

STAMPS

SOUTH AFRICA

VOLUME 4 - ISSUE 1 - JANUARY 2024
A bi-monthly Newsletter

KEEPING IN TOUCH

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PFSA



May the new year bring continued success, health,
friendship and many philately pleasures

Happy New Year

PAGE:

- 2 **UPDATE:** PFSA News, Stamp Exhibitions, Society News
- 9 **WHERE TO FIND STAMPS:** Stamp Fairs, Auctions, SAPDA Dealers
- 11 **WANTED:** Stamps, Offers, Information
- 12 **HISTORY AND PHILATELY:** Foreign Post Office on SA Territory
- 13 **EXPERT:** Ho, Ho, Ho!
- 14 **I COLLECT WHAT I WANT:** Transvaal V.R.I. Overprints
- 16 **RSA PHILATELIC FIRSTS:** 75th Anniversary of SAA
- 17 **SAPO CORPORATE PRODUCTS:** Hallmark/Ithuba Envelopes
- 20 **SOMETHING TO LOOK FOR:** Springbok Rugby
- 22 **NEW ISSUES:** Botswana and Namibia
- 23 **WORTH KNOWING:** PFSA Affiliated Societies

WELCOME
2024

PO Box 53001, Wierda Park, 0149: Editor: André du Plessis RDPSA, pfsastamps@gmail.com

UPDATE

Jan 2024

Please note that all underlined phrases in blue contains link which can be opened by clicking on it.

PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (PFSA)

[Website](#)



[Join us](#)

JOIN US

From beginner through to seasoned collector, you are most welcome to join us and share in all PFSA member benefits.

PFSA management would like to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to Federation and philately in general.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful 2024 surrounded by your precious family. May peace, love and prosperity follow you always.

STAMP NEWS

The SA Post Office has announced a new stamp issue to commemorate the Springbok Rugby Team's achievement of being crowned Rugby World Champions for the fourth time at the 2023 Rugby World Cup in France.

Two stamps, a Standard and International rate will be available from 18 January 2024. See page 19.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There is no doubt that our hobby is changing with fewer collectors having a relative interested in stamps. Don't know what to do with your collection? No one to leave your legacy to?

Let us help you to help keep the hobby alive. You can do this by donating to the Federation or leaving a bequest. (You may elect to be recognised or remain anonymous).

Here are a few ways:

[Bank details](#)

- Make an Electronic Bank Transfer (EFT) to the PFSA bank account, noting your name and the word 'Donation' (your name or anonymous).
- Use PayPal to send money to pfsastamps@gmail.com noting your name and the word 'Donation'
- For non-financial donations please contact the COO, André du Plessis, at pfsastamps@gmail.com
- In your will, naming the Philatelic Federation of South Africa as a beneficiary.

THE SA PHILATELIST

Spend time reading articles from back copies of the journal from 1923 to 1973 available on the website.

[Access publications](#)

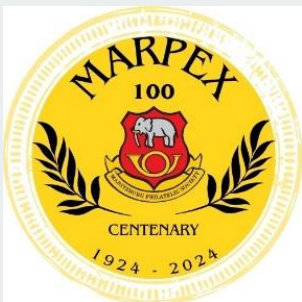
The Edwardian Stamps of the South African Colonies by Brian Trotter RDP, RDPSA has now been uploaded to the members pages on the PFSA website.



NATIONAL STAMP SHOW - 'MARPEX 2024'

9 to 13 July 2024

The 2024 South African National Stamp Show - 'MARPEX 2024' will be hosted by the Maritzburg Philatelic Society.



Venue: Hilton College, Pietermaritzburg.

Entries close: 31 May 2024

Delivery of Exhibits to the Organising Committee: 9 July 2024

Congress: 12 July 2024

[Prospectus 2024](#)

[Entry form 2024](#)

Contact: John Handman - john@radium.co.za

André du Plessis - pfsastamps@gmail.com

The Organising committee is currently in negotiations with Alex Haiman from the USA to exhibit his high esteemed international exhibition *Clash of Empires* at the Stamp show. This exhibit covers the Anglo Zulu War in KZN during 1879.

[Please participate and support the exhibition.](#)

SAVPEX 2024

15 June 2024

South Africa's Ninth Virtual Philatelic Exhibition (SAVPEX), a one-frame exhibition, proudly hosted by the Orange Free State Philatelic Society under the auspices of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa.

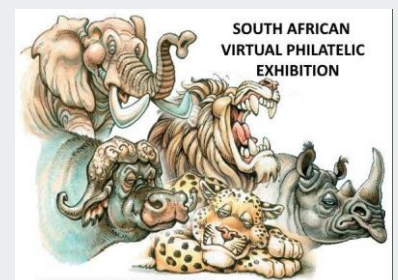
31 May 2024 - Receipt of Entry Form, Description and Payment.

15 June 2024 - Receipt of Uploaded Exhibit.

July 2024 - Announcement of Results, exhibits will be available for viewing on the PFSA website.

[Please participate and support the exhibition.](#)

Contact: Joof van der Merwe - josuav528@gmail.com



SOCIETY NEWS

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

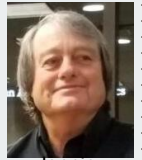
Congratulations to the following two PFSA affiliated members in achieving the milestone of being elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London (FRPSL). Well done!

Andrew Briscoe – Witwatersrand Philatelic Society.

Jannie Hofmeyr – Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town.



Andrew



Jannie



Congratulations to Prof. Keith Klugman RDPSA for receiving a well-deserved honorary doctorate in recognition of his exceptional contributions to global health, specifically in the vital mission of reducing infant mortality from pneumonia.

“The prestigious DSc honoris causa was conferred at the Faculty of Sciences graduation ceremony at Wits University on 14 December 2023, marking a significant milestone in advancing the field and inspiring future generations of health scientists”.

Prof. Klugman is a member of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ZOOM MEETINGS – January 2024

Virtual Monthly meeting: Thursday 11th – 19:00

[Join meeting](#)

Happy Hour: Thursday 25th – 19:00

[Join meeting](#)

Links for February 2024 meetings will be available on the PFSA website:

[Stampssa](#)



HIGHWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The Society held their last meeting for 2023 on 2 December 2023 featuring a one-page theme Christmas stamps and Cinderellas. Good material was shown, and the best went to Peter Wilson.

Dr. Rob McLennan-Smith gave a very interesting and informative presentation about his travel to Namibia and displayed an exhibit about most of the known “Birds of Namibia”. An interesting surprise was that he also showed photos of the birds and their habitats that he took himself.

The meeting concluded with the annual “bring and eat”. The committee would like to thank every member for their contributions during the year, wishing all a wonderful 2024.

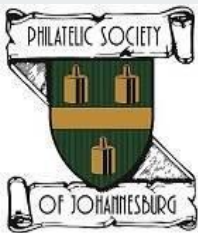


Peter Wilson and Frik Booyse



Dr. Rob McLennan-Smith

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF JOHANNESBURG



The Society held its last meeting of the year on 15 November 2023. There were 17 members and 2 visitors in attendance at what was the best attended meeting of the year and indeed the best in the past 4 years.

Starting in February 2023, meetings were moved from the evenings to the afternoons. This was mainly prompted by loadshedding becoming a daily occurrence. Attendance numbers showed this was a very popular move and it will continue. It was not just the attendance that was good, but also the number and variety of items of interest and exhibits presented.

Despite a steady decline in membership, the Society continues to be active and successful with members having a wide and interesting range of collecting interests. Five members who exhibited at Stampshow 2023 made the Society proud by receiving awards ranging from the Grand Prix to Silver awards. A sad loss during the year was the passing of the oldest member, Andrew Botma, who was in his late 90's. Andrew was an active and valued member until the end of his 57 years membership. The management and members are looking forward to continuing 2024 and hope to be fortunate enough to welcome new members to join and enjoy what the society and hobby is all about.

EDENVALE PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The October 2023 theme "Fruit and veg" elicited a cornucopia of material and especially *Grapes into wine* (Enophilately = Wine on Stamps!), and *Don't eat the poisoned mushrooms* (Mycophilately = Mushroom on Stamps!).

The "Black and White" theme showcased the 2019 French mini sheet with a black Ceres stamp to commemorate the 1849 stamp which showed Ceres, the goddess of harvest, with grape clusters in her hair covering her ears;



2014 SA Pop Music; 2011 Rugby World Cup (All Blacks won!); and the different types of Zebras.

Items of Interest for the November meeting included Collectable Cigarette Cards from about 1939 which could be put in an Album which had information about the cards (the albums were Paintings, Birds and one for Animals; a Zeppelin cover posted 26 October 1934 to Buenos Aires; Cinderellas for the SA 1910 Exhibition; Airmail stickers of the World; and a P.O.W. WW2 Aerogram from Italy to SA.



The Christmas theme showcased Christmas Island; Christmas FDC's from Malawi and Botswana, those of the UK from 1966 to early 2000's; and the New Zealand Christmas issues of Paintings from 1960.

