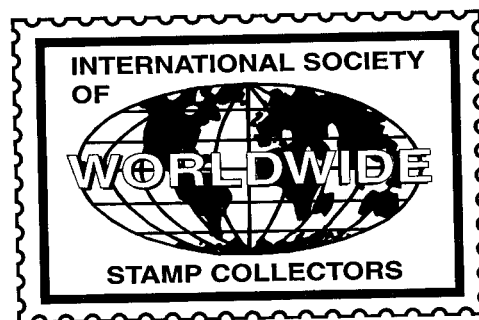


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## President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111)  
ISWSC President

**A**s you may have figured out, this issue of the newsletter is running late. This was due somewhat purposefully, so that we could ensure we had candidates in place for each of the elected positions. I am pleased to report that we have obtained that goal! Many thanks to all who have stepped forward to volunteer for these important positions. (And thank you to all who expressed an interest in being the Elections Chair!)

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find statements for each of the candidates. Once you have read the statements, please take a few minutes to vote (using the enclosed postcard ballot), then affix a stamp and drop it in the mail. Every vote counts as we need at least 40 votes (as per our bylaws) for the election to be considered valid.

I'm pleased to announce **Richard Barnes** (#2425) has agreed to serve as the Whatzit? Coordinator, filling the void created by the passing of the former coordinator, John Pruitt. As I understand it, John had several "helpers" within the ISWSC that assisted him with identifying stamps from certain countries or reading certain languages. Unfortunately, I don't have any record of who those people are! A few have already come forward, but I'm sure Richard would love to hear from anyone willing to help him. If you can read a foreign language, have advanced knowledge of one or more countries, or just have some great reference books to help you identify stamps, please contact Richard if you'd be willing to help him. Richard's first column appears elsewhere in this issue.

In this issue, you'll also find an article introducing an experimental new program – Grab Bag. **Marvin Warner** (#248) came up with this idea and is willing to coordinate the program. Now all he needs is participants! Refer to his article to find out the details

of the program.

And don't forget about the contest we're running to see who can sponsor the most new members by May 1, 2006. A prize of a packet of stamps cataloging over \$250 awaits the winner. Contact **Terry Myers** (#856) for applications or visit our website at [www.iswsc.org](http://www.iswsc.org).

Until next time, participate in an ISWSC program, sign up a new member, and Happy Stamping!



## Candidate Biographies

**A**s a method of introducing themselves to the ISWSC membership, each candidate for elected office was asked to submit a short write-up. After reading the write-ups, please vote on the enclosed ballot (post card). To be valid, ballots must be postmarked by Jan 15, 2006 and received no later than Jan 31, 2006.

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**Joanne Berkowitz** (#98)  
*Candidate for President*

**I** have been a stamp collector for nearly 50 years, beginning when my brother got bored with stamps and gave me his stamp collection. I have collected nearly continuously since then, except for a six year period in college and medical school. When I resumed collecting after graduation in 1972, I looked

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at the stamps that were currently being issued (mostly the Trucial States) and decided I wasn't going to collect anything more modern than 1972. I have kept to that plan except for a few countries where I may collect up to 1980. I am in the process of transferring all my pre-1940 stamps to the Vintage Reproduction pages, a project that should carry me well into retirement.

I am an active member in the Sacramento Philatelic Society, a 25 year member of the American Philatelic Society, and a member of the Arabian Philatelic Association and the International Society for Portuguese Philately. My other hobbies include gardening and travel. In my workaday life, I am a physician specializing in Emergency Medicine and I co-own an urgent care center. I am currently planning to retire from full-time medicine as of January 1, 2006, although I will still continue to practice on a part-time basis.

When I saw the write-up in *Linn's* many years ago about the new ISWSC, I was delighted to know there were other worldwide collectors like me. I eagerly joined and took advantage of the various circuits and swaps available. I have been your secretary for the last few years, which mostly entails reminding people when their dues are expired. I had not considered running for president but was asked to run when no one else stepped forward.

This is a great organization, run entirely via Internet and mail, and my main goal is to keep it running, work on membership recruitment, and try to get as many of you as possible active in the various activities and opportunities available. We need to take advantage of any and all publicity we can get for our organization and each of us needs to spread the word. I would be honored to serve as your president.

