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# A forged Trinidad bisect rediscovered

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When I came across this cover (see Figure 1, next page), my heart skipped a beat. I was familiar with old Stanley Gibbons catalogues that listed a 6d. Britannia green (1876) bisect, SG#96a. It had been removed when the catalogue was rationalized, but so were many shades and varieties, and not always because they were dubious. Moreover, the 17 numeral cancel had all the right nuances and the cover has a look of authenticity. So buying it was a bet, but not a blind one.

Needless to say the cover came without any references or paper trails, so piecing together its history and pedigree has been quite a task.

## The Background of the SG96a

The earliest SG listing I found was 1923, so it follows that an example must have come to the attention of the catalogue editors around 1920. This example, shown in

Figure 1, found its way into the famous Hodsell Hurlock collection and was submitted to the RPSL for expertising. The RPSL kindly searched their records and confirmed that "the RPSL Expert Committee originally considered this item at the meeting of 30 April 1947 and issued a certificate (No. 30,165) stating 'SG 96a - genuine bisect; used on entire.' I can confirm from comparison with our photographs and the Harmers illustration that this certificate was for the Hurlock cover."

They also confirmed that this was the only Trinidad 6d. bisect that has been submitted to the RPSL for expertising. This cover next turned up as a lot in the Hodsell Hurlock sale of 1958. It was listed as "Lot 1208, 6d. deep yellow-green, bisected, S.G. 96a, well tied to a small envelope to Barbados with circular '17 JY 25 1877' pmk., on reverse 'BARBADOS JY 30 1877' arrival mark, extremely rare, believed to be the only recorded copy. With 'Royal' certificate."

After this point its fall from grace was swift. The SG#96a

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listing was removed from the 1960 SG catalogue. The current SG catalogue editor kindly looked through their records to explain the circumstances. I quote: "I have examined our files and find that the 6d. bisect, formerly SG 96a, was removed from the 1960 catalogue on the advice

the bisect from the point of view of postal rates.' It is clear that a good deal of correspondence was going on between Mr. (later, Sir John) Marriott and F.W. Wall at SG regarding the Trinidad listings at which time a number of reasons were made."

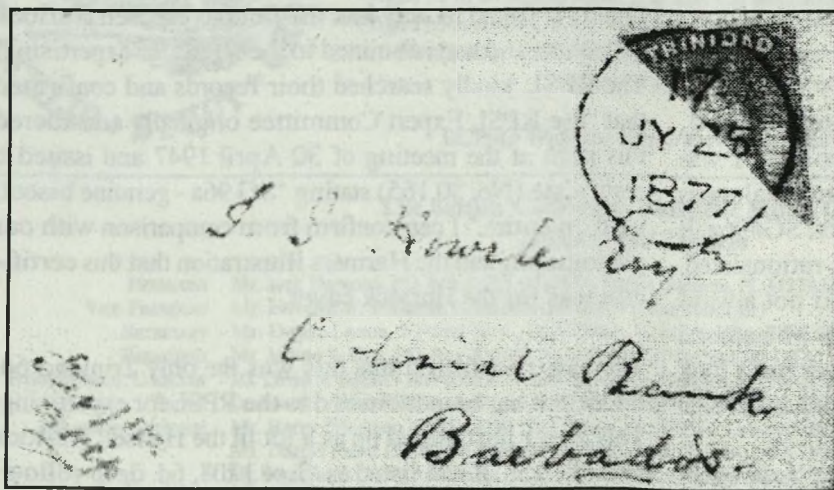
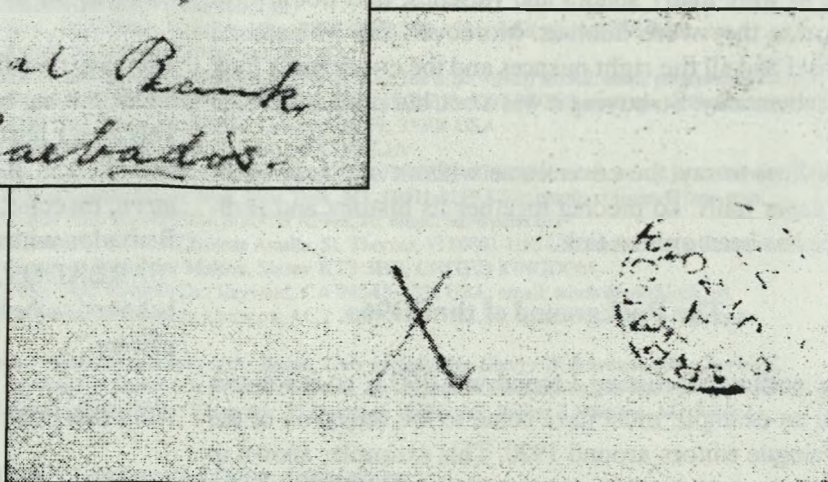


Figure 1: Bisect of the Trinidad 6d. green Britannia (1876) on cover, front and back.



of John Marriott who said, 'Have you examined the Hurlock example? I believe it is the only one -- and it does not convince me at all. I have never discovered any documentary evidence for it -- nor was there a need for

Interestingly, the cover was resubmitted to the RPSL for an updated opinion, but this time at a meeting on 5 April 1978, it was considered to be a "Faked Cover" and the original certificate was withdrawn.

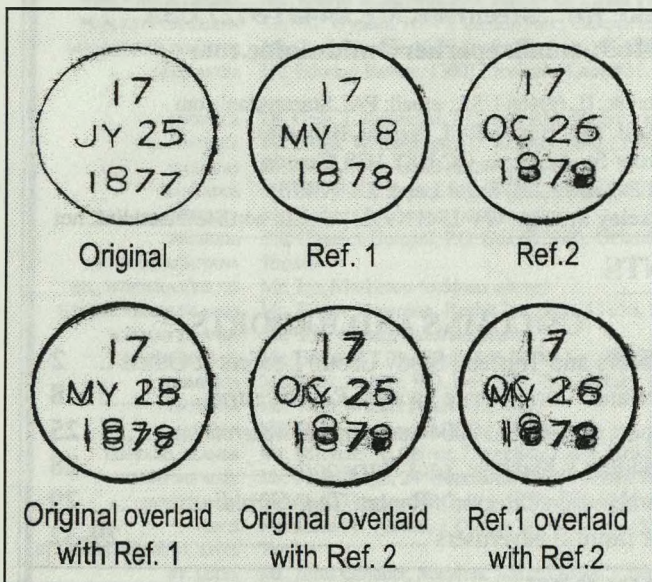


Figure 2: Comparison of the 17 numeral cancel with other examples. (Other examples provided by Mike Nethersole.)

### A Second Look at the Evidence

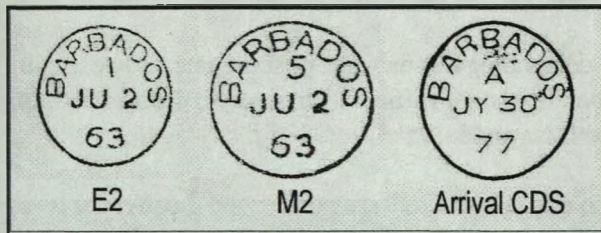
#### The Date Stamps

The bisect is tied to the cover by a Marriott Type 7 numeral cancel from Couva (assigned number 17). Figure 2 shows this cancel along with two reference examples copied from stamps. It seems apparent that the position of the numbers and letters was set by hand and not held rigidly fixed to the outer circle. This means that there is some relative movement of the numbers and letters. This said, some features appear constant over time, the most distinctive of which concerns the year. Here the first "8" is raised while the following two numerals fall away.

When the cancel is overlaid with the reference strike with nearest date, (Ref. 1, 10 months later), both the position of the 17 and the day and month are excellent matches. The relative placement of the numbers in the

year is well matched but the whole element is shifted upwards. The next reference strike, (Ref. 2, 15 months later), shows more shifting upwards of elements relative to both the original cancel and Ref. 1. But again, the relative placement of the letters and numbers in the elements are constant.

The Barbados arrival cancel is not such a good match to recorded examples (see Figure 3). The leading reference on Barbados postal markings, (Clarke, *et al* [1982]), lists a very similar date stamp, E2, but this has a slightly



**Figure 3: Comparison of the Barbados arrival CDS with other recorded CDS. From Clarke et al (1982), reproduced with kind permission of the BWISC.**

smaller diameter and different letter spacing. The Parish cancel M2 is also a close fit. However, it is not impossible that an unrecorded CDS used for arriving mail might have slipped under the radar. Interestingly the arrival cancel also shows the paper indentation found with genuine steel cancels.

#### *The Route and Dates*

In 1877 mail was carried to and from Couva on the *Cedros Steamer*, as the railway did not reach Couva until 1880. The original notice of 1851 has the service operating from Port of Spain to Couva on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.<sup>1</sup> Assuming that this timetable was still in effect, the mail would have been picked up either on the 25th, which fell on a Wednesday, or on the 26th, a Thursday. Mails for the United Kingdom closed on the 27th and the RMS *Eider* is recorded leaving Port of Spain at 5 p.m. on the 27th for Southampton.<sup>2</sup> At the time, Barbados was served as part of the northbound U.K. route, which took a circuitous route via St. Lucia.<sup>3</sup>

On the Barbados end, both the *West Indian* and the *Barbados Globe* newspapers have the RMS *Eider* arriving on the 30th from St. Lucia. This would explain the arrival cancel of the same date.

#### *The Addressee*

The Barbados branch of the Colonial Bank operated as an effective head branch for the Caribbean region and this role generated considerable inter-island correspon-

dence and staff movement around the region.<sup>4</sup> This suggests that the cover could be of a commercial nature and not out of the ordinary. Also, the *Barbados Business Directory* for 1887 lists a T.J. Howell as an accountant at the Colonial Bank.<sup>5</sup> Again, an important positive piece of evidence.

#### *The Need for a Bisect*

The need for bisects arose because of the absence of a particular value. In the main, this was caused either by stocks running out, or the introduction of a new rate and a delay in receiving new suitable denominations. With regard to stocks running out, clearly this can happen on an island wide basis or temporarily at smaller offices. In the latter case the bisect would be much rarer, being applied on a small number quantity of mail and for a short period of time. In Trinidad, this is not without precedent. Marriott himself brought a unique bisect to light, this being a 4d. postage due bisected and surcharged 2d. (see Figure 4).<sup>6</sup> There is no indication that Trinidad had run out of 2d. postage dues, but more likely there was a local shortage at the Poole Post Office and they took matters into their own hands.

