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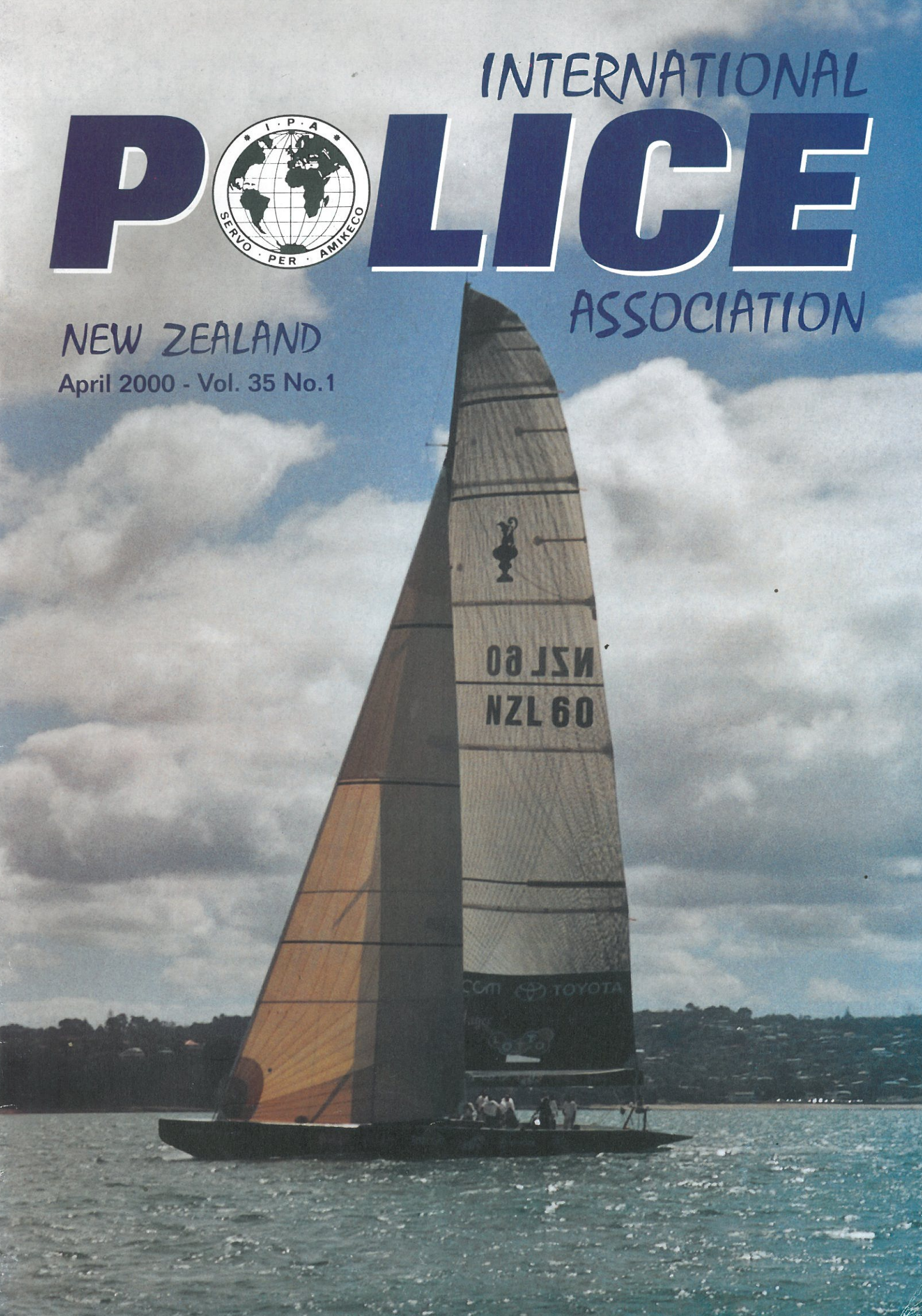

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NZL 60, the defending America's Cup yacht, shown racing on the Hauraki Gulf during the Cup defence. It is history now that the "Auld Mug" was retained 5-nil by the champion Team New Zealand.
Photograph by Bob O'Hara.

