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### Stamp of the Month



This from the 2012 Australia issue for the 1911-1914 Antarctic Expedition and one of the 60c stamps that will be on my anniversary covers to be flown to the Antarctic in late December this year

### EDITORS COLUMN

Hello everyone, Welcome to the October Newsletter. Just a thought as I start to write. Does anyone read this? :-) big smile. I write all these ramblings and often wonder if anyone is reading and thinking something but never finding time (or courage) to write to me. I do appreciate feedback especially feedback that can help improve the contents. As always I look forward to hearing from you, especially if you have material that can improve the contents.

Something new I came across. Maybe you already use this. Anyway, I thought I would share with you. If you use an iPhone or iPad do you use this ? I have downloaded to my iPhone. Basically once you have the "free" app you can then look at the various catalogue offerings and then if you want to download one you pay for that particular catalogue. From my initial view I do think it better suited to the iPad.

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#### Description

The Scott brand is a name that stamp collectors know and trust. We are excited to announce The Scott Catalogue is now Mobile! The #1 Resource for stamp collectors worldwide is now available on your iPad, iPhone and iPod touch devices. You can easily search by both Scott number or Country/Description. The first app of its kind will allow stamp

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#### What's New in Version 1.1

- Full Text Search for downloaded content
- Layout fixes to support country downloads (iPad users only)

#### Screenshots

iPhone | iPad



Ok, to some news from the IPDA. Not that much but a few topics that may interest you. First we are looking at an idea to have IPDA members offer other IPDA member a discount. For example I have updated my website [www.cddstamps.com](http://www.cddstamps.com) and added that any IPDA member buying from me will get a 10% discount. Is this something useful or something you would want to offer? Other Directors are joining in and we will publish more on this in future Newsletters.

Second, we have set up a Webring, or are in the process of setting it up should I say. Under trial at the moment. More details on page 3.

Finally we have noted that some members using internet Explorer 07 - 08 are having difficulties logging in to the members area. The problem has now been addressed. Please follow these instructions. To use Secure HTML with IE07, you need to check.

Tools > Internet Options > Advanced > Security > Allow active content to run in files on My Computer, and then Tools > Internet Options > Security > Internet > Custom Level > Allow websites to prompt for information using scripted windows > Enable.

Hope this is clear. I followed these and all was fine.

Best Wishes .Michael [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)



## AUCTION QUALITY

I was browsing a few auction sites recently, eBay and Bidstart. Looking for GB QV with letters MJ. Just a theme I have decided to try to collect. Also MD and JA. Sadly I very rarely find any. But I have found rather a lot of, in my view, rubbish, garbage, damaged and post mark obliterated stamps for sale.

Who are these people? Who is selling this material. And, even when the material is just used, with no distinguishing features, like well centred or lightly or clean post marks, why are they asking such high, ie close to catalogue prices.

Are they just armchair stamps sellers – yes that can be abbreviated to ass... LOL.. people who have found a few stamps and decided to sell on auction sites because they can. Wonderful world with these auction sites now. Anyone can sell anything and hey that is great, free speech and everyone can be an entrepreneur but surely there needs to be some code of conduct somewhere along the line. If only so the buyer knows they are dealing with someone of reputation and credibility.

I joined the IPDA because I believed the organisation brand and the principles that it espoused were important. I am sure we all think that. But why are we not seeing more members, more buyers wanting some accreditation from sellers, like IPDA accredited sellers.

Yes I know the accreditation is not rigorous, but the Directors do take applications seriously and we do look at the selling history and the quality of what an applicant has to offer when we vote to accept or reject an application. I think we generally find applications are from like minded dealers or part time dealers so the approval process is not that difficult.

Can you help us promote the IPDA, so I won't be looking at all this rubbish for sale? Or if I am, then I will at least have some peace of mind that buyers will be aware of some benchmark standard they can rely on for the quality of what they are bidding on.

I have this view, this premonition if you like, that we will see a backlash one day from buyers because they will realise they have been cheated, ripped off, conned if you like, because they will one day realise what they have bought is worthless.

If, when, that happens, all stamp dealers, full time and part time will suffer, especially small time dealers, maybe not the large global brand names, but us smaller dealers and serious part time sellers; we will all lose credibility. Let's do something now to make sure that does not happen.

Oh and three final points 1) Have you noticed how many sellers are now selling as "buy now" not even an auction. What do you read into that approach? Maybe good? Maybe not? Maybe I will get some members views and we can share thoughts and experiences in the November Newsletter. 2) have you noticed how few of the sellers actually describe the item they are selling. "See scan" is about the extent of many descriptions. Your thoughts? 3) are these auction sites taking business away from your websites?

I welcome comments and thoughts we can share so to help each other.



Described by seller as Fine used



Described by seller as Used Nice



6 bids at time of viewing



Described by seller as Good Used



Not graded by seller,





## FIRST AUSTRALIA STAMPS PRINTED IN 10 MICRON STOCHASTIC PRINTING

I hope you like these stamps. Very attractive, as butterflies tend to be.

