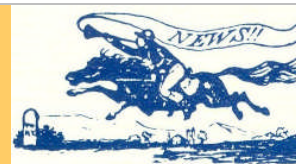


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## From the Editor:

On January 27, the Board approved a revised list for awarding Auction Bucks for volunteer activities. Auction Bucks will no longer be sold at the annual Auction Bucks auction - they must be earned in club activities. The Board also approved the purchase of a laptop computer to help with auctions, archiving club activities, photos, website, stamp shows, etc. The funding is from funds generated by selling items from **Jean Johnson's** estate. There will also be a "permanent" plaque to award outstanding contributions from members. Names will be inscribed on the plaque and the person honored will receive a certificate.

Looking in my folder of submitted articles is an interesting discussion of the awarding of the 1940 Olympics with the turmoil taking place in 1930s Asia. This year the Winter Olympics are in PyeongChang, South Korea, Feb. 9-25. Welcome to more controversy with the venue less than 150 miles south of the Korean DMZ, North Korean athletes allowed in the welcome ceremony with the South, and Russian athletes not being allowed participate under the Russian flag.

These will be South Korea's second Olympic Games and its first Winter Olympics; Seoul hosted the Summer Games in 1988. PyeongChang will be the third Asian city to host the Winter Games; the first two were in Japan, at Sapporo (1972) and Nagano (1998). As usual, look for a plethora of stamps to commemorate the Games.



Sooharang, the white tiger mascot of the Pyeongchang Olympics, is featured on one stamp in this se-tenant pair from South Korea. The other shows the Alpensia Ski Jumping Center. The stamps were issued on Nov. 1, 2017, in two panes of 10.

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## Post Boy Reporter

**Jan. 13 meeting** - There were 25 members in attendance along with 2 guests. The guests were **Scott & Barbara Mathews**. Scott brought a few boxes of stamp "stuff" he said were untouched for many years. The contents of the boxes were given as freebies to the members. Scott had so much fun at the meeting he joined the club.

The refreshments were provided by **Erik Fields**. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes. **Daniel Trabke** won the raffle money of \$12.50.

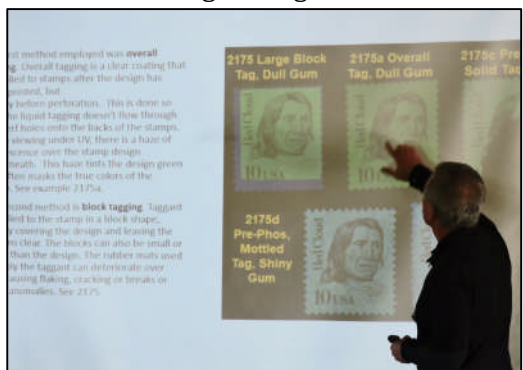
**Gary Atkinson** presided at the meeting. **Eric Fields** reported on the stamp show for July 28-29; most dealer tables are sold and 2 exhibits so far. **John Walter** reported the website was updated with all the photos taken in 2017. A DVD was made of the complete website to place in the club library. John asked for assistance taking photos at the meetings and club events. He is also looking for a volunteer to complete and send the March issue of the Post Boy. John will be out of the country from Feb. 20 to March 16. **Gene Smoots** reported on the Penny Boxes - he has the U.S. stamps and **Betty Mudge** has the foreign stamps. Stamps are 2¢ each and boxes may be taken home to sort through.

The live auction had 52 lots, including 5 donated lots from the estate of **Jean Johnson**. The auctioneers were **Eric Fields** and **Howard Grenzebach** with **Dick Simmonds** and **George Ray** helping. The donated lots sold for \$443 with the rest selling for \$278.25.

**Jan. 27 meeting** - There were 29 members in attendance and 3 guests. A first-time attendee joined the club today - **Ian "Buddy" Miller**. **John Walter** provided the refreshments.

The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes and the Bonus raffle prize going to **Bill Littell** and the raffle money of \$11.50 went to **Betty Mudge**. The Consignment table had about 80 items for sale.

**Dave Parsons** gave a great PowerPoint presentation entitled "Tag You're It. Stamp Luminescence." His introduction included his time spent in the laboratory using methods for carbon dating. He used stamps from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain as examples. He also showed three different UV lights for identifying the stamps with luminescence qualities. An article on the subject will be in the next Post Boy.

