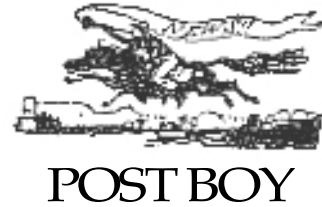


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Well, we have created another great stamp show and managed to get through it all. Had a little problem with the parking, though. Some of the parking attendants (and management) didn't know about the free parking for the people attending the show. A few of us paid \$5.00 to get in. Thank goodness for **Frank Fey**. He allowed club members to park at the **Liberty Belle** for free. All you had to do was sneak in under that rope and park. Great place to eat, too.

This month's meeting gave us a chance to revue the show. What went right and what went wrong. How can we fix it or improve. You'll get an idea of what went on on page three

The awards were given out to the winners at the October 25th meeting. On page two of this issue you will find who the winners of the exhibition competition are. Congratulations to all. It was a fine exhibition. I found it very difficult to make a selection for the **Peoples Choice Award**. With two days thought, I finally made my choice. If I had another five minutes to think about it, I probably would have made another choice. It was that tough. I favored at least five or six of the exhibits. It basically came down to a flip of the coin. They were awesome. I didn't want to have to make a choice and I'm sure others felt the same way.

Ed Hartley had his operation and seems to be doing quite well. His wife reports he is really miserable but the worst is behind and there are blue skies ahead. Hope to see you at the next meeting, Ed.

Speaking of the next meeting, this is the one we have been waiting for.

The Auction. One man's trash is another man's treasure, so bring your trash and we'll auction it off for you. Don't forget to bring your Auction Bucks. If you don't have enough, you can purchase more at the meeting to the benefit of the club. For those of you who have never been, there will be a few bottles of wine, maybe some beer, occasionally liquor, and lots of small radios, books, boxes, egg timers, and almost anything else you might find at a yard sale. There may even be a philatelic item or two. Fun will be had by all.

Mike McAuliffe will be doing the program for November at the second meeting of the month. The subject he's chosen? "Precancels"! We all have more than a few of them in our collections and now's the opportunity to learn more about them. The second meeting will be on the 22nd. Mark it on your calendar.

As usual, next month will have no meetings, but there will be the **Christmas party**. It will be held on Dec. 13 at the Masonic Hall in Sparks on Peckham Lane. Bring a friend and gifts (\$10.00 per gift is fine) equal to the number of friends. Mark them as to male or female, philatelic or not. The club will furnish the turkey while the members are encouraged to bring a side dish. Kay Williams will bring a sign-up sheet for those of you who will attend the party. The sign-up will be for side dishes. This way we don't have twelve varieties of potato salad (all of which are the best you've ever tasted, guaranteed) Have a good time, and make new friends.

A daddy longlegs spider is more venomous than a black widow, but it can't open its mouth wide enough to bite a person.

The **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** gave several member of our club an opportunity to show off their collecting interests and the knowledge that comes with specializing. Altogether there were 16 displays and 42 frames. All of them were greatly informative and tremendously interesting. There are not enough superlatives to describe how good this show really was. Several awards were given, not the least of which was **The People's Choice Award**. This one must have offered most viewers some tough moments while trying to make their selection.

Here's how the awards went:

GRAND AWARD

Given to **Terri Edwards** for her "**pTERRI's pENGUIN pORTRAITS**"

An exhibit of the penguin as human, the penguin as penguin and the symbolic penguin, to deepen our awareness.

AAPE AWARD

Given to **Harvey Edwards** for his "**Submarines**"

From early exploration to the submarine centennial, a study of undersea exploration by man and machine.

AAPE AWARD

Given to **Jeanne Paquin** for her "**Discover Our Capitols**"

Come discover our capitols, learn about legends, heartbreaks, murder and ghosts. Discover the most unusual laws you ever heard of, and how each capitol became the capitol city.

GRAND JUNIOR AWARD

Given to **Muhib Beekun** for his "**Story of the EID Stamp**"

The evolution of the EID stamp from it's concept, to design and acceptance by the USPS through the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

SECOND PLACE AWARD - JUNIOR

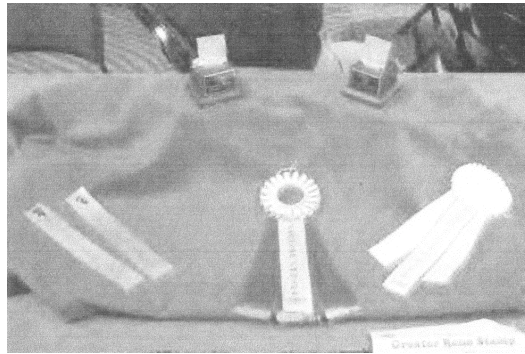
Was given to **Brandon Wimbly** for his "**Ships: Past and Present**"

