

The Bulletin

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Liechtenstein Stamp Liberation

From the Postal Museum of Liechtenstein

1912

Liechtenstein issues its first postage stamps but still under a postal treaty with Austria. They are officially issued on 1 February 1912, but in some places they are already available on 28 January (in Schaan and Balzers) and 29 January (in Vaduz and Triesen). The stamps issued in the denominations 5, 10 and 25 Heller show the portrait of Johann II, the ruling Prince of Liechtenstein at the time, and contain the designation 'k.k. österreichische Post im Fürstentum Liechtenstein'.



Two internationally renowned artists from Austria, both very experienced in this field, are chosen to produce the stamps. The Liechtenstein stamps are very well received by collectors, which provides the poor country with urgently needed fresh income. More importantly, however, the stamps bear witness to Liechtenstein's status as a sovereign state. Austrian stamps continue to be accepted in Liechtenstein until 31 January 1921. These stamps are called 'Mitläufer'. It is also possible to frank postal items simultaneously with a mixture of Liechtenstein and Austrian stamps. This is referred to as 'mixed franking'

During the First World War (1914 to 1918), neutral Liechtenstein is not affected by hostilities. The war years and the period thereafter bring great economic hardship and significant changes to domestic and foreign policy.

In 1920 Liechtenstein changes its postal service from Austria to Switzerland. The Principality terminates the postal treaty with Austria and concludes a postal treaty with Switzerland. In 1921 the first Liechtenstein stamps denominated in Swiss francs are issued.

Upcoming^u Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues November 7

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed November 1

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Thurs Nov 9 Zoom
Wed November 15

Guelph Stamp Club
Wed November 1
Wed November 15

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs November 9

Oxford Zoom Auction
Fri November 17

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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Message from the President

Welcome to the fall and the cooler weather which comes with it. I trust everyone had the opportunity to share Thanksgiving with family and friends. This is a great time to take a drive along country roads to view the multiple colours of the trees and forget about the chore of doing the annual raking of the leaves which have fallen in your own backyard.

At this time of year, most will move from outdoor activities back into the house to do a catch up on chores set aside during the summertime. This is a time for “stampers” to get back into their philatelic treasures by venturing out to the stamp shows / bourses both near and far.

“Royal *23* Royale was held in London ON. over the weekend following Thanksgiving – many members of the Saugeen stamp club can remember the work which goes into hosting the Royal and appreciate the visitors who come out in support of their efforts.

The following weekend Woodstock was the place to be as stamp clubs brought out their circuit books to draw persons from the warmth of their home and into the world of stamp collecting. The circuit books of the Saugeen Stamp Club will be there under the guidance of Secretary / Treasurer Judy. Also, at this time there was a meeting of clubs in the catchment area of the Grand to discuss the revival of the GRVPA.

The November and December meetings of our club is on track for the first Tuesday of the month – please keep in mind the December meeting will be our Christmas “social” and a time to share your favourite treats with other members. The Salvation Army will be the recipient of all monies from the items donated to the auction – so dig into your cache of philatelic treasures and bring them along to the December meeting. Each year the more families find it necessary to reach out for assistance from food banks. So, your donations for the auction and any non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army and by those receiving assistance. Donations of auction material will result in our membership “reaching out to touch the lives of others” and benefit the Hanover community in their time of need. Last year we were able to donate \$500.00 plus a quantity of non-perishable food items. We BELIEVE we can make a difference again this year!!

A couple of club issues to be addressed – a new volunteer is needed to manage the distribution of the monthly bulletin. The process should be discussed with David Pugh as he wishes to relinquish the role effective with the January issue.

(Remember to label and describe your auction lots. It helps both the auctioneer and also the potential buyers)

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Another Measured Moment

Tokelau

Having visited a few isolated Pacific Islands, it is natural that I would collect Tokelau, as well as several other Island nations.

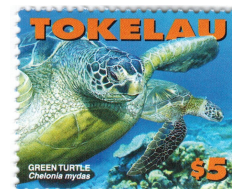
Tokelau's first stamps were issued 22 June 1948 and I immediately obtained the set of 3, both mint and used. I was hooked! Prior to that time Tokelau was associated with Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Gilbert and Ellice stamps were used until 1926 when they were replaced by Samoan stamps until their own stamps appeared in 1948. There is a challenge for me to find Gilbert and Ellice or Samoan stamps on cover used in Tokelau.



