

Dunedin Philatelic Society (Inc).

NEWSLETTER

September 2016



NOTICE OF 103rd AGM

The 103rd AGM of the Dunedin Philatelic Society will be held in St Marys Hall, Whitby Street, Mornington on the 27th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Society News

Coming up in this year's AGM will be two remits.

Remit A : " That the subscription be raised by \$5 across both categories."

Remit B : "The Dunedin Philatelic Society Inc also to be known as The Dunedin Stamp and Postcard Club." Also a request that if any member has any items to be added to the AGM agenda must be tabled no later than next months (September) general meeting. Nominations for all positions should also be forwarded this September meeting.

Notes to remit A.

At present your subscription pays for :

Stamps @ \$1 per newsletter x 11 mailings \$11.00

Envelopes @ \$24.00 per 500 = 4.8cents each \$ 0.52.8

Photocopying @ 10 cents per page / 20 cents month \$ 2.20

Guest speakers @ \$50 ea x 3 per year :- 78 \$ 0.64

Philatelic Federation Levy fees @ \$2.50 per member \$ 2.50

Meeting night rent @ \$30 per night (\$30 x 11 :-78) \$ 4.35

Extra rent for stamp fairs (\$120 :- 78 members) \$ 1.58 Which all totals to \$22.79 per member.

The Club received 2 donations last year:

21.1.2015 Late Geo. Rolton \$200

15.10.2015 M.D.Cameron, Australia \$200

On Friday 22.7.2016 we posted 80 Newsletters. Free Newsletters are given to Life Members, also given to Timaru and Southland Philatelic Clubs.

Membership to Date : Life Members 2, Town members 54, Country members 22.

Notes to Remit B.

The reason for a name change is for our future survival as a Club. Over recent years our membership has steadily been declining and our present average member age is getting older. To arrest this decline we have to widen our base to include other collectors such as postcard collectors, of which there are many out there who do not have any Club to cater for their needs. Postcards are very closely associated with philately by way of postal history and postmarks. Note the Dunedin Philatelic Society name will remain – this remit will only be an extension to our existing name.

Coming Up this Month:

This month is our annual competition night, have you done your entry yet?

Categories are:

Allingham Cup (one page for anyone who have not won a Society competition before.)

New Zealand Trophy : 4 to 12 pages of New Zealand stamps

Postcard Cup:4 to 8 pages of related postcards

Commonwealth Cup : 10 or more pages from one Commonwealth country.

The final one page competition was held and we saw everything from Fossils, Football, Fish, Flowers , Farming and other F themes. The winner was Pauline with her page of Fossils.

The monthly meeting was attended by 19 people and 4 apologies. No contentious matters arose, hence the meeting was very short. Alan Kilpatrick showed a card with the list of winning entries at the Dunedin 1988 Stamp Expo, many interesting names, present and past brought back many memories.



Also we will have a guest speaker talking about the one of the largest stamp events of this decade, sure to fascinate us all. Come along and join in, we need your support.

Last Month we had a surprise speaker in Tim Beach, from Auckland, representing the Federation for the Northern Region. He spoke on the recent Junior Camp and the aims and objectives of the Philatelic Federation. Tim also mentioned that other Clubs in the northern region who added other collectables to their shows to make them more appealing, had found success. Other stamp clubs are suffering declining memberships and had to close. He was very well received and we appreciated him giving us his valuable time. After his talk we only had time for one DVD – this time on flowers.

Future Events :

On the afternoon of 24th November (our Club night) we will be visiting Southern Colour Print in response to a request from Timaru Philatelic Society. Later we shall adjourn for dinner and then onto an interesting display by Ray Bennett of Timaru.

Philatelic News

NZ Post have continued their recent flurry of activity this month with the release of two new issues on 7 September. The first is another sheet of 14 stamps all at the standard \$1 postage rate, this time titled “It’s a Kiwi Thing”.



Driven by our sense of adventure and ardent fervour for fun, New Zealanders hold their own when it comes to creating quirky experiences. Maybe it’s our geographical isolation or the relaxed lifestyle, or maybe it’s all the sheep that we’re so famous for. Whatever it is, the experiences that Kiwis - the people that is, not the national bird - share are unique. *It’s a Kiwi Thing* is sure to ignite and delight your senses and bring a warm Kiwi smile.

14 unique Kiwi things on one stamp sheet

This issue provides a cheery, light-hearted take on the quirky things Kiwis do. Illustrated by Chris Davidson and designed by Graeme Mowday and Jack Faulkner, each of the 14 stamps depicts a comical cartoon scene that is uniquely Kiwi.

