a lot of fun, a lot of challenges, and sometimes major disappointments. Here are a few of the things I have learned over the years.

The philatelic agencies vary greatly in what services they provide. I initially got most of my information from Linn's Stamp Almanac but by now much of the information is not current. A simple postcard sent to each country's postal department usually gets a prompt response with a description of their services. And now many postal services have web sites, although many of them are not in English.

The easiest bureaus are ones that accept standing orders. In most cases it is necessary to send a deposit and the value of each shipment is subtracted from the deposit which periodically you must top up. Recently several agencies have switched to using credit cards and with proper authorization simply charge each shipment as it is mailed.

It is very important to be quite precise when establishing your order requirements. Do you really want all of their issues, including souvenir sheets, booklets, presentation packs, first day covers, definitives as well as commemoratives, special issues, postage dues, reprints, or postal tax stamps? Always check a recent catalog to become aware of the types of issues normally issued. Making returns of unwanted materials is almost impossible, but supplementary orders for other desired materials are usually simple. Some bureaus send each issue immediately upon release while others make only periodic or even

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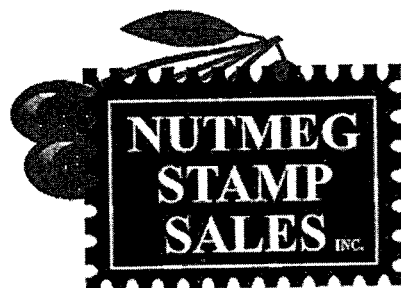
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Membership Contest Announced

As a fun way of trying to increase ISWSC membership, the Board has authorized a special membership contest. The contest is designed to reward the ISWSC member who sponsors the most new ISWSC applicants between now and May 2006. The winner, to be announced in a newsletter after the conclusion of the contest, will receive an assortment of worldwide stamps cataloging over \$250!

Now for some of the details:

- 1) The contest will run from now through April 30, 2006.
- 2) Membership applications are available via the ISWSC website or may be obtained by contacting the Executive Director. (Please note that we will soon be updating the brochures to reflect Terry Myers as the new Executive Director.)
- 3) Only new applicants who are received as an ISWSC member by May 1, 2006 will count toward recruitment totals.
- 4) In order to get "credit" for recruiting a new member, the new applicant must include on the application form the ISWSC membership number of the sponsor.
- 5) Renewals, reinstatements, and previous members rejoining the ISWSC will not count toward a sponsor's recruitment total.
- 6) In the event there is a tie for the top recruiter, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.
- 7) The members of the 2005 and/or the 2006 ISWSC Board are not eligible to win the contest prize.
- 8) The ISWSC Board has the authority to determine additional rules as needed and its decision concerning the contest and its winner is final.

So grab a few ISWSC applications before heading to your next stamp club meeting, stamp show, or bourse; encourage a friend to join; and good luck!

Italian/English Stamp Project

by Mike Crump (#2126)
Vice President for Charitable Services

Here's a message of appreciation that I received recently for member-donated material that was provided to this teacher in Italy late last year.

From: Cristina Gaiotto

Dear Sirs,

I am an Italian Primary teacher who teaches English in two Italian State Primary schools. Our school district (Secondo circolo didattico di Sassuolo in the province of Modena) has been promoting stamps collecting and stamps collecting educational projects for five years now. We are currently working on a project dividing activities and games to teach english through stamps and stamps collecting.

We are in desperate need of annulled stamps from the U.S., Canada, U.K. New Zealand, Australia, India and all the English speaking African Country. Please, let us know if you can help us sending us any stamps you can from these country. We do have some funds for this project, but as you can probably guess it is very limited.

Thank you, for your help

Cristina Gaiotto
Direzione Didattica Secondo Circolo
Modena — Italy

From: Michael Crump

Re: Request for free Stamps

Hello: I will send you some stamps for your project as soon as I return from a trip abroad on November 24, 2004.

Mike Crump

From: Cristina Gaiotto

Dear Mr. Mike Crump,

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I am very happy to inform you that my colleague and I have finally completed our Stamp project and we are in the process of recording everything on a CDROM as soon as the English version will be ready I will send you a copy of it. I really hope you will like and enjoy our work, as much as we enjoyed your envelope of stamps.

Since the note that you sent to us appears in one of the pages of the Stamp Album, I need to know whether you prefer that we erase your address. This page though, will not be put on our

School site to protect your privacy. Sometimes, Italian Philately Association ask us some the pages of our Stamp Project Albums for shows around the country. I am looking forward to hearing your reactions to our work.

