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JOHN LIGHTHOUSE SCORES 92 FOR HIS EXHIBIT AT GASS 2023

By Stan Bartnikowski

Club member John Lighthouse scored 92 for his exhibit "Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872". At the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in Cleveland last year. John indicates that this is his highest score yet.

The 10-frame exhibit is depicted at http://www.rpastamps.org/presentations/docsofcommerce/index.html and focuses on certain documents taxable by the Revenue Act of July 1, 1862 and features usage of the first U.S. revenue stamps. The act created new taxes to help finance the Civil War.

The first page of the exhibit is shown on page 8.

DPCPS 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

By Stan Bartnikowski and Rod Gabel

At the December 13th holiday party, the election for 2024 DPCPS officers and board members was held, with the following result:

President	Fernando Torres
Vice President	Rick Hosler
Secretary	Jerry Madden
Treasurer	Rod Gabel
Directors	
	Tim Wallaert
	Al Dlhy
	Sam Phillippi

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2024 DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't paid your DPCPS membership dues for 2024, you are past due! If so, please bring your $12 dues to the next meeting or send a check for $12 payable to DPCPS and sent to our new secretary

Jerry Madden
428 Valley Glen Dr
Richardson, TX 75080

UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

February 14	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: Stamps that bring back personal memories,* by Jerry Madden
February 28	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD.*
March 13	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD.*
March 27	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD.*
April 5-6	**DALLAS TSDA,** Doubletree Hotel, Bluebonnet Room, 1981 North Central Expressway (Hwy 75 & Campbell Rd), Richardson, TX 75080 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
April 10	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD.*
April 25	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD.*
May 8	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program*: TBD*
August 15-18	**GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW,** Connecticut Convention Center, Hall AB 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103
November 8-9	**MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO,** Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas 76051.
May 23-30, 2026	**BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO,** Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

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Past President – Bill Laupus (*blaupus27@gmail.com*)

DPCPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Al Dlhy • Sam Philippi • Tim Wallaert

Membership in the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society is available to all persons of good character who are interested in philately. Dues are $12 per year (higher for mailed newsletters). For more information, contact: Fernando Torres (214) 663-7304 or fernando.torres@sbc.global.net. For a membership application write to: Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, c/o Jerry Madden, 428 Valley Glen Dr, Richardson, TX 75080

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY FERNANDO TORRES

Dear Esteemed Members of the Stamp Club,

I am writing to you as your new president, Fernando Torres, filled with enthusiasm and a deep sense of honor to serve our remarkable community. As we embark upon 2024, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for your unwavering passion and dedication to our beloved hobby. Reflecting on the past year, we have seen tremendous growth and participation in our club activities. From educational programs to engaging auctions, our club has flourished, thanks to your active involvement and shared knowledge. A special thanks to our past president, Bill Laupus, for his outstanding leadership and commitment. Your efforts have set a high standard for us all.

This year, we aspire to explore new horizons in stamp collecting. I am excited to announce that we are planning a series of unique events, including interactive workshops on stamp preservation, guest lectures by renowned philatelists, and a special exhibition showcasing rare and historical stamps. I strongly encourage each of you to consider contributing to our monthly newsletter. Your insights and stories are invaluable to our community. Whether you're a seasoned collector or new to the hobby, your experiences enrich us all. Our club thrives on the diversity of its members and their contributions. I urge you to volunteer for program presentations or club activities. Your involvement is the key to our club's vibrancy and success.

Looking ahead, we will set our goals and discuss upcoming activities in the next Board meeting. As your president, I am here to support and listen to you. Let's work together to make 2024 a memorable year filled with learning, discovery, and camaraderie. Remember, every stamp has a story, and every member has a voice in our club. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Your participation, big or small, shapes the heart and soul of our club. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Fernando Torres
President
Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

You probably noticed that the newsletter has a new feature: "Show 'N Tell". Of course we have "Show 'N Tell" at many of the club meetings. I am extending the concept of showing a recently acquired philatelic item and describing it by incorporating it in this newsletter. I submitted the first entry and I was hoping you club members can provide entries in the upcoming newsletters. All I need is a digital image of your

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SHOW 'N TELL

Note from the Editor: This is a new feature of the newsletter. We invite all members to submit a philatelic item and a brief description of something you acquired recently (or not) and found to be of especial or unique interest.