Back Cover

Two Police rigid hull craft on America's Cup duty in Auckland.
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Off the Wire

News and Views from around the Regions

Region One

This Region has been particularly active over summer, mainly as a result of an unusually large influx of overseas IPA visitors. While Vic and Pat Young were relieving as resident managers of the Stanmore Bay Police Centennial complex, a pot luck dinner was held to welcome German visitor Joseph Schaafer and his friend, and an impromptu ring-around brought some 26 local members. A similar number attended the Silverdale RSA to share a meal and happy hour with former UK national president John Evans and his wife Enid from Wales. They were home hosted by Greg and Mona McManus, on this fourth visit to New Zealand, and were greeted as old friends.

Martin Kolff of Holland, who attended our IYG in 1994, paid a return visit to be again hosted by Rex and Anne Major, and shown around by Hayley McCarthy. He went on to visit Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Kaikoura, Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin, Te Anau, Queenstown and New Plymouth, being home hosted by IPA members, many of whom Martin had met while attending the Youth Gathering.

Jim and Audrey McCarthy hosted a very well attended pot luck dinner in honour of long-serving UK hobbies secretary Glynn Jones, his wife Ruby, and Mike and Lorna Robinson from Zimbabwe. The Robinsons were keen sailors and were hosted by Anne and Wally Brown at Whangaparaoa, being taken out sailing by Wally in his yacht "Fast Lady".

John and Judy Pegler were particularly busy home hosting and assisting a number of visitors, including Ulrika Wallin and Ola Osterling (Sweden), John and Angela McMahon (UK), Lew and Pam Brantley (Alaska), Ulf Engler and his wife (Germany), and Andrew Rogers (Ireland). Ace O'Hara met and showed Auckland to Joachim and Mathilde Radike from Kerpen, Germany. Hiroaki Iwadate, our first Japanese visitor, was home hosted by Murray Pirret and shown around by Ace. Jurgen Arndt and his family were looked after by Vic and Pat Young, and expected soon is Michael Nelson (USA).

After the euphoria of successfully defending the America's Cup, Auckland has settled down, heaved a sigh of relief and can now return to normal until the next defence in 2003. There will be a mass exodus of Regional Committee members during the April to June period, mostly to Scotland and Bournemouth, with Jim McCarthy, Stan Keith, Greg McManus, Ace O'Hara, John Pegler and their respective spouses all away for some of this time. During their absence, Scott McGill (phone 534-6677) will coordinate regional hosting, while new committee members Rex Major (phone 833-8421) and Vic Young (phone 377-8613) will be happy to take bookings for the mid Winter luncheon scheduled for 23 July at Valentines. (They will advise the actual venue when you ring to book.)

Please make a diary or calendar note of the following Regional events:
23 July. Mid Winter luncheon.
10 September. Afternoon tea (combined with Retired Police Club), 2.30pm, Henderson Police Station Club.
19 September. AGM, 7.30pm, Auckland Central Police Station. Nomination forms to be available from the Secretary at the time.
19 November. Christmas Function, 12 noon, Happy Days Restaurant, 898 Great South Road, Manukau City.

If you haven't heen "active" and attended any of these functions in the past, give the Committee a shock, and yourselves a treat by making the effort to come. You might even enjoy yourself! We are a happy group and will welcome you with open arms.

Scotty McGill, Stan Keith and Bob O'Hara

Region Two

Regrettably the IPA has not been active for some time in Rotorua. However, this does not mean there are no contacts. If people want help to arrange accommodation, or advice on what there is to do and see in our area, please contact me at or through the Rotorua Police Station, Private Bag 3044 Rotorua, phone (07) 348-0099.