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## Alessandro Artini (#2451) Candidate for Secretary

**M**y name is Alessandro Artini, and I am a new member of the ISWSC. While still a beginning collector, I continue to enjoy myself in adding used stamps to some albums. I have been doing that from more than seven years, now. Thinking to become

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# Dues/Advertising Policy

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more involved into the ISWSC, I decided to offer some of my time. When I don't collect, I am mainly involved with computers and databases and, if there is a verb that could describe better what I do, it is "typing." I can be reached easily by both mail and email and I'm currently updating two websites, where philately is included.

As a past member of the Royal Mail Collectors Club, I remember the pleasant experience I had in simply exchanging used stamps with members and I am hoping to repeat the same experience with the ISWSC. Today, I am maintaining a membership in the APS, the AFDC, the Umpqua Valley Stamp Club and the Waltham Stamp Club. All this, while currently living in Italy. I am also a member of both a local club and a specialized philatelic society dedicated at the study of WWII.



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## **Regi Ausmus** (#2369) *Candidate for Vice President of Public Relations*

**M**y name is Regi Ausmus, I am 52, and I live in La Verne, California. I am a career journalist who began working in the business at age nine as a paper route carrier. That was the same year I began collecting stamps, worldwide as well as U.S.

As a journalist, I have had the privilege of working for more than 20 years as a newspaper editor and report on both a daily and weekly newspaper chain in San Diego County, California. I received numerous awards for my writing and editing, including being named Best Columnist by the California Newspaper Publishers Association, in 1984. Along the way, I have also had the opportunity to step outside newspapering and serve as media director for the International Student Services Department of Azusa Pacific University; as the chapter administrator for the San Diego County office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; as communications and membership director for the Vista (California) Chamber of Commerce; and as an administrative assistant to a San Diego County supervisor. I am currently a freelance writer (and

musician), who has had work published in Linn's Stamp news, Global Stamp News, Mekeel's & Stamps, and U.S. Stamp News.

As a philatelist, I currently serve as Publicity Director for the United States Stamp Society, and will be working as a volunteer media docent at Washington 2006. In addition to the ISWSC, USSS and Washington 2006, I am also a member of the following stamp organizations: American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Research Library, American Topical Association, American First Day Cover Society, Claude C. Ries (Southern California) Chapter #48 of the AFDCS, Collector of Religion on Stamps, Christmas Philatelic Club, Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society, Cinderella Stamp Club, Sports Philatelists International, Post Mark Collectors Club, Machine Cancel Society, Philatelic Music Club, Scandinavian Collectors Club, The Cartophilatelic Society, Postal History Society, Space Topics Study Unit, Americana Unit, Europa Study Unit, Journalists, Authors and Poets on Stamps Unit, Astronomy Study Unit; Cats on Stamps Study Unit; and the La Verne (California) Stamp Club. I have plans to join about two dozen more philatelic organizations after the first of the year.

I am big on networking and feel I could be of benefit to the ISWSC through my many and varied stamp affiliations. I would network not only with the various stamp clubs, but also with all the stamp media, both in this country and internationally. Not to mention the Internet. I have been a member of the ISWSC for the past five years and believe it is time to give some of my talent back to the organization. If elected, I will work to make sure that the ISWSC is written about and heard about across the philatelic spectrum. Thank you.

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## **John Seidl** (#1646) *Candidate for Vice President of Public Relations*

**I** am married, have a nine year-old son and currently work as a Partner for Kurt Salmon Associates, a retail industry consulting firm. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Marketing and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Montana. I have volunteer experience including serving on the Board of Directors of Lekotek of Georgia, a not for profit service for families

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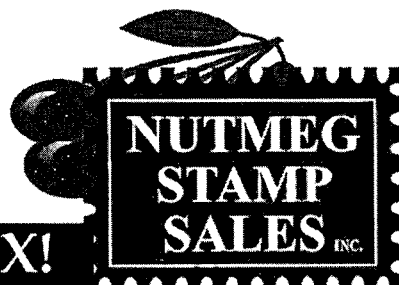
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of children with special needs. In this capacity, my responsibilities include public relations, fund raising, and service development.

My philatelic work experience includes serving as Vice President of the Waltham Stamp club (Waltham, MA) in the 1980's, where I was responsible for club public relations activities. I currently serve as the North American Representative of the British West Indies Study Circle, where I am responsible for membership recruiting and all aspects of public relations in North America.