POLAND MINIATURES WITH TABS

By Stan Bartnikowski

Poland has printed various stamps depicting art, with tabs including a description of the art or artist on the stamp.

I recently acquired a set of Poland, Scott 1748-1755, depicting miniature portraits, from our dealer member Jim Myers of Stamps Universal at a recent TSDA bourse. Thank you, Jim!

Frankly, I had not been aware these stamps were issued with tabs. The tabs themselves all read (in translation) "Miniature Portraits - Jewels of Great Painting". I was disappointed that each tab did not say something about the portrait on the attached stamp. So I am providing a description of the portaits below:

1748. **Aleksander Orłowski** (1777 – 1832) was a Polish painter and sketch artist, and a pioneer of lithography in the Russian Empire. This is a self-portrait.

1749. **Jan Matejko** (1838 – 1893) was a Polish painter, a leading 19th-century exponent of history painting, known for depicting nodal events from Polish history. This is a self-portrait.

1750. **Stefan Batory** (1533 – 1586) was Voivode of Transylvania, Prince of Transylvania, and King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania. The painter is anonymous.

1751. **Maria Leszczyńska** (1703 – 1768), also known as Marie Leczinska (French), was Queen of France as the wife of King Louis XV. The painter is anonymous.

1752. **Maria Walewska** (née Łączyńska) (1786 – 1817) was a Polish noblewoman in the court of Napoleon I who used her influence to sway the emperor towards the creation of an independent Polish state. The painter was Marie-Victoire Jaquotot (1772 – 1855).

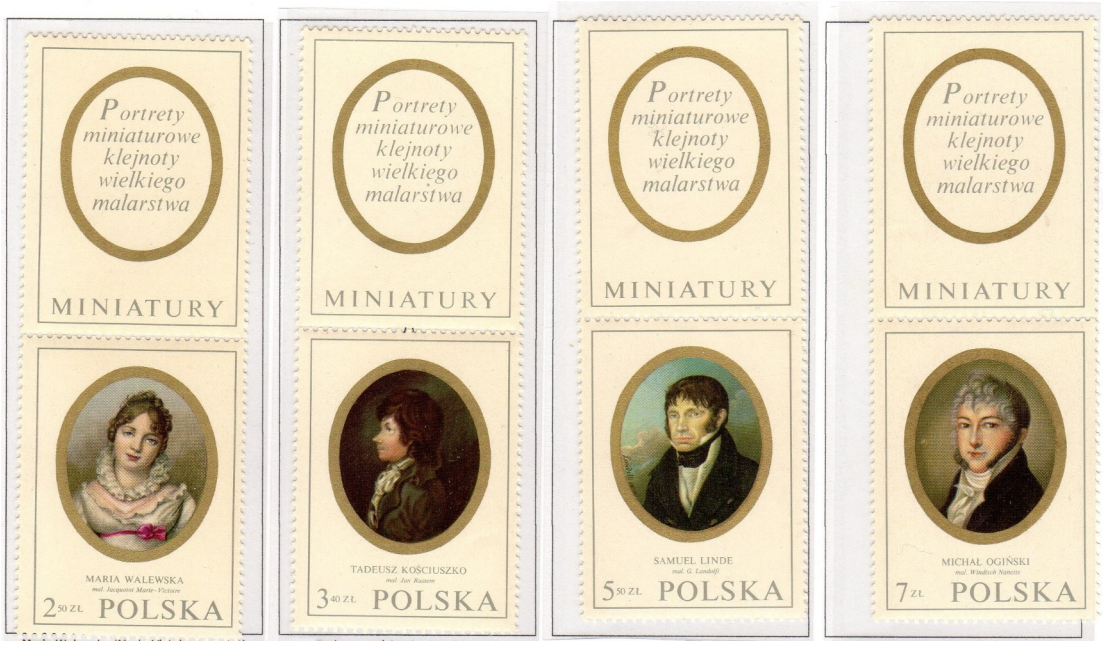
1753. **Tadeusz Kościuszko** (1746 — 1817) was a Polish-Lithuanian military engineer, statesman, and military leader who became a national hero in Poland, the United States, Lithuania, and Belarus. Painted by Jan Rustem (1762 – 1835), a painter of Armenian ethnicity who lived and worked in the territories of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth.

