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## **Officer's Corner**

I seem to be having a bit of a trying time over the last few months. As usual I enjoyed my time at WESTPEX and meeting up with our west coast members but returned home a little earlier than usual and was looking forward to the international show in New York a few weeks later. Unfortunately things went down hill, health wise just before the New York show when I fell ill with a kidney infection and was unable travel. It took almost two months to clear it up not helped by the fact that the first lot of anti-biotic I had made me worse rather than better. That is enough of my health problems, and I would like to congratulate all of our members for the awards they received in New York. Apart from the satisfaction members get from their awards it helps to keep the Society noticed by other collectors. I would also like to thank Ken Goss for taking over from Roger Skinner as our representative in the U.S.A. Roger seems to have held that post forever and must have been in excess of 30 years and on behalf of the Society would like to thank him for all of the work he has done during this time. Finally there was the sale of Wolfgang Hellrigl's collection of Nepal, which made some excellent prices, which probably surprised some members. It did however show that good items of Nepal are still very much sort after.

Colin

## **Editor's Ramblings**

A lot of material to cover this month. Excellent articles by our authors. And how about you? When can I expect your article? It can be on any philatelic topic or on a philatelic trip. The only exclusions are nothing overtly religious, nothing overtly political and, of course, nothing attacking another person. If English is not your primary language you can still submit an article. I will not change the meaning of your article, but will make grammatical changes as well as some minor changes to make the article flow more easily. Articles can be emailed or postally mailed [address on page 2]. If photos are included in the article, please send them as either .jpeg attachments are as embed objects within the article.

Two reports of note: WESTPEX and NY2016. The WESTPEX report being somewhat longer than usual. Instead of

appearing below the CONGRATULATIONS appear after the NY2016 with the list of awards given to our members - from Gold to Large Silver.

The next International Stamp Show in the US will be in Boston in 2026. Boston is a somewhat less frantic atmosphere than NY. You can check their website at [www.boston2026.org](http://www.boston2026.org). And it will be here before you know it.

**Dick van der Wateren** has been our Librarian for many years. He is approaching 92 years and his wife's health is not the best. Would any member (other than Colin who does more than enough) be willing to take over the library from Dick? If you would be interested we would let you know much room it currently takes up. As our Society hasn't published a book in some time, the size of the library would probably be static. Please give it some thought

## **UPCOMING:**

**WESTPEX 2017** April 28-30 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront (in Burlingame). 24 hour shuttle from the Airport to the Hotel. A BART station is at the International Terminal at the Airport for service between San Francisco and the Airport.

**BOSTON 2026** May 23-30, 2026 [www.boston2026.org](http://www.boston2026.org)

**An Unrecorded Tibetan Official?**  
**by David W. Witter**

I recently purchased this stamp on eBay. It certainly looks like one of the Tibet officials - same basic design elements but with different details. This one is not listed in Haverbeck or in Scott (although they do say "other values exist"). The color is deep orange, and the paper appears to be native type, but with varying thicknesses, almost as if it were patched together prior to printing. The dimensions (outside frame) are 47 mm horizontal, 49.5 mm vertical. I wonder if any readers know anything about the stamp?

[Replies can be made either to the author or to the editor]

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## **More About Tibetan Officials**

**By Bo C. Olsson**

*The China Clipper* 50.6 had an article where a number of the then scholars of Tibetan philately were asked about their opinion of the "Officials" and Radio-telegraph stamps of Tibet.

What is exactly correct about the "Officials" will probably never be known, but the version I believe could be most trustworthy is told by Surendra Lal Shrestha of Kathmandu, Nepal.

He writes, and I cite *China Clipper* here:

"The "Officials": They were printed in Lhasa by a Nepalese merchant on a contract with the Tibetan government, but rejected later due to the incorrect inscription, "STAMP" in place of "TIBET", according to an old employee of that merchant. They never became available for use as regular postage / official stamps but they were used on several hundred covers with 4 values only (Scott Nos. 02-05), cancelled-to-order with the waterfall type VIII Lhasa obliterator. The status of the so-called official stamps of Tibet could be equaled to Proofs or Essays like the "Negative Proofs" of the Sri Pashupati issues of Nepal. Since they have been popular among Tibet collectors worldwide for almost 35 years, all 7 values should be catalogued, with explanatory footnotes."