Thank you again for being so nice and generous!.

Best Regards,
Cristina Gaiotto



Buying Direct

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annual shipments. If there are handling or mailing fees involved, bundling the issues can save a lot of money.

It is the fees involved that determine whether it is really feasible to buy issues directly. Many bureaus do not charge any fees at all and ship frequently. Some even frank the envelopes with plenty of stamps! Most bureaus however charge a modest fee or postage. A few include cancelled stamps equal in value to the fee paid in the shipment as a form of receipt.

Another source of fees are any bank charges associated with payments. In some countries the fees to process a check or a money order can be as much as \$20 per item. Never send cash as it almost always gets stolen somewhere along the line. Money orders in US dollars are accepted by the majority of agencies. Credit cards are making the process much simpler and usually cheaper although some card issuers are now charging small fees to pay bills in foreign currencies.

Almost all shipments contain a lot of educational materials gratis. There will normally be a brochure presented for each issue that explains the story behind the set as well as providing printing details, etc.

And each year I receive a variety of other philatelic items in the form of thank you gifts. Some agencies provide proofs, some specimen issues, some have special printings and every year I receive perhaps 50 philatelic themed Christmas cards. Several agencies send periodic magazines detailing

their issues and include general philatelic and tourism articles.

While rare, there are scams to be avoided. Several times I have received unsolicited letters from people claiming to be employees of the philatelic bureaus. The first starts out with a stated desire to simply be a pen pal but by no later than the third letter there develops a tale of woe accompanied by a request for money. The second involves a statement that the bureau is no longer going to accept payments in foreign currencies and that they would like to help by arranging a local money exchange and deposit which can be best accomplished by sending them personally a minimum of \$100 in cash.

One of the biggest expenses in the past was simply the postage involved in sending payments – currently a minimum of 80 cents even to send a \$25 money order (which I get free at my bank) or even to send the periodic new credit card numbers needed. Sending larger deposits to countries with a lot of issues reduces costs but also means committing a lot of funds to the accounts. Recently most agencies have allowed e-mail authorizations of credit card deposits.

Unless you want to make a lot of trips to the post office to sign for your mail, specify that your stamps not be sent by registered or insured mail. In all the years I have been doing this I have never had a lost shipment and the few that somehow got wet or otherwise damaged were replaced without hesitation.

At the risk of over generalizing, I still avoid dealing with developing or otherwise politically unstable countries. There are a few that refuse to use English and I can't find a neighbor to help translate. There are a couple that simply send too much junk no matter how many times I write to tell them I don't want their "special" issues. Some simply charge exorbitant handling fees. Some just kept my deposit and never sent anything! Those are the countries that I still buy through my new issue dealer.



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Worldwide Collecting & Topicals

by Joseph Palko (#421)

Stamp collecting is my main hobby, although I admit to being an inactive collector, and at the same time, an active correspondent (maybe I am really a writer?). I really enjoy helping others, particularly if it is to look for topicals, such as Dragons, Lighthouses, Entertainers, Chickens, Dogs, Trains, and so forth. I also enjoy emailing with many ISWSC members and others, and learning new and different things about stamps.

Model airplanes are my second hobby in importance, but my first actual hobby. It all started because my father was an airman in World War II, a gunner in light bombers, I heard a lot of flying stories, and I became interested in airplanes, and started building models. First, there were the solid models, for aircraft identification, which did not fly, but just sat on a bookshelf, or hung from the ceiling.

They did allow me to start expressing my creativity, initially with assembly, but especially with the painting, including the artwork. Turns out that my father had some artistic talents (some of which were passed on to me), and had done some nose art on aircraft in his unit, which I did not know until many years after the war.

Then, model airplanes progressed to free flight, rubber powered, balsa stick and tissue models, which were quite difficult to build at that age, and none flew very well, although I had some pretty good test glides from our attic window three floors up, to the back yard. As I got older, I went to control line, with gas engines, but always considered the models to be restricted, and really did not like the whole equipment requirement, the set up of using gas and castor oil, needing glow plugs and batteries, plus getting my fingers bruised when the engine started unexpectedly. And, you needed a relatively nice weather day to fly.

With college and the Army, hobbies went on the back burner, but, while stationed in Germany, I purchased many stamps of European countries, and frequently went to watch the radio control model airplane clubs. But, the radio equipment was heavy and very expensive, and, in my mind, that was not my hobby.

