



Ask an Australian who knows the history of cricket "What are the two important names or events in the history of the sport?" and the answer will likely be "The Ashes" and "The Don."

THE ASHES

"In Affectionate Remembrance of English Cricket Which Died At The Oval on 29th August 1882. Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R.I.P NB: The body will be cremated, and the ashes taken to Australia".

Think of the first four games of the Canada-Russia hockey series of 1972 and you will be able to appreciate the feeling behind the above mock obituary that appeared in *The Sporting Times* in England, August, 1882. Australia had won four of the seven matches so far on this exhibition tour, but the important one, the "Test," was played at The Oval, home of the Surrey County Cricket Club, on August 28. England outscored Australia 101 to 63 runs in the first inning, and held Australia to 122 runs in their second inning. Needing only 85 runs to win the match, England scored only 77 all out and shocked the English cricket world; the mock obituary above was only one sign of mourning. England was the home of cricket, The Oval was sacred ground, and the upstart colonials had humiliated Mother England. Later in 1882 an English team visited Australia "to recover those ashes." During that tour a small urn was presented to the English captain; the urn supposedly contains ashes of some cricket equipment, perhaps a bail, ball or stump. But winning The Ashes is purely symbolic, although the winning side often is pictured holding a replica urn; the original remains in the Marylebone Cricket Club Museum at Lord's in England.

The English win of December, 1882, is now considered the first official Ashes Test match. It was the first of sixty-four matches; others have been played between the two sides that have not been considered Test matches. Recently Australia dominated, winning eight tests from 1989-2003. England won again in 2005, Australia regained the Ashes this past December. The overall record is Australia 31, England 28, five draws.

THE DON

Donald George Bradman (1908 – 2001), was an Australian cricketer who is universally regarded as the greatest batsman of all time. He dominated the sport from the year of his first Test match, 1928-29, until his final appearance in a Test match, England, 1948. I will not bore you with the many accounts of his prowess (and I would only confuse myself by trying to understand cricket terminology), but I will list some statistics from his Test career:

- A career Test batting average of 99.94 in 52 Tests. The second and third best Test averages over completed careers of any length are 60.97 and 60.83.
- A comparison: Ty Cobb's career batting average of .366 (1905-28) still stands as Major League Baseball's high mark. It is calculated that .392 would be needed to match Bradman's prowess with a bat.
- 1948 was his last Test innings in England, at The Oval, his Test batting average above 100. He failed to produce the four runs that would have kept the average at 100, was dismissed for nought by a googly. He was given a guard of honour as he left the grounds.
- In England, 1930, Don Bradman scored 974 runs with a batting average of 139.14; no one has done better since.
- His 334 in the third Test was then the highest individual score in Test cricket, since bettered. In 1998 Australian batsman Mark Taylor declared with his score at 334 not out, in what many regard as a deliberate tribute to Bradman.
- For the 1932-33 Test English bowlers resorted to bodyline bowling, specifically to counter Bradman's power. Relations between Australia and England were strained as a result; Bradman's average was 56.57, still higher than the career averages of all but a dozen or so international Test cricketers.
- In a pre-WW II innings played by the Don against Victoria, Bradman confidently announced that he was about to conduct "a round-up". He hit each ball of every over to every fielder in anti-clockwise succession — starting slip and concluding with fine-leg, disregarding the line and length of each individual delivery.
- Bradman missed the 1935-36 tour to South Africa due to illness, but he took up squash to keep fit. He won the South Australian Open Squash Championship.

- The name "Bradman" is now protected in Australia, in that it cannot be used as a part of a trademark except for government-approved institutions linked to Donald Bradman.

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April 05 - Business Meeting
- Auction

April 19 - Business Meeting
- Presentation
Alf Brooks "Siege of Paris
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May 03 - Business Meeting
- Auction

May 17 - Business Meeting
- Annual Stamp Quiz

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- Auction

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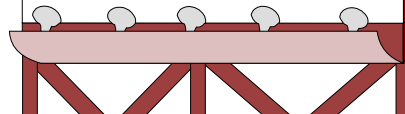


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AUSTRALIA & CRICKET

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A TOUR TO CANADA AND THE USA

My uncle, Harold Gillespie, learned cricket in his native Ulster and continued to play here in Canada; I have vague memories of his playing in Assiniboine Park in the early 1940s. In 1932 Australia sent a team to Canada and the USA for a series of exhibition matches. My uncle's boast was that he had put Bradman out (Bradman's being on the team was the only Canadian stipulation) in one match. Statistics show that he was right: in the match played in Winnipeg July 29 & 30, D. Bradman was caught out for two runs on a ball



The Australians also had social obligations. They visited Yankee Stadium, Bradman met the Babe and sat in his private box. They toured Hollywood and met Clark Gable and Jean Harlow. And there they played cricket, against a side that included Boris Karloff as wicketkeeper.

