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SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

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Club meetings are held every **second** and **fourth Tuesday** of each month at the Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA at 7:15 pm. Refreshments are served and visitors are always welcome.

More info at:
www.penpex.org

President's Message:

As most of you know, our Sequoia Club is organized as a 501c7 under the Internal Revenue Code. What does that mean? It means that we are both a "hobby club" and a "social club" for our 120+ members.

As a Governor of your management team my goals are "members first!" and increasing philatelic exchange among Sequoians. Three social club affairs are obvious: the picnic, pizza party and Christmas Party. There are other social/hobby functions as well: Swap Meets where Sequoians can "haggle" over stamp prices; Members' Live Auctions where many a bargain can be scooped up; educational philatelic programs for all levels of collectors; our almost unique Youth Group which both furthers philately among youngsters and puts adults with children.

We are also the sponsor of PENPEX an organization utilizing the services of 40+ members. As our members get to know and trust their fellow Sequoians through socialization, many are buying and selling parts or entire collections to one another! It is an honor and privilege to be part of such a dynamic Club. May G-d bless Sequoia, its members and the United States of America. Hank Shoolman, President of Sequoia, Co-Chair of the Youth Group and PENPEX Board member.

2013 Stamp Calendar & Sequoia Club Program Schedule

- Oct 4-6: [WINEPEX](#), Marin Civic Center, San Rafael
- Oct 8. – Live Auction of members' lots.
- Oct 15: 5:00pm: Annual Pizza Party at Mountain Mike's.
- Oct 22. – FWPL Benefit live auction.
- Oct. 26-27: [East Bay Collectors](#) Stamp Show, Walnut Creek
- Nov 2-3: [SACAPEX](#) Stamp Show, Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento.
- Nov 12 - 6:30 – [How to Put Together a Collection](#) by Ed Rodriguez
7:00 – Nomination of SSC Officers for 2014.
Program – India Stamps & Covers – Malcolm Catchatoorian.
- Nov 8-10: [Filatelic Fiesta](#), Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose.
- Nov 26 – 6:00 pm: Governing Board meeting, open to all members.
7:00 – Election of officers for 2014.
- Dec 7-8: [PENPEX](#), Community Activities Building, Redwood City
- Dec 10 – Annual holiday party with silent auction.
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve. **No meeting.** See you next year.

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Fountain of Youth

The Youth Committee met in late July and completed mailings for 2013. We are also beginning to discuss the Youth Room at 2013 PENPEX. As the youths age out, recruitment is our important goal and we discussed publicity at the Board of Governors' Meeting 27 August. Any Sequoian who knows of a youngster, aged 6-17 is heartily encouraged to nominate him or her. Many thanks for the continued support from Sequoia!



The following is a quote from the novel Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury which seems to have great relevance to our hobby of collecting stamps:

It doesn't matter what you do, he said, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away. The difference between the man who just cuts lawns and a real gardener is in the touching, he said. The lawn-cutter might just as well not have been there at all; the gardener will be there a lifetime.

Chatter Wins Vermeil in APS Newsletter Competition

From There to Jim Giacomazzi

By Hank Washauer

Stamp Chatter Editor

About three years ago we lost our Chatter editor Ernie Lee who owned a print shop and who with his skills and professional equipment had been producing an outstanding newsletter for our club. It seemed like dark days for the Chatter until a bright light appeared and a group of people assembled together and pledged to keep the newsletter alive. They pledged to make the newsletter something of which the club could be proud with a goal for an online edition with copies sent to the members via the internet. One person took charge of the learning experience and guided us to where we are today, recipient of a prestigious award from the APS Newsletter competition. That man is JIM GIACOMAZZI., our Managing Editor. We have progressed from no award to Silver and now to Vermeil as judged by the APS accredited judges and with their suggestions we intend to keep improving. Thanks, Jim. We could not have done it without you.

Congratulations to **everyone** involved with the success of the Chatter:

President	Hank Shoolman	Editor	Hank Washauer
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Annual Summer Picnic Enjoyed by All

Once again this year our picnic was a big success. The organizing committee of Steve Sexton, Steve Morger, Ed Rodriguez, and Jim Giacomazzi arranged the setup at Red Morton Park and delivered the main course of chicken, ribs, brisket, and beans from Armadillo Willy's. All other attendees brought delicious salads, desserts, and drinks to share with fellow club members. Turnout for the picnic was excellent, and everyone enjoyed the food and socializing on a typically pleasant Redwood City evening. Along with our programs and auctions, these types of social events make our club special. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our next event which will be the Pizza Party at Mountain Mikes' on Tuesday, Oct. 15.



