

# STAMPS



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# July 2026

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## PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (PFSA)

From the seasoned collector through to beginners, you all will benefit from being a member of the PFSA. Click on *JOIN US* to become a member and share in all the benefits of PFSA membership.

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## CONGRESS 2026

The 88<sup>th</sup> PFSA National Congress is scheduled for Friday 11 September 2026 at 09:00 at the Country Club Johannesburg, **Woodmead**, Lincoln St, Woodmead, Sandton - same venue as the National Exhibition. The following should be submitted to the COO at [pfsastamps@gmail.com](mailto:pfsastamps@gmail.com) before the dates specified:

- Motions proposing amendment to the PFSA Constitution: 2 August 2026
- Agenda points and any other motions: 12 August 2026
- Nominations for PFSA Awards, including for RDPSA and the Skinner Cup: 12 August 2026
- Congress delegate delegation: 12 August 2026

A list of PFSA awards is available on the website under the "ABOUT US" dropdown menu. Any further updates and developments will be timeously communicated.

## VIRTUAL SA POSTCARD INTEREST GROUP – ZOOM MEETINGS

Please join and participate by clicking on the link 5 to 10 minutes before the meeting.

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**Tuesday 28 July 2026 – 18:00 (SA time)** - To join the meeting click [here](#)

**Tuesday 25 August 2026 – 18:00 (SA time)** - To join the meeting click [here](#)

Meeting links are also available on the PFSA website

[PFSA Website](#)

## STAMP SHOWS

### NATIONAL STAMP SHOW - 2026

Hosted by the Philatelic Federation of SA

**9 to 12 September 2026**

Venue: The Country Club Johannesburg, **Woodmead**, Lincoln St, Woodmead, Sandton.

Entries close: 20 July 2026.

Delivery of Exhibits: 8 September 2026 at 10:00.

Congress: 11 September 2026.

[Entry form](#)

[Prospectus](#)

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### SAVPEX 2026

Celebrating the Eleventh South Africa Virtual Philatelic Exhibition

**June 2026**

The Exhibition has concluded and results were announced.

Exhibits are available for viewing on the PFSA website.

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[SAVPEX Exhibits  
2020 to 2026](#)



### GAUTENG REGIONAL EXHIBITION 2026

Hosted by the Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging van Pretoria

24 to 26 September 2026.

Venue: Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria.

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### SASOLBURG MINI EXHIBITION 2026

Sasolburg Philatelic Society

27 to 31 July 2026.

Venue: Sasolburg Public Library.

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PHILA  
TAIPEI

**2026 World Stamp  
Championship Exhibition**

20 - 25 November 2026

SA Commissioner: Joof van der Merwe RDPSA

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# The South African Philatelist

All about stamps

THE JOURNAL OF THE PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1923

Over 100 Years of this popular stamp journal is available in the **MEMBERS AREA** on the PFSA website. Every issue from 1923 to 2026 is now just one click away!

[PFSA Website \(SAP\)](#)

## PFSA WEBSITES



### [Stampssa.africa](#)

Index of RSA Stamp Articles published in the SA Philatelist, 1961 to 2025 by David Collins.

[Index](#)

### [World's Best Stamp](#)

View the 195 stamps, issued in 2025, entered by 66 countries in this competition held under the auspices of the PFSA.

[WBS Entries](#)

### [Philatelysa \(New\)](#)

SAVPEX exhibits from 2020 to 2025 have been moved from the Stampssa website to this new PFSA website *Philatelysa*. This website is still under development and will, inter alia, be utilised to show online exhibits and presentations by members.

View exhibits

[Exhibits](#)

View presentations

[Presentations](#)

If you have received a Large Vermeil or higher award for an exhibit at a Stampshow and would like to display it on this website, please contact André du Plessis at [pfsastamps@gmail.com](mailto:pfsastamps@gmail.com)

## SOUTH AFRICAN POST OFFICE (SAPO)



Philatelic Services confirmed that they will attend and participate in the National Stampshow as well as the Regional Exhibitions in September 2026.

They are also planning to launch a stamp at the National Stampshow during the opening ceremony.

## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS RESULTS

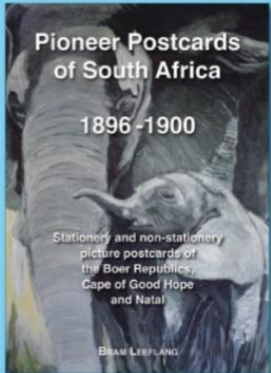
Congratulations to the following exhibitors with their excellent results at this event.  
You made us proud!

### BOSTON 2026



Anton Putter: Federal Duck stamps of the United States of America: 1934 - 2024 - **Large vermeil**

Franco Frescura: **Large Silver**



**Pioneer Postcards of South Africa**  
1896-1900

Stationery and non-stationery picture postcards of the Boer Republics, Cape of Good Hope and Natal.

BRAM LEEFLANG

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**PIONEER POSTCARDS OF SOUTH AFRICA 1896 - 1900**

A catalogue with a postcard rating scale. 152 pages in A4 format, full colour printing on 130 grams silk mc and saddle stitched, profusely illustrated, 77 publishers with more than 650 postal stationery and non-stationery picture postcards of the Boer Republics, the Cape Colony and Natal.

Catalogue price: 28 Euro.

Ask publisher for payment details and shipping rate to your destination.  
Mail to: [bramleeflang@hotmail.com](mailto:bramleeflang@hotmail.com)

Directly available from the author, Bram Leeflang, at:  
<mailto:bramleeflang@hotmail.com>  
(Request payment details and shipping rate to your destination)

## UNION HANDBOOK REVIEW

Readers are invited to support the Union Handbook Fund, established to help meet the printing costs of a long-overdue review of the Union Handbook. The Union Handbook remains one of the most important reference works in South African philately.

Every contribution, regardless of size, will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged in the book. Donors contributing R10 000.00 (£500.00) or more will also receive a complimentary copy of the publication.

The Union Handbook is more than a reference book. It reflects the depth, research and heritage of South African philately, and the revised publication will help preserve that legacy for current collectors and future generations.

By contributing to the fund, donors will help bring this important work to completion and support a publication valued by collectors in South Africa and abroad.

A list of those wishing to obtain a copy is already being compiled to help assess the number of books to be printed. If interested, please contact Andre du Plessis RDPSA at [pfsastamps@gmail.com](mailto:pfsastamps@gmail.com)

It should be emphasised that the new publication is intended as a handbook rather than a catalogue. Prices are expected to be documented separately in a "live" electronic reference, to be published on the PFSA and other websites.

**TIMELINE:** The publication is anticipated to be print ready by the second quarter of 2027.

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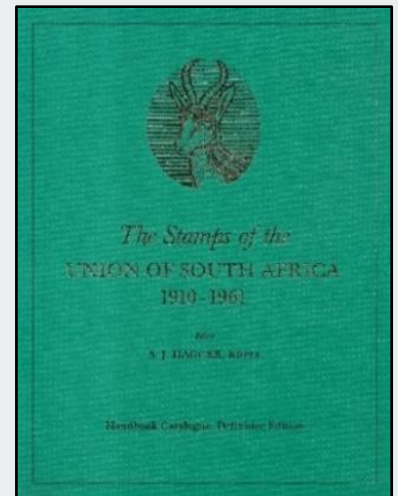
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## SOCIETY NEWS

### HIGHWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY



A very successful and interesting meeting was held on 7 June 2026. Members presented their monthly presentations about Reptiles. Gordon Gove won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for his entry on Dinosaurs. Bronwen Edwards won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for her entry of lizards and geckos.

Franco Frescura presented artist drawings of KwaNdebele stamps and described it as the

homeland that never was. KwaNdebele was on the verge of gaining independence when this was halted due to protests. Soon afterwards, there was

a new government in South Africa and KwaNdebele never came into being. Alan Barrett had designed a set of stamps of which copies were shown. The stamp designs were taken from items in the Museum of Botshabelo.

Rob McLennan Smith presented a display of reptiles in philately. The first reptile images were crocodiles on Mulready envelopes, in 1840. In 1844 there was the Snake in the grass envelope by Leach. The first postage stamp featuring reptiles was a stamp from North Borneo, featuring a crocodile. Other reptiles were a monitor lizard (1955 - French Equatorial Africa), turtle (1931 - Cayman Islands) and in 1966, a Gecko (Vietnam).

To conclude the meeting, the chairman thanked all members for their contributions to the monthly one-page displays and visitors for attending.

All present enjoyed a morning of interesting information and learn more about philately.

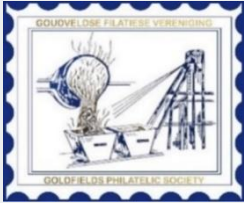


*Rob McLennan Smith*



*Bronwen Edwards and Ian McMurray*

## GOLDFIELDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY, WELKOM



Meetings for the months of April, May and June were held at the Welkom Retirement Village. The format of meetings was adapted to accommodate more interaction between attendants.

Presentations of specific letters of the alphabet were showed by members, A and B for April - Early Australia, George V and Archaeology.

In May the letters C and D saw Cuba and Coil Stamps.

Attendance at both meetings was limited to the stalwarts and a new member who joined in May 2026.

Members are still actively looking for new members, including the youth. As part of this effort, a farmer's market on a farm outside Welkom was attended in June. It drew a different crowd than the usual people attending the monthly flea market in Welkom. A dozen attendees show interest, and members are currently actively pursuing these. One has indicated that he will attend the July meeting.

Messages were sent out to people who showed interest at the Welkom flea market with minimal response. Additional efforts have and are being made to draw in new members.

The chairman has booked his seat for an interview to be aired on the local radio station during July.



*At the Farmer's Market, New member Marius van Dyk and right Gary Trower*

## EDENVALE PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The April meeting was joined by six young stampers from member Bev Wilson's Stamp Collecting group. The children each showed a page with a postage stamp which they had researched and written up.

