

Chairman's Message



One mean *hombre*.

Hello everyone and welcome to May! Spring is upon us here in Texas and so are the big thunderstorms and hailstorms. I am thinking of wrapping the house and cars with bubble wrap until June or so.

First things first. The IPDA Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday March 16, 2023 at 4 PM CST. via Zoom. I would like to thank everyone for getting their votes in on the various motions. This was a great help in making the AGM run as smoothly as it did. I want to also thank our General Secretary, Michael Dodd, for compiling the agenda for the AGM. I believe all motions on the agenda were passed and we are in great shape as we move further into 2023.

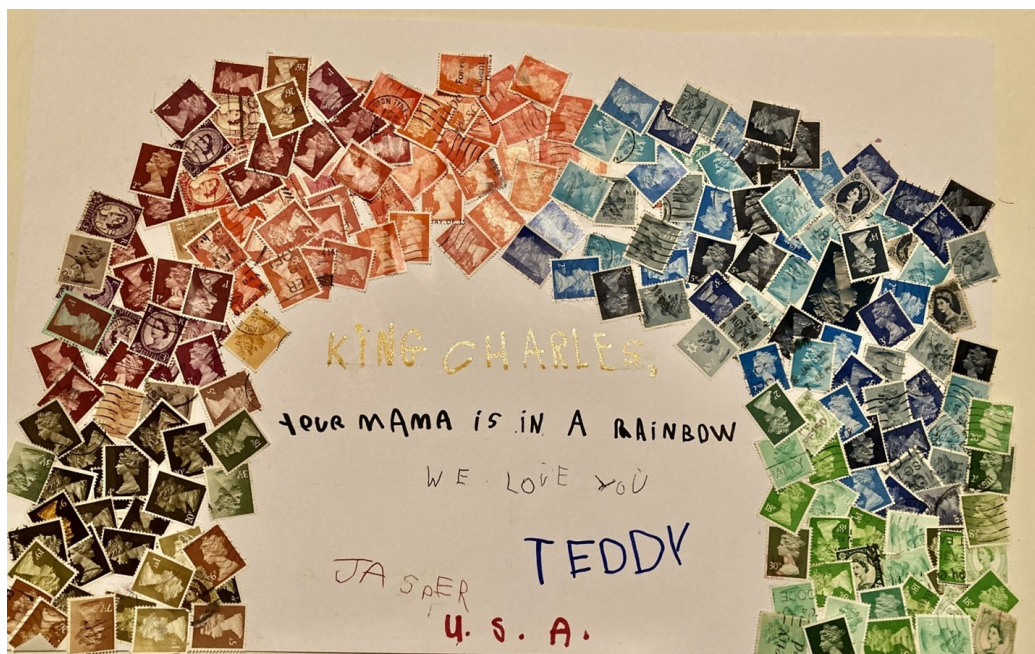
Despite my laziness, the promised membership survey is now complete and will be sent to members within the first week of May. This survey is a critical tool for me and the board of directors to better learn from the membership what we can do to better serve the members and the philatelic community writ large. Please spend a few minutes to complete the survey. It would be greatly appreciated.

This month, I would like to share a bit of a feel-good story I ran across in April. We all hear the constant drumbeat of

how stamp collecting is a dying sport, and how the youth are not into it. Well, this story should help to change that opinion, at least a little bit.

Teddy and Jasper are twin six-year-old sons of one of my customers who reached out to me last month on another matter. As our conversation went on, I discovered that most of this customer's purchases were not, in fact, for his own collection. Rather, they were intended for his son, Teddy. As it turns out, Teddy is big into Imperial Russian stamps. His brother, Jasper, is into British monarchs and Machins. I have to admit that after hearing about this, not only was I walking around with a big smile on my face, I became curious and probed a little deeper and was rewarded with the customer sharing this story with me.

Both Teddy and Jasper are avid young philatelists. After Queen Elizabeth's recent passing, they both sat down with



a pile of Machins and a glue stick and created this card (shown above), which was sent to Buckingham Palace. The King himself personally thanked the boys, and the

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Royal Household reports that it now resides in His Majesty King Charles III's office.

Remember, Teddy and Jasper are six-year-old boys!!!! It won't be long before one of them will be President of the APS and the other one takes my job as Chairman of IPDA!! If this story doesn't give us all faith in the future of the hobby, I'm not sure what will.