Anna Jackson

Region Three



Life in the western area of Region Three is anything but dull.

44 members, family and some friends attended the ski weekend in August. At least this year there was enough snow to ski on for those who were there on the Friday and Saturday. Some also used the opportunity to walk some of the tracks in the area. The dinner on the Saturday evening, laced with Carole's brew of mulled wine, followed by charades (part of the compulsory 'we will have fun' agenda), was enjoyed by those who were still awake after the day's activities.

The weather on the Sunday was deteriorating, but that didn't deter the mountain biking trio, Tony, Catherine and Alan, from spending the day pushing pedals before leaving for home.
Our AGM on 27 September was very efficiently run, allowing plenty of time for those who attended to enjoy the Chinese banquet that followed at Tong Restaurant.
On 7 December another visit was made to Flick's Café for their dinner and movie deal as our Christmas function. 32 enjoyed the meal that evening. Some took a rain check with their movie passes. It is one of the features of the deal that they will continue to honour any portion of the ticket that one doesn't use on the day.

We were pleased to have a visit from Laurie and Louise Shephard from Wales as they made their way back to Auckland on the final leg of their visit to NZ. They were hosted by Marlene and Alan Merriman on 26 October and a number of local members joined them for a barbecue that evening. On 18 January another barbecue was held at Carole's home with about 30 members giving Martin Kolff from Holland a taste of Kiwi fare. In return for the hospitality Martin was coaxed into playing the piano (very well from all accounts). Martin was hosted by Tony Brownrigg.

We welcome Diane Limbrey from New Plymouth as a new member.
The Mangatepopo school lodge has been booked from 7 to 10 September for this year's ski weekend. Carole and Marlene will be taking bookings, so book your place early.

Les Sharp

Region Four



Greetings for the first magazine of the millennium and all the best to our readers for the year 2000.
Like most Police I worked New Years Eve expecting the Y2K bug to strike.
Fortunately she never did and all the planning during the latter part of the year seemed to have paid off. I stood in the Police Central Communications Centre at Wellington , the area responsible for taking all calls for service over the bottom half of the North Island, and watched the clocks tick over to 1 January. A non event!

It has been a quiet time here over Christmas and New Year. We did not have any IPA Christmas function. Visitors too have been scarce with no reported sightings in recent months. I had the brother of a Police Officer from Toronto to stay in February. I met the officer at a course at the Royal Canadian Police College in Ottawa in late 1998. I guess IPA really is a family that caters for the extended families. We also have a South African Police Officer who has emigrated here to Wellington with his wife and two sons. He has resigned from the Police and has applied to join the Police here. He too is a member of the IPA and has been hosted by some of us here in Wellington.

Wellington (Region 4) will host the National AGM here at the end of March 2000 and I am sure that we will again be great hosts. At the last NEB held in Wellington IPA members dined at the Fortuna Restaurant in Petone where a presentation IPA plaque was made to the owners. This was in recognition of the friendship and service provided to the Wellington IPA Region over the years. We have enjoyed numerous functions at this restaurant over the past 7 years. We take overseas visitors to dine there and they all comment on the great smorgasbord meal, which usually consists of between 16 to 20 different dishes to choose from. The decor is always clean and bright which creates a nice atmosphere for dining. The owners have taken a great interest in our visitors and in the country they are from.



Region Chairperson Dave Couling making the presentation



Warren (part owner) and Dave Couling



NEB members and Wellington Region Members (left to right) Bruce Hutton, Keith Knox, Brian Seager, Arthur Mahan and John Coomber.

Our National Vice President and Region 4 Chairperson Dave Couling retired from the Police on the 17 December 1999. He and his wife Glenis are planning a 10 week trip overseas beginning in May and we wish them both a great trip and a long and happy retirement.
Blue Caldwell the Vice Chairperson and Editor from Region 5 has moved from Christchurch and is now living at Waikanae. Welcome. Christchurch's loss is our gain or is it the other way around?
On a sad note Mark Manaia passed away on 23 February after a brief illness and our thoughts are with Janey and his family.
And finally a quote for you to consider from Marie Lloyd - " A little of what you fancy does you good".
But an added rider from me to remember - "As long as you have permission from your partner".

