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A Note from the President

New Year Greetings

The old year is behind us and we now begin a new year.

New Year resolution: An agreement with ourselves to make a change in life.

One of your New Year resolutions could be to volunteer at the club meetings or various stamp shows in the area. Spend an hour at the registration table during a stamp show. While at the registration table, material about our club could be handed out to the attendees and a discussion as to the benefits of our club. Volunteer at the club meeting to help set up and take down the club circuit and 2-cent bins. Assist with filing and identifying stamps for the club circuit. We have a club member who has recently taken over the silent bid sales. He will need all the volunteer help he can get. We have large and vibrant stamp club that can be attributed to the many **volunteers** who help.

Ernie Teays
SPS President

Membership Dues Reminder!

Members have until the first meeting in March to pay club dues. Dues are now \$15 for the 2013 year. After March your membership will expire! Don't let that happen – see Debbie Jean at the next meeting.

Member Buy-Sell-Trade Night – Jan 16th!

Our first B-S-T night was such a success that we'll have another on January 16th. No 2¢ boxes or club circuit that night (the third Wednesday in January), just you with that box of duplicates and excess philatelic material you have been wanting for years to trade or sell.

This is an evening where members may bring their duplicates and excess material to sell or exchange with other members. Only stamps and philatelic items are eligible. Buy-Sell-Trade Night is restricted to only SPS members.

Any and all philatelic material can be brought in. Each member values their own material. In general, for sale items will sell best if priced at 25-35% of Scott Catalog value. Trades are usually done on Scott Catalog basis, taking into account condition of the items.

This is also an opportunity for members to initiate long term trading relationships with other members with like interests.

You might want to set aside a box and start putting in items you want to bring. It will be a fun night for all!

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship is now taking applications for the 2014 year.

To be eligible for the \$1000 scholarship applicants must:

- Be a stamp collector with an avid interest in stamps and philately.
- Be a member of the SPS in good standing or a natural or legally adopted child of an SPS member in good standing.
- Be between the ages of 17 and 25 years of age at the time of the nomination.
- Must be accepted for enrollment or enrolled at a 2 or 4 year secondary educational institution or school.

If interested, you can find additional requirements, criteria or application on the SPS website at www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org, or from a SPS Officer or Board member.

Deadline for receiving applications is January 1, 2014. Winner will be notified by letter, phone or email and announced at the April 2, 2014 regular meeting.

Call for Articles

If you have a collecting interest that you would like to share with the club but feel more comfortable doing so in written form, please send it to Doug Elliott via email at nzstampsinca@gmail.com.

You can also get a printed version to me at one of the Wednesday meetings – I can scan and/or retype it as necessary. Or mail a copy to me at PO Box 1547, Oroville CA 95965. Typical articles will run from a half to full page (or two) of text and images.

February Silent Bid Sale – Feb 6th!

Our next Silent Bid sale will be on February 6, 2013. All lots must be turned in to the Bid Sale Coordinator (John Vester) by the end of the Wednesday, January 30th meeting.

All unsold lots must be picked up on February 6th following the completion of the sale.

Use this opportunity to sell your “extra” stamps and covers – we all have material that is “extra” to us which may be exactly what someone else is looking for!

Welcome to 2013 Junior Members!

Hello Junior Members!

We are now in a New Year... 2013. I am hoping that your stamp collecting has been enjoyable and that you have found some nice interesting stamps. Often people collect stamps by a specific subject or topic. For example collecting flowers or horses, cars or trains. This type of stamp collecting is called **Topical** or **Thematic**. Even people on stamps can be collected topically. There are baseball players, war heroes and Presidents!

How ever you collect, I hope that 2013 is filled with wonderful stamps for you.
Happy New Year!

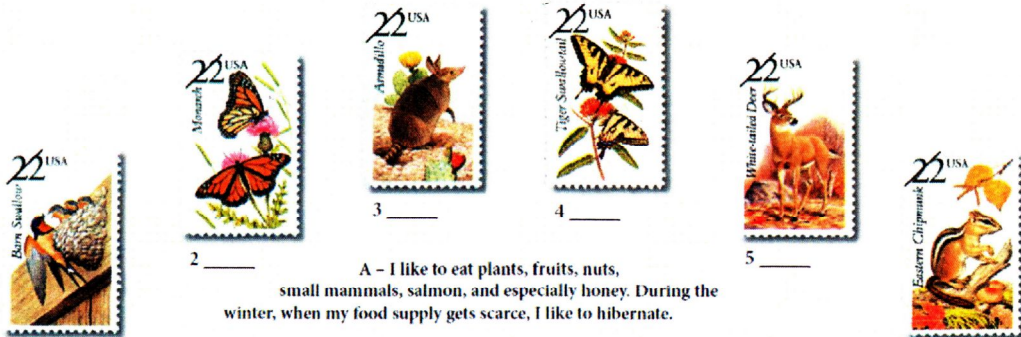
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(The American Philatelic Society has this Animal matching game on their website for you to download. Collecting Animal stamps is considered **Topical** stamp collecting.)