Years later, maybe as a combination of a mid-life crisis and cabin fever, I bought a radio control model, radio, engine, and all the accoutrements, joined a

club, built the plane that winter, started to fly in the spring, and soloed in the late summer. I became good friends with a fellow engineer, who also went to our church. That chapter lasted many years, and I owned only two airplanes, the original trainer, and then a biplane, with a four stroke engine that sounded like, and flew like, a real old fashioned biplane. I was thrilled! However, after about ten years, my friend retired and moved, I became disenchanted, and sold off all my equipment. Back to stamps!

You can guess where this article is leading? My interest in model airplanes and stamps led to a small topical collection of model airplanes on stamps. Iron Curtain countries issued many during the Cold War, with sets showing how the Communist youths would develop from model airplanes to military training. I now have maybe 50-60 stamps depicting model airplanes, a not very easy topical to find.

The primary part of my collection involves anything to do with aviation, including airmail, aircraft, balloons, historical figures associated with aviation, and a few First Flight covers. Then, would you believe that I have not yet attended the movie, "The Aviator"? I'm waiting for the video.

I do own some of the early USA airmails, but not the Zeps - never thought I wanted to pay for those! Greece issued a set of four as the first airmail issue. These stamps are larger than the USA airmails, and have the most delicate pastel colors that I had ever seen! You really think the scenes were painted on location.

As sort of an answer to a trivia question, I found out that Great Britain has never issued an airmail stamp. Never would have guessed that, until I went looking for Great Britain airmails in the catalog.

Recently, a few adventures have happened that I thought I would like to write about, and request feedback from members. Most recently, a church member, named Kevin, said he had some art work of Duck Stamps, he would like to sell the art work, would I please help him, and he would make a donation of the proceeds to the church. Of course, I would! Kevin gave me the drawings and I contacted a few trusted local friends.

Turns out, so far, what I have appears to be two copies of the black and white pencil drawings for the 1947 Duck Stamp, one is signed by the artist, Jack Murray. All that information is contained in Scott's

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ISWSC Quiz

by Joseph Palko (#421)

Here is a Quiz, with an international flavor, to test your general knowledge, some easy questions, some not so easy, and dedicated to the memory of John Pruitt, whom I miss very much, and his "Whatzit?" column, which I also miss very much.

1 - Everyone knows the Penny Black was the first postage stamp issued. What year?

- A - 1775 B - 1800 C - 1815
D - 1825 E - 1840

2 - What city?

- A - Bath B - Birmingham
C - Canterbury D - London
E - Southampton

3 - When did the USA issue a first postage stamp?

- A - 1841 B - 1845 C - 1847
D - 1849 E - 1861

4 - Who was the First USA Postmaster General?

- A - Henry Clay
B - Benjamin Franklin
C - Alexander Hamilton
D - James Knox
E - Daniel Webster

5 - When was the First United Nations stamp issued?

- A - 1946 B - 1948 C - 1950
D - 1951

6 - What was the Denomination?

- A - One cent B - Two cents
C - Three cents D - Five cents

When was the First Postage Stamp issued (match date) in:

- 7 - Australia A - 1849
8 - Canada B - 1851
9 - China C - 1856
10 - France D - 1857
11 - Germany E - 1861
12 - Greece F - 1871
13 - Japan G - 1872
14 - Mexico H - 1878
15 - Russia I - 1913

What is a common symbol on stamps from:

- 16 - China A - Yin Yang
17 - Japan B - Multi-Pointed Sun
18 - Korea C - Five Pointed Orchid
19 - Manchukuo D - Star & Crescent Moon
20 - Turkey E - Chrysanthemum

21 - What does the abbreviation RPO stand for?

- A - Rapid Postal Operation
B - Railway Post Office
C - Required Postage Overdue
D - Rental Property Official
E - Revenue Postage Operation

22 - The Perforation Number is the number of holes per:

- A - 2 centimeters B - 1 inch
C - 1 centimeter D - 1/2 centimeter

23 - Perforations Horizontal and Vertical may be different?

- A - Yes B - No
C - Only in a few European countries.
D - Only in stamps printed before 1900.

Answers on page 11.



Collecting & Topicals

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Catalogs, for instance, but not the potential value. One of the specialists has indicated that a good quality original, when authenticated, would be worth several thousand dollars! You can imagine my surprise, to say the least.