That was Mr. Shrestha's version about the "Officials" and it sounds like a fair opinion, at least in my ears.

Tibetans would rather use the word "Ticket" for stamps than "Stamp". This is fully confirmed by a note in the margin of one of the 1912 proofs. It reads "Ticket of this value is sold in Tibet in green colour". This probably say to us the "Officials" are rather of Nepalese than Tibetan production.

Covers, mostly to Tuladhar, with mostly a single  $\frac{2}{3}$  tranka exist in some quantities. Since the rate was 4 tranka for a registered and 2 tranka for an ordinary cover, why should the Tibetan government be so kind and transport mail for a rate leaving them with a loss? I do not buy it! In my opinion these never issued stamps were only added to covers to decorate them for philatelic purposes. Tuladhar, as the Dalai Lama's Finance Minister, surely had a possibility to get hold of these stamps and get them postmarked. And he was a stamp collector with stamp exchanges around the globe. Such "genuine" items of course were valuable as exchange material.

Fortune Wang in his book "Tibet and Postal History & Stamps" goes to a great length giving an explanation of why these "so called Officials" should have had an legitimate use. I don't buy his explanation and so far I have never heard any other Tibet expert who does.

I remember a time when these "Officials" first arrived in the philatelic market. I was a young boy at that time, in the early 1950's, but had occasionally participated in a German stamp auction held by Hans Grobe in Hannover. Now a cover with all four different "Officials" turned up for auction. I was amazed, but the starting bid was rather high, so I never gave a bid. And that was to my favour since the price for such an item has been lowered much over time. Later I got some of these at prices far from the 1950 pricing.

I think Heinrich Harrier in his book "Seven Years in Tibet" wrote that the Tibetan government had plans for a new set of postage stamps. Harrier produced three essays in 1949 and in time the

"Officials" also fit in here. Thinking of the explanation Mr. Surendra Lal Shrestha gave us I think we are at least a bit further convinced of what status the "Officials" really have.



This 1953 cover from Nepal to Tibet was "improved" by a later addition of a 4 tranka stamp and a 2/3 tranka "Official" making a rate of 4 2/3 tranka. Such registered rate existed for a short time, but later about 1954-55. The Phari postmark is the forged one I have reported earlier.

## **WESTPEX 2016 Report** **by Richard M Hanchett**

And another WESTPEX show goes into the record books. We were most happy to have Colin with us at the meeting. We did not send around an attendance list, so I will try to remember those who were there - if, by any chance I leave your name out, please let me know and I will list it in the next *Postal Himal*. Colin Hepper, Ken Goss, Al Zulueta Jr., Leo Martyn, Roger Skinner, Bill Jansen and myself.

After the meeting there was the usual socializing and selling of material.

The main news from WESTPEX is that Roger Skinner has decided to resign the position of USA Representative. Ken Goss has volunteered to fill that position. Ken's postal and email addresses are on page 2. Roger has had this position from time immemorial. I think he was the USA Representative when I joined the Society in 1985. And being in his 80s has decided that it is time for a change and to spend more time with his wife, Jo. For those of you who don't know, both Roger and Jo donate huge amounts of time to volunteering at both WESTPEX and the Western Philatelic Library. For those of you who have attended WESTPEX and visited the WPL Room you saw a lot of material for sale. What you might not know is the Roger packed that material and transported it to WESTPEX where he then unpacked it. After the show he had to repack it, take it back to the Library and unpack it - a pretty good amount of work for anyone in their 80s.

Roger received a good round of applause for all of his work for the Society.

### **A Special Thank You to Roger Skinner** **by Richard M Hanchett**

When I took over as editor of *Postal Himal* in 2000 from Leo Martyn, Roger was always there to help. I live in Rhode Island and Roger lives in California. As the time for getting an issue of *Postal Himal* drew near I would have the issue printed here in Rhode Island. Roger had the mailing envelopes for the issues in California. He would place the mailing labels on the envelopes, apply the correct postage according to destination and then FedEx the envelopes to me. I inserted the issue into the envelopes and transported them to the Post Office.

