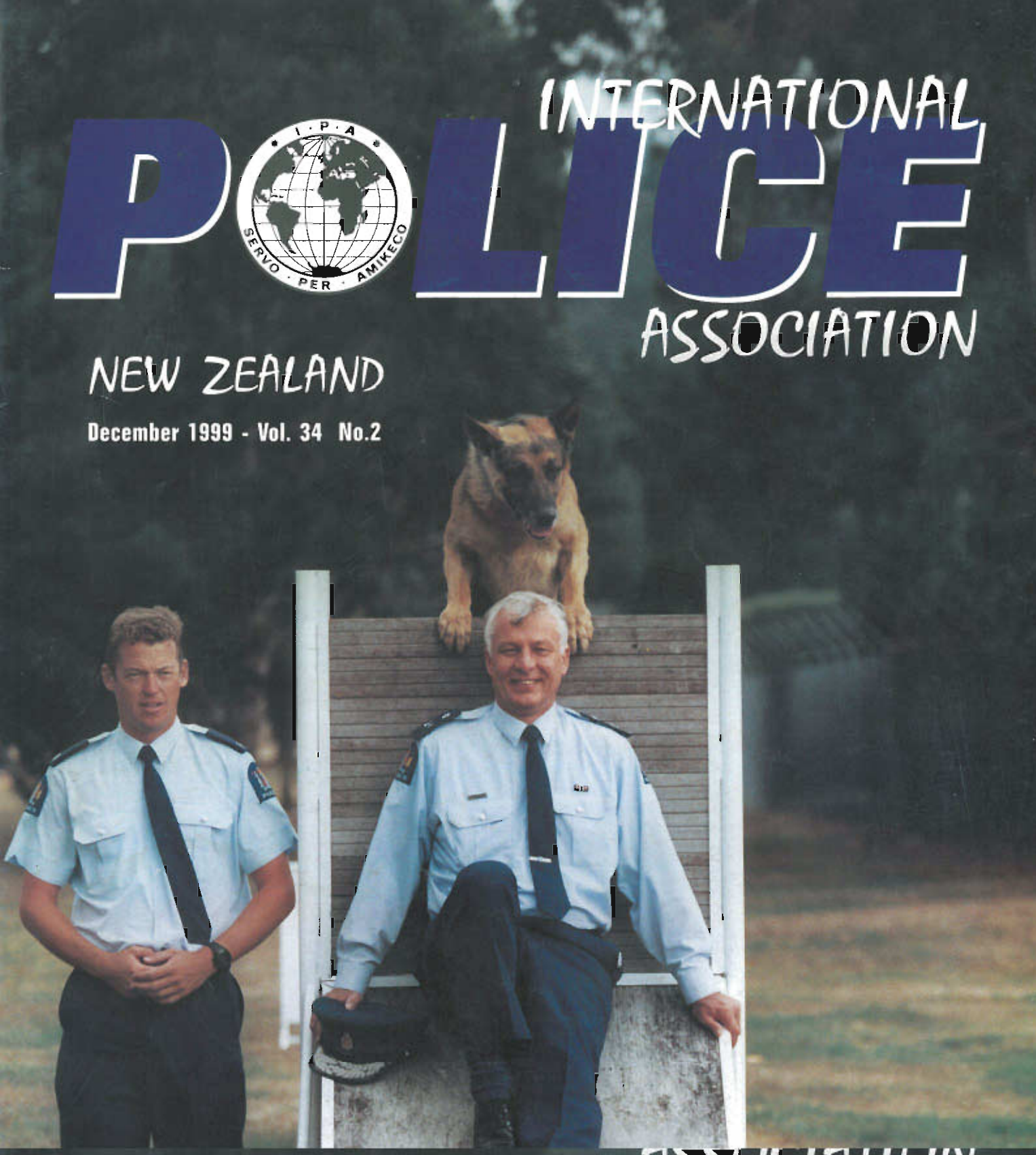
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In the 1999 Police National dog trials Mark Mitchell, a new national photographer was asked to take unusual photographs of the trials.

Bruce Hutton Wellington Police photographer took the opportunity standing behind Mark when he took the photograph of the Police dog jumping over IPA member NZ Police Commissioner Peter Doone.



Constable Kevin Weatherley & Rajah
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From the Editor to You

Editor's Message

It seems a long time since April and the AGM at which I inherited the role of Editor from Elaine O'Hara, who had made such a fine job of producing the Journal since 1996. It was a fitting tribute from the New Zealand Section, when President John Coomber made a presentation to Elaine then.

Elaine had been the Editorial Assistant to Carole Tipler when she was Editor, and stepped into the editorial shoes when Carole stood down after her long, successful stint in the job. I am very grateful that Elaine has generously offered even more of her time, in undertaking to continue to act as Editorial Assistant during my term as Editor.

This is my first experience at being a journal editor, although over the years I have been Assistant Editor of this journal, and have been involved in producing, and even writing books concerned with Police history. These days I have now assumed the title of being a retired policeman, although at present the Police have contracted me back part time to work on historical projects and to administer the Police honours and awards.



In both of these roles I have the privilege of learning almost at first hand about the fine selfless efforts put in by today's police men and women, and non sworn staff, in serving the communities they live in, around New Zealand. It is this same spirit of service that New Zealand Police members share with members of the IPA around the world.

The contributors who have made the New Zealand Section Journal such a good one have once again been to the fore for this issue. My heartfelt thanks are offered to "the team" for giving of their time and talents, and for being so patient while the means of producing this journal were determined.

As contributors, we hope IPA members will find the contents of the journal both interesting and informative, and are keen to be able to continue to provide you with this magazine on a regular basis. In the meantime, take care and we will look forward to producing the next one in the Year 2000.

Sherwood Young

From the President's Desk

President's Message

It has been more than six months since the last Journal. Unfortunately our publisher was unable to continue, adding to the difficulties we have experienced for the past two years. It has been a frustrating time for our new editor Sherwood Young, who has been waiting for several months to produce this issue. As you will see, we have no advertising support for this issue. A great deal of thought has gone into the future of the Journal, and production of this issue was held off until after the October NEB meeting. I am grateful to Bruce Hutton and Clint Libby for their assistance in producing this issue. This is your magazine, and your input and ideas would be appreciated by the editor, so please let him know your thoughts.

Our AGM was a successful and pleasant weekend in Wellington, and those of us who went to Kapiti Island enjoyed a beautiful day and wonderful hospitality. Ace O'Hara was made a Life Member and a presentation was made to Elaine O'Hara in appreciation of her contribution as editor for the past three years. Bruce Hutton was also honoured as he stood down as Secretary General. We welcomed Brian Seager as Assistant Secretary General and Marlene Merriman as our new Travel Secretary.

Some of you on email will be aware that a monthly newsletter is being sent out from the International Administration Centre in Nottingham by that means. I have really appreciated receiving up to date news directly, as in the past it has sometimes taken months to receive important information from other countries. If you wish to receive this news please contact Arthur Mahan, our new Secretary General.

It was a great honour to receive an invitation to attend the 35th anniversary celebrations of the Israeli IPA Section in September. Christine and I attended the celebrations, which included a tour of much of Israel over an eight-day period. We are very grateful to Nissim Moaz, the President of Section Israel, for his kind invitation and the wonderful hospitality shown to us by our hosts. Delegations from all over Europe attended as well as Africa and the USA. We met Antal Fodor and Istvan Szucs, the President and Treasurer from Hungary who hosted us and the Australians in Hungary last year prior to the IEC in Athens. It was wonderful to meet up with such good friends despite the disadvantage for us of the language barrier. IPA Israel is the third largest section with 20,000 members. They are keen to host a group of New Zealand IPA members for a tour of Israel in return for us hosting a tour of NZ for a similar sized group of their members. I hope that we can achieve this at some time in the future because Israel is such a wonderful country to visit and the IPA hospitality was unbelievable.

I will be attending the IEC meeting in Menorca from 2 to 6 November. We will have no observers at this meeting but Arthur Mahan and Dave Couling will attend the 50th Anniversary World Congress in Bournemouth next May as observers. I have already asked Regions to consider ways of raising money so that we can make a large contribution to the International Save the Children Fund which the British Section have decided is to be the recipient of our world wide donations to celebrate our 50th anniversary. I would ask that all IPA members donate money through their regional committees early in the New Year, so that the money can be forwarded to the British Section prior to the Congress in May. This is a tangible way in which we can show our appreciation for benefits we all share from membership of IPA.



As this is the last issue of our Journal this century, I wish all members a happy, safe and rewarding festive season and hope to see you at the first AGM of the new millennium in Wellington.

Servo Per Amikeco
John Coomber

From the Secretary General's Desk

Secretary General

At our Annual General meeting in April I was affirmed in the position of Secretary General. I must thank Bruce Hutton for the dedication he has given the position as Secretary General in the years he held the position. He has set a hard act for me to follow.

Who am I you may ask. I retired/perfed from the N.Z. Police in April 1998 after 32 years service, the first as a Cadet then in Wellington, Southland and North Otago. A national company presently employs me in the debt recovery field. There are, of course, several changes. My home address is 11 Meon St, Oamaru, phone (03) 437-0451, fax (03) 437-2244 and e-mail arthurm@es.co.nz.

The I.P.A. post box at Porirua is no longer used - all mail should be sent to Box 195, Oamaru, 8901.