Colin Bousfield gave them a Mini-Workshop on floating stamps, and they then floated a whole lot of stamps themselves. Members had brought an assortment of stamps for the group to float or sort later at home.

In ITEMS OF INTEREST, John Kollen showed a 1972 cover of President Richard Nixon's

visit to Moscow to sign US/USSR Space Treaty (this resulted in the Apollo-Soyez mission in 1975 where an Apollo craft docked with a Soyez craft. Danny Khoury had one page of "One country, One stamp" - countries that only had one stamp! Charles Kuhn shows a pre stamps cover of 1829. Ray Muir showed items about the Quagga which was previously extinct - but is now being bred using DNA to bring them back. (The children were fascinated by this having never heard of them).



*One of the stamp story's*



*Colin Bousfield entertaining the kids  
John Kollen (left) and Danny Khoury*

In the theme of AFRICAN BIRDS, Danny Khoury shared 24 pages of African Birds from various countries, all in sets. Jean Dulez's shows two pages of African birds from Bechuanaland, Kenya, Lesotho & Zambia.

The OVERPRINTS & SURCHARGES theme was popular with Danny and Jean showed overprinted stamps from various countries. Sandy Robertson showed her BC (before Computer) 40-page exhibit of 1986 in Zimbabwe entitled "The Uses of Overprints and Surcharges". John Kollen showed Space stamps with Overprints and Surcharges from Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR.

At the MAY meeting in ITEMS OF INTEREST Dave Cohen showed a silk postcard made in UK of the early SA Union Flag from WW1. John Kollen's cover was flown on a Space Shuttle from 30 Aug. to 5 Sep 1983.



In the THEME of INVENTORS Danny Khoury had seven pages of Scientists/Explorers who were also Inventors. SA's Dr. Koch, who identify Anthrax and TB, Neil Armstrong who was both a professor and an explorer. Jean Dulez showed Louis Pasteur and pasteurisation. In NURSES Dave Cohen showed the error of "Stain on Nurses Uniform" 1941 SA War Effort. The ONE PAGE CHALLENGE ABOUT A PERSON: Jean Dulez showed 'André-Marie Ampère' a French physicist and mathematician who was one of the founders of the science of classical electromagnetism; Allan Bird's 'Robbie Burns' (Haggis and Mouses). The challenge was won by Ray Muir with 'Jan Volschenk' the SA Painter (blessed with a family of nine daughters!!)

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY FOR GREATER SOUTHERN AFRICA



Since the last report, two issues of the Society journal *Forerunners* (Nos 113 and 114) were published.

Some feature articles for the journal is about the postal history of Sophiatown (Johannesburg) by Steve Hannah, auxiliary postal markings of Botswana by Gordon Smith, pre-union railway parcel stamps and bisects of the second South African Republic both by Tim Barthse, overprinted Cape commercial postal wrappers by John Curtis and an update of rail letter system of South Africa by Jan Stolk.

Gordon Smith published his sixth and 'final' instalment of Botswana meter marks. Gordon's articles can be found on his website <https://postalhistory.ca>. The best news is perhaps that *Forerunners* was awarded a Vermeil at Boston 2026. Thanks to all the writers and contributors for making this possible.

A pdf copy of Franco Frescura Cape postmark book is available on the website for all visitors to download (with the permission of the Society).

The full run of *Forerunners* is available from our secretary on a memory stick for a modest price. If anyone would like to receive an electronic version of the current *Forerunner* issues, please contact the membership secretary John McFarlane ([piperjohn165@gmail.com](mailto:piperjohn165@gmail.com)). All issues to #107 are posted on the website <https://www.psgsa.org> together with most of the society publications as free downloadable files or from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) in print versions for modest prizes.

## ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN (RPSCT)



At the May meeting members were shown what may be the most comprehensive display of the varieties, proofs and essays for the Union commemorative issues possible. The exhibitor, Danie Scheepers RDPSA had everything from important archival material and First day usages of the 1910 Union 2½d studies of the various Voortrekker issues of 1933 & 1938; amazing Silver Jubilee material and a study of the 1937 Coronation issues that included the essay for a stamp featuring Edward VIII; a study of the war

issues that was a revelation to all who saw it; the colour trials for the 1947 Royal Visit issue and much, much more. We can only hope that the compilers of the projected new Union handbook include much of this material and Danie confirmed that he is involved in the project. In presenting the exhibit he paid tribute to past collectors including the late Jack Hagger and Thys Rall who had assembled some of this material.

At the June meeting - an all members meeting with contributions on the letter M and displays on towns of the Western Cape - invited philatelist Gawie Hugo showed two exhibits on Worcester. The first was a collection from the postbag of



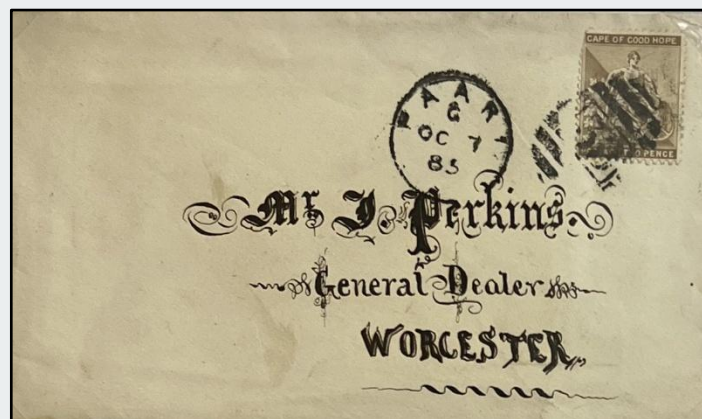
Danie Scheepers RDPSA

19<sup>th</sup> century Worcester merchant James Perkins. Incoming mail to make any collector of Cape postal history envious.

The second was his collection of mail from Worcester, as the hub of the mail system for the area, again with excellent strikes of difficult markings.

Second up was Chuck Muller who showed a postcard collection of Paarl, showing just what can be achieved with a carefully curated display that showed the history and architectural features of this Boland town, with its very long Main Street.

The third of the trio was Malcolm Murphy whose display of Stellenboschiana was an amazing assembly of books, pamphlets and autographed letters of Stellenbosch personalia, inevitably including many associated with Stellenbosch University and its predecessor institutions, The Stellenbosch Gymnasium and the Victoria College.



The displays on the letter M ranged from postcards of an obscure town on Madagascar, World War I Mobilisation mail, to Mthatha (formerly Umtata) and Mauritius! There was something for everyone.

## EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The May 2026 meeting was attended by nine members at Berea Gardens, with Dave Preston chairman.

The highlight of the evening was the celebration of Dave MacWilliams's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dave generously shared a selection of interesting philatelic material, including covers from Sri Lanka, the former Rocket Range Postal Agency in East London, and early ELPEX exhibition memorabilia.

Members also enjoyed displays from Alan Wood, who exhibited a perforated Harrison Springbok essay, and Jan Swanepoel, who showed four covers related to German Southwest Africa, including an early Marienthal cover and a Windhoek forerunner.

Phillip Nicholson presented an informative talk on "The Philatelic Legacy of Nazi Germany," examining post-war German stamp issues dealing with the aftermath of the Third Reich, including prisoners of war, war graves, persecution victims, and the Marshall Plan.

The meeting concluded with refreshments, birthday cake, and lively philatelic discussions.



*Dave MacWilliams, Inge Berndt, Phillip Nicholson, Trevor Steinke and Alan Wood*

## BELLVILLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The society has been very active the past few months with very good attendance at our monthly meetings.

In April Victor Millard was the guest speaker when he presented his award-winning exhibit on the early Imperial Airways flights to Africa and Australasia. His exhibit included some unique and scarce items, which many could

relate to.

Victor also shared his experiences in putting together an exhibit and some of the guidelines that aspiring exhibitors should follow.

In March the society held another successful auction which was well attended by members and other philatelist. Society auctions have always offered material for both the serious and not so serious collector.

Another auction will be held on 4 July this year. For those interested, please contact Phillip Strydom ([philstry@gmail.com](mailto:philstry@gmail.com)) for a catalogue. Non-members are most welcome to attend the auction and the monthly meetings.



PHILATELY OF EDWARDIAN NATAL SOUTH AFRICA (1901 - 1910).

Directly available from the author, Brian Schire, at:  
<mailto:bschire@gmail.com>  
(Request payment details and shipping rate to your destination)

## MARITZBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The Society continues to thrive and, on Saturday 20 June 2026, 24 members attended the monthly meeting. There were eleven exhibits on display showing material way beyond the normal club exhibit!

Roger Porter gave an enthralling talk about Reply-paid Postcards which were recognised by the UPU in 1885. These postcards were introduced to Natal in 1892, and the first editions were printed by De La Rue before they were approved by the UPU. They were quickly withdrawn and replaced by De La Rue; first with ½ d postage and later with a 1d postage stamp. In 1893 Queen Victoria double-cards

were issued followed by the 1d double-card for international postage in 1883. In 1903 King Edward VII double-cards were issued with a ½d stamp for local postage and a 1d stamp for international postage. Most of these postcards are difficult to find and Roger has the only "specimen" known.

Another interesting display was the Penny Black, ranging from the first edition through to the Jubilee edition. These are proudly owned by Tony Koch who also provided soup and rolls to warm all on a cold and miserable winter's day.

Gordon Gove showed philatelic material, including stamps, covering the Japanese Occupation of several East-Asian countries during the Second World War. His exhibit included parts of China, such as Manchuria and Burma, Singapore and Indonesia. His most impressive exhibit ensured that he won the coveted "Mug of the Month".

Five members are preparing exhibits to exhibit at the National Stampshow in September 2026.

The Society will also participate in The Cannon Antiques Roadshow in Hilton on 4 July 2026 with three frames displaying Stamps. Newsletters and a Poster encouraging visitors at the show to join the Maritzburg Philatelic Society will be on display.