As noted above Roger and Jo were also very involved with WESTPEX and the Western Philatelic Library. Figuring that they didn't have a lot of free time, I decided to try to remove Roger from having to get involved in the production and mailing of the *Postal Himal*'s. I purchased the mailing envelopes and had them printed with Roger's home address to facilitate return of undeliverable issues. Roger continued to print the mailing labels and to supply the postage for them. After awhile I had Roger send me large amounts of discounted postage which I applied to the envelopes while Roger continued to print the mailing labels. Unfortunately I never achieved my final goal as Roger announced his resignation while I was still working on creating my own label printing program.

And so Roger from me to you a big

# THANK YOU!!

## Report on Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle at NY 2016 by Richard M Hanchett

First, a Thank You to **Alan Warren** for setting up the Society's booth and its one-page exhibit.

Our meeting was quite a success with over 15 members and guests in attendance. Unfortunately, due to laxity on the part of your editor, there was no attendance sheet sent around at the meeting.

As **Colin Hepper** was unable to attend the meeting, it was run by myself. Colin had planned to be in attendance, as he was at WESTPEX, but the difference in water between Cambridgeshire and San Francisco sent him home not feeling well. A stomach virus had him on antibiotics which did not appear to work well. Two days before he was to leave for NY his prescription was changed to a different antibiotic. As the time was so short to see how he would respond, he decided to obey the ultimatums from both his wife and doctor that he was not to go to NY. In an email from Colin on 24 May he says "...So sorry that this has happened but I am totally washed out at the moment. Eleanor (who has always encourage me go on my travels) has said that if I have any thought of trying to go she will lock the door and will not let me out and I haven't the strength to argue. ...". For those of you who are wondering who Colin is now, he wrote in an email of 6 June "...My health has improved considerable over the last few day so I think that I have finally got ride of the bugs in my system. ...". We all, I am sure, join in wishing Colin a full and speedy recovery.

**Ed Gosnell** had promised us a presentation, but just before the meeting his computer had decided that it would not cooperate - computers always seem to pick the worst times to act up.

**Peter Dorman** of New Zealand (probably the longest distance meeting attendee) stepped up to the plate and gave us a presentation on the Postal History of Tibet. Following which **Douglas Hatch** of NY (not quite as long a trip) gave a talk on Errors, Freaks and Oddities of Nepal. Doug lived in Nepal for many years and one of his daughters was born there. He is an ordained minister (one of at least two in our Society).

Those who spent time manning our Society booth include **Alan Warren, Peter Dorman, Douglas Hatch, Marshall Brooks, Peter Levers** (of the Indian Study Circle for Philately) and myself. We were manned almost all of the required time.

Those who stopped by our booth included: **Alan Warren** (PA), **Al Zulueta** (CA), **Douglas Hatch** (NY), **Richard M Hanchett** (RI), **Ed Gosnell** (OH), **Karl Winkelmann** (France), **Rainer Fuchs** and his wife (Germany), **Leo Martyn** (CA), **Peter Dorman** (New Zealand), **Bettyann Cook** (MO), **John McClland** (FL), **Bill Janson** (CA), **Eldon S. Fodor** (NJ), **Rajni Tulsian** (NY), **Peter Planken** (Netherlands), **Dick van der Wateren** (Netherlands), **Marshall Brooks** (VT), **Stephanie Green** (VT), **Steve Chazen** (TX), **Brian Kuehl** (KS), **Rick McCahie** (NM), and last, but by no means least **Danny Wong** (HK). This list was taken directly from the sign in sheet at our booth. If any else visited the booth, please let the editor know.

Danny has also submitted his resignation as Vice-President of the N&TPSC.