**Figure 4: Trinidad 4d. Postage Due bisected on piece. From "The Sir John Marriott Collection of Trinidad Stamps and Covers" auction catalogue, reproduced by kind permission of Spink and Son (London).**



In our case, a bisect would only be necessary if the Couva Post Office ran out of 1d. stamps. There is no way to know if that actually happened but it is possible to present some circumstantial evidence in the form of demand for 1d. stamps, the implication being that a sharp increase in demand would increase the likelihood of running out. The table on the next page estimates demand of 1d. stamps from the orders placed.<sup>7</sup> These estimates suggest that around the time of the introduction of UPU rates the demand for 1d. stamps did spike, making the possibility of a small office running out more likely.

#### *The Rate*

This is perhaps the most quizzical aspect of the cover

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and the perhaps the one which caused Marriott the most unease. The first thing to note is that this cover was sent during a time when postal rates were in flux. Trinidad joined the UPU on April 1, 1877, but not as a full member; this came later in 1884.<sup>8</sup> In this transitional period,

### The Penny Drops

Admittedly, the circumstances in which this bisect would be needed are remote. It requires the Couva Post Office to have run out of 1d. stamps at the same time as some-

Date of Order	Quantity	Approx. time to next order	Approximate usage
April 29, 1876	128,480	9 months	14,000 per month
January 17, 1877	55,000	Half month	110,000 per month
February 8, 1877	110,000	2 months	55,000 per month
April 18, 1877	155,760	8 months (Dec. 31, 1877)	20,000 per month

rates were gradually brought into line with UPU norms. The case is further complicated because Barbados was not a UPU member. It joined later in 1881, so rates to it would not have normally been affected.

The table of postage rates printed in the *Trinidad Chronicle* on April 3, 1877 indicates that the normal 1/2 ounce rate to the British West Indies was 6d. However, the table also notes that the Book Packet Rate is 3d., and in the footnotes dealing with this rate it stipulates that,

(1) Letters only are registered, for the United States, and pay 12d. postage in addition to the fee of 6d. for registration.

(2) Letters registered only for La Guayra and Caracas.

Prepayment of Letters is compulsory, to the countries whose names are printed in *Italics*. No letter or other articles can be registered to countries marked N.R.; to all other countries, any article may be registered.

If addressed 'via Brindisi,' the following additional postage must be collected for countries or towns marked thus \*, viz.: 2d. per 1/2 oz. on Letters, 1d. on ea. Newspaper, and 1d. per 2 oz. on Book packets and Patterns.

A Book packet or packet of Newspapers, to the countries marked †, must not exceed 3 lbs., nor a packet of Patterns 8 oz. (1/2 lb.). The weight of a Book packet or packet of Patterns addressed to N.S. Wales or Queensland is limited to 3 lbs. In all other cases, the weight-limit of a parcel is 5 lbs.

In addition to all kinds of Printed Engraved or Lithographed matter, Legal and Commercial Documents and Music in manuscript may be sent as a Book Packet. Proof of Printing, or of Music may bear corrections with a pen, and may have manuscript annexed to them. Circulars, &c., may bear the signature of the sender, his Trade or Profession, place of Residence, and Date. A Book may have a dedication or complimentary Inscription in Manuscript and Printed or Lithographed Stock or Share Lists, Prices Current, and Market Reports, may have the Prices added in writing.

Figure 5: Part of Rate Table dealing with regulations concerning the Book Packet Rate (taken from the *Trinidad Chronicle*, April 3, 1877).

“In addition to all kinds of Printed Engraved or Lithographed matter, Legal and Commercial Documents and Music in manuscript may be sent Book Packet.... Inscription in Manuscript and Printed or Lithographed Stocks or Share Lists, Prices Current, and Market Reports may have the Prices added in writing” (see Figure 5, above).

It is not unreasonable to believe that some legal or commercial documents could be sent to an employee of the leading regional bank. Such a letter would command the 3d. book rate.

one demanding a somewhat obscure rate. However, improbability is not sufficient grounds to dismiss an item, to do this would rid the world of many rarities.

Up to this point there were some good grounds for being optimistic, until that is, I followed up a reference to a series of articles by Robson Lowe from 1960 and 1961, titled *George's Work*. (George is a pseudonym for an unnamed forger to whom Robson Lowe attributed a number of dangerous forgeries including the Trinidad 6d. bi-

sect). I quote: “The Trinidad 1877 bisect is a joy in some ways only the original stamp is genuine. There is an additional touch because some pencil writing and the price “8/-” has been partly erased. One cannot over stress the point that George’s work may look obvious when one sees several pieces at one time but when one piece is on its own then it can easily pass muster.”

Strong words from such an authority should not be

taken lightly. The article also showed a number of covers from other British colonies with the same handwriting style. One 1881 cover from St. Vincent is addressed to T.J. Howell, this time in Trinidad, and again in the same handwriting. However, the most interesting cover is a second Trinidad 6d. bisect identical in most aspects to the previous one, except it has a Trinidad transit cancel on the front (see Figure 6).

This provided the final nail in the coffin because, when the two bisects are lined up, it is abundantly clear that they are two halves of the same used stamp. The original

stamp was a real 6d. Britannia with a clear strike of a 17 numeral cancel. This was bisected and tied to both covers with a forged partial cancel based on the other half of the stamp (see Figure 7). This explains why the cancel is such a good match to genuine ones.

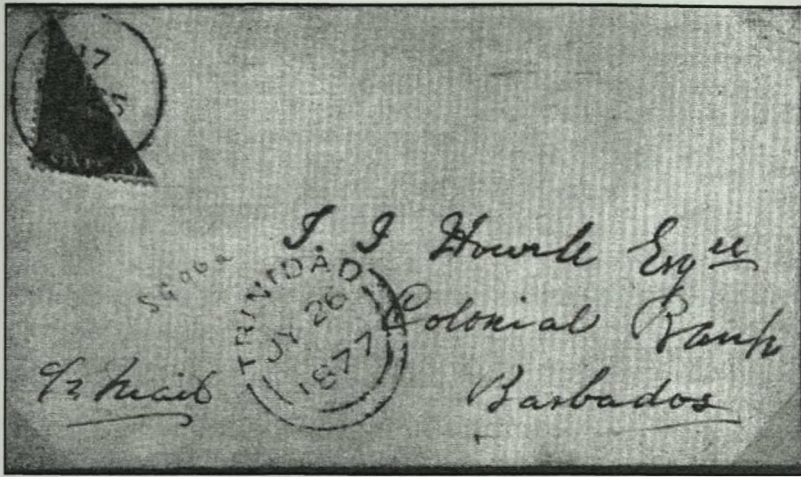


Figure 6: A second Trinidad 6d. green Britannia (1876) bisect on cover. From *Philately (BPA Journal)*, July/August 1961, p. 149, reproduced by kind permission of the British Philatelic Trust.

### Conclusion

What is clear from the attention to detail, is that George was a first rate forger. To get the transit dates consistent with established dates and select a real verifiable person as the addressee, he must have also done his homework. As far as I could ascertain, the identity of George is still



Figure 7: Bisects from both covers placed side by side, with the cachet enhanced.

unknown, (despite Robson Lowe's offer of a reward to anyone who could unmask George).

I would be interested to hear from other BCPSG members who have other covers addressed to T.J. Howell or have suspicions that they have one of George's creations. Please send electronic mail to me at

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<sup>1</sup> See Joe Chin Aleong and Edward Proud, *The Postal History of Trinidad & Tobago* (Heathfield, England: Proud Bailey, 1997), 61.

<sup>2</sup> The *Trinidad Chronicle* of July 21, 1877 printed a notice to that effect.

<sup>3</sup> In a letter, one *Trinidad Chronicle* reader complained of the time added to the journey to England by going via St. Lucia, showing a disdain for the smaller islands that is still found today.

<sup>4</sup> Trinidad's Colonial Bank correspondence at the University of the West Indies (UWI) in Trinidad contains frequent references to staff traveling to and from Barbados to Trinidad and other British Caribbean colonies.

<sup>5</sup> Information provided by the Barbados Museum & Historical Society, St. Ann's Garrison, St. Michael, Barbados.

<sup>6</sup> Lot 645 in the "Sir John Marriott Collection of Trinidad Stamps and Covers," Spink, London, September 19, 2001. See also *Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin* #48 (November-December 1967), 4. In this article, Marriott states, "There is no question that the date stamps are genuine. Presumably the Poole P.O. ran out of 2d postage dues."

<sup>7</sup> The assumption being that orders for fresh stocks would be placed when supplies fell to a certain constant level.

<sup>8</sup> *Op. cit.* Aleong and Proud, 77.

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# Freeland, Larsen share major BCPSG awards

By Rob Wynstra

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The 2004 recipients of two major BCPSG awards were announced during the annual general meeting at Balpex. The Robert J. Cooley Award for lifetime service to the BCPSG was presented to Paul Larsen of Park Forest, Illinois. This award was established through a generous gift from longtime group member Bob Cooley.

Paul Larsen has been an active member of the group since its earliest days. He has served as both president and awards chairman. Paul is a well-known exhibitor of Leeward Islands and has earned numerous national and international awards, including several grand and reserve grand awards at national shows. He recently added Barbados to his long list of exhibiting interests. He is also an accredited judge.

Most importantly, Paul has unfailingly shared his expertise and interest in exhibiting with numerous members of the group. He has selflessly assisted many in the group to make the leap from collector to exhibitor. As awards chairman, Paul has handled all of the various jobs associated with the exhibits at our annual general meetings. He also has been a tireless promoter of our group and a fixture at all our meetings. In those efforts, he fully exemplifies

the high standards attached to this major award.

At the same meeting, the 2004 Edward Addiss Award for lifetime achievement in philatelic writing and research was presented to Charles Freeland of Basle, Switzerland. This award was established by a donation from Lee Addiss in memory of her husband, Ed Addiss.

Charles Freeland co-authored a major monograph on Bermuda Mails to 1865. He recently revised and extensively updated the standard handbook on Montserrat, which was originally published by L. E. Britnor. Charles has contributed numerous articles on all aspects of British Caribbean philately to the group journal. He has previously served on the BCPSG board of trustees and is currently the study group leader for Montserrat.

Charles' depth of knowledge in his major areas of interest has been willingly shared with members from throughout the group. Although he does not exhibit, he has given numerous displays of his stunning material. The full extent of his collecting interests was never more apparent than at our group meeting in the British Virgin Islands. Those who were in attendance were treated to unparalleled displays of British Virgin Islands, Barbados, and St. Vincent stamps and postal history. This extensive list of achievements makes him eminently qualified as the winner of the Edward Addiss Award.