1754. **Samuel Bogumił Linde** (1771, in Toruń – 1847) was a linguist, librarian, and lexicographer of the Polish language. He was director of the Prussian-founded Warsaw Lyceum during its existence and an important figure of the Polish Enlightenment. Giuseppi Landolfi painted this portrait miniature.

1755. **Michael Ogiński** (1765 – 1833) was a Polish diplomat and politician, Grand Treasurer of Lithuania, and a senator of Tsar Alexander I. He was also a composer of early Romantic music. Nanette Windisch, née Rosenzweig, (1757-1807) of Austria was the painter.



1748 1749 1750 1751



1752 1753 1754 1755

DPCPS HOLIDAY PARTY AND 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

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Bill Laupus, our president for the last two years, conducted the election. He thanked all of the officers and members for their support and reiterated the club accomplishments during his tenure, including production of the new membership directory, the increase in our membership and average attendance, and purchase of a new projector and clip-on microphone. Bill was given a round of applause for his efforts and achievements.

Bill then introduced our new president, Fernando Torres, who expressed gratitude for his appointment and looked forward to making the club an even better one.

Thanks should also be given to the other officers besides Bill: Rick Hosler, Vice President, for his excellent delivery of quality programs, Fernando for his efforts as Secretary, Rod Gabel for continuously keeping track of the club accounts as Treasurer, George Clayton for negotiating with Edgemere management to secure our meeting place and provide the dinner for our holiday party, our directors Al Dlhy, Sam Phillippi and Joe Baker (now rolling off), Paul Witthoeft for organizing and submitting the club exhibits, Geoff Owens for evaluating, acquiring and disposing of other stamp collections—and guidance on the club bylaws, and Jack Urish for the seemingly endless supply of stamp albums from which members have been able to add to their collections. Thanks to all of the members for participating in the auctions, making purchases from Jack's albums and making presentations to the club. The list of member support could go on.. Thanks should also be given to member spouses Susan Laupus, for recording the auction and Janet Clayton for decorating for the club party.

Congratulations to the new (or renewed) officers and board members! We wish them success in the year 2023 in making the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society an even better stamp club. Please support their efforts.

Following are photos from the holiday dinner, which was fun event with fine dining. Nearly everyone received a door prize. The party was a great success, enjoyed by all. My apologies to Fernando Torres and any other club member who is not pictured.



Bill and Susan Laupus

DPCPS HOLIDAY PARTY

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Rick and Janet Hosler



Bob and Susanne Westphal, Cathy Bartnikowski



Rod Gabel, Steve Watson and Perry Denton



Sam Phillippi and Linda Cass



Stan Bartnikowski and Joe Baker



Mary and Paul Witthoeft



Al Dlhy and Jerry Madden



Jack Urish and Martha Zuniga (holding Olivia)



George and Janet Clayton



Tom Cunningham and Kathryn Storey



Tim and Amy Wallaert



Don Wolman and Brenda Nibert



Jack Morris and Marilyn Morris-Smith



Madeleine and Jim Myers



Bill and Lynne Downs



Ivan ‘s mother Estrella and his son Andy



Chris and Ivan Zuniga, and Al Dlhy



Ref: Greater Eastside Stamp Society

From the September 2001 issue of *Stamps & Tongs*, courtesy Paul Witthoeft.

Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862 – 1872

PURPOSE

This **Revenue Fiscal History** exhibit is focused on the documents taxable under **Schedule B** of the Revenue Act of 1862 and its subsequent amendments. **Proprietary articles subject to taxes specified on Schedule C are excluded from this exhibit**.

BACKGROUND

After the Civil War broke out in 1861, Congress passed sweeping new tax measures, including the **Revenue Act of July 1, 1862**, creating a wide variety of new taxes in an effort to offset the cost of the Civil War. As part of this revenue collection effort, the first federal adhesive revenue stamps were printed in 1862 by **Butler & Carpenter** of Philadelphia and were issued by the U.S. Government for use in the tax year beginning on 10/1/1862. Almost every document produced was required to be stamped, resulting in an interesting array of material depicting life during the Civil War.