Members whose exhibits received awards were:

**Sandeep Jaiswal** Gold (92) plus Felicitations for Research for his exhibit "British India—Queen Victoria Postal Stationery"

**Dick van der Wateren** Large Vermeil (86) for his exhibit "Nepal Revenues"

**Rainer Fuchs** Large Vermeil (85) for his exhibit "Tibet 1912-1960 The Stamps and Their Usage"

**Sandeep Jaiswal** Large Vermeil (85) for his exhibit "The First Issue of Jaipur"

**Al Zulueta** Large Vermeil (85) for his exhibit "Bosnia-Herzegovina Austro-Hungarian Occupation, 1878-1908"

**Richard M Hanchett** Vermeil (83) for his exhibit "TOO LATE Strikes on 19<sup>th</sup> Century Indian Mail"

**Ed Gosnell** Large Silver (79) for his exhibit "Nepalese Classic Official Mail from Locations Without a Post Office"



A large round of applause for all of our exhibitors!

And of course, what would be the point of attending any stamp show unless one decided to part with some money in order to advance one's collection. While the editor spent more than he intended to, he did fill quite a few spaces in some of his non-Indian collections.

NY was, as always, a challenge in attempting to get from one location to another. There was no shuttle from the Marriott Times Square (Official Hotel) to the Javits Center. It would have been a help but, I suspect, it would have raised the ire of the Taxi drivers. And, of course, there is always plenty of hustle and bustle in New York with so many things to see and do and so many restaurants to try.

Well, that's it for another 10 years. The next International Stamp Show in the USA will be in Boston in 2026. Boston is a much easier place to get around and it certainly has its share of things to see and do and restaurants to try. Their website is up and found at [www.boston2026.org](http://www.boston2026.org)

And lastly, two photos from NY2016.



(Peter Dorman just after his presentation at the N&TPSC meeting)

(Our Society Booth with Al Zulueta at left, Richard M Hanchett center and Peter Dorman right)





Rainer Fuchs receiving his Large Vermeil at NY 2016



NY 2016—the N&TPSC booth at NY2016  
from left to right: Richard Hanchett, Douglas Hatch, Leo Martyn, Rainer Fuchs

## A Tentative Dating of The "Chomorack Cover" and Other Considerations

by Edmond Weissberg

In the last issue of *Postal Himal* (N°166 - 2nd quarter 2016), Bo Olsson presented an article "Lost Tibetan Treasure Found Again", [166:4 - ed.] i.e. a Chomorack cover with a postmark which should be inserted as "type N° 37" in the Hellrigl's "T30" sequence list of the "all-Tibetan ornamental postmarks" (p. 34). (1) (Waterfall calls them "fret" cancellations - see p. 122). (2)

Well, all five stamps were struck S.O.N., but unfortunately, the legibility is thus not satisfactory, particularly as the dater device was rather poorly inked. Happily, a 6th postmark was struck plainly on the cover itself, just beneath the middle stamp in the row. It is better inked, and very fortunately, appears to be manuscript dated ! No hallelujahs, yet! Only month and day, as most often.

But then again...! In the left box for month (zla), we can read the figures for "12". And in the right box for date, i.e. day (tshes), we can read vertically repeated those for: "17/17".

It is very likely that the repetition of the day's figures (17/17) points to a "doubled day" in the Thibetan calendar, i.e. to the second day numbered twice as "17" in the 12th month. It must be remembered, that due to necessary astronomical adjustments between solar/lunar computations of time, Thibetans have developed a system of "doubled days" in their calendar - and also to have "omitted days" in it. (3)

So: "double 17th day of the 12th month" - but which year ?

I have therefore checked when does the "double 17th day" occur in the "12th month" between the years 1912 and 1935. And there are only two possible combinations:

- **09 February 1917**, or:

- **29 January 1918**.

The first year is Fire Dragon (1916/1917), and the second is Fire Snake (1917/1918), both from the 15th sexagesimal cycle. By the way: both are also "Tuesday" in our calendar, but this is absolutely not significant.

Otherwise, of the symmetrically disposed "Lhasa arrival postmarks", there is unfortunately no one to be dated. (Anyways, the cover being unaddressed, the "arrival" postmark is rather meaningless ! - it has obviously not traveled through the post).

Concerning the Thibetan writing over the stamps, it clearly reads as: "mcho [mo] rag yig khang la", Which simply means: "at the Cho [mo] rag post office". (4) Please note it is well: AT.... (and not as usual: FROM....).

