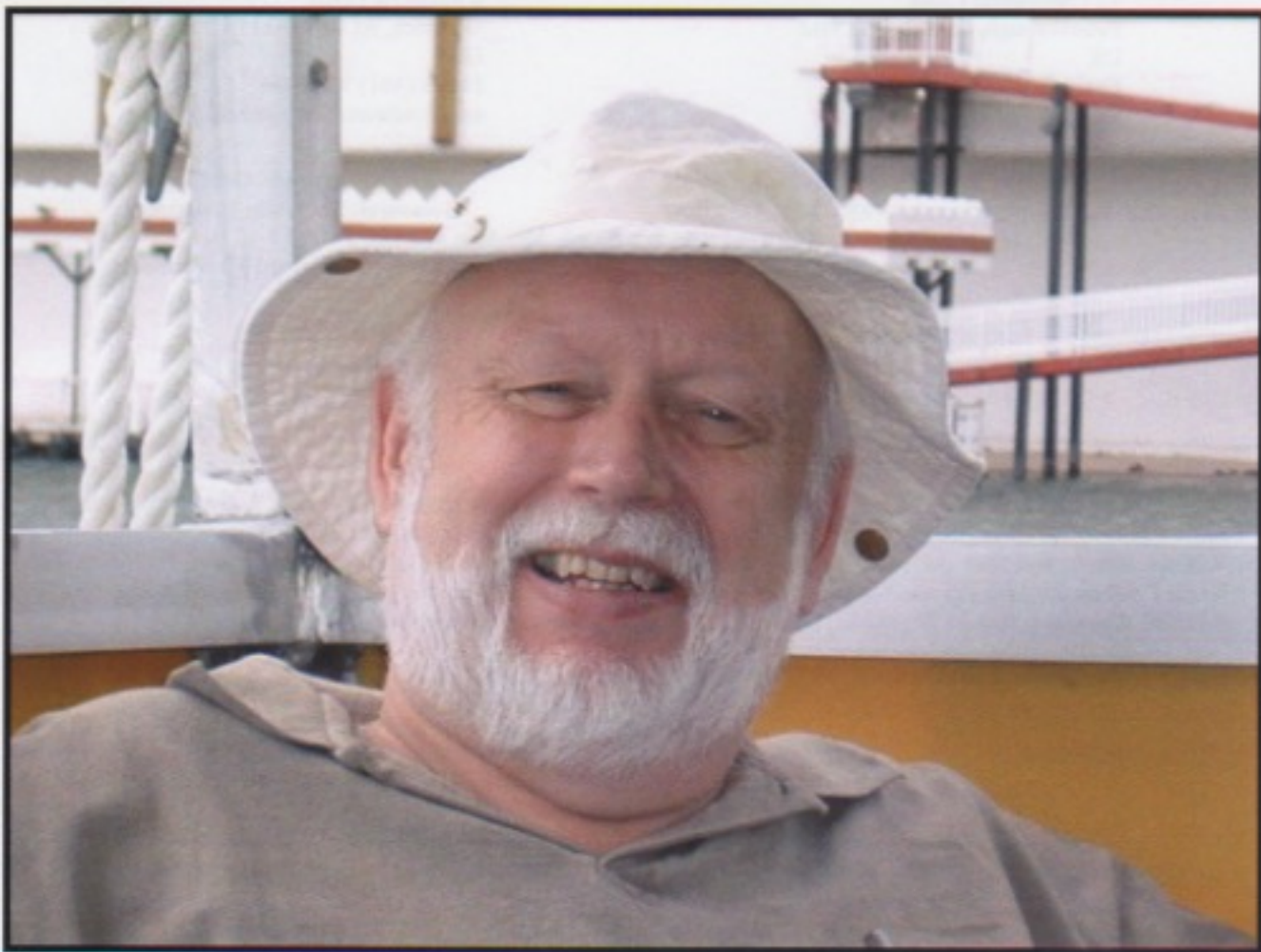


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Officer's Corner

Have just returned from a very relaxing holiday on the Red Sea in Egypt and find that that our Vice-President Geoffrey Flack has passed away, and Nepal is headlined in the news again, with a huge avalanche in the Annapurna mountain region and a number of people, some on trekking holidays have been lost. There have been some very severe storms in Spain and my house has suffered this time with water damage in the kitchen area, so I will be going there in mid-November to work on any repairs that are not covered by insurance. Never a dull moment.

