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SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

The Sequoia Stamp Club currently has 6 life members. These are people who have assisted in make the club what it is today. The club is proud to announce 2 new life members: Paul Swierstra and Ed Rosen.

Ed Rosen (#232), past president for 2 years, is an exhibiting judge and has helped the club in the past judging and critiquing exhibits for club programs. Although busy in the last several years has not been too busy to help when called on especially participating in a club programs. Rosen was instrumental in getting the original PenPex organized and helped when PenPex started again getting bourse dealers and has helped with labels, flyers, and PenPex postcards.

Paul Swierstra (#385) is the current Yearbook creator and membership chairman. Swierstra was past president for 4 separate years, editor of the Chatter for many years, and has kept track of members and contacted members who have not been to meetings. Swierstra has been a big help in PenPex, storing exhibit frames, setting up frames, and running copies for Sequoia and PenPex bulletins.

Kristin Patterson
President

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Virginia's NOTES:

12/13/00 Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:05pm. Present: 26 members.

New Business: PenPex Summary:

Larry Christiansen commented that the PenPex set up and take down crew was the best he has had. He felt that there were a few more tables than needed.

Virginia Warden was pleased with the turnout for the PenPex awards banquet, which was held at Pete's Harbor House. The awards' presentation was well received.

Miriam Thurston sold all the packages of Cachets, and her pictures went okay. She was very busy.

The post office treated us great. This was the sixth year that Al from the post office had attended the show.

Jim Mosso commented that the silent bid sale had about the same number of lots this year. There may not have been as good a turnout of bidders this year, but we sold more lots. Jim wanted to thank Kristin and the others who offered their assistance and Virginia Warden for lending us her laptop. Kristin added that Jim did a lot of work and thanked him for that.

Paul Swierstra thanked PenPex for letting the Philatelic Library in again this year.

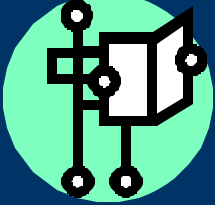
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Upcoming Events for the months of March and April.

- ⇒ Mar. 13th Hawaiian Stamps by Gary Morris
- ⇒ Mar. 27th **Auction**
- ⇒ Apr. 10th Covers, Cachets, and Envelops: What makes them collectible? By Miriam Thurston
- ⇒ Apr. 24th TBA [check our website]

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Online Philately

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Other Country Sites:

- Fiji
(<http://www.stampsfiji.com/>)
- Marshall Islands
(<http://www.unicover.com>)
- Ireland
(<http://www.anpost.ie/Philatelic/index.html>)

Sequoia Club Site

All the links and resources you read about in this newsletter can also be found on the club Web site at www.biermans.com/sequoia. If you would like me to write about any particular subject of online collecting then feel free to e-mail me with your suggestions.

Discover What's Online!

Starting in this issue I will be sharing with you Web sites on stamp collecting that I've found to be fun or interesting. Maybe you've read a lot about all sorts of sites that you can visit but have been hesitant to get online? Maybe you think all there is to find are online auctions? My goal is to share with you the exciting sites that I've found about the hobby and you don't have to be willing to buy anything to enjoy an online philately experience. Stamp collectors, just like you, use the Web to share their passion with the world.

Country Sites

Start your first experience on the Web by checking out your favorite country's postal office site. It is a great way to check out upcoming issues and read some interesting articles about stamp collecting. I've chosen a couple of my favorites picked for their content and design.

The **USPS** site is a very good site (<http://shop.usps.com>). I like looking at the illustrations of the new issues and you can learn about why the subject was chosen. The image of the Washington Monument on this page was taken from the site. The USPS site also has some good information about starting a stamp collection.



Canada

(<http://www.canadapost.ca/CPC2/phil/stamp/stamp.html>)

What I like about the Canadian site is that it has an entire section for young collectors called Kid Quest with games, puzzles and interesting articles for kids. This is a great place to get your children or grandchildren interested in the hobby. You can also order free stamp catalogs on this site. Many other countries offer free literature to people interested in collecting stamps.