John Moore with his savory plate of ribs.



Joan Doherty and Steve Morger setting up the food table.

PENPEX CABOOSE

PENPEX 2013 will have 18 dealers including the U.S.P.S who will be there on Saturday ONLY. PENPEX welcomes two new dealers; Stephen Pattillo and Dave Zabaldano of Postal Classics; along with returning dealer Jim Leer. The show will also have its renowned silent auction with over 500 lots. Something can be found at great price from an individual mint stamp, boxes of philatelic material, or stamp catalogues.

PENPEX would not happen without gracious volunteers who donate their time in helping with contacting the dealers, getting exhibitors to display their collection, set up and take down of the show, helping with the welcome table and youth area, running the silent auction, serving food at the snack bar, assisting people at the auction, preparing for the awards banquet, and producing the show program. PENPEX is always looking for more people. So if you have an hour or two to help, please contact Kristin Patterson, 408-267-6643. Eduardo will be passing around signup sheets for set up and take down for those with a strong back and time before and after the show. Jim Sauer will have a signup sheet for those that can sit at the welcome table during show hours.

Specific details about the show are already available on our website, www.penpex.org, thanks to our webmaster. If you would like to exhibit, the entry form is on the website under PENPEX 2013 > Exhibit Entry Form. The entry fee is \$0 as is the admission and parking fees. The show schedule will be finalized as we get closer to the show.

We look forward to seeing you on December 7 or 8, at PENPEX 2013.

Kristin Patterson, PENPEX Chair

Positions	Officers/Leaders
Chair / Dealers /Facility	Kristin Patterson
Vice Chair	Craig Butterworth
Secretary /Youth Area	Darlene Hickok
Treasurer /Setup and Takedown	Eduardo Martino
Sequoia Stamp Club Pres.	Hank Shoolman
Program/Graphics/Website	Ed Bierman
Welcome/Registration Area	Jim Sauer
Exhibits /Judges	Vesma Grinfelds
Awards Banquet	Steve Sexton
Silent Auction	Jim Mosso
Cachet/Cancelers	Miriam Thurston
Public Relations/ Publicity	Jim Giacomazzi
Snack Bar	Kjell Enander
Photographs	Ken Perkins
Seminars	Ed Rodriguez
Awards	Paul Ortega

U.S. #397 – 1¢ Panama Pacific Stamp – Vasco Nuñez de Balboa

By Ed Bierman

Continuing our series of articles on U.S. stamp issues of 1913 is the 1¢ Panama Pacific Stamp -Vasco Nuñez de Balboa. Part of a series of four stamps issued that year in preparation for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Expo, it celebrates the 400th anniversary of the year Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean.

On September 1, 1513, Balboa departed with about ninety of his troops and Indian guides from the Atlantic port city of San Blas, in what is now Panama. Taking a generally southern route in search of a “great sea” the natives had talked about, they reached the southern shore of the isthmus on September 13, claiming the “South Sea” – what is now the Pacific Ocean – and all its adjacent lands for Spain. Unfortunately, he wasn’t able to enjoy his fame for long, five years later, Balboa was accused of high treason by a jealous rival, and beheaded.

The stamp was issued in the green of the other 1¢ stamps of the era. First Day: 1/1/13. The vignette on this stamp was engraved by J. Eissler, and the frame by E. M. Hall. This stamp would have paid the postcard rate in 1913. Over three hundred million of these stamps in the twelve perforation format (“perf 12”) were produced by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. (Source: Michael Casper)



Canadian Inventions: Sports Stamp Issue

By Ed Bierman

In 2009 the Canadian Postage Office published an interesting series of stamps celebrating the countries contributions to the world of sports. Many of these games are probably not that familiar to many U.S. citizens. The design of the stamps is simple yet colorful which feature well-worn equipment used in each sport featured. Four sports are illustrated on the stamps.

James Naismith invented **basketball** because he wanted an indoor game. Hoping to devise a sport to fill the winter months between football and baseball seasons, James Naismith’s experiment in a YMCA class was an instant hit. A long way from its peach-basket beginnings, basketball is now an international athletic and marketing phenomenon that stands among the world’s most widely played sports.