We have been, for some time, now seeking to fill the Advertising and Marketing Director role in IPDA. This is not a full-time job for anyone, rather it is an opportunity for someone with a little time to spend on promoting the IPDA brand in the various forms of media including social media platforms. Please, put a little thought into volunteering for this position. This is a director level position (unpaid like all of them are) but it does provide for a "seat at the table" so to speak. I think you will find it to be a quite interesting and rewarding endeavor.

To provide an update on the status of the IPDA website update and modernization project, we have secured the services of a professional marketing person with great experience in building effective website. Many thanks to our IPDA Director, Jon Griffiths, for referring us to him. The site project commenced about a month ago and is proceeding very smoothly, so far. The first passes I've seen are quite impressive and I cannot wait to get this finalized and rolled out, when the project is completed.

I am very happy with the progress we have made so far and in a short period of time, and look FORWARD to rolling out more and better programs and services for our membership moving FORWARD!

So...FORWARD we go!!! All our best to you and yours!

Greg Doll

Chairman, IPDA

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IPDA DEALER

SPOTLIGHT



Busch Collectibles is 32-year-old Benjamin Busch, a former German language teacher in French schools. He formed Busch Collectibles in 2017, and he also runs Euro Souvenir Portugal ([website here](#)), the official distributor, in Portugal, of the €0 denomination souvenir Euro banknote.

Benjamin follows in the footsteps of his father, who operates the physical store, *Schott Philatélie*, in the city of Strasbourg, France. That store has been in operation since 1927.

His main specialty is rare stamps and related products such as proofs, from modern Africa (mostly French-speaking but others, also). He also handles the stamps of France.



Per his website, he specializes in modern African stamps since 2000 (Senegal, Madagascar, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea...); modern French stamps. "We also service want-lists for France, as well as Europe and worldwide, subject to availability." Another specialty of his is joint issues. Other original collectibles (banknotes, medals, coins, etc.) are to be discovered on his website.

Visit his online shop at: [Busch Collectibles](#)



Choosing A Name For a New Country

by Mr. Enthusiastic on Monday, April 20, 2020

Stories Behind the Stamps

We are on the eve of Independence Day. A big celebration for us as a country. After over 2000 years, once again we had our own country. It was a great honor when David Ben-Gurion declared independence on 14th May, 1948 at 16:00 at the Israel Museum.

The British mandate was due to expire at midnight on May 15th, the following day; so, why did Ben-Gurion hurry to declare independence the day before? And why at 16:00? The answer is simple: May 15th was Saturday and Ben-Gurion wanted to declare independence before the sabbath — both, to avoid desecration of Shabbat and so that religious people could be present at the proclamation and return home before Shabbat.

It should be remembered that there was a religious party in the People's Administration (Minhelet Ha'am). Thirteen members of the People's Administration did not sign the Declaration of Independence that day because the siege in Jerusalem prevented them from arriving.

The first stamps of the State of Israel were sent to most post offices before the declaration of independence. It is written on them, "Hebrew Post" and not Israel. Do you know why?

The Jewish leaders knew that the British would leave the country on 15th May, but the official name of the country at



the time was "British Mandate for Palestine" or "Palestine" for short. Why Palestine? Because this is the name that the Romans gave to the Judean area after the expulsion of the Jews at the end of the Second Revolt. It's a name that belongs to the whole area. The official name was "Syria Palestine". The historian of the time, Flavius, who was also a Jew himself, said that the reason for calling the area Palestine was to insult the Jews, since Palestine came from the Philistines, the great enemy of the Jews at the time who invaded our area from their home in Crete. The Jews became the Palestinian refugees. The word Jew comes from the word Judea.

Naturally, the Jewish leaders did not want to continue with the name Palestine, which evoked bad associations and memories and did not show our 4000 year connection to the country. But, what to call our country?

Several proposals were made, including the name "Judah", which was disqualified because of Judea, which is a small area in the country, and the name "Eretz Israel" was also disqualified. (By the way, I do not have the Judean stamp - it is too expensive for me - I have to pay a mortgage).



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Who could have known in advance which name would be chosen? The pressure was at its peak. Things had to be done secretly because the British opposed any move and even supported the Arabs and defended them against the Mandate imposed on them. In the mandate agreement signed by the British, they were duty bound to help the Jews establish a Jewish state including building infrastructure and preparing the state for the transition to Jewish sovereignty. History has shown that they did not live up to their part, in many cases, but, that is another story.

So, again, what do you do? An artist was approached to design the stamp. And it was decided to draw coins of the first and second revolts against the oppressive Roman occupation, in order to connect the current period to our history.

