

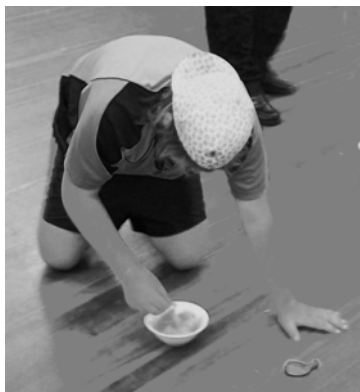
Boambee East Philatelic Society

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011. We hope that everyone had a happy and safe Christmas/New Year's break. 2011 promises to see bigger and better things for our club (if that is at all possible). We had a very enjoyable Christmas party which went off with a bang – literally. Did you know that our clubs community notices are now on TV and radio? Read on to find out where and when. Our juniors have been quite busy in the break doing their “Around the World in 80 Countries” or is it 40 countries? Hmm. Confused yet? There is much in this newsletter to report. We know you will find it interesting and very informative. Again welcome back.

The Christmas Party.

We finished off 2010 at our last meeting with a Christmas party to end all Christmas parties. As usual we had our ‘formal’ meeting before the festivities began. We were informed that the four by-laws voted on at the last meeting regarding the circuit books are now in force. This meeting was so abridged that we almost didn't have it.

The party then swung into top gear. But there was bemusement as to what bowls of potato chips, balloons and strings were to be used for. All was revealed when teams were formed. Watching the contestants run from starting points to their allocated bowls of chips, eat them then blow up balloons was enough to make the most staid of us split their sides with laughter.



Have you ever tried it? Not an easy exercise as this junior soon found out.

What then? The inflated bal-

loons were then rushed back to their team and handed to the next in line. You guessed it. BANG (or in some cases phhttt—reminiscent of a bodily function) as these inflated bodies were sat upon. Out came pieces of paper with lucky prize numbers. Three people with the lucky numbers won boxes of delicious chocolates. Unhappily for the media officer (who is a raving chocaholic) not one of the prizes went her way.

A mini auction was held where ‘postal votes’ were aplenty. One of our members to his chagrin seemed to be outbid by the postal votes at almost every turn. But he took this in good humour. The amount raised in the mini-auction will help with our programme for the juniors

Food glorious food! Decorated tables groaned under the weight of Christmas fare. Sandwiches, cakes and all sort of goodies were consumed with cups of tea, coffee and soft drinks. As usual our lovely Lady of the Kitchen did a magnificent job. Not only did we get our cuppas as we liked them but we received that unforgettable smile from her. .



Our lovely Lady of the Kitchen. She made the night very memorable

The night was a resounding success

with everyone going to their respective homes with full tummies and full hearts.



Content Happy Christmas Faces

Well done and thank you to everyone who pitched in to make this Christmas party so great. We all had fun and look forward to our next celebration.

Our Television Promo

By now everyone should (hopefully) have Channel 11 on their televisions.

Channel 11 is the new free to air station under the channel 10 banner.

Our promotional ads for our meetings is now on this channel as well as on local radio every week for the rest of the year. Another B.E.P.S coup.



Juniors Corner

Welcome back to all our juniors. We certainly hope you had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year's break from school. While on holidays the juniors were set a challenge. They had to go around the world stamp-wise to 80 countries in 40 days.



They have been exercising their grey matters to solve this challenge. It is going to be very interesting to see what our bright juniors have come up with won't it?

This challenge has gone to other clubs both local and internationally. There is a big possibility that some of our juniors will receive comments from international judges. The results of this challenge will be published in the next newsletter. This year the juniors will be set only four challenges. These will require more research and help them to improve their presentations.

Over the Christmas/New Year's break there have been many inquiries about B.E.P.S from new arrivals and visiting junior collectors. It really looks like that the word about the juniors in our club is spreading if not like wild-fire at least like a small grass fire. Again welcome back juniors. This year will get you motivated with the end result being wonderful presentations.

Talking of Challenges.

Seeing we have set challenges for the juniors here is one for the rest of us. It is a 'simple' quiz. See if you can come up with the answer in under 5 minutes.

How many non-countries have issued their own stamps and coins? Here is a

hint. There are only three non-countries that have done this. Is that a help? No? Well it looks like you are going to have to do a bit of research doesn't it. Look for the answer in the next newsletter.

Flood/Moisture Damaged Stamps.

As you all may realise it has been very wet of late. The floods in Queensland, in Grafton and also Victoria have been horrendous. Now is the time to be alert to flood/moisture damaged stamps.



Here is an example of water damaged letters. Imagine what it could do to your stamp collection.

If you have obtained any stamps lately be aware of any moisture damage to them. If you do suspect any moisture damage hold on to them until April or May this year. We are planning a practical night where there will be detailed explanations given on how to go about restoring and cleaning your precious stamps. This meeting will definitely be one not to miss.

Up coming Auction.

As you will have read in the November newsletter our next auction will be held on the 14th of April, 2011. There has been considerable interest shown in this, our second formal auction, with many postal entries coming.

The cut off date for submitting your lots is the 21st of February, 2011. Make sure that you present your lots in such a way as to

show their best attributes. Descriptions should be as accurate as possible. If you are unsure of how to describe your lots please contact one of the more experienced members of B.E.P.S who will only be too happy to help.

Update on Circuit Books

As stated earlier in this newsletter, the four resolutions regarding the circuit books are now in force. You can get a copy of these from our circuit book officer. They are also posted inside the circuit books themselves so, if you think about it, there cannot be any excuse for not knowing about them.

The new source of circuit books from Queensland have been delayed due to the floods there. This we fully understand. But we are eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Now is the time to start producing additional circuit books. As you probably are starting to realise it gets a tad wearisome to have the same books coming under your examination for something new to buy. Yes. Repetition can be boring can't it?

If you have any stamps valued \$10 and over please present them on separate pages. We have new security arrangements to guarantee their safety.

PS

To get onto our web site go to www.philas.org.au/boambee

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