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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 29-30 ACE STAMP AUCTION

October 31<sup>st</sup> THE AIRMAIL CIRCLE 2016  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
**Airlines of Africa**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB  
MEETING PLACE: Scout Hall, Rokeby Road Subiaco  
Meeting: 1.00-4.00pm

November 4-6 MANDURAH HALF NATIONAL & STATE EXHIBITION

November 5<sup>th</sup> LIBRARY DAY  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
OPEN: 12.00 noon -4.00pm

November 7<sup>th</sup> MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
**New & Revamped Exhibits**

November 14<sup>th</sup> MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
**Slogans D to F Brian Whittaker**

November 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AUCTION AND CIRCUIT SHEETS  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
**Invited Displays**  
**Entries for Hooker Shield and Club Trophy due**

November 27<sup>th</sup> PSWA Christmas Lunch

December 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY DAYTIME STAMP CLUB  
MEETING PLACE: Scout Hall, Rokeby Road Subiaco  
Meeting: 1.00-4.00pm

December 3<sup>rd</sup> LIBRARY DAY  
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December 5<sup>th</sup> MONDAY PHILATELIC FORUM  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
**Six Sheet Shemozzle**

December 11<sup>th</sup> OPEN DAY AUCTION

December 12<sup>th</sup> MONDAY POSTMARK CIRCLE  
MEETING PLACE: Home for Philately Unit 18/19 Lord Street Perth (Corner of Wellington Street) Parking available in Moore Street (which runs parallel to Wellington)  
**The Letter "W" All Members**

Have-a-Go Newspaper article on the 'many' wives of Stanley Gibbons.  
by Mike Smits

The History and Future of Stamp Collecting: Part 7

Many a time I've been told by the wife of a stamp collector how she sees herself as a stamp widow because he spends too much of his spare time absorbed in his collection. "At least you're still alive" is what I might say in return which momentarily distracts his attention away from my stamps while the wife looks at me either puzzled or aghast.... I then elaborate:

Stanley Gibbons (who we introduced last month) is considered by many to be the godfather of stamp collecting. He founded the internationally successful stamp dealing and catalogue publishing business of the same name based in London. He was also a widower, four times over.

In 1872, aged 32 and by which time his stamp business was flourishing, Gibbons married his first wife, Matilda Woon, the daughter of a clergyman. Five years later she died of marasmus, a wasting disease similar to anorexia.

In 1881 he met and courted Margaret Casey, the barmaid daughter of a publican. She became his housemaid and assistant and in 1887 they married. She unfortunately died of cirrhosis of the liver in 1889.

Soon after he married a woman named Georgina of whom little is known other than having died in 1905. In that same year, now aged 65, Gibbons married 27 year old Bertha Bath, the daughter of a railway clerk. While travelling the world together buying stamp holdings, Bertha died in Ceylon in 1908 of cancer of the liver.

The following year he married Sophia Crofts. She outlived Gibbons who died in 1913 although they had most likely separated in the meantime as the bulk of Gibbon's estate was left to a 'dear' friend, Mabel Hedgecoe. Throughout his life, he had no children.

Did these wives die of boredom or neglect being married to an avid stamp collector? Most likely says my dear wife of 33 years. Jokes aside, it was rumoured though never proven, Gibbon's wives who were decidedly younger than he, may have fallen by his hand. When aged 16, he became an apprentice in his father's pharmacy business. He worked for him for over 10 years during which time he operated and grew his stamp business within the same premises. Poisoning was not uncommon in those days with forensic science not being sufficiently advanced to convincingly prove such. It was suspected Gibbon's may have utilized his pharmaceutical expertise to hasten his wives' time on earth.

Gibbon's own death was also curiously shrouded in mystery. it is said he died of a heart attack in his nephew's apartment in London though tale has it that he was transported there, wrapped in a carpet, after having died during a lustful encounter with a lady in a private room at the Savoy Hotel - you wouldn't catch me dead doing anything like that.....I'd rather be soaking stamps off envelopes in my bathtub - mind you, with my wife in there at the same time.

Nominations for Committee and Office Bearers for 2016/2017

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Committee Member 3	Andrew Watson	Ross Edwards	Ken Moore
Committee Member 4	Paul Holman	Mark Leaman	Brian Barrett
Auctioneer	Trevor Lacey	Don O'loughlin	Penny Wells
Auditor	Brian Austin	Ken Moore	Andrew Watson

THANKS TO THE RETIRING COMMITTEE

In addition to these committee members who are elected there is the position of PATRON and VICE-PATRON. The position of Patron is to be held by Mr Joe Clark and two Vice Patrons are Mr Ross Wood and Mr John Dibiase. Also Stamp Hinges Editor who will be Mr Paul Holman.

So please all come along to the AGM in November as there are a number of positions that need to be voted upon. Remember that this is your CLUB and if you wish to have your say in how it is run you need to come and VOTE.

We hope to see as many Members as possible there.

