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NEW SANTA ROSA STAMP CLUB FORMED

Martin Feibusch reports that a new stamp club has been formed in Santa Rosa. The Santa Rosa Stamp Club meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at the Lodge at Paulin Creek, 2375 Range Ave (Club Room), Santa Rosa.

There were 36 collectors in attendance at the first organizing meeting in November. The Santa Rosa Stamp Club was founded by Bob Kirk and George Land, and Martin Feibusch has been chosen as the new Club President. The dues have been set at \$5 per year. For more information, or if you need directions to the meeting place, contact Martin Feibusch at:

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Welcome to our newest Council member!

BILL BARLOW WINS THE LEONARD HOLMSTEN AWARD

At the East Bay Collectors Club Show, it was announced that Bill Barlow is the winner of the 2011 Leonard Holmsten Award. Bill was presented with the award by David McNamee at the EBCC Holiday Dinner.



David McNamee Presents Bill with the Award with Mona Lisa in the Background

COUNCIL 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

- WESTPEX Show:
Sunday, April . 29

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Cycle of Change

It has been a quick two years with a number of changes in philately in our geographic region. We have seen Filatelic Fiesta mature into a regular annual attraction with an exhibition qualifying for the World Series of Philately. We have witnessed the passing of the gavel on many show committees, as long-time volunteers take a well-earned break or at least a change of scenery. The new people are eager to keep up their local traditions. We have had our losses as well: notable among those we will miss are Charles Kasdorff and Gladys Clary.

Other changes have been temporary, like the one-year hiatus of FRESPEX due to a scheduling conflict with the venue. Others are more permanent, such as the Diablo Valley Club moving out of its long-time meeting place at the Senior Center in Walnut Creek. And some changes sadden me: the Sunnyvale Stamp Society is struggling to survive, but when I was a member in the 1970s, it was so active that it met every Tuesday with 40 or 50 people attending every week.

What has not changed is the enthusiasm I see at stamp clubs and stamp shows throughout the region. We are so fortunate to have WESTPEX as a central part of our area's philately – the show continues to pump life into our hobby. It is an important part of everyone's planning calendar and the site of our Council Spring Meeting each year

Thanks to all of you who said hello, extended your hand to me, worked with me on committees, and invited me to your meetings and shows. It has been a fun two years, and I look forward to serving the Council Members further as your Treasurer for the next two years. Our new President, Daryl Reiber, has been serving as our Council Vice President these past two years, so he is ready to take over January 1, And so the cycle of change is complete. Welcome, Daryl!

David McNamee, Outgoing CNCPS President

MINUTES OF CNCPS BOARD MEETING AT THE EBCC SHOW

The CNCPS Board Meeting took place as scheduled at 1 PM 23 October at the EBCC show. Six clubs were represented.

The following were nominated for CNCPS officers for 2012-2013:

- President: Daryl Reiber
- Vice President: Akthem al-Manaseer
- Secretary: Vesma Grinfelds
- Treasurer: David McNamee

There were no other nominations received or made from the floor. Formal election will take place at PENPEX at 1 PM 4 December.

Another notable announcement was the introduction of Les Duntsch representing the Redding Stamp Club at the meeting and serving also as the new Exhibits Chair for NO-VAPEX.

CNCPS financial position was presented, and the balances are nearly identical to year-end 2010. Dues have covered CNCPS expenses for the year, excluding the Frame Storage and Handling, which is entirely paid by the participating clubs.

A discussion of the various Committees and volunteer positions and their function was presented to encourage those attending to volunteer to participate in Council activities and to provide clubs with a reminder of what services are available from the Council to support club activities. We also gave a vote of thanks to our CNCPS Editor, Ron Biell, and our CNCPS Webmaster, Tim Burgess.

