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President's Piece

A big thanks to all the members who attended the April meeting. Please keep going like this and encourage fellow members and friends to attend as well.

To all members who responded to the questionnaire, your interest and effort are much appreciated. The committee will work through it and give feedback at the June meeting.

Paul van Zeyl will be showing "The Rise and Decline of the National Party 1946 – 1994" at the May 2017 meeting.

Congratulations to the South African exhibitors in Melbourne who received awards. Overall the South African entries did well. Special congratulations to PPS member Gerhard Kamffer who received a gold for his "The Road to Democracy in South Africa up to 1994".

I am busy finalising the interaction with British philatelic clubs with Jamie Smith and will give feedback at the next meeting. This event is placed on our meeting programme for 2 October 2017.

Duncan Baine and Danie van Zyl will show favourite pages from their collections at the May 2017 meeting. The letter for the evening is "R", so please bring along your contributions.

See you at the meeting on 8 May.

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Meeting 3 April 2017

The President, André du Plessis, welcomed the 11 members and one visitor attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Steve Marsh, Alex Visser, Marge Viljoen and Mike Dove.

Matters of Interest

Marge Viljoen suffered a burglary at her home. Our thoughts are with you, Marge.

Duncan Bain has agreed to be an exchange circuit manager. Many thanks, Duncan.

A questionnaire regarding meetings would be sent out and members were urged to complete and return it.

Sharing of members' collection interests

André du Plessis asked that members bring a selection (maximum seven pages) from their collections. These don't have to be written up. This way members would be able to share their collecting interests. He asked Duncan Bain and Danie van Zyl to bring pages from their collections to next month's meeting.

If members have a philatelic question, please let André du Plessis know so that it can be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Items of Interest

Pat Copeman displayed pages from his collection of "The Second British Occupation of the Transvaal", showing ERI and VRI overprints (extract illustrated below). The ERI overprints also fitted in with the letter of the month, namely the letter E.

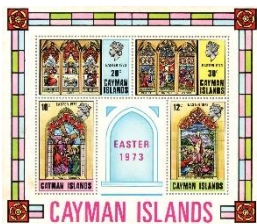


Danie van Zyl showed a 1953 book published in South Africa and entitled "Post Offices in the Union of South African and neighbouring territories", listing all the post offices in Bechuanaland Protectorate, Kenya-Uganda-Tanganyika, Nyasaland Protectorate, Portuguese East Africa, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, South-West African, Union of South Africa, Angola, Belgium Congo, French Cameroon, French Equatorial Africa and Madagascar.

Cedric Roché reported that South African exhibitors had fared well at the Melbourne International Philatelic Exhibition (30 March – 1 April 217), with three golds, two large vermeils and two silvers (juniors). PPS member Gerhard Kamffer had received gold for his exhibit "The Road to Democracy in South Africa up to 1994". Congratulations to Gerhard and the other SA exhibitors!

The Letter E

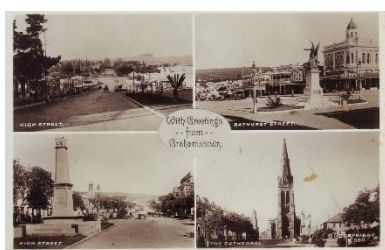
Cedric Roché displayed stamps of Italian colonies in East Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Italian East Africa and Juba (in East Africa).



Terry Lynne Harris displayed Easter-themed stamps and mini-sheets from Lesotho, Malawi and the Cayman Islands.

Evening's entertainment: Postcards and maxicards

Mike Dove, who wasn't able to attend, sent an exhibit entitled "Having fun with postcards ABC".



Terry Lynne Harris displayed her exhibit of "Grahamstown Street Views" (which received Large Vermeil at SAPDAPEX 2016), as well as modern (21st century) postcards of Grahamstown and postcards of the two Free States town in which she grew up, namely Kroonstad and Welkom.

André Nel displayed "Postcards Depicting Aero Philately (Aviation)", showing aeroplanes and airports.



Thanks

Arnu Stassen thanked all those who had exhibited material. André du Plessis thanked everyone for attending and thanked André Nel for seeing to the refreshments.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, 8 May 2017**. Paul van Zeyl will show his exhibit "The Rise and Decline of the National Party 1946 – 1994". The letter for the month is R.

NOTE: The May meeting is on the 2nd Monday, as 1 May 2017 is a public holiday.

Programme for upcoming meetings		
Meeting date	Theme	Letter
8 May 2017	Exhibition by Paul van Zeyl: "The Rise and Decline of the National Party 1946 – 1994" NB! The May meeting is on the 2nd Monday, as 1 May 2017 is a public holiday.	R
5 June 2017	Member's Choice	H
3 July 2017	Club Competition	C
7 August 2017	Philatelic workshop – focus on discussion of one-frame exhibits	K
4 September 2017	Committee's Pages	U
2 October 2017	Interaction with British philatelic club via Jaime Smith	L
6 November 2017	Cedric Roché – Embossed revenues	P
4 December 2017	Committee to exhibit	F
8 January 2018	Member's Pages	Q
5 February 2018	Member's Choice	G
5 March 2018	AGM	T

Befilex 2017 exhibition (Netherlands)

PPS member Ron Rong, who lives in the Netherlands, sent us this report on the Befilex 2017 exhibition. Thank you, Ron!