AUSTRALIAN LEGENDS

In 1997 Sir Donald Bradman was honoured, pictured on postage stamps by Australia Post as part of this continuing series. When he died in 2001 the stamps were reissued overprinted "1908-2001" with the following wording in the selvage of the sheetlet: "In celebration of the life of Sir Donald Bradman (1908-2001)".

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Sources: my profound gratitude to David Studham, Librarian, Melbourne Cricket Club, for the information he sent me and pointed out to me. Similarly, Bruce Davidson of Australia Post was a great help as I began thinking of this article. Other sources also used:

- The Best of the Best*, Charles Davis
- The Don Meets the Babe*, Ric Sissons
- "When Bradman Came to Canada," AR Littlewood

bowled by H. Gillespie. In all he dismissed five batters, one of whom, Stan McCabe, is also in the Australia Cricket Hall of Fame.

WPS MARCH 17 AUCTION PRICES REALIZED

1	4.50	41	14.00	81	11.00	121	4.00	161	7.00	201	10.00	241	2.00
2	5.00	42	5.00	82	3.00	122	6.50	162	3.00	202	10.00	242	3.00
3	9.00	43	17.00	83	15.00	123	120.00	163	10.00	203	9.00	243	6.00
4	2.00	44	20.00	84	21.00	124	40.00	164	5.00	204	N/S	244	2.00
5	3.00	45	33.00	85	30.00	125	25.00	165	12.00	205	6.00	245	5.00
6	2.00	46	7.00	86	30.00	126	N/S	166	10.00	206	15.00	246	7.00
7	2.00	47	6.00	87	35.00	127	18.00	167	35.00	207	N/S	247	8.00
8	3.00	48	5.00	88	8.00	128	25.00	168	N/S	208	N/S	248	N/S
9	N/S	49	4.00	89	8.00	129	12.00	169	14.00	209	5.00	249	116.00
10	2.00	50	3.00	90	4.00	130	N/S	170	50.00	210	8.00	250	50.00
11	12.00	51	2.00	91	11.00	131	55.00	171	N/S	211	4.00	251	N/S
12	13.00	52	6.00	92	N/S	132	N/S	172	10.00	212	5.00	252	15.00
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15	7.00	55	6.00	95	10.00	135	5.00	175	N/S	215	5.00	255	45.00
16	7.00	56	N/S	96	N/S	136	10.50	176	N/S	216	N/S	256	N/S
17	9.00	57	6.50	97	N/S	137	12.00	177	N/S	217	N/S	257	N/S
18	N/S	58	8.00	98	5.00	138	11.00	178	7.00	218	20.00	258	N/S
19	75.00	59	10.00	99	12.00	139	2.00	179	N/S	219	N/S	259	15.00
20	30.00	60	8.00	100	5.00	140	2.00	180	11.00	220	N/S	260	20.00
21	7.00	61	N/S	101	9.00	141	3.00	181	14.00	221	N/S	261	6.00
22	16.00	62	26.00	102	9.00	142	5.00	182	18.00	222	N/S	262	4.00
23	12.00	63	N/S	103	3.00	143	6.00	183	4.00	223	10.00	263	10.00
24	7.00	64	10.00	104	4.00	144	5.00	184	4.00	224	41.00	264	2.00
25	4.00	65	28.00	105	2.00	145	N/S	185	17.00	225	N/S	265	N/S
26	15.00	66	45.00	106	2.00	146	20.00	186	9.00	226	11.00	266	7.00
27	8.00	67	13.00	107	5.50	147	8.00	187	9.00	227	6.00	267	N/S
28	6.00	68	30.00	108	7.00	148	13.00	188	5.50	228	4.00	268	95.00
29	6.00	69	N/S	109	5.00	149	N/S	189	4.00	229	6.00	269	50.00
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38	5.00	78	16.00	118	7.00	158	7.00	198	5.00	238	6.00		
39	9.00	79	N/S	119	6.00	159	8.00	199	5.50	239	3.00		
40	N/S	80	N/S	120	5.00	160	7.00	200	5.50	240	N/S		