I will continue to manage the membership database and issue new and duplicate membership cards to members. Membership applications should be forwarded through Districts as at present. Any correspondence will be handled between Brian Seager, our new Assistant Secretary General, and myself. Other than that it is business as usual. If you are not sure who to contact, send it to me - I will forward it on to the right place. There have been a number of new appointments - these are listed throughout this publication.

Our main object for the near future has to be an increase in membership of our Organisation. The N.E.B. is actively pursuing this and promotional material should soon be distributed. I intend to investigate the possibilities of our Web Site - there is much more information which can be included on it of interest to all members. For those who cannot find it look at www.waipu.co.nz/IPA. I hope to include on the site the membership application form and other forms presently printed in the Journal. Regions will be advised when this has been done. If you have any ideas of what could be included please let me know. You will have noticed that this copy of the Journal has no advertising. This has come about be the demise of our previous publisher earlier this year. In an effort to keep members informed the N.E.B. has decided on this format at the present time. Distribution has been by the Regional Committees in an attempt to keep the cost down.

The 2000 Annual General Meeting was allocated to Christchurch at the past A.G.M., however, as you will see elsewhere, the venue has been changed to Wellington. This is in line with N.E.B. policy of keeping costs to the minimum.



It doesn't seem like only a few weeks to Christmas, but in any case may you all have an enjoyable Christmas and may the New Year, or millennium, bring you happiness.

Arthur Mahan
Secretary General

Notices

IPA AGM/International Youth Gathering

The 2000 Annual General meeting of the International Police Association, New Zealand Section Inc, will be held at the Wellington Central Police Station on Friday 31 March 2000. Afternoon tea will be at 3pm and the meeting will commence at 4pm.

The Region 4 Wellington Section will host this meeting.

Notices of motion should be forwarded through Regional Committees to reach the Secretary General at least 30 days before the AGM. This is no later than 29 February 2000.

Arthur Mahan
Secretary General

An International Youth Gathering will be held in the Republic of San Marino (a small country totally surrounded by Italy) between Sunday 9 July and Sunday 23 July 2000 (inclusive).

Applications to participate are invited from children or grandchildren of IPA members aged between 15 and 18 years of age. The cost of attendance is $US600.

Two positions are available for New Zealand IPA nominees. Applications must be received by the Secretary General, PO Box 195 Oamaru, 8901, by 22 December 1999. Selections will be made by 31 January 2000.

Application forms are available from each Regional Secretary and the IYG Co-ordinator, Dave Couling, telephone (04) 526-6011 (home) or (04) 381-0069 (work).

Dave Couling
Vice President
IYG Co-ordinator

International Police Association

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    I declare that I now apply for Ordinary/Associate* membership of the New Zealand Section of the International Police Association and that I agree with the aims and objects of the said Association as laid down in the Constitution and Rules that I shall conform to such rules as may be made by the New Zealand Section of the International Poliee Association. I will endeavour to further the work of the Association by fulfilling the obligation of membership and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by 1 January each year. My joining fee of $11.25 (including GST) is enclosed. Authority for Credit Union deduction for payment of my annual subscription is also enclosed.

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Life Member

Bob (Ace) O'Hara



President John Coomber with new life member Bob (Ace) O'Hara at April AGM in Wellington

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Thank You for Writing...

Holiday in New Zealand, 1 May 1999

New Zealand is a beautiful country with lots of scenic attractions, particularly the unique thermal pool and the mountainous scenery. The weather is just cosy but most important of all, the warm hospitality of Bob (Ace) & Elaine O'Hara and Alex & Norma de Kort wrapped up the holiday with an excellent rating, truly upholding the IPA Motto, Servo per Amikeco.



At the top of the Summer Alpine Magic of New Zealand, Whakapapa.



Bob (Acc) O'Hara and Chong Teng Kok in front of the Chateau Hotel, Tongariro National Park, NZ.

Bob & Elaine and Alex & Norma de Kort have been serving in the IPA for more than 20 years and though they are in their late sixties, they never seem to run out of energy, a big contrast with many of the Singaporeans who would very much like to be assisted in crossing a road or climbing a flight of steps.



Bob and Chong at the hilltop of the hydro power station, Wairakei Valley.

They are very knowledgeable about New Zealand's history and geography.

Their resourcefulness and helpfulness in IPA give you the VIP treatment; from sumptuous breakfast to delicious dinner and from morning walk to bedtime reading we were well cared for. Indeed it was an unforgettable holiday for my wife Wendy and I.



IPA lunch at O'Haras. From left to right. Ace, Judy Pegler, Ruth Hoeter (Queensland), Vic Smith (West Australia), Wendy Chong, Elaine O'Hara.

From 7 to 30 March 1999, Wendy and I were guests of Bob & Elaine O'Hara, who were the National Travel Secretary and Editor respectively. We stayed in their house for a week and the various Police homes for 10 days.



Bob (Ace) presenting an IPA plaque to Chong Teng Kok with Wendy Chong witnessing the ceremony, in front of Bob & Elaine's house.

Bob & Elaine planned the holiday for us way back in 1998 and they drove us around almost every part of the North Island, taking the pains to explain to us the minute details of the various scenic attractions; Auckland City, Mount Maunganui, Chateau Tongariro National Park, Napier Art Deco, Rotorua Thermal area, Rainbow Springs, Crater of the Moon, Paihia, Waitangi Treaty House and many others.

In the South Island, we were met by Alex and Norma de Kort. Staying miles away from Christchurch, they took the trouble to pick us up for some very beautiful sightseeing, despite their busy schedule.

On the day we left the South Island for Auckland, they took two hours to drive all the way from their home to see us at Christchurch to make sure that we did not miss our flight, even if it was only a fifteen minute meeting. This was yet another excellent reflection of Servo per Amikeco.

Incidentally, Alex and Norma de Kort were a very positive living couple and once when they were holidaying in Bali, an island of Indonesia, Alex was pickpocketed and the couple was 100 British pounds poorer.

Instead of crying "boo boo", Alex told me that he was in a way glad that the 100 pounds must have made some Balinese and their families very happy. At least, these people would not go hungry for a period of time.

Yours truly,
Chong Teng Kok, Singapore



Alex & Norma de Kort with the Chongs in front of the Cathedral at Christchurch, New Zealand.



The Chongs with Georgina & Gordon McDonald at their home in Hamilton. Georgina works at the Hamilton Police Station.



Bob & Chong with Georgina & Gordon in front of the Hamilton Police Station.



Bob & Chong with Sr. Sgt. Rob Van Kalken of the Hamilton Police Station.



Thank You for Writing

I wish to express my appreciation to the New Zealand IPA organisation after having spent six weeks there from 19 January to 1 March, 1999. I am a very new IPA member and thanks to the excellent assistance of Ace O'Hara, as well as the help and friendship of several IPA members we met, we found our trip was made very memorable.

Diana & I arrived in Auckland on 19 January and were met at the airport by friends Lindsay and Fay Todd and their son Martin who opened their home to us in Auckland. We spent a few days with them and were honoured to have been able to attend the retirement party for Lindsay where we met many of his relatives and friends.

We then travelled to Paihia and took a tour through the Kauri forest to 90 Mile Beach and Cape Reinga where we had our photo taken at the northern tip of the North Island. After spending a few days in the Paihia area we travelled by bus to Rotorua and spent four days touring the area. While in Rotorua I was able to make contact with IPA members throughout New Zealand which Ace had arranged, thanks to the assistance of Robynne at the Police Station.

We then travelled to Napier where we were met at the bus station by Alan Monk. He took us to their home where we spent a lovely dinner and evening with Alan and his wife Sally. The next day they showed us around the area and that evening they hosted a barbecue with several very interesting friends who offered many suggestions for the remainder of our trip.

The following day the Monks and ourselves hit the wine trail around Napier. Needless to say we had a great day and a relaxing evening. On Monday prior to our departure Alan took us to an Art Deco walking tour of Napier, which we found was most interesting. We then travelled to Wellington where we were met at the bus by Dave Couling. He took us to their home where his wife Glenis had prepared a delicious dinner.

The next morning he drove us to Wellington where we visited the Police Infringement Bureau and learned much about the processing of infractions connected with the use of speed cameras in New Zealand. Afterwards we met Lawrie and Rita Philpott, who took us to a luncheon at the Police College where we met a number of retired police officers and their spouses. We also met Glenys Walker, Secretary of IPA Wellington Region, who presented us with a lovely book about New Zealand. This was followed by an interesting tour of the facilities and afterwards we spent the afternoon in the company of Lawrie and Rita. That evening Glenis Couling prepared a lovely dinner of New Zealand lamb and mint sauce. The next few days were spent touring Wellington and on the last evening we were treated to dinner with several other IPA members and their spouses. The following day we took the ferry to the South Island and travelled by bus to Nelson. Penny Patterson made contact with us and took us on a most enjoyable tour of the Nelson area where we were able to view some beautiful scenery.

After spending a few days in Westport and Franz Josef we went to Greymouth where Josh Sturkenboom met us and took us around to see the main sights. We then went back to the Police Station where we had a tour of the facilities and learned of some of the interesting projects involving Josh with the local youth. We then took the TranzAlpine train from Greymouth to Christchurch and enjoyed the amazing scenery . The next morning we travelled to Queenstown where we took a tour to Milford Sound. After spending a few days in the Queenstown area we travelled to Invercargill and one of the highlights was having our picture taken at Bluff.

We then travelled to Dunedin where we were met by Bruce Duncan and spent an enjoyable evening at his lovely home. After spending another day in Dunedin we travelled to Christchurch where we were met by Barry Thackwell who drove us around the city and showed us the highlights of the area. Barry and Ruth took us into their home and introduced us to their family and most interesting farm animals, which we found to be a real novelty. They treated us like family and insisted we take Ruth's car. We were so happy to have been able to bring the car back in one piece. We really enjoyed the parks and gardens including "The Wizard" during our visit to Christchurch.