This must be compared with a cover illustrated by Armand E. Singer (5): i.e. "the so-called Dechen floral cancel...": the upper Thibetan mention reads identically (except the town's name): "bde chen yig khang la", so: "AT the bde chen post office" (again: not FROM...). Again, this is unusual. I note that the handsome handwriting is not the same between the two covers.

These specific odd wordings being the same, I guess that it has been dictated by a third party (say: the unknown philatelist !) to the local postmaster, to write those endorsements.

Otherwise, for both covers, the stamps have been placed from left to right in the same sequence of descending order from the highest face value to the lowest one.

And concerning the red ink "lower endorsement" of the town's name, I am not sure if they belong to

the same writer. At best, they are bad renderings of the town's name, but Wylie's transliteration system was not yet devised! (6)

Well, it will now be important to check the colours of the stamps in order to ascertain that they belong to this period. This can only be done by comparing the actual stamps with a colour chart. The rendering of colours on internet pictures does not allow for a sure identification. So, only the owner will now have a say about this.

On our side, we still can try to find out who was, at that time, the British Raj's official envoy in Thibet, going off for a jaunt across the country, to satisfy his philatelic likings for artistically devised covers! -the unknown philatelist! I suggest an investigation towards David Macdonald, the then British Trade Agent at Gyantse and Yatung, and his staff.

And can we now also expect the (re)appearance of a "rtse thang" cover? Why not!? After all, Geoff - Geoffrey Flack - (re)discovered many invaluable Thibetan philatelic treasures, worthy to be exhibited in a museum.

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- (1) Wolfgang C. Hellrigl: "The Postal Markings of Tibet", [Bozen, Italy, 1996, Geoffrey Flack, Vancouver, Canada, 1996].
  - (2) Arnold C. Waterfall: "The Postal History of Tibet" - 2nd edition 1981, London, Robson Lowe.
  - (3) Roughly speaking, this reminds us of the "leap years" in our own calendar, but I will not elaborate as this is another story involving computation calculations. Let's just say that usually "auspicious" days are preferably chosen for "doubled days", while "inauspicious" ones are "omitted". Logically good sense!
  - (4) To abbreviate words, Thibetans customarily delete a central syllable, (here for instance, the syllable [Mo] has been dropped), or/and, they "contract" the word.
  - (5) Armand E. Singer: "Supplement to the Armand E. Singer Tiber 1809-1975", George Alevizos, Santa Monica, Ca., U.S.A., 1998 - page 41.
  - (6) N.B.: for transliteration, I use: Turrell V. Wylie : "A Standard System of Tibetan Transcription", Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies, 1959, Harvard-Yenching Institute, vol. 22, p. 261-267.

**The Postal Development in Tibet (Xizang) 1950-56.**  
**The replacement of native Tibetan post offices with new Chinese post offices.**  
 by Bo C. Olsson

Route:	Post office:	Earliest known Chinese Pmk:	Notes:
1	Lhasa	10.09.1953	
	Dongkur	----	
	Chushu	----	
	Pelti	----	
	Nangartse	----	(Jagarze, Nanggarze)
	Gyantse	21.01.1955	
2	Dechen	----	
	Medagongkur	25.03.56.	(Jenchinli, Maizhokunggar)
3	Gyamda	04.10.1955.	(Taichi, Gongbo'gyanda)
4	Penam	----	(Bainang)
5A	Phari	23.04.1955.	(Poli)
	Yatung	30.08.1954	
5B	Oga dzong	14.01.1956	(Sangri?)
6	Chomorack	27.09.1955.	(Tsela Dzong?, Nyingchi?)