*A happy audience at the meeting. Val de Jager is first on the left in the front*

## PAARLSE FILATELISTE



Despite the early winter chill, club activities are progressing well, with excellent attendance at every meeting and lively participation from members. At the most recent meeting, held on 13 June, Arnold van Dyk shared his interest and enthusiasm for Anglo-Boer War philately. He presented the movement of mail during the siege of Ladysmith, Natal, by the Boers, showcasing an excellent collection of Boer and Commando mail from that period. Six Anglo-Boer War enthusiasts joined the meeting.

The Society has also established a Ukrainian fund, supported by auctions of donated material at most meetings. These auctions contribute to the fund while adding enjoyment to the gatherings.

This year saw an encouraging growth in members' participation in exhibiting, which is truly heart-warming. It is hoped that this enthusiasm will inspire others and lead to more new exhibits being developed and shared.

The year 2025 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of "Die Paarlse Filateliste". Owing to the years busy programme and the hosting of Stampshow 2025, celebrations was postponed to April 2026.



*Members and spouses enjoying the food and friendship*

On Sunday, 19 April, a lunch for members and their spouses were held at Picardi Guest House. The event was very well supported, with only two members unable to attend.

Despite the wet weather, everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie. Each member received a special mug with their name alongside the Society's 75-year logo.

Although philately continues to experience a gradual decline overall, the Society are fortunate to be seeing slow but steady growth in membership.



Collectors and enthusiasts who would like to visit or make contact are most welcome.

## SASOLBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

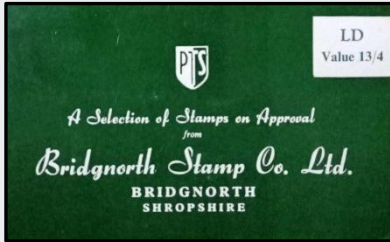


The meetings in May and June dealt with the planning for the Club Regional Exhibition on 27 to 31 July 2026. Ideas went back and forth.

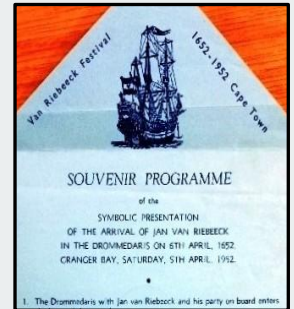
It was decided to introduce a 'Society class'. This is a means to get all members involved. It will consist of one or two frames with a chosen theme. Club members were requested to provide a page or two relevant to the theme to make up the frame. Johan van Wyk will edit the contributions to ensure a unified feel about the exhibit.

At the May meeting, Jan de Man showed an interesting 1952 van Riebeeck festival program. It was in the format of an airletter that was franked with a centenary 2d stamp cancelled with the commemoration postmark. No one present could recall seeing such an item before.

In June Dick Veldhuis showed a cover celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Philatelic Youth Exhibition held in Sasolburg on 29 June 1985. He also showed one of those approval books that were sent from English dealers to collectors, mainly school kids, in SA during the 1950's and 60's. This brought back memories of those early days of our collecting.



For the monthly displays Cecily Jacobson showed France between 1924 and 1937 in May and at the June meeting Leon Jacobson showed pages from his 1961 half cent Kingfisher collection.



Inside of the Van Riebeeck Souvenir Programme

## PINELANDS STAMP CIRCLE



At the March meeting, the invited exhibitor could unfortunately not attend, and Marilyn Crawford stepped in and showed a display of *St Helena and Napoleon* using stamps and postcards. The exhibit told the story of Napoleon's imprisonment on St Helena. Marilyn had visited the island several times of which she has strong family connections and said that St Helena holds a special place in her heart. She also showed an exhibit on *Robert Burns - The Ploughman Poet*. Also using stamps and old

postcards, it tells the story of Burns's life in Scotland and his different writings. He only crossed into England once in his life. However, he does find himself in the form of a large statue on the Thames Embankment in London.



Marilyn with her St Helena exhibit



The **April** meeting was the ever-popular Postcard Evening. A wide variety of Postcard displays was on show. Leigh Hen-Boisen show his display of Henry Harvey Grellier's *satirical cards*. John Kramer's Pilkington's *Our Cape Town* forms an interesting collection of Cape Town Postcards. The other displays was shown by David Watts - Judaica cards; Guy Morris showed modern cards sent by his son who is a submarine pilot on a cruise ship; Marilyn Crawford - *Queen Mary's Dolls House*; David Wolpe showed a selection of his favourite cards; Martin Crawford displayed a good find of old postcards recently purchased in a Pandora's Box!

**May** was an evening of "Cartophily" when Guy Morris brought part of his large collection of cigarette cards. He informed that the same principles apply to cigarette card collecting as to stamp collecting, so condition is key. He showed Boer War cards, propaganda cards, optical illusion cards, comedy cards and many others. Some cards made up a larger picture, like a jigsaw puzzle (*right*), which meant that sometimes you need to obtain 10 or even 24 cards to make up the big picture. It turned out to be a very interesting subject enjoyed by all.



## IN MEMORIAM

Moody Tidwell, Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa

# SOMETHING INTERESTING



## MIER CAMEL POST, 1899 - 1914

The Trader's Route from Upington led through the Kalahari to Zwartmodder, about 95km away. In September 1895, a postal agency opened at Rietfontein, north of Zwartmodder, about 3km from the German Southwest Africa border.

A small village, Mier, was about 30 km from Rietfontein. However, Rietfontein was also known as Mier, and letters received there were marked with a Mier handstamp. Mier itself had no postal facilities.

Mail was carried weekly by horseback from Upington to Zwartmodder, with a runner continuing to Mier every fortnight. The 160km journey to Zwartmodder usually took about five days each way. In 1898, the service switched to oxcart, but the animals struggled to cross the Kalahari. As a result, the Cape of Good Hope Post Office decided to use camels instead.

The camels and their handlers were based near Zwartmodder. The service began in July 1899 and became known as the Mier Camel Post. Each trip used two camels, one ridden by the handler and the other carrying the mail in special saddle pouches.

This experiment proved highly successful, with camels completing the journey much faster than oxcarts or horses. The camels fed on sparse grass and scrub along the route, minimizing cost.

Cape of Good Hope stamps and postal stationery were used at Mier. Two handstamps were used. One was a Barred Oval Numeral canceller (BONC) with the numeral 938. The other was a 25mm single circle with the words MIER in the top and B.B (British Bechuanaland) at the bottom.



½d COGH Postcard uprated with 1d for mailing to Berlin, Germany with Mier handstamp on 16 February 1900. By runner to Rietfontein then by camel to Upington, arriving 21 February 1900. By Rail to Cape Town and via steamer to London and onwards to arrive in Berlin on 26 March 1900

During the Anglo-Boer War, the service was suspended from 9 March to 18 May 1900 to prevent the camels from being captured.

*Courtesy: Jill Remond RDPSA collection*

The service continued until 31 March 1914, when it was permanently abandoned due to an inability to replace camels and the oxcart being put into service again.

Although short-lived, the service remains a memorable example of adapting to a harsh landscape and touches the history of three territories, Cape of Good Hope, Southwest Africa and British Bechuanaland.

Cape of Good Hope Stamps and Postal History: Online available;

[The Mier Camel Post – Cape of Good Hope Stamps and Postal History](#)

The SA Philatelist, Vol 53 no 11, November 1977, WK Skeebea, pg 300-03

# OFFERS, WANTS & STAMP FAIRS

## OFFER:

Newsletters of the Transvaal Study Circle and Anglo Boer War Philatelic Society. Both collections are not complete. Anybody interested? Please contact Gawie van der Walt at [gvdwalt2802@gmail.com](mailto:gvdwalt2802@gmail.com)

About 100 SA first day covers to sell/donate. Anybody interested? Please contact Peet van Niekerk, Winterton, KZN at [winadmin@winberg.co.za](mailto:winadmin@winberg.co.za)

MNH complete issues from RSA and African countries for MNH Ukraine, Moldova, Poland and other countries, FDC, maxicards of Ukraine. Also, for sale. **From:** Dmytro Onyshchenko. **Email:** [ua\\_stamps@yahoo.com](mailto:ua_stamps@yahoo.com)

Dutch (Netherlands) and Germany (Bundespost/Berlin/Reich/DDR/other) stamps. **From:** Bart van Milligen. **Tel:** +27 82 857 9932. **Email:** [bartvm61@gmail.com](mailto:bartvm61@gmail.com)

Want to sell all collections, including South Africa and Israel. **From:** André Nel **Email:** [asnel1949@gmail.com](mailto:asnel1949@gmail.com)

Basic catalogue - The Post Offices of the Cape of Good Hope to 1910. Volume 1 and 2 by "STUDENT" - R250.00 plus postage. **From:** Trevor Nicholls. **Email:** [etc.unltd@gmail.com](mailto:etc.unltd@gmail.com)

## WANTED:

Items from Kameel and Kameel Rail (Cape). Kameel is north of Vryburg and east of Stella, on the railway line between Vryburg and Mafeking. **From:** Dennis Green. **Email:** [zs4bs@netactive.co.za](mailto:zs4bs@netactive.co.za)

On the lookout to acquire Postcards of old Pietermaritzburg. **From:** Michael O'Connor. **Email:** [dambuzaoc@gmail.com](mailto:dambuzaoc@gmail.com)

Stamps of Portuguese colonies (especially Mozambique and Angola), British Central Africa and British East Africa. **From:** Abrie van Staden. **Email:** [caliphvs@gmail.com](mailto:caliphvs@gmail.com)

Postcards of the Boer POW Camps in Cape Town and concentration camps/women in the Anglo Boer War. **From:** André du Plessis. **Email:** [andredupfs@gmail.com](mailto:andredupfs@gmail.com)