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end so we travelled back to Auekland to prepare to leave New Zealand. Our good friends Lindsay and Fay Todd again opened up their home to us. I spent a very memorable birthday with these good friends and the following day we left with them for the weekend on a very interesting excursion to Whangarei and area. We again met many of their family and friends on this weekend trip at a family occasion who were anxious to hear about our trip. And who but good friends, Lindsay and Fay, would get up at 4 a.m. to drive us to the airport.

Diana and I cannot stress enough how much we appreciated and enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship we realised during this trip. We only hope that it will not be too long before we can return the favour in Canada.

In closing we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all IPA members in New Zealand, especially those involved in our trip.

Sincerely
Frank & Diana Cranton

Off the Wire

News and Views from around the Regions

Region One, Hi everyone,

Here we are on the down hill slide to the Millennium.

I think all of the New Zealand Police geared up well for APEC, which is only a short while ago now. With 2500 Police coming to Auckland this put a strain on all resources throughout the country. I know the staff working on Apec worked hard but so too did the staff left behind to hold the fort.

In the last issue I wrote about Niels Kastius and Ute Illner who were from Hamburg, Germany. They travelled around New Zealand on bicycles, found out that they enjoyed our country so much that they decided to get married here.

This they did in their own unique way getting married in the underground caves near Westport, on the 14th of March. They then went on to Australia where our criminal neighbours showed they haven't lost any of the old ways, when some-one broke into the 4 wheel drive they were using.

Tim and Bronwyn Radcliffe hosted a CHP officer Hal Corbin who stopped in for a week. Hal was fortunate enough to get a ride on the Eagle helicopter, which the guys back home are envious of.

Unfortunately for one reason or another I haven't caught up with the news of other visitors to Auckland.



Wee Geordie Fisher cut his Australasian trip short so didn't quite make it to New Zealand. I have been appointed to the position of Associate secretary for USA and Canada so hopefully I will be able to help those members wanting IPA contacts in USA/Canada.

For those who are travelling to the USA a good friend Marty Mamuyac has opened a two bedroom holiday home in Saeramento. Members wishing to use this can either contact me or Marty direct on martysaeto@aol.com.

Those people looking forward to the Christmas get togethers mark this date on your calendar. Sunday 21 November is when the Auckland branch will be holding their annual luncheon.

All the best, Scotty McGill

Region Three

Garth Stone retired on 14 May and his farewell a week later went well into the night. He surprised his wife Linda by presenting her with a cheque for "a dollar for all of the uniform shirts she had ironed" over the years. They are staying in New Plymouth and have plans for overseas travel.

Our Chaddy's Charters trip has had to go down on to the "reserved for next Summer" list, but rest assured, it will happen! On 8 June 31 members enjoyed our second Flicks dinner and movie function. This time, those who were interested were taken on a tour of the complex. Most of those who did so were fascinated by the modern set up of projectors which are operated automatically by one projectionist who runs the films for all five cinemas. The ticketing system is computer based and tracks the sales of seats for each session. For Max and Linda Morresey, this was their last function before their move back to Palmerston North. They are now in England staying with family until after the Rugby World Cup. They should have a good story to tell when they return.

Dave and Moira Armstrong recently enjoyed a trip to Bali. On 2 October Tony Brownrigg and his friend Catherine were off to Hawaii.

During the weekend of 17-18 July, Region 3 and four Region 2 members invaded the holiday homes at Rotorua for a fun time that included mountain biking, riding the Luge, golf, horse-riding and soaking in hot pools. Some of the Taranaki contingent travelled over on the Friday afternoon by van, with the rest arriving by car. Heavy rain fell in the evenings, but the days were dry and all planned activities were conquered. Tony Browrigg led the nine mountain bikers (some of them hadn't been on a bike for 35 years) into the forest. There were a couple of spectacular spills but no injuries. Tony, his girlfriend Catherine and Alan Merriman decided to do an extra hour's riding (described as full-on mountain biking) and although the latter is almost twice their age, they were impressed by his enduranee and agility. The Luge was fun with many trying it for the first time and overcoming their fears of the chairlift ride back up to the top. Even Carole Tipler's Mum Mary, who is 70-something, enjoyed the experience. All in all, it was a great fun weekend. Photos will be available for a later issue.



We welcome Grant Dobson from the City CPC, and Wayne Broadmore from Fitzroy CPC in New Plymouth and David Gillies from Waipukurau as new members.

The ski weekend from 12 to 15 August was fully booked (48 people) with some on the waiting list.

Our AGM was held in September in conjunction with a Chinese banquet to ensure that if anyone arrived feeling hungry, they would have no excuse for leaving in the same state.

Planned activities for the rest of the year include white water rafting, dam busting, a barbecue, pitch and putt, and the Chaddy's charter trip.

Les Sharp

Region Four

Well it seems a long time since I last wrote with the happenings in our area. It is good to see another publication of our magazine. This is the first one by the new editor Sherwood Young and at the time of writing I have no idea what it will look like but hope that it is as good as Elaine and Bob O'Hara's ones have been in the past. Sherwood has recently retired from the Office of the Commissioner (PNHQ) and we wish him a long and healthy retirement and a successful editorship.

On a sad note retired Chief Superintendent Bob Moore died on 3 July 1999 and our sympathy goes out to his family.



Angela, Andy & Louis in my office after a few drinks and the presentation of gifts.

Retired Sergeant Peter Orr (Commissioner's driver) and retired Chief Inspector Jean Dougall are both unwell at present and Dave Paterson has broken his hip. (I have just heard that Peter Orr died in early August). We extend our best wishes to Jean and Dave for a speedy recovery.

The AGM was held in Wellington in April with the usual meetings and social events. The highlight for me was the trip to the northern end of Kapiti Island. The weather was great and the bird life was abundant and friendly. You could get to within a few feet of the native wood pigeons.

We were able to explore that part of the island before having a barbecue. A most enjoyable day and recommended.



We have had a number of visitors here from all over the world. Those I am aware of include Louis Greuter a patrol sergeant from Lichtenvoode Eastern Holland near the German border, Frank and Ruth Hoeter and Joan and Jim Dutton from Hervey Bay Queensland and Andy and Angela (sorry surname forgotten) retired from the London Metropolitan Police.

Dave Couling also hosted retired Superintendent Frank Cranton and his wife Diana from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Well that is about all the news that I can muster for our Region. Until next time!

Regards - Clint Libby

Region Five

Bugger me. Don't you hate it when you sit down and you have nothing to write about. An exception, some would say, for me not to have something to say. Canterbury, the home of three cricket trophies, the Super 12 and the champion B grade brass band, (yet again - 3 out of 4 years) showed the great winter effects. Snow-covered mountains and crisp days, and the odd days, to make us feel more "at one with Jaffa city", when it rains. No volcanic ash on our snow here.

Queenstown had a dump of about one metre of snow in 24 hours. It brings the tourists here, but few seem to be members of IPA. Having spoken to our man, Barry (who knows such things), I am informed that there have been no visitors of late.

Through banding, I met a group of bright young bands-folk all the way from Scotland. They are members of the Perthshire Brass band, and they raised $NZ150,000 to have a trip, celebrating 21 years in existence. Quite an achievement for such a young group. There were some very talented young musicians amongst them. One of the tour organisers was a Maori woman who used to hail from Gisborne. They thought the cold snap we had reminded them of the homeland.



So there it is from Canterbury. It is surprising how much can be said about so little, by so few, isn't it?

Bye for now.
Blue Caldwell

Hello from Sunny Nelson

We've been having a quiet time of it lately with everything put on hold for review. However the babies still keep coming so a few congratulations are in order:-

Congratulations to Gerard and Caroline Robinson who have a wee brother for Jaydon. Benjamin was born on 16 July 1999. Tracy and Phil Daly also had a wee boy, his name is Madison and he was born on 14 July 1999. Dave Allen has resigned as Home Host Co-Ordinator for the Nelson branch of the IPA. Dave has done an excellent job over the years arranging accommodation and sightseeing for visitors to the Tasman District. He also spent a number of years as the writer of this column. He has been a hard act to follow with his quick wit and way with words. We wish you all the best Dave and thank you very much for your contributions to the magazine.

Paul Latham also has taken promotion and gone to Papakura Station. As a result he will no longer be Chairman of the Nelson Branch of the IPA. Paul has been a longstanding active member of the IPA and his efforts over the years have been much appreciated.

Yours truly has taken over the role of Chairman and new member to the IPA, Rose Linde, is now Secretary.



Well sorry not much more for this time around.

All the best.
Penny Patterson

Region Six Our region has again been quiet, with only one couple of IPA visitors who stayed with Bruce Duncan. Phil Jones of Queenstown has advised me that he would be available to assist any IPA visitors to that area. Phil has been at Queenstown for some time now, and I welcome his assistance in an area that seems to attract a large number of overseas visitors.

Brian Laney of Dunedin has finally shifted to Australia after talking about moving there for quite some time.

Colin Lind of Dunedin retired after 39 years service, which started in the Dunedin City Council Traffic Department, then the Ministry of Transport, then the New Zealand Police. Bob Hurring is also retired following 35 years in the Dunedin City Council Traffic Department, Transport Department, Ministry of Transport, then the New Zealand Police. Brendan Thomson recently surprised more than one colleague with his interesting shade of "blonde" hair. From a distance he looks quite distinguished. It's taking some time to grow out, BT!!