TREATMENT

First Issue revenue stamps were required during the first **nine years** and the bi-color **Second and Third Issues** were only used for **nine months** so most documents will show the First Issue. **Revenue stamped paper** was also authorized by this Revenue Act and began appearing in July, 1865. In 1872, all taxes were rescinded except for bank checks. The documents are **sequenced alphabetically by tax type, then type within usage (if applicable).** In some cases, the dates are hidden from view, so transaction dates are provided for each document along with the pertinent tax rate. Incorrect taxes paid will be so noted. The right side of page headers show individual tax calculations used on the page.

Usage of Schedule C stamps such as Playing Cards and Proprietary and **Postage Used as Revenue** illustrate the confusion businesses and ordinary people experienced in trying to comply with the law. A few examples are shown in this exhibit. The penalties that could be levied were onerous in many cases and are noted within the description of each tax type.

The organization is predicated by the definitions in the Revenue Act of 1862 and its subsequent amendments. The government statutes and schedules, along with privately printed broadsides such as the one on the next page, all list the usages in alphabetical order, thus this exhibit follows their lead.

DEFINITIONS

OMU

Obligatory Matching Use (OMU) October 1 to December 25, 1862, when the matching stamp type was required for each document type. Very few OMU documents exist within this period.

EMU

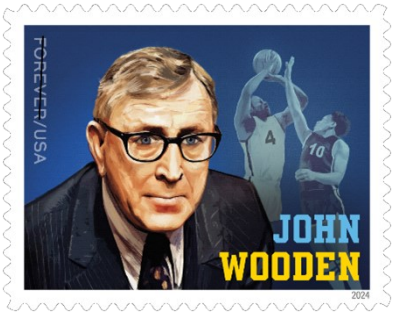
Early Matching Use (EMU) Matching stamp type used from December 25, 1862 through approximately June, 30 1863, when any documentary stamp could be used on anv document.

PLAN – Tax Type

Tax Type
Agreement
Bank Check
Bill of Lading
Bill of Sale of Ship
Bond Surety
Bond General
Certificate
Charter Party
Contract
Conveyance
Entry of Goods
Express
Foreign Exchange
Inland Exchange
Insurance
Lease
Life Insurance
Manifest
Mortgage
Original Process
Passage Ticket
Power of Attorney
Probate of Will
Protest
Receipt
Telegraph
Warehouse Receipt

Important events, information pertinent to an important person or place of historical importance or an important document fact is shown via a double red line box.
Rare items are identified with an R8 (6-10 known) or R9 (2-5 known), also in a double red lined box.

USPS TO RELEASE STAMP HONORING JOHN WOODEN



Legendary coach John Wooden (1910-2010) led the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Bruins to a record-setting 10 Division I men's basketball national championships. Often considered the greatest coach in the history of American sports, Wooden coached the Bruins to 88 consecutive wins and four perfect (30-0) seasons. The stamp features a portrait of Wooden. In the "UCLA blue" background, a player defends a shot. The numbers on the two players' jerseys, 4 and 10, evoke the Bruins' four perfect seasons and the 10 national championships during Wooden's tenure. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp using original artwork by Alexis Franklin.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS, continued

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recently (or not recently) acquired item along with a brief description. If you don't have a scanner or are uncomfortable taking a digital photo of your item with your phone, you can bring the item and I will take it and scan it (or take its digital picture right then and there, if you don't want to part with it). The description can be an eMail, Word or Google document, note file or a legible hand-written one. The description need not be lengthy (my entry ran over a page due to the number of stamps involved).

In the next newsletter I plan to introduce "Spotlight on.." (a club member). I will select a member at random and conduct an interview with him/her (or request the completion of a questionnaire). The purpose is to get to know this person better, focusing on a brief bio and exploring his/her collecting interests in a little more depth than in the application for membership.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

From *Stamp & Tongs*, September 2001—per Paul Witthoeft

The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee gets many stamp design suggestions each year. Among the rejected ideas were the *Ten Most Wanted Criminals* (the opposite of the Great Americans series); *Whooda Tom* - World's Champion Hog Caller; and a request by all the students in an elementary school requesting a stamp picturing a cat that came in to study with them each day.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

January 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Fernando Torres

There were 21 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Our new President Fernando Torres had some welcoming words.

