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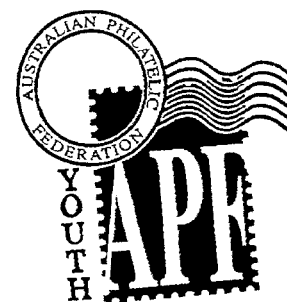
MYTHICAL CREATURES

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Game On

YOUTH PHILATELY NEWS

from the Australian Philatelic Federation

Hi Everyone!

October is Stamp Collecting Month and this year Australia Post has prepared a wonderful set of stamps on Mythical Creatures. Mike Hancy, Elizabeth Philatelic Society President has written our feature article on Dragons. He specialises in early British stamps.

Quizzes Don't forget to enter our "Stamp Detectives" quiz to win some stamps and also great prizes as a finalist! This quiz is on "Symbols on Stamps".

Special prizes have been sent to the winners for our past three quizzes:

YC Issue 41 Mammals First Prize. Judith Tan. Equal Second Prize: Olivia William, Roxanne Zhang and Jeremy Tan. Bonus prize to Judith Tan and Shamus Phillips for noticing that the date for Q9 should have been 1999 not 1990. Neatest entry: Roxanne Zhang.

YC Issue 42 Pastimes First Prize: Youli Song. Equal Second Prize: Alessandra D'Urso, A Hudson, Catherine Cheng. Neatest entry: Youli Song.

YC Issue 43 Horses: First Prize: Christopher Tait. Equal Second Prize: Claire Tait, Jack Evans and Liam Hurst.

Don't forget to put your age, name and address with your entry.

Exhibition News: The next Australian Shows are in 2012. They are the Canberra Stampshow at the Hellenic Club, Woden ACT from 16-18 March 2012 and the WA Centennial Exhibition 2012 at Claremont Showgrounds, Claremont WA from 17-20 May 2012. Contact your State Youth Officer for more information. The Youth Class is offered in both of these Shows and includes the Experimental Media (Literature) Class so if you have written anything on a philatelic subject and it's been published in print or electronic form or as a Power Point presentation you can enter it at either or both of

these Shows. In the ACT Show it will be a State Class entry and in the WA Show a National Class entry. Go for it Guys!

Show News: The ACT Philatelic Society has donated a new large Snakes and Ladders Game for the Youth Corner at Australian Shows. Come along and have a look and try your luck. You will win stamps for your collection. The large Dice will also be there to help you land on a snake or a ladder! See page 6 for photos!

Last Words: This is my last issue as APF Youth Development Officer. The WA Youth Officer Yvette Trinidad is the new APF Youth Development Officer. I know that you will be in good hands. A big thank you to Barbara Bartsch, Kerry Tillison, Michael Walker and Michael Zsolt for their help in putting our magazine together this year.

I hope to be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The first young person who writes in to me with the correct answer to this question, "What did Mr Troll tell Kym when she asked him what his Club was for" will win an early Christmas present, See the Young Explorer issue July, August, September 2011 for the answer and include your name, address and age!

Happy Stamping!

Linda

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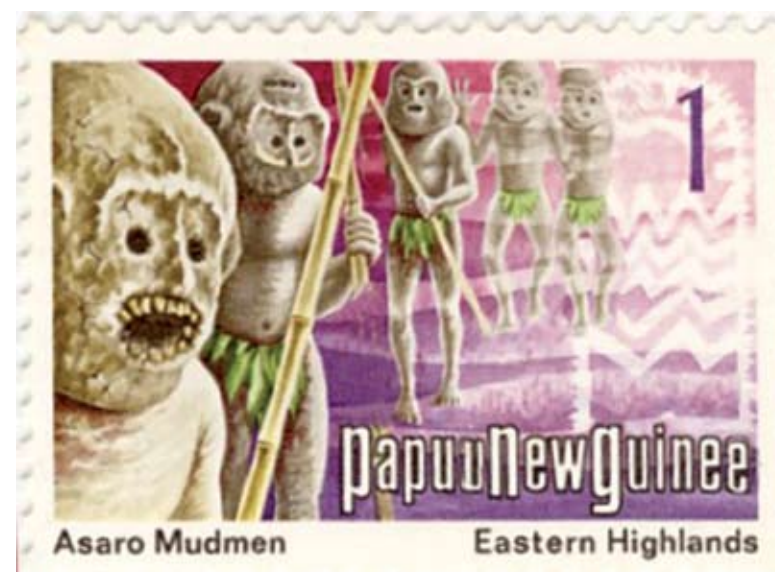
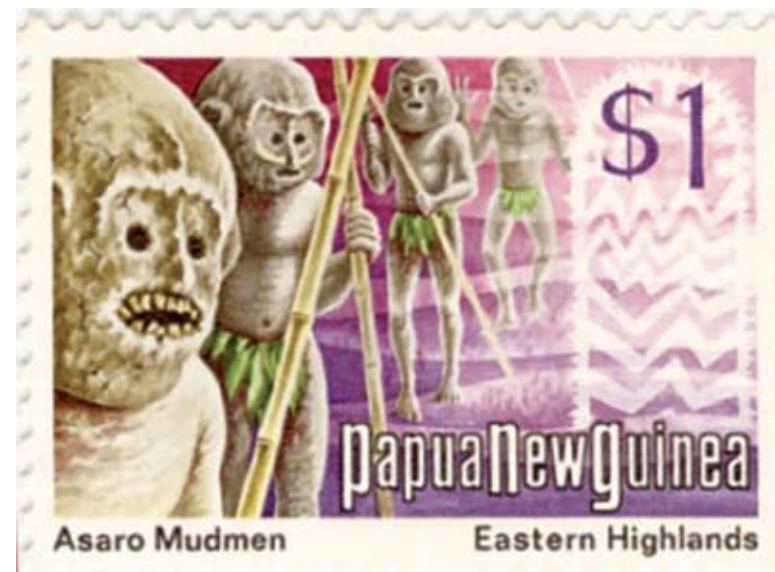
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FIND THE DIFFERENCES