Bill Rakuraku has been overseas recently, and was reported to be ill in hospital. Our best wishes to your return to health, Bill.

As quite a number of members are on the Internet, could those who are please advise Arthur Mahan at arthurm@es.co.nz of their e-mail address so as he can update your address.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 14 September 1999 at the Dunedin Central Police Station, 7.30 pm in the First Floor Conference Room.

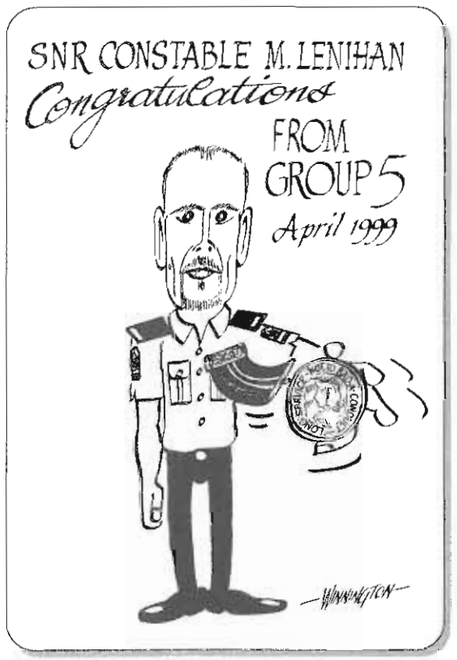


Until next time, that's about all from the Deep South.

Trevor Buchanan

Snr. Constable Lenihan

You know you're a Senior Constable when...



Recently I had the privilege to present to Senior Constable Mark Lenihan of the Central Communications Centre at Wellington his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to commemorate his 14 years service in the New Zealand Police. I put on an afternoon tea and all his work mates attended (just for the free food?) and I said a few words on behalf of the Police when I made the presentation.

Peter Winnington, a Wellington member of the IPA, and a work colleague is a very good artist. He presented Mark with this picture to commemorate the event. In reply Mark gave an acceptance speech which is the best I have heard, entitled "You know you're a Senior Constable when"... Mark kindly donated a copy of the picture and his speech notes which are worthy of reproducing here.

Clint Libby

You know you're a Senior Constable when you look around the room and see people who were only 9, when you were at the Police College.

You know you're a Senior Constable when you still remember changing the ribbon on your type writer while typing your first arrest file.

You know you're a Senior Constable when you've worked over 140 weeks of night shift and your boss wonders why you are hell-bent on being known as "No Nights Lenny".

You know you're a Senior Constable when your hair has grown an average of 3 metres since your graduation photo was taken- but you have no evidence of it.

You know you're a Senior Constable when you've worked nearly 10 years with the word INCIS and only saw it 2 days ago.

You know you're a Senior Constable when every time you hear the word PERF your ears prick up and your heart skips a beat.

You know you're a Senior Constable when you have an extra 30 seconds to finish your PCT.

You know you're a Senior Constable when you're still buying ABBA CD's because they played "Dancing Queen" at your graduation.

You know you're a Senior Constable when the only changes in your wardrobe after 14 years are shoulder patches on your shirts.

You know you're a Senior Constable when you've achieved something the Commissioner never did.

You know you will always be a Senior Constable when your performance appraisal continues to say "shows potential - Could try harder".

You know you will always be a Senior Constable when you see Senior Sergeants with three letters in their QID.

You know you will always be a Senior Constable when you make your medal presentation double as your birthday shout.

You know you're a Senior Constable because at the end of the day, and all is said and done you really enjoy the job and the people and appreciate the recognition of 14 years service - thank you.

The Day Praying Stopped

The Prayer Book Rebellion

If you're travelling to the West Country this year spare a thought for events which occurred there 450 years ago when, in the summer of 1549, some of the bloodiest battles ever to take place on British soil were fought in the name of religious freedom. This was the year of the "Prayer Book Rebellion".

It was a spontaneous revolt brought about by the introduction of Archbishop Cranmer's new English Book of Common Prayer and, at the same time, a ban on the popular Latin Mass. Many would argue that, as most of the population was illiterate, it shouldn't have made much difference, since they couldn't read anyway! But they knew the old service by heart and change was the last thing the deeply religious population wanted. As clergy introduced the new Order of Service, so congregations protested, and in Cornwall many joined forces to march on London to give vent to their feelings. In Devon, however, events were to take a more sinister turn.

Whit Sunday, 9 June 1549, was the fateful day when the edict came into force and in the small, attractive Devon village of Sampford Courtenay the majority of the congregation immediately attempted to force the vicar to revert to the Latin Mass. When he refused, fighting broke out between those of differing opinions, when substantial damage was caused to the interior of the church before the uproar spread into the street. At this point a local justice, a William Hellyons, was called to restore order. He mounted the steps of the adjoining Church House but unfortunately his attitude towards the hostile crowd only increased their rage and he was hauled from the steps and hacked to death.

Murder done, the protesters decided to march on Exeter, eventually joining forces on the way with those of like mind from Cornwall. Book Rebellion was not only growing, but spreading fast. Simultaneously, four miles East of Exeter, in the equally quiet village of Clyst St Mary the locals were preparing to attend church for the Sunday service. But here the catalyst for impending disaster came from a different quarter. Walter Raleigh, father of the later and more famous Sir Walter, was riding through the village from his East Devon manor at Hayes Barton, near East Budleigh, to visit friends at Exeter. As he did so, he noticed an old crone shuffling towards the church and incanting with her rosary. He stopped and chastised her for her superstitious ways and warned her to adopt the new book of prayer.

It is said that she hurried into the church and related her story in agitation, whereupon the men in the congregation took after Walter Raleigh "lyke a sorte of waspes!" Apparently he was lucky to escape with his life.

Realising that such actions would not be overlooked by the authorities, and later hearing of the problems elsewhere, they barricaded the village against any official retaliation. But by now the "rebel army" was a force to be reckoned with and *The King's England* records their number as ten thousand. Early plans to march on London were abandoned and their fury was turned against Exeter and the seat of the County's senior bishop.

Soon the City was under siege, an event which was to last for almost six weeks. The initial response by the authorities was muted. The small local militia under Lord Russell was totally inadequate to deal with the situation, so an urgent appeal was sent to the King's Council in London for reinforcements. These came as soon as possible and, led by Lord Grey, contained a large contingent of German and Italian mercenaries. On entering Devon they set up a camp on the banks of the River Otter at Fenny Bridges where they were joined by Lord Russell and his men. The first major battle was not far off .



The steps of Sampford Courtenay's Church House from which William Hellyons was dragged and murdered.

The rebels, elated by their huge numbers, decided to attack the King's troops whilst they were still at Fenny Bridges. It was a grave tactical error for they proved no match for the well armed and disciplined soldiers. What happened next has been described as one of the

The Prayer Book Rebellion

"bloodiest battles ever fought on English soil" and it is said that by battle's end over three thousand of the West Country rebels lay dead. Those who remained withdrew to Exeter.

Lord Russell subsequently moved his troops to a site identified as Windmill Hill, about three miles East of Clyst St Mary, where he made camp. It was here that the rebels made another major tactical error. On 3 August 1549, the men of Clyst St Mary mounted an assault on the army's position, only to be beaten off with heavy loss of life. Retribution was swift. At 9 o'clock the following morning Lord Russell and his men attacked the heavily barricaded village. After initially being repulsed they finally broke through, when no mercy was shown. As each house fell, so the troops burned it to the ground. It is said that nine hundred prisoners were taken, only to be allegedly gathered on Clyst Heath and murdered in cold blood. Part of the location is now occupied by the Sandygate M5 Services and the nearby industrial estate.



The Church at Sampford Courtenay where the Prayer Book Rebellion is traditionally said to have started.



The 13th century bridge at Clyst St Mary - scene of much fighting.

Resistance from those besieging Exeter fell away and the rebels disbanded and made for home. Only the men of Sampford Courtenay remained defiant and were pursued back to the village. Here the last battle of the Prayer Book Rebellion was fought on Saturday, August 17.

Retreating through the long village street they made their last stand in the fields around the church. By the end of the day some six hundred lay dead. The Prayer Book Rebellion was over. Now it was time for retribution. Local leaders who had not died in battle were subsequently tried for treason and executed. Sir William Winsdale, the Squire of Clyst St Mary, was hanged in a village lane where all could see him. But perhaps the most poignant scene was in the Exeter suburb of St Thomas, then outside the city walls. Here the vicar, the Reverend Welch, like so many clergy, had sympathy with the rebels and a personal antipathy towards the new religious order. He, too, was tried and, found guilty, was dressed in his full ecclesiastic robes and hanged from his church tower, where his body stayed for the next four years as a warning to others.

Visiting the area today, Sampford Courtenay is little changed with its typical rural thatched cottages - while the 14th century Church House still stands at the end of the long main street, together with the steps where one could argue the rebellion started.

The battle site at Fenny Bridges has largely fallen victim to modern development, first with the railway and now by construction of the new A30 dual carriage way. Nevertheless the old bridge, later strengthened, still carries traffic on the old A30. At Clyst St Mary the church survived and the rest of the village was rebuilt over a period of time. Just half a mile South of Junction 30 on the M5, its 13th century bridge, the scene of much of the fighting, is now an ancient monument and pedestrianised, whilst in Exeter it is Sunday services as usual in St Thomas's parish church.