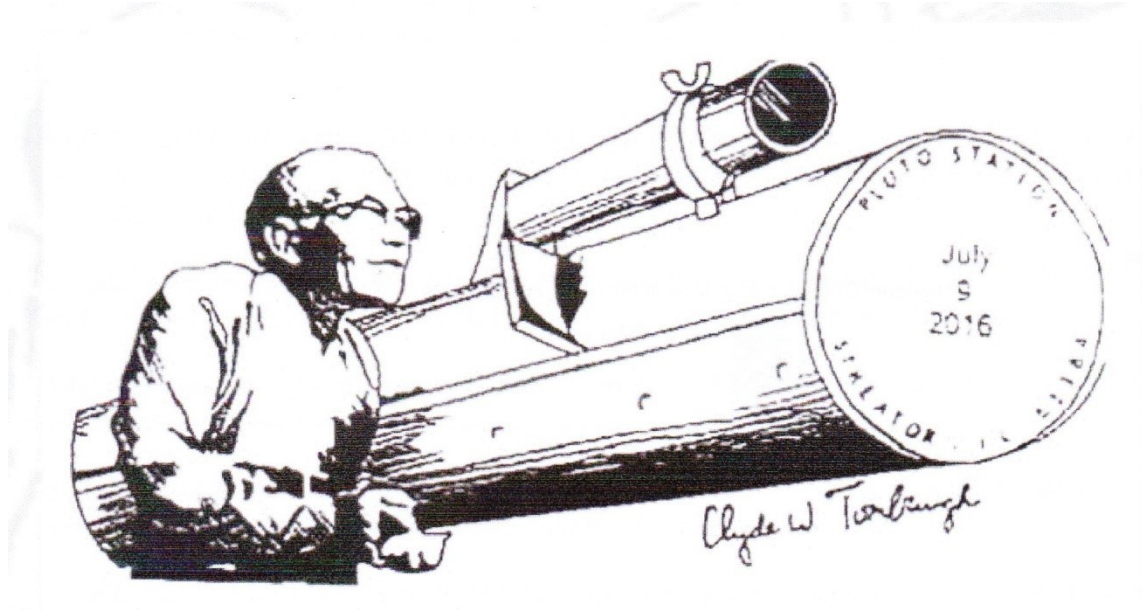
The other issue, released the same day is the annual health stamps, this time having the theme “Being Active”.



The 2016 Children’s Health stamps show how Kiwi kids can easily embrace a healthy and active lifestyle through regular daily exercise. Just 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity every day is all it takes for kids to build strong, healthy bodies and minds, and friendships too. Whether it’s walking or biking to school, playing sports at lunchtime or climbing the jungle gym – it’s all doable in a day for our kids at play!

This beautifully illustrated stamp issue consists of three stamps that show children in simple, everyday play. Each stamp represents one of the three key areas of exercise that help keep children healthy: aerobic activity, strength building and flexibility. Together, the three stamps form a seamless illustrated image.

Astronomer who discovered Pluto honoured with hometown postmark: Postmark Pursuit.



American astronomer Clyde William Tombaugh was commemorated July 9th with a pictorial postmark from his birthplace, Streator III.

The postmark comes a little more than a month after the United States Postal Service issued two forever stamps in honour of the successful New Horizons mission to Pluto. One stamp pictures the New Horizons spacecraft and the other shows a photograph of the dwarf planet as taken by the interplanetary explorer during its flyby last year.

Tombaugh is credited with discovering Pluto in 1930, when he was 24 working at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff Arizona. He was successful in locating what was then considered a ninth planet, based on the calculations astronomer Percival Lowell. Tombaugh died at age 90 in 1997 and when the New Horizons was launched in 2006 some of Tombaugh's ashes were included in the craft.

Philatelic History.

"The letters C.R. on early Fijian stamps stand for "Cokamban Rex", a Fijian chief named Cokamban being the reigning sovereign of the islands at the time the stamps appeared."

(from – Stamp-Lovers Weekly, 1905.)

Did You Know ?

In 1864 the Frenchman M G Herpin proposed another word to replace "timbrolgy" as the name for the hobby of stamp collecting. Herpin advocated the name "philately" having arrived at it by combining Greek terms, "philos, meaning , "fond of, " and ateleia, freely translated as "exemption from tax" or "tax receipt"

Time for a Laugh.

Fast Post !

A very elderly lady took a package to the Post Office to mail and was told it would cost \$6.80 for fast delivery, or \$3.40 for slow service. "There is no is no hurry" the elderly lady says, "just so the package is delivered in my lifetime" The postmaster glared at her and said, "That will be \$6.80, please, madam"

I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

Looking Ahead—and Looking Back

Next month New Zealand Post will be issuing a set of stamps commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Navy.

In 2012 A Sheet of stamps was issued commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.



This means that our Air Force is, in fact, 4 years older than our Navy. This seems somewhat of an irony to me, and I guess we would be one of few countries in the world to have an air force before we had a navy.

Last month I showed the first eight of the Medalist sheets that were issued by NZ Post. Rather than showing the remaining 10 I will instead show below the sheet with one of each medallist stamp.