A CD "How to Build a Philatelic Exhibit" (developed by AAPE) was provided to each club represented. All other clubs will receive a copy in the mail with their dues notice. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

MINUTES OF CNCPS BOARD MEETING AT THE PENPEX SHOW

1. Call to Order at 1:12 PM. Minutes of the last meeting 23 October 2011 at the EBCC Show were published in The Council Courier. There was no quorum, so no official business took place. No further nominations had been received, so the slate of Officers for 2012-2013 was announced: Daryl Reiber – President, Akthem Al-Manaseer – Vice President, Vesma Grinfelds – Secretary, and David McNamee – Treasurer.

2. Our financial position remains about where it has been with assets of \$4666.50. Annual dues bring in \$345 per year, and expenses for sponsored awards, postage and frame maintenance are adequately covered. Frame storage and delivery charges are covered by the clubs that use them. Dues notices went out recently and 13 of 34 clubs have responded to date.

3. **Old Business**: There are no items carried over from our last meeting, other than election of Officers, which will appear on this agenda later.

4. New Business:

4.1 Two organizations are in arrears of their dues. Sunnyvale Stamp Club, at one time one of the strongest clubs in the Council, is 2 years behind in paying their dues and has not answered several attempts to find someone who can give us a status on the club. The Thai Philatelic Society local chapter is one year in arrears and has not responded to official correspondence. From what we can tell, the local chapter is defunct and the national body seriously depleted. Suggestions are sought from other members about the next steps to take. Our By-Laws do not cover removing clubs from the Council Roster, but traditionally we have advertised in the WESTPEX Program each year only those clubs that are financially supporting the Council. What are your suggestions?

Peter Calvert from the Monterey County Stamp Club, volunteered to review our By-Laws. His offer was accepted by President McNamee. Any potential changes will be addressed at the WESTPEX meeting. Peter promised to have an electronic copy with proposed changes to President McNamee by January 16.

Since the Council By-Laws do not guide us on what to do in the situation of non-dues paying Clubs, any action has been delayed until By-Laws are amended.

4.2 There have been complaints by exhibitors at several shows this year that they did not always receive feedback from the judges on their exhibiting efforts. Sometimes they did, sometimes they did not. All shows should be offering “at the frames” reviews with judges and exhibitors. The complaints have come from exhibitors not able to be present at that time. Apparently some judges offer written feedback, and some do not. Some club shows insist that judges prepare written feedback for exhibitors, and some shows do not. The Council provides judges to Council Member club shows as a service to Member clubs. We publish Guidelines for Member clubs holding shows,

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and we train, accredit and supervise the judges. It appears logical that we should extend our existing guidelines to include not only “at the frames” feedback, but some sort of feedback suitable for those who cannot be at the show during that hour. I have asked Tim Burgess to review the existing CNCPS Guidelines for Exhibit Chairs and come back to the Council at the WESTPEX meeting 29 April 2012 with recommendations to be adopted by the Council and followed by Council shows and Council philatelic judges. Comments from the floor are welcome here for the record, but I also urge you to contact Tim Burgess (his contact details are on our Council web site). Assisting Tim will be Vesma Grinfelds representing Exhibit Chairs and Bill Barlow, representing CNCPS certified judges.

Those attending the meeting all agreed that local Shows need to have a consistent process and that written feedback is very important. It need be determined as to what is an appropriate form. The Committee need create rules: perhaps a question on the entry forms as to whether the exhibitor wishes written feedback? If the exhibitor receives an oral critique at the frames, is a written one necessary? Should judges be invited to judge a Show if they do not wish to write a critique?

4.3 A suggestion has been made that the CNCPS sponsor a new competition among clubs to encourage support for our shows and introduce philatelic exhibiting as an extension of our enjoyment of the hobby. The suggestion is that each club would sponsor a frame (16 pages) of exhibits. The exhibitors would be allocated from one to four pages each to fill that frame, and new exhibitors would be encouraged to participate by the rule that at least half of the pages must be from club members who have never exhibited their material competitively. Sacramento has been suggested as the venue – their show is almost 12 months away, which gives time for clubs to organize their exhibitors. Vesma and Dzintars Grinfelds will be asked to come up with a promotion plan and a suitable prize and report back at the WESTPEX meeting of Council.