The stamp season is now well under way again so I will be attending the regular meetings of my

local society plus a couple of trips on the road to give talks to other societies. One final thought for next year, the post of editor is always a bust one, but things can be made much easier if there is a good supply of articles arriving. So instead of sitting and over indulging during the Christmas festival, spend some time at your computer and write an article for our journal [editor's postal and email addresses on page 2].

Finally I would like to wish all of our members a very happy Christmas and good collecting in the New Year.

Colin

Editor's Ramblings

Once again, sadness comes to our Society with another black border on the cover. There are some remembrances of Geoffrey. Those members who might wish to write a remembrance may do so and send it to the editor [postal and email addresses on page 2] for inclusion in the next *Postal Himal*. A copy of this issue is being sent to Geoffrey's family as will the next issue.

When I first began putting NY2016 on the UPCOMING list, five years seemed like a long time. No it will be here in less that 2 years. It is not to early to start looking for places to stay. We will have a joint Society table with the India Study Circle. The table needs to be manned the entire time the show is open, so please give some

thought to volunteering some time to volunteer for the table while you are in attendance. We will be looking for firm commitments later on.

And next year's WESTPEX is just around the corner. If you haven't attend one, why not think about doing so. Plenty of dealers to fill blank spaces in your albums, and, of course, our annual meeting. The hotel supplies free transportation to and from the airport 24 hours a day.

At most this festive time of the year I would wish for all of you, and indeed for the entire world, peace, health, and an understanding of others.

And special condolences for Geoffrey's family as they pass through this most trying of times.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bengt-Erik Larsson was awarded Small Vermeil for his exhibit "The Development of the 1933 Series of Tibet" at BALTEX

Danny Kin Chin Wong was awarded Large Vermeil for his exhibit "Development of Postal Services in Tibet" at PHILAKOREA 2015

Dick van der Wateren was awarded Large Gold plus a Gold Medal for his exhibit "Nepal Revenues" at Postex 2014

UPCOMING

WESTPEX 2015 24-26 April at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. NTPSC meeting Sunday 26 April at 1:00 PM

NAPEX 2015 05-07 June at Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner Hotel

NY2016 28 May-04 June Jacob Javit's Convention Center

In Memoriam

Geoffrey Flack, Vice President Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle

It is with profound sadness that we announce that Geoffrey Flack passed away on October 14, 2014 in North Vancouver. Geoff is survived by his beloved wife Ju and his children Jeremy and Janice of whom he was so proud of and loved so much. Geoff is also survived and missed dearly by his sister Joan and brother John. He is survived also by his sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws and loving nieces, nephews, and grandnephews in Thailand and Vancouver. Everyone will miss him. Geoff was born in Vancouver and spent his childhood in Dunbar and West Vancouver. Following his years at UBC, he taught in Africa with CUSO, returning to teach for over 30 years in the ESL program at Vancouver Community College. He was highly regarded by his colleagues and students from all over the world. After their 1985 wedding in Bangkok, Geoff and Ju returned to Canada and lived the majority of their married life in North Vancouver. Geoff was a world authority and respected philatelist specializing in Tibetan stamps, postal history and rare and unique Southeast Asian stamps. Geoffrey will be greatly missed by close friends and associates in Asia, Canada, Europe and the USA. Geoff fought an incredible battle since being diagnosed with metastatic cancer in January 2012. Since his diagnosis, he was able to enjoy trips back to his beloved Thailand and spend time and travels with his friends and family. Geoff's sense of adventure, humour and kindness will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. He was brave and very loved. A special thanks to Kelly, his niece, for all her support and expertise during Geoffrey's difficult times. Thanks also to his oncology team at BCCA and LGH as well as Dr. Bains and staff at the LGH Cancer Clinic and Palliative Care Unit. A Celebration of Life is planned on October 25, 2014 for friends and family. Please contact john@flack.ca for detailed information.

From The Vancouver Sun, October 20, 2014

I knew Geoffrey Flack for some 30 years and looked forward eagerly to his lists of Tibet material for sale. As soon as the list arrived in the mail I would peruse it, mark items of interest, and telephone him before other eager collectors beat me to the punch.

Sometimes his lists included photocopies that he offered of articles about Tibet stamps and postal history that appeared over the years in various journals. I added some of them to those I already had and I continue to acquire such articles to this day.

