

Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Inc.



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Established 1971

Spring Fair Sat 3rd 11.00–3.30pm

Could Members who sell on eBay please advertise our events on your eBay page. A large attendance makes it beneficial for all. It is only through advertising that we can help our Club grow & prosper which helps with your sales figures!



Introducing a mini-series Peter Lang Playing Cards

At present there are 14 pairs of cards in this wonderful series. The cards are drawn by artists and then reproduced as pairs. Wendy Bentley - Christmas Whimsy, Gypsy Garden
Tim Coffey – Christmas Past, Valencia, Vintage Travel, Pier 54, Vintage Stamps.
Warren Kimble – Grand Old Flag
Susan Winget – Peppermint Christmas, Holiday at the Stables, Bottles and Glass, Tropical Birds
and under the brand Wells Street by



Lang, Lori Siebert – Bloom and Fly Away. It is very interesting to read



about the artists various interests. We are so fortunate that Peter Lang has made these cards available for us to enjoy.

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Bring a friend!



Do you have an email address?

Please email us at melbourneplayingcards@gmail.com or let Rosie know at a meeting what it is so that we can let you know about club activities



Do you live interstate?

Would you be interested to see a colour copy of new cards in stock that you can order from the club? We can't do this for free as there are postage and printing costs. Please let Hilary know if you are interested and we will work out the process and costs.

2016 Meeting Dates

JUN Sun 5th 1.00–4.00pm

JUL Sat 2nd 1.00–4.00pm

AUG Sun 7th 1.00–4.00pm

SEP Sat 3rd 11.00–3.30pm

Spring Fair

OCT Sun 2nd 1.00 4.00pm

Club 45th Birthday

NOV Sat 5th 1.00–4.00pm

DEC Sat 3rd 1.00–4.00pm

Christmas Celebration

Membership fees

Fees were due and payable on/by the 1st April. Thank you to all those people who have already paid!

For those who may find it easier to deposit either electronically or at a branch the Club's Account is Commonwealth Bank - BSB 063 151 Account Number 1008-4029

Please ask the bank to include your name so that we know who has made the deposit!

In accordance with Alkira and our insurance policy, people attending our meetings must be either Financial Members or Day Members (visitors). People who have not renewed their membership will be regarded as Day members (visitors) and are required to pay \$5 per meeting.

Presidents Report for the 2015 Year



It is with much pleasure that I present the MPCC Presidents Report for 2015-2016 to you.

It has been a busy and rewarding year but for a number of our members, not a particularly easy year as they or members of their family, have battled tremendous odds. Our positive thoughts are with them.

There have been two Fairs with an extremely favourable response. It is always wonderful to see new faces and hear the comments as people see cards that they may have collected in their youth.

We were thrilled to be approached by the ABC who filmed and then aired on their morning News programme, a segment about the MPCC. We have also been fortunate to have local Newspapers and radio stations continue to support our Club.

The Club's Facebook page has brought a number of people from interstate and overseas in contact with us. We have been able to supply cards when requested and find that people are now posting comments and even communicating with each other. We even had a lady from Queensland ask a lady in Melbourne, if she could attend the Autumn Fair as she required some specific cards. It is extremely heart-warming to be able to communicate with people so spontaneously, effortlessly and immediately - no delays as one has to wait for the Post.

Personally I'd like to express my deep appreciation to the Committee for their energy, dedication and incredible support. It was very interesting to compare the 2014 with the 2015 Financial Report in the Card Purchases/card Sales area. In 2014 Card purchases (individual cards, decks and collections) was \$14,252. Card sales were \$16,971 - a profit of \$2,791.

In 2015 Card purchases, (again combining individual cards, decks and collections) was \$5,436. Card Sales in the same period was \$10,834 - a profit of \$5,398.

The reason? The Committee worked tirelessly to sort, collate and re-present cards that we already own. It is not particularly easy finding NEW cards as there are only so many printed each year. A number of members have started to re-collect cards that they have perhaps placed in one category, as they find it can be in another category. There are also a number of mini-series that are proving popular such as Peter Lang, Michel Design Works, Simon Lucas, Springbok etc.

When one is thinking of a successful club, there are a number of components. Firstly the Members – as without you there would be no club. Secondly the Committee, who are Members but are prepared to give more of their time. Thirdly the Sellers – you come along regularly with such beautiful and varied collections to offer members and visitors alike, the opportunity to view and purchase. In some cases you research and find that elusive card for an interested person's collection. Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to each and every one of you.