Denmark

(<http://www.stamps.postdanmark.dk>) I've picked Denmark as an example of a country where the primary language is not English. However, that shouldn't stop you from looking for your favorite country. Many sites, like Denmark's offer their Web pages in English as well as Danish.

New Zealand (link too complex, check out the Sequoia site) is an interesting site because it features not only stamps from NZ but also is the distributor for a number of other Pacific Island countries such as Samoa, Pitcairn and Vanuatu.

There are many other country sites that I've found but don't have room to tell you about here. But you can find many links on our club Web site at www.biermans.com/sequoia under the links section.



Canada represented 4 of the 35 whale species native to its waters in this beautiful issue last October. The illustrator used the entire pane to show the relative size of the blue, bowhead, beluga and narwhal whales.

Virginia's Notes (Cont' from Page 1)

Fritz Gelb collected the money from the Bourse. Many dealers from the bourse made the comment that this was the best-organized show that they've attended. *** The round table discussion was briefly interrupted by a visit from Santa, who walked around the table of members handing out candy canes.

Chris Thompson felt that everything was perfect. The only thing he would change would be to move four of the panels used in exhibiting, as was the original plan.

Tom Klein wanted to thank Lloyd for helping in the kitchen Saturday. The snack bar did not fare as well this year.

Rick Richardson felt the show was "marvelous". Dorothy Pinkerton commented that this is the best show the United Nations has had since PenPex began.

Diane Adler said that we had a better turnout for the kids/beginner's table this year. There were 9 kids on Sunday and 11 on Saturday. Jim Mosso added that a father and his daughter bought the Liberty album in the silent auction that a member had donated.

Treasurer Bill Dutcher commented that PenPex did well this year.

Robin Gorday was involved in the dealer's lunches this year, and did a good job. Kristin assisted in handing out the lunches to the bourse. Robin handled the treasure chest. A local woman won the treasure chest this year. She may be interested in joining our club.

Henry Washauer said that he couldn't think of any event that was handled so well. There may not have been as many sign up sheets. Saturday was average attendance, Sunday was way down. All of the dealer's tables were filled.

Henry thanked all those who pitched in to make the show a success. Ed Bierman stepped in and assisted with the computer work, getting our files on Access and in putting the program together this year. The publicity also went very well this year, thanks to Virginia for her assistance. Henry again wanted to thank everyone, whether Chairman, volunteer or exhibitor.

The "Free Stamp Show" banner was wonderful.

Jose Lopez also would like to see more dealers with collections.

Other New Business:

Bill Dutcher will be accepting dues for next year.

Paul Swierstra gave us an update on Stu Phillips. He is now home. He is out of bed and receiving care at home.

Paul handed out the 2000 yearbook, which contains our membership list.

Results of the Raffle for Circuit Books:
Dorothy Pinkerton \$10.00 and John Inglis \$5.00.

1/9/01 Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:05 PM. Present: 24 members.

Old Business:

William Dutcher is accepting dues payments for the year 2001.

New Business:

Two main topics were brought up tonight at the Executive Board Meeting. The committee approved a nomination for two new lifetime members. The membership will vote on these two nominations at the next meeting.

We currently have six lifetime members: Henry Washauer, Sig Adler, William Moll, Winnie Bersinger, Noreen Will, and Joe Ginsberg.

Program ideas the Executive Board came up with tonight were: APS membership, Inflation in China from 1940 – 1949 Illustrated with stamps, having Pam Voyt back again, getting a speaker from the post office (Chanel Medina), World War II stamps, auction bidding on the Internet, and an APS slide show once every half year. Any topics the membership would be interested in having please bring to Kristin's attention.

Paul Swierstra commented that he has a list of programs that the club has had over the last ten years. In the past the club as a group toured the post office.

Aldo Pessagno suggested putting an article in the local paper soliciting for membership to the Sequoia Stamp Club. The Independent newspaper has a column about clubs, events, etc., Paul Swierstra said that we were listed in the Independent in the past, but for some reason we are no longer listed.

