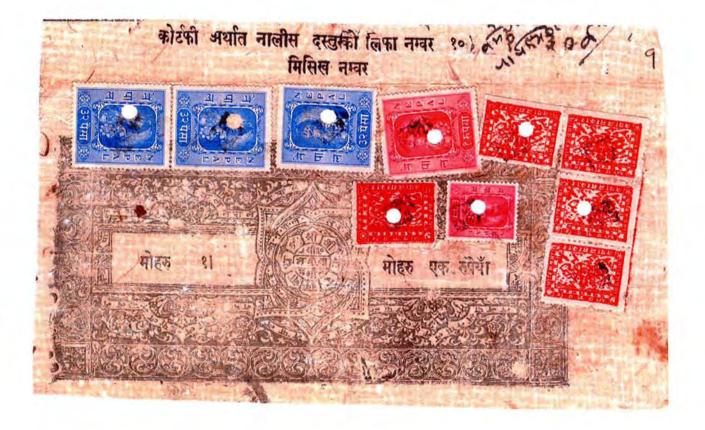
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Officer's Corner

You will be reading this around March 1. If you haven't already done the right thing and decided to join all the rest of us for WESTPEX at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, April 27-29, it's high time for you to do so. We are planning a table, 1-frame exhibit of Tibet and Nepal material, if we get the frame (as we did in Washington last spring so successfully-much chatting, spreading knowledge and goodwill and signing up several new members), and our usual meeting, Sunday 11am. Contact Edward Jarvis at ejarvis@westpex.com; 415-387-1016. www.westpex.com; Marriott chain reservation number is 1-888-287-9400; the hotel itself 1-650-692-9100- it's better to call the hotel itself. WESTPEX affords one of the very best of the exhibiting opportunities, and we have pretty much adopted it as our annual meeting place (last spring was an exception because of the WASHINGTON 2006, international show).

The second edition of Bob Gould's and my Mountaineering Catalog of Himalayan

Correspondence is now obtainable from George Alevizos (publisher), or Geoffrey Flack. Much enlarged, some color plates, an index for climbs mountains, and a passel corrections. \$50.00 US (PS: neither Bob nor I make a penny out of the book [or its We get our kicks seeing predecessor]. ourselves in print, and we hope, for a good cause.) No 3rd edition is being planned, this one pretty much listing all the climbs and correspondence that has grown out of them.

I wrote a long article on collecting Nepal and Tibet. It is supposed to appear in the American Philatelist in March or April (they promised), and I must mention, simply to brag, that plans are underway to translate my book on The Chinese Presence in Tibet into Chinese, with a company and editor in Australia. crossed.

Armand

Editor's Ramblings

PH would be useful. on the Index for all issues starting with #1 which will follow the same format. I hope to have that finished later this year and it will be opposite page.

It has been suggested that an annual Index to sent to all members as a special mailing. The The Index for 2006 annual indexes will be incorporated into the appears on pages 12 and 13. I am also working general index which would be reissued every 5 to 10 years. If you have any suggestions, please send them to me. Address and email on

CORRECTION: In PH #128 I mentioned on page 9, right hand column, that Mr. Deepak Raj Pandey was deceased. Mr. Pandey is indeed very much alive. My sincerest apologies to him and to any of his friends who saw the item. I thank Mr. Jaya Hari Jha for updating the information about Mr. Pandey and I wish Mr. Pandey a very long and happy life. -editor

REMINDER: WESTPEX 2007 will be held 27-29 April 2007 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA. What with the cheap US dollar, this show should be ideal for our non-USA members. Why not make plans to attend while you have the advantage over the dollar? NTPSC meeting on the 29th at 11:00.

LONDON 2010 will probably be held the end on May 2010. Always a great show and one well worth attending. We will have a Society meeting during this show.

Please pay your dues if you received a notice and have not yet paid them.