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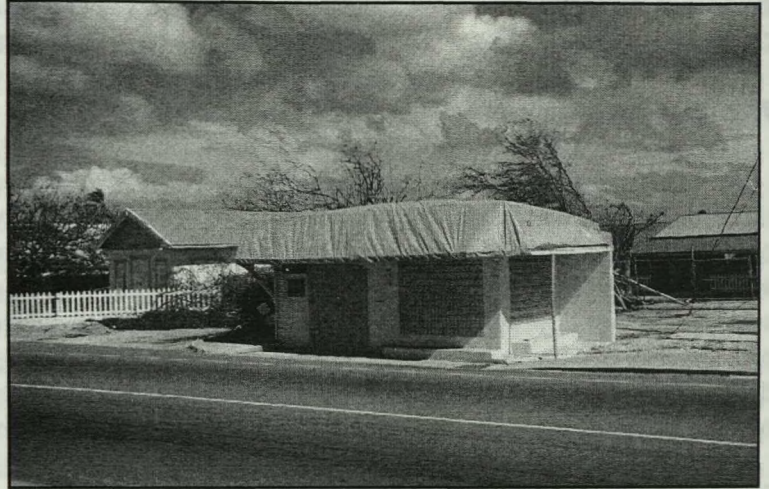


# Hurricane Ivan cripples Caymans

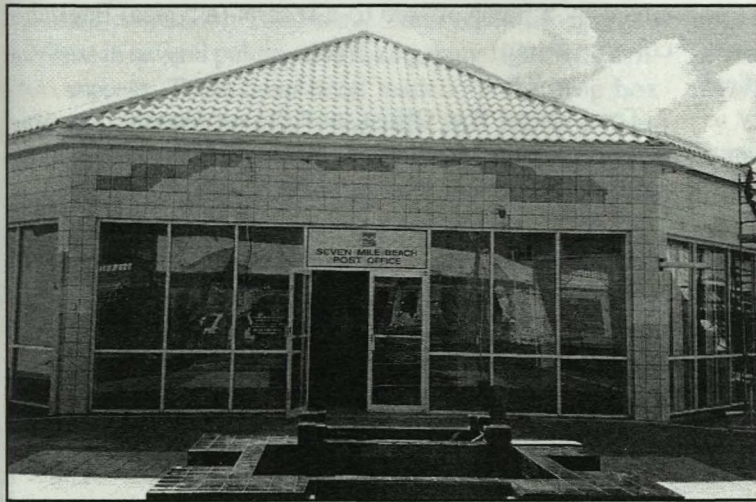
By Ivan R.W. Burges  
Of Grand Cayman Island

**G**rand Cayman is the largest in size and population of the three islands comprising the Cayman Islands. On September 11 and 12, 2004, Hurricane Ivan paid a visit, bringing with it winds of over 200 m.p.h. It damaged nearly every property, wrecked some 7,000 cars and at the time of writing (November 12), some 50 percent of the island is without power.

Four of Grand Cayman's post offices were affected by Ivan: Airport, Bodden Town, Savannah, and Seven Mile Beach, which resulted in their failure to re-open on September 27.



*Savannah Post Office, showing plastic sheeting over the entire roof.*



*Seven Mile Beach Post Office, showing exterior damage a month after the hurricane.*

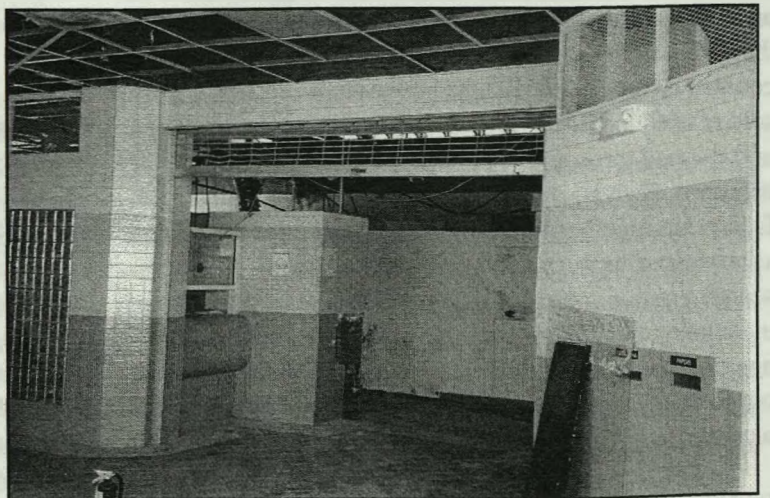
- The Airport Post Office sustained some flooding and roof damage and its reopening (to the public) was delayed due to a lack of electricity. However, mail was being handled there with international mail being processed from September 20.

- Bodden Town Post Office had access restricted due to the road and parking lot being blocked by sand. This was soon cleared and the post office re-opened.

- Savannah Post Office sustained roof damage which required a temporary plastic sheeting to be affixed and again, the post office soon re-opened.

- Seven Mile Beach Post Office is the only post office that hasn't re-opened (officially it is closed indefinitely). It suffered extensive damage to the roof, while interior damage was caused by flooding. From October 8, post box mail could be retrieved from the Airport Post Office. At the time of writing, no date has yet been fixed for the re-opening of the post office.

The Philatelic Bureau and its staff have been relocated to the General Post Office in George Town, while the remaining staff has been moved to the Airport Post Office. During the closure of the four post offices mentioned, customers were able to pick up their mail from the General Post Office. ☒



*Seven Mile Beach Post Office, showing unrepaired interior damage.*

# St. Vincent overprint study

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The first stamps of St. Vincent featured a portrait of Queen Victoria and were issued in 1861. Through the next hundred years plus, as part of the British Commonwealth, the tiny West Indies Island continued a tradition of picturing kings and queens, seals and emblems on their stamps. So conservative was their stamp issuing policy, an entire century of stamps occupies less than two pages in the catalog. This, in part, was due to the practice of overprinting surcharges to revalue older stamps still in stock.

In 1969, St. Vincent (and the Grenadines) joined "The Associated States of Great Britain," and in 1979 proclaimed their independence. Coincidentally, a few years later in the 1980s, a major explosion of topical stamp collecting burst on to the scene. Quick to identify this trend, St. Vincent was in a position to rise to the occasion and answered the call with its own explosion of topical stamp issues. From baseball to Boy Scouts, Disney to Diana, Harry James to Michael Jackson, many stamp collectors and non-stamp collectors alike gobbled-up these colorful, artful miniatures for their topical collections. Within any given year, about as many stamps and souvenir sheets were issued as were issued during the entire first stamp issuing century of the country. Some regarded these stamps as philatelic "wallpaper," but others enjoyed them for the way they dressed-up their collections.

Professionally designed and printed by the millions, face values ranged to one, two, even five dollars per stamp, and more. Most have had sparse local use; the fact that they were used at all legitimized them as an issue of the country. Most of the issues, however, were not widely sold or used locally. They were instead heavily promoted and shipped through the philatelic bureau directly to distributors, dealers, and collectors worldwide. Their high face value together with not having to render postal service yielded high profits for the government and represented a major source of income. The remaindered stock eventually would be transferred to the post office for storage or disposal. It is these stamps, ironically, that turned out to be today's "Real Stamps of St. Vincent" thanks to a century-old practice -- overprinting!

St. Vincent has a history of using stamps for revenue purposes and revenue stamps for postal purposes. This can be seen in the postage and revenue stamps of the late

1800s. This tradition has continued on today and somewhat muddies the waters of the recent philatelic events of St. Vincent.

In 1999, the post office decided to revalue old stock for postal purposes in addition to the work requested by the Treasury for revenue purposes. This allowed the post office to reduce storage costs and to fulfill postal needs at the same time. They estimate that the printing costs were between three-quarters of a cent and one cent per stamp.

There are several government ministries that have stamp requirements and their interaction is important to understanding what stamps show up where:

1. The Treasury, headed by the Accountant General (AG), is responsible for collecting sales tax. A prorated tax (10¢ per \$100, 20¢ per \$200 and so forth), payment is acknowledged by a stamp affixed to a receipt (a typical English colony custom).
2. The General Post Office (and the subsequent post office corporation) provides stamps to the post offices for public consumption. The local rate is 20¢.
3. Philatelic Bureau -- They decide on the new issues and contract the printing (usually overseas).

There is some overlap, as the post offices throughout the country (with the one exception of the Head Post Office in Kingstown) are agents for the Treasury as well. In addition, other entities, bookstores, supermarkets, and booths at the airport handle both postage and revenue stamps and they do not always make a distinction between them.

## Revenue Stamp Procurement

1. Printing: Prior to the post office going "private" in 2002, the AG would request stamps as needed from the post office. This practice has been in place since at least the late 1980s. As businesses are required to maintain supplies of these stamps to use on receipts, vouchers, and so forth, the need for stamps is quite large. Sometimes revenue usage is with regular stamps, sometimes with revalued stamps to 10¢, sometimes with revalued stamps with the word "revenue" added. Additionally, the coinage definitive series from the 1970s ( Scott #1069-1086A or SG #1098-1115) is considered by the St. Vincent authorities to be bona fide revenue stamps and these are often seen revalued for revenue use and, as a result, for postal use.

2. Distribution: The AG sends the stamps onward to the Ministry of Trade and they distribute them, upon payment and request, to various large corporations -- phone company, electric company, etc. Sometimes the stamps are defaced with felt marker -- sometimes not at all.

### Privatization

In 2002 the post office went "private" and changed its name to "The Postal Corporation." This created the unanticipated situation where the post office started to charge the Accountant General money to revalue the stamps. The Treasury had not anticipated this, and the AG was quite "vexed" at being told no. Soon members of Parliament were calling the Prime Minister who was calling the post office and the AG -- this even made it into the radio and press. Luckily, the stamp printer in New York was able to help out -- they printed three million 10¢ stamps. A 20¢ value was also issued and 50¢, \$20 (contract fees) and \$60 (passport fees) values are contemplated.

Incidentally, these new values have been seen used for regular mail, a situation The Postal Corporation has tried to address in several public advertizing campaigns with limited success. These have been mailed via the drop box and not over the counter. Postage Due has not been charged on any of the pieces seen. As a result of privatization, the printing of 10¢ stamps was greatly reduced and this is reflected in the requisitions.

In addition to Treasury requirements for 10¢ stamps, the post office also had needs, but to a lesser degree. In the 1990s the aerogramme rate was increased from 45¢ to 55¢. As there still were 250,000 aerogrammes in stock, it was decided to simply add a 10¢ stamp as a make up rate.

The process for stamp procurement can be outlined as follows:

#### A. Stock Pulled

1. Requisitions are of about 100,000 stamps. There are 110,000 people in the country, and the mail system handles between 5,000 and 7,500 pieces of mail a day. As the available stock dwindled the post office would send the same quantity but of different stamps -- sometimes the printing would be of only one sheet. This "scraping the bottom of the barrel" situation has had the unusual side effect of suddenly increasing the number of issues printed. In the first years of the revaluing, 30 different stamps were used. Suddenly, by mid-2003 this increased by about 120. This proliferation, occurring in the last year of this revaluing campaign, clearly indicates that stock available was dwindling.
2. Post office staff will go into the vaults and retrieve material earmarked for destruction -- usually 30 if not 40 year old stock.