This was the Society's last meeting for the year and the next one will be the AGM on 27 January 2024.

WITWATERSRAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society ended the year on a high note with the presidents evening and cocktail bar that was attended by 16 members.

Guest speaker of the evening was Annie Hay who presented a fabulous presentation '*The Oracle of Delphi - Geology's Role in Ancient Prophecy*'.



Guest speaker Annie Hay with Wits president Herbie Schäffler

Guests were transported back in time and learned a lot about the way of life in Delphi as well as the importance of the landscape.



Delphi has what they call Karst Geology. (*Karst is a topography formed from the dissolution of soluble carbonate rocks such as limestone, dolomite, and gypsum. It is characterized by features like poljes above and drainage systems with sinkholes and caves underground. It has also been documented for more weathering-resistant rocks, such as quartzite, given the right conditions*).

It covers a lot of technical information, but the bottom line is that the geological system comprises limestone sediments and cracks in the surface lead to gaseous emissions.

These gasses then render the Oracle in a trans like state and it is in this state that the Oracle makes predictions or gives answers to the priests.

Dating back to 1400 BC, the Oracle of Delphi was the most important shrine in all Greece, and in theory all Greeks respected its independence. Built around a sacred spring, Delphi was considered being the omphalos - centre (literally navel) - of the world.

People came from all over Greece and beyond to have their questions about the future answered by the Pythia, the priestess of Apollo.

Her answers, usually cryptic, could determine the course of everything from when a farmer should plant his seedlings, to when an empire should declare war.

A very informative presentation indeed!



Bucharest, Romania

17 to 20 April 2024.

Entries have closed.

Joof van der Merwe has been appointed as Commissioner - josuav528@gmail.co

PAARLSE FILATELISTE VERENIGING



On Saturday 2 December the Society held its last meeting for 2023 that ended with a member auction.

In retrospect, the Society had a very successful year. All meetings were well attended by members where they enjoyed various stamp activities, such as interaction with other collectors sharing their collections, videos, discussions, and trading.

Both the committee and members are looking forward to 2024 with the challenge of planning the 2025 National Exhibition.

The activities were concluded with an enjoyable social braai for members and their spouses/partners.



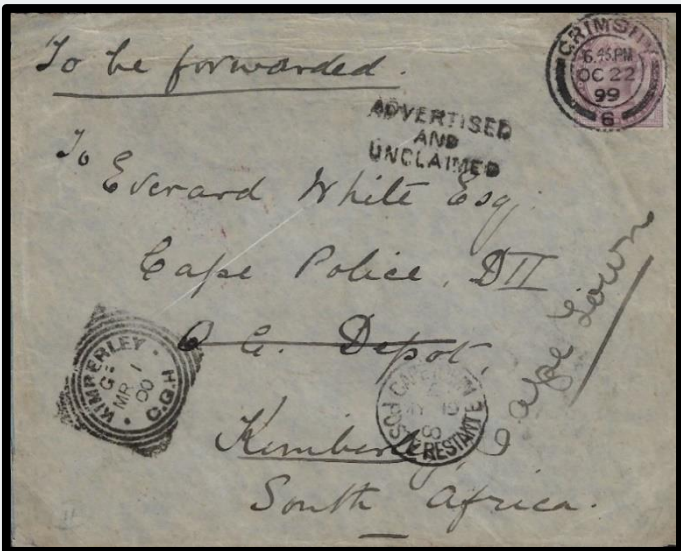
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN (RPSCT)

It has been an incredible year of fantastic exhibits at the Royal. Each meeting begins with a book review, many of which found their way into the SA Philatelist.

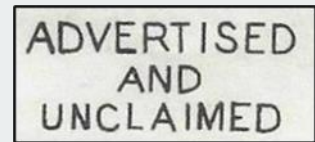


One of the last exhibits was by Roddy Sparks who showed a variety of **Advertised and Unclaimed Letters**, an example shown on left.

Undelivered letters were accumulated and periodically a list of such was published in the Government Gazette. If still not claimed, they were handsamped. "ADVERTISED AND UNCLAIMED" and kept for a few months. (Goldblatt p 160).



Scan of Returned Letter Office, Cape Town handstamp at back dated MY 29 00



Cachet image ex Goldblatt RL020

We look forward to another great year in 2024 with an auction on 12 February 2024.

We also plan on a bourse at the Athenaeum on the 8 April 2024 which will be great fun with many exciting items!

An auction list is available from Victor Millard at: millardvg@gmail.com

SOCIETIES OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA

ORANGE FREE STATE STUDY CIRCLE



At the Southern Africa Societies Conference in Meriden, England, in November 2023, Michael Smith FRPSL, Chairman of the OFS Study Circle was delighted to be presented with the Manfred Weinstein Memorial Medallion by the President, Richard Stroud RDPSA.

The award was made at the 85th Congress of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa on 13 October 2023.

The December 2023 Orange Free State Bulletin includes an auction listing of a range of OFS/ORC material with an end date in February. We welcome new members.

Contact: Richard-stroud@outlook.com

[OFS website](#)

ANGLO-BOER WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The new Secretary, Alan Harley, is settling into this office, while our new Treasurer, Michael Smith FRPSL, officially becomes Treasurer with effect from 1 January 2024.

The December 2023 issue of the Anglo-Boer War Philatelist includes an interesting article entitled Swedes in South Africa during the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 by Bengt Martensson. Contact Alan Harley harla.abw@gmail.com



[ABW Facebook Page](#)

PHILATELIC SOCIETY FOR GREATER SOUTHERN AFRICA (PSGSA)



The Society was rather idle for the past month in anticipation of the Holiday season. Nevertheless the 107th issue of their journal, Forerunners, is about to be distributed and available on the website. The issue features a display of Heidelberg postcards by Carol Hardijzer, a personal view of the stamps of Bophuthatswana by Sheila Case, and a discussion of a newspaper wrapper from British Central Africa by John Courtis.

Anyone interested in receiving an electronic version of this issue is welcome to contact the membership secretary, John McFarlane at piperjohn165@gmail.com. Most of the Society publications are now available as free downloads on the website, or from Amazon.com. The full run of Forerunners is available

from the secretary on a memory stick for a modest price. The past issues are also posted on the PSGSA our website as free downloads.

[PSGSA website](#)

Early in 2023 PSGASA, with Phansi Museum Press, co-published two new books by Franco Frescura on the Cape Postal History. These books have received good reviews in the press (Forerunners and the South African Philatelist). It also received high awards in the literature class at the South African National Exhibition in Midrand (Gold), the Great American Stamp Show at Cleveland, Ohio (Large Gold), and most recently at the Chicagopex (Gold). The books can be obtained either from Amazon.com or directly from the South African publisher by writing to phansi.com for modest prices.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Click here](#) to find assorted *album pages* to download and print.

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATELIE (FIP)

You will find everything you need to know about exhibiting [here](#)

FEDERATION OF INTER-ASIAN PHILATELY (FIAP)

The Asian wing body of the FIP, to promote philately in Asia. Click [here](#)

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LONDON

Founded in 1869, the original collectors' club. A huge online museum and philatelic archive resource. You can find it [here](#)

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY (APS)

The best site for information about the world of philately in the United States. You will find their up-to-date thoughts [here](#)

SPINK AUCTION ARCHIVES

A great repository of what's been bought, sold, and paid for over the years. See their archives [here](#)

THE SIEGEL ENCYCLOPEDIA

Visit the website of Siegel Auction Galleries for their [online encyclopaedia](#) and [auction archive](#)

SANDAFAYRE

One of the world's largest dealers and auctioneers of stamps and related collectables. Click [here](#)

DAVID FELDMAN

Visit the website for their [auction archive](#) and the online [Museum of Philately](#)

LINS'S STAMP NEWS

The world's largest newsmagazine for stamp collectors. Click [here](#)

PHILATELIC SOCIETY FOR GREATER SOUTH AFRICA

Find all you want to know about past and present stamp-issuing entities and areas [here](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN COLLECTORS' SOCIETY

About Southern African Philately. Click [here](#)

THE TRANSVAAL STUDY CIRCLE

For expert knowledge and the study of Transvaal philately. Click [here](#)

RHODESIA STUDY CIRCLE

For all things to do with the philately of the Rhodesia's. Click [here](#)

ORANGE FREE STATE STUDY CIRCLE

For expert knowledge and the study of Transvaal philately. Click [here](#)

SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELY CLUB

Meeting place for collectors of Southern African Stamps, Covers, Postcards and Ephemera. Click [here](#)

[Exploring Stamps](#)

[Stamp World](#)

[Ted Talks Stamps](#)

[Stamp Collecting](#)

[Punk Philatelist](#)

[Stamps with Sara](#)

[Stanley Gibbons](#)

[UK Philately](#)

[The Philatelic Database](#)

[UK Collections](#)

[Stamp Auction Network](#)

[NZ Demon](#)

FACEBOOK

[South African Stamps](#)

[Edenvale Philatelic Society](#)

[R.S.A. Posseels](#)

[Atlas Auctioneers](#)

[ZAR & Transvaal Philately](#)

[Rhodesia Study Circle](#)

[Stamps Friend](#)

[Cape Stamp Fair](#)

[Southern African Stamps & Postal History](#)

[Philatelic Federation of South Africa](#)

[Southern Africa Revenue Stamp Collectors](#)

[Stamp Club \(South Africa Only\)](#)

SA INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITING RESULTS, 2023

Congratulations to the exhibitors for the excellent results achieved.
You made us proud!