The history of Tokelau is interesting as the 3 islands: Atafu, Fakaofu and the largest Nukunonu, were each discovered at different times by western nations, between 1765 and 1835. In 1863 Peruvian slavers kidnapped most of the able-bodied men and the same year a dysentery epidemic took many lives leaving only about 200 people. Today the population counts about 1500.

The islands were originally called the "Union Islands", then became the "Tokelau Islands" in 1916 and although the word "Islands" was dropped from the countries name in 1946, their early stamps were seen as "Tokelau Islands" until 1977, when the name Tokelau alone was used.

Their stamps are attractive, being printed by many of the worlds top stamp printers. As would be expected the stamps often show local wildlife



But they also mark notable royal or world occasions including Christmas and Lunar New Year.

and island activities.

Today Tokelau is a Dependent Territory of New Zealand, and Tokelau residents hold New Zealand citizenship. New Zealand Post handles all philatelic services of Tokelau.

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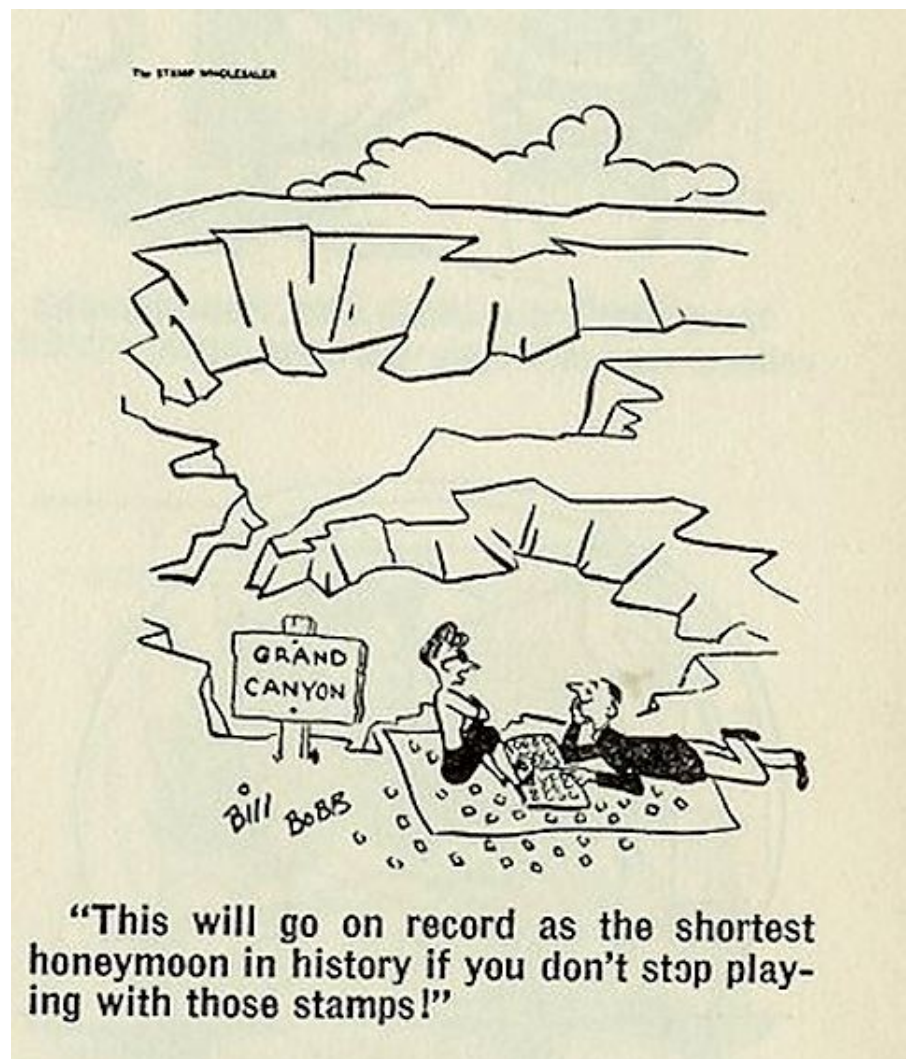
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