3. Similar size to make it easier on the printer.

4. Values that are still needed for both postal and revenue purposes are not used.

#### B. Printing

1. The printer did the overprinting in two steps. First, the old values are obliterated in varying locations on the different designs. Then the stamps are overprinted with the new value in the same locations on all the sheets. This is why different printings have the new value in different locations and explains why some sheets have a double overprint on the old value, yet just one overprint for the new value. This would also explain why a 20¢ stamp would be revalued to 20¢!

2. Of course, the printer finds that the stock sent is not sorted the way they would like, as the condition is less than perfect, as the stamps can be toned, creased or even rotting -- as one might expect for something sitting in the tropics for 40 years.

3. After printing, all sheets are checked to make sure the original value is removed. As the stamps were given in stacks to the printer, inverted sheets might not be noticed until after printing. If a sheet was inverted, it is reinserted in the stack to be printed the right way or it is manually revalued. The sheet is still used. Examples exist of both.

#### C. Distribution

1. The stock returned to the post office is recorded. However, the records were not very clear for the first few years: the information presented here came from the printer's log.

2. When distributing, the post office does not think of what 20¢ stamps to send to an "outer" post office but just quantity. These could be old or new -- it does not matter. Thus, some post offices could get certain stamps and not others. In addition, receiving post offices would put new stock on top of old, so as current stock runs low, earlier revalued stamps will surface. Thus, earliest known use for some issues could be much later than the requisition date by months or even years. Additionally, stamps intended for revenue purposes first seen used in the early 1990s suddenly show up on mail, 10 years later.

These stamps were revalued, not to promote a sales frenzy at the philatelic bureau, but to run the mails. These revalued stamps, used locally for postage and revenue, were available at local post offices but were not available from the philatelic bureau. No one has considered these as new stamps -- after all, they are old stamps and not new ones. Why would anyone want old rotting stamps? These revalued stamps had more use than the original issues and are at the center of a very dynamic period in the postal history of St. Vincent.

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# St. Vincent Overprints

## Currency Issue



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## Regular Issue



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# St. Vincent overprint tables

Currency Issue Revalued to 10c			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU
1.	0.06	East Caribbean Currency (brown)	1099	1070	yes	yes	yes	18 July 03
2.	0.12	East Caribbean Currency (black)	1101	1072	--	rev	--	25 Nov 99
3.	0.15	East Caribbean Currency (red)	1102	1073	--	rev	yes	..00
4.	0.25	East Caribbean Currency (green)	1104	1075	--	rev	yes	13 Dec 99
5.	0.45	East Caribbean Currency (light brown)	1107	1078	--	yes	--	06 Mar 01
6.	0.65	East Caribbean Currency (deep rose)	1109	1080	--	rev	--	1 Nov 00
7.	0.75	East Caribbean Currency (rose)	1110	1081	yes	rev	--	1 Jan 02

## Other Stamps Revalued to 10c

8.	0.02	Bullfinch	287	281	yes	--	--	Dec 02
9.	0.25	Hooded Tanager: Prince	296	287	yes	rev	yes	28 Dec 01
10.	0.35	1984 Carnival	788	743	yes	yes	yes	04 Oct 02
11.	0.45	Locust	770	725	yes	rev	--	11 Mar 02
12.	0.45	Diving St. Vincent 1988	1134	1096	yes	yes	--	....Aug 02
13.	0.60	Commonwealth Day 1983	715	671	yes	--	--	28 Sep 02
14.	0.60	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	720	676	yes	yes	yes	03 Oct 02
15.	0.70	Carib Artifacts 1976	500	481	yes	--	--	Feb 02
16.	1.25	Butterfly Pseud. marsyas & thomasii	555	527	yes	--	--	Feb 02
17.	1.50	Sugar Industry: Machinery	688	641	yes	--	--	Feb 03
18.	1.50	1983 Boys Brigade: Craftwork	725	681	yes	--	--	Feb 02
19.	2.00	International Year of the Child 1979	573	544	yes	--	--	Feb 02
20.	2.50	Sport for All: Boxing '80 Olympics	643	607	yes	yes	yes	07 Mar 03

## Revalued to 20c

21.	0.35	Slaves Tilling Field	808	761	--	yes	yes	12 Jun 01
22.	0.60	Sport for All: Cycling '80 Olympics	641	605	yes	yes	yes	20 Nov 02
23.	0.60	HMS Ramillies	652	616	--	--	yes	... Mar 03
24.	0.60	Christmas 1981	682	636	--	yes	--	28 Aug 00
25.	0.60	Sugar Industry 1982	687	640	yes	yes	yes	15 Jan 03
26.	0.60	1982 Marine Life: Actinorporus elegans	711	667	yes	yes	yes	17 Dec 02
27.	0.60	1983 Boys Brigade: Craftwork	724	680	yes	yes	yes	11 Oct 01
28A.	0.60	Colville's Glory	771	726	yes	yes	yes	13 Feb 01
28B.	0.60	Colville's Glory	771	726	yes	yes	yes	17 Oct 01
28C.	0.60	Colville's Glory	771	726	yes	yes	yes	03 Jul 02
28D.	0.60	Colville's Glory	771	726	--	yes	yes	19 Jul 02
29A.	0.75	Fishing For Tri Tri	1045	984	yes	yes	yes	19 Dec 00
29B.	0.75	Fishing For Tri Tri	1045	984	yes	--	yes	10 Apr 04
30A.	0.75	Tri Tri	1046	985	yes	yes	yes	20 Nov 00
30B.	0.75	Tri Tri	1046	985	yes	--	--	Jan 04
31.	0.75	East Caribbean Currency	1110	1081	yes	yes	yes	Apr 02
32.	1.00	Cocoa Cultivation	666	626	yes	yes	yes	03 Nov 00
33.	1.00	Cocoa Beans	667	625	yes	--	yes	29 Nov 00
34.	1.00	Christmas 1981: Angel	683	637	yes	yes	yes	06 Dec 02
35.	1.00	Musical Instruments: Bamboo Flute	907	847	--	yes	yes	16 Aug 00
36A.	1.25	Butterfly: Pseud. marsyas & thomasii	555	527	--	yes	--	14 Jun 00
36B.	1.25	Butterfly: Pseud. marsyas & thomasii	555	527	yes	--	yes	19 Jan 04
37.	1.50	Cruise Ship Victoria	708	664	--	yes	--	15 Sept 00
38.	1.50	Crayfishing	1047	986	yes	yes	yes	14 Jan 03
39.	1.50	Crayfish	1048	987	yes	yes	yes	23 Jan 03
40.	2.00	Cruise Ship: QEII	540	508	--	yes	--	22..... '00
41.	2.00	Crane Loading Sugar Cane	689	642	--	yes	yes	15 Jan 01
42.	2.50	Sport For All: Boxing '80 Olympics	643	607	--	--	--	--

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## 2003: Second Requisition : 06 February

Revalued to 20c			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU
2.01	0.60	Grenadier 1775 (yellow frame)	831	784	yes	yes	yes	29 April 03
2.02	1.00	Jaycees	563	534	yes	yes	yes	10 Mar 03
2.03	1.50	Grenadiers 1768 (green frame)	832	785	yes	yes	yes	25 Mar 03
2.04	2.00	Officer 1780 (blue frame)	833	786	--	yes	yes	?? 01 Apr 03
2.05	3.00	Wilberforce	811	764	yes	yes	yes	07 May 03

## 2003: Third Requisition : 19 May

Revalued to 20c			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU
3.01	0.005	House Wren	285	279	yes	yes	yes	.. July 03
3.02	0.70	Carib Artifacts	500	481	--	yes	yes	11 July 03
3.03	1.50	Arachnanthus nocturnus	712	668	yes	yes	yes	07 Aug 03

## 2003: Fourth Requisition : 02 July

Revalued to 10c			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU
4.01	0.60	1st Ann of Reintro of Sugar	687	640	--	--	--	--
Revalued to 20c			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU
4.02	0.35	Jazz Musicians: Django Reinhardt	1181	1145	yes	--	--	--
4.03	1.25	Yachting Marina	455	434	yes	yes	yes	02 Jul 03
4.04	1.25	Christmas 76: St. Georges Church	497	478	yes	yes	yes	28 Oct 03
4.05	2.00	RMSP Dee	659	618	yes	yes	yes	13 Sep 03
4.06	2.00	Christmas 1981	684	638	yes	yes	yes	15 Sep 03
4.07	2.00	Hippacampus reidi (sea horse)	713	669	yes	yes	yes	27 Sep 03
4.08A	2.00	Cadet Force (with ¢)	1021	975	yes	--	yes	05 Sep 03
4.08B	2.00	Cadet Force (with c)	1021	975	yes	--	yes	05 Sep 03
4.09	3.00	Orchids	853	806	yes	yes	yes	19 May 03

## 2003: Fifth Requisition: 21 August

Revalued to 20 c			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU	
5.01	0.06	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1116	1061	--	yes	yes	yes	24 Nov 03
5.02	0.06	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1117	1061	--	yes	yes	yes	24 Nov 03
5.03	0.25	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1118	1062	--	--	--	--	
5.04	0.25	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1119	1062	--	--	--	--	
5.05	0.25	Musicians 1989: Benny Goodman	1180	1144	--	--	--	--	
5.06	0.30	Industry: Flour Mill	929	883	--	--	--	--	
5.07	0.30	Christmas 1989	1493	1290	--	--	--	--	
5.08	0.45	Grenadier 70th Regiment	830	783	--	--	--	--	
5.09	0.75	Timber-White Cedar	1016	970	--	--	--	--	
5.10	1.00	Child Health 1987: Immunization	1052	1000	--	--	--	--	
5.11	1.00	Disney: Mickey Mouse 58th Regiment	1530	1336	--	--	--	--	
5.12	1.25	Christmas 1977	549	514	--	--	--	--	
5.13	1.25	Orville Wright & Flight	569	540	--	--	--	--	
5.14	1.50	R. Cato Commonwealth Day	716	672	--	--	--	--	
5.15	1.50	Centenary of Boys Brigade	725	681	--	yes	yes	yes	24 Oct 03
5.16	1.50	75 Ann GHS	1020	974	yes	yes	yes	yes	21 Nov 03
5.17	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)	677	633	--	--	--	--	
5.18	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)	678	634	--	--	--	--	
5.19	2.00	50 Ann of Mail Service 1932-82	705	646	--	--	--	--	
5.20	2.50	Christmas 1985	951	905	yes	yes	yes	yes	12 Dec 03
5.21	3.00	Carib Hieroglyph 1984	791	746	--	--	--	--	