Also, a special word of thanks to the SA delegations who flew our flag at all the events.

Auckland, New Zealand, 4 – 7 May

(Commissioner: Ian Matheson RDPSA FRPSL)

Hugh Amoore RDPSA FRPSL: *SA Postal Rates and Charges in the Period of Union* - Large Vermeil.
Vic Sorour RDPSA: *South Africa, Protea Definitive Series* - Vermeil
Joof van der Merwe: *The plating of the 3rd RSA definitive series (Proteas)* - Vermeil.
Andrew McLaren: *Galloping German Inflation Period 15 Dec 1922 to 30 Nov 1923* - Silver
One frames:
Danna Strydom: *The V.R.I. overprints on Transvaal postage stamps* - 88 Points.
Neil Cronje RDPSA: *Postage Due Stamps of the Transvaal* - 86 Points.
Andre du Plessis RDPSA: *Life and Times of Chinese Indentured Workers on the Rand* - 81 Points.
Lourence Erasmus: *Sending money home, SA to Sekakes, January to September 1973* - 75 Points.



IBRA 2023, Essen, 25 – 28 May

(Commissioner: Francois Friend)

Emil Bührmann RDPSA: *Cape of Good Hope – the Hope rectangular design during the Victorian Period* - Large Gold
Francois Friend: *King George V stamps of St Helena (1912 - 1937)* - Gold
Ian Matheson RDPSA FRPSL: *Revenue Stamps of Cape of Good Hope issued from 1864 to 1896* - Gold.
Francois Friend: *Succulents* - Silver bronze
One frames:
Chavah Barit: *Swaziland, decimal overprints 1961* - 77 Points
Gernot Osthoff: *The paper types of the first Erica postcard series of RSA* - 76 Points.



Taipei 2023, 11 – 15 August

(Commissioner: Victor Millard)

Hugh Amoore RDPSA FRPSL: *How the Cape Treated Official Mail 1800-1910 92* - Gold.
Ian Matheson RDPSA FRPSL: *Entertainment Tax in Great Britain* - Gold.
Joof van Der Merwe: *The ½d. Springbok of the Union of South Africa* - Large Vermeil.
Vic Sorour RDPSA: *South African Protea Definitive Series* - Large Vermeil.
One frames:
Gila Orkin: *Namibia, The overprints of the 2000's and their origin* - 70 Points.
Avi Barit: *Basutoland, The 1961 Decimal Overprints* - 80 Points.



Sharjah 2023, 14 - 18 November

(Commissioner: Joof van der Merwe)

Howard Green RDPSA: *The Stamps of Sudan 1897 - 1951* - Large Vermeil.
Victor Millard: *The 2½c Groot Constantia value of the 1961 - 1971 First RSA Definitive* - Large Vermeil.
Avi Barit: *Lesotho - 1981 - 1988 Birds on Stamps* - Silver.
One frames:
Emil Bührmann RDPSA: *Transvaal Postage Due usage during the early Union years* - 95 Points.
Neil Cronje RDPSA: *South West postage due 1972 - 1991* - 81 Points.



Thailand 2023, 27 November – 2 December

(Commissioner: Emil Minnaar RDPSA)

Emil Bührmann RDPSA: *Cape of Good Hope, The Last Ten Years* - Gold.
Ian Matheson RDPSA FRPSL: *Penalty Stamps of South Africa* - Large Vermeil.
Vernon Mitchell: *Port Elizabeth: A Compendium of Postcards* - Silver.
One frames:
André du Plessis RDPSA: *Chinese Indentured Workers on the Rand - 1904 to 1910* - 82 Points.
Emil Minnaar RDPSA: *Israel 1949 Flag issue* - 81 Points.
Neil Cronje RDPSA: *Postal Stationery of Southern Nigeria* - 78 Points.
• Neil was also elected to serve on the FIAP Executive Board.



WHERE TO FIND STAMPS

STAMP FAIRS

CAPE STAMP FAIR: Usually first Saturday, every month. **Bellville Valley DRC Hall**, c/o Postma & St Andrews Streets, Bellville. 09:00 - 12:30.

Contact: Robert Harm, robertharm9@gmail.com
Ken Joseph, ken@philatelicfriends.com

PRETORIA STAMP FAIR: First Saturday, every month. **Greek Orthodox Church Hall**, corner Roper St and Lynwood Rd, Brooklyn. Open 08:30 with auction at 10:30.

Contact: Paul van Zyl, randstamps@gmail.com

KYALAMI STAMP FAIR: Second Saturday every month. **Kyalami Country Club**, 433 Maple Rd, Kyalami AH, Midrand. Open 08:00 with auction at 10:30.

Contact: Kenny Napier, kenny.napier@mweb.co.za
Clinton Goslin, atlasauctioneers@lantic.net

EAST RAND STAMP FAIR: Last Saturday, every month. **Edenvale Bowling Club**, 6th Avenue, Edenvale. Open: 08:00 with Auction at 10:00.

Contact: Kenny Napier, kenny.napier@mweb.co.za

KZN: SUNBIRD STAMP AUCTION: Last Sunday of the month. 1st Hillcrest Scout Hall, 16 Shortlands Avenue, Hillcrest. 09:00 to 13:00.

Contact: Kim Breytenbach, sunbird.stampauction@gmail.com

NATAL FAIR: Second and last Saturday, every month. **Classic Motorcycle Club**, 137 Tara Road, Bluff, Durban. Open: From 09:00.

Contact: Zbigniew Kawecki, z.kawecki57@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONS

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandafayre Ltd.: 3 January 2024• Downeast Stamps: 3 January 2024• Universal Philatelic Auctions: 9 January 2024• Cherrystone Auctions: 9-10 Jan 2024• Dutch Country Auctions: 9-11 January 2024• Mowbray Collectables: 10 January 2024• Raritan Stamps, Inc.: 10-11 January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stampedia: 13 January 2024• Maresch & Son: 17 January 2024• Le Timbre: 24 January 2024• Le Timbre: 24 January 2024• Vance Auctions: 24 January 2024• Nordphila e.K.: 29 January 2024 |
|--|---|

PRIZES REALISED

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Reinhard Fischer Auktionen: 1 December 2023• Paradise Valley Stamp Co.: 1 December 2023• Modern Stamps, Inc.: 2 December 2023• Nordphila e.K.: 4 December 2023• Kelleher and Rogers Ltd.: 5 December 2023• Cavendish Phil Auctions: 5-7 December 2023• Mowbray Collectables: 6 December 2023• abacus auctions: 6-8 December 2023• Kelleher and Rogers Ltd.: 6 December 2023• Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions: 7 December 2023• Status International: 7 December 2023• Golden Oak: 8-9 December 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enchères Champagne Auctions: 9-10 December 2023• Schuyler J. Rumsey: 11-13 December 2023• ROUMET Philatélie: 12 December 2023• Ceres Philatelie: - 12 December 2023• Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions: 12-13 December 2023• BEHR Philatelie: 14 December 2023• Schuyler J. Rumsey: 14 December 2023• Schuyler J. Rumsey: 14 December 2023• Dutch Country Auctions: 14 December 2023• Paradise Valley Stamp Co.: 15 December 2023• Soler y Llach Stamps: 18-19 December 2023 |
|--|--|

SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELIC DEALERS ASSOCIATION (SAPDA)



GAUTENG

Alan Donaldson (+27) 011 788 9585
frankie@frankie-d.co.za
Pierre van Ryneveld

Atlas Auctioneers
Clinton Goslin (+27) 083 272 9367
atlasauctioneers@lantic.net
Pretoria

Clive King
Clive King (+27) 082 411 1043
clive.s.king@gmail.com
Pretoria

Cosmo Philatelics,
Dennis Cominos
dncom@mweb.co.za
Silverton

DM Philatelics
Domenicao Martino (+27) 083 564 4601
dmpilatelics@gmail.com
Cramerview

Doreen Royan & Associates (Pty) Ltd
Doreen Royan (+27) 011 706 1920
royan@icon.co.za
Sloane Park www.doreenroyan.com

Gideon Froneman
Gideon Froneman (+27) 078 158 3693
quantumsecserv@gmail.com
Pretoria

Kenny Napier Stamps
Kenny Napier (+27) 083 444 0249
kenny.napier@mweb.co.za
Johannesburg

Mr Thematic
Chris Bennett (+27) 082 566 3378
chrisb@asapcc.co.za
Honeydew

Pierre Kriegler
Pierre Kriegler (+27) 083 327 2953
pkrstamps@gmail.com
Weltevreden Park