Full sheet of the first issue of the 1972 Interim Definitive 4c Sheep (Ram) stamp. **From:** Sam Lubbe. **Email:** [SamL@stadio.ac.za](mailto:SamL@stadio.ac.za)

Postal stationery of Southern Nigeria, used. **From:** Neil Cronjé. **Email:** [drjdecronje@gmail.com](mailto:drjdecronje@gmail.com)

Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia Plate blocks. **From:** Barry Livsey. **Email:** [livsey@netsolutions.co.za](mailto:livsey@netsolutions.co.za)

Ciskei - Bird definitives Long-tailed Widowbird (*Euplectes progne*). **From:** Anders Viktorsson. **Email:** [anders.viktorsson@yahoo.com](mailto:anders.viktorsson@yahoo.com)

German albums/collections. **From:** Bart van Milligen. **Email:** [bartvm@gmail.com](mailto:bartvm@gmail.com)

Union King's head Postal History. **From:** Jeroen Wentink. **Email:** [INFO@HOLISTIC.CC](mailto:INFO@HOLISTIC.CC)

Stamps from the USA of the last 25 years with a space theme. **From:** Sam Lubbe.  
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Postal stationary of Basutoland. **From:** Neil Cronje. **Email:** [drjdecronje@gmail.com](mailto:drjdecronje@gmail.com)

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**CAPE STAMP FAIR:** First Saturday, every month. **Bellville Valley DRC Hall**, c/o Postma & St Andrews Streets, Bellville. 09:00 - 12:30. Contacts: Robert Harm (+27) 082 925 7103, [robertharm9@gmail.com](mailto:robertharm9@gmail.com) and Ken Joseph (+27) 072 597 1287, [ken@philatelicfriends.com](mailto:ken@philatelicfriends.com)

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**PRETORIA STAMP FAIR:** First Saturday, every month. **Greek Orthodox Church**, Corner Lynnwood Road & Roper St, Brooklyn. Open 08:00 with an auction at 10:30: Contact: Kenny Napier, (+27) 083 444 0249) [kenny.napier@mweb.co.za](mailto:kenny.napier@mweb.co.za)

**JOHANNESBURG STAMP FAIR:** Second Saturday, every month. **German Country Club**, 131 Holkam Road, Paulshof, Sandton. Open 08:00 with an auction at 10:00. Contact: Kenny Napier (+27) 083 444 0249), [kenny.napier@mweb.co.za](mailto:kenny.napier@mweb.co.za)

**EAST RAND STAMP FAIR:** Last Saturday, every month. **Edenvale Bowling Club**, 6th Avenue, Edenvale. Open: 08:00 with an auction at 10:00. Contact: Kenny Napier (+27) 083 444 0249),  
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**KZN: SUNBIRD STAMP AUCTION:** First Saturday of the month. **St Elizabeth's Anglican Church Hall**, 45 Salisbury Avenue, Westville, Durban. 09:00 to 13:00. Contact: Kim Breytenbach, (+27) 082 871 6292 [sunbird.stampauction@gmail.com](mailto: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 (+27) 082 968 6888, [z.kawecki57@gmail.com](mailto:z.kawecki57@gmail.com)

### Rhodesia & Nyasaland Mails

*Colonial Rule to Beyond Majority Rule*

#### Postage Due & Other Charges



Brian Trotter RDPSA, FRPSL, Hon. FRPSL  
Patrick Flanagan RDPSA, FRPSL  
Keith Harrop FRPSL

This hard bound book in full colour, the third on Rhodesian Mails by Brian Trotter RDPSA FRPSL, Patrick Flanagan RDPSA FRPSL and Keith Harrop FRPSL, is currently at the printers and will be released soon.

It provides an overview of Rhodesian Postal History, and much more, from Colonial Rule to beyond Majority Rule.

Published by the Royal Philatelic Society London, orders can be placed with Patrick Flanagan FRPSL RDPSA at [patf@fgprop.com](mailto:patf@fgprop.com) at GBP50 per book.

# HISTORY & PHILATELY

## British Empire Exhibition, Johannesburg

After discovery of gold in 1886, Johannesburg would emerge as the centre of the Witwatersrand. In the beginning, most people, especially politicians, thought the town would disappear as had many other mining towns in the world at the time. This town was different - it existed and grew to the biggest and richest city in South Africa within 50 years.



Fig. 1: Eloff Street

Half century celebrations started on 22 September 1936, a public holiday in Johannesburg, and lasted for 100 days until 15 January 1937. Streets and buildings in the city center were strung with lights to create a festive atmosphere (Fig. 1).

The major attraction was the 1936 British Empire Exhibition at Milner Park showgrounds (Fig. 2). The first of its kind to be held outside the UK and one of the prime events ever hosted by South Africa (Fig. 3).

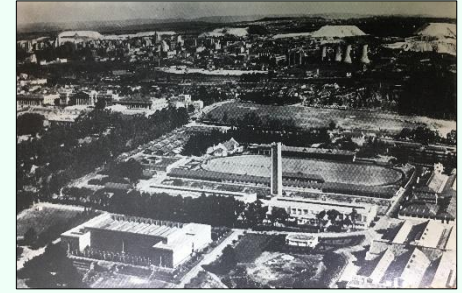


Fig. 2: Milner Park with its tower of light

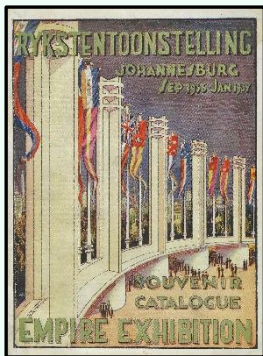


Fig. 3: Catalogue

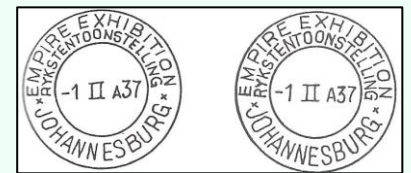


Fig. 4 & 5: Machine canceller and circular handstamp cancellers

A special Exhibition Post Office was opened for the duration of the Exhibition at the showgrounds. A machine canceller was put into operation on 15 September 1936, and two special double-circle Empire Exhibition handstamp cancellers were introduced (Fig. 4 & 5).

Different coloured exhibition labels were printed as advertisement and made available to the public free

of charge. These labels were available before the official opening of the Exhibition, Fig 6, 7 & 8 on right.



To promote the Empire Exhibition, a South African businessman, Isidore William Schlesinger, sponsored an air race between England and South Africa, starting on 29 September 1936 (Fig. 9). There were 14 entrants,



Fig. 9: Cover carried by Victor Smith, annotated "Retired from race Khartoum 3rd Oct '36. Arrived George, Cape, S. Africa 6th Oct"

but only nine aircraft took part. In the end only one aircraft completed the race, the others either failed, crashed or withdrew. Tragically, two pilots were fatally injured when their aircraft failed to clear trees during take-off at Abercorn, Northern Rhodesia (Zambia).

Two sets of six Postcards each were issued symbolizing Johannesburg's progress.

The design of the General-Purpose Postcard, printed in red, depicts the Tower of Light with



Fig. 10: General Postcard

images of the Post Office at the back (Fig. 10).

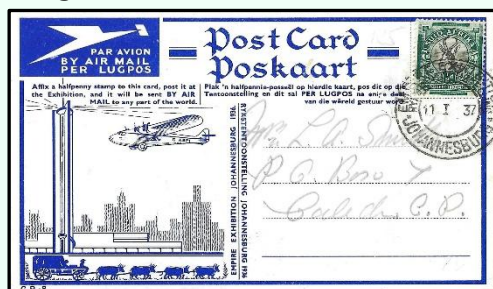


Fig. 11: Air Mail Postcard

The second, Air Mail Postcards, depict an ox-wagon drawn by a span of oxen and an Imperial Airways "Atalanta" aircraft flying towards the Tower of Light against a silhouette of the Golden City (Fig. 11). If

posted at the Exhibition Post Office, it could be sent by Air Mail to any part of the world at a ½d rate. The six postcards show photographs of Air Mails handled by the Post Office.



Fig. 12: Souvenir Telegraph Cover

An extra was the Exhibition Souvenir Telegrams that could be sent from the Exhibition Post Office. The telegram, printed on telegraph paper with a bilingual watermark, was handed back to the sender in a light blue paper cover (Fig. 12).

## WHERE TO FIND STAMPS

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## INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONS

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## PRICES REALISED

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 21 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cwiakala</a>: 10 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cwiakala</a>: 20 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Oakwood</a>: 20-21 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sparks</a>: 18-19 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">BEHR</a>: 18 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 18 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 18 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 17 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 17 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 16 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 16 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 14 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dutch Country Auctions</a>: 11 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 11 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">AB Philea</a>: 10-11 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Grosvenor</a>: 10-11 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sparks</a>: 10 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mowbray</a>: 9 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cavendish</a>: 9-11 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 9-10 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cherrystone</a>: 9 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 7 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Paradise Valley</a>: 6 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ocean Park</a>: 6-8 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Golden Oak</a>: 6 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Filatelia Fischer</a>: 4 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">StampAuctionNetwork</a>: 4 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cherrystone</a>: 3 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Corinphila</a>: 2-6 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Russia and Areas</a>: 2 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">ROUMET Philatélie</a>: 2 June 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">H.R. Harmer</a>: 1 June 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 31 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Jim Forte</a>: 31 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 20 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Schuyler J. Rumsey</a>: 26 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Schuyler J. Rumsey</a>: 26-27 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Schuyler J. Rumsey</a>: 25 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Schuyler J. Rumsey</a>: 25 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 24 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Garden City</a>: 23 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">La Postale Philatelie</a>: 20 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">classicphil GmbH</a>: 20-21 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 19-21 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 17 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Modern Stamps, Inc.</a>: 16 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Rasdale</a>: 16-17 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Raritan Stamps, Inc.</a>: 14-15 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dutch Country Auctions</a>: 12-14 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Mowbray</a>: 12 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">François Feldman</a>: 12 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cherrystone</a>: 12-13 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 10 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kelleher and Rogers Ltd.</a>: 7 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">StampAuctionNetwork</a>: 7 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kelleher and Rogers Ltd.</a>: 5-6 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dr. Reinhard Fischer</a>: 5-6 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Daniel F. Kelleher</a>: 4 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Cherrystone</a>: 3 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">House of Zion</a>: 3 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kewriga</a>: 2 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Golden Oak</a>: 2 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kewriga</a>: 2 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Enchères</a>: 2-3 May 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">Paradise Valley</a>: 2 May 2026</li> </ul>
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## AUCTION HOUSES

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<a href="#">StampAuction Network</a>	<a href="#">Colnect</a>	<a href="#">Global Philatelic Network</a>

## Whales of the Southern Oceans (SSA#56) Souvenir Booklet no. 5

**Booklet SSA#56 - Issued 18 August 1999.**

**Stamps:** Two sheetlets of ten Airmail Postcard rate stamps depicting four different Whales of the Southern Oceans, issued on 23 October 1998, were used to populate the booklets. A 2mm phosphor band up the left side of the sheet extending over the perforation and were perforated  $14\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$  (Fig. 2).