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## 2003: Fifth Requisition: 21 August (continued)

5.22	3.00	Class 44 Germany	805	754				
5.23	3.00	Class 44 Germany	806	755				
5.24	3.00	Herbs & Spice (Ginger)	871	832	yes	yes	yes	12 Nov 03
5.25	3.00	Industry 1985	931	885				
5.26	3.00	Timbers Andira inermis	1017	971				
5.27A	3.70	Carnival 1987: Spirit of Hope 1986	1069	1004	yes	yes	yes	21 Nov 03
5.27B	3.70	Carnival 1987: Spirit of Hope 1986	1069	1004	yes	yes	yes	24 May 04
5.28	4.00	Musicians 1989: Duke Ellington	1185	1149				

5.27A: Value in upper left      5.27B Value in upper right (later printing)

Identification not yet possible for the following stamps in this requisition:

X1.		Kings & Queens						
X2.	0.30	Dutch East Indies			stamp shows original inhabitants?			
X3.	1.00	The Biscuit						
X4.	3.00	Caribbean Sea			horizontal St. Vincent stamp. Showing Jamaica to Guyana			

## 2003: Sixth Requisition: 11 Nov

### Revalued to 20c

6.01	0.01	Candlestick Cassia	344	337	yes	yes	yes	... Jan 04
6.02	0.75	Breast Feeding	1051	999	yes	yes	yes	08 Mar 04
6.03	1.50	10 Ann of Treaty of Chaguaramas	721	677	yes	yes	yes	02 Jan 04
6.04	2.00	10 Ann of Treaty of Chaguaramas	722	678	yes	yes	yes	02 Jan 04
6.05	2.00	Boys Brigade Centennial	726	682	yes	yes	yes	27 Feb 04
6.06	4.00	Lions International: Drug Awareness	1511	1307	yes	yes	yes	23 Mar 04

### Unknown Dates of Printing First Seen Dec 2003

6.x1	1.25	Centenary of the Diocese	530	498	--	yes	yes	17 Dec 03
6.06?	3.00	Fort Duvernette	763	718	--	yes	yes	05 Nov 03

### Notes:

- 28A: 20c value is in the lower left corner
- 28B: 20c value is in the upper left corner
- 28C: 20c value is in the middle of the stamp
- 28D: 20c value is in middle left of the stamp

- 29A & 30A: First Printing. Cents are with "c"
- 29B & 30B: Second Printing. Cents are with "¢"

- 03-4.08A (with ¢) - positions R1/1-5, R2/1-4.
- 03-4.08B (with c) - others positions. Sloping value pos. R4/4.

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## Grenadines

### Revalued to 10c

G1.	1.00	Canouan Island Post Office	309	435	-	rev	--	1 Dec 01
G2.	2.00	Space Shuttle	253	278	yes	yes	yes	20...00

### Revalued to 20c

G3.	0.20	Christmas 1984- Three Wise Men	347	469	--	yes	yes	05 Sept 00
G4.	0.45	British Man of War (green tablet)	246	271	--	yes	yes	05 May 00
G5.	0.60	American Warship (blue tablet)	247	272	--	yes	yes	14 Jun 00
G6.	1.50	Christmas 1982- Animals in Stable	238	264	--	--	yes	21Feb 00
G7.	1.50	Soldiers Carrying US Flags	248	273	--	yes	yes	16 May 00
G8.	2.00	Prickly Pear Cactus	228	242	yes	--	--	Jun 03
G9.	2.00	200 Years of Flight: Space Shuttle	253	278	-	yes	yes	07 Feb 00
G10.	2.50	Christmas 1982-Nativity	239	265	-	yes	yes	09 Oct 00
G11.	3.00	Anglican Church: Canouan Island	310	436	--	yes	yes	14 Aug 00

### 2002: Fourth Requisition: 30 Sept

#### Revalued to 20c

4.01	0.35	1985 Tourism: Windsurfing	386	484	yes	yes	yes	21 Oct 02
4.02	0.50	Catholic Church Bequia 1975	72	71	yes	yes	yes	12 Dec 02

### 2002: Fifth Requisition: 27 Nov

5.01	3.00	West Indian Top Shell 1985	363	475	yes	yes	yes	10 Jan 03
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### 2003: Second Requisition: 06 Feb

2.01A	1.50	200 Years of Flight: Blimp	252	277	yes	yes	yes	23 Jan 03
2.01B	1.50	200 Years of Flight: Blimp	252	277	-	yes	yes	10 Jul 03

### 2003: Third Requisition: 19 May

3.01	0.45	Christmas 1984: Journey	348	470	--	yes	yes	02 Jul 03
3.02	1.25	Christmas 1986: Santa Skiing	501	566	yes	yes	yes	23 Jul 03

### 2003: Fourth Requisition: 02 July

#### Revalued to 10c

4.01	0.45	Treaty of Versailles	246	271	--	--	--	--
4.02	0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	165	185	--	--	--	--

#### Revalued to 20c

4.03	0.45	Birds of Prey 1986	496	561	--	--	yes	27 Aug 03
4.04A	0.75	The Cake Dance (with ¢)	428	511	yes	yes	yes	12 Aug 03
4.04B	0.75	The Cake Dance (with c)	428	511	yes	yes	yes	26 Aug 03
4.05	0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	165	185	yes	yes	yes	16 Sep 03
4.06	1.25	Loggerhead Turtle	138	160	--	yes	yes	30 Dec 03
4.07	3.00	International Year of the Child	159	179	yes	yes	yes	26 Aug 03

4.04A (with ¢) in positions R1/1-4, R2/1-4, R3/1-4, R4/1-6, R5/1-8. 4.04B (with c) in other positions.



# St. Vincent overprint tables

## 2003: Fifth Requisition: 21 August

			SG	Scott	M	U	Covers	EKU
5.01	0.01	Grenadines of St. Vincent	35A	33				
5.02	0.01	Tropical Mocking Bird	110	133				
5.03	0.01	HMS Experiment- Union Island	208var	109				
5.04	0.60	Fungi 86: Leu. fragilissimus	478	534				
5.05	0.75	Bequia Regatta	556	588	yes	yes	yes	02 Dec 03
5.06	1.25	Spiny Lobster	99	122				
5.07	1.50	Trains 1984:Talyilynn 1865 UK	323	335				
5.08	1.50	Trains 1984:Talyilynn 1865 UK	324	336				
5.09	2.00	Royal Visit 1950-1977	105	128	--	yes	yes	07 Nov 03
5.10	2.00	Christmas 1978	143	165	--	--	--	
5.11A	2.00	Blackfish	166	186	--	yes	yes	22 Oct 03
5.11B	2.00	Blackfish	166	186	yes	yes	yes	02 Jan 04
5.12	2.00	Christmas 1980	183	198	yes	yes	yes	16 Dec 03
5.13	2.00	Christmas 1986 (Santa)	502	567				
5.14	2.00	Disney: Mickey driving 1904Cart	653	680				
5.15	3.00	R. Y. Britannia (Bequia)	222var	83				
5.16	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	323	344				
5.17	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	324	345				
5.18	3.00	Tourism 1985	389	487	yes	yes	yes	15 Nov 03
5.19	3.00	Fungi 86: Xerocomus hypoxathus	480	536	yes	yes	yes	..Jan 04
5.20	3.00	Disney: Goofy Driving 1899 Truck	654	681				
5.21	3.00	US Forces on Guam 1944	664	692	--	--	yes	10 Feb 04
5.22	5.00	Disney: Minnie and Donald	675	706				

G03-5.11A: 20c lower center of stamp

G03-5.11B:20c upper left of stamp

## 2003: Sixth Requisition: 11 Nov

### Revalued to 20c

6.01	0.75	Mustique Airways	561	593	yes	yes	yes	24 Jan 04
6.02	1.00	Christmas '75 Anglican Church	73	75	yes	yes	yes	06 Dec 03
6.03	3.50	Bequia Regatta-Racing	557	589	yes	yes	yes	04 Mar 04
6.04	4.00	Birds of Prey: Fish Hawk	498	563	yes	--	yes	Jan 04

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## 1999 Requisitions

1.	0.12	East Caribbean Currency	1101	1072	25 Nov 99	2
2.	0.25	East Caribbean Currency (green)	1104	1075	13 Dec 99	4

## 2000 Requisitions

### First Requisition Revalued to 20c

#### Grenadines

1.	1.50	Christmas 1982- Animals in Stable	238	264	21 Feb 00	G8
2.	2.00	200 years of Flight: Space Shuttle	253	278	07 Feb 00	G11

### Second Requisition Revalued to 20c

#### St. Vincent

1.	1.25	Butterfly: Pseud. marsyas & thomasii	555	527	14 Jun 00	35
2.	2.00	Visit of Queen Elizabeth II 1977	540	508	22.... '00	39

#### Grenadines

1.	0.45	British Man of War (green tablet)	246	271	05 May 00	G5
2.	0.60	American Warship (blue tablet)	247	272	14 Jun 00	G7
3.	1.50	Soldiers Carrying US Flags	248	273	16 May 00	G8

### Third Requisition Revalued to 20c

#### St. Vincent

1.	1.00	Musical Instruments: Bamboo Flute	907	847	16 Aug 00	35
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#### Grenadines

1.	0.20	Christmas 1984: Three Wise Men	347	469	05 Sept 00	G3
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### Fourth Requisition

#### St. Vincent

#### Revalued to 10c

1.	0.15	East Caribbean Currency	1102	1073	..00	3
2.	0.65	East Caribbean Currency	1109	1080	1 Nov 00	6

#### St. Vincent

#### Revalued to 20c

3.	0.60	Christmas '81	682	636	28 Nov 00	24
4.	0.75	Fishing For Tri Tri	1045	984	19 Dec 00	29A
5.	0.75	Tri Tri	1046	985	20 Nov 00	30A
6.	1.00	Cocoa Cultivation	666	626	03 Nov 00	32
7.	1.00	Cocoa Beans	667	625	29 Nov 00	33

#### Grenadines

#### Revalued to 20c

1.	2.50	Christmas 1982-Nativity	239	265	07 Nov 00	G12
2.	3.00	Anglican Church: Canouan Island	310	436	14 Aug 00	G13

No hard data exists for 1999 and 2000 requisitions. These groupings were done based upon similar dates for earliest use.