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Jan 31, 2006.*

I collect worldwide stamps along with several specialties – Cayman Islands Postal History, Clocks/Watches on stamps, space topicals, worldwide postal history, cinderellas, Russia, Canada, First Day covers, first flights, and Wisconsin precancels.

In addition to being a member of the ISWSC and serving as a Large Circuit Swap Manager, I also am a member of the American Philatelic Society (life member); British West Indies Study Circle (North American Representative); American Topical Association; British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group; Cinderella Stamp Club; American First Day Cover Society; Great Britain Collectors Club; Postal History Society; Cobb County Stamp Club; Space Topics Study Group; Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History; Precancel Stamp Society; Revenue Association of America, and the Cover Collectors Circuit Club.

It is my desire to support the ISWSC by working to increase awareness of our group throughout the philatelic community such that it results in an increase in membership. I think we need to make a significant effort to reach out to stamp collectors around the world and broadcast the many benefits of membership in the ISWSC. Our falling membership is a result of the fact that philatelists just don't know we exist as a group – and even if they did, they'd have no awareness of the many services the club offers to members. We should be signing up

five members outside the U.S. for every one we add inside the U.S. We need to do a better job of leveraging the Internet and publications like Global Stamps News, Canadian Stamp News, Interfila (Hungary), Filacap Magazine (Brazil), Gibbons Stamp Monthly (U.K.), Stamp Magazine (Australia), etc. †Also we need to increase our cooperation with the CCCC and groups like Dupkes Stamps (worldwide exchange – Netherlands).

If they know us, and all we have to offer, they will come – and contribute to our programs and our journal – making all better and thus creating a stronger desire for others to join on an ongoing basis.

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## **Richard Rizzo** (#2215) *Candidate for Vice President of Charitable Services*

When I was about 8 years old, I was introduced to stamp collecting through the Boys Club of America in Astoria, New York. I fondly remember looking forward to these weekly stamp club meetings when our adult volunteer passed out a pile of donated stamps for us young members to sort through. By the time I had finished high school, I was avidly collecting worldwide and United States stamps. However like many others, I had to put my stamp collecting on the back burner when college came along.

After graduating college, I spent 5 years in the Army Corps of Engineers; stationed first in Schweinfurt, Germany and then at Ft. Meade, Maryland. When I left the service in 1981, I settled in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and began working for a commercial building general contractor. Although my "stamp collecting" was on the back burner for many years, I never stopped being a "stamp accumulator". So in 1989 when I found time to get back into the hobby again, I had several shoe boxes full of stamps to go through. To expand my knowledge of the hobby, in 1992 I joined the American Philatelic Society and in November 1999 the ISWSC. With so many worldwide stamps being issued every year, in 2003 I started a "one stamp per country" collection.

I have decided to be a candidate because I feel that it is time for me to help introduce new collectors to the hobby that has given me so many years of enjoyment.



# Grab Bag Trial Program

by Marv Warner (#248)

There are many members of the ISWSC who do not participate in the Swap Circuit, for any of several reasons. Here's a new trial new program to exchange stamps with other ISWSC members once a year – "Grab Bag". Here's how the program will work:

1. Submit 100 used stamps (off paper), all in one category – either all Large or all Small. (Anything larger than 1" x 1" is considered Large for this program.) Do not send damaged, obliterated, or CTO stamps. Remember, the recipient of your grab bag is looking for collectible stamps, not wallpaper!
2. Stamps should be in a glassine, not loose, with one packet per outer cover. Multiple submissions are okay. To enhance further trading, you can enclose a memo or ID in the glassine, or you may remain anonymous.
3. Each submission must include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) or International Reply Coupons, otherwise your packet will be forwarded to the Vice President for Charitable Services as a donation. You are

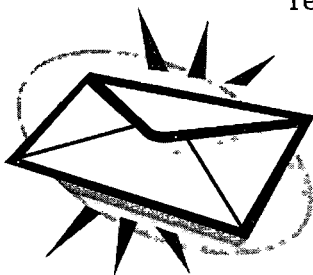
requested to indicate the stamp category ("Large" or "Small") on the lower left front corner of both the outer cover and the SASE to help minimize errors.

4. Mail your Grab Bag(s) by Feb. 28, 2006 to:  
Marvin Warner  
4766 Redbrook Ct  
San Diego, CA 92117

5. Neither the ISWSC nor I accept responsibility for the quality or quantity of stamps in the glassines – YOU are the program!