An officer's induction ceremony followed with the induction of the Sequoia Stamp Clubs 2001 officers by Henry Washauer:

President: Kristin Patterson

Vice President: Larry Christiansen

Treasurer: William Dutcher

Secretary: Virginia Warden

The circuit book raffle:

Kristin: \$10 certificate and Virginia \$5 certificate

The meeting had a break, and then the Past Presidents gave their presentations:

Herb Nishio: An unusual Australian cover with two different stamps with a gutter in between. Canadian Winnipeg stamps issued with special tagging. Phosphorescent tagging.

Henry Washauer: Special cancels on the "H" stamp, and the one-cent American Kestrel self-adhesive stamp.

Sig Adler: Montenegro stamps with very "pointed" perforations. A second issue with very narrow margins, and a third issue with very large margins.

Paul Swierstra: Paul brought samples of cancellations on envelopes. The last Chatter Newsletter was canceled in Casmalia and San Ardo. Machine cancels, and PDF.

1/23/01 Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:10 PM. Present: 27 members.

Old Business: A letter from the PenPex 2000 Committee, which includes a \$200 donation for each of the clubs. The letter thanked all the members who contributed their time and talent in making PenPex a success. This year was truly a team effort.

Virginia's Notes (Cont' from Page 3)

New Business:

Paul Swierstra motioned that we accept Ron Carmichael as a new member into the Sequoia Club. Mr. Carmichael attended PenPex; he is a friend of Chris Thompson's. The motion was so moved, and the Sequoia membership voted by majority to accept Ron as a new member.

There is a ballot being passed around for acceptance of two new life members, Paul Swierstra, and Ed Rosen. After the break, we will announce the results of the votes.

Henry Washauer brought in an article about an interesting letter (cover). It was addressed a man who went to England on a German ship, and was ordered to travel back to the East Coast as a seapost clerk, aboard the SS Titanic.

Jim Mosso mentioned that in the January 22 Linn's there is an article about how APS goes about verifying the validity of stamps which they receive for sale. It describes the function of what Sig Adler does. Sig expertise's for the APS.

Rick Richardson said that he submitted a number of stamps to APS for posting on their auction. It took them four or more weeks to post his stamps.

Circuit Book Raffle:

Dorothy Pinkerton \$10 certificate

Henry Washauer \$5 certificate

2/13/01 Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:12 PM. Present: 23 members.

Introductions: Paul Michelin first started with worldwide. Scout master in 1973. Just started collecting again this year.

Old Business: PenPex has donated \$500 to the Redwood City Community Center. PenPex pays for the Sequoia Stamp Club liability insurance which saves the club \$300 per year, it also pays for the mailings.

Rick Richardson announced that he attended the Sacramento Stamp Show last weekend. He expects club members to attend the Fresno show.

Paul Ortega announced that the Peninsula Stamp Club has changed its venue and format. The club meets at Houlahan's restaurant in San Carlos every fourth Thursday at 7 PM. The meeting includes dinner, and the cost is \$25.00 per person. At the last meeting, Leonard Holmsten spoke on the topic of Postal History of Morocco. In March, Garvin Loman will have a thematic topic.

Paul Swierstra gave the club an update on Stu Phillips. Stu is now walking up stairs and is improving.

Henry Washauer presented the magnetic signs that can be applied to the side of a car. The signs advertise the PenPex Stamp Show.

New Business:

Jim Mosso announced that there are blank sales circuit books for sale. The cost is three books for fifty cents.

Drawing for Circuit Books:

Jose Lopez = \$10 and Ed Bierman = \$5 certificate.

OFFICERS

President: Kristin Patterson
Vice President: Larry Christiansen
Secretary: Virginia Warden
Treasurer: William Dutcher

STAMP CHATTER STAFF

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Artist: Paul Swierstra
Miriam Thurston

Our Whereabouts...

APS Chapter 687-54588. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 235, San Carlos, CA 94070. Check out the NEW webpages for the **SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB** at: <http://www.biermans.com/sequoia> or <http://arrive.at/sequoia> (shortcut from the browsers).

Meeting dates are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. Meeting location is Community Activities Center, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061.