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## 2001 Requisitions

<b>First Requisition</b>		<b>17 May</b>	<b>Revalued to 20c</b>			
1.	0.60	Colvilles Glory	771	726	95,000	28A
<b>Second Requisition</b>		<b>13 June</b>				
		<b>Revalued to 10c</b>				
1.	0.45	East Caribbean Currency	1107	1078	40,000	5
		<b>Revalued to 20c</b>				
1.	0.60	Colvilles Glory	771	726	215,000	28B
<b>Third Requisition</b>		<b>01 August</b>	<b>Revalued to 10c</b>			
1.	0.25	Hooded Tangara	296	287	100,000	9
<b>Fourth Requisition</b>		<b>02 August</b>	<b>Revalued to 10c</b>			
1.	0.25	Hooded Tangara	296	287	100,000	9
<b>Fifth Requisition</b>		<b>10 August</b>	<b>Revalued to 10c</b>			
1.	0.25	Hooded Tangara	296	287	70,000	9
<b>Sixth Requisition</b>		<b>07 September</b>	<b>Revalued to 10c</b>			
1.	0.25	East Caribbean Currency	1104	1075	130,000	4
2.	0.45	Locust	770	725	265,000	11
<b>Seventh Requisition</b>		<b>17 October</b>			<b>104,000 printed</b>	
<b>Grenadines</b>		<b>Revalued to 10c- various \$1 stamps</b>				
1.	1.00	Canouan Island Post Office	309	435		G1
2.						
<b>Eighth Requisition</b>		<b>31 October</b>	<b>Revalued to 20c</b>			
1.	0.60	Colville's Glory	771	726	205,000	28C
<b>Ninth Requisition</b>		<b>27 November</b>	<b>Revalued to 10c</b>		<b>300,200 printed</b>	
<b>St. Vincent</b>						
1.	0.45	Dive St. Vincent 1988	1134	1096	12,200	12
2.	0.60	Commonwealth Day	715	671	5,000	13
3.	0.70	Carib Artifacts 1976	500	481	5,000	15
4.	1.25	Butterfly	555	527	5,000	16
5.	1.50	Boys Brigade: Craftwork	725	681	25,000	18
6.	2.00	IYC	573	544	8,000	19
7.	2.00	Sugar Industry	689	642	25,000	01-9.01
8.	2.00	Commonwealth Day*	717	673	25,000	01-9.02A
9.	2.00	Commonwealth Day*	717	673	5,000	01-9.02B

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## Grenadines

1.	0.60	Manned Flight*	251	276	5,000	G01-9.01A
2.	0.60	Manned Flight*	251	276	15,000	G01-9.01B
3.	0.75	Old Coinage	269	293	25,000	G01-9.02
4.	0.75	Night Flower*	329	439	25,000	G01-9.03A
5.	0.75	Night Flower*	329	439	25,000	G01-9.03B
6.	1.00	Grenadines	23	24A	25,000	G01-9.04
7.	1.00	Sport For All	173	192	25,000	G01-9.05
8.	2.00	Manned Flight	253	278	15,000	G2
9.	3.50	Old Coinage	270	294	25,000	G01-9.06

\* As in the printers notes. Printer remembers these as two different stamps, but catalogue does not. Unfortunately, there are no known examples to verify this.

## Tenth Requisition 10 December Revalued to 10c

1.	0.60	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	720	676	325,000	14
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## 2002 Requisitions

### First Requisition 21 January Revalued to 10c

1.	0.45	East Caribbean Currency	1107	1078	200,000	5
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### Second Requisition 23 January Revalued to 20c

1.	0.60	Colville's Glory	771	726	24,750	28D
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### Third Requisition 19 July Revalued to 20c

1.	0.75	East Caribbean Currency	1110	1081	100,000	31
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### Fourth Requisition 30 September Revalued to 20c Total: 110,000 printed

#### St. Vincent

1.	0.60	Sport For All- Cycling	641	605	25,000	02-4.01
2.	0.60	1983 Boys Brigade	680	110	20,000	02-4.02
3.	1.00	Christmas 1981	683	637	10,000	02-4.03
4.	2.50	Sport for All- Boxing	643	607	10,000	02-4.04

#### Grenadines

1.	0.35	1985 Tourism: Windsurfing	386	484	25,000	G02-4.01
2.	0.50	Christmas 1975	72	71	20,000	G02-4.02

### Fifth Requisition 27 November Revalued to 20c

1.	3.00	West Indian Top Shell 1985	363	475	91,850	G02-5.01
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## 2003 Requisitions

### First Requisition 03 February Revalued to 20c

1.	0.75	East Caribbean Currency	1110	1081	79,860	31
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### Second Requisition 06 February Revalued to 20c 120,000 Printed

#### St. Vincent

1.	0.60	Grenadier 1775	831	784	30,000 (est)	03-2.01
2.	1.00	Jaycees	563	534	15,000	03-2.02
3.	1.50	Grenadier 1768	832	785	30,000 (est)	03-2.03
4.	2.00	Grenadier 1780	833	786	15,000 (est)	03-2.04
5.	3.00	Emancipation	811	764	20,000	03-2.05

#### Grenadines

1.	1.50	Manned Flight	252	277	10,000	G03-2.01A
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# St. Vincent overprint tables

## Third Requisition 19 May Revalued to 20c

78,060 Stamps

### St. Vincent

1.	0.005	House Wren	285	279	10,000	03-3.01
2.	0.60	1983 Boys Brigade	724	680	3,960	02-4.02
3.	0.70	Carib Artifacts	500	481	4,900	03-3.02
4.	1.00	Jaycees	563	534	5,000	03-2.02
5.	1.50	Arachanthus nocturnus	712	668	5,000	03-3.03
6.	3.00	Emancipation	811	764	4,200	03-2.05

### Grenadines

1.	0.45	Christmas 1984	348	470	20,000	G03-3.01
2.	1.25	Christmas 1986	501	566	10,000	G03-3.02
3.	1.50	Manned Flight (Blimp)	252	277	15,000	G03-2.01B

## Fourth Requisition 02 July

20,000 (10c) 94,540 (20c) Stamps

### St. Vincent Revalued to 10c

1.	0.60	1st Ann of Reintro of Sugar	687	640	5,000	03-4.01
2.	0.70	Carib Artifacts	500	481	50	15

### Grenadines Revalued to 10c

1.	0.45	Treaty of Versailles	246	271	4,950	G03-4.01
2.	0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	165	185	10,000	G03-4.02

### St. Vincent Revalued to 20c

1.	0.35	Dianjo Reinhardt	1181	1145	950	03-4.02
2.	0.60	Christmas 1981	682	636	5000	00-4.03
3.	0.60	Sugar Industry	687	640	100	25
4.	0.60	Actinoporus elegans	711	667	5000	26
5.	1.00	C'mas 1981- Madonna & Bible	683	637	5000	34
6.	1.25	Yachting Marina	455	434	4950	03-4.03
7.	1.25	Christmas 76	497	478	3950	03-4.04
8.	1.50	Arachnanthus nocturnus	712	668	4950	03-3.03
9.	1.50	Grenadiers 1768 (green frame)	832	785	10800	03-2.03
10.	2.00	RMSP Dee	659	618	4950	03-4.05
11.	2.00	Christmas 1981	684	638	4350	03-4.06
12.	2.00	Hyppacampus reidi	713	669	3950	03-4.07
13.	2.00	50 Ann of St. Vincent Cadet Force	1021	975	4640	03-4.08A & B
14.	3.00	Orchids of St. Vincent 1985	853	806	8000	03-4.09

### Grenadines Revalued to 20c

1.	0.45	Birds of Prey 1986	496	561	1200	G03-4.03
2.	0.75	Traditional Cake Dance	428	511	14600	G03-4.04
3.	0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	165	185	4750	G03-4.05
4.	1.25	Loggerhead Turtle	138	160	1680	G03-4.06
5.	3.00	International Year of the Child	159	179	5720	G03-4.07

# St. Vincent overprint tables

Fifth Requisition 21 August Revalued to 20c			Total Printed 129,560			
St. Vincent		SG	Scott	Qty Printed	Label	
1.	0.06	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1116	1061	4200	03-5.01
2.	0.06	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1117	1061	4200	03-5.02
3.	0.25	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1118	1062	1160	03-5.03
4.	0.25	Christmas 1987: Charles Dickens	1119	1062	1160	03-5.04
5.	0.25	Musicians 1989: Benny Goodman	1180	1144	1000	03-5.05
6.	0.30	Industry: Flour Mill	929	883	80	03-5.06
7.	0.30	Christmas 1979: Madonna of the Magnificent	1493	1290	1950	03-5.07
8.	0.45	Grenadier 70th Regiment	830	783	800	03-5.08
9.	0.60	Christmas 1981	682	636	50	24
10.	0.75	Timbers: White Cedar	1016	970	224	03-5.09
11.	0.75	Fishing for Tri Tri	1045	984	180	29
12.	0.75	Tri Tri	1046	985	180	30
13.	1.00	Cocoa Cultivation	666	626	50	32
14.	1.00	Cocoa Beans	667	625	50	33
15.	1.00	Child Health Campaign 87: Immunization	1052	1000	990	03-5.10
16.	1.00	Disney: Mickey Mouse 58th Regiment	1530	1336	75	03-5.11
17.	1.25	Yachting Marina	455	434	2950	03-4.03
18.	1.25	Christmas 1976 Cathedral	497	478	50	03-4.04
19.	1.25	Christmas 1977	549	514	200	03-5.12
20.	1.25	Butterfly: Pseud. marsyas & thomasia	555	527	2945	36B
21.	1.25	Orville Wright & Flight	569	540	50	03-5.13
22.	1.50	R.Cato Commonwealth Day	716	672	2450	03-5.14
23.	1.50	Centenary of Boys Brigade	725	681	5000	03-5.15
24.	1.50	75 Ann GHS	1020	974	2800	03-5.16
25.	1.50	Crayfishing	1047	986	40	37
26.	1.50	Crayfish	1048	987	40	38
27.	2.00	Visit of Queen Elizabeth II 1977	540	508	650	39
28.	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)	677	633	475	03-5.17
29.	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)	678	634	475	03-5.18
30.	2.00	50 Ann Mail Service 1932-82	705	646	900	03-5.19
31.	2.50	Christmas 1985	951	905	7300	03-5.20
32.	3.00	Carib Hieroglyph 1984	791	746	4000	03-5.21
33.	3.00	Class 44 Germany	805	754	975	03-5.22
34.	3.00	Class 44 Germany	806	755	975	03-5.23
35.	3.00	Herbs & Spice: Ginger	871	832	4350	03-5.24
36.	3.00	Industry 1985	931	885	80	03-5.25
37.	3.00	Timbers Andira inermis	1017	971	1472	03-5.26
38.	3.70	Carnival 1987: Spirit of Hope 1986	1069	1004	16950	03-5.27
39.	4.00	Musicians 1989: Duke Ellington	1185	1149	1000	03-5.28
<b>Unknown</b>						
U1.		Kings & Queens			200	03-5.X1
U2.	0.30	Dutch East Indies			280	03-5.X2
U3.	1.00	The Biscuit			1560	03-5.X3
U4.	3.00	Caribbean Sea			5099	03-5.X4