4.4 The next meeting of the Council will be held at WESTPEX on 29 April 2012. The remaining meetings for 2012-2013 will be announced in due course by the new President of the Council.

5. Election of Officers. Each club has one vote. If more than one representative is present, please decide amongst yourselves who will cast the club votes. With no other nominees, we will entertain a motion to elect them all as a slate.

Tom Hoffmann made a motion that the proposed slate be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded. Motion carried

Nominees: Daryl Reiber – President
 Akthem Al-Manaseer – Vice President
 Vesma Grinfelds – Secretary
 David McNamee – Treasurer

Minutes from PENPEX Council Meeting (continued)

6. Outgoing President David McNamee expressed his personal thanks to everyone for your support during the past two years. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience to be a part of this Council.

Adjournment: 2:14 PM on 4 December 2011.

COUNCIL DUES ARE DUE!

Each Council Member club will be receiving an invoice for Council Dues during December. Dues are very nominal: \$6, \$10 or \$15, depending upon club size. We hope that your Treasurer responds promptly.

Along with the CNCPS dues invoice, the Council is providing each Member with a CD containing the latest seminar created by American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (PowerPoint and handout). Some of these disks were distributed to club representatives at Council Meetings at EBCC in October and PENPEX in December.

Council Member clubs needing great programs for their meetings can take advantage of the CNCPS Speakers Bureau (contact Kristin Paterson at kristin_email@yahoo.com), and clubs putting on exhibitions can call on CNCPS to supply qualified and accredited philatelic judges (contact David McNamee at dmcnamee@aol.com). Of course, the *Council Courier* is available for all Council clubs to communicate with other clubs and to promote their activities (contact the Editor, Ron Biell at rbiell-dsl@sbcglobal.net).

It is YOUR Council. If you want to see the Council do more, give us some ideas and volunteer to help. Contact your new Council President, Daryl Reiber at dreiber@surewest.net. He would love to hear from you.

David McNamee, CNCPS Treasurer

WESTPEX 2012 OFFERS EXHIBITOR'S PROSPECTUS

The exhibitor's prospectus is available for the 2012 WESTPEX stamp show that will take place April 27-29, 2012 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Burlingame, Calif.

The 52-year show is an American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately exhibition. The grand award winner will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions competition at StampShow 2012 in Sacramento, Calif.

Guest societies for the WESTPEX show are the American Society of Polar Philatelists, American Helvetia Philatelic Society, Military Postal History Society, and Universal Ship Cancellation Society.

The show will feature an exhibition of 320 frames and a bourse of 75 national and international stamp, postal history, and related philatelic material dealers.

This year's show theme will be the 200th Anniversary of Fort Ross. A souvenir sheet in English and Russian is based on the Czarists semi-postals with four vignettes of men who made significant contributions to the settlement of the colony. A block of four Cinderella stamps in a souvenir sheet will be available for \$5 each or set of two for \$8.

The exhibit form and prospectus are available from exhibit chair Ross Towle, 400 Clayton St., San Francisco, CA 94117.

You can also obtain the prospectus by going to the WESTPEX website at the following URL:

<http://www.westpex.com/pdf/w2012entryform.pdf>

Detailed exhibiting information is also available at the show website at www.westpex.org. The website also includes hotel information, show theme, and event schedule.



HISTORY

On Monday, November 24, 1884, five San Francisco businessmen met to organize a stamp club. Membership was open to "any lady or gentleman not a dealer in stamps, who has a love for the study of philately." For reasons now lost in time, the Club was dormant for awhile but was reactivated in December 1888, with many of the same members, as Branch No. 3 of the American Philatelic Association (now American Philatelic Society).