My best friend in the model airplane club was married to a woman from Cuba. When they retired and moved to Florida, to be nearer her family, I was sorry to have them leave, but understood the circumstances. After he retired, I did a favor for him, with the result, that, as a thank-you, one of his daughters presented me with a small stamp collection from Cuba. I had never thought of collecting Cuba. It just happened. One of those situations where the gift was unique, well thought out, and very much appreciated!



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B(to 1970), E, Adv(30), DD, 3-4(ww), 10(literature, old catalogs)

#2467-U Estelle Bollinger (Exp 7/31/2006)

B(1890-1975), F, Int(10), 4-5(US), 7(Europe pre-independence col), Aus, Ind)

#2468 Stephen Floreen (Exp 7/31/2007)

2501 Whamer Ln
Schenectady, NY 12309-2424
sfloreen@msn.com
A, G, Adv(30), non-exchanging

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158 Montrose Ave
Rutherford, NJ 07070-1611
alasala2@comcast.net
B(to 1968), D, Beg(2)

#2470 John J. Molnar (Exp 7/31/2006)

257 Highland Ct
New Hope, PA 18938-1596
A, D, Adv(75), EE

#2471 Adam Perkal (Exp 7/31/2006)

Apartado 7
Algaida, Mallorca
Balearic Islands E-07210
Spain
aperkal@terra.es
B(to 1920), D, Adv(25), 1(ww), 3(ww), 7(Afg, Tun, Bra, Spa), L(Sp, It)

#2472 Stan Ratcliff (Exp 7/31/2008)

1600 Clearbrook Dr SE
Lacey, WA 98503-2830
stansrose@earthlink.net
B(pre2000), F, Adv(46)

#2473 Miss Ukpeme Akpan (Exp 9/30/2006)

No. 58B K Line, Ewet Housing Estate
Uyo 200006, Akwa Ibom State
Nigeria
eme_lines@yahoo.com
A, G, Int(10), DD, 1-3, 6, 7(Nigeria, African countries), Top (birds, sports, WWF)

#2474 Emigdio Cabanas (Exp 9/30/2006)

13200 SW 50th St
Miami, FL 33175-5204
B(to 2000), G, Int(25), DD, L(Sp)

Reinstated

(formerly dropped/now renewed)

#300 Thompson

#502 D Bick

#1317 Kolcz

#1353 Edwards

Temporarily Away, Contact HQ

None

Address Changes/Corrections

#39 Martin

105 Irish Hollow Rd
Bellefonte, PA 16823-6204

#345 Wyatt

3067 Larkedown Rd
Victoria, BC V8R 5N3
Canada

#1353 Edwards

1761 Lenrey Ave
El Centro CA 92243-3727

#2227 Ellis

PO Box 813
Buffalo, NY 14225-0813

#2428 Corrales Lopez

8va Ave #64
e/ Moncada Y Esperanza
Rpto. Vasques
Mznillo, Granma. 87510
Cuba

Returned Mail- Unknown Address

None

New/Changed Email Addresses

#247 Lunt alyn@alynlunt.com

#1353 Edwards dke1959@aol.com

#1674 Matley pmatley@bigpond.net.au

Bad email addresses/Returned emails

(send updates to: stampmf@frontiernet.net)

None

Resigned

#2178 Cirone Age and health

We Need Your ZIP+4 Number:

None

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An Anecdote

by Terry L. Myers, M.D., Ph.D. (#736)

Several years ago we were vacationing in Mexico City and, as usual, I went to the main post office to get some unusual stamps to frank a large pile of postcards. I was immediately drawn to an entire sheet of 50 different 10 centavo stamps displayed at the clerk's window and bought enough to really decorate my postcards.

After several weeks no one had received any of my cards and I blamed it on the inefficiency of the Mexican postal service. Then several months later they started to arrive with a message attached — I had used Christmas seals sold through the post office and ultimately my hotel where I had posted them decided to absorb the cost and mail them out!



Membership Update

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Last Chance to Renew

Dues Expired July 31, 2005

#76	Poling	#960	Haddock
#1196	Snyder	#1235	Duffy
#1343	Dykstra	#1376	Tendall
#1398	Palazzolo	#1677	Wagner
#1719	Dattilo	#2348	Stecker
#2390	Rampulla	#2392	Kohler
#2433	Ferris		

Dropped

Dues Expired May 31, 2005

#385	Magyar	#691	Blankinship
#972	O'Hara	#982	Searles
#988	Shashkin	#2386	Thompson
#2429	Schreibner		

We need to update our records!