Thomas F. Ryan created **five-pin bowling** by introducing a smaller ball and fewer pins. When members of the Toronto Bowling Club complained about the weight of the standard ten-pin bowling ball, Ryan, the club’s co-founder, introduced a smaller ball and had his father whittle down five pins to match. He devised a new scoring system and introduced his game in 1909. This year, five-pin bowling, now the number-one participant sport in the country, celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Lacrosse began as a native ball and stick game called baggataway. When French explorers were first introduced to the native ball and stick game, baggataway, they called it “la crosse” for the stick’s resemblance to a bishop’s crosier. Europeans began playing the game in the 19th century, but rules were not standardized until lacrosse goalkeeper George W. Beers published the first set in Montreal in 1867. In 1994, lacrosse was declared the national summer sport of Canada.

Sam Jacks combined the speed of hockey and the strategy of basketball to create **Ringette**. In 1963, Jacks, Director of Parks and Recreation in North Bay, Ontario, combined the speed of hockey with the strategy of basketball to create ringette, an on-ice alternative to hockey for girls and women. Designed to emphasize skill and teamwork with no intentional body contact, Jacks was confident his game would be a hit—and it was. Today, more than 50,000 girls and women belong to ringette teams worldwide.

This article was originally posted on Ed’s blog on August 11, 2013. To read the entire article and view related videos, go to www.penpex.org/2013/08/11/canadian-inventions-sports-stamp-issue/. Ed is a twelve year member of the Sequoia Stamp Club and collects old postcards.



The Confederate Government’s Solution to Lack of Postage Stamps During the Civil War

By Marsha Brandsdorfer

In 1861, the Confederate Government formed its own Post Office Department, appointing Texan John H. Reagan as its Confederate Postmaster. Mr. Reagan's administrative experience was as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives before the Civil War. He was determined to provide postage stamps printed from steel plates and dies, but quickly ran into a problem. Most firms that produced such goods were in the North. So, there were no postage stamps available for sale anywhere in the south. This was a great problem of course, because people had gotten used to buying stamps since their introduction to the United States in 1847. Now what were they to do?

To handle the situation, Mr. Reagan left it up to the local postmasters in the South to improvise. Many postmasters reverted to stamping letters marked “paid” which is what they did before the introduction of stamps in 1847. However, this meant trips to the post office, and in some small towns where there wasn’t a post office it became costly for people to travel to mail their letters.

Some post offices had decided that the best solution was to print their own stamps for use. Most of these stamps were produced by local print shops, often just specifying the postage fee and the town name only. The stamps were not perforated and had to be cut with scissors. One interesting stamp is from the town of Goliad in Texas, where some of the stamps printed were misspelled. Due to a proofreading error, some of the 5-cent stamps were spelled as “Goilad.”

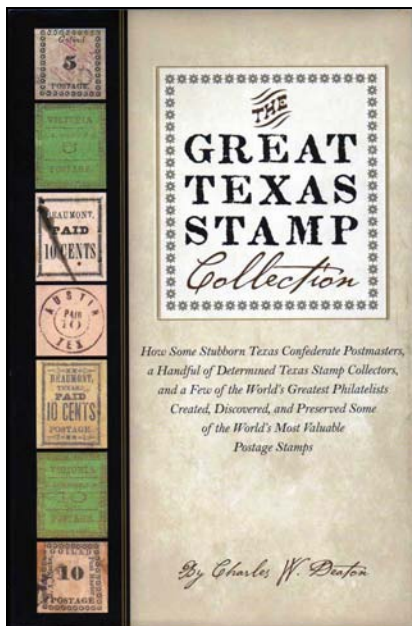


The left stamp of this pair shows the “GOILAD” spelling error.

After the war ended in 1865, stamp collectors all over the United States began actively searching for stamps created by the Confederate postmasters. Several early Texas collectors helped discover these rare stamps. For instance, philatelist Ernest Dean Dorchester became the president of the Texas Philatelic Association, which was founded in 1896. He married the granddaughter of T.W. House, and discovered some of the stamps among some papers at T.W. House’s bank and commercial firm. After his discovery, he had an affidavit drawn up verifying that they were genuine.