Two postal stationery postcards were included with technical details of the stamps and designs appear on the inside back cover.

**Sheet division:** Two sheetlets of ten stamps comprising four designs of the Whales of the Southern Oceans stamps printed se-tenant in two vertical rows of five. The top selvedge illustrates a Southern Right Whale, a logo of the World Wildlife Fund WWF) as well as an orange House of Questa and red and blue Post Office envelope logos with date 1998.09.28 (Fig. 2). Sheetlets were also available from Philatelic Services.

**Print:** The House of Questa, London.

**Real size folded:** 185 x 92 mm.

**Outside front cover:** Red and blue Post Office envelope logo with an image of whale's tail rising out of the blue ocean (Fig. 1).

**Outside back cover:** "COLLECT SOUTH AFRICAN STAMPS" and contact details of Philatelic Services with Souvenir Booklet Series no 5 printed on a dark blue panel and "EXPLORE OUR OCEANS THROUGH PHILATELY" on a blue open sea panel (Fig. 3).

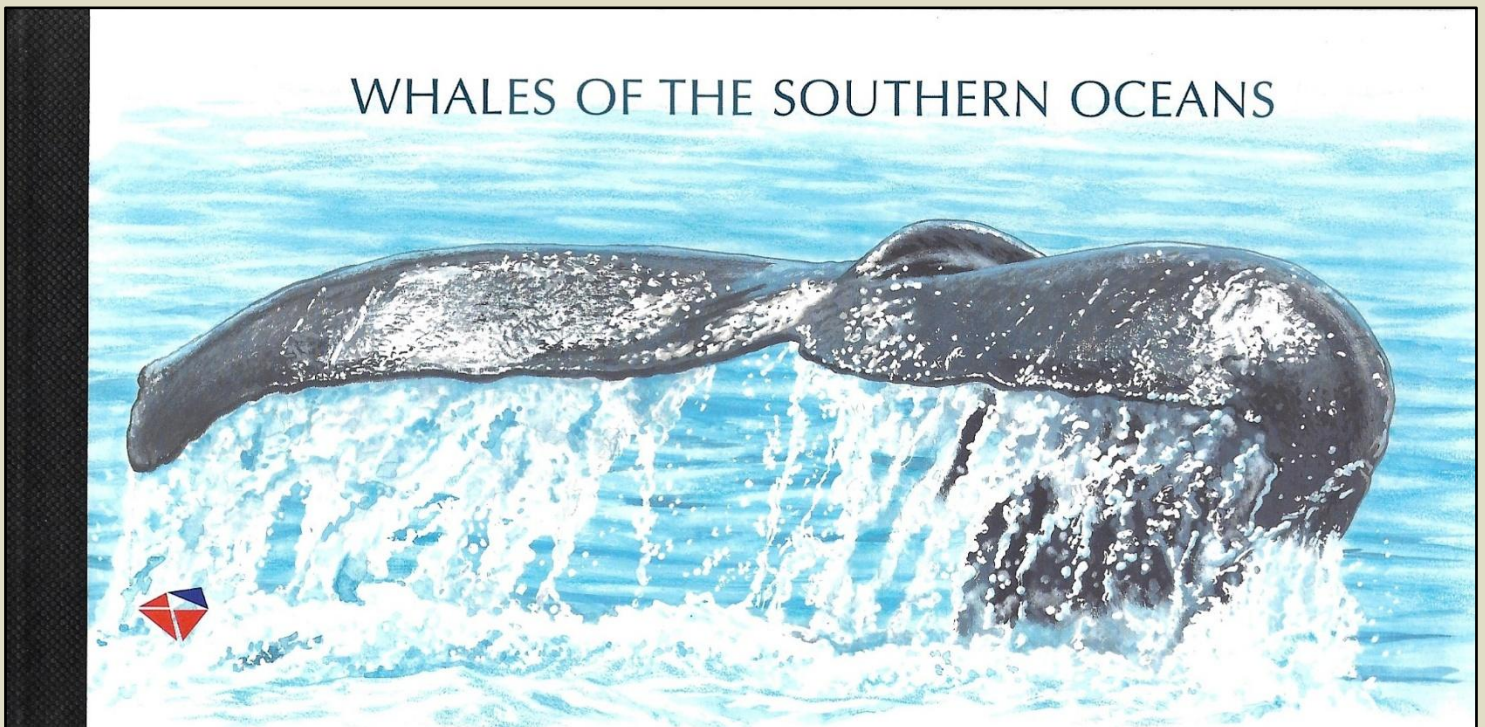


Fig. 1: Fig. 1: Outside front cover, booklet SSA#56



Fig. 2: Whales of the Southern Oceans sheetlet, SSA#56



Fig. 3: Outside back cover, booklet SSA#56

## ILSAPEX '98 - Whales of the Southern Oceans (SSA#56a)

**Booklet SSA#56a - Issued 20 October 1998.**

This booklet was issued by the organisers of the 1998 International Philatelic Exhibition (ILSAPEX) held in Johannesburg from 20 to 25 October 1998 and not the Post Office. This makes it a private (corporate product) issue which is not essential in a basic collection.

The same stamp sheetlet as for booklet SSA#56 was used to populate the booklet.

**Outside front cover:** Cartoon type whale with ILSAPEX 98 in writing, a red and blue Post Office envelope logo as well as the ILSAPEX 98 logo (Fig. 4). **Inside front cover:** ILSAPEX 98 logo that is obscured by the stamps.

**Inside back cover:** WESTERN CAPE WHALE route obscured by the stamps with an ILSAPEX serial number and details of the exhibition below (Fig. 5). **Outside back cover:** "EXPLORE OUR OCEANS THROUGH PHILATELY" and contact details of Philatelic Services printed on a blueish panel.

**Real size folded:** 95 x 100mm.

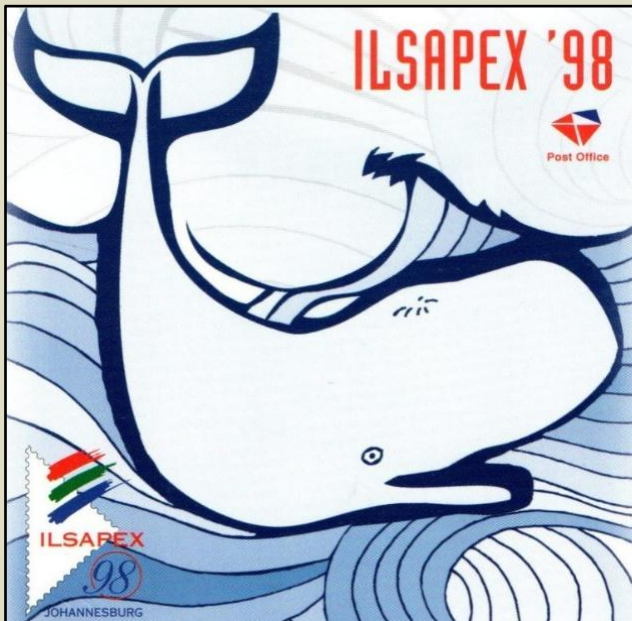


Fig. 4: Outside front cover, booklet SSA#56a

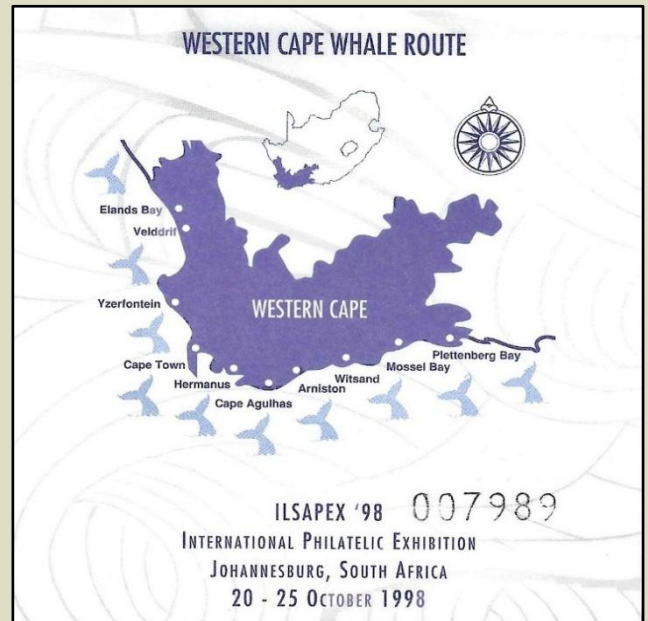


Fig. 5: Inside back cover, booklet SSA#56a

## Easipost Self-Adhesive ANTELOPE (SADC) Booklet (SSA#57)

The booklet was populated with two vertical rows of self-adhesive stamps depicting five different Antelopes of South Africa.