Rand Stamps Auctions
Paul van Zeyl (+27) 012 329 2464
randstamps@gmail.com
Queenwood www.rand-stamps.co.za

RXR Stamps
Xavier Laubscher (+27) 081 518 4553
Sundowner Ext 12

Willie Kruger (+27) 082 578 6879
cgh.stamps@gmail.com
Lynnwood Ridge

KWA ZULU NATAL

Philatelic Friends
Ken Joseph (+27) 072 597-1287
ken@philatelicfriends.com
Wartburg

EASTERN CAPE

John Bracey
john@rsastamps.co.za
(+27) 072 104 4640

Johnson Philatelics
Richard Johnson, (+27) 041 583 3159,
rj@johnson.co.za
Summerstrand www.johnson.co.za

Stamp's Friend
Francois Friend, (+27) 082 554 8900
francois@stampsfriend.co.za
Emerald Hill www.stampsfriend.com

WESTERN CAPE

Crocker & Wigmore
Michael Wigmore (+27) 082 522 9850
dcrocker@lando.co.za
Montagu

Janssen Stamps
Volker Janssen, (+27) 021 786 1548
janssenp@iafrica.com
Simons Town www.janssenstamps.com

SWITZERLAND

Filat AG
Richard Johnson (+41) 079 444 4109
rj@filat.ch
Switzerland www.filat.ch

Philaclassica AG
Martin Eichele (+41) 061 261 7379
info@philaclassica.ch
Switzerland www.philaclassica.ch

UNITED KINGDOM

Argyll Etkin Limited
Adam Cooke (+44) 020 7930 6100
argylletkin@yahoo.co.uk
United Kingdom www.argyll-etkin.com

D Morrison Ltd (+44) 016 6682 2055
africonect@aol.com
Malmesbury www.forpostalhistory.com

John & Mark Taylor
Mark Taylor (+44) 020 7226 1503
markjtaylor@btinternet.com
London

Ritchie Bodily
Gerald Bodily (+44) 020 8255 1219
rbcollect@yahoo.co.uk
Richmond

Spink
Ian Shapiro (+44) 7979 206505
ishapiro@spink.com
London www.spink.com

WANTS, OFFERS AND EXCHANGE

Nati Becker's book "The Overprinted Stamps of South West Africa to 1930". (Prepared to pay for the book).
From: Danie van Zyl. **Email:** danie@worldstamps.co.za

Postally used RSA Stamps (not cto or mint) assorted from 2000 wanted for a project. **From:** Danny Khoury 082 926 7991. **Email:** dannyhour@gmail.com (082 926 7991).

Collections of GB Queen Victoria stamps; Mail related to GB Wars in Africa up to 1900; Mauritius maritime mail up to 1905. **From:** Andrew Briscoe. **Email:** andrew@briscoe.co.bw

Full page scan of the 1937 Union of South Africa 1/- Coronation of King George VI stamps. **From** André du Plessis. **Email:** andredupfs@gmail.com

World War 2 South African Post Office telegrams that received 'passed by censor + a number' cachets. Interested in the location where these were received and censored. **From:** Jim Findlay.
Email: agrecon.rsa@gmail.com (Tel 079-141-2364).

Information on the 1913 and 1914 strike Postcards to list and established how many were printed. This includes the cards without publisher, or anything printed at the back. Please send description of cards, front and back. **From** André du Plessis. **Email:** andredupfs@gmail.com

Collector want to sell his private stamp collection. The collection has approximately 11 500 stamps classified in 9 albums (AFRICA, ASIA, special RUSSIA (Soviet Union), EUROPE-1, EUROPE-2, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA, OCEANIA) classified by country and years. Included is a summary of all stamps classified by country, year, value, colour and/used. **From:** Miguel Pérez. **Email:** mipecu6016@gmail.com

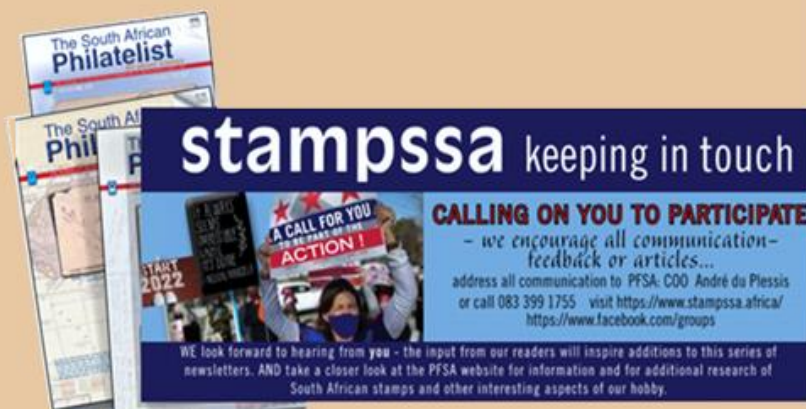
Information and covers: RSA postal stationery, envelopes 1992 to 1995, incorporating Hallmark, ITHUBA and brown covers/envelopes. **From:** Gawie Hugo. **Email:** gawiehugo@gmail.com (Tel 083 956 2410).

Censor Marks of the ABW by Peter Prime. **From:** Clive Carr. **Email:** carr.clive@gmail.com

Early meter stamps from various countries especially Africa. **From:** Bernard Lachat (Consilium Philateliae Helveticae). **Email:** bernard.lachat@bluewin.ch

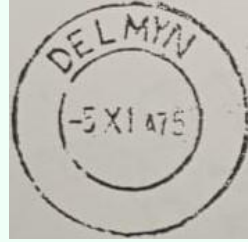
Morley Bright Inst-A-Tector + Stamp Colour Chart – New or 2nd hand. **From:** Kalie Van Niekerk
Email: kalie@advisure.co.za

Covers from S.A. AGULHAS II's 2019 and/or 2022 expeditions to the Wendell Sea to search for Shackleton's Endurance. **From:** Dennis W. Gill **Email:** denny.gill@gmail.com



HISTORY & PHILATELY

Foreign Post Office on SA territory

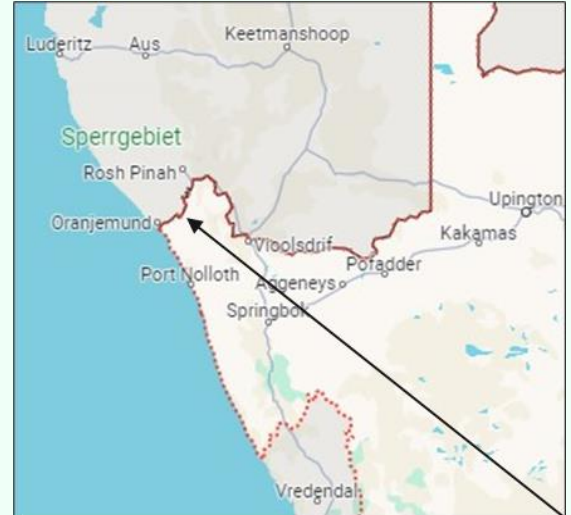


The Delmyn Post Office was on South African soil but resorted under the South West African Postal Administration.

Delmyn is a small mining village on the south bank of the Orange River on South African territory (See map). Mails were routed via Rosh Pinah to Keetmanshoop (SWA).

It opened as a telegraph and phone agency on 27 November 1972 and on 15 August 1973 as a Postal agency. It was placed under SWA control because it turned out to be a more suitable arrangement for administrative purposes.

According to a 1979 Post Office Bulletin the post office closed in October 1978. Putzel pointed out that this office probably closed at least twice and that the final closing date was 30 June 1986. This is confirmed in a Post Office Bulletin dated October 1986.



As it was geographically situated in the Republic of South Africa, but listed under SWA, the agency was allowed to sell and use only South African postage stamps. The postal authorities of both countries agreed that Delmyn could keep a stock of South African stamps that were supplied to Delmyn through the Lüderitz Post Office.

There were no other post offices in South Africa which fell under the SWA postal administration and where South African stamps were to prepay postage on postal articles.



Registered cover posted from Delmyn to Johannesburg on 14 November 1977, correctly franked with South African stamps.

The cover was routed via Rosh Pinah (SWA) to Keetmanshoop on 18 November 1977

Thanks to Gerhard Kamffer RDPSA for sharing the information and postal item.

Reference: *The Postmarks of SA* by Ralph Putzel, June 1992, Vol 2. Pp 279, Pretoria: and Ralph Putzel, *Postmarks of SWA*, p. 25, Pretoria.

EXPERT COMMITTEE

HO, HO, HO!

In the middle of some end of the year tidying up and repainting, Andre phones to remind me I owe him some 'newsletter thoughts' by the end of the week. PVA and philately are not a great mix, so I'll take a break from one to do the other. (Paint fumes giving me a headache anyway).

With the Expert Committee, every now and again, you are confronted with something that falls outside the boundaries of your normal day-to-day work experience. Earlier this month an enquiry arrived that included, quite simply: "Are you guys any good with watermarks?"

