



# The Lilac Hinge

Inland Empire Philatelic Society, PO Box 3731, Spokane, WA 99220

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (except July & December),  
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## April 23 Meeting

### Program

Ken Rehfeld, *The Sun Never Sets on International Harvester*

### Auctions

We will have both silent and live auctions with lots of new material after the program. Please come early if you are bringing items for sale in the live auction.

## May 14 Board Meeting and Stamp Mixture Night, 6:30 PM

Purchase stamps from mixtures and worldwide collections that the club continues to buy. The club just bought a new batch of albums to sort through at only 8 cents each or 175 for \$10. New material is added frequently.

### Closed Album: *Howard Ness*

Longtime member Howard Ness passed away recently. Howard lived in Federal Way, Washington in recent years, after his wife passed away and his health began to fail. Many of us will remember him as a Board member, club auctioneer, and for his involvement with John Arn in the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Howard collected postal history, including a large collection of Spokane, Hawaii, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and misc. other things. He was an IEPS life member, known for helping other members, and knowledgeable about many philatelic subjects. Howard will be missed by all who knew him.

**Last call for 2024 dues:** If you haven't paid your 2024 dues, this will be your last issue. Pay now to avoid being dropped.

## May 11 Weekend in Wallace

Be sure to join us for a joint meeting with the Garden City Stamp Club of Missoula, MT. The meeting includes presentations by members of both clubs, a lively auction, and an optional dinner following the meeting.

- **Location:** the Wallace Inn (100 Front Street, I-90 exit 61)
- **Cost:** \$13 to attend the meeting, or \$30 if staying for the dinner (pork loin, potato, vegetable, salad, dessert, tea, coffee, water and fountain drinks)
- **Sign ups:** We do need a head count, so please sign up at the April meeting or contact Ken Rehfeld ([kenrehfeld@comcast.net](mailto:kenrehfeld@comcast.net)) or J Palmer at ([ickyburg@comcast.net](mailto:ickyburg@comcast.net))

You can also spend the night at the Wallace Inn (208-752-1252) or the nearby Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, and slightly cheaper, 208-556-1571). Contact either hotel for prices and to make reservations.

# Club Silent Auction Lots for the April 23 Meeting

Lot #	Description	Catalogue value	Minimum bid
7961	Czechoslovakia, Scott 239, 251, souvenir sheets	\$7.50	\$2.00
7962	Iran, Scott 104-19, used	\$79.45	\$15.00
7963	Iran, Scott 90-100, mint	\$117.25	\$23.00
7964	Cilicia, Scott 82-83, 76-77, 61, 52, mint	\$44.00	\$9.00
7965	US, football coaches, Scott 3143-46; & 4 Rose Bowl event covers	\$43.00	\$8.50
7966	Mark McGuire 2 St. Louis Cardinals event covers		\$5.00
7967	Selection of USPS mint year sets and Stamp Cards	\$40.00	\$5.00
7968	Sierra Leone selection of 25 stamps	\$10.00	\$2.00
7969	Canada selection of 46 stamps	\$15.00	\$3.00
7970	USPS assorted country/topic collections in 9 mini albums	\$27.00	\$5.00
7971	USPS 1982, 1983, 1984 Year Sets	\$30.00	\$5.00
7972	US assortment of 85 precancels	\$25.00	\$5.00
7973	US, 20 assorted event covers	\$20.00	\$4.00
7974	100s of "D" countries on pages		\$10.00
7975	Book: <i>The Whole World Stamp Catalog Pictorial</i>		\$5.00
7976	Book: <i>Cancellations of Mexico, 1858-1874</i>	\$50.00	\$10.00
7977	Book: <i>Cancellations of Mexico, 1874-1900</i>	\$50.00	\$10.00
7978	Portugal, Scott 2201, 2164b, 2190a, 2195, souvenir sheets	\$17.25	\$3.50
7979	Portugal, Scott 2506, 2652a, 2789, souvenir sheets	\$14.35	\$3.00
7980	Greece selection in dealer book with some duplication	\$75.00	\$5.00

## Chuck Jones

Longtime member and former Board member Chuck Jones has had some health problems recently and is in the VA Hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

## April 2024 *American Philatelist*

Newsletter editor and IEPS member Larry Mann had an article published in this month's *American Philatelist*. The article is in the special issue on *Hometown Philately*, and titled *A Postal History Find! A decades-long search shaves more than 3 years off the earliest cover from Spokane.*

## 2024 Officers

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# Howard Ness obituary

## NESS, Howard B.

Howard Benedict Ness, 88, passed away on March 5, 2024, in Federal Way, Washington, from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Howard was born on July 28, 1935, in Great Falls, Montana, to Ordway ("Ord") Ness and Marion Benedict. He and his family moved to Billings, where Howard graduated from Billings High School in 1953. Howard attended the University of Montana, graduating with a



degree in business in 1957. In college, Howard was a member of the SAE fraternity and was enrolled in the Army ROTC program. It was in college that he met Beverley Bumgarner, whom he married in Great Falls, Montana, on July 13, 1957. After the wedding, the couple moved to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, where Howard served as a Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps.

After completing his Army service, Howard and Beverley returned to Montana and later settled in Spokane, Washington. In Spokane, Howard first operated Howard's Photo Center, but subsequently made a career change to Real Estate, first at Rogers & Rogers, then opening America West, and finally at Properties One.

For decades, Howard was an active and respected member of the Spokane business and civic community. He served on the Board of Deaconess Hospital, was a member and past president of the Spokane Board of Realtors, and a member of the Spokane Real Estate Trader's Club. Howard was an active member of Spokane Rotary Club 21, serving as president in 1996-1997. He was also a member of Shriners International, a 33rd degree Mason, and a member of The Westerners.

An avid philatelist who enjoyed collecting stamps and philatelic paper from many parts of the world including Japan, the Philippines, and Hawaii, Howard started collecting stamps at age 6. He was a long-time member of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society, and over the years frequently attended and was an exhibitor at philatelic shows in the Pacific Northwest. Howard was also a lifelong outdoor sportsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting with family and friends.

Howard was preceded in death by his wife, Beverley, who passed in 2018. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Matlick, and son-in-law, David Matlick of Federal Way, Washington; granddaughter, Sarah Matlick; and brother, Donald Ness. There will be a private (immediate family only) interment at Greenwood Memorial Terrace on April 20, 2024. Monetary donations in Howard's name may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.