**Booklet SSA#57 - Issued 17 August 1999.** Date in selvage, 04.08.1999.

**Stamps:** Two vertical rows of five Standard Postage Antelope stamps with 12,75 serrations. Phosphor border and phosphor following left hand contour of antelope (Fig. 7).

**Print:** 124 000 Booklet and stamps by Sprintpak/SNP, Australia.

**Real size folded:** 76 x 58mm. **Unfolded:** 217 x 58mm (Folded in three parts, forming three panels).

**Outside cover:** Red background with three panels (Right to Left) (Fig. 6):

**Panel 1:** EASIPOST, Self Adhesive, 10 stamps with red and blue Post Office envelope logo.

**Panel 2:** SADC (Southern African Development Community) encircled by THE SOUTH AFRICAN POST OFFICE SUPPORTS SADC INITIATIVE - 17 AUGUST 1999, with barcode.

**Panel 3:** DO NOT LICK THESE STAMPS with contact particulars of Philatelic Services and red and blue Post Office envelope logo.

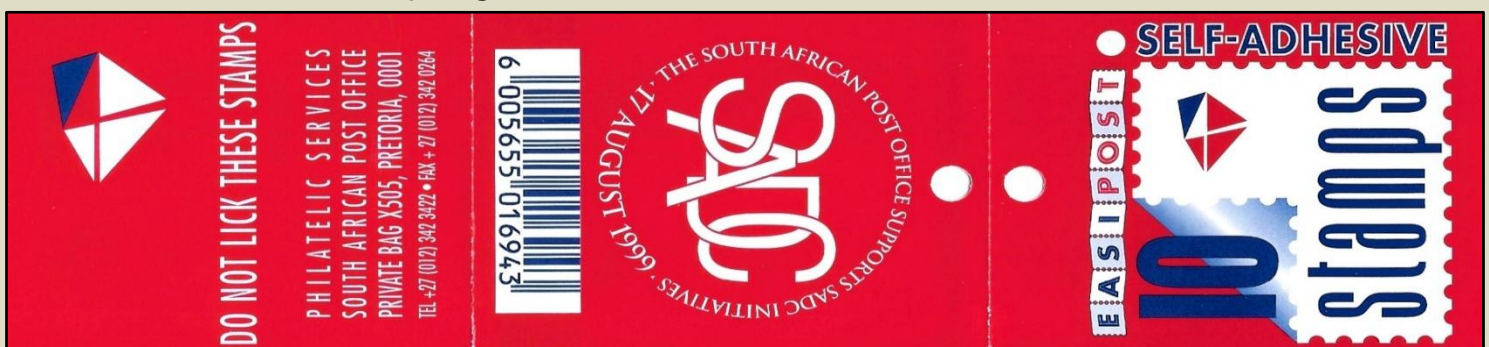


Fig. 6: Outside cover with three panels, booklet SSA#57

**Inside cover:** White background with self-adhesive stamps (Left to Right) (Fig. 7):

**Panel 1:** Instructions to remove stamps from backing, Eland stamps. Now you don't need a lick to stick with red and blue Post Office envelope logo and Sprintpak/SNP in red. Date 1999-08-04.

**Panel 2:** Kudu and Impala stamps.

**Panel 3:** Blue Wildebeest and Waterbuck stamps. This panel is 7mm shorter than the other two panels.



Fig. 7: Booklet SSA#57 - Inside of booklet

### Migratory Species (SSA#58) (Souvenir Booklet no. 6)

**Booklet SSA#58 - Issued 4 October 1999** (printed 26 August 1999).

**Stamps:** Two sheetlets of ten Standard Postage rate stamps depicting ten different Migratory Species of South Africa printed on 26 August 1999, were used to populate the booklets. 2mm Phosphor bar at left of stamps and perforated 14½ x 14½ (Fig. 9).

Two postal stationery postcards were included, and technical details of the stamps and design appears on the inside back cover.

**Sheet division:** Two sheetlets of ten stamps with Migratory Species of SA stamps printed se-tenant in two horizontal rows of five. Left selvedge illustrates Elephants, red and blue Post Office envelope logo and black Enschedé, Holland logo with date 1999.08.26 (Fig. 9). Sheetlets were also available from Philatelic Services.

**Print:** Joh. Enschedé, The Netherlands.

**Real size folded:** 185 x 92 mm.

**Outside front cover:** Red and blue Post Office envelope logo with an image of a Blue Marlin leaping from the water printed against a blueish ocean and Table Mountain. (Fig. 8).

**Outside back cover:** "COLLECT SOUTH AFRICAN STAMPS" and contact details of Philatelic Services with Souvenir Booklet Series no 6 printed on a navy-blue panel and "EXPLORE OUR NATURE THROUGH PHILATELY" on a brown panel (Fig. 10).



Fig. 8: Outside front cover, booklet SSA#58



Fig. 9: Standard Postage rate, Migratory Species of SA sheetlet, SSA#58

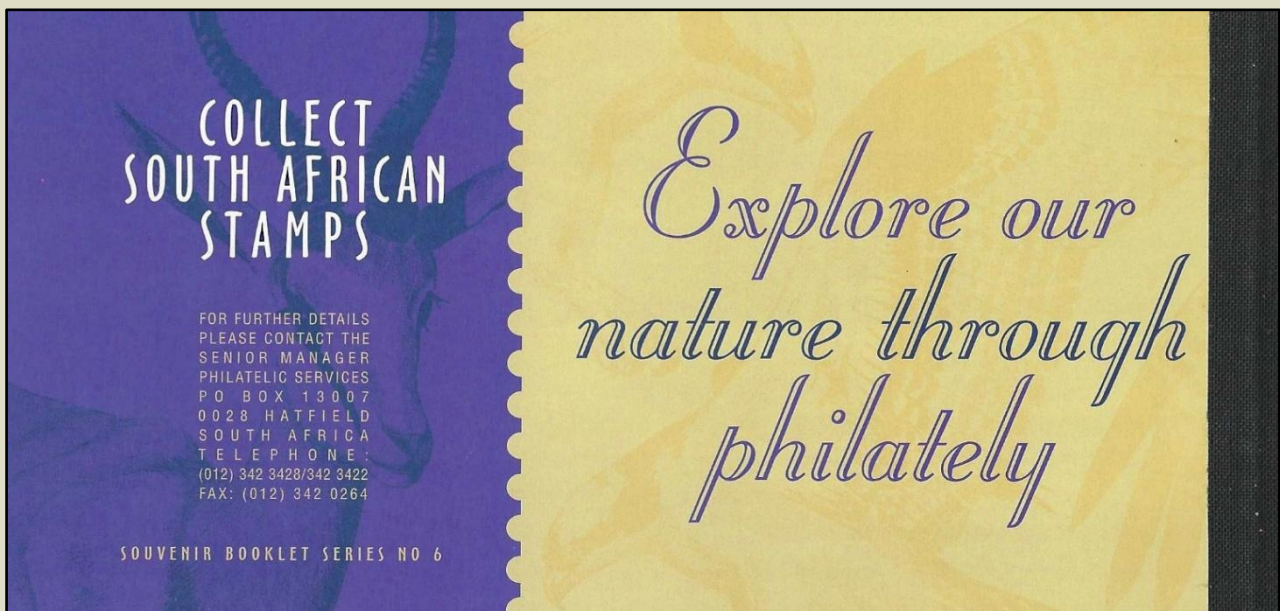


Fig. 10: Outside back cover, booklet SSA#58

**Easipost DIK DIK and SABLE Antelope (Aids awareness) Booklet (SSA#59)**

**Booklet SSA#59** - Issued 24 November 1999. Date in selvage, 07.08.1998.

**Stamps:** Booklet Sheets, two panes of 10 X 5 redrawn Antelope stamps printed vertical se-tenant per pane in two rows, Standard Postage, perforated 14 x 13¾ between stamps with broad L-shaped phosphor band. Every second row perforated and each alternate row imperforate for guillotining, binding left margin (Fig. 12).

**Sheet division:** Ten stamps per pane in two rows of five. The top selvage depicts a red and blue Post Office envelope logo with date 1998.08.07 and an orange House of Questa logo (Fig. 12). Same sheetlets as SSA#53 also with small cutting marks at the top, bottom, top and bottom or absent in the right margin.

**Real size folded:** 110 x 46mm. **Print:** The House of Questa, London.

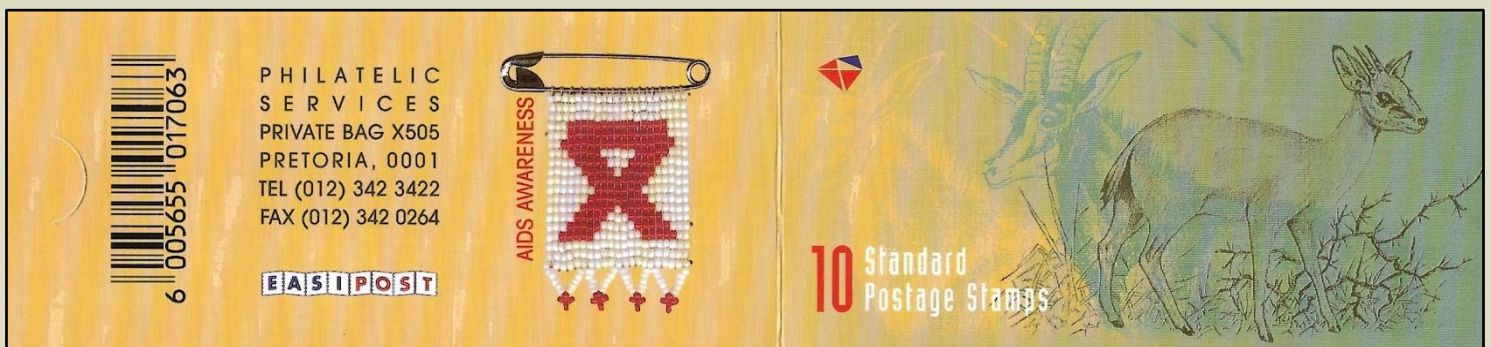


Fig. 11: Outside back and front cover, booklet SSA#59

**Outside front cover:** Red and blue Post Office envelope label and 10 Standard Rate Stamps in English with Dik Dik and Sable antelopes against a greenish background printed on a yellow panel, 9mm shorter than the back cover (Fig. 11).