Clint Libby

Message from the Editor

This is the first issue for the Year 2000, the year which marks thc 50th anniversary of the founding of the International Police Association. Since the last issue, there have been a number of international contacts made, some of which are mentioned in this jourual. I extend my grateful thanks to those who have made this issue possible by making their written contributions. Since December l have seen the new Australian editor Kevin Vidler, in Melbourne while on holiday over there, and plan to meet with members of tbe United States editorial team while visiting our family in California later this month.

l will look forward to working on future journals while editor, and would welcome feedback ou its content. It has been grarifying to receive so much positive feedback so far.



Sherwood Young

Servo Per Amikeco
Sherwood Young

President's Report

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of IPA. The 16th World Congress will be held at Bournemouth from 8-14 May 2000.

Founder Arthur Troop has been hospitalised recently but he is recovering well and has sent a message looking forward to being there. The Princess Royal will open the event on 9 May, and will receive the donations raised by IPA worldwide for the Save the Children Fund. I thank the Regions and members for their support for this project, which has resulted in our donation reaching 500 pounds sterling. The donations will replace the traditional gifts which are normally given to the host section.

In 1992 Evan Jordan commissioned three large Teko Teko carvings to be used as presentations in Holland to mark the Abel Tasman 350-year celebrations. The third carving was to be held and presented to the British Section at the World Congress. It is now more appropriate to present it to the International Administration Centre for IPA in Nottingham, as a special presentation from the New Zealand Section to honour the 50th Anniversary.

A number of Kiwis are attending the Scottish Friendship Week just prior to Bournemouth, and they will present one of the smaller Teko Teko carvings there, with a message of greetings from us. I am envious of those attending, as it will be a fabulous week. Arthur Mahan and Dave Couling will attend the Bouruemouth meeting with me, as observers, so we will be well represented. This year a new International President and PEB will be elected. We have nominated Elke Pfau from Australia for the Second and Third International Vice Presidenr positions, as we did in 1997. We believe it is important that our part of the world is represented on the PEB.

As a part of our 50th celebrations, we have been granted the privilege of having a recruit wing ar the Royal New Zealand Police College named "The International Police Association Wing". As a part of that, we intend to invite the International Secretary General to represent the IPA as wing Patron, and arrange for him to visit Regions around New Zealand. I hope that our members will be happy to host Alan and Mary Carter in the Regions they visit. I thank Bruce Hutton for his effort in negotiating this special recognition for IPA.

I would like the Regions to focus on recruiting and improving our service to members this year, with a special focus on the 50th. Region Three has had success in attracting new members by providing new and attractive activities. The updating of our IPA web page with better links to make it easier to find should also assist. The IPA Wing will provide the opportunity to highlight our organisation to all staff. We will invite all the Wing members to join IPA, then it will be up to the Regions to look after and provide activities for them after they graduate. If you have any ideas, please share them with others.

Last September Christine and I visited Israel to join them for their 35th anniversary celbrations and the International Poster competition awards. It was a wonderful eight days and I would commend Israel to any of you travelling to Enrope or the Middle East. The Israel Section would be keen to participate in exchange visits with New Zealand, and I have had some interest expressed by members. l hope that we may be able to get a group together who could arrauge a tour here in exchange for an lPA tour of the Holy Land.

Following advice from our Treasurer, we have had to look carefully at areas where we could reduce our expenditure. At the 1 April NEB meetiug it was decided that savings would be made by reducing the financial support for NZ applicants to attend the luternational Youth Gatherings, and not to financially support a member for the liason position at the Australian AGM this year.

As a further way in which IPA members in Australia can interact. if you would like your e-mail address published in either or both of the Australian and New Zealand IPA journals, please send them to Sherwood Young, our Editor. Add the city or location you are from, please.