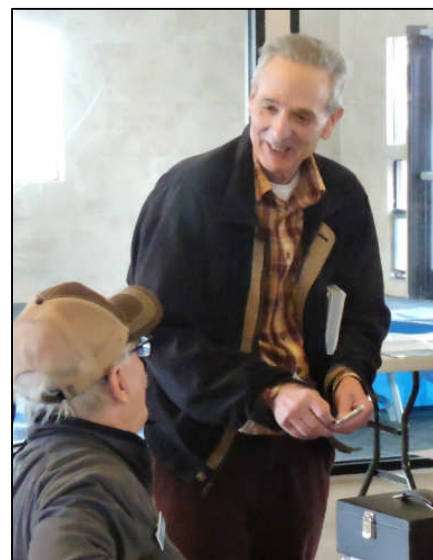


**Dave Parsons discussing Stamp Luminescence**

The officers & directors had a Board meeting with the following highlights: The club has 69 paid members with a new printed membership directory planned for March. **Barbara Diederichsen** is retiring as the Refreshments Coordinator. She keeps the food scheduling list for the meetings and social functions. A volunteer is urgently needed. The meeting refreshment list is complete through Nov. With the money donated from the **Jean Johnson** estate, the Board voted to spend up to \$300 on a laptop computer. **Paul Glass** and **Howard Grenzebach** worked on updating the Auction Bucks list. The Board voted to accept the new revision which is on page 8. Note that Auction Bucks cannot be purchased, they are only awarded for volunteer activities. Copies of the revised Auction Bucks are now on the website and will be available at meetings.



**Scott Mathews, new member**



**Ian "Buddy" Miller, new member**

# Whatever Happened to the 1940 Summer & Winter Olympic Games?

By Stan Cronwall

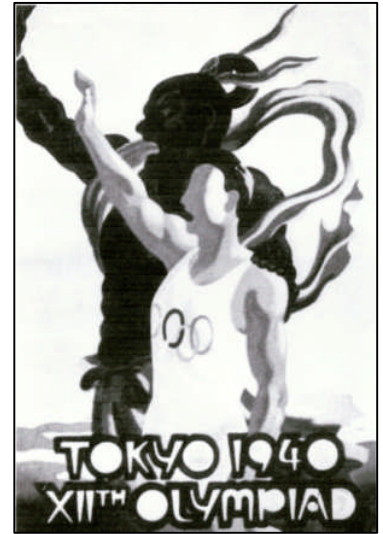
If you are looking for a new philatelic area to collect this is not it. Outside of a few “cinderellas” produced to raise funds for training and sending athletes to the planned 1940 Games, there were no true postage stamps produced by any country.

I penned this piece as the result of doing my “research” on a German postcard purchased recently. There are several “official” posters which were designed and produced by the proposed host nations, as well as designs for such items as participant badges, luggage stickers, and souvenir pins. Certainly, collectible, but not philatelic.

If you are still with me, recall that on April 26, 1931, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided that for the first time in modern Olympic history, a single nation would host both the Winter and Summer Games in 1936. The country selected was Germany. At that time, the nation was a democracy – the Weimar Republic. By tradition, not rule, the IOC generally announces the site of future Games about seven to eight years in advance.

Come forward a bit in decision making to 1932. The IOC was petitioned to select from Barcelona, Rome, Helsinki or Tokyo to host the 1940 Summer Olympic Games. In what some would say was a surprise move, the Committee in July 1936 selected Tokyo to host the XII Summer Games from September 21 to October 6, 1940. This would be the first time a non-Western country hosted the event.

On the **right** is a photocopy of the poster to advertise/merchandise the Tokyo Summer Games.



However, there were some stomach rumbles about the decisions. Japan was in the process of creating what they termed The Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere. In 1932 Japan began a war with China and occupied a portion of that nation including the province known as Manchuria.

That area was set up as a Japanese puppet state with the country name Manchukuo under the leadership of Emperor Kang Teh (the ex-China Emperor Henry Pu Yi).

This aggressive behavior bothered both individual athletes, as well as entire nations. However, the IOC decided on June 9, 1937 that host city for the V Winter Games would be Sapporo, Japan. Once again, the same nation would host both the Winter and Summer Games.

On the **left** is a photocopy of the official poster for the 1940 Sapporo Winter Games.

Then the 2nd Sino (China) – Japanese War broke out on July 7, 1937. There was some talk in both the U. S. and Great Britain about boycotting the Japanese Games.