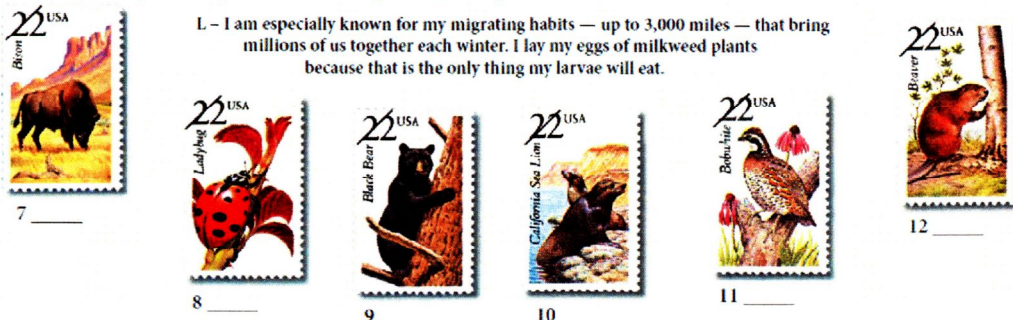
WHO AM I? — An Animal Matching Game



Look at the animals pictured below. Find the description that matches each animal.
E-mail your answers to [ysca@stamps.org](mailto:yasca@stamps.org) to receive a prize.



- 1 _____ B – I like to leisurely graze on plants, usually eating in the late evenings or early mornings. My young, called fawns, are born with white spots to help them blend in with their surroundings.
- 2 _____ A – I like to eat plants, fruits, nuts, small mammals, salmon, and especially honey. During the winter, when my food supply gets scarce, I like to hibernate.
- 3 _____ C – I like to feed on insects, which I am able to catch while flying. I have a long, slender, forked tail, and have a butterfly named for me.
- 4 _____ D – I have a short, stout beak — good for eating seeds and fruits. When I am threatened I “freeze” and my camouflage color blends into my surroundings.
- 5 _____ E – I like to eat beetles, ants, termites, and other insects. My shell is made of nine bony plates that cover my back, head, legs, and tail.
- 6 _____ F – My distinctive black and yellow wings may span up to 6.5 inches. I have long “tails” that look like the long tails of the swallow.
- G – I am the heaviest land animal in North America, often terrifying people when they get near me. Native Americans used my meat for food and my hide for tents.
- H – I am a marine mammal, meaning that I live in the water. I am considered to be very intelligent, and have even been taught tricks so I can entertain you in water shows.
- I – I am a tiny, colorful half-sphere with black spots on my back. My coloring lets my predators know that I taste awful.
- J – I am the smallest member of the squirrel family. I have little fat cheeks, bright eyes, and a bushy tail.
- K – I am one of the largest rodents in the world. I don’t travel well on land, but with my webbed feet and paddle-shaped tail, I can move gracefully through water.



L – I am especially known for my migrating habits — up to 3,000 miles — that bring millions of us together each winter. I lay my eggs of milkweed plants because that is the only thing my larvae will eat.

Stamp Shows in Our Area

FEB	8-10	SANDICAL San Diego County Philatelic Council Al-Bahr Shrine Temple San Diego, CA www.sandical.org
MAR	2-3	NOVAPEX Redding Stamp Club Senior Citizens' Hall Redding, CA www.reddingstampclub.com
MAR	9-10	Frespex Fresno Philatelic Society Veterans Memorial Building Clovis, CA starstamps@thegrid.net
APR	6-7	Easter Seals Benefit Show Sacramento Philatelic Society Easter Seals Center Sacramento, CA www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org
APR	13-14	SOPEX Southern Oregon Philatelic Society Jackson County Expo Central Point, OR www.jcfairgrounds.com
APR	26-28	WESTPEX WESTPEX, Inc. SF Airport Marriot Waterfront Hotel Burlingame, CA www.westpex.com