AUCTION AT A GLANCE

Total Sales: \$3,065.50
 374 Lots
 29 Vendors
 46 Registered Bidders.
 227 Lots Sold (83% sold)
 47 Unsold
 Club Commission \$293.30
 Club Lots Revenue \$172.50
 Total WPS Revenue: \$465.80



EDITOR NOTES

BY ALF BROOKS

ART GALLERY SALE

As many of us know, this is the place to find good stamps at reasonable prices, to fill that space or complete a postmark collection. This year three days instead of four as in past years:

Thursday, April 12: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Friday, April 13: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday, April 14: 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

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GOOD ODDS?

The website www.pennyblack2010.com offers you a chance to win one of ten Penny Blacks.

You will see an image of a large Penny Black divided into one million pixels. Buy as many pixels (squares) as you like, £1 each. Three years from now, when the contest ends, if one of your squares covers a Penny Black, it's yours.

Let's see, now: a good quality Penny Black sells for...; for every square I buy I have one chance in a million...; Stanley Gibbons takes in £1 000 000 and "gives" away ten Penny Blacks....

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MEETING PLACE

Our executive has secured a new meeting place - the Scandinavian Club on Erin. We meet there for our June meeting, to get acquainted, then in September for the full year and, hopefully, many more to come.

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EXECUTIVE

One more chance, 5 April, to nominate Executive members. Think about it.

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MAKE YOUR OWN RULES

"Stamp collecting is a hobby that should be completely self-directed by each individual collector. Yet there are those who will tell you that collecting used stamps is terrible and you should only collect mint, never hinged stamps. Others will say you must collect classic stamps because, in their opinion, modern stamps are not worthy of consideration. Make your own rules. Collect what you like whatever way you want. It is your time and your money and no one should impose his preferences on you."

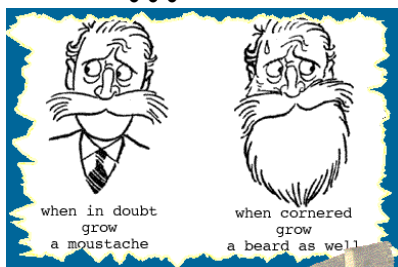
From "In issuing stamps and collecting stamps, rules are meant to be broken." by Janet Klug, Linn's website, March 2007

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A SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

To the auctioneers, members who put lots in, bidders, tabulators and Robert Zacharias for lotting the material and producing the auction list: once more, a big thanks for all the work.

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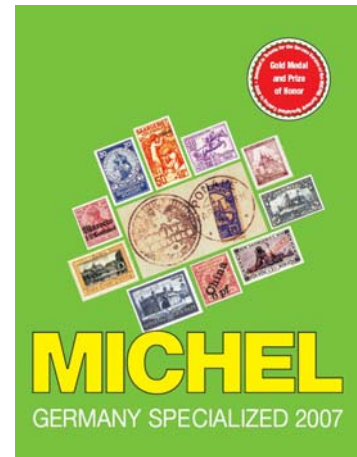
MICHEL REVIEWS

BY ALF BROOKS

MICHEL Germany Specialized Catalogue 2007: First English Version. 474 pages, 1100 colour illustrations, 1000 black and white illustrations, 50 000 price quotations. € 59.80

This edition is a first, an important aid for English-speaking collectors. It covers the most popular collecting areas up to 1945: North German Confederation, German Empire, German Foreign Post Offices, German Colonies, Danzig, Memel, and War and Propaganda Forgeries from WWI and WWII. Significant price increases are recorded for Danzig and for the last two official sets of the Third Reich.

MICHEL intends to publish Volume 2 to bring the English version up to the present, but I am informed that this will have to wait until other projects are completed.