The tower of St Thomas's Church, Exeter, where the body of the Revd Welch remained for four years.

When next opening your prayer book, or perhaps visiting the area, try to imagine the events which took place here four and a half centuries ago when the introduction of a small book invoked such passions as to make many of today's law and order problems pale into insignificance!

Grahame Holloway (Vice Chairman, Devon Branch, UK)

Down But Not Out

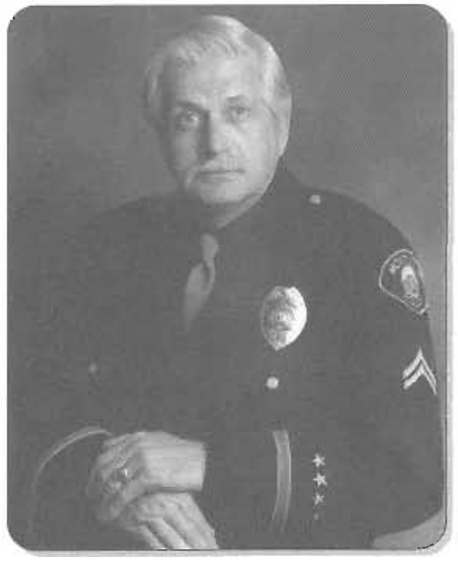
Stroke Victim

I might tell you a little about myself. I am a retired officer and long-time member of the IPA. I was with the force over 30 years. Things were going along fine, I had landed a position of instructor, at a local Police College Academy. I was employed some eight years there.

At the end of December 1995 I was feeling a little out of sorts. I had diabetes for many years. At night two or three nights in a row, I was getting strong headaches. A few nights in bed I had felt very dizzy. Thought it might be low or blood sugar. The next day I went to the doctor, started to get sick to the stomach. In a matter of hours, I was in the hospital. Within 24 hours my speech became slurred, I had double vision; also had a problem swallowing. I might also remark I had lost the use of the right arm and hand, plus the right leg. I spent eight days in hospital, from where I was sent to a rehabilitation hospital. During the next six weeks I was taught to speak again, learned to walk, although I needed a wheel chair. They taught me to learn to dress myself.

Funny thing happened that day. After I got dressed, I was looking for the trouser zipper. I had put my trousers on backwards! I had made up my mind, that as soon as I could, I would get out of that chair. Unless you must use a chair, remember you owe it to your family to walk. The chair creates big problems. You may notice a circulation condition with your fingers and your leg. In time the thickness in the fingers reduces, as the blood circulates.

It has taken me about two years to be able to close my hand and make a fist. In time you may notice a change in your emotions. They've gone, as you may cry at the drop of a hat, and laugh at the same time. The most important things after you leave the hospital are to get regular exercise, and walk as much as you can. There is an old saying in the rehabilitation hospitals - "use it or lose it".



James W. Berg, IPA USA Region 44
Email: jwberg21@aol.com

You must get used to the fact that your recovery may not be a hundred percent. Be thankful for what you get. Going to a "rest home" or "board and care" is a step in the wrong direction. Go to a rehab. hospital if at all possible.

I hope this small effort may reach members, to tell them never, never, give up.

"You're not alone."

Hobbies

Hobby Requests

Greetings all!



Tony Picketts

Sadly, there have been very few requests for hobby contacts for this issue. Perhaps the hobby scene has changed over the past few years with more folk spending time on the Internet, and those who are deep into collecting or making not seeming to have the same need to make contact with people having like interests. Following are the few requests received:

Steve Wilson is a serving Inspector with the Metropolitan Police in London and wishes to make contact with a member in New Zealand who has an interest in all forms of shooting (particularly deer stalking) and fishing. Steve would also like contacts for his children. They are two boys aged 10 and 13 and a girl aged 15. There is no postal address on Steve's request but his e-mail is steve@linda999.freeserve.co.uk. For those not yet on line, I'll be quite happy to pass any messages on by e-mail.

Andres Anton Fuentes of Apartado de Correos 418, 28940 Fuenlabrada, Madrid, Spain, is a Sergeant with the National Police in Spain. Andres would like to exchange patches and pins with other members.

Luigi Grosso of via Delle Betulle 172, 11.100 Aosta Italy, is a 34 year old married policeman in Aosta. Luigi would like to make contact with members who are interested in skiing, football and travelling. Aosta is in north-west Italy between France and Switzerland.

Evert J Richter from the Netherlands has a 13 year old son who is a keen stamp collector. I have only an e-mail address for Evert which is: ej.richter@worldonline.nl

John Brahtz from Denmark is a 40 year old officer. He would like to correspond and/or exchange police items with anyone from New Zealand. His e-mail address is brahtz@nost.tele.dk

As Hobby Secretary, it would be helpful if I could get some feedback from these journal articles. Are contacts actually made? What is the success rate? One problem that we have with requests being published in a quarterly journal is that there is no time between the journal arriving in your mail box and copy being required for the next issue. This can cause a delay of up to six months when a request is received within a few days after copy has been sent off for the following issue, so please be patient if you don't see your name in the journal when you expect to.

REMINDER!!!! Proof of IPA membership is required before any request can be published. Please e-mail to waipu9@xtra.co.nz or fax to (09) 432-0045 front and back copies of your Membership card.

That's about it for now. Don't forget to fill in the Hobby List Request form and get yourself listed on this page. Who knows, the very thing you are looking for could be just around the corner (or in the mail box)!

Tony Picketts
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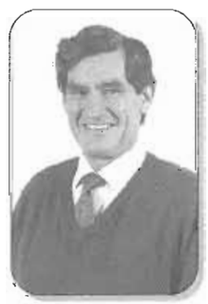
Wine Chat with Ace

South Australia's Finest

A house and car exchange in Adelaide in November 1998 enabled us to base ourselves for three weeks in that lovely city, take in the Wagner Ring Cycle of four operas, while our exchange partners used our house and car in Auckland for over a month. What a great practical solution to the rising cost of accommodation and car hire overseas. We saved at least $2000 in car hire and accommodation while our partners saved even more. Adelaide is a wonderful base for exploring the many fine wine growing areas of Australia's wine state South Australia, and we were able to make the most of our stay visiting wineries in the Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, Coonawarra and McLaren Vale. Sadly we didn't have time to take in the Clare valley but I am sure that gem will keep for the future.

Rather than visit the larger wineries whose product is readily available in New Zealand, I concentrated on visiting the smaller boutique wineries where I would have the opportunity of tasting and buying wines not normally available in New Zealand. I found some really elegant wines and some block buster reds which will have years of cellar age in them. Fortunately New Zealand's wine import limit is much more generous than Australia's and I was able to bring back a dozen bottles of Australia's finest wines. Australia (ever protective of their domestic wine industry) limited me to importing just four bottles of New Zealand wine.

ADELAIDE HILLS was first up and tucked away in the folds of gum covered hills with yellow ochre soil are some wonderful wineries. Mount Adam produces some wonderful chardonnay, and also some very impressive merlot, and some fine pinot noir in this elevated cold climate area. Petaluma is the brainchild of Brian Croser, and his winery produces some intense riesling, awesome chardonnays and also some of Australia's finest bottle fermented champagne style wines. President of the Winemakers Federation of Australia, Croser is a visionary who doesn't suffer fools gladly. In 1997 he was presented with the Maurice O'Shea award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Australian wine industry. Petaluma also has wineyards in the Clare Valley and has recently expanded to buy a controlling shareholding in a winery in the Pemberton area of Western Australia. Henschke is another winery producing fabulous wines from 100 year old vines. Norman's Chais Clarendon was also worth a visit for its keenly priced reds.



Bob O'Hara

THE BAROSSA VALLEY just an hour's drive north of Adelaide is a winelover's Mecca and one has a mind-boggling selection of wineries to visit. With limited time, I picked the brains of mine host John at Barossa House Bed & Breakfast where we stayed, and he pointed me in the direction of some of the most interesting boutique wineries that I have visited anywhere in the world. Settled originally by Silesian religious refugees who were commonly called "Germans", and some wealthy English colonial families the Barossa still reflects this mix of cultures today.

Glaetzer at Tanunda make some excellent wine, and winemaker Colin Glaetzer has won the prestigious Intervin Black Diamond award, the first Australian to have won this International trophy. I was most impressed with his 1996 Grenache (74%) and Hourvedre (26%) blend grown in the Ebenezer District of North West Barossa. It was a big soft wine with a silky smoothness and lengthy finish.

Charles Melton on Krondorf Rd. is a very small winery that has in its short life gained much acclaim for its top wine, named Nine Popes. This wine is intended to be the Australian equivalent of Chateau Neuf du Pape and uses a similar blend to the famous Rhone Valley wine. Nine Popes is roughly the English translation of Neuf du Pape. Just down the road from Charles Helton is Rockford Wines, whose Basket-press Shiraz has a keen following among the wine

cognoscenti. I was however very taken with their star bright light red made from Alicante Bouchet. This rose-style wine is made from a grape that when pressed has naturally red juice and produces a red wine from fully ripened grapes without skin contact. Winemaker Robert O'Callaghan is very proud of it and rightly so for, lightly chilled, it is a delicious luncheon wine with real character.



Ace with Annabelle Waugh outside Greenock Creek's miniscule cellar door.

St Hallet is a winery first established in 1944 and it now draws grapes from 100yr old wines to make St Hallet Old Block Shiraz. In my view it is one of Australia's "classic" wines. It has loads of fruit, tannin and a finish on the palate that goes on and on. It could stand alongside Australia's first growth Penfold's Grange without shame and at $A35 a bottle it costs a fraction of the Grange price. (It is worthy of mention that during our stay in Australia, a 1951 vintage bottle of Grange Hermitage sold for $24,500 at public auction).