But who would understand the message from the design? All you see is a coin, so they decided to attach a tab to the stamp - a practice that continues to this day. By the way, stamps of the series with a full tab in good condition, cost thousands of dollars today, and people still want to buy them, despite popular opinion which claim that stamps are a thing of the past.

But there are still three problems left: First, what country name to display on the stamp? After all, you have to print the stamps in advance so that they are ready for 16th May, the first official day of the stamps (remember that 15th May was a Shabbat and there are no Jewish post offices open on Shabbat). The second problem, which is no less important - where to print them? They could not use the printing presses of the British authorities nor of the Arab ones. The third problem, how to separate the stamps?

It is important to remember that everything was done in secret because if the British had discovered what was going on, they would have confiscated everything and arrested the criminals. Therefore they outsourced the work to anyone who could do it: Jewish publishing houses, seamstresses, etc. As a result, there are large differences in the color of the paper, the number of perforations (teeth) around the stamp, the separation method and more.

There are entire books just about this stamp. The pair on the right is not an error, this separation method is called roulette and is used to separate labels, even today.

By the way, because of the pressure, a lot of mistakes were also made, such as the one below.



And what about the name? They decided to simply call the stamp "Dar Ivri". They took the idea from the Germans and went with it.

Today, we laugh at the subject of stamp collecting, but it is closely related to our history. It is important to remember and internalize, on Holocaust Remembrance and Heroism Day, there is a siren designed to remind all of us what happened when we did not have a Jewish state. On the eve of Memorial Day, and on Memorial Day, there are sirens designed to remind us of the price of maintaining a Jewish state, so that there will be no siren on another Memorial Day.



Israel, Scott Nr 15 (1948)

This article is reprinted by kind permission of Lawrence Fisher, who publishes the blog, "Stories Behind the Stamp, as well as the YouTube channel of the same name.

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And see his YouTube channel, here: [Stories Behind the Stamps](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqj8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K)

Michel Catalogues

At Reduced Prices

If you have been desiring a Michel Germany Specialized Catalogue in English, but have hesitated because of the price, you will be interested to know that, on the Michel website, the 2015/2016 edition is clearance priced, right now. The 2-volume set is priced at just €27.85. Even factoring in the shipping cost to the United States, (€31), the total price of \$67.50 USD – after the foreign currency conversion fee charged by PayPal – is less than any deal I saw on any online marketplace. The two volumes are also available separately at a higher unit price, €18.50 each.

The current 2022 edition Germany Specialized Vol. 1 is also available at a reduced price, though not an enticing one, at €61.68.



In addition to the Germany Specialized, several other worldwide volumes are sale-priced, some as low as €14.02 (for the 2020/21 Vol. 9 covering the Mediterranean Countries Gibraltar, Malta, Turkey, Turkish Cyprus, Cyprus, and the 2020 Vol. 4, covering Spanish Andorra, Spain and Portugal).

To see all the catalogues on sale, visit their website by clicking on this link: [Michel](#)

ERRATUM

In last month's Newsletter, in the New Member Announcements, the hyperlink to H. T. Putney's store was not active. We apologize for the error, the correct link is below:

[Putney Stamps: Quality for Collectors](#)

SG and Baldwin

Launch The Strand



Stanley Gibbons and A. H. Baldwin & Sons have partnered to launch a new auction venue for collectable, historic and rare products, called The Strand. Opened in April of 2023, the venue hosts multiple companies, with Stanley Gibbons and A H Baldwin & Sons being the standard bearers. The auctions will focus on the areas of stamps, coins, medals, and militaria, with other categories to be added in the future., in the areas of including watches, whisky and sporting memorabilia.

The Stanley Gibbons name is well known to stamp collectors. Established in 1856, SG is the longest-running stamp merchant operating today. Their physical shop is located in London, on the Strand, thereby lending that name to the new venture.

With a history dating back to 1872, A H Baldwin & Sons is one of the largest and longest-established numismatic dealers and auction houses in the world.

They have two auctions scheduled for May 2023:

Auction #5943

201 lots

Revenue Stamps of the World

Closes: 10 May 2023 05:00

and

Auction #5950

547 lots

Great Britain & Commonwealth

21 Apr 2023 02:45 - 11 May 2023 05:00

For more information visit their website at: [The Strand](#)



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Closing 6 May, 2023

[Catalogue Nr. 101: Click here.](#)

Preparation of this catalogue has been really demanding from an emotional point of view. Most of the lots had already been described by my dad, and the organization of the various phases has been "tested" for some time, but working on his cards, reading his notes and suggestions, made the perception of his absence always stronger. It was a really heavy experience for me and for all the staff, first of all Francesca, but also a push to proceed so that his work-passion of so many years is not lost.

