

# LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET  
May2023

## Club Happenings Last Month

### OFFICERS

President:

*LaVonne Uffelmann (2022)*

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*Brad Shay (2022)*

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Treasurer:

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Board Members:

*Curtis Peacock (2022)*

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### EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

### APS AMBASSADOR

*Dale Niebuhr*

### MEETINGS

The Club meets the second  
Thursday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

College View Adventist Church  
48th & Prescott St.  
Lincoln, Neb.

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### AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society  
affiliate: **APS #0799-064882.**

## April 13 Meeting

We met with 24 members and one visitor (Greg Christ) attending. **LaVonne** talked about the Standing Bear Stamp being issued in Lincoln on May 12 and how to make reservations online. Several members have already reserved four seats each for other club members.

**LaVonne** read some “memory games” consisting of such things as matching pairs (e.g. Popeye and ?????) and remembering product slogans (e.g. You’ll Wonder Where The Yellow Went \_\_\_\_\_). Our collective memory was excellent as we answered everything correctly.

The door prizes were won by these members:

**Ruth Kaiser** won the sheet of movie monster stamps (Sc. 3172a)

**Tom Hiross** won a sheet of the Bugs Bunny stamps (Sc. 3137)

**Amber Wesely** also won a sheet of the Bugs Bunny stamps.

**Rene Ferdinand** showed a small leather pouch containing a small bisque doll that was mailed from Park Rapids, MN in 1949 using a 3 cent prexie (Sc.807) on the tag.

**Amber Wesely** passed around a magazine article on how a volunteer group of women sorted and forwarded mail that had pile up during World War II.

**Don Ehly** showed a small collection of Viet Nam stamps..

**Garry Weber** showed a collection of German philatelic history pamphlets.

**Mark Sellhorn** passed around a couple of George Wallace campaign postcards from his bid in the 1968 Presidential election.

The meeting was followed by robust and enthusiastic buying of donated material.

# First Day Ceremony in Lincoln



The life of Ponca Chief Standing Bear (circa 1829-1908) is being honored with a U.S. commemorative forever stamp to be issued May 12.

The issue date is the exact anniversary date of the 1879 landmark court case *Standing Bear v. Crook* that granted Native Americans civil rights under U.S. law.

An official U.S. Postal Service first-day ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Centennial Mall at the Chief Standing Bear statue between P and Q streets in Lincoln, Neb.

# A Traveler's Postcard Uses a Suspicious Imperforate Stamp

by David M. Frye, [dfrye@WideSky.biz](mailto:dfrye@WideSky.biz)

Because my collecting interests tend to expand their horizons over time, I have broadened my search for Tanzania-related covers to encompass all mail originating in Africa. Cover boxes do not contain many such covers, so this expansion does not add much bulk to my collection.

The three Botswana stamps on this Postcard drew my attention. Then, as I looked more closely, I noticed that two of the stamps that feature a zebra were postage due stamps. Affixed rather jauntily to the postcard and overlapping the horizontal stamp, they are tied to the Postcard by the same machine cancel that had been applied to the main stamp.

This configuration suggests that the 5t (thebe) definitive stamp depicting a banded mongoose—*letototo*— did not meet the air-mail rate in play in March 1988. Further, I would guess that when John took the postcard to the post office in Gaborone, a postal clerk noted the deficiency and sold him the 18t (16t and 2t) postage due stamps to make up the shortfall.

The postcard's message tells the story of the mongoose stamp. John writes,

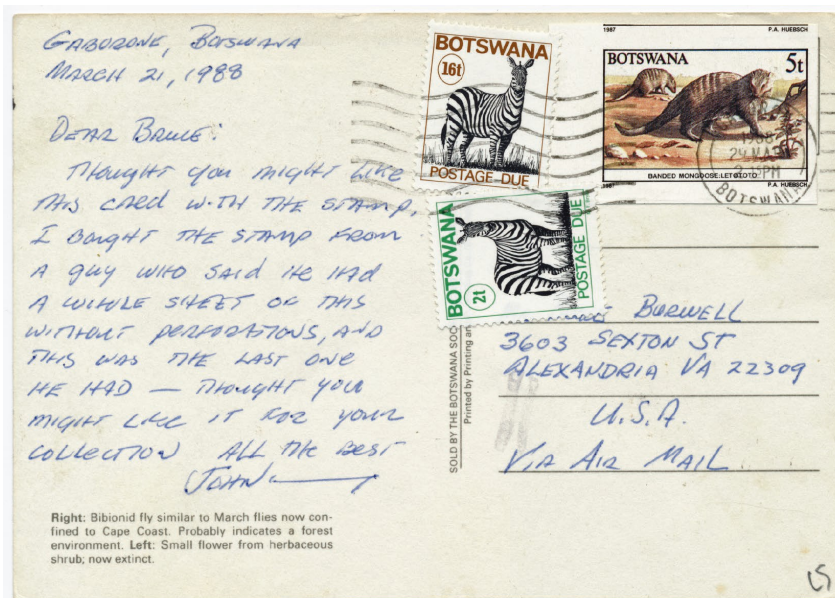
Dear Bruce:

Thought you might like this card with the stamp. I bought the stamp from a guy who said he had a whole sheet of this without perforations, and this was the last one he had—thought you might like it for your collection

All the best  
John.

I used a volunteer-informed Web site—[www.colnect.com](http://www.colnect.com)—that lists most stamps and gives basic technical details to determine that Botswana issued a twenty-stamp definitive series of *perforated* stamps on 3 August 1987.<sup>1</sup> The site makes no mention of an imperforate variety.

Next, I posted an image of the postcard on an online community of collectors at the Stamp



**Gaborone to Alexandria:** John wrote a message to Bruce Burwell on a picture postcard on 21 March 1988 and mailed it in Gaborone, Botswana, where it received a 24 March 1988 postmark. The message tells the story of the 5t definitive stamp.

Forum to find out if anyone could shed light on this variant format. One participant, nl1947, a student of classic-era forgeries, compared the detail of the printing in the questionable stamp with an image of a known, legitimate stamp. Two images accompanied his online post.

The header of the postcard stamp when compared to others on auctions (12+) shows a thicker less distinct type. This is fairly typical of lithographed copies. There are



several other issues also. African stamps even very low value ones are copied in large quantities, most modern ones for postal fraud.<sup>2</sup>

This comparison convinces me the stamp was a forgery and, probably, not the last one the “guy” sold!

## References

- <https://colnect.com/en/stamps/list/country/10822-Botswana/year/1987/page/1>; accessed 19 June 2018.
- <http://thestampforum.boards.net/thread/2902/botswana-stamps>; accessed 19 June 2018.

## Club Notes

We meet in person at our location, College View Adventist Church, 48th and Prescott. Please join us in the company of other philatelists.

### Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club. Dues are only \$12/year. Membership forms are on the Web: [www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub).

### Facebook

The Lincoln Stamp Club is on Facebook. Please "like" the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends.

[Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lincoln](https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln)

## Meetings

[📅](#) : Meeting: Thursday, May 11  
Sale of donated material

[📅](#) : Meeting: Thursday, June 8

## Coming Up

Standing Bear First Day Ceremony

Stamp Collecting Day in October

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