However we do need help and assistance at times and of course we would welcome anyone who felt they could help on the Committee for a while. We were so appreciative when two members, of their own volition took over and cleaned up after our Christmas afternoon tea. What a wonderful gesture. Then a relatively new member offered and helped pack up after our Autumn Fair. Sharing tasks makes the day go so much more smoothly.

Through member generosity with Raffles and additional funds from fairs we were able to make a couple of donations to Alkira which will help them in some small way.

As I have said on more than one occasion, it is quite amazing to think that an interest group started nearly 45 years ago, by half a dozen card collectors is still a viable and ongoing concern for future enthusiasts however we must now aim to get the next generation interested in collecting cards. One only has to look at the recent RSPCA and Woolworths promotions – goodness the cards and albums literally walked out of the stores and then Woolworths have also had incredible trading days - young people (and in some cases not so young!!!) avidly, enthusiastically trading, swapping cards for their collection.

We as a Club need to harness this enthusiasm. Card Collecting is a wonderful hobby, for people of all ages.
Thank You,

Hilary

GET WELL SOON

Our caring thoughts are with Members who are coping with ill health, either personally, or with family members and friends.

We were saddened to learn that Pat Jacobs, Loretta's mother-in-law passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this time.

"When someone you love dies keep them alive in your mind and imagination. Talk of their life and loves often. Honour their involvement in your days".

Exciting news about one of our members

Betty Collier, a member from Ballarat, was invited to represent Australia and participate in the Florence Biennale in Italy last year. Once you have been involved you are invited back. Unfortunately Australia doesn't fund their representatives and so it makes it a very expensive exercise for the artists. Betty's statues could weigh 70+ kg so there is the fact of transporting them and then the artists airfare. The Florence Biennale is a self-financed Art Exhibition and since 1997 has been held every two years at the Fortezza Da Basso.

Betty's two sculptures were The Cluster, carved alabaster on oregon (H 28cm W 40cm D 45cm) and Cluster No 3, carved alabaster on granite (H 24cm W 80cm D 30cm - see photo). Both sculptures are hand carved and polished, taking about two and a half years to complete. It is fascinating to read on Betty's web site about the background to each statue.

Betty not only participated; but also achieved world-wide recognition and came home with a medal – 3rd in the Sculpture section. CONGRATULATIONS!!

With another artist Betty spent 16 days in Florence and while there managed to see some of the beauty around Florence and not only win such a prestigious award; but also acquired a limited edition copy of a hand painted deck of cards combining another interest of hers – Card Collecting

Betty has received yet another honour this year and is to be included in three World Wide Art books in 2016 - 2017. The books are - June/July 2016 Current Masters Volume 2 (two pages). June/July 2017 Important World Artists Volume 2 (one page) and December 2017 International Contemporary Masters Volume 12 (one page)

Betty's other interests include walking, cycling, family, friends and of course collecting playing cards.

For anyone who is interested in sculpture, Betty will have a couple of pieces in the Association of Sculptors Exhibition at 600 Bourke Street Melbourne from the 8th – 26th August. Betty will be one of the minders on Wednesday 17th August, between 10.30 am – 2.00pm and would love anyone coming to visit, to say hello.

In talking with Betty she mentioned that she had given her granddaughter a small collection; but unlike her grandmother the card collecting spark hasn't as yet been ignited. Betty is hopeful of visiting one of the Club's meetings with her daughter who was also a collector. It's wonderful how collecting cards can be passed down through the generations.

It is so interesting to hear about our members other talents and interests. Thank you Betty for sharing a little bit about your extremely busy life with us.

To read more :

www.florencebiennale.org

www.bettycollier.com

www.wwab.us



Birthdays

To all Members having birthdays, Happy Birthday and a contented, healthy year to follow!