Here is a short a short summary of judging in the Netherlands and a bit of background on the Befilex exhibition.

In order to judge in the Netherlands, one is required to go through quite a formal process. I started the judging course last summer, together with five others. All participants had been nominated by philatelists involved in judging. The course was held over two complete Saturdays from 9 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon. Course notes were send to us prior to the lectures and one was expected to have studied these beforehand.

The course was a 50:50 mix of theory and hands-on. The theory was dealt with in the morning and in the afternoon we had to put the material into practice. FIP rules and regulations, as well as the more local rules that were in play, were a substantial part. The practical side included judging exhibits of all kinds and standards, comparing this with the experienced judges and discussing discrepancies and outliers as to why and how we arrived at the marks we assigned. Also very important was how to prepare and communicate the jury discussion to the exhibitor afterwards. One of the lecturers would take the place of the exhibitor and be as aggressive and obtuse as possible to drive home that this is a very important and often difficult task and we had to stay objective and focus on the rules and at all times take a respectful but not submissive stance.

Afterwards each learner judge was expected to attend as a judge at two Category Two and Three events where they would be mentored by two experienced judges. The categories need a bit of explanation. In the Netherlands there are three categories, Category One being the highest level, which would equal the SA national exhibition level. Category Three is used for first-time exhibitors or exhibits. So prior to being accepted for a national exhibition, the exhibits need to be judged at the lower level first, moving to successively higher categories. The judging levels are also set differently for the awards, so in Category Three the exhibit will get Gold if it scores above 75 points. The judging criteria for the three categories stay the same, but the medal level gets more difficult with each step up.

As in South Africa, one may well be an accredited judge for Traditional Philately, but that does not automatically confer full judging accreditation for judging Postal History or any of the other disciplines. At Befilex I was an accredited judge for Traditional Philately, but a learner judge for Postal History. Since I started judging here, I have been a judge at three exhibitions: two at regional level (which encompasses Category Two and Three), and one at national level. Before the end of the year I will probably have judged at least three more exhibitions, of which one will be National and one Multilateral. The Multilateral Exhibition, Hertogpost 2017, will encompass over 600 frames from seven different countries. Incidentally, an average of 180 to 200 frames are entered at the regional exhibitions.

Now to the Befilex Exhibition itself. The exhibition was held in the southern part of the Netherlands, Zeeland. The name is from an area originally an island, Beveland, and it is organised by the philatelic society based there. There were a couple of exhibits with Southern African interest:

- Overzicht van de postwaarden uitgegeven door Swaziland 1933- 1968. (Overview of Swaziland stamp issues 1933 – 1968). Traditional Philately - scored 78 points (Gold)
- Zuid-Afrika – Civiele en buitenlandse postverbindingen 1932 – 1954. (South Africa – Civil and foreign postal routes 1932 – 1954). Postal History – scored 80 points (Gold)

I hope the above was interesting and informative and I will endeavour to bring a (shorter) review of the next exhibition at the end of April!

[Article edited]



Diary

- 6 May: Pretoria Stamp Fair and Auction at Denis Adami Hall, Queenswood 09:00 - 14:00, auction 11:00 - 12:30.
 - 09:15 TBVC Study Group Meeting on the Stoep
 - 10:00 Thematics SA (Pretoria Chapter) Meeting on the Stoep
 - 11:00 Auction in the Hall
- 8 May: Pretoria Philatelic Society meeting in the library, St Alban's School, Clearwater Road, Lynnwood Glen at 19:30. Exhibit by Paul van Zeyl: "The Rise and Decline of the National Party 1946 – 1994". Letter for the month: R. **NOTE: Meeting on 2nd Monday, as 1 May is a public holiday.**
- 13 May: Kyalami Stamp Fair and Auction, Kyalami Country Club, Maple Road, Kyalami, 09:00 - 14:00. Fair starts at 09:00, auction at 11:00.
- 20 May: Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging van Pretoria (AFP) meeting at Glen Carpendale's shop (Shop 2, Kilner Park Galleries, 6 Wilkinson Street, Kilner Park, Pretoria) at 10:00.
- 20 May: QSA Auction at the Ernest Ullman Recreation Centre, Morningside. Viewing from 09:00, auction at 11:00.
- 27 May: Edenvale Bowling Club Stamp Fair and Auction, 6th Avenue, Edenvale. Fair starts at 09:00, auction at 11:00.
- 3 June: Pretoria Stamp Fair and Auction at Denis Adami Hall, Queenswood 09:00 - 14:00, auction 11:00 - 12:30.
 - 09:15 TBVC Study Group Meeting on the Stoep
 - 10:00 Thematics SA (Pretoria Chapter) Meeting on the Stoep
 - 11:00 Auction in the Hall
- 5 June: Pretoria Philatelic Society meeting in the library, St Alban's School, Clearwater Road, Lynnwood Glen at 19:30. Member's Choice. Letter for the month: H.

Upcoming events

- 21 -22 July: Bloemfontein One Frame National Exhibition (virtual). Kopano Nokeng Lodge, Renosterspruit.
- 11-14 October: SAPDAPEX 2017, Italian Sporting Club, 7 Marais Road, Bedfordview.

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