

## **COUNTRY CORNER**

### **BULLETIN 4 - June 2006**

Welcome to some new names (for me at least) on the country circuit.

An apology is due to **Austin Goring** the President of Sussex Inlet & District P.S. for wrongly naming him as Alan Goring in Bulletin 3. The printer's devil obviously got in the way. Sorry, Austin I will go and stand in the corner with a dunce's hat on for the rest of the period!

Managed to have quite a conversation with **Sonia Davies** from Twin Towns P.S.

Her 2-cent raffle shows quite a bit of innovation in getting members to up and going.

On another day, a fine conversation was held with **Albert Wynter** of the Armidale Study Circle. Albert tells me that most of the members have been collecting for quite a number of years but are somewhat hesitant when it comes to bringing their stamps out into the open. What a pity as other members would surely like to share the pleasure of seeing a different approach to collecting. (Or does everyone do the same thing at Armidale?)

A chat with **John Searle**, the secretary of Nambucca Rivers S.C. reveals that Nambucca currently have some 16 members and that John has been in the charge of the minutes there now for the past two years. Members collecting interests include the complete Commonwealth under George V1, New Zealand, Varieties on George V heads of Australia, Bird stamps and Orchids just to name a few. Like Armidale there is some reluctance to display. John says that many have the experience of collecting when at school, have given it up for the last .... years and are now returning to the hobby. There will be a fair on Saturday June 10, which was advertised locally only.

#### **How's this for an idea?**

One method of drawing stamps out of cupboards is a combined display. Various clubs do this type of displaying with quite some success. The idea is to think of a fairly broad topic, say *up the Amazon* and then to ask all members to bring something relating to that topic to the next meeting for the benefit of all. This can result in one person bringing a map to show where the river runs, another a post card sent by a friend from Brazil, a third some stamps of Peru where the river starts, yet another shows logging on stamps and so on. By concentrating on one topic you would be surprised what comes out of the woodwork. Have a go yourselves.

#### **Philatelic Development Council personality.**

This month's featured PDC member is Lionel Savins. (This summary is included on the *About* page, under *Members Pen Pictures*. To access these Pen Pictures, [click here](#))

#### **An explanation of Club Pack [A way of getting good supplies]**

PHILAS, as an auction house, from time to time gets large consignments of material from deceased estates. The bigger and better lots are prepared for the auction but some of the smaller bits are difficult to shift. That's where Club Pack comes in.

Small lots of stamps, covers, miniature sheets etc are made up in individually priced packets ranging from \$1 to say \$10. These are then grouped into a "parcel" worth say \$60 and offered as a parcel to clubs affiliated with Philas who have indicated that they want to be part of the scheme.

If you accept the parcel and you sell all lots you send 85% of the value to Philas, and retain the 15% for your own club. Of course if you auction the individual lots and you get more than the stated lot price, your club retains THAT extra also.

Because of the popularity of this scheme you will need to give the hardworking PHILAS volunteers two month's notice to prepare a pack for your club but believe me the result is well worth the wait.

So if your members complain that there is nothing for them to buy at your normal meetings, why not consider Club Pack. Write to :-

The Convener, Philas Club Pack, P.O. Box 220, Darlinghurst NSW 1300

## What's happening away from the big smoke?

This section is devoted to club news that you would like to spread amongst your mates. It may be to announce a new committee, a discovery, a one-off incident, some momentous news or the fact that there is special display coming up. With email it is easy to go into print (and I know how to use the copy and paste features).

- Annie Hvam wants to announce that **Shoalhaven Philatelic Society's Stamp Day** is definitely ON. The date again July 15 from 9 am till 3 pm at the Wesley Centre Berry Street Nowra. Call her to say your are coming on 4492 9114 or email ahvam@bigpond.net.au.
- **What were you doing on that Saturday????**
- A biased advertisement. A reminder to all club officials who have thought about it but have not yet acted.....The **Northern Beaches Stamp Expo 2006** featuring the Inter-Country One-Frame competition will close its entry list on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Hurry up now your club still has time to enter with 4 members showing their individual one-frame collections (15 sheets) on ANY individual topic. [i.e. a different topic for each member]. The actual Expo will be held at Brookvale on the Northern Beaches of Sydney September 9-10. There is Travelodge Motel accommodation available next door.
- **Closing date 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Last chance!!!!**
- An early call for the Lismore area. Pencil in Sunday November 12 for the **Richmond River P.S.**, Annual Stamp & Coin Fair at the Lismore Workers Club, Keen Street Lismore. Check with Andrew Thurgate for more details about times on 6628 3008 or [apthurg@yahoo.com](mailto:apthurg@yahoo.com).
- **Wagga P.S.** want it known that they will have a weekend of stamps on Saturday and Sunday November 25-26 at the Sturt Public School, White Ave, Koorngal from 9am to 4pm on both days. Peter Simpfendorfer is the organiser. 6922 3393 or [simpy@dragnet.com.au](mailto:simpy@dragnet.com.au).

Till next month,

Ed Wolf