**Outside back cover:** Contact particulars of Philatelic Services, EASIPOST, Aids Awareness logo and barcode printed on a yellow panel (Fig. 11).

**Inside front and back covers:** Blank with no fold over flap, no date code and station numbers (Fig. 12).

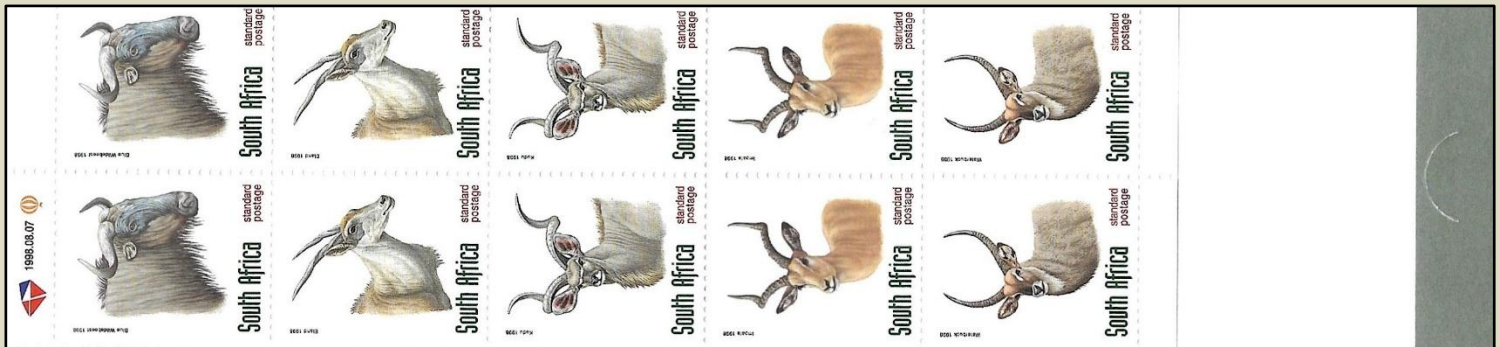


Fig. 12: Booklet SSA#59 - No Date code or Station numbers with blank inside cover

### Easipost Self-Adhesive ANTELOPE Booklet (SSA#60)

The booklet was populated with two vertical rows of self-adhesive stamps depicting five different Antelopes of South Africa.

**Booklet SSA#60** - Issued 18 October 1999. Date in selva date, 18.10.1999.

**Stamps:** Two vertical rows of five Standard Postage Antelope stamps with 12,75 serrations. Phosphor border and phosphor following left hand contour of antelope (Fig. 14).

**Print:** Two million stamp booklets by Sprintpak/SNP, Australia.

**Real size folded:** 76 x 58mm. **Unfolded:** 217 x 58mm (Folded in three parts, forming three panels).

**Outside cover:** Red background with three panels (Right to Left) (Fig. 13):

**Panel 1:** EASIPOST, Self Adhesive, 10 stamps with red and blue Post Office envelope logo.

**Panel 2:** Now you don't have to lick to stick with barcode.

**Panel 3:** DO NOT LICK THESE STAMPS with contact particulars of Philatelic Services and red and blue Post Office envelope logo.

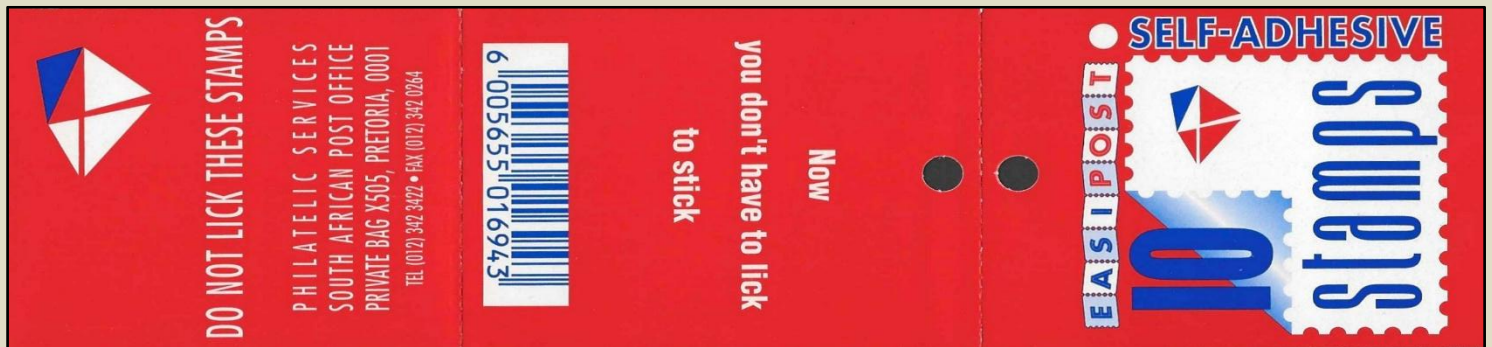


Fig. 13: Outside cover with three panels, booklet SSA#60

**Inside cover:** White background with self-adhesive stamps (Left to Right) (Fig. 14):

**Panel 1:** Instructions to remove stamps from backing, Eland stamps. Now you don't need a lick to stick with red and blue Post Office envelope logo and Sprintpak/SNP in red. Date 1999-10-18.

**Panel 2:** Kudu and Impala stamps.

**Panel 3:** Blue Wildebeest and Waterbuck stamps. This panel is 7mm shorter than the other two panels.



Fig. 14: Booklet SSA#60 - Inside of booklet

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# I collect...



Van Riebeeck Tercentenary, 1952

André du Plessis RDPSA - Pretoria Philatelic Society

My interest in the Van Riebeeck Tercentenary was sparked years ago when I learned about the 1952 Defiance Campaign against apartheid. Collecting stamps of the Union of SA, naturally brought me into the cross hairs of the van Riebeeck tercentenary stamps and festivities.

Stamps were issued and overprinted. The festivities were characterized by both resistance and widespread participation at home and abroad, culminating in a broad range of cultural, artistic and historical events.

Five stamps were issued on 14 March 1952 to commemorate the arrival of Jan van Riebeeck in Cape Town on **6 April 1952** (Figs. 1 to 5).



Fig. 1: VOC Official Seal and Monogram



Fig. 2: Maria de la Quellerie - Van Riebeeck's



Fig. 3: Arrival of Van Riebeeck's ships



Fig. 4: Jan van Riebeeck



Fig. 5: Landing of Van Riebeeck

In 1950, the Union Government announced its support for a Van Riebeeck tercentenary festival fair to be held in 1952. Rather than a state festival, it was planned as a countrywide folk festival to reach its peak in Cape Town from 30 March to 6 April 1952. The central theme, *South Africa after 300 years*, was introduced with the slogan *We are building a nation*, promoting nationhood and national unity. The closing date was later extended to 13 April 1952.

The programme (Fig. 6) featured events such as rafts, landing of a replica of the Drommedaris, Van Riebeeck's ship, Mail Carts, a fireworks display and mass choirs.

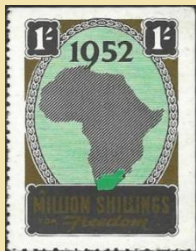


Fig. 7: Million Shillings label

Although the festival sought to promote national pride and unity among white South Africans, it also exposed deep divisions within South African society. The African National Congress and South African Indian Congress sparked organised resistance to boycott the festival. One of the key criticisms was the promotion of a nationhood by a government enforcing racial segregation. The *Defiance Campaign* of 1952 (also called the *Campaign of Defiance Against Unjust Laws*) came into being and was a major non-violent protest movement against apartheid.

Realising the need for finances to run the campaign, the two parties launch their **One Million Shilling** drive (Fig. 7), in cooperation with foreign supporters, to raise money.

To reflect the folk festival theme, and to include the rest of the country, seven horse drawn replica Mail Coaches (Fig. 8) were sent from the corners of the Union and Southwest Africa to travel on different routes to reach Cape Town on 6 April 1952.

Arrival of a Mail Coach at a town/city on the various routes was the focal point of Van Riebeeck-festival activities there and the surrounding towns.

Coaches were donated by different South African cities and left from the following towns:

- Route 1:** Cape Town Coach, Windhoek (SWA) - 15 February 1952.
- Route 2:** Pretoria coach, Messina - 11 January 1952.
- Route 3:** Johannesburg coach, Groblersdal - 26 January 1952.
- Route 4:** Bloemfontein coach, Sabie - 9 January 1952.
- Route 5:** Germiston coach, Ohrigstad - 5 January 1952.
- Route 6:** Durban coach, Amsterdam, SA - 7 January 1952
- Route 7:** Settler's coach (East Cape), Port St Johns - 13 February

dates. They converged at Bellville on 29 March 1952 before travelling together to Cape Town.

Coaches carried official festival envelopes, printed in Afrikaans and English, which collectors could obtain. These Mail Coach covers were mostly franked with official stamps and later also with commemorative stamps and impressed with a red, green, grey or black souvenir cachet in Afrikaans (Fig. 10), or English of

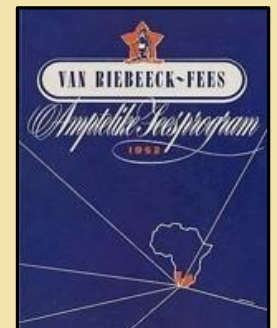


Fig. 6: Festival programme - Afrikaans



Fig. 8: Replica of the Settlers Mail Coach

The first Mail Coach departed from Ohrigstad on 5 January 1952 (Fig. 9), followed by the others on different

which the wording reads: 'A SOUVENIR OF THE UNION MAIL COACH TOUR AND THE LOCAL VAN RIEBEECK FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS at...'