One Rupee Court Fee Documentary Stamp

Paul C. Hager

The document illustrated is a Court Fee Documentary Stamp, which were used to denote payment of the applicable court fee. In this case, it is a 1 Rupee denomination of the Kotphi Arthat Nalis Dasturko Lifa Nambur type. This is printed in the heading of the document and is translated literally as "Court fee for law suit commission" (Kotphi Arthat Nalis Dasturko) and "Form number 10" (Lifa Nambur 10). Interestingly, the word Kotphi is a loan word from English for "Court Fee." The sub-heading is Misil Nambar or "papers and/or records of a case." The denomination of the document is given in the middle panels. On the left Moharu I and on the right Moharu ek rupaiya translated "Amount 1" and "Amount one rupee."

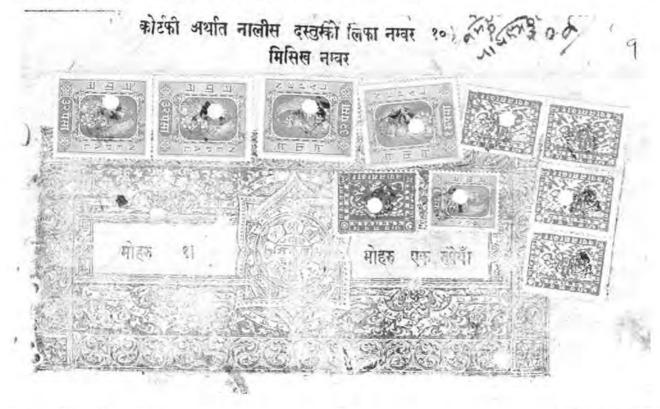
was 5%. If the face amount of the document was Nepal Revenues was also invaluable. make up the rate.

was paid by a combination of the Rs. 1 document Netherlands.

plus stamps from two different series. stamps include five copies of the 8 paisa red (Scott 46) from the 1941 Pashupati series and one 6 paisa, three 32 paisa, and one 1 Rupee from the 1954 King Tribhuvan series (Scott 62, 68, and 70). These totaled Rs. 3.78 or about 5% of Rs. 75.

There is no indication of the court in which this matter was handled and no date is discernable. It was most likely used in the middle 1950's soon after the Tribhuvan series was released and while the Pashupati stamps were still being commonly used.

I would like to thank Dick van der Wateren for his assistance with the interpretation of this item. The rate of the Court Fee for up to Rs. 5,000 Any mistakes are mine and not his. His book insufficient to pay the fee, stamps were added to available from Dick for 20 Euros (or about \$27.00 US) in US currency, postpaid. For the document illustrated, the required fee address is Ysbaanweg 8, 8391 HZ Noordwolde,



Back Issues of Postal Himal

Colin Hepper



Skinner has to store is increasing and the space order, this could then be added to the disc. in his garage is fast running out. It is also quite a task to collate together a complete set of back have to stop this service.

disc, being all the early issues up to No. 80. The I will dispatch the discs. reason for this is that we have a detailed index for all of these. There is no index for the second

During the last nine months I have been disc so the only way to find articles is to browse putting in a great number of hours scanning all through the contents page of each issue. Rather the back issues of Postal Himal and getting them than have a detailed index for issues 81 – 128, if onto disc. The main reason for this is that with we have a member who would like to volunteer each year the number of back issues that Roger to list the contents of these issues in alphabetical

At the moment Roger can still supply full sets issues, pack and post them. The cost to the new of the printed issues at the prices listed. The member is quite high and so at some stage we discs can be obtained from the secretary at £7.50 (€12, \$14) including packing and postage. USA I have put the back issues onto two discs. No.1 members can send money to Roger Skinner and

Note: The editor is currently putting together a detailed index for all issues of PH from 1 through 128. I hope to have this ready for the membership later this year.

An Unrecorded Tibetan Philatelic Find

Armand E. Singer

Remember the find described recently: the 2004 phenomenal Laden La cache of Tibetan die and sheet proofs (see PH 126, pg 2 - ed.), securely justifying Geoffrey Flack's claim: "The most important discovery ... made in Tibetan philately." I compared it with the Waterlow die proof treasure (found in 1942), noting that, great as it was, it cannot stand up to this more recent find. After all, the Waterlows did not result in an issue of stamps.