The uext edition of this journal will not be produced until after the October NEB meeting, and is likely to be in a different format. I would encourage all Regions to look for publication options in their areas and obtain costings for printing issues in a cheaper format. The form of publication is a secondary consideration to the need to communicate regularly with our members.
Please give some thought to this.

Servo per Amikeco
John Coomber
President

Thank you for Writing

Dear Sherwood

We have just read with interest the latesr New Zealand IPA magazine. We wish to commend you on a job well done. Many familiar faces brought back back fond memories of warm New Zealand hospitality we have enjoyed ou our visits there.

The photo of Lawrie Philpott looks great and from his interesting article on the Faroe Islands we learned of its untouched beauty and Danish rule ... most informative. " Ace" O'Hara, as always, has provided "a bouquet" of information on the wineries of the Barossa Valley near Adelaide in Australia. Having visited there several times we know it is a lovely area.

And speaking of Australia ... our good friends Frank and Ruth Hoeter from Hervey Bay, north of Brisbane, were in another photo in the letter written by Chong Teng Kok from Singapore. Great to see the smiling faces of these very active IPA members.

The article on the stroke victim was most informative and of special interest to me, Margaret, secretary to the Associate Secretary, and wife of Phil. The U.S.A.Region 44 member and writer of the article also has diabetes. I am the coordinator of the Sun Lakes, Arizona Diabetes Support Group and my husband has had diabetes for over 40 years. Fortunately we learned early on that change of lifestyle was imperative. Exercise, a good diet, a physician with knowledge of diabetes and a certified diabetes educator have all helped him lead a full and normal life. Indeed, today he is healthier, because of these lifestyle changes and at age 74 enjoys a healthy and active lifestyle free of diabetes complications that will come over a period of time with prolonged elevated blood sugars. Unless diabetes is controlled through diet, exercise, or medication, it can raise blood pressure and blood cholesterol, both of which are risk factors - for stroke and coronary heart disease. To lower the risk ... stay active. Exercise strengthens your heart muscle, lowers your blood pressure and blood cholesterol and burns calories. No wonder your body needs activity to stay healthy. It is always best to check with your doctor before embarking on any exercise programme. He will know what is right for you.

There is a new website that is really great for people to learn more about diabetes: www.DiabetesWebSite.com "embracing the diabetes community". It's the new digital domain of June Biermann aud Barbara Toohey, the two best known and most loved authors in the popular diabetes press. June has had diabetes for over 30 years. Together she and Barbara have authored nearly a dozen books on diabetes, all of them dedicated to the spirit of possibility and belief that information leads to empowerment. Let them be your gurus, your guides, your gadflies ... for an on line embrace of all things dealing with diabetes.

Keep up the good work on the IPA journal. We look forward to reading the next issue.
Best regards

Phil and Margaret Katz
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Associate Secretary to New Zealand

Region Five

Hello from Sunny Nelson. Hope everyone is fit and well and recovered from celebrating the great win of Team New Zealand - an excellent effort all round. It looks like those JAFAS laid on the hospitality for all the visitors, great stuff!



Not a lot has happened on our patch. Senior Sergeant Selwyn Law has retired after 35 years service, 27 in the MOT and eight as Senior Sergeant at Nelson Police. Most of you IPA members may remember some of his cartoons and humorous anecdotes in previous IPA journals. Selwyn's sense ofhumour will be sadly missed around the Station and we wish him well in his retirement.

Crispin Lee and Jo have produced a wee girl Alexandra Bridget, born on 17 February 2000, weighing in at 8 lb 2 ozs. Likewise Pat and Raewyn Burke had a little girl Ella Susan on 7 March 2000, who weighed 6 lb 10 ozs. Apart from lack of sleep everyone is fit and well.