It is my intent to remail the SASEs (with the correct category of stamps enclosed) ASAP. Your comments, after receipt of your exchanged grab bag, are encouraged. A summary of all comments received (along with the number of participants) will be used to determine if the program will be continued.

So why not give it a try? The worst that can happen is you lose 100 duplicate stamps and some postage. Conversely, you just might find some usable stamps and a new trading partner!



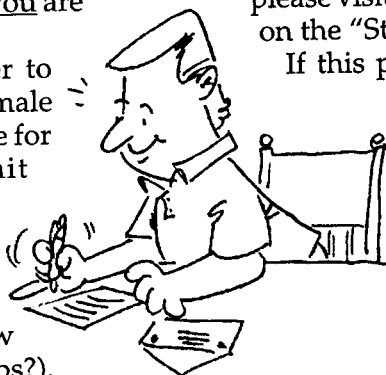
# Stamp Answer Person Sought

by Randy Smith (#1111)  
ISWSC President

Do you like helping people learn more about stamp collecting? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? If so, you are the person we're looking for!

The ISWSC is seeking a member to serve as the Stamp Answer Person (male or female!). This person is responsible for replying to people who submit questions via our internet site.

Questions range from basic stamp collecting questions (Where do I start? How much is this stamp worth?) to more advanced topics (How do I detect a watermark on my stamps?).



The Answer Person need not have all the answers themselves, but should have the ability to track down answers and reply to the questions in a timely manner. For a sample of past questions (there aren't many answers – the position has been open too long!), please visit our website at [www.iswsc.org](http://www.iswsc.org), then click on the "Stampman Q & A" link.

If this position sounds interesting to you, or if you would like more information, please contact Randy Smith.

NOTE: Due to a computer crash, I no longer have records of anyone who may have responded to this request earlier.



# Whatzit?

by Richard Barnes (# 2425)  
Whatzit? Coordinator

**T**his is the first Whatzit? article by Richard Barnes (#2425), newly appointed coordinator of the Whatzit? program. The program is designed to help members identify unknown stamps and to share knowledge concerning how to identify difficult stamps.

During Christmas 1980, my beautiful wife, known worldwide as "She Who Must Be Obeyed" (or SWMBO for short) was concerned that my hobby of 30 years, military history, was threatening to creep out of my reading room. I was presented with a stamp album, catalogue and some stamps. It was her belief that collecting "those little stamps" would take up less room and cost less. I must admit to having my hobby now overflowing from the stamp room and into other parts of the house. I collect Middle East, North Africa and British North America.



Fig. 1

Reading past copies of *The Circuit*, the main function of the Whatzit? column has been to identify stamps that members submit. This service to members will continue. In my position as coordinator, I would like to open this column to members who have found a stamp they can not immediately identify and to those who did research and now know what they have.

Please share your pleasure of the search and further our knowledge. I have the expertise of other members to assist me in the search for answers to member's inquiries. Most important, this column needs the input of all members. Unknown stamps will be illustrated. The intent is that the members who have knowledge will see the unknown stamp and then let us all know what we have.

Searching for Sand Dunes/Wall Paper stamps/Trucial States stamps started me purchasing at the local auction Junk Boxes, Boxes of Stuff, Floor Sweepings, etc. This was my introduction to items not listed in Scott catalogues. Recently I came across a Canal Maritime De Suez stamp (fig 1).

It is the height of European imperial expansion. The French company, Compagnie du Canal Maritime de Suez had a large French work force digging the canal. These men demanded efficient mail service home to Europe.

In 1868, Gustave Riche recommended to the company that it upgrade the postal facilities by creating their own postal service. These improvements would be paid for by the sale of stamps to the workers. A set of four - one centime black, five centimes green, twenty centimes blue and forty centimes red - were lithographed by M. Chezaud of Paris. The new postal service on the Isthmus of Suez was successfully established and was functioning when it came to the attention of the Egyptian authorities.

At the time, there were civil demonstrations by local Egyptian workers who were not getting work on the canal. The Compagnie claimed that it was more cost-effective to bring in French workers than hire locally. Pride and politics brought the end to the use of these stamps after only two months of service, July and August 1868. The Egyptian Government exerted its sovereignty and the Royal Egyptian Postal Service took over the responsibility of moving all mail on the Isthmus of Suez.