The Asaro Mudmen come from just outside the town of Goroka in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea. Legend has it that the mudmen were defeated by an opposing tribe and forced to flee into the Asaro River. They waited until dusk before attempting to escape. The enemy saw them arise from the muddy banks covered in mud and thought they were spirits and so fled in fear, and ran back to their own town.

Can you find 10 differences in the two stamps?



Answers

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| 1. POSTSS instead of POSTES | at top |
| 2. 'F' missing in left top corner | 3. 'c' missing in right top |
| 4. 'Gallient', down right frame | 5. Extra stripe on sleeve |
| 6. Stripe at bottom of jacket | 7. Horses ear missing. |
| 7. Horses tail missing | 8. Horses tail missing |
| 8. Horses front leg different | 9. Horses front leg different |
| 9. MADADAGAACAR | 10. MADADAGAACAR |

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• For information about junior stamp clubs in your State, please contact your State youth leader.

• Copies of the APF's junior stamp magazine "The Young Collector" can also be obtained from these people.

GAME ON

By Linda Lee

What is this?



It's the new APF Floor Game available for Youth Corners at Australian National Shows. Well it's the back really! It is quite huge and needs lots of floor space. The latest of the APF floor games, it was very kindly donated by the Canberra Philatelic Council. The Show's Organizing Committee can request the use of this game from the APF Youth Development Officer. After the Show it's sent back to the APF.

In this game, you throw the large Dice and take the number of moves to a square showing the task you have to undertake. Land on this square and you have to do the following task.



Landing on this square means you can collect a stamp for your collection - well done!

The APF Floor Game is based on the board game "Snakes and Ladders".

This game has quite an interesting history. It is believed to be based on an ancient Indian board game played between two or more players on a game board having numbered, gridded squares. A number of "ladders" and "snakes" (or "chutes") are pictured on the board, each connecting two



board squares. The object of the game is to navigate one's game piece from the start (bottom square) to the finish (Top Square), helped or hindered by ladders and snakes, respectively.

The traditional version is based on morality lessons, where a player's progression up the board represents a life journey complicated by virtues (ladders) and vices (snakes). Originally the number of ladders was less than the number of snakes as a reminder that treading a good path is more difficult than treading a sinful path! Errk!

Such moral ideals lead to a version sold as Snakes and Ladders in Victorian England in 1892. In 1943 Milton Bradley introduced the game in the United States as Chutes and Ladders.

The APF Youth Development Program

This program aims at giving young people lots of fun with philately. State Youth Officers look after programs in their State. The APF Youth Development Officer helps them by providing resources including the Young Collector magazine and the Big Floor Game.

Linda Lee, Yvette Trinidad and Barbara Bartsch discussed ways of making stamp collecting fun for young people at the APF Annual General Meeting in August 2011.



STAMP DETECTIVES

By Barbara Bartsch

SYMBOLS ON STAMPS

Get out your magnifying glasses for the hunt.

1. Hermes, the Messenger of the gods is shown on the 1934 Airmail stamp. What is the denomination?



2. The Greek Goddess of the sea, Amphitrite, is shown on a 1936 stamp. Why was the stamp issued?



3. The white dove of Peace is shown on one of the 1946 Peace Stamps. What is the colour of the stamp.



4. A US Friendship stamp was issued in 1955 with the US Bald Eagle. What does the top line say?

5. How many lions can be seen on the 1956 3 1/2d red Responsible Government Stamp?



6. The caduceus, the traditional medical symbol of two snakes around a winged staff is shown on the 7d blue 1957 Flying Doctors' Service stamp. What else is on the stamp?