One particularly memorable set of events was the Study circle meetings held at Pacific 97 in San Francisco. During one of the sessions Geoffrey passed around some great rarities showing unusual uses and scarce cancellations. He then confessed that the material was forged, much of it with genuine stamps but employing forged postmarks. His point was that savvy collectors could still be misled by items that were fraudulent.

One evening during the show Geoffrey took twelve of us to the Lhasa Moon, a Tibetan Restaurant on Lombard Street. Here we placed our dining fate in his hands as he ordered many strange dishes from the menu. It was a feast thoroughly enjoyed, especially in light of the company.

I last saw Geoffrey at a Study Circle meeting at WESTPEX in 2010 where I presented a program on Tibet. During the presentation he occasionally offered a comment to amplify a certain point but in general I heard no significant corrections. I realized then that my mentor had taught his student well and I was thankful to have learned at the foot of the Dean of Tibet philately.

Alan Warren

I knew Geoff from the early 1990s but only met him once in person during the London 2010 stamp exhibition and was always eagerly awaiting his price lists, which, in the pre-internet time I always got very late.

We had exchanged very many ideas and research results, I miss his communication.

Rainer Fuchs

Geoff was Mr. Tibet! He visited my home a few years ago. We had a lot to talk about so he had to stay overnight. I also met him wife his wife in Stockholm once. All those collectors who knew him will miss him a lot. My sincere condolences to his wife and daughter.

Bo C. Olsson

Geoffrey Flack was one of the first dealers I met when I moved to the USA back in 1985. My father had given me a handful of Tibet covers and had asked me to offer them to Geoffrey; my father and Geoffrey had known each other for quite some time. I recall meeting up with Geoffrey at the WESTPEX show in San Francisco in 1985 and offered him the covers. He ended up buying them all and paid me what I thought was a handsome price. I had other small dealing with him through the years. Fast forward to Washington 2006 International Stamp Show where Geoffrey and I spent many hours discussing Indian Feudatory States philately over the duration of the show. It's an area he decided to get back into and being an area that I both collected and dealt in he asked for my advise which I was more than happy to share. We became good friends and would often have long conversations related to Indian States.

A mutual friend of ours, Frits Staal, who happened to be my mentor when it came to Indian Feudatory States philately, was also a business partner of Geoffrey's back in the early nineties. Frits being the expert would describe and break down large Indian States collections they would acquire together and Geoffrey would have the responsibility of selling them through his website. By this time Frits had narrowed his collecting interests to Kotah, Shahpura and Tonk. He had also promised me the first right of refusal if and when he was to sell these three collections. In due course he did sell to me his Tonk collection followed by his Kotah collection. About six years, ago over a phone conversation, Geoffrey mentioned to me that he had acquired Frits's Shahpura collection during a recent trip to Thailand (Frits had moved to Thailand about 10 years ago). I was truly surprised and upon informing Geoffrey of the agreement I had with Frits, he offered me the Shahpura collection with a very minimal markup over what he had paid Frits for it. He could have easily asked me for a whole lot more but that's the kind of man Geoffrey was. I will always remember him as a man of principle and integrity.

The philatelic world has lost a great dealer and a very knowledgeable specialist in Geoffrey.

Sandeep Jaiswal

It was with much sadness that I learned that our Vice-President Geoffrey Flack had died after a long battle with cancer. I first met Geoffrey at a WESTPEX show in the late 1970's when at that time he still had a job teaching and was doing some part time stamp dealing. It wasn't too long after that, stamp dealing became his full time occupation and he specialised in Tibet. Since then he became one of the leading specialists in that field and would make regular visits to Europe and Nepal to search for material, and this in turn made him a very good ambassador for our society. He will be greatly missed by the society and all collectors of Tibet.

Colin Hepper

Geoffrey Flack has been, since 2003, my source for quality Nepal material. He always found good material and his website was a concentration of very well documented information about Himalayan philately. I used to look at his website every morning to see if he had added any new covers of Nepal or Tibet.

When he was on the way to Nepal he used to stop in Thailand. We had nice meetings in Bangkok, speaking about philately and also enjoying traditional Thai food. One of his favorite meals was red curry with roasted duck and pineapple.

He had a great sense of humor and we would exchange stories about what happened to us when we were travelling in Nepal and Thailand, two countries which we loved to visit.

It's a big loss for the NTPSC, with his specialist knowledge of Tibet and Nepal philately.