Program VP—Next meeting will be our Quarterly Auction.
- Subsequent programs are to be determined.

Secretary — The reading of the minutes of the prior meeting was dispensed with

Treasurer — Report was given and the bill for the Holiday Party was received. Members were reminded that dues for 2024 were due and for them to go to the Secretary to be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Membership—We have 53 members and dues for 2024 are due.

Old Business — None

New Business — None

Announcements — None

Appraisals and Acquisitions – None

Program: Rick Hosler presented the program on Z Countries which allowed him to show some of his Zululand Collection. We had some discussion of the history of Zululand and Bill Wallace pointed out that one of the great defeats of the British Army was at Isandlwana where only about 5 percent of the soldiers in the battle survived on the British side. Jerry Madden then pointed out that this battle was followed by one of the most famous battles in history, particularly British at Rorke's Drift where 8 British Soldiers received the Victoria Cross for heroism. This is the most Victoria Crosses ever given for one battle. Presentation was excellent.

Jack's Albums were presented next.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

BOARD MEETING

BY JERRY MADDEN

January 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Fernando Torres at 6:36 PM There were 9 members present but several more entered after the meeting was called to order. The general discussion was about the future of the club and the directions the new President wanted to take. He informed the members that he was going to speak to them individually about different ideas but that he wanted suggestions to improve and expand the club. This lead to a very expanded discussion with several good suggestions and ideas coming from all the members. The discussion was general and had some excellent suggestions from various members. After about 45 minutes of discussion the meeting closed with a very positive message for the club from our new President and some optimistic visions for the club.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY JERRY MADDEN

Membership remains at 53 members.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the soul of Ann Gabel, beloved wife of our member and Treasurer, Rod Gabel.

Memorial service will be held at 1pm on Friday, February 23, 2024 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 6306 Kenwood Avenue, in Dallas

2024 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months. Items are forever stamps with the current or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 6 **Saul Bellow**. One ($1.16) 3-ounce rate stamp, pane of 20, Literary Arts series; Chicago, IL 60607

Feb. 19 **Radiant Star**. Single (10¢) presorted standard definitive coil stamp, coils of 3,000 and

Feb. 25 **John Wooden**. Single (68¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Los

Mar. 9 **Underground Railroad**. Ten (68¢) forever commemorative stamps: Catharine Coffin, Frederick Douglass, Thomas Garrett, Laura Haviland, Lewis Hayden, Harriet Jacobs, William Lambert, Jermain Loguen, William Still and Harriet Tubman; pane of 20.; Church Creek, MD 21622

Mar.15 **Bluegrass**. Single (68¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Owensboro, KY 42301

Mar. 16 **Garden Delights**. Four (68¢) forever stamps, double-sided pane of 20; Strongsville, OH 44136

Mar 22 **Celebration Blooms**. Single (68¢) forever special stamp, pane of 20; St. Louis, MO 63155

Mar.22 **Wedding Blooms**. Single (92¢) 2-ounce special stamp, pane of 20; St. Louis, MO 63155

Mar.27 **Save Manatees**. Single (68¢) forever stamp; double-sided pane of 20; Silver Springs, FL 34488

The next 2 stamps will be issued at the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, Connecticut

Aug. 15 **Pinback Buttons**. Ten (68¢) forever commemorative stamps: smile, hello, peace, love, fun, sweet, yes, cheers, kudos and happy; pane of 20

Aug. 16 **Autumn Colors.** Ten (68¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20;

Below are **Holiday Joy stamps** for the 2024 Holiday Season, announced January 5.



CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrolton, TX 75007-2828.

FOR SALE

Worldwide 1840-1979, 25-33% OF Scott, over $1,500,000 inventory. Especially strong in British, Dutch, French & Italian colonies, U.S. 1840-1930, Japan, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Russia, Venezuela, & Souvenir sheets. Many hard-to-find-items. Price list available at www.BillsStamps.com or call Bill Wallace, 214-213-8066. doctoryes007@aol.com . Money-back satisfaction guaranteed.

WANTED

Poland B49-B52 Tuberculosis stamps with tabs. These stamps were each issued with 10 different tabs. I have about half of these and am seeking to complete my collection. Mint or postally used preferred, but will take CTO. Stan Bartnikowski, stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.