Adelaide Stampex and Australasian Challenge Oct7-9 2016

THE AWARDS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Philately 503  
 Postal History of Haiti 91 Large Gold  
 Raymond Todd(WA) Postal History – 5 Frames

Antartica-Understood Values and Protection's'60 Silver Bronze  
 Dianne Saunders (WA) Polar- 2 Frames

Nicaraguan Postal Stationery – The Seabrook Era 92 Large Gold  
Glen Stafford(WA) Postal Stationery – 8 Frames

The Postage Stamps of Western Australia 88 Gold  
John DiBiase(WA) Traditional – 8 Frames

Development of an Airmail Service to Madagascar 1929 – 1937 87 Gold  
David Lee(WA) Aerophilately – 4 Frames  
David was also awarded an encouragement award for the best novice  
although there is no mention of this in the Awards List

Nyasaland Airmails 85 Gold  
Ross A.L. Wood(WA) Aeophilately – 5 Frames

The Winner of The Philatelic Challenge  
NEW ZEALAND(North Island):Philately 512

WESTERN AUSTRALIA:Postcards 300

Victoria Falls 80 Large Vermeil  
Rod Kantor(WA) 5 Frames

A Little Soldier Boy 68 Silver  
Jeffery Alan Trinidad(WA) 1 Frame

Fiji – Arthur Mills Publisher 1907-1911 75 Vermeil  
Ross Duberal(WA) 1 Frame

World War I Diggers 77 Vermeil  
Ken Moore(WA) 5 Frames

The Winner of The Postcard Challenge:  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA:Postcards 335

## **LIBRARY DAY**

Yes the Library will be Open on November 5<sup>th</sup>, so if you are not going down to Mandurah for the MANDURAH HALF NATIONAL & STATE EXHIBITION come along.

As you can see by the Article below from The Hemisphere Stamp Collecting and Exchange Magazine there are some interesting magazines and books in the Library just waiting for you to discover.

12 NOON – 4 PM

OPEN DAY AND AUCTION  
SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Come along and support your Club  
Sellers' Tables


HAVE A GO DAY 2016

Is on again in November on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> at Burswood Park, Great Eastern Hwy.  
Philatelic Society of WA is at Stall 88  
Mel Peachey will be there as well as others, go down have a look.

Following is an Article from **The Hemispheres Stamp Collecting and Exchange Magazine** From Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1921.

**Stamp Collecting the Hobby of Kings.**

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**ITS OBJECTS:**

The objects of the Society are to bring together all those interested in Postage and Revenue Stamps; to the reading and discussion of papers, exhibition of collections and specimens of interest, to give facilities for the exchange of duplicates, and generally to promote interest in the science and practice of Philately.

**ADVANTAGES:**

- (1) Stamp collecting – As a good and cheap investment, could not be better, as the longer a collection is retained the more valuable it becomes. It also has the advantage of making its adherents more thorough in history and geography, and causing one to become more observant.

- (2) The reading and discussion of papers and lectures on Philately. Some of the readings are taken from the leading Philatelic papers of the world. The lectures are given sometimes from visitors overseas, and sometimes from local experts.
- (3) Exhibition of collections and specimens. On those occasions very rare and old colonial stamps may be seen.
- (4) The exchange of duplicates. Surplus stamps may be disposed of for others. The Exchange Book enables members to forward sheets or individual stamps for exchange, showing against each stamp the latest catalogue value, or be sold at a price stated.
- (5) Auction. This enables members to forward for auction sale stamps which they may desire to dispose of, the stamps going to the highest bidder. There may be a reserve price on each.
- (6) Deceased member's collections. Relatives have the right to apply to the society for advise an all matters relating to the retention or disposal of collections of stamps left by deceased members. There is a special committee of experts formed to deal with such matters.
- (7) Membership. The membership subscription is 5/- per annum for ladies , as well as gentlemen. With local members very pleasant evenings may be spent at the society's meetings. There are many country, interstate and overseas members on the roll of the society, who take advantage of the exchange book, and auction.
- (8) Meetings. The meetings of the society are held at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in each month, at the Sports Club Rooms Viking House, William-street, Perth, Western Australia.

Patron: A. Johnston

President: G. A. Goss.

Vice President: H. B. Higham.

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Committee: The Rev. C. L. Riley, A. E. Kildahl, G. A. Goss.

Sub-Committee: A. E. Thurston, R. Allison, H. M. Giles (to advise on deceased member's collections).

Basis: Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, latest issue of catalogues.

The December meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> inst., at the Sports Club Rooms, Viking House, William Street, Perth.

There were the following members present: H.B.Higham, H.M.Giles, L.G.Trouchet, A.E.Kildahl, G.A.Goss, P.E.C.de Mouncey, F.W.Lawson, Mrs.Eggleston, J.Honey, J.Hughes, E.E.Nelson, and E.Black.

The meeting was opened at 8 p.m. by the Vice-President (Mr.H.B.Highham), who announced that Mr.G.A.Goss had been approached to accept the position of President of the Society for the ensuing year. Mr.Goss had very kindly consented, and he (Mr.Higham) had much pleasure in handing the chair over to him.

Mr.Goss, in occupying the chair, thanked the members for his election to the position.

Mr.Higham also stated that the Committee had elected Mr.R.Allison to the secretaryship of the society, in the place of Mr.Tipping (the late Secretary), who had left the State.

Mr.Lawson brought up the question of the exchange book, in which he stated members were retaining it for longer periods than allowed by the rules. He moved that the attention of the whole of the members be drawn to the time limit allowed in which the exchange book can be retained by each member, by having slips printed to that effect and attached to the monthly notices of meetings forwarded to each member. Carried.

Mr.L.G.Trouchet placed on the table for inspection of the members a complete sheet, twenty in number, of the 6d. St. Johns, Newfoundland, stamps. They were the issue of 1861-62, the colour lake, imperforated, unused, and without gum. Also a block of six Mexican 3 centavos stamps. The stamps were of two distinct uniform shades. Three were of a light red, whilst the others were of a very dark shade of red.

A stamp of St.Lucia was surcharged in black "One Penny," instead of "One Penny," and a South Australian 2d. surcharged with a letter "E" in black.

#### AUCTION

Mr.Giles brought forward for the auction two Victorian 1d and 2d charity stamps issued during the South African war. Both were postmarked 5.6.1900. Reserve, 5/-. There being no bid, they were withdrawn.



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