With a large membership, our records are always being updated. It has been a long time since we updated basic information, such as phone numbers, APS and ATA membership numbers, and age. We'd like your assistance in improving the data base, so send this information along by mail or email to:

Tom Fortunato
28 Amberwood Place
Rochester, NY 14626-4166 — USA
Email: stampmf@frontiernet.net



2005 Youth Champion of Champions

by Carol Barr
Director, ROPEX

On behalf of our youth champions, I want to thank you for your generous support of the 2005 AAPE Youth Champion of Champions just completed at ROPEX. The award you sponsored was distributed by our jury (Tom Fortunato, Ken Martin, and Stephen Suffett) as follows:

International Society of Worldwide Stamp
Collectors Award —

For best use of worldwide material.
Presented to Kurt Glatzfelter (18)
Quebec, Canada
"Chess: Game of Champions"
(representing STAMPSHOW)



Republic of Turkey Poll

by Terry L. Myers, M.D., Ph.D. (#736)

The Philatelic Service of the Republic of Turkey is currently soliciting comments and suggestions regarding its services. Collectors are encouraged to communicate their ideas through a poll available (in English) at their website www.ptt.gov.tr.



Answers to ISWSC Quiz (page 9):

1-1840; 2-Bath; 3-1847; 4-Ben Franklin; 5-1951; 6-One cent; 7-Australia 1913; 8-Canada 1851; 9-China 1878; 10-France 1849; 11-Germany 1872; 12-Greece 1861; 13-Japan 1871; 14-Mexico 1856; 15-Russia 1857; 16-China - Multi-Pointed Sun; 17-Japan - Chrysanthemum; 18-Korea - Yin Yang; 19-Manchukuo - Five Pointed Orchid; 20-Turkey - Star and Crescent Moon; 21-Railway Post Office; 22- 2 cm; 23-Yes

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BREAKING UP 59-YEAR ACCUMULATION. Let me send you a stuffed envelope of old, new, mint and used, etc. Pick what you want at 1/3 SCV and return the balance. Gelfman (ISWSC #1849), Box 315, Old Bethpage, NY 11804 USA. [3-4/06]

DISCOUNT COLLECTIONS — Totally unpicked on clean fresh pages. Collector disposing of holdings. Long time APS member. Free lists. Darrell L. George (ISWSC #635), 19410 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock AR 72223 USA. [1-2/06]

JOHN KNUDSEN'S STAMP AUCTIONS: <http://www.stamphead.com/adsearch.php?seller=johnsim03>. (ISWSC #2448 & APS #145467) [3-4/06]

OFFER NO. 1 — APPROVALS: Good quality world used stamps for sale in packet approvals (not the common stamps). The price per stamp is US 10¢ each postpaid. Try one approval 200 stamp mixture. **OFFER NO. 2 — MALTA STAMPS:** 100 different used recent stamps. Includes high values and sets.. The price is US \$10 cash, postpaid. Please contact Joseph Farrugia (ISWSC #690), "Biancaville" Phillip Farrugia Street, Zurrieq ZRQ-05 MALTA. [3-4/06]

1 KG. WORLD ON- AND OFF-PAPER mixture. Recent stamps even Malta H.V.'s and sets included. Mostly commemoratives and topicals. Price US\$50 postpaid to: Joseph Farrugia (ISWSC #690), "Biancaville" Phillip Farrugia Street, Zurrieq ZRQ-05 MALTA. [11-12/05]

AMERIPEX '86 #2216-2219 COMPLETE SET, 4 sheets. MNH-Extremely Fine. In original stamp show envelope. Mailed flat. \$14 Postpaid to U.S. addresses. Cochrane (ISWSC #1844), 1632 Warrington, Crystal Lake, IL 60014-2020. [11-12/05]

TRADE — CANADA & SOME WORLD for Middle East, North Africa, French West Africa including Trucial States, cinderellas, revenue. Richard Barnes (ISWSC #2425), 11715-123rd St., Edmonton, AB T5M 0G8 CANADA. [11-12/05]

Super Swap Circuits Update

by Randy Smith (#1111)
Swap Circuit Coordinator

As reported in the last newsletter, I had hoped to have to the Super Circuits back up and running by the time you read that article. Unfortunately, my computer issues put be even farther behind and I did not get much accomplished before my vacation. Now that my computer is back working and I've cleared a few other things off my plate, I'm back to concentrating on getting these circuits up and running. (Robert Armstrong (#1392), the new Super Circuit manager, is already sending out the International circuits that have been returned to him.) My apologies to all Super Circuit participants!



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