MICHEL Junior Catalogue Germany 2007:

820 pages, 6000 colour illustrations, 27 000 price quotations. € 14.80
This handy quick-reference version of the German catalogue is popular with collectors, containing as it does condensed information for German issues to the end of 2006.

MICHEL Soviet Union Specialized Catalogue 2006/2007:

1024 pages, 6000 colour illustrations, 58 000 price quotations. € 148.00
Published only a year after its previous version, due to high demand, it contains all Soviet stamps 1923-1991. There are about 250 new illustrations for plate flaws and type differences, with many older illustrations being replaced with better versions. All miniature sheets are now illustrated.

MICHEL Overseas Catalogue, Volume 5: West Africa 2007:

1536 pages, 17 000 illustrations, 91 000 price quotations.
Civil war and political crises in countries of the region challenge the compiling of a complete catalogue. This catalogue's information is as complete as possible. Major revision was made for Liberia and French-speaking territories, with illustrations for Portuguese Guinea being thoroughly revised.

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BY ALF BROOKS



CLAUS SCHENK GRAF VON STAUFFENBERG

HELMUTH JAMES GRAF VON MOLTKE

On 1 March Germany issued a stamp picturing and commemorating these two men, both born in 1907. Von Stauffenberg carried the briefcase containing the bomb that was intended to kill Adolf Hitler on July 20, 1944; he left the room and flew to Berlin, where he was executed by firing squad the next day after the unsuccessful attempt on Hitler's life.

Von Moltke had been arrested in January 1944, under suspicion for having sympathies for anti-Nazi groups. He was hanged in January 1945.

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BRILLE STAMP?

The Montreal Association for the Blind (MAB) is requesting Canada Post issue a Braille stamp to commemorate its 100th anniversary in 2008. The initial request was made six years ago.

Canada Post will likely make public what commemorative stamps will be issued in 2008 in late May or June.

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WORLD'S SMALLEST POSTAGE STAMP?

The title for this dubious achievement is likely held by a stamp issued in 1863 by Bolivar, later part of Columbia.. A ten centavo green and one peso red measure 8mm x 9.55 mm. The illustrations here are of the actual sized stamp and an enlargement.

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GINA LOLLOBRIGIDA

"I studied painting and sculpting at school and became an actress by mistake."

Four stamps issued by San Marino in January celebrate a woman who was once declared "the most beautiful woman in the world." In the 0.65 euro stamp we see a self-portrait that she made in 1987 when she was attending the Academy of Art in Rome

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THE SHAMROCK

Eire issued its 2007 St. Patrick's Day stamp picturing the shamrock on 9 February.

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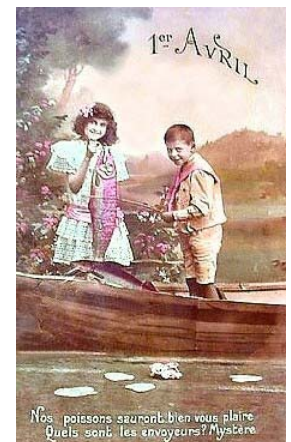
JUST IN TIME

The U.S.P.S. has released a new ongoing stamp series of practical jokes. Featured is the 50th anniversary of the famous "Flaming Bag of Poo". A great hit with kids in the innocent '50's. Just find some dog doo or equal substitute; place it in a paper bag; quietly place the bag on your neighbour's front porch; ignite the bag and wait for the flames to reach a glowing intensity; then ring the doorbell furiously and run away to a place where you can watch the the fun as your neighbour attempts to extinguish the fire with his/her foot. Smelly fun for all! Stamps will be on sale at all the philatelic windows across the U.S. on April 1st.

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Shown above is the actual size (one lick and you have swallowed it)





Dear Phil,
 Sure, I know that you are not a WPS member, but maybe you have some influence with executive members. They are proposing that those of us with email addresses record them with the secretary, and then we will receive our copy of *The*

Buffalo by email!

I am not impressed. I like my paper copy, and I am sure that I am not alone. What can you do? What can we do?

- Very Unhappy

Dear Unhappy,
 What can you do?

1. Accept progress; the world is changing.
2. Accept the fact that your Executive needs to look at expenses and find a more efficient means of distribution at less cost.
3. Print your own copy of *The Buffalo*, or only the pages you want - and in colour!