Greenock Creek Cellars quite close to the old Seppeltsfield winery boasts Australia's smallest cellar door, the cellar being located under the owner's old stone house. This tiny family owned winery is an absolute gem, and its Creek Block Shiraz 1996 grown on heavy red loam soil is a real block-buster of a wine that will not be really ready to drink until it is at least ten years old. American wine guru Robert Parker was so complimentary in the Wine Advocate about the wines from this tiny Barossa winery that the owners have been inundated with phone calls, faxes and correspondence from all around the world. Such is the integrity of the owners Michael and Annabelle Waugh that they do not plan to release their 1995 vintage wine from old Cabernet/Shiraz vines grown on Roennfeldt Road until 2000.

The pundits will be eagerly awaiting the release of these magnificent monsters. Demand for wines from this tiny winery is and will continue to be so high that I felt it a real privilege to be able to secure some to bring home. They also grow olives commercially.

We also visited Seppelts but more for the venue (the family mausoleum is worth seeing) than for the wine which for the most part is sound but not exciting. Elderton was worth a visit and their wines are always in the top class. They won the Jimmy Watson trophy (for one year old red wine) several years ago and this put them on the wine map.

Coriole, a fairly new winery is now producing red wines from Sangiovese vines which were obviously brought from Italy. The wines are grown in a hilly area not unlike the hills of Tuscany, the home of Chianti. The Sangiovese grape has a close varietal connection to the grape types used to make Chianti. Wirra Wirra has a showplace tasting and sales area set in restored cellars that were built originally in 1894. Vintage wine making equipment is displayed in a spacious area. In the higher price bracket their wines were a cut above the others from this region.

To top off our winery crawl in the Barossa we had dinner at Tanunda's much vaunted restaurant 1918 Bistro and Grill. We were waited upon by none other than the part owner whose husband is the chef. What a taste treat this proved to be, and not expensive!

COONAWARRA beckoned and we took a leisurely three hour drive south from Adelaide to visit some of its wineries located on the 15km long terra rossa soil strip which surprisingly is only about 1 km wide. Riddock highway bisects the strip and some 21 wineries are located on either side of the highway. The town of



Huge gums tower over the vines at Pathaway.

Coonawarra has never grown to match the reputation of its wines, and now boasts a population of about 60. Penola is the nearest town that serves the Coonawarra area and fortuitously we chose a lovely Bed & Breakfast cottage there named The Old Rectory where we were given right royal treatment by Marie Mancer the gracious proprietress.



Barrossa Valley from Krondorf Hill lookout.

Before reaching Coonawarra we visited Browns of Pathaway winery and enjoyed their very reasonably priced wines presented in a picturesque old stable by a most gracious sales lady. Huge gum trees provided welcome shade for a picnic area. Brands Laira established by the Brand family in 1966 makes some weighty reds with great depth of flavour typical of the Coonawarra region. Katnook Estate, where we tried a fine merlot (marketed in half bottles) had a surprisingly small tasting and sales area, but a good range of wines. At Leconfield we tasted some of the best riesling I have tried in Australia. It had a lovely lime-lemony tang with none of the kerosene character that characterises so many Australian rieslings. Wynns had impressive premises with a fine tasting area, but as their wines are freely available in New Zealand I didn't waste too much time there. Hollick a tiny winery had some excellent chardonnay at a keen price, but had sold out of their best reds.

The showplace winery of Coonawarra is Balnaves where an architectural award winning building houses a winery sales and tasting area with a deck overlooking a trout stocked pond bordered by a beautifully landscaped rose garden. It has become a favourite place for bridal parties to pose for their wedding photographs. Balnaves' well priced wines were as classy as their very scenic premises.

We later fitted in a tour of the MCLAREN VALE wineries south of the City and this was also rewarding. Centrally placed was Tatachilla who have an excellent range of reasonably priced wines. With all the publicity surrounding the $8.5 million production of the Wagner Ring Cycle, Tatachilla was the only winery who appeared to have put out a special label to mark this event. (During the Opera Season we had been invited to "drinkies" at intermission with the South Australian Opera General Manager, Stephen Phillips, and noted that Tatachilla wines were served then). The McLaren Vale area has a number of wineries that were established by Italian settlers, and many of the red wines have a soft quality akin to Italian chianti riserva.



Tatachilla's label to celebrate The Ring Cycle.

Having now visited most of Australia's wine growing regions, I think that South Australia enjoys a greater concentration of high quality wines than any other. Certainly their top red wines are definitely among the world's best.

Bob O'Hara

Computers

Interesting Sites

By the time this article is published most of you will have been notified of the change in the site address for the IPA web page. The change, not only for the IPA site, but for my own personal address and our local museum site for which I am responsible, has been rather like shifting house after having been in the one spot for a number of years - making sure business contacts, colleagues, friends and family have all been notified. It's all been quite a drama! At the time of writing, the new site address for the IPA page will be http://www.waipu.co.nz/ipa/

After the decision had been made to change, server settings in all communication programmes had to be changed. I also had to go through the process of un-subscribing from Newsgroups using my old address, and re-subscribing with the new address. When you set up your browser and e-mail programmes, always take a print out of your original settings - it's easy to forget details of tasks which don't have to be done on a regular basis.

Newsgroups can be subscribed to through your home browser or a marvellous little software package called Free Agent which can be downloaded from its home site at http://www.forteinc.com/getfa/download.htm and best of all - it's free! It's very easy to set up and easy to use. You will need to configure the settings to your e-mail and server address. Do this as you go through the initial setup process, or go into the Options menu seen on the top of your screen. If you're not sure what settings to use, contact your server administrator. I did this when changing my Free Agent settings from Igrin to Xtra. I found Xtra's help desk very efficient and very fast. An acknowledgement in the form of an automated message was returned almost immediately and an hour later I received a personal message with the information I required (and that was on a Saturday!)

If you wish to subscribe to Newsgroups through your browser, I can only write from personal experience with Netscape Communicator. Once in Netscape, click on Communicator (or ALT C if you're a keyboard fan) then Netscape Message Centre then File (or ALT F), then Subscribe to Discussion Groups (or key in b). A box will show on your screen and very soon all 14000+ groups will be listed. You can subscribe to any or all. The groups you subscribe to will show at the bottom of the list on the Netscape Message Centre screen. A single click on the Newsgroup will expand all messages.

As for subjects - there is a discussion group for just about anything you wish, from cycling to racing pigeons. Needless to say, there's also some rather grotty stuff, but as a test for subscribing through Netscape, I searched for 'police' in all groups. Five showed:- alt.fan.police, alt.military.police, alt.music.police, alt.music.the.police and git. police. parking. Whether it's the music or the real thing that takes your interest, click subscribe and then OK. As a matter of interest, I found git.police.parking to be 'real' and it seemed to be UK based.

If your browser asks how many message headers you want to download and the default figure is say 894- delete it and type in 50..... you may get 894 articles of rubbish!

Having said all that - I still prefer Free Agent for Newsgroups!

Archiving: Some of you may not be too clear about zipping/unzipping or archiving files. Go to http://webopedia.internet.com/TERM/P/PKZIP.html for information on PKZIP and Pkunzip or http://www.winzip.com/ for WinZip V 7.0

Interesting Sites:

Police: http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/8944/istrange.html an interesting site containing strange but true police photographs.

http://www.iinet.net.au/~oneilg/police/. West Australia Police and some very good links including NZ Police and IPA.

http://members.aol.com/szcz38/THEBEATPOLICE.html is part of a web ring on Law Enforcement. Click on List - there are some interesting sites in the index. This site has a rather interesting sound file with it too.

http://www.secondwives.net/ is rather an unusual site dedicated to men and women in second marriages - also part of the Police Web ring.

Recreation: http://times-age.co.nz/roar/index.html a very well done site for deer stalkers in the Wairarapa.

As with all sites, make a point of "following your nose", i.e. follow the links!

From comments made by pupils in my night classes, it seems that what is most basic to some is horrendously difficult to others - for no other reason than the obvious solution just hasn't been thought about. Two examples come to mind - forgetting about the right mouse click and forgetting to use the slide on the right hand side of your screen.

Win 95 (and 98) are reliant on the right mouse button for an amazing number of things. If you've only been used to using a single button mouse, it is easy to forget once you've upgraded, but that right mouse click can open a whole new dimension to computing.

Now for the screen slide. No doubt most of you have found it when using ordinary word processing packages, but don't forget about it when you are on the Internet. As with E-mail messages - you'd be surprised what you can't see at the bottom of your page - don't assume that what you're looking for is not there.

Another problem I have found with some, in particular those using the web, is over zealousness with the mouse button. Some folk expect something to happen immediately. If it doesn't, a few good hard and fast clicks on the mouse should improve matters. That is not the case and is in fact more likely to have you staring at a series of error messages or being unable to access the reply or send menu in say Hotmail. It is easy to see if your 'search' is stagnant - check at the bottom left hand comer of your screen, and (for Netscape users), the Netscape icon at the top right hand corner. If there is nothing moving in either, look a little further and perhaps start your search again.

Referring back to my change of ISP, we are now on an hourly rate, whereas we were previously on a flat rate. Given that time can slip by very easily while browsing on the net, there are ways that you can make the best use of your time if you are paying hourly.