# St. Vincent overprint tables

## Fifth Requisition (continued)

Grenadines			SG	Scott	Qty Printed	Label
1.	0.01	Grenadine Shells	35A	33	50	G03-5.01
1.	0.01	Tropical Mocking Bird	110	133	360	G03-5.02
2.	0.01	HMS Experiment- Union Island	208var	109	850	G03-5.03
3.	0.35	Tourism 1985	386	484	5000	G4
4.	0.45	Treaty of Versailles	246	271	50	G5
5.	0.60	Treaty of Versailles	247	272	750	G6
6.	0.60	Fungi 86: Leu. fragilissimus	478	534	240	G03-5.04
7.	0.75	Bequia Regatta	556	588	2800	G03-5.05
8.	0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	165	185	200	G03-4.05
9.	1.25	Spiny Lobster	99	122	276	G03-5.06
10.	1.25	Christmas 1986 (Santa)	501	566	5440	G03-3.02
11.	1.50	Christmas 1982	238	264	50	G8
12.	1.50	Trains 1984: Talyilynn 1865 UK	323	335	100	G03-5.07
13.	1.50	Trains 1984: Talyilynn 1865 UK	324	336	100	G03-5.08
14.	2.00	Royal Visit 1950-1977	105	128	4600	G03-5.09
15.	2.00	Christmas 1978	143	165	720	G03-5.10
16.	2.00	Whale: Blackfish	166	186	5000	G03-5.11A
17.	2.00	Christmas 1980	183	198	3300	G03-5.12
18.	2.00	Christmas 1986: Santa	502	567	600	G03-5.13
19.	2.00	Disney: Mickey driving 1904 REO Runabout	653	680	30	G03-5.14
20.	2.50	Christmas 1982: Nativity	239	265	950	G12
21.	3.00	R. Y. Britannia (Bequia)	222var	83	1000	G03-5.15
22.	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	323	344	50	G03-5.16
23.	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	324	345	50	G03-5.17
24.	3.00	Tourism 1985	389	487	7900	G03-5.18
25.	3.00	Fungi 86: Xerocomus hypoxathus	480	536	5000	G03-5.19
26.	3.00	Disney: Goofy Driving 1899 Mail Truck	654	681	1950	G03-5.20
27.	3.00	US Forces on Guam 1944	664	692	1880	G03-5.21
28.	5.00	Disney: Minnie and Donald	675	706	100	G03-5.22

## 2003 Sixth Requisition 17 November Revalued to 20c 182,650 printed

### St. Vincent

1.	0.005	House Wren	285	279	20,000	03-3.01
2.	0.01	Candlestick Cassia	344	337	2,700	03-6.01
3.	0.75	Fishing for Tri Tri	1045	984	1,720	29B
4.	0.75	Tri Tri	1046	985	1,720	30B
5.	0.75	Breast Feeding	1051	999	10,650	03-6.02
6.	1.50	Arachnanthus nocturnus	712	668	25,000	03-3.03
7.	1.50	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	721	677	16,000	03-6.03
8.	2.00	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	722	678	16,000	03-6.04
9.	2.00	Boys Brigade Centennial	726	682	25,000	03-6.05
10.	3.70	Carnival 1987: Spirit of Hope 1986	1069	1004	12,500	03-5.27B
11.	4.00	Lions International: Drug Awareness	1511	1307	10,000	03-6.06

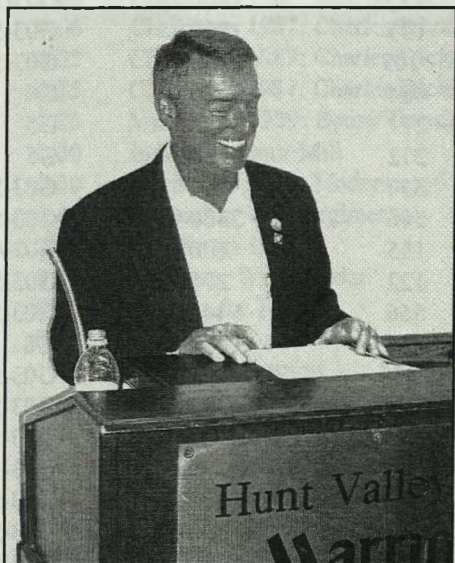
### Grenadines

1.	0.75	Mustique Airways	561	593	8,960	G03-6.01
2.	1.00	Christmas 1975 Anglican Church Bequia	73	75	16,000	G03-6.02
3.	2.00	Whale: Blackfish	166	186	5,000	G03-5.11B
4.	3.50	Bequia Regatta: Racing	557	589	8,120	G03-6.03
5.	4.00	Birds of Prey: Fish Hawk	498	563	3,280	G03-6.04

### Unknown issue dates and quantities

x.	1.25	Centenary of the Diocese	530	498	??	02-X1
x.	3.00	Fort Duvernette	763	718	??	01-X1

# Photo gallery from Balpex



*Our leader, President Jack Harwood, opening the Annual Meeting.*



*Shown at the Annual Dinner are, from left, Ed Waterous, Ann Triggler, Duane Larson, Duane's guest Donna, Paul Larsen and Bob Chiang.*

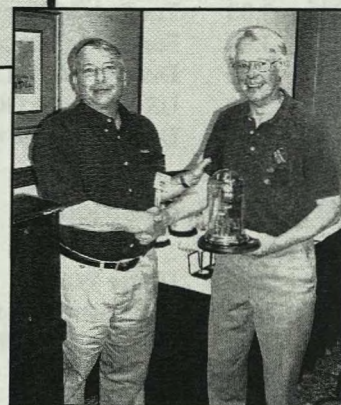


*In photo at left, Rob Wynstra presents Paul Larsen (right) with the Robert Cooley Award for Lifetime Service to the BCPSG.*



*Reviewing auction lots at the BCPSG's Hospitality Suite. From left, Charles Ricksecker, Michael Nethersole, Mary Gleadall (back to camera), Duane Larson, Charles Freeland, unidentified.*

*In photo at right, Rob Wynstra presents Charles Freeland with the Edward Addiss Award for Lifetime Achievement in Philatelic Research and Writing.*



**Special thanks  
to  
Jerone R. Hart  
for providing  
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*Those at the Annual Dinner included, from left, Charles Ricksecker, Mary Gleadall, Michael Nethersole, Ann Triggler (member and chair of the Balpex Jury), President Jack Harwood and Charles Freeland.*



# Report on 2004 BCPSG auction

By Ed Waterous  
*Auction Manager*

The 2004 auction sale held following the annual group meeting at BALPEX was successful. The Hunt Valley Inn is a great place for a show or just a getaway from the normal hubbub of daily life. The turnout for the meeting and auction was moderate. Our floor attendance consisted of 13 bidders, most of whom were successful in winning one or more lots. Again this year we had some strong mail bids that were not challenged on the floor. There were some wonderful bargains and a number of highly contested lots.

The auction catalogs were once again popular but not commanding some of the prices seen when last offered. One that comes to mind is the Charlton Henry sale which fetched \$120 last time out went for \$70 this time. The DeLaRue archives sales drew strong interest and sold well. Many of the Bahamas Staircase lots went for respectable sums, the specimen "extra tree trunk" varieties going above estimate. A Barbados bargain was had when an eagle-eyed member spotted a previously unreported watermark variety on a "substituted crown" stamp. As usual, the postmark lots brought good prices throughout the sale. The two Montserrat pre-stamp covers easily exceeded their estimates. The Trinidad "extra flagstaff" varieties fetched \$160 as a single lot. There was interest in the early picture post cards wherever they appeared. Although we presented some very nice Turks & Caicos items, demand was light.

Total sales topped the \$7,000 mark. This was gratifying considering the lot submission deadline arrived and there were only about a hundred lots in hand. You answered the call for help. We made a small profit of \$185. The prices realized for the entire sale are to be mailed with this issue of the *Journal*.

I'd like to thank the members who took time to provide material for sale through our auction as well as the people who bid on items in the sale. Many thanks to all of you who have supported the auction during my tenure over the past six years. I have made many new acquaintances, many of whom I can call friends, as your Auction Manager. Your strong and continuing support will be needed by the new Auction Manager.

Howard "Howie" Austin is the new Auction Manager. His name will be very familiar to those members who belonged during the 1980's. Howie served as BCPSG

Secretary for about 10 years. He will be new at running an auction so give him your best consideration. There are many tasks that go into making a successful auction including getting material to sell, identifying the owner of each lot, describing each lot, assembling the list or catalog, selecting and identifying pictured lots, preparing a bid sheet, printing the listing, folding lists, stuffing envelopes, addressing envelopes, stamping envelopes, mailing the catalogs/lists, accepting and recording bids, answering questions, generating auction day reports like starting bids, auctioneer's worksheets, recorder's worksheets, maintaining and executing "book" bids, preparing lots for viewing, supervising the lot viewing, conducting the auction, billing, collecting and pulling lots for floor bidders, transporting lots to and from the auction site, preparing invoices, pulling lots, matching lots to bidsheets, packaging the lots, shipping the lots, collecting the monies, handling returns, preparing unsold lists for offer, preparing vendor lists, packing and returning unsold lots to vendors and preparing reports for the Treasurer to pay the vendors and to account for the funds. In addition to this litany, publicity and summary reports must be written. So, when you are asked for lots, please respond with your duplicates or unneeded material and your description and estimates of value will be a great help to the auctioneer. After all, you are the specialist who knows about your own material.

Join me in welcoming Howie Austin. Howie, there is a great deal to learn and many great people to meet and work with. May your tenure be at least as fruitful in knowledge gained and in making lasting friendships as mine has.

The 2005 sale will be held in conjunction with our Annual Group Meeting at INDYPEX, a national level show. The show is held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the weekend of July 8-10. Please start gathering material for this sale. I expect a good number of members to attend this show held in Indiana's capital city. There are many attractions and activities in addition to the warm hospitality and fine show venue. Plan on attending and consider exhibiting at this show. We need consignments or donations. Consignments for this sale will be accepted until early May, 2005.

If you have any questions or need further information, phone Howie Austin: (414) 963-1903, or e-mail to: [haustin@wi.rr.com](mailto:haustin@wi.rr.com)

# BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By Paul Larsen  
Awards Chairman

Following is a listing of recent British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) member exhibit participants and awards:

## BALPEX 2004 AGM Member Exhibits

We had a total of 10 Caribbean area exhibits entered by eight of our members; seven multi-frame and three single frame for a grand total of 59 16-page frames. That is almost 900 pages. Those who did not visit BALPEX missed a wonderful array of Caribbean area material; eye candy, indeed. Congratulations and thanks to all who took the time to help us "show the flag" and the Caribbean area.