A collection of stamps with ships from all different countries and from different time periods.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Was given to **Terri Edwards** for her "**pTERRI'S pENGUIN pORTRAITS**"

"People's Choice". That would be us, not the professional judges. After all, the Titanic was built by professionals, the Ark by amateurs. This time the professionals redeemed themselves. Perhaps pTERRI should be given an award for that name



The awards were given at the second club meeting in October

The second meeting of October (the 25th) gave us an opportunity to go over the **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** and how we fared this year. We opted for a new time to put it on as we let June slip past us and the chance for our regular show was gone. A couple of questions will be raised at this coming meeting and we will need to make a decision. The first question will be whether or not to have a show next year. The second will be about the timing of next year's show. Do we like October (Columbus does make a good theme and there are more tourists in town for the football season)? Or, would we prefer to return to June when the weather is better, school is letting out and there is no snow in the pass? The decision will have to be made **now** so we can begin preparing for the next show. Be ready with your questions and opinions, this should be a rowdy meeting.

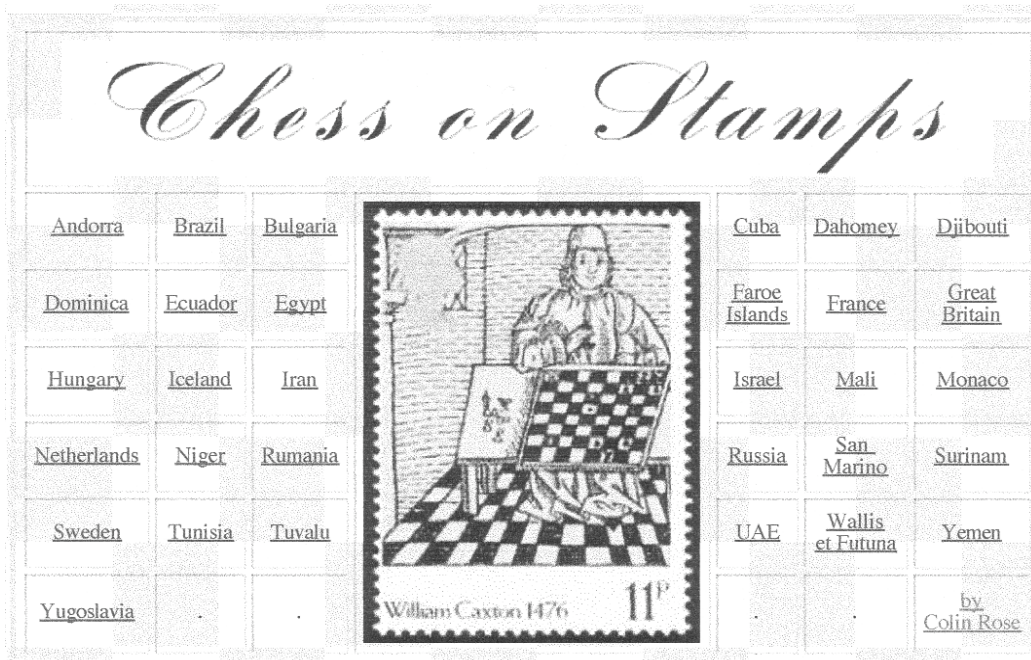
The show saw an attendance of 175 to 200 people. It cost \$3,390.00 to put the show on and brought \$4,075 to the club for a profit of \$685.00. All of the dealers that were at the show said they would be willing to return next year. Sounds like they did pretty well. There were 16 exhibitors at the show with a total of 42 frames. Two of the exhibitors were judges and 4 more were in the Junior competition. Dick Dreiling said he was pleased by the number of exhibits and it was the best show he has seen in years. We're all glad to see more people willing to exhibit.

A number of suggestions were made for the junior area of the show, such as introducing stamp games that might be played with the dealers to get the kids interested. Taking some of the frames from the shows to the schools may bring the kids to the shows. More advertising at the schools, emphasizing the educational aspects of stamp collecting could be helpful for both, the show and the hobby.

This coming show may require the participation of a few more members. Someone will need to proof read the advertising flyers and the programs. This one neglected to mention the NSSS. Its an easy oversight to make, but with a little back-up these things can be caught. We might need a little extra information in the programs, for instance, more about the Junior program. Let's not forget anyone with a little experience may wish to help creating a media package.

Considering the lack of media coverage, the show was quite successful and very nicely presented. Be sure to attend the next meeting. We need your participation to make decisions for next year.

<http://www.tri.org.au/chess/>



This month is a tip of the hat to the Topical collector. The site was created by Colin Rose, a mathematician who has written a book or two, several articles and has taught a few classes, all in mathematics not stamps. Stamps are his joy not his job and a darn fine job he has done on this stamp site.