We say farewell to Linda Retemeyer, who has gone to Papua/New Guinea we're not sure how long she'll be away, but hope she enjoys her time over there. Detective Senior Sergeant Wayne Stringer is also heading there, with the Australian government. He will be away for two years and is hoping to return to the Tasman district on the completion of his deployment.

Penny Patterson

Region Six

This Region has again been quiet.



The only known visit to the Region occurred in January when Martin Kolff, the son of a police officer in the Netherlands, stayed in Oamaru with the Mahan family on the night of 9 January. He viewed the blue penguins at Oamaru that evening. The next day he moved south to Mosgiel to stay with the Buchanan family for the nights of 10 and 11 January.

Martin was travelling through New Zealand by himself, and on the first evening was taken to North Dunedin where he encountered Baldwin Street, which is the steepest street in the world. Martin, coming from a rather flat area, was fascinated, and had to drive his rental car up the hill. Whether his rental agreement prohibited such driving, this did not concern him. After being warned he could not "chicken out" halfway, he drove up the hill to the top, and several posed photographs were taken there demonstrating the angle of the rise.

He then drove "speedily" down the hill and after stopping at the bottom, had to be talked out of reversing back up the hill. The following day, Martin visited the albatross colony at Taiaroa Head, as well as the Armstrong disappearing gun, which has been recently restored by a group, of which IPA member Lox Kellas is a member. These locations are not to be missed on a visit to Dunedin.

Lox has met a number of visiting overseas police members at Taiaroa Head, but it is not known whether any were IPA members. Martin then travelled up the Taieri Gorge Railway, where, on the return trip, he travelled in the cab of the leading locomotive, an experience he had not ever thought possible. Martin continued around the south on his trip, visiting Te Anau, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Mount Cook and then returned to Christchurch.

Later in January , Phil Bomberger, Sheriff of Lancaster County (which is in the Amish country in the United States) was travelling through the South Island with his wife and another couple. He spent three nights in Queenstown and both Steve Burke and Phil Jones at Queenstown offered to look after him while he was there. Phil tried for several days to get hold of him and both finally got to meet up with each other the day before Phil Bomberger was due to leave. Phil admitted that he didn't realise how many things there were to do in the Queenstown area, as he did the usual things like Milford Sound, Skippers Canyon etc. They had an enjoyable time discussing the similarities and differences in policing in the USA and NZ.

There have been no social functions since the December 1999 report, which by the time it was produced, was way out of date. By the time this has been published, there will have been a dinner on 26 February at the Nanking Palace in South Dunedin, where members from Oamaru, Palmerston, Queenstown and Balclutha are expected to attend.

Karen Smith from Dunedin, has left for her OE, heading initially to Europe, and is expecting to be away for two years.

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

Trevor Buchanan

America's Cup

America's Cup Policing

Preliminary planning for policing the Louis Vuitton challenger series and the America's Cup began four years ago. The New Zealand Police had never before faced a water based activity of such magnitude, attracting so much world attention. The Government realised the importance of the world-class sporting event, and provided the necessary funding to cover the craft and their operating costs, for what became known as "Operation Marlin".

IPA member Detective Superintendent Peter Marshall was in charge of the planning team tasked with control of both APEC99 and the America's Cup. Twenty six police launch masters were recruited and a total of 180 staff were used in the operation. An intensive training programme was undertaken with such organisations as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Volunteer Coastguard, Auckland Regional Council harbour master, and AC2000 (the AmCup event organiser). To comply with Occupational Health and Safety standards, all coxswains had to have the minimum qualification of Restricted Limits Launch master, and all staff had to pass rigorous tests in swimming, fire drill, water safety and marine rescue procedures.