There is a third find, one that most collectors have never heard of. A large number of mint sheets of the early printings of the Tibet 1912s and 1933s (including paper-stapled sets of six of the latter, half-trangka orange) and mint sheets or panes of the lower and middle-range March 1911 China overprints (including two sheets of the much-sought-after three-anna green value, with the inverted, larger font "s"). No top values. This lot was given to the British

dealer in oriental art, Arthur Vernay, by James Macdonald in an effort partly to repay him for helping to finance an expedition. Vernay still had them in his possession in the 1950s. When we got to discussing Tibetan stamps (he was not a collector), he offered them to me free, with a simple stipulation, "keep what you want, trade or give away the rest" (my words). I kept most, but sold the remainder, thus able to cut him an unexpected substantial check. He had no idea of their considerable value.

He then gave me a collection mainly on mint nineteenth-century U.S. commerative to keep or sell. I kept the \$1.30 and \$2.65 zeppelins to fill out my six and then sold the rest, but unfortunately he had pasted them in an album. Though misted loose in a salvaging device, they fetched a somewhat reduced total. We parted the best of friends back in the fifties: by now he must have passed on long ago.

The Nepal Philatelic Society appointed the following members as the National Commissioner for the following international exhibitions:

Mr. Shyam Agrawal Ghiraiya for Espana 06, World Philatelic Exhibition, Malaga, Spain 07-13 October 2006

Mr. Hardayal Singh Gupta for Dubai 2006, 19th Asian national Philatelic Exhibition, Dubai, 13-16 November 2006 **Mr. Jeetendra Pal Singh Gupta** for Belgica 06, World Championship of Youth Philately, Brussels, Belgium, 16-20 November 2006

Mr. Shankar Shrestha for Bangkok 2007, the 20th Asian Stamp Exhibition, Bangkok, Thailand 03-12 August 2007

The above information was received from Colin Hepper. -ed.

News from Kathmandu Surendra Lal Shrestha





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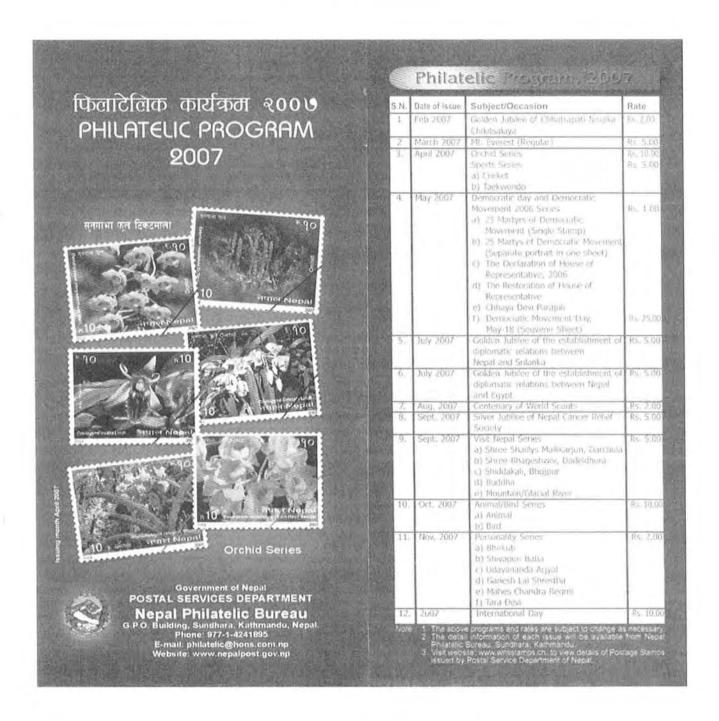
A new postal card from Nepal. Note Mr. Shrestha's notation that only 100,000 were printed - ed.

News from Kathmandu Surendra Lal Shrestha



The above was sent in by Mr. Shrestha. No word on the number available. - ed.