He was a very nice man and I will miss him.

Bruno Le Peut

Geoffrey Flack - I don't even remember when or where I first met Geoffrey, but it was either at WESTPEX or some international show. Geoffrey seemed to have a knack for being wherever I happened to be.

I remember him as first and foremost a gentleman and secondly as a dealer who had a vast knowledge of Tibet. Later on Geoffrey branched out into Indian Native States, and I made several purchases from him. He was honest and reputable and one could always put one's confidence in his descriptions of items.

Geoffrey had wanted to go to Tibet, but never managed to do so - I believe it was because he had made statements which did not sit well with the authorities in Beijing.

And Geoffrey, while he usually spoke in a very moderate voice could also have a booming one if the occasion demanded one. I remember attending INDIA 2011 in New Delhi. I had taken the new subway system to the site of the show and was approaching the admission gate. Suddenly came a booming voice RICHARD. I turned to see Geoffrey and his wife, JU, getting out of a taxi.

We had a very long and interesting conversation over lunch. I had planned to spend the week at the show, but due to my stupidity I got my dates mixed up and was only at the show for that one day. So, if Geoffrey hadn't been where I was we would not have met at the show.

I continued to see Geoffrey at WESTPEX when he was well enough to attend and continued to make purchases from him until he closed up his business.

There are a few other dealers I have met who shared Geoffrey's honesty, integrity and knowledge, but not many. He will be sorely missed by family, associates, friends and the NTPSC.

Richard M. Hanchett

[Any members who wish to write a remembrance of Geoffrey can send it to the editor - postal and email addresses on page 2 by 20 February 2015. A copy of this issue of *Postal Himal* will be sent to his family, as will the next one. - ed.]

How They Brought the Bad News from Chaksam to Gangtok

by Robert A. Gilbert

Apart from a general military context, the 'Good News' brought from Ghent to Aix in Robert Browning's poem had no specific content. But the news that passed from Chaksam to Gangtok during the Younghusband Expedition (more correctly, Mission) to Tibet of 1903-1904 was quite specific, and was Bad News indeed. And as is the way with bad news, it travelled quickly.

By early 1904 the expedition had secured Gyantse and the advance to Lhasa began. The Mounted Infantry reached the Tsang-Po at Chaksam, where the river could be most effectively crossed, on 24 July and brought the box-shaped ferry-boats back from the far side of the river in readiness for the rest of the military force. On 25 July the crossing began, but the ferries were slow and awkward - it would take six days to carry the entire column across the water - so Major G.H. Bretherton, the officer in charge of Supply and Transport, used the expedition's collapsible Berthon boats to construct two rafts as additional craft. They served well at first, but soon fell foul of the river's treacherous currents - with fatal result.

In the words of an official telegram from the Viceroy to the British Secretary of State for India:

River 150 yards wide, heavy volume, strong current. Major G.S. [sic] Bretherton, Supply and Transport Corps., two Gurkhas, drowned, boat capsizing, also one mounted infantry sepoy.¹

Bretherton's loss was deeply felt, for he was very popular, most resourceful and a brave soldier (he was awarded the DSO for his actions in the Chitral Campaign of 1895).² It was also necessary to report his death, not only to Lord Curzon, the Viceroy, but also to Bretherton's widow - which is how we come to bearing the bad news.

While her husband was in Tibet, Katharine Campbell had been staying in Gangtok, and it was here that she received the news of his death. It came in the form of a telegram from John Claude White - Political Officer Sikkim, and joint Tibet Commissioner with Younghusband - dispatched from 'Camp Chaksam' on 26 July and received on 1 August. It was addressed to a mutual friend, Mrs. Lloyd, whom White requested:

Please break sad news to Mrs. Bretherton that Major Bretherton was drowned yesterday in crossing the Tsangpo. His death much regretted by everyone. We all feel deeply for Mrs. Bretherton in her sorrow.

Other telegrams rapidly followed, eleven in all, from Younghusband (via Gyantse); his wife (from Darjeeling); Mrs. Bretherton's family and friends (in India and England); and from one of Bretherton's fellow officers: Lt. A.R.B. Shuttleworth of the Supply Department, at Tuna.³

All the telegrams have the 'GUNTOK' straight line receiving mark, and most are initialed or signed by the telegraphist, E.C. Adams. The two messages from Chaksam were carried to Gyantse by the Mounted Infantry: a journey of 106 miles (as opposed to the 90 miles from Ghent to Aix!) which took four days.⁴ From Gyantse, the farthest Field Telegraph Office in Tibet, the messages were sent as telegrams to Gangtok, where they were received on 1 August.

