

NEPAL PHILATELIC STUDY CIRCLE NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Friends,

As you will see from the newsletter heading Dr. Pierre Couvreur from France has kindly accepted our invitation to succeed Dr. Wolfgang Hellrigl as President of our circle. I would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Wolfgang for both getting our Circle started and the tremendous amount of work he has done for Nepal Philately.

We have also changed the title slightly by adding the word Philatelic, and will now be known as the Nepal Philatelic Study Circle.

One further point, in future if any members have to send any money to me for any reason (i.e. subscriptions) please make cheques payable to the Circle and not to me personally.

Members' Questions

1. Has anyone seen any classic tete-beche pairs on cover? If so, please give exact details.
2. One of the most important dating aids of classic Nepal issues are large blocks or complete sheets attached to (dated) telegraph forms. Any members who have such items, please give full details.

Answers to both these questions please to either Dr. W. Hellrigl or myself.

One of the questions asked in Newsletter No. 1 was should we include Tibet in our Study Circle. Of the replies I received the answers were divided 50/50 for and against. The result is after discussing the problem with our President it was decided not to change the name of the circle, but if any Tibetan specialist would like to join our circle we would welcome them, and give some space in the Newsletter for their questions.

Michael Zolno, 1106 W. Columbia, Chicago ~~IL~~ 60626 U.S.A. is interested in researching the official handstamps and would appreciate any help other members might be able to provide. This is a vast subject to do a study on and Michael will need all the help he can get on this, so however small your information might seem, please let him know.

CORRECTION

There was an error in the description of the postcard in No. 2 Newsletter. It should read Horse 3. If anyone should discover any other unrecorded postal stationery items, please give details to Mr. Frank Vignola who assists Messrs. Higgins and Gage to keep their catalogue up to date.

Programme of Stamps to be issued 1977

1.	18, February	Kaji Amar Singh Thapa	.10
2.	15, May	Visit Nepal Series	
		(a) Lumbini	1.00
		(b) Kapilavastu	.30
3.	18. June	Silver Jubilee of Nepal Scouting	(5.50)
4.	20. August	Bird Series (4 stamps)	.05
			.10
			.30
			2.30

New issues continued

5.	9, November	Lord Dhanwantari	.30
6.	28 December	55rd Birthday of His Majesty King Birendra	5.00

WHO HAS ANY FULL SHEETS OF THE EARLY ISSUES?

Many newcomers who collect Nepal often have difficulty in recognising the printing from which the early stamps came, and to this end George Alevisos has produced a quite excellent little booklet 'Price Guide to the Stamps of Nepal' which covers all the basic principles of recognition. However even when single stamps have been put in their correct year of issue the more enthusiastic collector who likes to "plate" his stamps is still in difficulty without having either full sheets or large blocks to refer to.

With this problem in mind, on behalf of our Study Circle could I ask all of you who have complete sheets or part sheets with marginal inscriptions if you could possibly have these photo-copied and sent to me. The idea being that in the first instance we may be able to build up a dossier of all the known complete sheets. Once this has been completed, then we could have a photograph taken of a sheet from each printing and reproduce full-size (hopefully in the correct colour) in a book. Thus giving everyone a reference book for plating stamps of the early issues. This would take some time to organise and complete, but I would be very pleased to hear your comments and views on this project.

NEPAL INLAND POSTAL RATES

Year of Introduction	1st Class LETTER	REGISTERED	POSTCARD	AIR LETTER	REPLY CARD	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT
1881	1 anna	{ + 5 annas + 6 annas + 7 annas				
1887			2 pice			
1909	4 pice	{ + 20 pice + 24 pice + 28 pice				
1954	6 paisa	{ + 30 paisa + 36 paisa				+ 6 pa
1959		+ 40 paisa	4 paisa	8 paisa		+ 10 " "
1960				10 paisa		
1963	10paisa	+ 50 paisa				
1964					4p + 4p	
1966	15paisa					
1968	25paisa	+ 75 paisa	10 paisa			
1969				15 paisa		
1975		+ 1 Rupee				

Please note that official mail was carried at half the normal postal rates.

Colin Hepper