Australia Post has the usual write up about butterflies, and a mention that there are at least seven butterfly species found on the Cocos Islands and four of these are featured. They are the Varied Eggfly Hypolimnas bolina; the Australian Painted Lady Vanessa kershawi; the Common Crow Euploea corinna; and the Meadow Argus Junonia villida.

What is more interesting from a philatelic perspective is that these stamps were printed in 10 Micron Stochastic and these are the first Australian stamps to be issued using this technology.

The use of 10 micron provides a much sharper print result giving more intricate detail. If you want to know a bit more: For print projects that require impeccable accuracy, 10-micron stochastic screening produces images over three times more detailed than conventional print techniques.

In traditional offset printing, dot patterns are equally spaced in a rigid pattern. A variety of dot sizes are used to achieve tonality, density and shading. Under magnification, you can easily identify the dot pattern used to create the image. In the stochastic process, all dots used to create an image are equally sized and are much smaller than those used in traditional offset printing.

The dot pattern is randomised to allow a wider range of definition and dimensional effects, as well as a broader spectrum of colours. Light and dark areas are defined by using less or more dots to achieve the variations. Projects printed using 10-micron stochastic screening have greater detail, increased clarity and greater dimensional effects, as well as better flesh tones for a more realistic result. Colour is also controlled more effectively, allowing for a broader colour spectrum with smoother gradations.



## WEBRING FOR IPDA MEMBERS

At the last Board meeting it was suggested that we setup an IPDA Webring, in which all IPDA members can link their websites. It was agreed as something we should pursue.

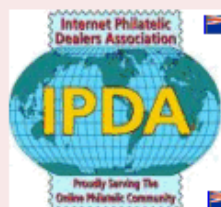
If you want to see an example of a Webring, go to Ken Sanford's website at: <http://aerophilately.net>, and go to the bottom of the site and click on the following:

**Aerophilately**

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then click "Prev" or "Next" to go to other websites in the ring.

With an IPDA Webring, all IPDA members can participate and anybody can look at any of the websites in the ring. We believe this will give members the opportunity for better exposure of their websites. Your thoughts and experiences with Webrings please?



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### GLOBAL PHILATELIC LIBRARY

The Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSC) with other partners in June 2012 launched the Global Philatelic Library web site, which will provide a centralised information base of the world's largest and best known philatelic libraries. To see the site visit <http://www.globalphilateliclibrary.org/>

This promises to be the leading and most comprehensive source of information for future philatelists and researchers. So far many philatelic associations have joined hands with Global including the US National Postal Museum, The Smithsonian Library of Washington DC and the American Philatelic Societies Research Library.

Other research libraries that have joined with Global are the National Philatelic Society (UK); the Collectors Club of New York (USA); the Greene Foundation (Canada); the Oslo Philateliistklubb Bibliotek (Norway); Philatelistische Bibliothek Hamburg (Germany); Postal History Foundation (USA); Rock Mountains Philatelic Library (USA) and the Western Philatelic Library (USA). More recently a number of the largest Philatelic libraries have also joined.

# Global Philatelic Library

Click one of the three large icons below to search one of the databases



**American Philatelic Research Library**  
About the Philatelic Union Catalog  
300,000 records



**The Royal Philatelic Society London**  
About the RPSL Catalogue  
750,000 records



**Smithsonian Libraries National Postal Museum**  
About the NPM Library Catalog  
40,000 records



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## News Flash

We are delighted to welcome the Collectors Club Chicago from the USA to the Global Philatelic Library, and also to thank another American research library, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, for refreshing their data.

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### POSTMARKS

You will recall I write a piece about this stamp, and I commented it is why we should encourage buyers to buy from IPDA members, or sellers accredited from some professional organisation. My comments was based on the fact the stamp had serious foxing or staining, or rust, whatever term you use.

Thanks to those of you who wrote to comment, and especially about how lovely the postmark was. It was also suggested to me that the rusting can be removed if carefully treated. Not sure I buy into that and I wouldn't try for fear of damaging what is, I agree, a lovely postmark. I received another comment on my blog that it would still be collectable but I have to ask, would you put a rusting stamp into an album. I think not. Comments???