Mrs. Bretherton carefully preserved the twelve telegrams, and at some subsequent date, folded them away in a small envelope that was later mounted in a scrapbook. This eventually surfaced, eighty-five years after the telegrams were sent and received, in an antique shop in Bristol, England, where I bought it. Apart from a few cuttings from *The Graphic* about the expedition, there was nothing else relating to Tibet or to Major Bretherton, and I have been unable to locate any other correspondence relating to Bretherton or his role in the Younghusband Mission. At present the telegrams stand alone in my collection, and I would be grateful for any additional information that members of the Study Circle may be able to supply.

[Mr. Gilbert may be contacted at sacregis42@hotmail.com—ed.]

- ¹ See *Further Papers relating to Tibet* No. III [Cd 2370], 1905 p.45 Telegram no. 113
- ² Bretherton's medals were offered for sale at auction in June 2014; they failed to sell
- ³ The Field Telegraph Office at Tuna was opened on 27 March 1904 and closed on 16 October 1904
- ⁴ This is according to Perceval Landon, who gives a detailed breakdown of travelling times on horse back in his book *Lhasa* (London, 1905). See Vol. 2, pp.390-391



Major George Howard Bretherton, D.S.O., F.R.G.S.

Major George Howard Bretherton

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To *Mr Lloyd* From *J.C. White*

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To *Mrs Lloyd* From *J.C. White*

Word Form

*Camp Chaksam 26th July please
 break sad news to Mrs Bretherton
 that Major Bretherton was drowned
 yesterday in crossing the camp
 his death much regretted by everyone
 we all feel very deeply for Mrs
 Bretherton in her sorrow*

GUNTOK 1-8-04

Telegram from J.C. White to Mrs. Lloyd



The Berthon boats at Chaksam
 (from Younghusband, *India and Tibet* (London, 1910))

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. 12

To *Guntok* From *Younghusband*

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To *Mrs Bretherton* From *Col Younghusband*

Word Form

*Our very dearest sympathy
 in your loss. We hope
 that you can find any
 peaceful way and let me
 know if anything I can
 do*

GUNTOK 1-8-04

Telegram from Col. Younghusband
 to Mrs. Bretherton

How to Issue a Set of Stamps in Bhutan

by Leo Van Der Velden

During my stay in Bhutan for the World Food Programme from 2007 – 2009, the question what to do on the occasion of 35 years of WFP assistance in Bhutan (mainly to the education sector). The idea of a book was tabled, but then it was decided to look into the issuing of a postage stamp. We had already made use of the possibility of putting the corporate logo on the personalized stamp issue, and also used pictures of bags bearing the different donor country names as design. This brought some confusion, as some parties thought these were stamps especially issued for WFP. Furthermore, we could use the stamps to distribute to the schools under the school feeding program, many of them still using Bhutan Post to send us their quarterly reports, although a number of schools were sending in their reports by fax or even already email attachment. But most schools assisted by WFP were remote, off-the-road schools which could not easily make use of the latter two options.



WFP logo and bag "Gift of China" on personalized stamps of November 2008

Bhutan Post offers several options to a company or organization (and may be an individual as well, although I did not ask so) for a "joint issue" of stamps with info on the activities of the organization or, in case of a commercial stamp agency, a topic. In all cases will the proposed issue be screened by Bhutan Post, and mutually agreed upon. Note that the approval of a stamp issue and design was before an internal Bhutan Post administrative affair, but in August 2009 Bhutan Post established a Stamp Advisory Committee with members with educational, artistic and historical expertise to evaluate and recommend themes and designs. Bhutan Post offers the client (sometimes referred to as 'agent' in their documents) several options for the product (mint stamps, value sheetlet, souvenir or miniature sheet, FDC, FDC's cancellation seal, brochure and postcard), quantity, size, number of values (denomination), artwork and printing.

As far as the products are concerned, Bhutan Post will advise often to issue all first six options, but, depending on the quality wished for the printing and design, the client may bear all costs for the design and the printing of the stamps, FDCs, the cancellation seal and brochures, whose final end production is all being arranged for by Bhutan Post.

