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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY 1970

AT SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON.

AT 6 p.m. PROMPT.

As announced in the March KIWI, this meeting will welcome Frank Mohr, of Bulls, New Zealand. Frank specializes in K.G. VI and Q.E. II issues. He will show his exhibition sheets of these issues and give a paper to the meeting.

This is a must for all modern collectors. Please make an effort to attend as a real treat is in store.

It is not too late to make a date to meet Frank. Interested members should write to Frank Mohr, c/o. Campbell Paterson Ltd., P.O. Box No. 17, Woking Surrey.

ANNUAL COMPETITION 1970

The list of Competition Winners published in the May issue of 'KIWI' contained no details of the material displayed by these Members. We hasten to rectify this omission.

Classic Section.

- 1st. J.D. Evans - 'Chalons' - 1871 colour changes - STACEY HOOKER CUP.
2nd J.D. Bowstead - $\frac{1}{2}$ d Newspaper Stamp - PAUA BOOKENDS.

Modern Section.

- 1st N.H. Willis - New Zealand Health Stamps - KIWI SHIELD.
2nd F. Hughes - 1960 Pictorial Counter Coils - PAUA CIGARETTE BOX.

Eric Barton Bowl.

N.H. Willis - New Zealand Health Stamps.

The following extracts are from an article by Michael Burberry, the result of an interview with Mr. Francis. J. Field, who had, on that occasion entertained the Society with a display of N.Z. Airmails. (See KIWI, November, 1968).

These have been reprinted as a means of perhaps offering some assistance to those members not too conversant with Competition entries.

The Society Competition is very much in mind (March 1971) when we offer these suggestions.

It must be appreciated that sheets which fascinate a club meeting with pictures, cuttings and other side-lines are out.

1. Prepare sheets specially for each entry:- To avoid the judge recognising nothing has been added since last time.

2. To ensure that the pages balance both individually and in the frames - which hold varying numbers of sheets. To ensure the collective balance, lay them out on the floor exactly as they appear in the frames.

Finally, do not overcrowd a page or try to show too much. Remember, judges are used to seeing a page with a single rarity on it, worth more than the whole of your and my collection. So treat your stamps richly.

Questions were then asked, these produced the following advice:-

1. Meaning of importance of collection. Classics better than the moderns. Countries with long postal histories are better than those with short ones.
2. White leaves are always preferable if of good quality. The mounts for covers on cheap paper tend to stretch the paper and spoil the exhibit.
3. If you show less than the full number of sheets, the judge may think you lack material.
4. Hand writing usually preferred to typing.
5. Hawid strips not generally popular with most judges.
6. Keep use of arrows to a minimum.

INDIVIDUAL PAGES.

1. Do not mix subjects on a page.
2. Do not mix mint and used stamps on a page.
3. Two similar sized covers should be offset.

JUDGING.

The judges meet before viewing, to work out a common ground for marking. This helps to iron out any special preferences.

On the first viewing, the judges go through quickly to pick out the rarities. The subsequent examination is to see if the exhibitor shows not only his knowledge, but also his enjoyment of the subject.

After judging, a final meeting is held to compare and average out the results.

In addition to the above, it is suggested that entrants should include at the back of the first sheet, between the sheet and protective cover, a summary of not more than 50 words, pointing out rarities, unusual items and the object of the exhibit. This would be of considerable assistance to the judge/judges in their task.

PHILYMPIA

A special meeting has been arranged at Philympia on 23rd September, at 5 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. We welcome all overseas members who will be in London on this date, and hope they will bring something unusual to show us.

We hope as many members as possible will attend and give a real hearty welcome to those who have come thousands of miles to see us.

Among those who will be present are -

John Bishop - New Zealand.
G.G. Fisher - Florida, U.S.A.
Marcel Stanley - New Zealand.
James Berry
Pierre Langlois - France.

DISPLAY GIVEN AT THE MEETING OF MAY 27th. 1970.

Royton Heath's display of Cook Islands opened with an amusing explanation of how F.J. Moss, the British Resident decided that there was money to be made in selling stamps, and in 1892 introduced an issue showing seven stars representing the islands in the group. A year later, an issue showing Queen Makea was introduced. These early issues were illustrated by covers, correspondence and other items of postal history, some of which were unique. When Great Britain took formal possession of the islands as a protectorate the stamps were overprinted with a crown.

The sheets of 120 stamps could be plated and examples were shown of work done on this aspect of philately in several values of the issue.

The scarcity of registered covers was established by the numbers appearing on reg. labels, and the very rare usage of stamps on registered covers was demonstrated.

Overprints on New Zealand stamps were freely represented showing how the papers perfs and varieties found on the original N.Z. stamps occur in the overprinted stamps. Scarce plate blocks of the King George V series were also shown and two perf pairs.

A question was asked as to why the name on these stamps changed from Cook Islands to Raratonga and then later back to Cook Islands. Peter Collins suggested that Cook Islands was a collective name and while Penrhyn and Aitutaki had their own stamp issues it was considered that the more limiting title of Raratonga was more appropriate, but during the periods when the stamps were used for the wider group at a time when there were no issues for the smaller islands, the name Cook Islands was used. Some doubt was expressed at this explanation, and it is hoped that if any member can give an explanation other than the one above, they will send it to the KIWI Editor.

Peter Collins expressed the members' appreciation of the display, and this was seconded by the Chairman, John Evans.

Maori art was postponed owing to our President being in hospital. We are glad to say he is now home and making satisfactory progress.

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