The early members were rather an exclusive group and included many prominent philatelic experts and collectors, such as John N. Luff, later editor of Scott Catalog and honored by the Luff Award of the APS, Dr. E.S. Clark, an expert on grided U.S. stamps; H.B. Phillips, writer on Western expresses, franks and locals; W. Sellschopp, dealer and editor of Filatelic Facts and Fallacies; A.H.R. Schmidt, collector and banker; Henry J. Crocker, whose Hawaiian collection was famous.

Meetings began with a dinner and after the business meeting one member read a paper on an assigned subject, illustrating the talk with stamps from his own and other members' collections. These papers were printed in Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. The Society mounted an exhibition at the 1894 Midwinter Fair in Golden Gate Park. In June 1898 the Society acquired its own meeting room at 126 Kearny Street. Over the years a substantial library had been built up and in November 1900, at the suggestion of the Mechanics Institute, the PPS became a part of the Institute. On September 30, 1901, the Society put on an exhibition of rare stamps at the Mechanics Library Assembly Room which attracted nationwide attention.

The Society continued active until the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906. Many valuable stamp collections were destroyed and it was not until March 16, 1909, that there appears this entry in the Minute Book: "After a lapse of three years, the 241st regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was held on this date at the residence of the President, Henry J. Crocker." The Society resumed as before and in 1915 it served as host to the APS Convention at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

In 1915 the San Francisco Stamp Society was formed with charter members Charles W. Arp, Henry J. Seiler, Donald Piercy, Dr. J.H. Holt, Edwin P. Seebohm and Henry Doscher. The Society grew rapidly and had a membership of 220 in 1925 and was reputed to be one of the largest clubs in the U.S. A.H. Wilhelm, one of its presidents, also served as President of the American Philatelic Society (1925-1927). During 1925-1926 the Club sponsored a radio program on KFRC.

The depression of the 1930s adversely affected both clubs so the two merged in 1937 and adopted the name SAN FRANCISCO PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY. In 1939 the new Society hosted the APS Convention in San Francisco. Also in 1939 the Society joined with stamp clubs throughout the Bay Area to sponsor an exhibition at the Worlds Fair on Treasure Island. This organization of clubs formed the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies which continued to cooperate and established an annual exhibition called WESTPEX. Several of our members served as President of the Council and a number of others were Grand Award Winners at WESTPEX.

The Society has continued actively to promote philately and the study of stamps to increase the knowledge of collectors.

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UPCOMING CLUB SHOWS FOR 2012

NOVAPEX

March 3-4. Redding

<http://www.reddingstampclub.com/index.html>

FRESPEX

March. 24-25 Fresno (near Clovis)

<http://www.frespex.org/>

SOPEX

April 14-15 Southern Oregon

<http://www.norcalstamps.org/sopex.htm>

WESTPEX

April 27-29 San Francisco Airport

<http://www.westpex.com/>

PENPEX 2011 PALMARES

PENPEX Grand Award

Kristin Patterson The Proper and Improper Use of U.S. First Issue "Playing Cards"
Revenue Stamps

PENPEX Reserve Grand Award - Multi-Frame Exhibit

Daryl Reiber Ethiopia 1909-1917: Menelik, Zauditu, Ras Tafari & The Throne
of Solomon

PENPEX Reserve Grand Award - Single Frame Exhibit

Bill Williges New Zealand Internment Camp Mail

MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

Gold

- Daryl Reiber Ethiopia 1909-1917: Menelik, Zauditu, Ras Tafari & The Throne of Solomon
- Clyde Homan Companhia de Mocambique 1918-1940 Pictorial Issues
- Kristin Patterson The Proper and Improper Use of U.S. First Issue "Playing Cards" Revenue Stamps
- Joe Ross Patente de Rodados (Montevideo Vehicle Registration Uruguay)
- Robert Rawlins The Nautilus Odyssey - A Philatelic History of the 1931 Trans Arctic Expedition

Silver

- Nancy Swan Minerals
- Dennis Hassler Reward Cards
- Gordon N. DeKarz Great Britain - the Machin Head Definitives