1. E-Mail: Disconnect as soon as you have downloaded your mail.
   Most programmes have "Work Offline" facilities.
   Simply connect, get your mail, disconnect and then take your time in reading and answering your mail.

2. If you find a web site with information which you would like to take your time reading, there are several ways you can save it.

   One is by sending the page to a file from the File menu; another is by keying CTR, A which will save the text.

   Open up a new file in your word processing programme and CTR V to copy all text onto a word document.

   You can trim it up and cut out unnecessary parts later.

Happy computing.

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Anne Picketts

Kapiti Island

Bird Paradise



The IPA group after visiting Kapiti

A visit to Kapiti Island was a feature of the Wellington Region's programme for the April 1999 AGM/ NEB and proved to be a memorable day out for those who participated.

After two days of rough blustery weather the organisers were biting their fingernails with concern about the weather. They needn't have worried for when Sunday arrived a bright sunny cloudless day dawned on a flat calm sea, and we all gathered at the Kapiti Boating Club to board the stubby aluminium vessel fitted with a winch operated gang plank hinged to its transom, for the 30 minute trip to the island. After embarking on the vessel our boat trailer was towed out to the water by a modified Case Diesel tractor, the wheel clearance of which had been extended by at least half a metre to lift the engine and driving gear beyond the waves.



The tractor and launching boat trailer

Kapiti Island has a fascinating history. First sighted by Captain Cook on 14 January 1770 as he sailed south down the Taranaki Bight to complete his circumnavigation and charting of the North Island, he gave it the name "Entry Island" because of its position at the entrance to the strait between the North and South Islands.



The landing beach on Kapiti Island

It was about 1823 that Te Rauparaha and his Ngati Toa tribesmen occupied the island and turned it into a stronghold which he later used as a base to make raids on mainland settlements. Whaling stations were also established by Europeans on the Island, and by trading with the whalers, Te Rauparaha

was able to arm his warriors with the muskets and shot that ensured his dominance over other mainland tribes he attacked.

Sir George Grey during his term as Governor endeavoured to purchase the Island in 1851 offering £5000 ($10,000) but his attempt at purchase was unsuccessful.



A native wood hen or weka (Gallirallis australia) prowling around the garden

In 1897 the New Zealand Government declared the Island a Forest and Bird sanctuary compensating the European owners, but protecting the rights of the traditional Maori owners by permitting them to transfer the land only to the Crown. All but a small area previously farmed is now owned by the Crown and administered by the Department of Conservation. Part of the island was farmed until the 1950s, and a large disused sheep dip at the back of one of the present dwellings is one of the few remaining constructions to provide a reminder of this former activity.

Kapiti Island appears rather like a humpbacked whale when viewed from the coastal State Highway No 1 near Paraparaumu. It is some 10km long by 2 km wide and located about 6km off shore. The Eastern side facing the land is covered in dense regenerated native bush, starkly contrasting to the steep rocky cliffs facing Westward. Facing towards Paraparaumu there is a curved shingly beach backed by flax and scrubby bushes where visitors to the island usually come ashore.

A fifteen minute walk along a well worn track brings one out to Okupe Lagoon which is well stocked with black swan, spoonbill and Canada geese. Further on one comes out to a rugged stony ocean beach piled high with silver grey driftwood, and backed by stunted windswept growth among the rocks. Wood pigeons seemed to be so plentiful on the island that they were sighted in this area forced to perch on the tallest rock formations because there were no trees growing.

After a bracing tramp to the lagoon and ocean beachfront our group retraced their steps to the Maori Land area on the Island that is occupied by two families. In Wayne's back yard we relaxed and partook of an appetizing BBQ, watched by five or six curious weka who strolled nonchalantly around the lawn and several cheeky kaka who fluttered around the puriri trees taking a keen interest in the steak and lamb chops that were being cooked and eaten. Later we were able to

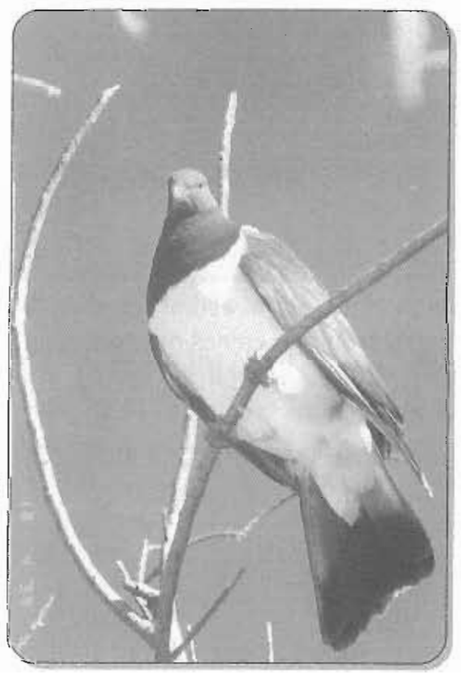
watch and photograph a number of beautiful plump native wood pigeons (keruru) which posed for us without fear, occasionally taking flight with their characteristic noisy wing beats to browse on puriri berries or tree lupins.

Birdlife on this wonderfully unspoiled Island is able to flourish and breed unharmed by predators, thanks to an aggressive policy by the Department of Conservation in the eradication of rats, opossums, stoats and weasels. We saw what seemed to be hundreds of rat bait stations set at strategic intervals on the flat area of the island at every accessible spot. There is also an abundance of bellbirds, tui and fantail besides the bigger native birds, and seeing them unthreatened in their natural habitat was a real treat.

All too soon we wended our way back to the shingly beach to await the arrival of the vessel to ferry us back to the mainland. Too few New Zealanders avail themselves of the limited opportunities to visit this native wilderness island, but perhaps it is just as well, as too many visitors could threaten the very natural environment and the fearlessness of the birdlife that we all found so attractive.

Ace O'Hara





New Zealand Wood Pigeon, or Keruru (Hemiphaga novaeseel an diae) were quite fearless and could be easily approached.

The Faroes (Faroyar)

Faroe Islands

The number of trawlers harvesting fish of all varieties around our shores has increased over the past decade, so the purchase by Sanfords of Auckland of a 364 ton vessel in 1994 did not arouse much interest but what is of interest is the name and where it was built. Her name was San Torshaven and she was built in the Faroe islands in 1988. If you were to pose the question to a group of friends "Where are the Faroes?" most would have to think for some time before admitting defeat.



Vagsbotnur in Torshavn, covered in snow (Absalon Hansen & Faroe Islands Tourist Board)



The Village of Kunoy (J.A. Arge & Faroe Islands Tourist Board)

The best way to describe the location of these islands is to imagine you are heading north from Scotland, past the Orkneys (Scapa Flow) and then the Shetlands but don't go as far as Iceland - there you have the Faroe Islands, or to give the group its proper name, Foroyar.

This is how a Royal Navy officer described them. "The Faroes are golden like hay, and cold air has the sweetness of crisp, clipped grass. There are precipitous bays and their waters Prussian blue. The Faroes spring prominent from surrounding mist like dragon teeth soldiers. All other land looms slowly; these islands, one just comes upon."

The technical details are that the group consists of 17 inhabited plus 1 uninhabited islands lying in the North Atlantic Ocean in approximately 62 degrees latitude North and 7 Degrees longitude West. The closest neighbours are the Shetland Islands some 300 kms away, Iceland is 450 kms and Norway 600 kms. The total area comprises 1,399 sq. kms and the overall coastline measures 1,117 kms. The population is something like 44,000 and a good percentage of these, about one third live in the capital,Torshavn, hence the name of the trawler mentioned above.



The Tindholmur islet near Vagar Island (Harold Metzger & Faroe Islands Tourist Board)

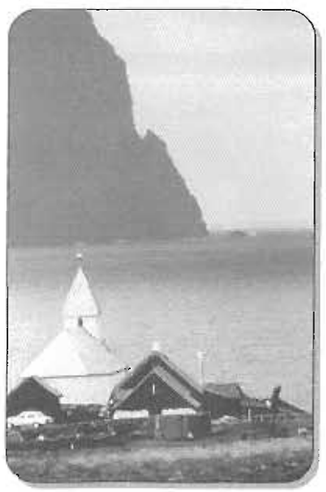
Before going into more detail of these

islands let us compare their geometric location in comparison with our own, albeit on the other side of the world. The islands of New Zealand lie between 30 and 50 degrees South so at 62 degrees South the Faroes would be some distance south of Macquarie Island and not far away from the Antarctic Circle. Immediately one conjures up thoughts of intense cold and spartan existence. But the answer is simple because the Faroes, like the Shetlands and the Orkneys lie in the path of the remnants of the Gulf Stream which warms up in the Sargasso Sea, skirts the eastern shores of the U.S.A., is guided by Newfoundland to head east across the North Atlantic and helped no doubt by the Wyville Thomson Ridge, engulfs the Faroes. So the waters in the area never get too cold, which of course means plenty of fish and fishing is the main industry of the islands. The sea temperatures range between 5 and 10 degrees Celcius. It also means that weather can change from hour to hour. The average temperature on land in January is 3 degrees C and in July it is 12 degrees C but at times reaches 20 degrees C.