News from Kathmandu Surendra Lal Shrestha



WESTPEX 2007 Roger Skinner

Roger was asked to get us a Society table and a 1-frame for our exhibit. The information which he found out follows. -ed.

There are two factors to the availability of one frame. The first is the condition of the new frames and the existing ones that need repair. The second is the actual availability of an extra frame when the exhibit section has been filled. Neither of these factors will be resolved until a week or so before the show starts. Repairs are going to be scheduled during the show as well, so a frame might become available after the show starts.

A suggestion is that we plan on having one, i.e., get our 16 pages ready so that it will be a simple matter on placing them into a frame. Alan [Warren] has suggested a color reproduction of the Tibet half that would be used this time and at others [on the west coast]. That makes sense to me, and I will do the same for the Nepal section now in my hands to send to him for Eastern efforts.

WESTPEX support for societies seems to be a bit different from the other shows in that it accepts requests from societies to be a "participating" group but with "conditions". The first is the advance arrangement, and enclosed is the current schedule for the next

four years. In exchange for acceptance, the society must agree to exhibit from 60 to 100 frames at the show, and to operate a "table" at least 80% of the time the show is open. (Society meetings excepted). It does not usually accept a request just for a display frame nor just for a society table, as does the APS for its STAMPSHOWS. One of the reasons for this is the lack of free space. WESTPEX jams tables in almost every corner. There are spaces in hallways where there is no traffic, but most societies would be insulted to be offered them. At our meeting this year, can we look at some of the spots to see just how acceptable they might be in the future? The China stamp society used the space where our table will be this year, but who will get it next year?

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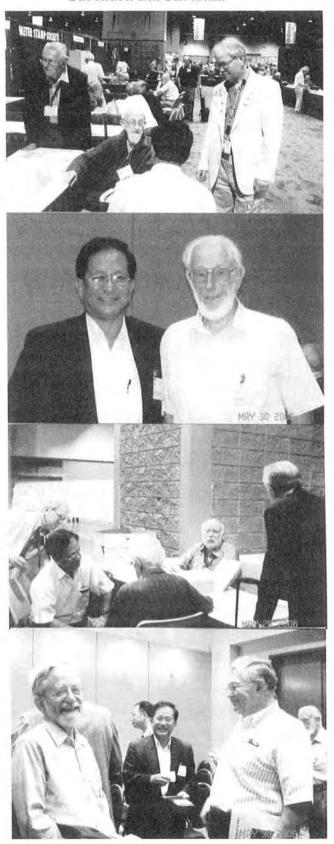
2009 American Airmail Society 100 frames Society of Israel Philatelists 100 frames



Mr. and Mrs. Surendra Lal Shrestha attending WASHINGTON 2006.

WASHINGTON 2006 Photos

Surendra Lal Shrestha



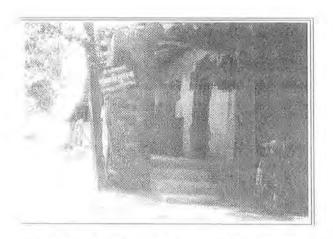


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Composition	16 stamps per sheet	50 stamps per sheet
Size	40 x 30 mm	40 x 30 mm
Format	Vertical	Horizontal
Quantity	1 million	500,000
Process	Offset Lithography	Offset Lithography
Paper	Security stamp paper with fiber	High Quality stamp paper
Designer	Mohan N. Rana	Mohan N. Rana
Printer	Walsall Security Printers, UK	Cartor Security Printing, FRANCE

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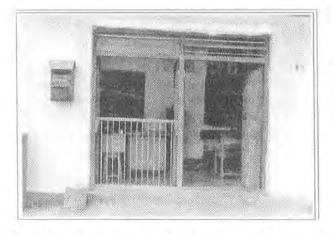
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Lumbini Chhoti Hulak in the Lumbini Zone comes under the jurisdiction of the Rupandehi District Post Office





The Manigram Chhoti Hulak is in the Lumbini Zone and comes under the jurisdiction of the Rupandehi District Post Office.

The registration cachet records it as being an area post office (A. P. O.)

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