June: Jenny Elliott, Yvonne Foster, Monica Herten, Hilda Hulsbergen, Kristine Jones, Susan Jones, Paula Kemp, Sue Lacey

July: Betty Collier, Teresa Green, Jackie Kosmak, Julie Morgan, Lisa Robb, Lyn Ryan

August: Judith Akers, Jan Arnot, Jan Bettess, Jeff Dalton, Jean Downs, Julie Marcon, Miranda Northam, Pam Ogilvie

MELBOURNE PLAYING CARD COLLECTORS INC

Statement of Receipts and Payments
1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
\$	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$
16,971	Sales - cards	10,834
2,512	Sales - albums & sheets	1,069
105	Sales - other	772
42	Lists	-
2,748	Memberships	2,779
	Fair change	1,600
1,777	Mail order sales	-
575	Sellers fees	685
15	Postage	20
63	Donations	61
2,998	Raffles	2,118
1	Interest received	4
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27,807	TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,942
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
75	Afternoon tea	74
641	Albums & sheets	1,466
1,120	Alkira	1,386
150	Auditor's remuneration	200
- 1	Bank charges	-
11,994	Purchases - cards	3,248
2,258	Purchases - collections	2,188
50	Fees - annual return	53
657	Insurance - PL	682
90	Internet	90
376	Postage	401
1,857	Printing & stationery	656
23	Prizes	-
-	Refund of fair change	1,600
40	Royalty fees	-
184	Stall fees/fair goods	-
157	Sundry expenses	371
50	Telephone	-
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19,721	TOTAL PAYMENTS	12,415
8,086	SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	7,526
6,757	FUNDS BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2015	14,843
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14,843	FUNDS BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2015	22,369
	REPRESENTED BY:	
12,444	SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT	21,970
2,099	BUSINESS TRANSACTION ACCOUNT	-
300	CASH FLOAT - MEETINGS	300
0	PETTY CASH BALANCE	99
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Card History

“The Chase”

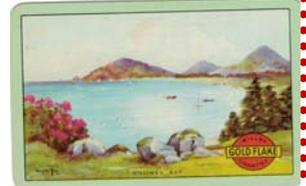
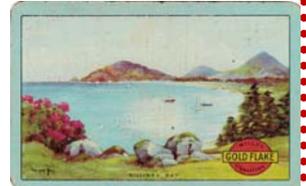
One of a series of four aquatints engraved by Robert Havell & Son after James Pollard and published in 1817 (reproduced by courtesy of Messrs F.T. Sabin Park House, Rutland Gate London)

These cards were used to advertise Players Please under the banner of John Banner & Sons (Branch of the Imperial Tobacco Co of Great Britain and Ireland, DUBLIN).



“Killiney Bay”

The beautiful Killiney Bay seen from the hills above Dalkey, Co. Dublin, presents the most unrivalled vista on Irelands east coast. The spacious crescent, stretching southwards in an arc of gleaming sands terminates in the bold headland of Bray head around whose cliff bound base the waves have fashioned rocks to weird and fantastic shapes. Ireland spreads the famed Vale of Shanganagh whose beauty is in field and tree and in the babbling streams that flow eternally to the sea. Enclosing the Vale are the Sugar Loaf Mountains – the old Irish call them

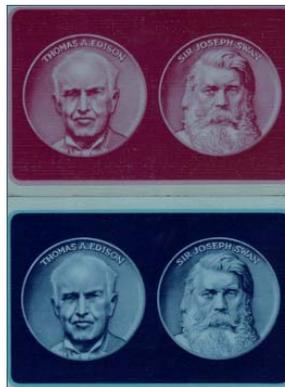


the Silver Spears – and the broad backed Djouce, foothills of the Wicklow Mountains.

These cards were used for advertising purposes and were issued by the Manufacturers of Wills GOLD FLAKE Cigarettes.

“Edison & Swan”

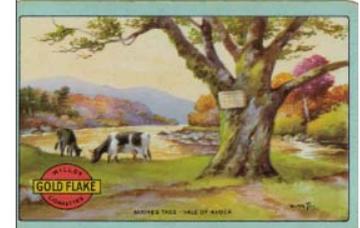
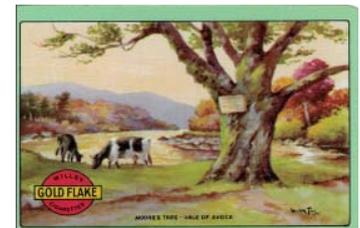
The modern electric light emanated from the work of two great men. Sir Joseph Wilson Swan introduced the first practical lamp in 1878 and in the same year Thomas Alva Edison was experimenting with a similar lamp which was the subject of a British patent on 1879. In 1883 the interests of Edison and Swan were amalgamated with the formation of The Edison & Swan United Electric light Company Ltd., which in 1916 became THE EDISON SWAN ELECTRIC CO LTD., the manufacturers of ROYAL “EDISWAN” LAMPS.