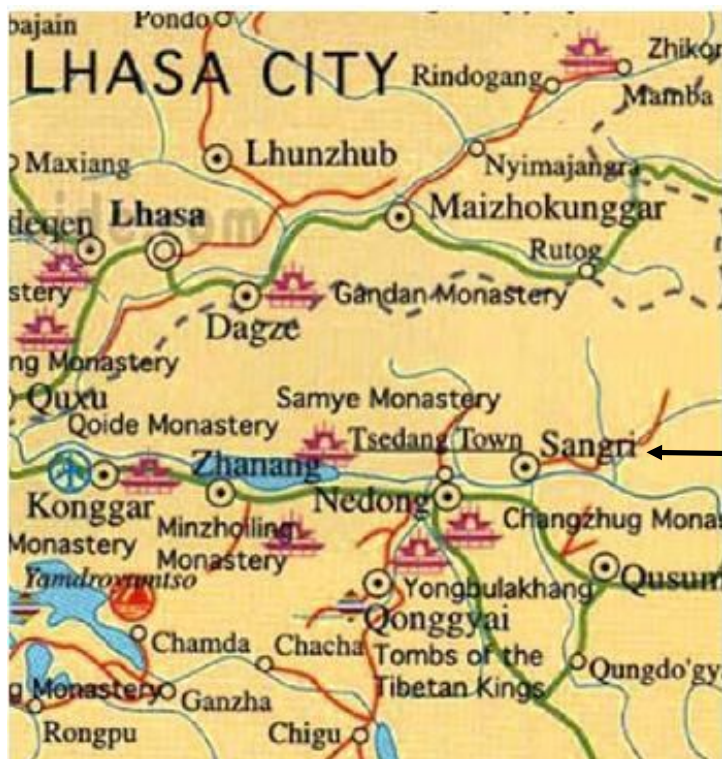
The route numbers refers to numbering in my previous article re. the early development of the Tibetan Post.

For the sake of order also the above Tibetan Post Offices that were probably never replaced with a Chinese Post Office is mentioned in the above list.

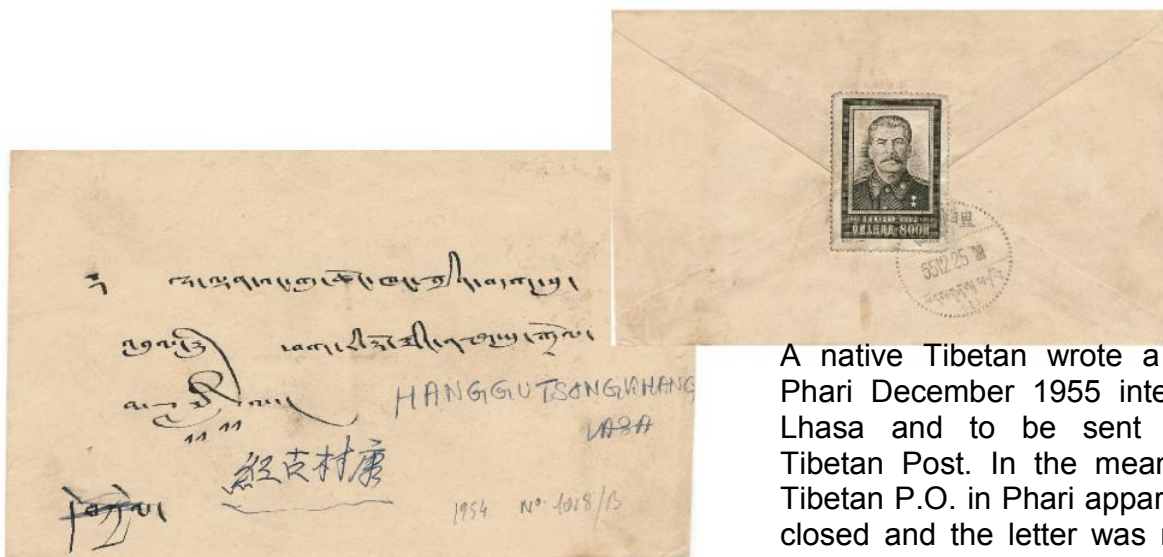
<b>New Chinese roads in Tibet:</b>		<b>Completed:</b>
The inroads from China:		
1	Sikang to Lhasa and Amdo (Chinghai) to Tibet	1954
2	Inland Gyantse to Shigatse	Feb. 1955 to Sept. 15 1955
3	Inland Gyantse to Yatung (Yadong)	Aug. 1955 to Apr. 1956

**Renamed places:**

- Chomorack                      Same as Tsela Dzong or Nyingchi?
- Gyamda                         Renamed Taichi
- Medagongkur                 Renamed Jenchinli
- Oga Dzong                     Renamed Sangri?
- Dechen                         Renamed Dagze



Sangri is situated roughly where the old Tibetan Oga dzong was situated. Oga probably became abandoned.



