

COUNTRY CORNER

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Hello again to all you country folks. Let me start this month with the good news.

- Bulletin 1 has prompted **Macquarie Valley P.S.** to appoint Harry Steingruber as their email contact. He had only just reappeared as a visitor after an absence of some years but was "qualified" by virtue of having email. Lets hear from some of the other societies (there are still 21) who receive the bulletin by snail mail.
- The **Twin Towns P.S.** -right on the border of Queensland and NSW- through Sonia Davies has reported a successful display and stamp fair during March with an attendance of 138 people through the door. The lucky 9 children who attended benefited by receiving the Post Office provided First Day Covers; some of these were also used as Lucky Door prizes and the rest were given to the local school stamp club. Sonia, a very keen driver, mentioned that she had also managed to persuade 9 members to put up a 5-page display if their collecting interests. That seems to me to be the genesis of an entry of four members in the Northern Beaches Stamp Expo for September! We shall wait and see.

Alan Goring President of **Sussex Inlet P.S.** has followed up and appointed Nancy Cook as their email link to the "Country hour". Thanks Alan welcome Nancy.

- David Carratt of **Maitland P.S.** will be discussing Bulletin 2 with his members. Let us hope that we get some more starters in the NBSE 2006 Country Inter -Society Competition.
- Joan Leigh reports that the notices from the Development Council were read at the **Great Lakes Stamp Club** May meeting and the members requested that this club be included in the development of an itinerary for visiting country clubs, and to be part of the plan for regular contact.
- Ron Bolden has been nominated by the **Blue Mountains Stamp Club** as their email contact. He is also the Publicity Officer.
- Alan McRae reports on the **Orange** two-day Stamp and Coin Show.

"Stamp and coin collectors from Orange and other towns throughout the Central West of New South Wales converged on Orange recently when the Orange Coin and Stamp Club held their two day Stamp and Coin Expo 2006. This was held over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd April 2006, in the local Kenna Hall. There were eight dealer's tables with dealers traveling from throughout New South Wales, Victoria as well as the ACT to attend the event.

Various members mounted a number of interesting displays from the Orange Coin and Stamp Club as well as members of the local associated clubs – the Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club and the Blue Mountains Stamp Club.

The public did the judging of displays this year by most popular vote. Alan McRae won this from the Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club with a display called "Banknotes and Bankers". Three other displays tied for second place with entries titled – "Across the Blue Mountains" (a display of stamps, postal history, photos and post office markings from the various Post Offices from the region of the Blue Mountains of N.S.W., many of which are no longer in operation these days), American 'local stamps' and "Coins of the Bible". Third place went to Col Davidson with a display of Primitive Money entitled "Money of Men who eat Men" and a most fascinating display rarely seen only in museums. Col has been a coin collector for some 57 years with a special interest in Primitive Money.

Some of the frames of stamps on display over this weekend included titles such as "Olympic stamps from throughout the World", "Australia's Olympic Games", "Local stamps of the U.S.A.", "Flight Covers", "New Guinea 1914 – 1939", Charity Stamps, "Collecting N.S.W. postmarks" as well as a collection of early 20th century postcards. There were some early covers including one with the famous Penny Black.

Some of the coin and note displays included "Bread Tokens", "Banknotes of Iraq", "Australian decimal banknotes", "Early banknotes for the Colony of New South Wales", "Hay Internment Camp notes", "Maundy Money", "Money of Men who eat Men" – a display of money from the cannibals, "A Digger's Legacy" – various banknotes brought home from the front by a number of Orange servicemen from World War Two such as Japanese Occupation notes, Philippine's guerrilla emergency notes, U.S.A. - Hawaii emergency notes and Chinese Puppet Government notes, "Banknotes of the World – 1789 to 1830", "French coinage", "Banknotes and Bankers" and others.

Derek Dolstra, the Secretary of the Orange Coin and Stamp Club said that the Orange members appreciated the assistance, displays and attendance from both the Bathurst Stamp, Coin, Collectables and Lapidary Club and the Blue Mountains Stamp Club, which helped make the weekend such a success.

- Norman Binns Publicity officer of **Orange P.S.** sent a thank you note to both David Collyer and myself regarding the PCD supplied "goodie " bags designed to promote the hobby to new collectors and to kids.
- Just in is Peter Simpfendorfer's report on the **Wagga fair**. The Wagga Stamp & Coin fair was a great success with a good crowd attending with good sales and several good purchases reported by dealers. There seemed to be more children this year and we gave away over 100 show bags to juniors. There were five strong chances for recruiting new club members. One chap has rediscovered his enthusiasm for stamp collecting at age 25.
- Thanks to all those who have responded so far we still have a few "tardy" country clubs that will continue to receive their bulletin by the regular post. This does mean of course that they will get "real" used stamps whereas the rest of you will get no stamps at all! Maybe that's why they don't want email?
- Clubs may also use the surplus to their requirements of the "goodie" bags as raffle prizes and so raise some funds for yourselves. After all we ARE trying to promote philately!!

I promised you a profile on each of the members of the Philatelic Development Council last month so here is the no. 2 person of that august body, **Linda Lee**, the Secretary. (This summary is included on the *About* page, under *Members Pen Pictures*. To access these Pen Pictures, [click here](#))

Offer.

Should your Society or club want to hold a competitive exhibition please let me know, as the Philatelic Development Council will endeavor to provide you with the names and details of persons suitably qualified to judge.

Exhibitions.

- Schoalhaven Philatelic Society is holding a stamp day on July 15th from 9 am till 3 pm at the Wesley Centre, Berry Street, Nowra. There is a 2-cent table, dealers and members selling and swapping and door prizes. Contact Annie Hvam at 4492 9114 or email ahvam@bigpond.net.au
- The Northern Beaches Stamp Expo 2006 to be held on Sept 9-10 2006 will feature a Country Inter Society One Frame Competition. Bathurst, Toronto, Smithfield, Castle Hill, Willoughby Legion and Newcastle have put their hand up so far. For info email eswolf@optusnet.com.au.