Well, I would hope so and went back with a: "Shouldn't be a problem. What have you got?"

Expecting the usual array of Republic First Definitives with the Coat of Arms, the RSA's in rounded triangle, the RSA's tête-bêche, and so on, that needed sorting out...

It transpired that what is stumping this collector, is Argentinean issues from a period extending from 1864 (the 'Rivadavias' era) until around 1970, a long time!

It's quite a few years since I worked on a number of these issues but, if my memory serves me well, there are more than just a few paper types to identify and an even a better range of watermarks with which to contend. Some of these are the same basic design varying only in measurement.

It's a challenging but most enjoyable area to study and I would recommend that you have a look at the ranges of possibility if you come across a relevant catalogue. I had better start giving myself a refresher course to get myself back up to speed in case this submission comes to pass.

'The best laid plans' sometimes fizzle out, and often do, over the Christmas / New Year interval and the collector comes back to you in January to tell you there's a change of heart and:- "I've decided that perhaps I'll look at my 'Canada' this year instead." Thus, you finish with an up-to-date Argentine reference, and you get a stockcard of Canadian Admirals and a semi-official air mail that need certification.

Ho, ho, ho such is life!

From your Expert Committee - good health and active, enjoyable collecting for the coming year.

Michael Wigmore RDPSA.

(Using 'PFSA ExCo' as a subject, e-mail enquiries to us on dcrocker@lando.co.za)



PHILAKOREA 2024

Seoul, South Korea

The Exhibition that was planned for August 2024 is unfortunately postponed till 2025.

I collect what I like

Transvaal V.R.I. Overprints

Danna Strydom - Witwatersrand Philatelic Society
dstrydom@icon.co.za



I started collecting the V.R.I. overprints of the 2nd occupation of Transvaal as part of a broader Transvaal collection and was fortunate to quickly acquire several small accumulations.

It seemed a great topic for a one frame exhibit and from there I just had to have every V.R.I. item that I did not already have in the collection. Only one variety has so far eluded me.

This issue is best summed up by a quotation from Curle and Basden (1940):

“There are collectors and dealers who class the VRI as ‘rubbish’. To the authors of this book, on the contrary, they are a first-class issue. They are full of the choicest errors; and our thanks go out to those obliging, but reprehensible persons who must have seen them in proof yet withheld their hands.”

Pretoria was occupied by Lord Roberts for the British on 5 June 1900 and Maj. Gen. J.G. Maxwell was appointed as military governor. Within two weeks the British opened civilian post offices.

Existing stock of the stamps of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek were overprinted "V.R.I." in a straight line, under the supervision of a printer of known integrity, whom the military governor recruited from the Cape Town Printing Works. The overprinted stamps became available from 18 June 1900 and although they were superseded in 1901, their use continued for several years after that.

The first printing covered all the twelve issued values and subsequent printings only included values as required. Although the issue was relatively short lived, three categories of varieties emerged.



The first challenge facing a collector is to distinguish the unauthorised reprints, because this issue like many other Transvaal issues was plagued by forgeries and unauthorised reprints made for Mirza Hadi, around 1913. Fortunately, this is a relatively simple two-step process.



Firstly, the underlying stamp needs to be confirmed and then the overprint.

The genuine stamp (*Fig 1a*) can be distinguished from the reprint (*Fig 2a*) by looking at the back of the basic stamp. The genuine has darker and more toned gum.

Full stops of the genuine overprint are more worn, not perfectly round and slightly below the letters (*Fig 1b*). The reprint overprint is perfect with round full stops in line with the V.R.I. letters (*Fig 2b*).



Fig. 1a & b:
Genuine overprint

However, the ultimate test is to compare the perforation holes. The perforator combs used in 1913, when the reprints were produced, differ from those used in 1896 for the genuine stamps. More detail can be obtained from a series of articles by Criddle (1972).



Fig. 2a & b:
Reprint overprint

The **first category** of varieties originated from settings and only the first of these is listed by Stanley Gibbons.

The first setting had the very rare "V.I.R." (*Fig.3*) which occurred at position 34 (4th column of the 4th row) only on the 1/2d, 2d and 4d values.



Fig. 3: "V.I.R."
instead of V.R.I.

The "V.I.R" was soon fixed but instead introduced a dropped "I" (Fig.4) at position 34 in the next setting. This variety is found on all values up to 2s6d.

Other setting varieties are the skeletal or lined "R" (Fig. 5) at position 55 (5th column of 6th row), found on ½d, 1d, 2d, 1s, and 2s6d values and:-

The large full stop after "I" at position 59. The large full stop after "I" is found on all values up to the 1s (Fig. 6).



Fig.4: Dropped "I".



Fig. 5: Lined "R".



Fig. 6: Large full stop ((Stamp at bottom left)



Fig. 7: Rectangle between "V" and "R"

The **second category** of varieties are developing varieties stemming from forme wear and movement.

The rarest of these being the rectangles (quadrants) between "V" and "R" (Fig. 7) and between "R" and "I" (Fig. 8) caused by the blank spacer having risen.

Only a handful of these examples are known.



Fig. 8: Rectangle between "R" and "I"

Also, part of the developing category is the missing full stop variety which developed over time on stamps in the same position on the sheet.



Fig. 9: Development of the missing full stop



Positional blocks of different printings proved that the full stop became progressively less visible in the later printings (Fig. 9).

The 1d is also found with no stop after both "R" and "I".

All the examples seen so far are from position 20 identifiable from a plate flaw.



Fig. 10: Missing letters

Much scarcer than the missing full stops are missing letter varieties (Fig. 10), known only to exist on certain values.

In later printings the "I" (Fig. 11) of the 5th stamp in every row is weak and eventually disappears completely (Strydom and Torres, 2023). Till date, the weak "I" variety is known on ½d, 2d, 6d, 1s and 2s6d values.



Fig. 11: Weak "I"

The **third category** of varieties stems from errors in the printing process. Double overprints (Fig. 12) and several partly omitted overprints due to paper intrusions (Fig. 13).

Misplaced overprints on the back due to paper fold overs (Fig. 14) as well as albino (missing) overprint (Fig. 15) and under-inked overprints are known.



Fig. 12: Double overprint



Fig. 13: Missing overprint due to paper intrusion



Fig. 14: Overprint on back



Fig. 15: Missing overprint

References

- Criddle, H.M. (1972), The Enschede 121/2 comb perforators (Large Holes), *The Transvaal Philatelist*, Vol 8, No 1, pp.8-30.
 Curle, J.H. and Basden, A.E. (1940), Transvaal Postage Stamps, *The Royal Philatelic Society London*: London, pp. 63-67.
 Strydom,
 D. and Torres, F. (2023), The lined "R" and weak "I" varieties of the V.R.I. issue, *The Transvaal Philatelist*, Transvaal Study Circle.

RSA Philatelic Firsts

75th Anniversary of SAA
13 March 2009

Twelve stamps were issued – Standard Postage and International Airmail Small Letter postage

The six Standard Postage stamps were the first SA stamps to be printed embossed with gold foil.



Sheetlet printed by Joh. Enchede, Haarlem, The Netherlands.

Top from L to R: 1917 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

1917 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

1918 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

1919 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

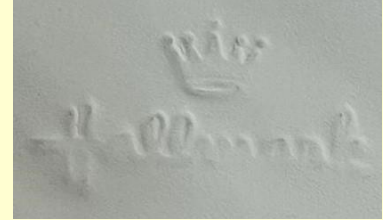
1920 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

1921 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

1922 Captain's Cap and Uniform Insignia

SAPO Corporate Products

Save a trip to the Post Office



In this column of the previous issue, it was mentioned that the first Corporate Product of the South Africa Post Office (SAPO) was a prepaid envelope sold by the Central News Agency (CNA).

This was the first postage prepaid envelope for general use to be produced and sold by another party other than the Post Office.

These postal stationary items (*Fig. 1*) were introduced as a special promotion between SAPO and the Hallmark Group over the 1992 festive season.

The agreement was that the group could print and sell the prepaid envelopes at a discounted postal rate price from their CNA outlets. It follows that sales could be carried over to the next year, provided an increase in postal rates. Covers used then would be taxed accordingly.

SAPO gave Hallmark a discount of 7.5% for the postage of 500 000 envelopes. The amount of R161 875.00 was payable to SAPO on the last day of November 1992. It was also agreed that this printing would be a test run for both parties.

Another administrative requirement was that the authorization, "MD Authorized 1817/92", should be printed on the envelope. This authorization was valid only for this order. Re-application for additional products after December 1992 was a precondition.



Fig. 2: Logo and symbol

The postage was specified by an imprinted service indicator cachet "RSA INLAND POSTAGE PAID/RSA BINNELANDSE POSGELD BETAAL" in upper case with Hallmark logo (crown) and Hallmark Cards symbol below in the centre. The MD authorized number was printed on the left next to it (*Fig. 2*).