A native Tibetan wrote a letter in Phari December 1955 intended for Lhasa and to be sent with the Tibetan Post. In the meantime the Tibetan P.O. in Phari apparently had closed and the letter was mailed at the Chinese P.O. in Phari instead.

## NEPAL AND TIBET LITERATURE FOR SALE

I am downsizing my stamp collection, so am selling part of my philatelic literature. Of this sale, 15% of the net will go to the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle. Since only one of each item is available, it will go to the person with the earliest postmark or email. Payment should be by check or PayPal (Check preferred). Prices include the cost of mailing by Media Mail.

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**NOTE: List of Abbreviations is on page 16**

Author	Title	Date	Publisher	Price	Comment
<b>Albums</b>					
Bhamdary, M. R.	Stamps of the Kingdom of Nepal	1966	Author	15.00	HB album*
<b>Auction Catalogs</b>					
London/Brighton	Nepal Gold Medal Collection	1980	L&B	8.00	
NTPSC	Various Auction catalogs 1991-2006		NTPSC	8.00	some PR
Corinphila	W.C. Hellrigl Gold Medal Nepal	2016	CA	30.00	HB with PR
<b>Stamp/Stationery Catalogs</b>					
Alevizos, G.	PG 1881-1918	1976	Alevizos	10.00	
Higgins & Gage	Postal Stationery Catalog, N-O	1966	Higgins & Gage	8.00	w/ 1980 supp.
Stanley Gibbons	South East Asia	1995	SGL	8.00	inc. Nepal
van der Wateren, D.	Nepal Postal Stationery	2011	Author	50.00	HB, Rev. Edition
<b>Postal History, markings or stamp issues</b>					
Haverbeck, H.D.S.	Postage Stamps of Nepal, The	1962	CC, NY	20.00	HB
Hellrigl & Hepper	Native Postmarks of Nepal, The	1978	NTPSC	45.00	HB
Hellrigl & Hepper	Native Postmarks of Nepal, The	1978	NTPSC	15.00	HB, well used
Hellrigl & Vignola	Classic Stamps of Nepal, The	1984	NTPSC	50.00	HB
Hellrigl, W.C.	Nepal Philatelic Bibliography	1977	NTPSC	10.00	
Hellrigl, W.C.	Catalog of Nepalese Postmarks	1982	For	20.00	German/ English
Hellrigl, W.C.	Nepal Postal History	1991	GBE	60.00	HB
Hellrigl, W.C.	Postal Markings of Tibet	1996	Geoffrey Flack	35.00	
Hepper, Colin	Sri Pashupati Issues of Nepal	1982	NTPSC	20.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> printing
Hepper, Colin	Sri Pashupati Issues of Nepal	2011	NTPSC	50.00	HB, 3 <sup>rd</sup> printing
Hepper, Colin	Modern Postmarks of Nepal	2005	NTPSC	50.00	HB
Ricketts & Vignola	Guide to Specialization in Nepal	1976	CCC	15.00	
Shrestha, Ramesh	Nepalese Postal History	2009	Bhandary, Nepal	50.00	HB

Author	Title	Date	Publisher	Price	Comment
Singer, Armand	Nepal 1772-1961 and Beyond	1997	G. Alevizos	50.00	
Singer, Armand	Tibet 1809-1975	1995	G. Alevizos	50.00	
Skinner, Roger	Conquest w/m 6p UPU Envelope	1979	Author	13.00	
Smythies & Dawson	Postage Stamps of Nepal	1945	C&M	30.00	
Smythies et al	Postage Stamps of Nepal	1950	CCNY	15.00	
Waterfall, Arnold C.	Postal History of Tibet	1981	PMSC	25.00	HB
Reprints	16 reprints about Nepal and Tibet		Various pubs	15.00	in notebook
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Billig, F.	Billig's BEA, Part II	1950	HJMR	15.00	HB, India, Tibet
Prakashan, D.	Nepali Self-Taught, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed.	1969	DG, Calcutta	10.00	
U. S. Army	Area Handbook for Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan	1964	U.S. DA	12.00	
Map of Nepal	50" X 27", 1:750,000 scale	2010	Hema Maps	12.00	

Books are generally paper bound or perfect bound unless HB (hardbound) is noted. For auction catalogs PR indicates prices realized is included.