All of these stamps issued during the war years are now extremely rare and highly desired philatelic collectibles. Today, most of these stamps remain on their original envelopes that carried them through the mails. There were no records of their issue or sales and so it becomes desirable when one is added to a collection for its uniqueness.

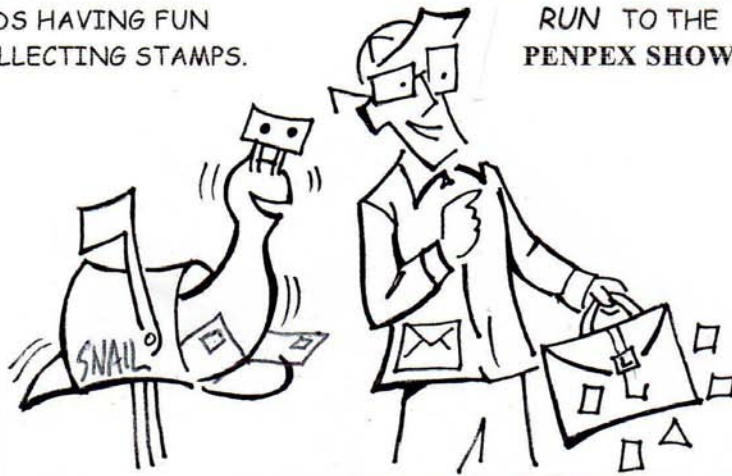
For more information, I recommend reading “The Great Texas Stamp Collection: How Some Stubborn Texas Confederate Postmasters, a Handful of Determined Texas Stamp Collectors, and a Few of the World’s Greatest Philatelists Created, Discovered, and Preserved Some of the World’s Most Valuable Postage Stamps” by Charles W. Deaton. I have donated a copy of this book to the Sequoia Stamp Club Library, and it is available for members to check out and read at their leisure. Contact club librarian Leroy Harbaugh if you are interested.



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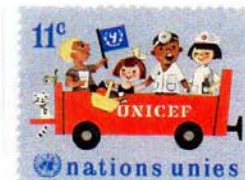
LOOK AT ALL THOSE
KIDS HAVING FUN
COLLECTING STAMPS.

DON'T WALK OR CRAWL,
RUN TO THE
PENPEX SHOW !



YOUTH GROUP ROOM

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH



FYI: THE "STAMP R US" YOUTH GROUP, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE
"ANNUAL PENPEX STAMP SHOW" THE WEEKEND OF DEC 7 & 8, 2013.

PHIL AND SNAIL, WANT YOU KIDS TO COME AND BRING A FRIEND, YOUR PARENTS TO COME AND SEE, LOOK, LEARN AND COLLECT POSTAL STAMPS OF USA. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT SCHOOL PROJECT GETTING EDUCATED ABOUT, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, SPORTS, ART AND MUCH MORE SEEING ALL KINDS OF NEAT STAMPS WORLD WIDE.

WHAT IS "PENPEX" ? (PENINSULA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION)



Membership Sidecar

Sad news to report regarding the loss of another member of the Sequoia Stamp Club. Walter Schafheitle, 83, died Saturday, August 10, 2013, from congestive heart failure. Walter was a resident of Redwood City for 38 years and a long-time member of the Sequoia Club. Born in Olten, Switzerland, Walter lived in Liberia, Africa, for 7 years before settling in the U.S. He had a long career in photography, and greatly enjoyed sports, dancing, stamp collecting and spending time with his family.

In spite of our recent losses, our membership continues to grow. The following is a list of the latest inductees into our club, along with their collecting interests:

<u>No.</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Collecting Interest</u>
705	Dominic	DiAngelis	Fairfield	U.S.
706	Mike	McGee	So. San Francisco	PAA Pacific Airmail flights
707	Raymond	Teys	Pismo Beach	Postal Label Study Group
708	Barbara	Jagodzinska	Redwood City	German Empire
709	Andrew	Sexton	Redwood City	Argentina, England, Germany
710	Bobby	Liao	Los Altos	Coca Cola Bottling Co. Covers
711	Bud	Mc Lellan	Atherton	U.S., Great Britain
712	Peter	Leffler	San Francisco	U.S.
713	Asha	Ali	Los Gatos	U.S.
714	Annie	Wong On Yin	Redwood City	Stamps & Postcards
715	Jay	Strauss	San Carlos	U.S.