Silver Bronze

Larry Crain Mozambique Company

Bronze

Fred Rickert Pictorial Cancels & How I Make Them Special

SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

Gold

Vesma Grinfelds Handcrafted Provisional Cancellations of Latvia: 1919-1920
Bill Lenarz Presidentes with Legend "Correos de Chile", 1928-1931
Bill Williges New Zealand Internment Camp Mail

Vermeil

George Krieger Burundi, Native Mammals Issue of 1962
Dave Savadge Model Post Office Markings of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition

Silver

Dave Savadge A Selection of Desirable Postal History from Expositions and Worlds Fairs

Silver Bronze

Larry Crain Stamp Collecting By the Numbers

Bronze

- Miriam Thurston St. Francis of Assisi
- Joseph Kagan Sport of Fencing

YOUTH SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

Vermeil

Jasmine Marckwordt The Korean War Through Grandpa's Eyes

SPONSORED AWARDS

United States Stamp Society - President's Award

Kristin Patterson The Proper and Improper Use of U.S. First Issue "Playing Cards"
Revenue Stamps

Best British Commonwealth Exhibit

Bill Williges New Zealand Internment Camp Mail

American Topical Association - Best Multi-Frame

Nancy Swan Minerals

American Topical Association - Best Single-Frame

Larry Crain Stamp Collecting By the Numbers

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors - Award of Honor

Jasmine Marckwordt The Korean War Through Grandpa's Eyes

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors - Award of Honor

Dennis Hassler Reward Cards

AAPE Title Page Award

Kristin Patterson The Proper and Improper Use of U.S. First Issue "Playing Cards"
Revenue Stamps

Women Exhibitors ("WE") - Sterling Achievement Award

Nancy Swan Minerals

American Philatelic Society - Best Member Exhibit

Kristin Patterson The Proper and Improper Use of U.S. First Issue "Playing Cards"
Revenue Stamps

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

PENPEX - Kristin Patterson The History of PENPEX

PENPEX 2011 Jury Members:

- Tim Bartshe, Jury Chairman
- Norris Dyer, Judge
- Ed Laveroni, Judge
- Henry Marquez, Apprentice Judge

SACAPEX 2011 PALMARES

Grand Award

Robert D. Rawlins Mail from Manila Bay, December 1941 to 3 May 1942

LeRoy D. Armstrong Memorial Award - Best Exhibit by a Sacramento Philatelic Society Member

Peter Thy Bechuanaland and Botswana Postal Orders

United States Stamp Society Award

Bob Grosch The Boston Negatives, 1875 - 1883

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award

Joe Ross Rhodesia Revenue and Fiscally Used Postage Stamps

Sterling Achievement Award

Jean Johnson The Lunar New Year

Court of Honor

Peter Thy The Registration Envelopes of the Bechuanalands

GOLD Award

- Richard Clever Mongolia 1886-1932
- Bob Grosch The Boston Negatives, 1875 - 1883
- Edward Jarvis Luxembourg Formular Cards 1870 - 1874
- Kristin Patterson The Story of the United States Playing Card
- Robert D. Rawlins Mail from Manila Bay, December 1941 to 3 May 1942

VERMEIL Award

- Joe Ross Rhodesia Revenue and Fiscally Used Postage Stamps
- Peter Thy THE Bechuanaland and Botswana Postal Orders

SILVER Award

- Gordon N DeKarz Great Britain - The Machin Head Definitives
- Bob Grosch Propaganda Cancels of the Third Reich
- Dennis Hassler The Chase
- Jean Johnson The Lunar New Year

SILVER-BRONZE Award

- Dave Coleman A United States Philatelic Primer
- Fred Rickert Great Britain Stampless and Botswana Postal Orders

BRONZE Award

- Sherry Bradley Czeslaw Slania, Master Engraver
- Gordon N DeKarz Errors on Stamps
- Fred Rickert Hey Look What I Found

Participation Certificate

- Gordon N DeKarz Fun with Stamps - Or Humor is Where You Find It
- Fred Rickert Pictorial Cancels & How I Make Them Special



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