Initially I thought it would have been better to carry out the auction only live and by mail, but then why give up meeting, which dad also liked very much? It is always a chance to confront each other professionally but also for the personal relationships that have been created over time.

Viewing the lots is also a great opportunity: we will be in Milan on 20 April, but we will be waiting for you in our offices already from 12 April by appointment.



Lot 84: Letter with text from Carpi to Batignolles near Paris, dated 4.6.1852

And so here I am, with this catalogue n.101 which offers 1,336 lots of philately, postal history and philatelic literature that will be auctioned publicly in our auction room on 6 May. There will be bids by mail (sent directly to us or via the Bid Inside and Philasearch sites), which must reach us by 5 p.m. on Friday 5 May; I suggest you send them as soon as possible, because for the same amount, the one

received first takes precedence. Even the LIVE (with Bid Inside) or telephone connections have the same deadline for registering or requesting it. All the ways to participate are clearly indicated in our terms of sale.

The auctioneer, as usual, will be Gabriele Sintoni.

Among the 1,218 lots of philately and postal history there are some rarities from Ancient Italian States and Foreign countries on sale for the first time. The sectors relating to the Kingdom, Occupations, Military Mail and Colonies are particularly developed.



Lot 697: Vitt. Emanuele III - Alessandro Volta c.20 violet (different colour) - Sassone 2022 n.210A

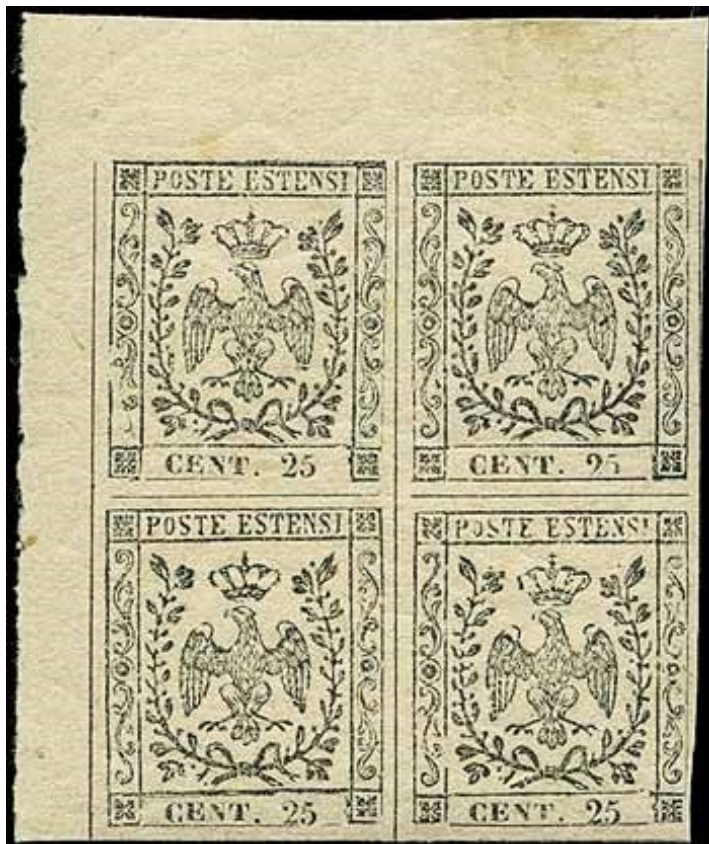
The 118 lots of literature mostly come from the private collection of Gabriele Serra, who passed away in 2015, a great expert collector and dear friend of my father. There are many original texts that have long been out of print, real "goodies" for lovers.

The lots have all been photographed, even though some bulky ones only partially just to give an idea of the whole. Several images in the paper version and in its .pdf format (to be browsed or downloaded); all of them in the site, in the page devoted to the auction (www.vaccari.it/filatelia/asta), where, once the auction is over, you will find the list of auction returns and possible lots unsold, available at the starting price until 15 June.

I suggest you browse the catalogue or search for what is of interest to you or you like the most personally. Anyway, our daily web magazine Vaccari news (www.vaccarinews.it) and our social pages (facebook,

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linkedin, twitter, instagram), the institutional one Vaccari-Filatelìa and the on-line VaccariShop, will point out some lots.



