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Happy New Year 2012

BOAMBEE EAST PHILATELIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our February, 2012 newsletter. We hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas/New Year break. We had a great Christmas party to end 2011. Our juniors received their awards on the night. You'll be very surprised at what our member profile reveals. We are doing so much in the next few months that it will be hard to put it all into our newsletter but we will manage won't we. So read on, enjoy and again welcome to 2012... the Year of the Water Dragon.



The Xmas Party.

As expected, our December meeting was a fun night. A very quick informal meeting was held. It was believed to be the quickest one we have ever held. 10 minutes then it was over. One that could easily have been put into the Guinness Book of Records.

We were informed at the meeting that our offer to put an article into The Philas News had been accepted and that our media officer would write it forthwith. As of the publishing of this newsletter a draft had been sent and was enthusiastically accepted. We anxiously await The Philas News to get our hot little hands on it.

The order of the night then was games, the presentation of the Juniors awards and eating the banquet.

First up was a heated game of soccer albeit a twisted version of the popular outdoor game. The soccer field was a table with the goal areas marked by red string. The ball? Ping pong balls. What else. The teams had to use

(not their feet) but their well honed huffing and puffing skills.



We'll huff and puff until we get a goal.

Although several teams had contended for the title of champions, there were no clear winners because so many red and yellow cards given out. Harry Kewell and David Beckham can be reassured that they haven't anything to worry about.

After a 5 minute breather, there were some postal work to do in an hilarious game called 'The Mail Must Get Through'. Tucked away in envelopes were letters of the alphabet which had to be used to get the name of a country. The team that created the longest country's name were



Afghanistan!! Yeeaaaah

the winners. There was much pilfering of other teams envelopes amid raucous laughter and screams. Afghanistan was the country that finally saw the light of day. By this time all and sundry were in desperate need of a rest. Bottoms were thankfully put to rest on chairs for the presentation of the BEPS Junior awards. (See Juniors Corner for details)

All in all 53 people had attended our Xmas party meeting. Cameras were flashing as the festivities took place. It took a bit of cajoling and arranging but at last the BEPS ruffians were in one place for the PHOTO.



Can you recognise anyone?

The presentations over, time to unburden the groaning table of it's treats. You name it and it was there. Pizzas, sandwiches, cakes little savs, lollies, dips and biscuits. What a feast!

Everyone was a full as a goog. All that was left were crumbs. Not even enough for the ants. The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Oh Dear! Where to start!!

Member Profile.

After a little bit of snooping and perhaps a bit of underhanded bribery we came up with some very interesting facts about our resident representative from Australia Post.



Why so serious PT?

A collector of miscellaneous imperfs, PT regularly attends our meetings except when he goes to Lions functions. He is a quiet person who really comes to life at an auction where he seems to get whatever he is bidding on. Such a discerning eye has our PT.



Pardon Monsieur! A polish will send it down vite vite

PT's outside interest is lawn bowls. He has shown a surprising talent for the game. He has achieved the status of lawn bowls champion—something of which we are sure he is very proud. On ya PT.



Not the real thing. It's all we could afford for you.

Junior's Corner

The Junior President was called on to do the presentations. 'Mouse', our youngest junior member, was absolutely dazed when he was called out to receive his green shirt and certificate.



Me! I don't believe it! I actually won!

'Mouse' also received the Encouragement Award of a year book for all of his excellent work during 2011. Another Junior, Noah, received a green shirt and certificate for his excellent and imaginative challenges during the year. 5 juniors now have green shirts.



Proud Noah

4 proud Juniors and the Junior's Officer

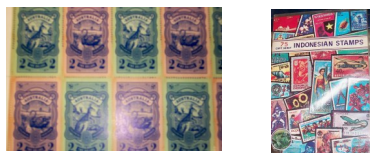
The final award was the John Anderson Memorial award. This prestigious award for Juniors went to an amazingly talented young man, Angus, who excelled in his entries for all aspects of BEPS challenges and philately. Alas Angus was unable to attend the presentation so it will be given to him at a later date. Again our juniors have amazed us with their talents, hard work and wonderful challenge entries. Great stuff juniors. Keep up the good work.

Junior's Picture Parade.



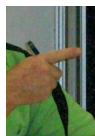
What Will Be Happening.

This year is going to be jam packed with exciting and interesting talks, challenges and auctions. Our first talk is going to be on "The Secrets of Stamps" at the March meeting. This will be presented by Kevin Cheers, a long term and highly respected member of B.E.P.S.



Kevin has been keeping his presentation close to his chest so it will be something that we will be looking forward to.

In April there will be a lot of 'Elbow Grease' going on. You guessed it! It will entail all there is to know (Well .. All that we know) about the cleaning up of dirty, stained and marked stamps and coins. All members are asked that, on the night, to be sure to bring in those stamps and coins that are in need of a good clean. If you have any tips in this department please pass them on to other members. It will be greatly appreciated. Later on we will be preparing and holding our auction so now would be, perhaps, a good time to start digging out those lots.



The auctioneer's finger waits for no-one

In the next newsletter there will be more info in what's coming up during the year.

Influx of New Members

Our membership over the past few months has grown to a staggering 73 members. For a small (and dare we say—out of the way) stamp and coin club this is truly amazing. We now have members from as far afield as St. Andrews, Goulburn, Casino and Lismore with enquiries from Invergowrie and Urunga. As a matter of interest we have (not a member as yet) a certain person in England who says that he looks forward to reading our newsletter on line at our site. Gee! Do we say we have gone global? Hmm. Not quite.

To all those who have recently joined our club we wish to extend to them the most heartiest of welcomes and we know that you will not only meet new friends but have a lot of fun. Oh yes. You will perhaps be able to develop your collections. For those thinking about joining—please do so. You will not regret it. Again—Welcome.

Notes of Interest.

At the April meeting we are going to be advised of the topics for our birthday challenges. That's different from previous years isn't it. Our library has now increase with the acquisition of new material. We haven't got to the level of the Australian National Library but we are slowly building resources in the library for the members to use.

On a sadder note, our oldest foundation member, Hedley, has passed away. His lively presence and contributions to our club will be greatly missed.

Xmas Rogues Gallery.



These are just a few of our rogues. Keep an eye out for more in the next newsletter. Well. That's it for this one. We hope you enjoyed your read and we will be back in May with more. Happy New Year.

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