Covers carried by the Mail Coaches are far scarcer than expected.



Fig 9: Cover from Ohrigstad to Bloemfontein 4 January 1952, when the Van Riebeeck festivities were celebrated at Ohrigstad, signalling the departure of the very first Mail Coach on 5 January 1952 and the start of the festival.



Fig 10: Afrikaans Mail Coach Cover with green cachet dated 7 Feb 1952 when the Johannesburg Coach was at Krugersdorp

In addition to occasional private covers produced by individuals, "semi-official" covers were issued by the Festival Organising Committee, the Stamp Exhibition Committee, and other authorised bodies. In most cases, the designer or printer is not identified on these.



Three special circular date stamps of different diameter (Putzel Vol 2, pg. 157) and two commemorative postmarks were used where appropriate (Figs. 11, 12 & 13 left/right).

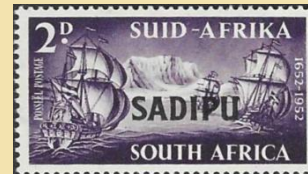


The Cape Town Philatelic Society staged the South African Tercentenary International Stamp Exhibition (SADIPU) (Afrikaans: Suid Afrikaanse Driehonderjarige Internasionale Posseëluitstalling (SATISE) in the Old Drill Hall in Cape Town from 26 March to 5 April 1952 to run in conjunction with the festival (Fig. 14).



Fig. 14: Stamp Exhibition labels

For this purpose, the 1d and 2d stamps were overprinted with acronyms formed from the initial letters of the Afrikaans and English names, respectively (Fig. 15 & 16).



Figs. 15 & 16: Overprinted stamps

Interestingly, the acronym 'SATISE' means 'satisfied' in French and other languages.

In reaction to the Van Riebeeck Festival's invitation for cooperation, The Netherlands response to support the festival was equally enthusiastic. Commemoration festivities would be organized in Culemborg, Van Riebeeck's hometown. A Van Riebeeck Commemorative stamp set in denominations of 2c, 6c, 10c and 20c (Fig. 17) was issued on 14 March 1952, as well as commemorative covers.



Fig 17: Exchange cover with SA and the Netherlands stamps

An arrangement allowed collectors to send covers via KLM from one country to the other, where they were franked with that country's commemorative stamps, cancelled and returned to sender.



Fig 18: Special KLM flight label

A special flight was undertaken by KLM from Amsterdam to Cape Town on 25 March 1952 (Fig. 18).



# New Stamp Issues

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The stamps feature photography of waterfalls from all four nations of the UK, capturing the power and beauty of some of Britain's most dramatic natural landscapes.

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# SA Postcards

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André du Plessis RDPSA, Pretoria Philatelic Society

The Boer War in 1899 triggered departure of unskilled workers from the Rand. The end of the war (1902) saw a shortage of unskilled workers. Mines remained closed and Mine houses were permitted to recruit Chinese workers. Importation of indentured labourers started in 1904 and by 1910 all had been repatriated back to China.



Native's discussing the Arrival of Chinese  
Published by Sallo Epstein & Co., Durban

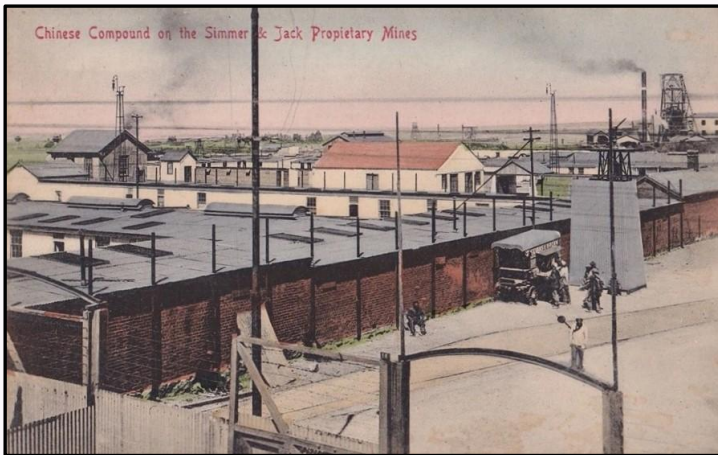
Arrival of the first Chinese Indentured workers in Durban  
Sallo Epstein & Co, Durban with UB in black



The First Batch of Chinese on the Rand.

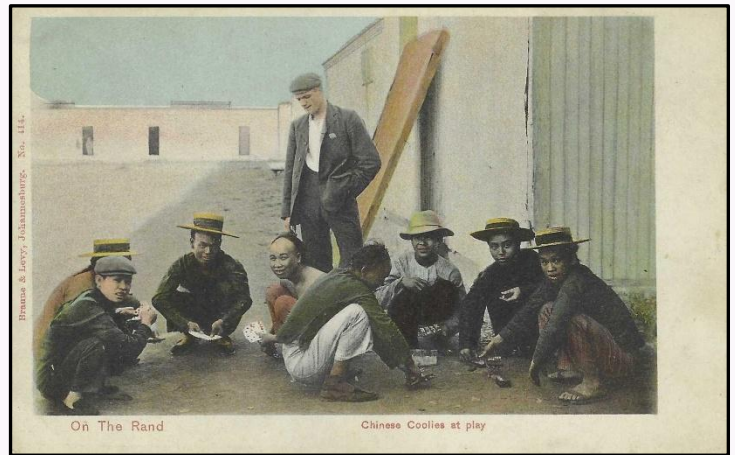
Braune, Franssen & Co. H. F. G. No. 133

Arrival of the first indentured workers on the Rand by train  
Braune, Franssen & Co (B.F.C.J.) no 133 Levy - DB in red brown



Chinese Compound on the Simmer & Jack Proprietary Mines

The Chinese compound at Simmer and Jack GM  
Sallo Epstein & Co, Durban, number 2113 - UB in green



On The Rand

Chinese Coolies at play

Chinese playing cards inside a Chinese Compound  
Braune & Levy, Johannesburg with number 414 and DB in red



The General Work ON THE RAND

Braune & Levy, Johannesburg. No. 1533

B. Colby

At underground work - ON THE RAND with white supervisor and black colleagues  
Braune & Levy, Johannesburg with number 1533 - DB in red



PERFORMERS OF CHINESE OPERA ON THE RAND.

Published by HALLIS & Co., Port Elizabeth.

Performers at Randfontein clad in traditional Chinese opera outfit  
Published by Hallis & Co. Port Elizabeth - DB in brown

Meeting 30 June 2016 – Postcards of Paarl, Western Cape  
 Chuck Muller, Bellville Philately Society

Paarl became an official municipality in 1840, and the town is renowned for its rich heritage, especially its leading role in the development and shaping of the Afrikaans language.



Stadshuis (Town Hall) – The original building was erected in 1881 and destroyed in a fire in 1924  
*T. D. Ravenscroft, Cape Town, Camera Series - UB*



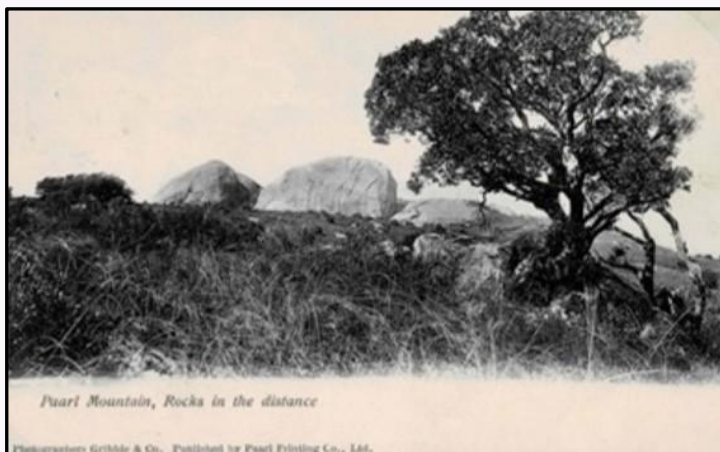
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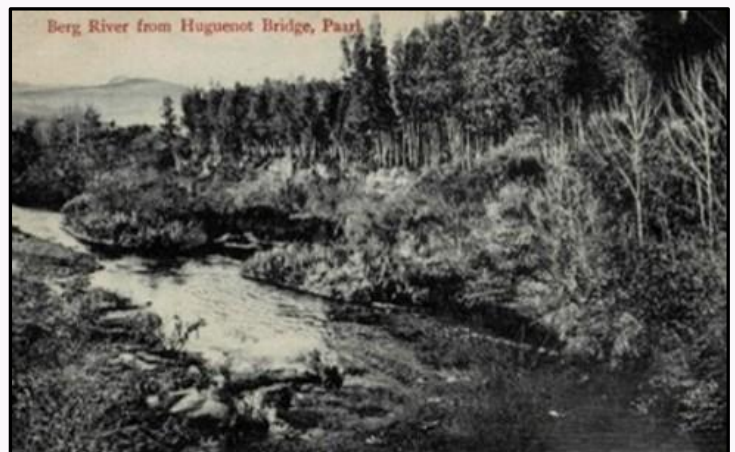
Main Street, Paarl  
*T. D. Ravenscroft, Cape Town, Camera Series - DB*



Lady Grey Street looking south towards Paarl Mountain  
*J. Hoitsema, Paarl - DB*



Paarl Mountain with Paarl Rock  
*Paarl Printing Co. Ltd, Paarl. Photograph by Griddle & Co - UB*



Berg River from Huguenot Bridge  
*Unknown, Spes Bona Series - DB*

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