The client has to pay a royalty of a minimum of USD 10,000, for which the client may receive at least the value back in stamps. The standard royalty agreement includes art work (by the Bhutan Post designer) and printing (by a basic security printer). There is also a number of the stamps, FDCs, and brochures Bhutan Post will receive, the exact number which will be mentioned in the agreement. There might be some space for discussing the royalty if the client will pay separately for the design and printing costs of the stamps, FDC cover, seal and brochures, or if it concerns a charity organization who is interested in only a minimum number of stamps for own use. The client is not authorized to sell the stamps it receives for postage (so on behalf of Bhutan Post) and should adhere to the purpose of the issuance of the stamp, although the stamps can be used as postage by the client for its own mail. Bhutan Post gives an estimated time of three months from agreement to stamp issue.

TECHNICAL DETAIL OF STAMPS PRINTING PROCESS

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity	Sizes	Value	Colour Process
1	Mint Stamps	100,000	40.64 X 29.85 mm	10 stamps per sheet	4 colour process
		200,000	44.45 X 27.94 mm	25 stamps per sheet	
		400,000	35 X 25.5 mm	30 stamps per sheet	
		600,000	35 X 35 mm	50 stamps per sheet	
2	Miniature sheet	10,000	75 X 100 mm	1-2 stamps	4 colour process
		20,000	80 X 120 mm		
		40,000	100 X 150 mm		
		90,000	120 X 200 mm		
3	Sheetlet	10,000	80 X 100 mm	4-10 stamps	4 colour process
		20,000	120 X 150 mm		
		40,000	120 X 200 mm		
		90,000	120 X 200 mm		
4	First Day Cover	1,500	100 X 180 mm		4 colour process
		2,000	120 X 220 mm		
		3,000	120 X 200 mm		
		3,000	11.5 X 20.5 mm		
5	Post Cards	1,000	100 X 150 mm	10-12 cards	4 colour process
		2,000	110 X 160 mm		
		3,000			

Standard options offered by Bhutan Post

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From picture to first drawing to final stamp

WFP opted for an own designer and for a mid-cost security printer, the Thai British Security Printing in Bangkok, out of a number of printing houses suggested by Bhutan Post. The designer was a young Bhutanese artist, Ugyen Wangchuk of Dato Creatives in Thimphu, who came with several designs, based on pictures provided by us. We came slightly pressed for time, as the designer was new to stamp design. Nevertheless, with assistance of Bhutan Post and the printers, the set could be issued timely. On 30 June 2009 the stamp issue with the slogan "Celebrating 35 Years Anniversary of WFP in Bhutan" was launched at the GPO in Thimphu jointly by Bhutan Post and WFP.



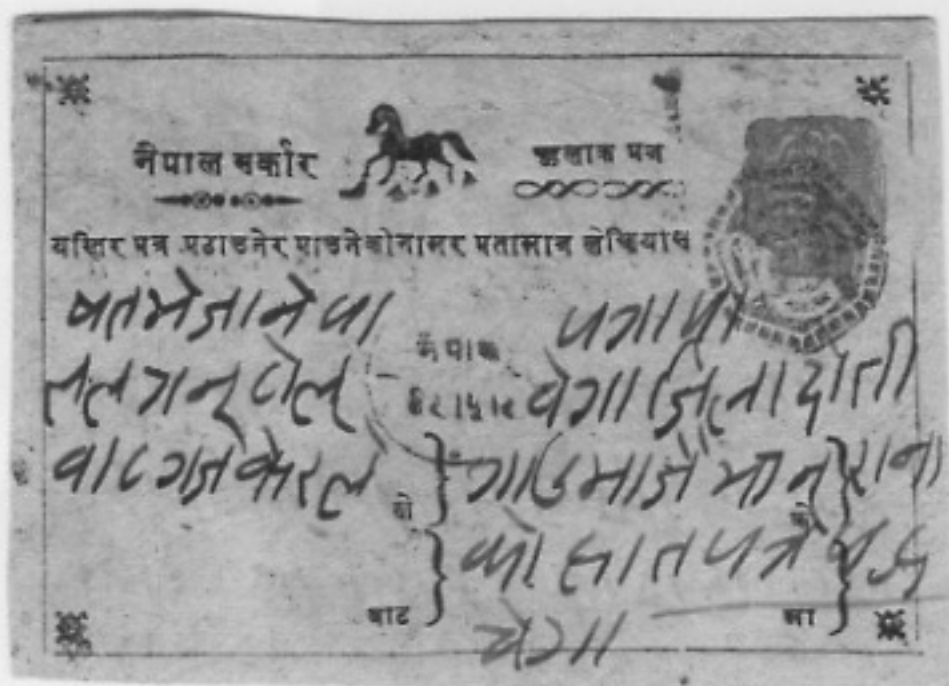
WFP printed its own, nice presentation folder for the FDC, stamp sheetlet and the souvenir sheet.