An embossed Hallmark logo (crown) was printed on the back flap.

The standard local letter rate in 1992 for internal surface mail was 35c. *Fig 3* shows a postally used cover from Randburg to Cape Town dated 17 December 1992.

The CNA sold five envelopes in a prepack of five for R1.60 (*Fig 4*), a saving in postage for the user of 15c, or 3c per envelope. Effectively the envelope was free.

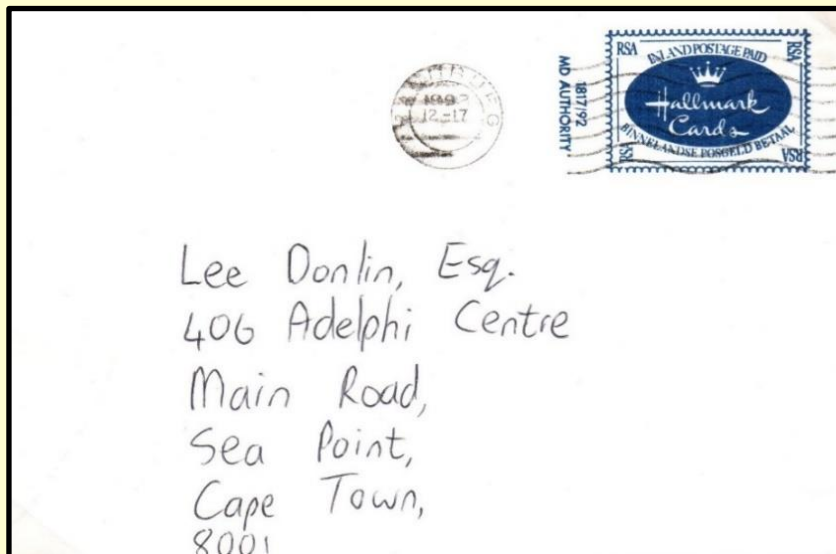


Fig. 3: Used at Randburg

The envelopes were valid for postal usage to any destination in South Africa. Registered, International or any other mail would attract the extra fees as required.

The CNA never placed another order to repeat the exercise.

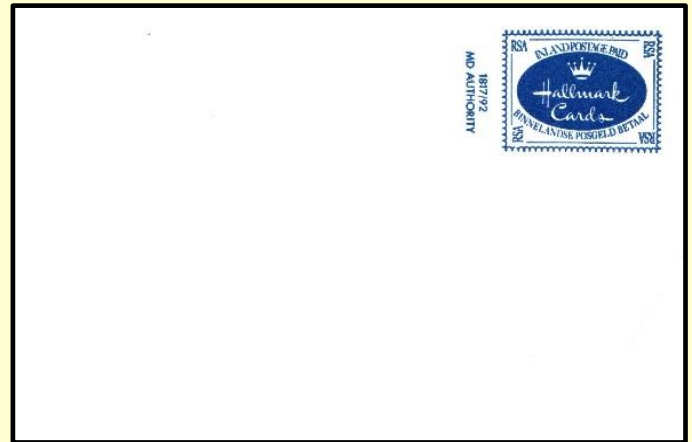


Fig. 1: Unused prepaid envelope



Fig. 4: CNA prepacking

ITHUBA GROUP

In September 1992 the Ithuba Group used postage prepaid envelopes for the Ithuba TV Game Show (ITVGS). The envelopes had a preprinted stamp without a stamp value but with a service indicator in English and Afrikaans indicating the internal postage been paid, the same as with Postcards.

It could be argued that this was the first corporate product by SAPO. The envelopes were from the first production of prepaid envelopes sold by SAPO and obtainable from Post Offices at 45c per envelope while the internal letter rate was 35c.

However, the envelopes had a restricted use only for the ITVGS. The Post Office envelope logo as well as the Game Show's address in blue capital letters was printed on the front (Fig. 5). It was also the first of the SAPO prepaid products.

The postcode 2005 was exclusively used for the ITVGS and without a phosphor band. It was not intended for general use as the CNA envelopes were.

Postage was specified by an imprinted service indicator cachet "GELEENTHEDE, OPPORTUNITIES" and "INLAND POSTAGE PAID/BINNELANDSE POSGELD BETAAL" in upper case and "Republic of South Africa/Republiek van Suid Afrika" in lower case.

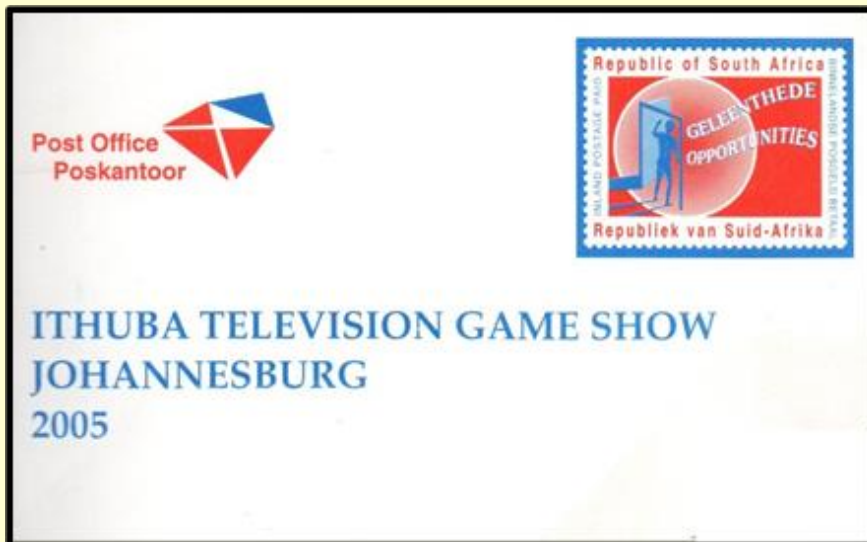


Fig. 5: Cropped image of envelope with printing in capital letters

On the backflap were address lines and a restriction of only one entry per envelope printed (Fig. 6).

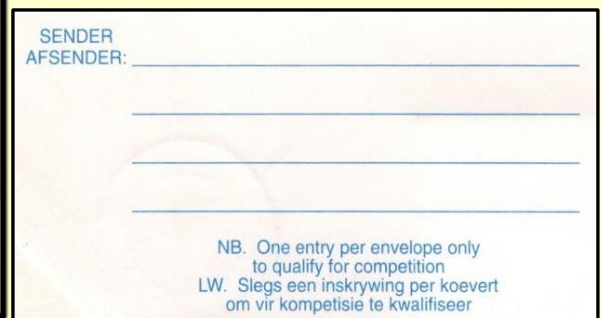


Fig. 6: Printing on back flap

In December 1992, a further printing appeared, also with the Post Office envelope logo. The ITVGS address was again printed in blue but in lower case (*not illustrated*).

A vertical blue phosphor was added to the left of the service indicator.

In early 1993 a similar envelope appeared but with a yellow-green phosphor band applied (Fig 7).

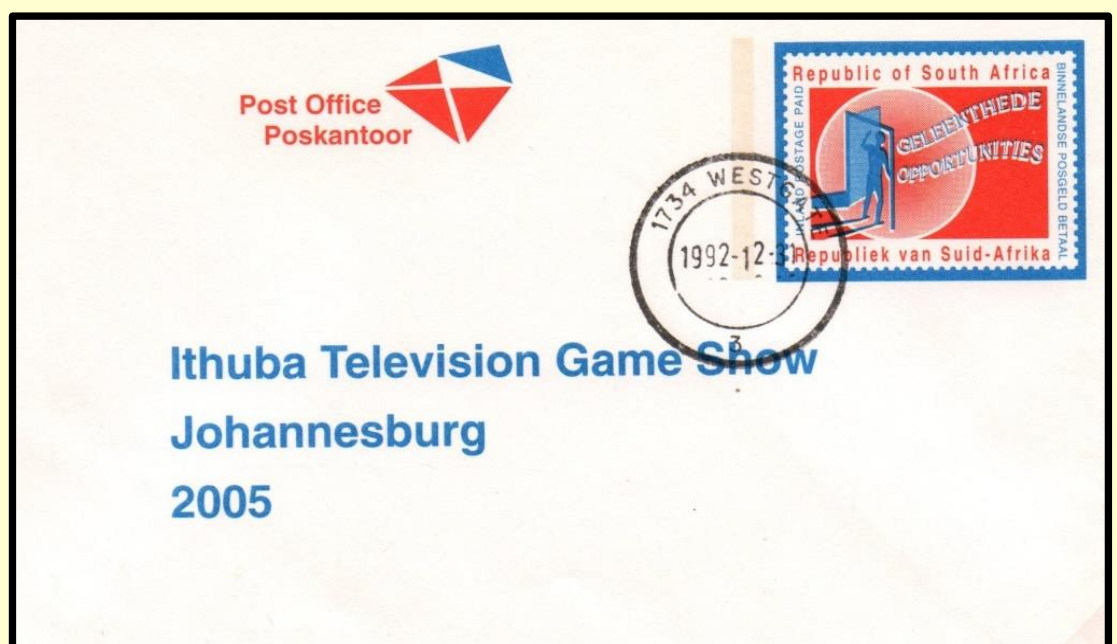


Fig. 7: Used at Westgate on 31 December 1992

In both these issues, the same printing as in Fig 6 was printed at the back.