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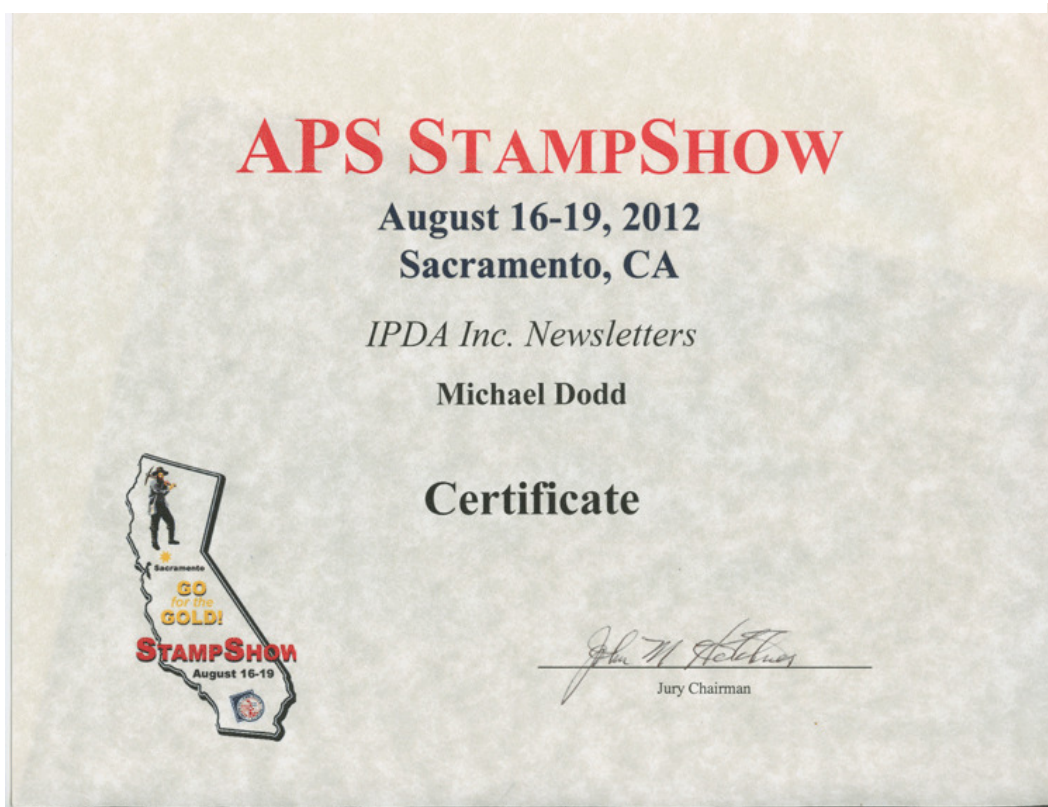
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### APS LITERATURE COMPETITION AUGUST 2012



Received this recently. We did not win anything but got some very good feedback on what the APS is looking for in a Newsletter entered to the Literature Class. Always good to learn. It gave us some exposure and publicity I hope.

### HALLOWEEN CHAT

You may have participated in previous Halloween Chats, and hopefully enjoyed the banter and maybe even met some other members or fellow philatelists.

This year will be our 12th Halloween Chat I am told. If you want to join in, just visit the IPDA chat room which will have one or more of our Directors facilitating the chat for 24 hours starting 10:00 AM GMT time on 27th through to 28th October. More details will be on the IPDA website.

What about stamps issued to commemorate Halloween.

Does anyone have any of know of any? This one is a 2004 issue from Belgium. I read that the USPS has never released a stamp specifically for Halloween. Is that true? What about other stamp issuing authorities?





## ROYAL MAIL BLASTS INTO OUTER SPACE

The Royal Mail (Great Britain) Space Science stamps will mark the 50th Anniversary of Ariel 1, the first British satellite.

Featuring images from the Sun and Saturn, the set of six stamps is designed to celebrate Britain's role in space exploration. Space Science stamps will go on sale on 16 October

The issue starts with the Sun, our nearest star, which also shares the 1st class value with Venus, as seen from the Venus Express probe.



The two 77p stamps feature a shot of ice within an impact crater on the surface of Mars and the diamond-shaped asteroid Lutetia, captured by the Rosetta probe.

Perhaps one of the most exciting developments was the historic landing of the Huygens probe upon Saturn's largest moon Titan, featured on one of the £1.28p stamps, revealing a landscape remarkably similar to that of Earth.

The other £1.28p stamp features the beautiful icy rings of Saturn, lit up by the Sun behind, which were photographed by the Cassini probe. All the extraordinary images captured for the Space Science issue were taken by the European Space Agency's (ESA) satellites and probes.

As a member of the ESA, Britain's scientists, universities and companies have made significant contributions to its missions, such as Mars Express and the Cassini-Huygens probe to Saturn. In the Space Science Presentation Pack that accompanies this issue, astronomy journalist Dr Stuart Clark takes a look at our solar system and the recent European probes that have explored it.

In summary, the stamps are as follows: 1st Class – Sun; 1st Class – Venus; 77p – Mars; 77p – Lutetia; £1.28 – Saturn; £1.28 – Titan

Source: Royal Mail

## STAMP ACCESSORIES – MOUNTS FOR USA

This really surprised me. The variety of mounts that are available, especially for the USA. I lost count. But if interested or you want to add value to your customers who may not know this, have a look at [https://www.amosadvantage.com/scottonline/mountfind.asp?find\\_category=&tab=stamp&find\\_description=&find\\_part\\_desc=](https://www.amosadvantage.com/scottonline/mountfind.asp?find_category=&tab=stamp&find_description=&find_part_desc=)

## CLOSING REMARKS

Well we have our first 6 pager. Thank you to all who contributed ideas and material. I hope you found something of interest. As I always say, please send me ideas or articles. October around the corner and I will be taking some time off, I flew back to Sydney on 28th September and will be gardening for a while and yes, listing some stamps for sale. About time I tell myself. :-)

Best wishes Michael [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)