\*Includes very useful information about stamp issues from 1881 through 1966.

L&B = London & Brighton  
NTPSC = Nepal & Tibet Philatelic Study Circle  
CA = Corinphila Auktionen  
PG = Priced Guide to Nepal Issues  
SGL = Stanley Gibbons Ltd  
CC = Collectors Club  
For = Forschungsgemeinsft  
GBE = Giulio Bolaffi Editori  
CCC = California Collectore Club  
C&M = Civil & Military Gazette  
CCNY = Collectors Club New York  
PMSC = Pall Mall Stamp Co  
BEA = British Empire in Asia  
HJMR = Agents for Robson Lowe Publications  
DG = Das Gupta  
DA = Department of the Army



**This Is What Happens...**  
**by Richard M Hanchett**

Prior to this year's WESTPEX show I was in Hawaii and flew from there to WESTPEX. As Chairman of the Board of ISPP (International Society for Portuguese Philately) I was informed when I arrived at the show that I would be presenting the awards at Palmares for Portuguese exhibits.

When leaving Hawaii, I was wearing an Hawaiian outfit and arrived in San Francisco still wearing it. The problem that occurred was that my suit didn't arrive in San Francisco with me.

The photo below shows how I was attired at the Palmares Banquet.

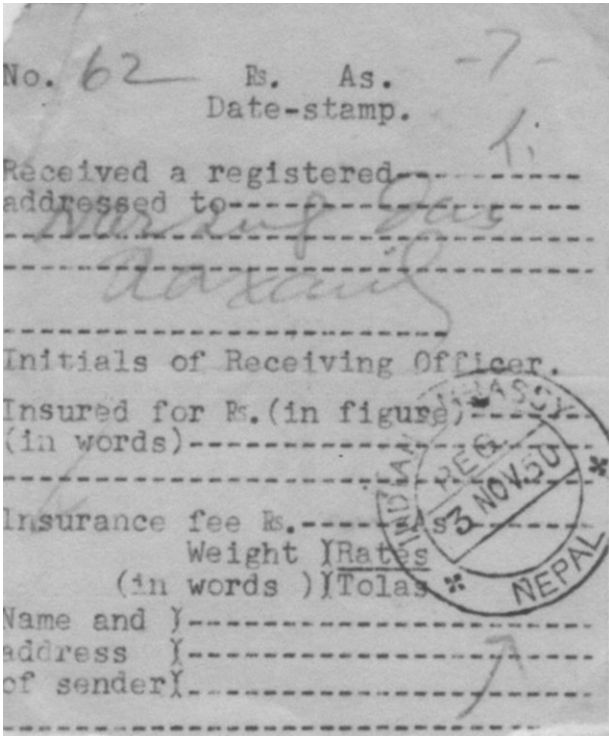
Accepting an award from me is Clyde Homen who is a member of the ISPP and also the Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet.

On a happy note, my clothes and I were reunited after I returned to Rhode Island.



## Indian Embassy Temporary Receipts by Colin Hepper, FRPSL

In May 1948 The British Legation Post Office changed to be controlled by the Indian Embassy. Early mail from the Indian Embassy P.O. used an old stock of British Legation registration labels etc. The two items below would seem to indicate that they were short of both registration receipts and acknowledgement cards and had to revert to making temporary ones until new stocks were printed.



A scarce typewritten registration receipt from the Indian Embassy dated 3 November 1950.

Hand made acknowledgement card issued at the Indian Embassy Post Office for use with registered mail, to be returned by the addressee to the sender. The card is dated 18 September 1951.