MORE ITHUBA GROUP COVERS

On 1 April 1993 SAPO expanded its prepaid range and made it available to the public and businesses.

For this service, prepaid envelopes were designed and issued on 1 April 1993. The service indicator cachet, on a brown envelope, was of an African motive against a yellow background and the lettering "South Africa/Suid Afrika" and "Inland Postage Paid /Binnelandse Posgeld Betaal" in lower case. An African motive also appeared in the top left corner and address lines for the addressee were printed on the front (*not illustrated*).

In June 1993 SAPO changed the Ithuba envelopes to the same design as the prepaid products but without the African motive in the top left corner (*Fig. 8*).

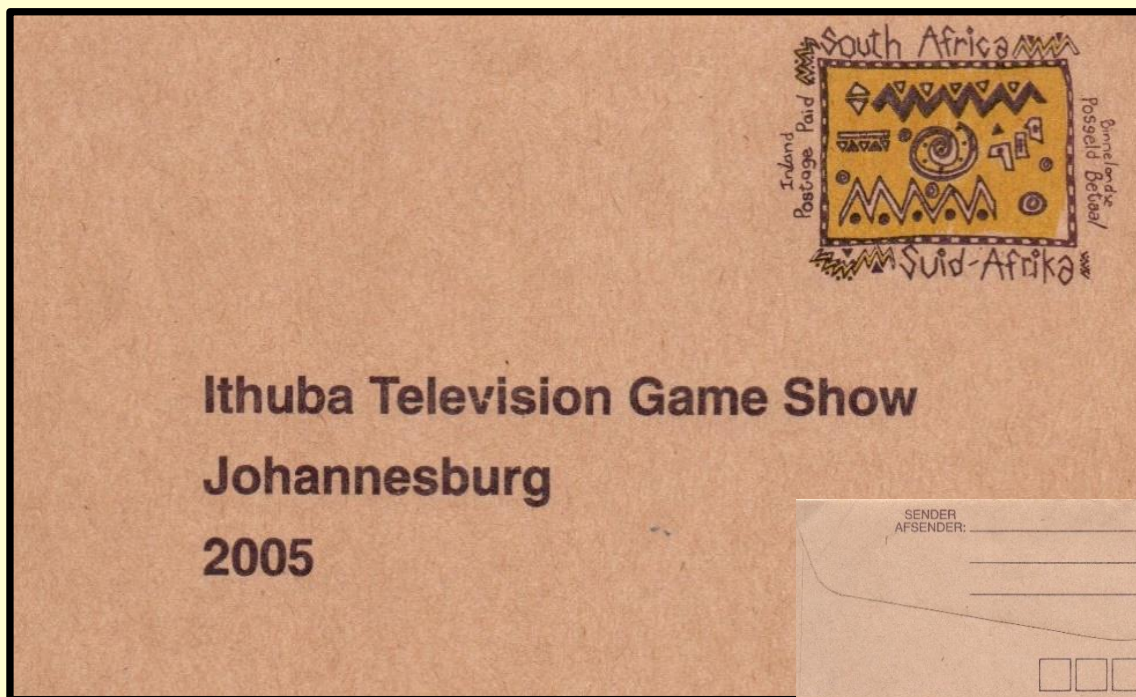


Fig. 8: Unused prepaid envelope

The envelopes were printed on grey-brown paper'

A later printing was printed on light brown paper with a shorter phosphor band.

In August 1994 a similar issue was printed on beige paper.

At the back of all these printings were address lines and a restriction of only one entry per envelope printed, as well as the Post Office Environmental and envelope logos (*Fig. 9*).

Later printings were printed on recycled paper with the Post Office Recycled logo also printed on the back.

In December 1995 SAPO redesign the range of prepaid envelopes, including the Ithuba envelopes.

On a white envelope, the address was printed in blue capital letters and a yellowish phosphor line (*Fig 9*).

The service indicator cachet was changed to a blue triangular "stamp" with "POSTAGE PAID/POSVELD BETAAL - DOMESTIC • BINNELANDSE" printed on the outside border and the Post Office envelope emblem in the centre.

There was no printing at the back of this first print.

In later printings an address line in three lines as well as four small boxes next to each other for the postal code was printed on the back flap.

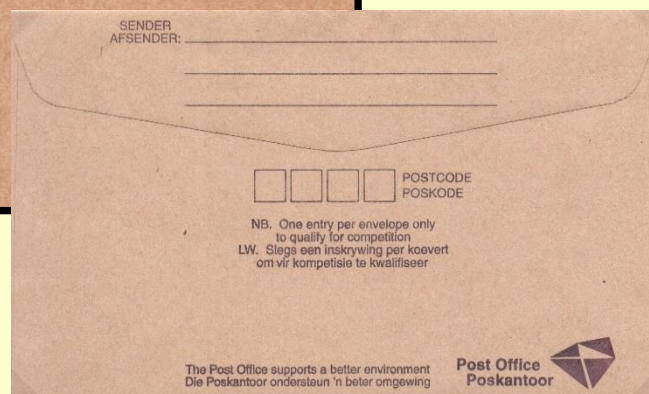


Fig. 9: Cropped image of the back print of the envelopes issued in 1993



Fig. 9: Unused prepaid envelope

In the February edition we will start listing the RSA Miniature Sheets as well as other Corporate Products. Thank you to Gawie Hugo and Victor Millard for sharing information and postal items.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FOR

Springbok Rugby – 4th Time Rugby World Cup Champions
 1995, 2007, 2019, 2023
 Available from 18 January 2024




RSA Rugby on Stamps



8 May 1964 – 75th Anniversary of the SA Rugby Board



20 July 1983 - Sport Activities in SA



24 July 1992 – Sport



22 June 1989 – Centenary of the SA Rugby Board
 South Africa playing France, Australia, New Zealand, England



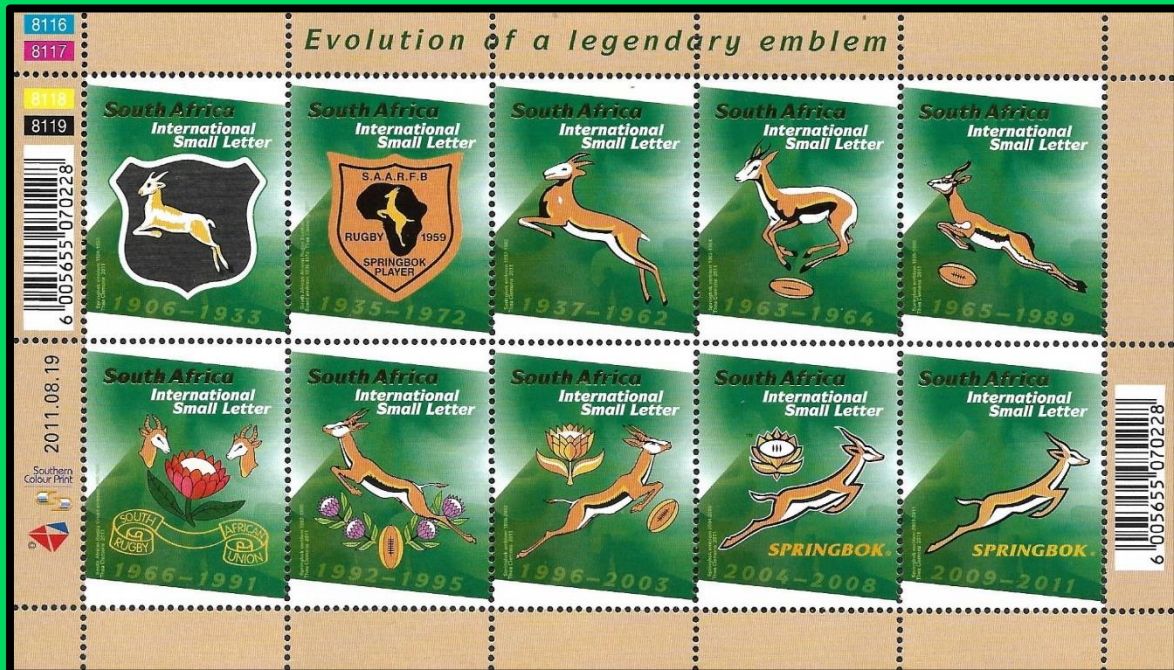
25 May 1995 – Rugby World Cup
Tournament 1995



28 June 1995 – SA Rugby World Champions 1995



28 February 2001 – SA Sporting
Heroes 1994 – 2000
Francois Pienaar



19 August 2011 – Evolution of Rugby Emblem

Top L to R: 1906 – 1933; 1935 – 1972; 1937 – 1962; 1963 – 1964; 1965 – 1989
Bottom L to R: 1966 – 1991; 1992 – 1995; 1996 – 2003; 2004 – 2008; 2009 – 2011



31 January 2020 – Rugby World Champions, 2019

New Issues

Botswana

Hippopotamus in Botswana – 23 November 2023



Namibia: Stamp programme for 2024

- 1924. - Swakopmund
- 22 May - Biodiversity of the Etendeka plateau
- 14 June - Sea Turtles of Namibia
- 11 October - Migratory Birds of Namibia

Stamps from both countries are available from: Danie van Zyl at rsastamps@danievanzyl.org
Chris Bennet at chrisb@asapcc.co.za

WORTH KNOWING

PFSA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

EASTERN CAPE

• **EAST LONDON HILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: David Preston 082 774 2090, prestee@telkomsa.net Sec: Carlos Da Fonseca 082 334 7603, cdafonseca@za.tiauto.com

Meetings: Monthly on the fourth Thursday at 19:30.