Fig. 2

M. Riche had adroitly made certain that this new postal service and stamps in a romantic location was known to the philatelic world. He was able to recoup the company's cost and made a bit on the side for himself by selling the now-demonetised stamps to collectors. It turned out

that the demand for these stamps was greater than the supply. As usual, entrepreneurs filled the demand.

The forgeries of the Suez Canal stamps are mentioned in the publication "Spud Papers". The monthly magazine "Stamp Review" in 1938 carried an extensive and detailed study of the Suez Canal Stamps. Most forgeries are "quite crude and easily recognized". However, The Fournier forgery is quite good, but is easily recognized following the details listed in "Stamp Review" Vol 2, No. 3 (March 1938). I must admit that (figure 1) is a Fournier forgery.

I hope a member will recognize this black, imperf, 3?, stamp? (figure 2).

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# Postcards From Puffinland

by Terry L. Myers, M.D., Ph.D. (#736)  
ISWSC Executive Director

**A** couple of years ago I attended a large stamp show in London. I like to go to these shows since there are usually dozens of philatelic agencies represented and I can frequently get any recent issues that I might have missed otherwise.

As I wandered the aisles I encountered a booth for Lundy Island Post! I hadn't thought of this "country" literally since my childhood – a lot of years ago. Then you could buy packages of the stamps of Lundy Island at the local stamp shop for about 10 cents a package.

Lundy Island is a tiny three mile long island just off the southwestern Devon coast of England. In 1925 a wealthy individual bought the entire island and then declared himself to be King Harman I and proceeded to issue stamps and coins. Unfortunately King George didn't take to this competition and King Harman soon found himself in court and forced to abdicate. But the stamps remained as a local issue.

All of the stamps were issued in sets denominated

in puffin and half puffin increments. And each stamp had a picture of a puffin as its main feature – rather pudgy little sea birds with large beaks. Unfortunately the stamps of the time were only printed in monochromes so they don't reflect the beautiful bright colors of these birds.

There still exists a private post office on the island of Lundy and you can buy and use these stamps to pay to have your mail carried from there to the mainland where regular UK stamps are affixed before they are placed into the real mail stream.

I carefully addressed a couple of dozen postcards for my friends and gave them to the booth attendant to arrange to take them back to Lundy for "mailing." Unfortunately she didn't really know what she was supposed to do and affixed the Lundy "stamps" in the normal upper right hand corner.

Turned out this violated British mail regulations and someone in Lundy actually had to remove them, with considerable damage, and reaffix them to the left side of the cards before they could be dropped in England.



# Collectors Make Major Stamp Swap

by Verena Dobnik  
AP Writer

**I**n a multimillion-dollar swap, a California collector traded a block of four 1918 stamps bearing the image of an upside-down plan Wednesday for an equally rare 1868 one-cent stamp.

The blockbuster transaction filled out what experts believe is the only complete collection of 19th-century United States stamps.

The block of four stamps is valued at \$3 million, and the single "Z Grill" stamp is similarly valued.

"This isn't like kids swapping stamps," said Charles Shreve, president of Shreves Philatelic Galleries in Manhattan, where the trade was made, "The 'Z Grill' is like the Holy Grail of U.S. stamps — it's the Hope diamond of American philately."

At the heart of the deal is Bill Gross, of Newport Beach, California, who was missing the one-cent "Z Grill" stamp owned by Donald Sundman, president of Mystic Stamp Co., of Camden, New York.

Gross now has "a comprehensive, complete collection representing every 19th century U.S.



Block of four "Inverted Jenny" stamps  
issued in 1918.

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# Membership Update

## New Members

**#2476 John F. Dunn** (Exp 9/30/2006)  
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stampnews@aol.com  
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Orland Park, IL 60462-2102  
EE, dealer in Japanese stamps

## Reinstated

(formerly dropped/now renewed)

**#1766 Hayward**  
**#2369 Ausmus**

## Temporarily Away, Contact HQ

*None*

## Address Changes/Corrections

**#159 Smith**  
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**#878 Daher**  
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**#1677 Wagner**  
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San Francisco CA 94109-4239

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Granma 87510  
Cuba

## Returned Mail- Unknown Address

*None*

## New/Changed Email Addresses

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<b>#1736 Bourke</b>	jbb13@cornell.edu
<b>#1766 Hayward</b>	stamps@jeffhayward.com
<b>#2439 Lussier</b>	Louis_Lussier@telus.net

