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“CHUMS” Stamp Corner

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For one of my other hobbies, I recently purchased a 1923 volume of “CHUMS”, a boys annual. I bought it for the aged yellowing of the paper for paper crafting but while perusing the pages I noticed a column called “CHUMS” Stamp Corner. I stopped for a look. It was all in black and white but I found stamps on line that they talked about and included those here. But for you to see them in colour you will have to go to the RPSC website where the Bulletin is published in colour. We are so used to stamps in full colour now but in 1923 stamps being mainly only one colour, issues with more than one colour were noteworthy. It is also notable how far using multiple colours have come. These early issues are very primitive to say the least, by today's standards.



Rainbow Stamps
WHICH stamp is printed in the most different colours? It would be difficult to say off-hand, but readers could probably name a few that would be well

in the running for that honour.

That big, ugly Arms stamp of Bolivia, the 2 bolivar value of 1897, is printed in black, red, yellow and green, and horribly gaudy it looks.

Then there is the Panama stamp with the flag which the printer tried to get in its correct colours of red, blue, green and orange, which is a fit companion to it.

Persia has some very pretty three-coloured stamps, notably the high values of the beautiful Coronation series, with their silver or gold frames, but her provisionals of 1903 show four colours, violet and silver on the stamp itself and two more colours in the overprint.

The record is probably held by the 1914 issue of the Dominican Republic, which was issued to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Juan Pablo Duarte. Here the background is in lozenges of red, white and blue, the portrait in black, and the frame in yet another colour, varying for each value. The effect is very striking.



Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club

Owen Sound Stamp Club

Zoom Meeting
July 21

Guelph Stamp Club

KW Philatelic Society

Check with the club before going to its meeting. It may be cancelled.

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UPCOMING TOPICS

NEXT MEETING -

Design a Covid Stamp

NEXT MEETING + 1 -

Airmail

NEXT MEETING + 2 -

Flowers

NEXT MEETING + 3 -

My Favourite Stamp

Another item from that same CHUMS Annual.....

Olympic Games Stamps

NEWs comes from France that there is to be a special issue of stamps to commemorate the Olympic Games which will be held there next year, and at which we all hope the British athletes will carry off chief honours.

Greece was the first country to issue special Olympic stamps, a set of twelve handsome designs being produced in 1896, the events depicted being throwing the discus, boxing, and chariot-driving, while a very fine stamp shows the stadium of the ancient Greeks, with the Acropolis in the background.

In 1906 Greece issued another Olympic set, on which are shown runners, wrestlers, and throwing the discus. The design for this latter stamp, reminds one of a "googly" bowler just about to deliver a ball, as there is a curious sort of wicket in the background.

For the Antwerp Games in 1920 Belgium issued three handsome stamps, the subjects again being the runner, the discus thrower (this one is throwing it underarm), and the chariot-driver. It will be interesting to see what sporting subjects France will choose for their issue next year.



**Greece :
Olympic Issue.
Discus Thrower**



1896 Greek Issues



1906 Issues of Greece



1920 Issues from Belgium



1924 Issues from France

Another Measured Moment.....

Reference Material

One of the reasons that I enjoy collecting the stamps of Australia and New Zealand, is the great amount of reference material that many collectors are not aware of. They are helpful when mounting my collection. I do enjoy discovering unusual facts about the stamps in my collection, and mentioning it in my write-up.

A good example is a set of information booklets sold by Australian Post in the late 1960s. I have 9 of them, {I am not aware of any others in the series}. Originally they sold for 50 cents each, but I find them much more important when preparing an exhibit; judges are impressed when we show obscure information; such as about the Official First Day of Issue for the 1d engraved King George V stamp {Scott #17}. According to the Post Office's reference book the States were advised that this stamp was to be released on 9 December 1913, and were put on sale at noon in most state capitals on that day. Nevertheless, it is known that some of these stamps were sold, and used on 8 December; a day early.

The booklet that deals with the commemoratives of 1960-65 has some illustrations of unissued designs that had been submitted. In 1963 a number of artists were asked to submit designs for a Christmas stamp, these designs are illustrated. The design by Mr. Warner of the Note Printing Branch was accepted with a few adjustments, notably in the font used for the text. While most of the other designs were never used, a design by Mr. G Hamori was adapted for use in 1968.



Australia Post has been issuing free *Stamp Bulletins* since 1970, {I believe that I have them all}, that have much of the

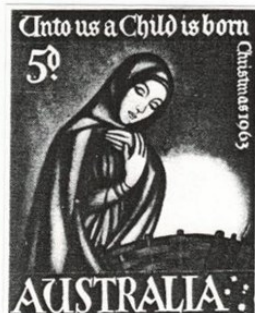
same sort of information, although not including designs not accepted,



New Zealand Post also

issues free information, but it seems to have been left up to the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand to come up with the detail that we *crazy collectors* look for. RPSNZ is continuing to issue massive research information in the form of books titled *The Postage Stamps of New Zealand*, they are up to volume #8 so far. On a shelf they look like an encyclopedia, and contain that sort of detailed information.

Whatever your collecting focus, it is always helpful to get access to information about the material that you collect.



Designs not accepted

Editors Note: The next issue of The Bulletin will be the September issue. I am moving to a new home in Wingham so will be a little busy for the next little while as well as fitting in R&R visits to the cottage. Enjoy your summer and hopefully we will be able to meet again in September. DJ

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Owen Sound Zoom Auctions

- Regarding the Owen Sound Stamp Club Zoom Auction: Bill Findlay has established an account for people to list and sell excess stamps and the viewing links are provided below. Participation by buying **AND/OR** selling is open to anyone of both clubs and other visitors as well. The auctions are being offered usually on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

The links to see items and read the terms and conditions follow below:

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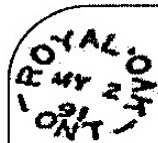
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