Historically there has been an effort on the part of the IOC to keep political issues and the Games separate. So it was in the late 1930's, as the IOC and some members of the Japanese Olympic organizing group continued to support the host cities of Tokyo and Sapporo for the 1940 Games.

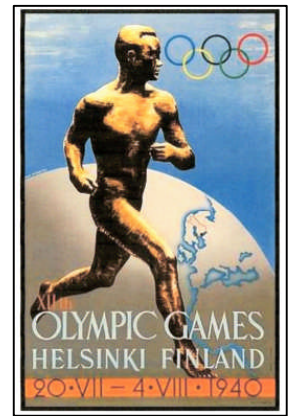
In Japan, there was hope initially that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sino-Japanese War would end in a short time and that the Games could be staged as planned. Instead, the war intensified requiring more men and materials. Financial allocations for the



events were gradually curtailed, and the military demanded that the venues be built of wood because metals were needed for the war.

In March 1938 the Japanese assured the IOC that Tokyo would still be able to serve as the host city. The Japanese Diet (legislature) met in July to decide on the matters of the Winter and Summer Games and the planned 1940 World's Fair. The Fair was "postponed" but the Olympics could not be moved and were canceled. On July 16, 1938, Japan announced the forfeiture of the 1940 Games.

The IOC then awarded the Summer Games of 1940 to the runner-up city, Helsinki to be held July 20 – August 4. On the **right** is an image of the "official" Helsinki Summer Games poster.



To further complicate matters, the IOC then awarded the Winter Games to St. Moritz, Switzerland which had hosted the 1928 event. However there was a dispute between the IOC and the Swiss organizing committee over the participation of ski instructors.



There is no official poster for the aborted 1940 St. Moritz Winter Games.

The "cinderellas" shown on the **left** were produced as part of a fund raising campaign by the American Olympic Committee. NOTE: that these stamps were printed for both Helsinki and St. Moritz as the 1940 Games sites.

When the choice of St. Moritz could not be finalized, the IOC turned back to Germany and Garmisch-Partenkirchen which had hosted the 1936 Winter Games. This late IOC choice was made in the spring of 1939 for the Winter Games to be held February 2-11, 1940

Shown **below** is a fairly rare used German produced post card, shows Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Helsinki as the 1940 Olympiade sites.

Three months later, Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939 igniting what became World War II.

On November 18, 1939, the IOC canceled both the Winter and Summer Games for 1940.

Just as well. On November 30, 1939 the Soviet Union invaded Finland.

**Stan Cronwall** is a member and his collecting interests include Germany: Third Reich 1933-45 and the areas it occupied (stamps covers & cards). He also collects U.S. World War II Patriotic Covers and Cards; Civil War Patriotic Covers (both U.S. and CSA); U.S Naval Covers; DDR stamps; and, Post WW II Soviet Zone Hitler Head Obliteration stamps, covers & cards.