Saksun on the island of Streymoy (Harold Metzger & Faroe Islands Tourist Board)

Greenland just to the north and west does not gain much advantage from the Gulf Stream so the population there is restricted to the coastal areas, because 84% of this, the world's largest island is covered by an ice cap, in some parts three kms deep. The population speaks their own language but most if not all speak Danish fluently, and they have their own flag . The Faroese can trace their ancestors back as far as 800 AD. Before that time there had been an Irish settlement in the islands but they were driven out by some Norse Jarls (Earls) who, dissatisfied with the dictatorial style of rule by Harald Fairhair in Norway, started migrating to the various islands including the Faroes. The government is called Logting and claims to be the smallest Parliament in the world, made up of 32 democratically elected members. Originally they met in the open air on the Tinganes headland which divides Torshavn Harbour into east and west. They now meet in the former, grass roofed, Royal Monopoly Trading Station but its powers are restricted mainly to local matters. Such matters as foreign policy, defence, justice and a few others are still controlled by the Government in Denmark. The Faroes have been under Danish rule since 1380 and in fact became a colony of Denmark in the 1800s. After World War 2 there was a strong movement to break away completely from Danish rule but after negotiations a compromise was reached in 1948 and the islands have had their reasonable self government since.



Vidareidi. The northernmost village located on the island of Vidoy. (Absalon Hansen & Faroe Islands Tourist Board)

The national day is 29 July, the feast of St.Olaf, on which major festivities (Olavsoka) take place with most of the population wearing national dress while boat races of up to 1,000 metres are held and high officials and clergy take part in a ceremonial march from Parliament to the Cathedral. Other sport is somewhat restricted but a rather popular game is handball.

We now come to the all important item of food. We saw that fishing is the main industry so fish of various types figure regularly on the menu but if an occcasional whale comes too close inshore then whale meat would also appear on the table. There are sheep on the islands so sheep meat, too, is eaten. A popular food is skeipikjot, described as chewy, dark red meat with a strong taste, hung for months then eaten raw.

The Police comprise 100 officers, half of whom are stationed in the capital. All are Faroese. The IPA forms part of number 6 Region of the Denmark Section. In earlier days the Chief Constable was the most feared of Danish officials governing the islands. It was he who collected taxes and duties. Nowadays the Chief of Police is rather inoffensive and the farm where his predecessors lived in the charming little hamlet of Hoyvik is under the control of the National Antiquities.

The Faroes and Iceland became strategically important at the outbreak of World War 2 as it was in this sphere of operations that German war vessels made their way into the Atlantic Ocean and beyond. The Northern Patrol consisting mainly of requisitioned trawlers and armed merchant cruisers (converted passenger liners) tried to control the waterways but after so many of these were torpedoed it was decided to lay mines as the deterrent.

In January 1941 2,000 mines were laid between the Shetland and Faroe islands. In early May 1940 an advance party of Royal Marines landed at Torshavn - followed later that month by an Army detachment of occupation in the transport "Ulster Prince" (sunk later during the evacuation of Greece). Service in the occupation force was considered to be rather boring and unexciting as the enemy didn't seem interested and the only break in the monotony was the occasional visit of ships of the Royal Navy on patrol. On one such visit, this by an armed trawler, whose identity was well known to the occupation forces, the gunners on duty decided to break the monotony by firing a "shot across the bow" of the visitor. The shell landed on the opposite hillside of the narrow waterway. It was later recovered, polished up and presented to the Commanding Officer of that trawler on its next visit with a note stating "We think this is yours". Things didn't quite go the same way when a destroyer was entering harbour - a similar shot was fired but the destroyer's crew immediately returned the fire - the gunners were last seen heading for the hills rather quickly.

An official brochure describes Foroyar as - "A group of green islands in the middle of the purest ocean of the world, far away from the smoke and noise of big cities. A fortress of cliffs and grass woven into the seabirds' millions of wings. Dramatic nature surrounded by the free winds of the sea. With still living vestiges of a thousand years' history dating back to the Viking period and yet with all the modern facilities of today. Torshavn, a city where visitors are still guests and where guests are still welcomed as friends. A special place in the world – a special experience in your life."



Lawrie Philpott

Finally the opinion of a New Zealand student who visited the Faroes. "There was a time when I never knew that the Faroe Islands even existed. But the untouched beauty, the land, the culture and the people made me feel very lucky to be able to spend a year of my life in this wonderful place."

Lawrie Philpott

Travel Desk

National Travel Secretary

Since taking up the position of National Travel Secretary I have received a few enquiries from overseas visitors and a couple of local members have contacted me to arrange meetings with members overseas.

Harold and Ruth Surgenor of Christchurch left for Jersey at the end of May and Logan and Kathryn Alderson from Napier went to Paris and London in early August, returning via Penang a month later. I hope you all had a great holiday.

Forthcoming Visitors from United Kingdom

A tour party of 38 from Manchester arrived in Christchurch on 14 October. They spent most of their 10 days in the South Island visiting Christchurch, Mt Cook, Queenstown and Milford Sound. They had a free day in Wellington and made contact with IPA members whilst there. Twenty of the group were IPA members. Another tourist from the UK planning to be in Wellington in January 2000 is Betina Drake. She is currently on a 12 month tour of the world and not able to be contacted at the moment. No doubt she will be back in touch before she arrives here.

From Australia

Wendy and Stan Fensom from Canberra are visiting in February 2000 and are in the process of finalising their itinerary. Wellington is on their stopover list as well.

IPA Holiday Home From Scotland

The holiday home "Foldend House" which was leased in Scotland has been sold by its owners. Negotiations are under way to lease a property on the National Trust for Scotland Estate at the House of Dun, about 4 miles west from Montrose on the east coast of Scotland and from which the main cities can be reached with ease. Accommodation is at the "Old Factors House" which consists of a ground and upper floor and can accommodate up to 14 persons. It has recently been renovated by the National Trust. Further details are available on request.

From Austria

I have received a list of hotels/inns offering discounts to IPA members in Austria.

IPA Youth Gathering - Canada

On Sunday 18 July 1999 our youth representatives Brent Philpott and Aimee Stewart flew out to the International Youth Gathering being held in Alberta, Canada from 25 July to 7 August. Brent Philpott gave an address to the Region Four AGM at Wellington, and really gained a lot from what he described as the greatest experience of his life.

Greetings All

As I have been appointed National Travel Secretary I will introduce myself to members. I joined the New Zealand Police in January 1990 as the first non sworn Watchhouse Assistant at the Waitara Station after working for 11 years at the Taranaki Education Board. In July 1993 I was promoted to CIB Receptionist in New Plymouth and I am presently relieving in the Intell Office. I am married and have three adult children (2 sons and a daughter) living in Nelson, New Plymouth and Auckland. My husband and I have travelled widely hence my interest in the position of National Travel Secretary. Our travelling days commenced in 1970 when we embarked on our big 'OE' to the UK. Since then we have visited many countries including Fiji, Australia, Asia and Europe.

I joined the IPA in December 1996 and in 1997 travelled with my husband to the UK to meet up with our daughter who was working in London.

We hired a rental car and toured Ireland and stayed in the IPA holiday home in Dublin. We also toured the Middle East by coach and stopped off in Zimbabwe on our journey home. We had not even considered visiting Africa but after speaking with a work colleague Carole Tipler (Associate Secretary for Africa) she convinced us it was a fascinating place to visit and the extra cost would be minimal. She contacted an IPA friend Peter Bell in Zimbabwe who hosted us and prepared an itinerary which included a few days away with him and his wife to Kyle and Matopos National Parks. We had a wonderful time. As I take over this position from Bob (Ace) O'Hara I will endeavour to assist members with their travel plans promptly. I know I have a lot to learn and appreciate Ace's offer of assistance when visiting him whilst I was in Auckland over Easter .



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Yours in friendship
Marlene Merriman

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- No, I **don't** care who you are
- No, I don't **care** who you know
- Yes, you **do** pay my Salary
- Yes, you **can** have my job
- No, I don't have anything better to do
- Yes, I arrest **real** criminals sometimes
- No, I'm picking on you because you're

- No, I can't give you a break
- No, I don't know your friend, Officer

- Yes, you will be allowed to make a phone call
- Yes, you probably **will** never do it again
- No, we **can't** talk about it
- Yes, it **does** make me happy
- Yes, you **will** see me in court

Your Arresting Officer

Twam Ties one on

Photographs from back cover

Our peripatetic local lad Trevor W.A. Morley (also known as TWAM) rummaged through his closet after his recent OE and came up with these items of sartorial elegance.

A US tie featuring Harley-Davidson police motorcycles and various traffic safety slogans. One of the motorcycles pictured is a Harley Davidson servi-car, a somewhat unusual three-wheeled motor bike that was used by a lot of US Police Departments for traffic control, particularly for using parking tickets.

Another US product, this one featuring a pot-pourri of Police shoulder patches from around the States.

An IPA tie from the United Kingdom, celebrating not only 50 years of the IPA in the UK, but also the Year 2000. Presented to TWAM by IPA members in Norwich.

A nice 'fun' tie from London, featuring dancing beefeaters, guardsmen, your typical bowler-hatted British civil servant and, of course, the famous London "Bobby." For some reason everyone seems to be dancing out of step!

Your standard NZ Police tie.

The tie of the Hong Kong ICAC (Internal Commission Against Corruption). The white flower is a white Chinese chrysanthamum, a symbol of purity in Chinese folklore.

Another US tie, this one featuring the badges of all 50 of the US State Police Departments.

The official tie of the Hampshire Constabulary in southern England.

Three London ties, with helmeted bobbies.

Matching pocket handkerchiefs are also available.

For further information on any of these ties, including how/where to purchase them, contact TWAM at PO Box 7019, Wellington South Ph (04) 471-1663, Fax (04) 471-1330, Mobile (012) 431-401.

On behalf of the President and National Executive we wish all our members, families and friends a very festive Christmas and the best for the new millennium.


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