**“Twins” of the Red Khukris & Chakras Postcards
by Johannes Bornmann**

Curiously a few of the red “Khukris & Chakras” postcards exist as “twin” postcards. Some of them seem to be philatelic inspired. Here are four examples:

Twin Postcards van der Wateren No. 8a

Two postcards from Kathmandu to Kathmandu dispatched from the same sender, cancelled by Kathmandu II (Hellrigl C 70). The datestamp of both cards is Kathmandu XVI (Hellrigl D 76) with a horizontal line in the center. It is dated 49/5/9 BS = August 22, 1892 AD.



Twin Postcards van der Wateren No. 8a, subtype

Two postcards locally used from Kathmandu to Kathmandu dispatched from the same sender, cancelled by Kathmandu II (Hellrigl C 70). Both cards bear in the lower left a British-Indian cds of Belanganj, dated FE 22, 1893. Nepalese stamps and postal stationery were valid only for the Nepalese postal system. They were not accepted by the British-Indian post. Therefore international usage of Nepalese postcards without additional (British-Indian) franking is not possible or legal. Hence these cards could not come to Belanganj by mail, a town in Uttar Pradesh, India. The address says "Nepal" - meaning Kathmandu.

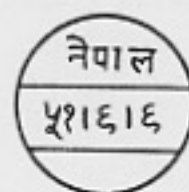


Twin Postcards van der Wateren No. 12 sent to Baitadi

Front sides: unusual usage of a datestamp Kathmandu XIV (Hellrigl D 74) as cancellation, dated 51/6/6 BS = September 19, 1894 AD. Negative hand-dated postmark Baitadi (Hellrigl N 2), dated 51/6/25 BS = October 8, 1894 AD (total transit time 19 days).

These cards were sent by the Nepal Residency to Baitadi. The recipients are Gurkha soldiers by the name of Moti Raj Gurung and Gaja Bir Thapa respectively. The soldiers are requested to write a report. Baitadi in the hill district with the same name (far western of Nepal) is located near the border with Kumaon (India).

Reverse sides: another negative hand-dated postmark Baitadi (N 2), dated 51/7/4 BS = October 17, 1894 AD. As written on the reverse side the recipients could not be identified by the Baitadi post office. Hence after 9 days these cards were returned to Kathmandu.



Twin Postcards van der Wateren No. 16

Both postcards were locally used from Kathmandu to Kathmandu dispatched from the same sender, cancelled by the octagonal cancel Kathmandu III (Hellrigl C 71). Both cards show the same datestamp Kathmandu XVIIIA (Hellrigl D 78) with damaged word "NEPAL", dated 62/7/27 BS = November 10, 1905 AD.



**News regarding Electronic Copies of *Postal Himal*
and Rates for *Postal Himal* for 2015**
by Richard M. Hanchett

As you will remember from the last issue, [158:14] *Postal Himal* will be available in electronic (PDF) format beginning in 2015. At that time who will also change from a 'one member-one rate' system, which has been in effect since our founding, to a renewal cost based on the area of the world to which your *Postal Himal* is sent. This change is necessary due to continually increasing postage costs. The new rates are shown below. Those who do not live in a £ area will probably find it easier to pay via PayPal or with banknotes. Before sending banknotes, please contact Colin Hepper (postal and email addresses are on the inside front cover).