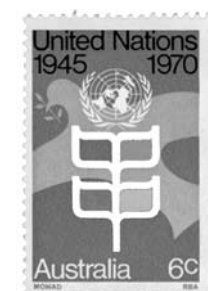
7. In the 1962 Perth Commonwealth Games stamp, what birds are supporting the Shield?



8. What are the dates shown under the Canberra Coat of Arms stamp issued in 1962



9. The 1970 UN stamp symbolised the UN as a growing plant. What 4 colours were the leaves.



10. On the 18c, 1976 stamp issued for the 75th Anniversary of Nationhood, how many points are on the star?



11. A 22c stamp showing the Queen's Australian Flag was issued in 1981 showing the emblems of the six states. What is the letter in the middle of the blue circle?



Results for issue No 44 Winners will be in our next issue.

Please note that All entries must be in the entrant's own handwriting.

Answers to June 2011 Quiz

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Three | 6. The Cattle industry |
| 2. Plane | 7. Three men and one horse |
| 3. One | 8. Horse, cat and dog |
| 4. Five | 9. Two |
| 5. A Water bag | 10. Phar Lap |

All entries will receive a prize – And the neatest correct entries will receive winners' prizes. Send your answers to:
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DRAGONS

By Mike Hancy in conjunction with Barbara Bartsch

A **dragon** is a mythical creature, typically with snakelike or other lizard like traits that feature in the myths of many cultures.

There are two distinct cultural traditions of dragons:

First the European dragon, derived from European folk traditions and related to Greek and Middle Eastern mythologies, The European dragons are more often winged as shown in the stamps of Iceland and Wales.

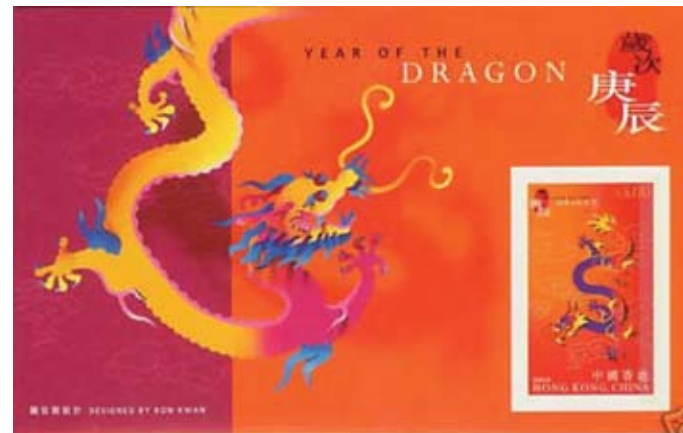


The winged dragon has long been a symbol of Wales. The winged dragon was first seen in Wales in Roman times. Possibly the Romans were thought to have gained knowledge of the dragon from their Parthian enemies (in lands later to become part of the great Persian Empire)

The English word "dragon" comes from the Greek "dragon, serpent of huge size"



Although dragons occur in many legends around the world, different cultures have varying stories about monsters that have been grouped together under the dragon label. Some dragons are said to breathe fire or to be poisonous. They are commonly portrayed as reptilian, hatching from eggs and possessing typically scaly or feathered bodies.



Hong Kong 2000 China Lunar New Year Dragon

The Chinese dragon is similar in Japan, Korea and other East Asian countries where they all resemble large snakes.



The earliest depiction of the oriental dragon was the Chinese dragon with examples dating back to the 16th century BC. It is said that the Chinese word for dragon is an imitation of the sound thunder makes, and is pronounced "lóng" or "lùhng"



The Chinese Dragon



China Large Dragon stamp of 1882, with wide borders



Solomon Islands 2000 Year of the DRAGON

Dragons are considered lucky and can even bring rain, and are particularly popular in China where the five-clawed dragon was a symbol of the Chinese emperors.



Republic of Benin 2000 Year of the Dragon



Canada 2000 China New Year of Dragon stamp sheet

The Dragon Dance with the Dragon costume manipulated on poles by several people is a common sight at Chinese festivals.

The Dragon is one of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar, and the only animal that is legendary.

People born in the Year of the Dragon are said to be honest, sensitive, and brave.

Year	Chinese New Year Begins	Animal Sign
2011	2011-Feb 03	Rabbit
2012	2012-Jan 23	Dragon
2013	2013-Feb 10	Snake
2014	2014-Jan 31	Horse
2015	2015-Feb 18	Sheep
2016	2016-Feb 08	Monkey
2017	2017-Jan 28	Rooster
2018	2018-Feb 15	Dog
2019	2019-Feb 05	Pig
2020	2020-Jan 25	Rat
2021	2021-Feb 12	Ox
2022	2022-Feb 01	Tiger
2023	2023-Jan 22	Rabbit

The Chinese Year Cycle



French Polynesia 2000



Vietnam Sea Dragon

Below is a real dragon. It lives on the Island of Sumatra, in Indonesia. It is the Komodo Dragon. It is very large and ferocious. Look at it's claws!