The picture above opens the first page of this site. Each country name is a link to pictures of chess on the stamps of that country. The oldest is from Bulgaria, issued in 1947. There is also a catalog created by "Rose" (I assume it is Colin Rose) in which you can look up chess stamps according to the year they were issued, the country in which they were issued, the players honored or the tournament that is celebrated. The listings include stamp values, as well as the catalog numbers from Scott, SG, Rose and Michel. There is also a link to a site where you can purchase the Domfil catalog.

Did you know that all stamps that were printed in Afghanistan after 1989 were fraudulent? Even those listed in Scott according to a link that is copyrighted by "Illegal Stamps". The link, of course, is found on this site. Other links will take you to the Wax Museum of Illegal Stamps and the famous UPU Illegal Stamps List.

There is also a section called the "Archives" which is really a set of links to several rather interesting sites about chess on stamps, most of which are in English, including one that is written with a Russian accent (you'll have to read it yourself). There's lots of information about covers, errors and history. Each page has numerous links to many more pages that are related to chess, and chess on stamps. The next section contains links to several Societies and journals on the web. Most of these are not in English. How's your Netherlandish?

The next paragraph contains an address you can write to for album pages. Below is the copy as it appear on the website. All in all, this may prove to be a useful site for the topical collector who collects chess on stamps. For the links if nothing else. Brandon?

Washington Press sell blank pages with an illuminated chess motif border for mounting a topical chess collection. Price: US\$4.35 for a packet of 12. Contact: washpress@washpress.com. (Thanks to: Douglas Halliday).

This one shouldn't be too difficult to handle, but be careful, there are one or two tough questions and more than one kind of sneaky answers to decipher. Since the weather is finally starting to cool off for the winter you might want to take a cup of hot tea and an English muffin out on the front porch to do this one.

1. How many stamps are there in the historic flag series of 1968?
A) Eight B) Ten C) Twelve
2. On what denomination stamp does Steven Collins Foster appear?
A) One cent B) Three cent C) Four cent
3. Who is on the six cent stamp of the 1938 definitives?
A) John Quincy Adams B) William H. Harrison C) James K. Polk
4. What humorist was the subject of a 1948 issue?
A) Mark Twain B) Thomas Nast C) Will Rogers
5. What is the denomination of the stamp issued in 1937 showing the seal of the Naval Academy and two Midshipmen?
A) Four cents B) Five cents C) Six cents
6. In what year was the stamp showing the Iwo Jima flag raising issued?
A) 1944 B) 1945 C)
7. On the Louisiana Purchase issue of 1904, who is shown on the five cent stamp?
A) Thomas Jefferson B) Grover Cleveland C) William McKinley
8. In the Americana issue of 1975-79, what three objects are on the four cent stamp?
A) Violin, Bow, Sheet Music B) Rod, Reel, Fish
C) Books, Bookmark, Eyeglasses
9. What former Postmaster General appears on an airmail stamp?
A) Benjamin Franklin B) Montgomery Blair C) John Wanamaker
10. When was the 1847 issue of US stamps declared invalid for use as postage?
A) July 1, 1851 B) July 1, 1861 C) July 1, 1871

Let's see, wasn't Benjamin our first Postmaster General? Watch out! The answers may fool you. Well, maybe not you, but somebody.

This quiz probably found you searching through the book a little more than usual, especially on numbers four, six and ten, because the questions didn't give a year to look for. Fortunately, this is multiple choice and the search is limited to three years. Who would have found Saint-Gaudins without that. Coin collectors would have known. Did you do good anyway?

1. - A. Americas Cup. #U598, issued on September 15, 1980
2. - C. There were thirteen stamps issued to honor those countries overrun by the Axis and the Japanese during World War Two. They are #'s 909 to 921. Due to secrecy by the printers, there are many errors in this issue that are not mentioned in Scott. The exception, of course, is the famous "Korpa" issue.
3. - A. John Tyler, famous for running on the "Tippee canoe and Tyler too" platform. #815.
4. - A. One cent, #889, in the inventors part of the "Famous Americans" issue.
5. - B. # 934 honors the achievements of the US Army during World War Two, the liberation of Paris.
6. - B. 1940. Another in the "Famous Americans" series. You can see his work on the modern gold coins. #886.
7. - A. #1375 commemorates the 150th anniversary of the statehood of Alabama with its state flower and bird (the Yellow-shafted Flicker).
8. - C. Rose-carmine is the color of #870, the two cent issue in the American Educators portion of the "Famous American" series.
9. - A. # 833 honors our 29th president who died in office in 1923 of a heart attack. He was helpful in recovering from a post World War One economic depression and presided over the "Teapot Dome Scandal".
10. - C. 1915. The first issue was a Washington-Franklin, #449 (Washington, type I), printed on December 5, 1915

Had to search the book a little for number 10, didn't you. I got lucky and opened right up to that page. But, since I already know the answers, it's easy to get lucky. Hoping you all had good answers.

-Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. - Will Rogers