## February Quiz on Japan

By Stan Cronwall

1. The National Flower of Japan is the Chrysanthemum. The plant has been used in Japanese medicine since early times and is grown throughout the islands. It is symbolic of the Emperor, and his throne is known as the Chrysanthemum Throne. When did Japan stop using the stylized chrysanthemum symbol on their regular stamp issues?  
a. 1932      b. 1947      c. 1964
2. The 1998 Winter Olympic Games were celebrated on two semi-postal stamps released on February 7, 1997 along with two regular issues issued on February 5, 1998. The Winter Games were held in what city?  
a. Sapporo      b. Osaka      c. Nagano
3. Japan was a participant in both WW I and WW II. In what year did they issue their last Military Stamp?  
a. 1945      b. 1924      c. 1932
4. In 2003 Scott (Scott 2874 A-E) and again in 2004 (Scott 2914 K-Q), Japan issued stamps with labels separated by a line of rouletting. If the sender wished they could personalize the stamp by adding copy on the label portion. This idea was carried forward in 2006 and again in 2008 on Scott 3056-3060. The stamp shown in the Scott catalog features a Japanese dog breed, Akita. How would the sender personalize the stamp?  
a. Write on the dog's white coat      b. Use an image of their choice
5. Japanese stamps have generally been issued in traditional shapes such as rectangles either horizontal or vertical, and squares of different sizes. A notable exceptions to this are the sheets of five self-adhesive "Greetings Stamps" issued in issued in 1998 and 1999. Which of the following animals are **not** included in either set:  
a. Gerbil      b. Guinea Pig      c. Koala      d. Snake
6. One of the most famous Japanese woodblock prints is the "Great Wave off Kanagawa" by Hokusai circa 1829-1833 in the late Edo period. This scene was the first was from Hokusai's "36 Views of Fuji." All prints in this series depict scenes from around Mt. Fuji. This stamp was issued in 1963 to commemorate the following:  
a. PhilaNippon 2011 International Philatelic Exhibition      b. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan & The People's Republic of China      c. International Letter Writing Week
7. In Japan, the top level of political subdivision for jurisdiction and administrative purposes under the Federal Government is the Prefecture. From 1989 to 2008 the national postal ministry issued stamps to publicize each prefecture. However, the stamps were valid throughout Japan and even sold in other prefectures although not in all post offices. The Scott catalogs list the prefecture stamps with a "Z" preceding the number. There were also Prefecture Semi-Postal stamps. Two of these were issued in 2000 in support of what cause?  
a. Earthquake & Tsunami Relief      b. Education of the Disabled      c. Earthquake & Volcano Eruption Relief
8. Several of the stamps relating to Japan's participation in WW II are in the long set Scott 325-342 including a map of Japan's "Great East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere," a war factory girl, and war worker and planes. These were overprinted for use in many occupied areas. There were also war themed semi-postals Scott B 4 and B 5 celebrating the fall of Singapore, B 6 showing a tank attack on Bataan, and B 7 depicting the attack on Pearl Harbor. An often ignored set from the same period is Scott 343-346 issued in 1942. All celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation and recognition of the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo. This area was formerly part of what sovereign nation?  
a. The Soviet Union      b. Korea      c. China
9. Interestingly, despite the virtual worldwide dominance of Japanese medallion motorcycles for both street use and in racing, there have been no Japanese stamps featuring these in either sets or as single stamps.  
a. False      b. True
10. An issue in 1920 marked the taking of the first modern census in Japan in the year 652. This stamp is interesting because it?  
a. Was not for foreign postage except to China      b. Could not be used on any foreign postage  
c. Was prohibited on mail going to the U.S.

**Bonus Question:** The U.S. began issuing its “Celebrate the Century” stamps in 1998. Japan began a similar series in 1999. Sheet 9 covering the period 1940-45 includes stamps covering what famous WW II events?

- a. The signing of the WW II surrender documents aboard the USS Missouri    b. Japanese planes attacking Pearl Harbor    c. The Atomic Bomb Memorial    d. The statue at Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum

The February quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the February meetings or email to [postboyquiz@renostamp.org](mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org)

**Jan. Quiz Answers:** 1. a, 2. b, 3. c, 4. b, 5. a, 6. c, 7. b, 8. a, 9. b, 10. a  
Bonus: b

## Vassar Post Office Display



The frame on the left is the New Year celebration and the frame on the right is celebrating Valentine's Day showing some Love stamps. These wall frames at the Vassar post office are changed every two months by **John Walter** and **Stan Cronwall**.

The library display schedule for this year includes Zephyr Cove in April, Minden Library in August (this will be our first display in Minden), and Carson City and South Valleys Libraries both in October celebrating National Stamp Collecting Month.



## Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

*If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).*

**Wanted** - German Post World War II Hitler Head stamps that have been "obliterated" or masked. Mint or used, . . . singles or more . . . just stamps or used on cover or postcards. Contact member **Stan Cronwall** email: [stlaine@aol.com](mailto:stlaine@aol.com)

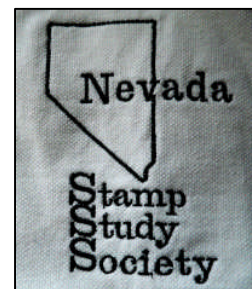
**For Sale:** From the Jean Johnson estate. Great Britain MNH from about 2004 to 2006. The items include sets, FDCs, and presentation booklets. The prices are about 1/3 of Scott catalog. Contact **Betty Mudge** 972-8237 or email [bjmudge2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bjmudge2004@yahoo.com).

**For Sale:** From the Jean Johnson estate. Selling less than face value MNH U.S. from about 2000 to present with singles, blocks and panes. Contact **George Ray** 359-9296

**Buying :** Stamp Collections Worldwide & United States, Large or Small Estate. Postal History , Post Cards , Ephemera, Stock Certificates, Checks, Old Business Ledgers and Billheads, Mining Lumber, Staging & Express, Pony Express, California Gold Rush. Photographs 1840's - 1920's , California & Nevada Oil Paintings, anything Rare from California or Nevada History... Contact member **Mark Baker** 530-417-1117 or Email [Mark@goldrushpaper.com](mailto:Mark@goldrushpaper.com).