*Exhibitors, exhibit titles and awards follow.*  
*S=show award; BC=BCPSG award.*

### Multi-frame Exhibits

Peter Flynn

*A Study of Bermuda Imperial Censorship:  
Examination of World War II Trans-Atlantic Mail*  
S-Gold, BC-Gold, APS Research Medal

Jerry Hart

*Barbados: The Cancels, Postal Uses, Rates and Flaws  
of the 1938 Small Format Seal of the Definitives*  
S-Vermeil, BC-Vermeil

Paul Larsen

*Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands 1890-1911*  
S-Gold, BC-Gold

Peter McCann

*Turks & Caicos Islands Postal History*  
S-Reserve Grand Award, BC-Cameron Trophy,  
S-Gold, BC-Gold

Mike Nethersole

*Barbados - Pre-stamp to End of Sterling Currency  
(1769-1949)*  
S-Vermeil, BC-Vermeil

Mike Nethersole

*Trinidad - Lady McLeod to End of Sterling Currency  
(1847-1936)*  
S-Vermeil, BC-Vermeil

Robert Wynstra

*Leeward Islands Village Mail 1734-1932*  
S-Gold, BC-Gold

### One Frame Exhibits

Raymond Murphy

*The Overprints of Jamaica before 1920*  
S-Silver bronze, BC-Silver bronze

Ben Ramkissoon

*Forwarding/Shipping Agents of Trinidad Mail 1857-1897*  
S-Vermeil, BC-Vermeil

Ben Ramkissoon

*Numeral Cancels of Trinidad 1851-1891S-Vermeil*  
BC-Vermeil

If you, the reader, did not enter an exhibit this time, please try to prepare and enter one at our next AGM at INDYPEX 2005, Indianapolis, Indiana. We NEED you to help fill even more frames. New exhibits and new exhibitors are especially desired. We offer some very nice medals; why not get one for yourself?

*Following is my current list of member's exhibits and awards. Single frame = SF; World Series = WS.*

### Stampshow 2004, August 12-15, Sacramento, California

John DuBois

*Danish West Indies Postal Stationery*  
WS-Prix d'Honneur

Peter McCann

*Turks & Caicos Postal History*  
WS-Prix d'honneur

M. Fitz Roett

*Barbados: 1686-1882*  
WS-Prix d'Honneur

Reuben Ramkissoon

*The Landing of Columbus on Trinidad Shores  
(Lit. Article) Silver*  
*The World War I Trinidad Red Cross Label that  
Became a Postage Stamp*  
SF-Gold

*The 400th Anniversary of the Landing of Columbus  
on Trinidad*  
SF-Gold

Jerome Kasper  
*Illustrated W.W.II British Military Air Letters*  
Gold, Best Illustrated Mail  
*Australia's Official Aerogrammes*  
SF-Gold  
*Southern Rhodesia Military Air Letters*  
SF-Gold

Raymond Ireson  
*In Search of El Dorado*  
SF-Silver Bronze

George Bowman  
*Railroad Traveling Post Offices in Victoria*  
Vermeil, AAPE Award  
*Victoria Barred Oval Cancels*  
SF-Platinum

**World Stamp Championship 2004. Aug. 28-Sept. 1,  
Singapore**

Ben Ramkisson  
*The Development of the United States Lunar Exploration*  
Gold

Fitz Roett  
*Barbados: 1686 to 1882*  
Gold

**MILCOPEX 2004. Sept. 3-5. Milwaukee. Wisconsin**

Eric Glohr  
*Hawaiian Post Cards & Envelopes: The Kingdom,  
Provisional Government, and Republic Issues*  
Gold, USPS Marcus White Award

Raymond Murphy  
*Belgian Parcel Post Cancels*  
SF-Bronze

**SESCAL 2004. Oct. 1-3, Los Angeles. California**

Jerome Kasper  
*Illustrated World War II British Military Air Letters*  
Gold, AAPE Creativity Award, India Study Circle Award  
*Aerogrammes of Iceland*  
Vermeil, AAPE Award  
*Aerogramme Errors, Freaks and Oddities*  
Vermeil

**CHICAGOPEX 2004. Oct. 19-21,  
Arlington Heights, Illinois**

Reuben Ramkisson  
*Forwarding/Shipping Agents of Trinidad Mail 1857-1897*  
SF-Vermeil, BCPSG Medal  
*Development of the United States Lunar Exploration*  
Gold, Space Topics Study Group Gold Medal  
"The Landing of Columbus on Trinidad Shores"  
(Lit. Article), *Discovery!*, Vol. 21 (2003)  
Jan., Apr. & July issues  
Vermeil

Duane Larson  
*Ireland Postal Markings 1660-1840*  
Vermeil

Paul Larsen  
*Caroline Islands to 1914:  
The Spanish and German Periods*  
Gold, APS Medal of Excellence 1900-1940,  
GPS Best Germany/Colonies Medal

**BVI registered mail**

**By Robert Johnson**  
*Of the United Kingdom*

While visiting the British Virgin Islands in 1999 and being looked after by Giorgio Migliavacca and his friends, I had to receive a registered letter at the hotel where I was staying.

One morning I was handed this form (see illustration). I went to Road Town and got my letter and kept the form. Perhaps the post office should have kept them (I also received a special delivery item as well) but they did not so this item may be something to augment Giorgio's article as the ordinary cds was being used on registered mail.

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# President's Message

By Jack Harwood

**H**appy New Year. As we begin 2005, I wish each of you a successful and prosperous new year. You should already have our Annual Meeting entered into your calendar for this year. We meet at INDYPEX in Indianapolis, July 8-10, 2005. Please see the box elsewhere in this issue for show information. As usual, we will meet for a group dinner on Friday evening, and the general meeting and auction on Saturday afternoon. This should be a well-attended meeting, as we have a large number of members in the Midwestern states. So please plan to join us to meet your group officers and fellow BWI collectors.

We welcome our new Auction Manager, Howard Austin. He will be conducting his first auction at the Indianapolis meeting. He is now ready to receive your auction lots. This is an excellent time to gather up your unwanted material and convert it to cash.

Our webmaster, Ed Barrow, is compiling a database of members' e-mail addresses. Please take a moment to send him your current e-mail address. Send to: [e.barrow@tradewinds-co.com](mailto:e.barrow@tradewinds-co.com).

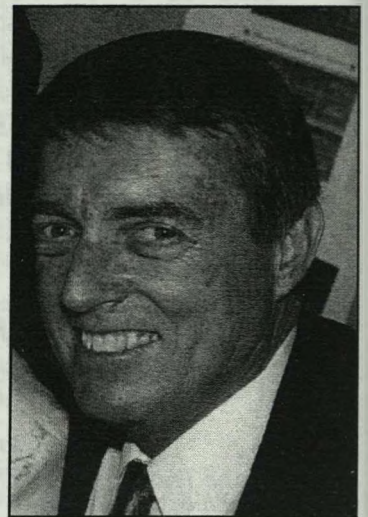
Our Group continues to prosper, even as membership in other philatelic organizations declines. However, we need each of you to help promote the Group. There are several things you can do to contribute. Articles are always needed for this journal. You need not be a professional writer to help. If desired, our Editor or any of the Study Group Leaders can assist you with an article. I've found that a short article will often result in contact with other collectors, and occasionally even lead to new discoveries.

We are always seeking new members, and your assistance in promoting membership among your philatelic contacts is essential. Perhaps you can take along a few back issues of the BCPJ when you next attend your local stamp club meeting. This journal is among the best advertisements we have. If you are an eBay buyer or seller, you may want to suggest Group membership to contacts you make there. If each existing member recruited only one new member each year, we would find our numbers growing rapidly. Please take a few minutes and make the effort.

This past year's hurricane season was devastating to much of Florida, and also to several areas in the Caribbean. Grenada and the Cayman Islands were particularly hard

hit. My home in Sarasota, on the central west coast of Florida, survived through three near misses. So I feel very fortunate. Many of our friends in the islands are still suffering the effects of the storms. If you are considering charitable contributions this year, perhaps you may want to consider one or more of the relief funds working to rebuild the islands. It will take at least several years for Grenada, for example, to return to anything resembling a normal life.

I look forward to meeting and greeting many of you in Indianapolis in July.



## Election of Officers

The election of officers of the BCPSG was held by the Board of Trustees and the following individuals were elected to serve a two-year term and assumed their offices on January 1, 2005:

**President: Jack Harwood**

**Vice President: Ed Waterous**

**Secretary: Duane Larson**

**Treasurer: Jerry Hart**

**International Representative: David Druett**

**Editor of the Journal: Everett L. Parker**

*Submitted by Secretary Duane Larson*

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# Membership Director's Report — By Tom Giraldi

## New Members

All new applicants listed in the last issue of the Journal have been accepted as members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.  
Congratulations and welcome to the Group.

E. Victor Toeg, 64 Vicarage Court, Vicarage Gate, Kensington, London W8 4HG UNITED KINGDOM  
Eric Yendall, 1110 Second Ave., Ottawa, ON K1H 8E1 CANADA

## New Applicants

Asham Batchanoo, 804 N. 20th Ave., Hollywood, FL 33020 USA. Philatelic interests: Trinidad and British Guiana covers only. Sponsored by Barry Friedman.

## Resigned

David Atkinson

## Change of Address

Rick Corbett (should be Newark, DE rather than NJ)  
Jerome Kasper, 2718 Vanderbilt Lane, Unit B, Redondo Beach, CA 90278-3322 USA  
C. Munoz-Mellowes, 1217 Gamay Dr., Clayton, CA 94517-1421 USA

*If any member has information, such as a change of address, to be included in the Membership Director's Report, please contact me, either by mail (see inside front cover of the Journal) or by email, at [TEG43@aol.com](mailto:TEG43@aol.com) Thank you.*

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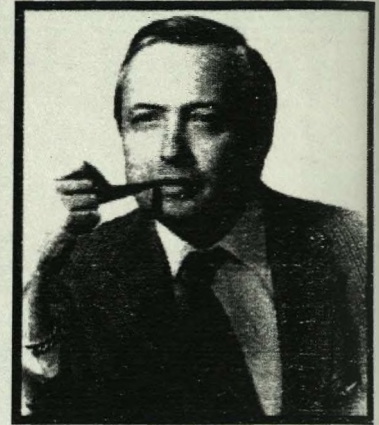
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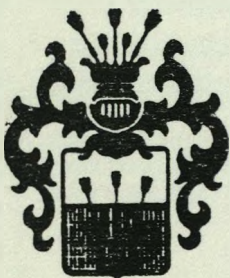
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