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Hello everyone, This is a first. I am writing on a weekday at home. No I am not sick or on leave and it is not a public holiday. It is the weather keeping me from going to work. We have a Signal 8 typhoon warning. Rather unpleasant weather and the winds are rather strong and the rain is very wet!!!! And there is no public transport. So here I am enjoying some quiet time. Have actually done some real work of course because with internet these days I can access my office mail and do quite a bit of work without interruption!

Time also for some stamps later today if things do not improve. Maybe even have an afternoon nap. How decadent!!

So to IPDA news. We will be holding a marathon chat for Halloween. Now I know some of you don't like that but many do and it is a forum for like minded philatelists to get together and chat about stamps and, well, anything really. Sometimes useful networking for sharing ideas and even lining up some business opportunities. And hey! it can be just fun to chat to others sometimes.

We will be sending details at a later date when we have finalized timings but if you are not walking the streets scaring people in your Halloween costumes perhaps you will find a few minutes to come into the IPDA chat room and say hello. We will actually have a new chat room with no adverts and no chance of strange people coming in. Will publish details of that over coming weeks as well.

After I wrote that I got the details for the Chatroom.. Also available on the IPDA home page at <http://www.ipdaonline.org/> or go to the Chat room at http://host7.parachat.com/hosted/index.html?site=30739&room=IPDA_Chat_Room When you get there it asks for Java plug in. Just click yes and you are then asked for a user name. Please may I respectfully ask people to use sensible names. Like your name. I am an old fart, as many of you know, hahahaha , and really do not like the cryptic and unrecognisable names I often see. I use Michael in Hong Kong or michaelatcddstamps. Easy really, and more pleasing to fellow chatters. Thanks :-)) Oh, that reminds me, if you want to know how stunningly good looking the Board of Directors are — a serious entry qualification — please check out the “Committee” tab on the IPDA home page.

Stamp of the Month



Received this in the mail. Brilliant. Anyone use it?

Finally, On a Board related matter. We do have a Constitution and if members want to suggest improvements or put forward changes they must follow guidelines established by the IPDA constitution, the laws of Florida, USA, wherein the IPDA is incorporated, and any procedures or decisions established in an AGM or board meeting.

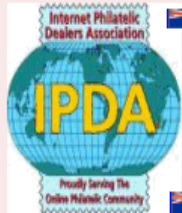
Best wishes **Michael** michaelatipda@gmail.com

BREAST CANCER STAMP

It was in 1996 that the international breast cancer expert Dr Ernie Bodai launched the first breast-cancer stamp. The idea was for this stamp to raise a maximum of donations for breast cancer research. In the meantime, the stamp has raised an unbelievable USD 30 million in America for the National Cancer Institute and the breast cancer research programme. Encouraged by the success, Dr Bodai has made it his life's work to launch this stamp in as many countries as possible to promote the cause.

To put it another way The value of Philately!!!





RARITY OVER QUALITY

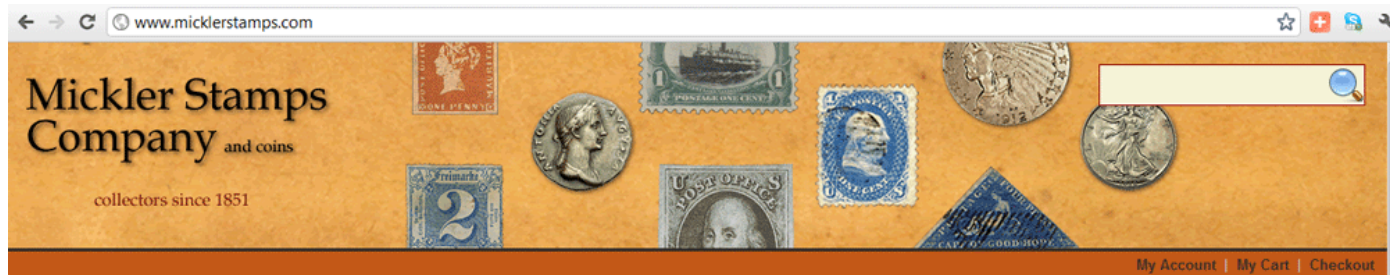
Most of you know how I rant on about the quality of stamps being sold at auction by the amateur sellers and bought by no less the amateur collector. Well for a change I thought I would show you this stamp. Very poor quality but interesting because it shows that quality is not everything at times. With acknowledgement to Prestige Philately – you can see their auctions at www.prestigephilately.com

If a stamp is rare enough, condition is less important for the knowledgeable buyer. That's the message given by the ugly little piece of paper shown here, that sold for \$4830 (including 15% buyer's premium).

This remarkable result was achieved in Prestige Philately's "Australian Colonies/States" auction on 23rd September. The initials 'I.E.' stand for "Intestate Estates", one of the most elusive of the 50 or so South Australian government departments that used their own official issues between 1868 and 1874. Only a few examples of this stamp are recorded in private hands.



NEW MEMBER



We welcome another new member, Tom Mickler. Mickler Stamps Company <http://www.micklerstamps.com/> is a family owned business that spans four generations of stamp and coin collectors. His great-grandfather started his stamp and coin collections in the 1850's and his grandfather, father and uncle continued the collections through the 1980's. He has been an avid stamp and coin collector since the 1950's and has continued it throughout his military and professional careers around the world. Mickler Stamps Company is in business to provide quality stamps and coins to collectors at a fair and reasonable price. They have been actively selling and buying stamps and coins via Internet and public auctions since 2004. Tom is a member in good standing of the American Philatelic Society, American Air Mail Society, Confederate Stamp Alliance and NGC Collectors Society.

Footnote: Editors comment: I am told Tom allows buyers to combine purchases of lots on eBay with lots purchased on Bidstart. Innovative idea. Well done.

TWITTER

I wrote a few issues ago about Twitter as one of the medium for promoting and letting people know about your business or philatelic interests. At the time I had just joined, to see what the hyperbole was all about. I have not been that active a writer or reader but there is some Philatelic activity there, and it is a way to promote your philatelic activities. I have 30 follows now and it is encouraging me to write a few words every now and again about my philatelic thoughts. No one wrote to me telling me their views, So I will ask again. Your thoughts? Have you subscribed, do you read it, do you use it to promote your philatelic activities? Write to me at michaelatipda@gmail.com and I will share — with your permission of course — your views with others.

CLOSING REMARKS

It has been a busy past month, sadly with none of it, for me at least, very much related to stamps but more related to flying and working. My apology for a simple Newsletter with little from IPDA. However your Board has been active. We have done some promotion for new members and got some results, we have set up a new Chat Room and will do a chat at Halloween, we have designed a 10 year anniversary cover and we have updated the web site. So some progress. Small steps I agree, but we need your support and ideas and contributions. I look forward to hearing from you. Write to me, ideas, articles, complaints or whatever, at michaelatipda@gmail.com **Michael**