“Moore's Tree – Vale of Avoca”

“There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet” wrote Thomas Moore in his well known poem “The Meeting of the Waters”. Set to music this lovely lyric has captivated a million and inspired as many more to visit and see for themselves Avoca's wonderful charms.

Tradition claims that the poet lingered here and composed his verses in the leafy shade of a particular tree, whose gaunt skeleton now stands sentinel over this magical scene. The hillsides are covered with luxurious woodlands whose beauty and charm are enhanced by ripening fields and gaily blossoming hedgerows. The rivers are the Avonmore and Avonberg which from their confluence here meander southwards through the vale and add a murmuring magic to the sylvan splendour that is Avoca.



Communicating/trading contacts

People Interstate/overseas would like to communicate and/or trade with other people. Some have already agreed to their names being distributed. If you would like to be included please notify Hilary Oates with comments about your specific interests and we will circulate a list:

Tom Klein – Netherlands tb.klein@upcmail.nl Very interested in Jokers and Spade Aces

Alan Brunt – UK Alan.brunt@churchcards.co.uk Would like to trade 3 backs of cards for 1 Joker. Will send you scans of the backs and asks that you send scans of the Joker. He has not been collecting for very long so will be appreciative of any assistance.

Zeljko Horvat – Zagreb Croatia Vuycha@gmail.com Spade Aces are his major collecting point. He likes anything vintage or vintage looking. Does not like photographs. Likes illustrations and patterns. Also collects postage and revenue stamps.

Your committee for 2015

President: Hilary Oates 03 9725 2461
Vice President: Anita Castle 03 9899 6957
Secretary/Public Officer: Hilda Hulsbergen 03 9898 5701
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 Lorraine Smith 03 9435 0338
 Jeff Dalton 03 9705 8127

* LECC cards
 are Limited
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 Created Cards

*Please note: the cards pictured in this Newsletter may not be available from the club.
 The cards are not shown to scale.*



Forthcoming items of interest

Sunday 5th June – Displays will be Children and Cartoons

Saturday 2nd July – Displays all Birds

Sun 7th August – Displays Olympic Games Rio & cottages.

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Raffle winners

March: Jenny Elliott, Helen Stanton, Wendy Veal, Geoff Weeks **April:** Rosie Bishop, Dianne Carroll, Jeff Dalton, Ken Johns, Paula Kemp, Roma Kriening, Ivy Langsdon, John McWhirter, Pam Ogilvie, Geoff Weeks **May:** Jan Bettess, Paula Kemp, Ivy Langsdon, Bobby McWhirter, Wilma Ratcliffe, Lorraine Smith, Beryl Taylor, Geoff Weeks



A very warm welcome to new members... Mandy Goodwin, Susan Jones

Also to our regular day members - we enjoy seeing you at meetings!

Please remember!

At meetings, sign in and out in the attendance book (for OH&S reasons)
 Help out by washing and drying your own cup!



Bring a friend!

Merchandise available from MPCC Inc.

Ultra Pro sheets	15, 12, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 pocket (3 hole) 9 pocket (11 hole)	Box of 100	\$ 34.00
	9 pocket (3 hole)	Box of 100	\$ 30.00
		Per sheet	\$ 0.50
Inserts	White, off white, grey, pale blue	Bundle of 500	\$ 5.00
	Black	Bundle of 500	\$ 7.00
Clear card sleeves		Packet of 100	\$ 5.00
Cardboard strip spacers	for white page albums	Bundle of 50	\$ 6.50
Paper albums	Grey pages (used), various prices up to	per album	\$ 12.50
	Black pages (new Lark)	per album	\$ 20.00

Meetings

Alkira Centre, 3 Thurston Street, Box Hill 3128 – Melways reference 47 C10

General meetings: 1:00-4:00pm

Fair days: 11am-3:30pm

Fees

Subscriptions \$30/year due by April AGM

Secondary School age students \$10/year (unfortunately Primary School age students not permitted by Alkira) - an exception is made for our fair days where any child accompanied by an adult may attend.

Sellers \$5/meeting for standard table. Day members \$5 (includes afternoon tea and covers MPCC for insurance purposes)

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