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PayPal for USA/Canada	\$21.20	\$53.00	
All Others	£18.00 or €22,00	£45.00 or €55,00	N/A
PayPal for All Others	£19.08 or €23,32	£47.70 or €58,30	
Email anywhere	\$10.00 or £6.00 or €7,50	\$25.00 or £15.00 or €18,75	N/A
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Cricket in Nepal

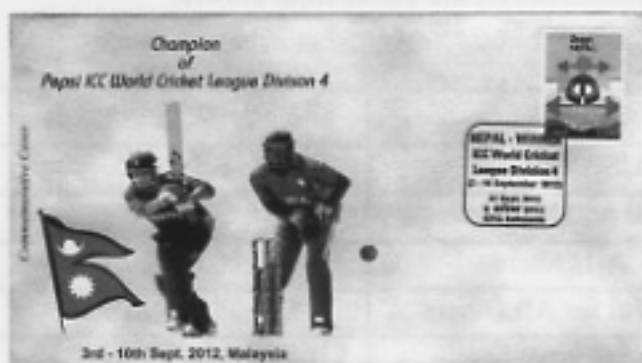
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Cricket is that very English game that is played over three days or for international games five days. Games start at 11.00am with lunch being taken around 1.00pm and afternoon tea around 4.30pm with the day, finishing at 6.30pm. The game is commonly played in all the commonwealth countries, with the largest following probably being in India. There are these days much shorter versions of the game known as 50 over games which are completed in a day and 20/20 games which could take about three hours to complete.

So what has this to do with Nepalese stamp collecting? Surprisingly Nepal has a good cricket team that plays in the shorter versions of the game and in 2012 they were the winners of the ICC World Cricket league - Division 4, beating Uganda in the final in Bermuda.



In April 2007 cricket was featured on the 5R stamp of the 'Sports Series'.



Commemorative cover with special cancellation to commemorate Nepal winning the World Cricket League Division 4.

Countries that are not qualified to play international test cricket (the 5 day game) play in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League which is divided into a number of leagues. In 2010 Nepal won the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 5 at the second attempt, having finished third when the event was held in Italy. This time in Malaysia, they were unbeaten throughout and trumped USA by eight wickets in the final at Kinrara, after bowling out the Americans for 145 in 48.1 overs.

It was Nepal's first ever overseas senior team championship.



Commemorative cover issued 27 February 2010 to celebrate winning the Division 5 league.

The youth of Nepal are also encouraged to play the game and in May 2012 their under-16 team competed for the ACC-U-16 Elite Cup in Malaysia. Teams taking part came from Singapore, Hong Kong, Oman, Thailand, Malaysia, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iran. Nepal lost in the final to Malaysia, played at the Kinrara Oval Stadium.



Commemorative cover with special cancellation to commemorate the under 16 cricket team reaching the final of the Elite Cup.

Nepal also play in the other much shorter version of the game in The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Twenty/20 cup. In 2012 they won this competition which qualified them to play in the 20/20 World Cup. They again reached the final in 2013 but lost to Afghanistan, with the matches being played at Kirtipur.

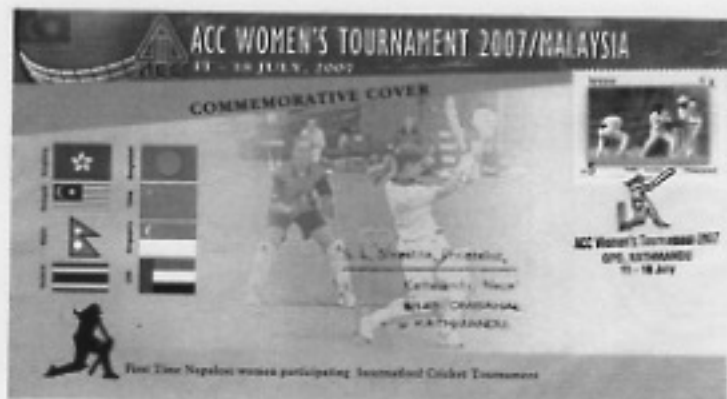


Commemorative cover for Nepal's participation in the Twenty/20 cup held in the United Arab Emirates in 2009.

Special postmark brought out to celebrate Nepal's cricket team's achievement in reaching the World Cup Finals in 2012.



As with almost all sports women are encourage to play what was at one time a male dominated game. Cricket is no different and is played by women in many countries and Nepal has it's own women's team that play in international tournaments. Commemorative covers special postmarks are also produced to cover some of the tournaments they play in.



Commemorative cover for Nepal's participation in the ACC Women's Tournament in Malaysia in 2007.

Commemorative cover for Nepal's participation in the ACC under 19 Women's Tournament in Thailand in 2008.



Finally there was a cricket match 'The Everest Test 2009' which I believe was played at Everest base camp. I have no idea who played who and find it hard to imagine an area flat enough and big enough to play cricket in the mountains. Perhaps someone could enlighten me.