**For Sale:** U.S. Plate # Blocks MNH from 1930 on. Later years Plate # Blocks 15% off face value. Want lists requested for specific plate numbers/positions. Contact member **George Ray** 359-9296.

**For Sale:** Monogrammed shirts with the Nevada Stamp Study Society logo for \$25. The monogram can also be placed on a shirt you provide for \$15. Right now the shirts are dark blue with white monogram or white shirt with dark blue monogram. Members regularly wear the monogrammed shirt at meetings. Contact member Dave and Susan Gehringer (925) 408-6807 or [ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net) or. They will need your shirt size and color when ordering. Cropped logo from a shirt is on the right.



**Buy and Sell** - almost anything philatelic and ephemera. This includes stamps, post cards, FDCs, photos and documents of mining, and also Western interest. Plus selling philatelic supplies. Contact member **Nadiah Beekun** at (775) 762-4905, <http://www.RenoStamps.com> or email: [classicnevada@yahoo.com](mailto:classicnevada@yahoo.com).

**Wanted** - pre-1950's, picture postcards from Scotland, preferably castles and abbeys. Contact member **Marla Wetterling** (775) 575-1337 or email: [opusnrosebud@att.net](mailto:opusnrosebud@att.net).

**Wanted:** U.S. aerogramme: #UC49, and UC52 - must be used and addressed to an overseas address. Also needed is FDC of UC63a. Contact member **John Walter**, email: [walter60@gmail.com](mailto:walter60@gmail.com).

**Wanted:** Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Many of the stamp club members purchase auction and consignment lots at meetings. How about a short article on why the item was purchased and a scan of the item. Let us know why you bought a certain item. Submit article to [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org)

**Wanted:** Advertisements for philatelic items you may be seeking for your collection or an exhibit. You may be surprised by the items our members may have lurking in their collections. Also wanted are advertisements for items or duplicates you want to sell. Contact the editor (775) 851-7968 or [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).

## **AUCTION BUCKS (revised 2018)**

The purpose of the Auctions Bucks Program is to encourage and involve NSSS members in the club's activities. You can only earn Bucks by participating in NSSS activities as follows:

1. Providing a new member \_\_\_\_\_- 200 Bucks
2. New member ("Jump Start" bonus) \_\_\_\_\_ 250 Bucks
3. Providing a program at a meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 1500 Bucks per program
4. Providing refreshments \_\_\_\_\_ 1000 Bucks
5. Selling door prize tickets \_\_\_\_\_ 100 Bucks
6. Donating door prizes \_\_\_\_\_ 25 Bucks each (limit 10)
7. Providing Auction/Consignment item \_\_\_\_\_ 25 Bucks each
- 8 Donate items for the good of the club ----- 10 X # of Bucks as Auction yields
- 9 Officer/Director/Committee chair attend Board mtg — 100 Bucks
10. President conducting meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 250 Bucks per meeting
11. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ 250 Bucks per meeting
12. Club Member attending meeting or Board meeting - 25 Bucks each meeting
13. Meeting room set up & take down \_\_\_\_\_ 100 Bucks
14. Any club activity (except meetings) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 Bucks per hour
15. Post Boy Editor \_\_\_\_\_ 500 per issue
16. Providing original Post Boy articles \_\_\_\_\_ 200 Bucks per article, per page
17. Correct Post Boy answers \_\_\_\_\_ Bucks vary per quiz
18. Penny box donations \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Buck per stamp
19. Show Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ 5,000 Bucks
20. Penny Box coordinator(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 per meeting
21. Soaking & drying stamps for the penny box \_\_\_\_\_ 100 Bucks per hour

- Members will be responsible for turning in "outside" meeting activities hour values to the "Buck" chairperson. Please count your Penny Box donations too.
- Auction Bucks will be distributed before Auction Bucks auction meeting in November.
- You may carry Auction Bucks over from a previous year's earnings.
- Bucks may be issued by the board for special activities.
- Auction Bucks are "earned" and are no longer sold by the club.

**GETTING INVOLVED IN NSSS ACTIVITIES IS THE ONLY WAY TO EARN BUCKS !!!**