And I am sure that those members who do not have email will be taken care of and will receive a paper copy. So I advise you to co-operate, submit your email address, and continue enjoying *The Buffalo*.

And you could also let your name stand for an Executive position.

- Phil

MINUTES OF THE WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 01, 2007

BY JUDY LIPSEY

- Bob Stanley called the meeting to order at 7.55.

Visitors: Roger Fontaine and his wife.

- Sid Kroker announced that the Red River Bourse will next be held Mar. 11, 2007, 9 am-4 pm. at the Best Western Charter House Hotel.

- Ken Kristjanson told us that Mike Goodman is in hospital. Marjorie Hughes is making the coffee, and provided the cookies as well. Good job Marjorie, thanks. Ted Mayo is still in hospital.

- Robert Zacharias announced the big auction is good to go on March 17. Viewing begins at 9.00 a.m. and sale starts at 10.00 a.m.

- Don Fraser made the announcement that Brian Noga, who gave us a presentation on San Marino stamps two years ago, has passed away.

- Bob S. announced that there will be a meeting of the executive and show committee on March 8, 2007 at 327 Marlton Cres.

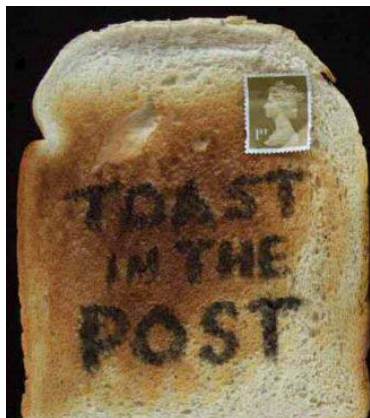
- Alf Brooks, editor of the *Buffalo*, put out a request for articles for the *Buffalo*.

- Russ Thompson announced that at the next meeting, there will be a slide show presentation of scouting on stamps.

Draw: Bernie van Benthem, Al Wingate, Stanley Payton, Gord Turnbull, Bev Barr.

Adj. 8:10.

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MINUTES OF THE WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 15, 2007

BY JUDY LIPSEY

- Bob Stanley called the meeting to order at 7.56.

- Bob announced that we are moving our meetings to the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. Our first meeting there will be the meeting in June, our closing social and auction, on June 7.

- Judy is collecting e-mail addresses in preparation for an e-mail mailing list for Buffalo access.

- Michael Zacharias told us that there were copies of the Canadian Forces Bulletin available to anyone who wanted. Also, Gerald Kennedy has purchased one side of a frame. Someone asked about the progress on the bus ads for the show and Mike told us that on further inquiry, Winnipeg Transit said they required a minimum of 10 buses which is way out of our price range.

- Robert Zacharias and Ken Kristjanson gave us information on the big auction, March 17. The auction will begin with a viewing from 9.00 a.m. with the lots beginning to sell at 10.00 a.m. Advertisements were put into the Free Press. There will be mail bids, and Russ Thompson will take care of these. These bids are from people who cannot come to the auction or who live out of town. We are hoping to drum up more interest in outside bidders for these auctions.

- Bob Stanley announced that tonight we would take nominations for the executive tonight. All duty officers have been asked and all agreed to continue in their current positions for the next term. We needed nominations for president, 1st vice president and 2nd vice president.

- Ken Kristjanson nominated Russ Thompson for president, Gord Turnbull 2nd that nomination. There were no other nominations for president.

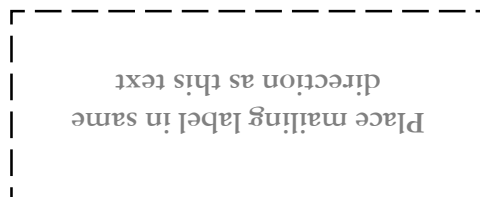
- Rick Penko nominated Al Wingate for 1st vice president. William Pooley 2nd that nomination. There were no other nominations for 1st V.P.

- There were no nominations for 2nd vice president.

- Bev Barr made an announcement about WAG stamp sale. This year it will be held over 3 days instead of 4, Thurs. April 12, 11.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m, Fri. April 13, 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and Sat. April 14 from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., at the art gallery. Many new collections were received this year so there will be lots of new material.

Adj. 8:18.

Draw: I apologize that I did not take down the names of the draw winners this week.



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