• **PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Francois Friend 082 554 8900, francois@softchem.co.za Sec: Rodney Maclachlan 072 619 5409, rhmaclachlan@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the first Monday at 11:00 (except December).

• **DIE POSBOOM FILATELIEVERENIGING, MOSSELBAAI:** Pres: Gerrie Conradie 082 952 6700, gajcon@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the second Monday at 18:00.

• **GEORGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Willie Mollentze 082 555 7760, Sec: Otto Muller 083 240 8722, otto1muller@gamil.com

Meetings: Monthly on the second Thursday at 18h00.

FREE STATE

• **GOLDFIELDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Sec: Annette Harrison 072 562 2682, annette@internext.co.za

• **ORANGE FREE STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Neil Cronjé RDPSA 082 800 1432, drjdecronje@gmail.com Sec: Joof van der Merwe 082 824 6350, josuav528@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the last Saturday at 10:00 (except December).

• **SASOLBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Leon Jacobsen 083 389 8647, Sec: Cecily Jacobson 083 389 8647, lj.heritage@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the second Wednesday at 14:00 (except December).

GAUTENG

• **AFRIKAANSE FILATELIESE VEREENIGING:** TBA or contact the COO - André du Plessis 083 399 1755, pfsastamps@gmail.com

• **AFRIKAANSE FILATELIEVERENIGING VAN PRETORIA:** Voors: Louwrence Erasmus Sec: Ronel Erasmus 083 540 5092, www.stampssa.africa/avp

Meetings: Monthly on the third Saturday at 10:00.

• **EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: David Wigston, Sec: Paul Hammerton 082 459 4221, hampaul@ananzi.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the last Saturday at 14:00 (except December).

• **EDENVALE PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Colin Bousfield 083 961 9656, Bousfield.colin@yahoo.co.za Sec: Sandy Robertson, sandystampnews@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the last Saturday at 13:00 (except December).

• **PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF JOHANNESBURG:** Pres: Clive Carr 083 634 1939, carr.clive@gmail.com Sec: Ray Hackworth 072 316 7308, hackworth@taxbright.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the third Wednesday at 16:00 (except December).

• **POSTMARK AND POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA:** Pres: Ben Jansen 082 990 0176, jansenb49@gmail.com Sec: Marge Viljoen 082 404 7238

• **PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Adél Bulpitt 071 606 0753, adelbulpitt@gmail.com Sec: Alex Visser 082 922 2927, alex.visser@up.ac.za

Exchange section: John Barry 082 445 9470, john.barry.rsa@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the first Saturday at 09:00, with ZOOM meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month at 19:00

• **SANDTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Chris Carey 083 662 2150, ccarey@icon.co.za Sec: Beata Carey, ccarey@icon.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the first Thursday at 10:00 (except January).

THEMATICS SA:

• Pretoria Chapter: Contact: Helena Snyman 083 990 8953, helenasnyman7@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the first Saturday at 10:00.

• Western Cape Chapter: Contact: Diederik Viljoen 082 456 6653, diederikaviljoen@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the first Saturday at 09:00.

• KZN Chapter: Contact: Aubrey Bowles 083 382 8308, aubrey.bowles45@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the third Monday at 15:00.

• **WEST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Andries Nel 083 269 9374, andriesn@telkomsa.net Sec: Ian Walker 084 425 2594, Walkerian0904@gmail.com

• **WITWATERSRAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Herbie Schäffler RDPSA 082 722 7604, haschaff@iafrica.com Sec: Nikki Espley-Jones 011 710 6406, nikki@ccj.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the second Wednesday at 16:00 and: Last Wednesday at 19:00.

KWA-ZULU NATAL

• **HIGHWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Frik Booyse 0832845929, nfbooyse@gmail.com (Marketing) Barry Livsey 0828927324, hps@xsinet.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the first Saturday at 03:30.

• **MARITZBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: John Handman 083 660 1275, john@radium.co.za Sec: Ian Horrell 083 661 8122, ian.horrell@sappi.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the third Saturday at 10:00.

• **PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL:** President Zbigniew Kawecki 082 968 6888, z.kawecki57@gmail.com or philatelicsocietynatal@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the second and fourth Saturday at 09:00.

WESTERN CAPE

• **BELLVILLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Werner Barnard 082 895 6993, president@bellvillephilatelicsociety.co.za Sec: Reanie de Villiers 082567 0353, secretary@bellvillephilatelicsociety.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the second Wednesday at 19h00.

• **FISH HOEK PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Website: www.fhps.info Pres. Johan de Wet 073 020 5004, elspethd@iafrica.com

Sec: Volker Janssen 021 786 1548, janssenp@iafrica.com

Meetings: Monthly on the first Tuesday at 14:00.

• **PAARLSE FILATELISTE:** Pres: Gawie Hugo 083 956 2410, gawiehugo@gmail.com Sec: Riaan Crafford 082 876 7608, paarlsefilateliste@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the second Saturday at 09:00.

• **PINELANDS STAMP CIRCLE, CAPE TOWN:** Pres: Martin Crawford 021 689 5050, m.tristan.crawford@gmail.com Sec: Marilyn Crawford, m.tristan.crawford@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly on the last Wednesday at 18:30 (except December).

• **ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN:** Pres: John Rycroft 082 808 1320, john@grassrootsgroup.co.za Sec: Victor Millard 082 802 8882, royalphilict@gmail.com Website: www.stampssa.africa/rpsct

Meetings: Monthly on the First Saturday at 11:00 and; Fourth Monday at 14:00.

• **STELLENBOSCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Pres: Niel Matthee 021 906 6500, nielsnr@gmail.com Sec: Pieter Maritz 083 289 1825, pmaritz@dreamsurf.co.za

Meetings: Monthly on the first Tuesday at 19:00.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES

• **ANGLO-BOER WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Chairman: Kevin Darcy, drmkdacy@gmail.com Sec: Nick Harris, mnrphboer@aol.com SA Representative: Nigel Hosking +27 82 789 5746, nichosk@iafrica.com

• **CAPE & NATAL STUDY CIRCLE:** Contact: Simon Solomon, capenatalstamps@gmail.com

• **FILATELISTEN VEREENIGING ZUIDELIJK AFRIKA:** Act Pres: Johan Diesveld, johandiesveld@gmail.com Act Sec/Editor of newsletter 'Bartolomeu Dias': Ko Zegerman, kozegerman@kpnmail.nl

Meetings: Quarterly.

• **ORANGE FREE STATE STUDY CIRCLE:** Pres: Richard Stroud RDPSA +44(0)1278 782235, richard@richardstroud.plus.com

Website: www.orangefreestatephilately.org.uk

• **PHILATELIC SOCIETY FOR GREATER SOUTH AFRICA:** Contact: Peter Thy, pthy@ucdavis.edu Website: <http://psgsa.org> SA Rep: Dr Uli Bantz 011 766 1495, ulib@mweb.co.za

• **RHODESIAN STUDY CIRCLE:** Regular meetings & events across the world Sec: Brian Zlotnick 00 44 1274 566607, bzlot@blueyonder.co.uk SA Rep: Patrick Flanagan RDPSA 079 898 3795, patf@fgprop.com Website: www.rhodesianstudycircle.org.uk/

• **SOUTH AFRICAN COLLECTORS' SOCIETY:** Contact: Simon Peetoom, simon@africastamps.co.uk SA Rep: Cedric Roché RDPSA 083 456 9167, croche@mweb.co.za

• **SOUTH WEST AFRICA STAMP STUDY GROUP:** Pres: Uli Bantz 083 409 6969, ulib@mweb.co.za

• **TRANSVAAL STUDY CIRCLE:** Pres: Lars Jørgensen RDPSA, lars.jorgensen.fs@gmail.com

SA Rep: Danna Strydom 083 452 0575, dstrydom@icon.co.za

• **WINDHOEK FILATELIEKLUB:** Pres: Derick Loteryman, derickl@iway.na Sec: Friedhelm Beck, beckciv@iafrica.com.na

Contact the respective Presidents/Secretaries for more information about joining