Lot 68: c.25 camoscio chiarissimo rosaceo I tir. n.7, blocco di 4
ADF a sinistra - Sassone 2022 n.4b

Some points have remained the same.

- ◆ Lots are described with care and clarity and reproductions are integral part of descriptions.
- ◆ At Vaccari auctions, no commission is applied to buyers' return prices (generally 20/22%).
- ◆ The lots with Paolo Vaccari initials or signature, regardless of whether they come with or without an expert certificate, are absolutely guaranteed with reference to their description and, among them, those with a value higher than 500.00 euro come with a Vaccari S.r.l. certificate of guarantee free of charge.

In advance, I thank all those who will participate in the auction and who will continue to place their trust in us.

Valeria Vaccari

Vignola, April 2023

Delcampe Suspends All Accounts From 23 US States and DC

On Friday, April 28, the online marketplace, Delcampe.net sent out email notifications to registered users from 23 states, Washington DC, and Puerto Rico that, effective immediately, their accounts had been closed, due to the US Supreme Court ruling, in 2018, in the case of [South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.](#), that states have the right to collect sales tax on purchases made by residents of the state from businesses located outside of the state.

The email message stated, in part, "We are sorry that we can no longer offer our services for the moment, and we hope to be able to see you on our website in the future, once it will be adapted."



Along with Washington, DC and Puerto Rico, the 23 states affected are: AK Alaska, AR Arkansas, DC District of Columbia, GA Georgia, HI Hawaii, IL Illinois, IN Indiana, KY Kentucky, LA Louisiana, MD Maryland, MI Michigan, MN Minnesota, NC North Carolina, NE Nebraska, NJ New Jersey, NV Nevada, OH Ohio, RI Rhode Island, SD South Dakota, UT Utah, VA Virginia, VT Vermont, WV West Virginia, and WY Wyoming.

Many registered Delcampe users were blind-sided by the action, finding themselves suddenly locked out of their accounts, upon trying to log in. Delcampe is waiving any outstanding debts to Delcampe faced by any of the affected users. Affected users must also contact Delcampe Customer Support, to arrange for payment of any credit due from Delcampe, such as any cash balance in a customer's Delcampe Pay account. Any automatic proxy bids on auctions not yet closed were cancelled.

This is an example of yet another government regulation which inordinately impacts small businesses, which include all online stamp dealers, save for a very few of the largest who do not depend on multi-seller sales platforms such as Delcampe to sell their goods.

For stamp collectors who rely on that site to find issues which are difficult to find in the US, it is hoped that Delcampe implements the collecting of sales tax and restores all suspended accounts soon.



New Member Announcements

Sanford Weiss is the owner of NY Stamps and Ephemera. He started selling stamps online after retiring, in 2019. He was selling antiques, stamps, and ephemera on another site for three years, before becoming disillusioned with it, and moved his store to HipStamp in March 2022. His stock comes from an extensive accumulation of stamps he inherited from his father.

Sanford applied for IPDA membership after reading posts about it on the HipStamp Forum.

He specializes in worldwide stamps, Cinderellas, and poster stamps, and is a member of the [Poster Stamp Collectors Club](#).

His HipStamp store can be found here: [New York Stamps and Ephemera / HipStamp](#)

His IPDA member number is 443, and he offers a 20% discount to IPDA members.

He can be contacted by email at: sandmannusa@verizon.net



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Michael Generali is a former IPDA member who is once again a current member. He operates a store on HipStamp called [The Online Stamp Shop](#), and he offers a 10% discount to IPDA members. His contact email is: michael78651@gmail.com

Michael started selling stamps as the "M" Trading Company, in Syracuse, New York, in 1978. After moving to Texas, he opened the internet store The Online Stamp Shop, in 1996. He merged his store with the online Awardmasters, and later moved to StampWants (later known as BidStart), and now HipStamp.

Michael has a couple of noteworthy items to mention: He sold the 1 millionth item on StampWants on May 18, 2009. And, he was one of the lucky collectors to find one of the 100 right-side-up Inverted Jenny souvenir sheets, produced by the US Postal Service in 2013.

In addition to his philatelic activities, Michael enjoys model railroading, and is a published author of two books, [Seasons: Of Fantasies and Dreams](#) and [The Whit Chapel Fog](#).



Above: The prized Uninverted Jenny found by Michael Generali.

Left: Michael Generali, in front of the McNeil, TX post office from which the uninverted Jenny sheet was purchased.