National Stamp Shows

JAN	18-20	APS Ameristamp Expo American Philatelic Society Louisville, KY www.stamps.org
JAN	25-27	Southeastern Stamp Expo Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Norcross, GA www.stampclubs.com
FEB	1-3	Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc. Sarasota, FL www.sarasotastampclub.com
MAR	1-3	TEXPEX TEXPEX Foundation, Inc. Grapevine, TX www.texpex.org
MAR	15-17	Garfield-Perry March Party Garfield-Perry Stamp Club Cleveland, OH www.garfieldperry.org
MAR	22-24	St. Louis Stamp Expo Area Stamp Clubs St. Louis, MO www.stlstampexpo.org
APR	5-7	Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition Associated Stamp Clubs of SE PA & DE, Inc. Oaks, PA www.pnse.org
APR	19-21	ARIPEX Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs Mesa, AZ www.aripex.org
APR	20-21	Plymouth Show West Suburban Stamp Club Westland, MI www.plymouthshow.com

Only World Series of Philately (WSP) shows are included

For more shows and contact details go to:

<http://stamps.org/Show-Calendar>

Member Presentations

Feb 20 Anything but Civil – Fred Rickert

APS Online Courses & Other Activities

Year Round Collecting First Day Covers
Part I (5 lessons) and Part II (4 lessons)
Instructor: Marj Sente
stamps.org/Scout-Merit-Badge

New Members

Sacramento Philatelic Society membership for 2013 totals 231. There were no new members added since the last newsletter.

Nyassa – Lisbon & London Overprints

by Doug Elliott

Stamps of Nyassa in 1921 were overprinted with new values in both Lisbon (Scott #81-93) and in London (Scott #94-105). They are hard to distinguish, but if you look closely there are clear differences. The difference is significant because Lisbon overprints are worth 10 to 20 times the value of London overprints.

The Lisbon overprint (bottom in photo below) has thin shaded letters. If you closely examine the 's' in Centavos you'll notice it has a flat bottom and is wider. The 't' in Centavos has a thick crossbar without a downstroke at the right.

The London overprint (top in photo below) has thick unshaded letters. The 's' in Centavos has a rounded bottom and is narrower. The 't' in Centavos has a thin crossbar with a downstroke at the right side.



SPS Calendar

Regular meetings are held every Wednesday evening from 7–9PM at the Easter Seals Center, 3205 Hurley Way.

Jan	16	Member Buy-Sell-Trade Night.
	23	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	30	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Feb	6	Silent Bid Sale, no club circuit.
	13	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	20	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	27	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Mar	6	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	13	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	20	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	27	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Apr	3	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	6	Easter Seals Benefit Show
	7	Easter Seals Benefit Show
	10	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	17	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	24	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
May	1	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	8	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	15	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	22	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	29	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.

We normally have our club circuit and penny boxes available for your shopping pleasure at each meeting. There are also members who enjoy just talking about their collections or helping you with yours. You might even find a member with a similar interest as you have and you can initiate a stamp swap. Come see us – it's a lot of fun. 'Shoe Boxes' of 2¢ stamps can be taken home to search through during the week.

Prospector Distribution

If you are reading this from our website right now, you are one of those helping us to reduce our costs. It currently costs more than \$1 to produce the hard copies and mail them to each member or family.

If you have an email address we will send a notice when a new edition of the Prospector is ready for viewing.

To see the Prospector at our website:

1. Go to www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org
2. Look under the Prospector section for **Find the Prospector newsletter here.**
3. You will be able to read past issues as well as the current issue.

If you need help please ask Dean Carl, Doug Elliott or Al Williams about the specifics of your problem.

Visit Our Website

Dean Carl does a great job with the SPS website at sacramentophilatelicsociety.org. A calendar of events, membership forms, copies of the Prospector back to 2004, and links to philatelic-related websites are all there!

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Current USPS Rates

(Rate Increase as of Jan 27, 2013 is in brackets as [xx].)

Domestic:

First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz) - 45¢ [46¢]
First-Class Mail Letter (2 oz) - 65¢ [66¢]
Rigid Envelope Surcharge - 20¢ [20¢]
Postcard - 32¢ [33¢]
Large Envelope (2 oz) - \$1.08 [\$1.12]
Certified Mail - \$2.85 [\$2.95]

International:

First-Class Mail Int'l Letter (1 oz)
To Canada or Mexico - 85¢ [\$1.10]
Other Countries - \$1.05 [\$1.10]
Additional ounce charges vary

First Day Cancellation Information

All **first day cancellations** may be received after affixing stamps and sending to:

Customer Affixed Envelopes

Postmaster

_____ (first day city)

_____ - 9991 (5 digit ZIP + 9991)

Up to 50 FDCs may be submitted for cancellation at no cost, additional covers are charged 5¢ each. If you want them returned without addresses, you must enclose a self addressed envelope, with sufficient postage applied, to insure their return. There is no charge for this service. First day cancellations are usually available for 60 days after the day the stamp is issued.

Detailed instructions are found on the American First Day Cover Society's website at <http://www.afdcs.org/servicing.html>