## Bad email addresses/Returned emails

(send updates to: stamptrmf@frontiernet.net)

*None*

## Resigned

**#2178 Cirone** Age and health

## We Need Your ZIP+4 Number:

*None*

## Last Chance to Renew

Dues Expired July 31, 2005

**#986 Burda**  
**#1134 Williams**  
**#1389 King**  
**#1433 Elnasa'ah**  
**#1580 Manhard**  
**#1593 Matejka**  
**#1756 Doyle**  
**#2201 Kolacki**  
**#2354 Novitski**  
**#2358 Pagliuca**  
**#2393 Brown**  
**#2397 Elman**  
**#2398 Nides**  
**#2436 Coles**  
**#2437 Hogan**  
**#2438 Glass**

## Dropped

Dues Expired July 31, 2005

**#76 Poling**  
**#1196 Snyder**  
**#1235 Duffy**  
**#2348 Stecker**  
**#2390 Rampulla**  
**#2392 Kohler**  
**#2433 Ferris**

## We need to update our records!

With a large membership, our records are always being updated. It has been a long time since we updated basic information, such as phone numbers, APS and ATA membership numbers, and age. We'd like your assistance in improving the data base, so send this information along by mail or email to:

Tom Fortunato  
28 Amberwood Place  
Rochester, NY 14626-4166 — USA  
Email: stamptrmf@frontiernet.net

# Membership Contest

by Randy Smith (#1111)  
ISWSC President

**T**he membership contest announced in our last newsletter continues! The contest is designed to reward the ISWSC member who sponsors the most new ISWSC applicants between now and May 1, 2006. The winner, who will be announced in a newsletter after the conclusion of the contest, will receive an assortment of worldwide stamps cataloging over \$250!

A reminder of "the rules":

- 1) The contest runs through April 30, 2006.
- 2) Membership applications are available via the ISWSC website or by contacting the Executive Director.
- 3) Only new applicants who are received as an ISWSC member by May 1, 2006 will count toward recruitment totals.
- 4) To get "credit" for a sponsorship, the new applicant must include the sponsor's membership number and/or name on their application.
- 5) Renewals, reinstatements, and previous members rejoining the ISWSC will not count toward a sponsor's recruitment total.
- 6) In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.
- 7) The members of the 2005 and/or 2006 ISWSC Board are not eligible for the prize.
- 8) The ISWSC Board has the authority to determine additional rules as needed and its decision concerning the contest and its winner is final.

Get your applications and sponsor several new members today!



Send in your ballot  
by January 15, 2006  
(received by January 31, 2006)

**EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

# Posteitaliane New Issues Change

by Terry L. Myers, M.D., Ph.D. (#736)  
ISWSC Executive Director

**T**he philatelic division of Posteitaliane has recently ceased to have standing order deposit accounts for its new issues. They now only sell year sets. These sets however cannot be purchased by check, cash or credit card but only through bank transfers in Euros.



## Major Stamp Swap

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postage stamp ever made," Shreve said. The collection contains about 300 stamps.

Small, blue-hued and bearing the images of Benjamin Franklin, the "Z Grill" is so named because of the waffle-like grill pressed into the back that better absorbed postmarks and prevented people from washing off the cancellation and reusing the stamp.

It's one of only two existing "Z Grill" stamps; the other is owned by The New York Public Library.

Sundman said he plans to show his "Inverted Jenny" stamps at exhibitions around the country. The 24-cent stamps have the Curtiss JN-4 biplane, known as "Jenny," mistakenly printed upside-down.

Gross was not present Wednesday and would not immediately comment on the trade. He plans to exhibit his newly acquired "Z Grill" at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington in May, at the same time the "Inverted Jenny" will be displayed at the National Postal Museum, Shreve said.



The famous "Z Grill" stamp issued in 1868.



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**BREAKING UP 59-YEAR ACCUMULATION.** Let me send you a stuffed envelope of old, new, mint and used, etc. Pick what you want at 1/3 SCV and return the balance. Gelfman (ISWSC #1849), Box 315, Old Bethpage, NY 11804 USA. [3-4/06]

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## REMEMBER:

**H**ave your ballot postmarked by January 15, 2006 — and received by January 31, 2006 — to be counted in this election. Every vote counts!

Please take a few minutes right now to read through the candidate biographies (beginning on page 1) and cast your vote today!



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