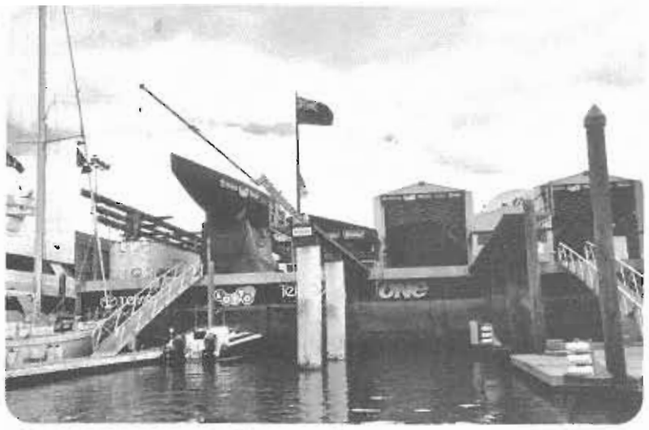
The two Team New Zealand yachts duelling for practice starts. The competition was very intense.

The Hauraki Gulf and Auckland waterfront region became a separate Police District for the duration of the yacht races, and the Operation HQ was manned continuously to monitor Auckland City Police radio bands should there be a need for back-up by "Operation Marlin" staff. Some uniformed police found real satisfaction in their foot patrol duties at the Viaduct Basin, enjoying friendly interaction with the public. A spin off was a marked reduction in inner-city crime. (Who said the constable on the beat was outdated?) Staff were rotated between land and water-based duties to broaden their experience, provide variety and stimulate interest.

The maritime experience of Sergeants Lloyd McIntosh and Martin Paget influenced the design of the Police patrol craft and Sensation Yachts Ltd won the contract to built eleven marine aluminium 12 metre rigid hull craft with inflatable Hyperlon tube pontoons. Each vessel was fitted with a marine toilet, a small galley, LPG stove and refrigerator. They were powered by twin 225 HP Yamaha salt water outboards, with counter-rotating propellers, giving them a cruising speed of 20 knots with a maximum of 40 knots. Fuel tanks permitted a ten hour range at cruising speed.

When Peter Marshall was first shown the prototype RHIB (rigid hull inflatable boat) in the boat builder's yard, his jaw dropped in apparent disbelief at the size of the hull out of the water, much to the amusement of McIntosh and Paget. Clearly he had visualised something much smaller.

However, these purpose-built vessels proved to have good manoeuvrability and were stable at both slow and high speeds. They were fitted with radar, echo sounder, police radios, cell phones,



Team NZ Base at the Viaduct Basin

sirens, spotlights, and GPS plotters, with the additional capability of communicating their position to the marine base headquarters (located on the Naval patrol vessel HMNZS Hinau). This permitted the O/C operation to know precisely each vessel's position for deployment.

The former West End Rowing clubhouse in the Westhaven Marina was obtained to serve as the operation base through the generous sponsorship of the ASB Bank. This provided adequate office space, locker rooms, mess rooms and storage space, with direct access to a harbour jetty having mooring space for all of the Police patrol craft.

To acknowledge the Bank's contribution, all eleven patrol craft were painted in the ASB Bank's distinctive yellow and black livery. When the craft were brought into service, they were duly blessed at a ceremony attended by Ngati Whatua and the two Auckland region Police Chaplains.

The undoubted success of the water borne police operation was due to thorough training and the dedication of all staff; effective liaison with other organisations, including each yachting syndicate; rotating of police staff duties; and the practical and functional design of the purpose-built patrol craft.

Some 20 to 30 patrol vessels manned by volunteers were used in a marshalling capacity on race days. With limited authority they were not able to command the same respect on the water from spectator boats as the Police patrol boats, manned by blue-uniformed staff wearing the recognisable wide-brimmed Akubra Police hats, with their distinctive diced hatbands.

Fortunately, despite the intense public interest (some spectator vessels carried up to 300 passengers), the whole operation was run without any serious injury or threat of danger to any member of the public. Feedback on the Police role in the America's Cup regatta was unfailingly positive and unstinting in praise, both from the syndicates and the public. Staff too, were positive about their contribution, and it is likely that there will be even more competition for the opportunity to perform this duty in 2003.

In the final week of the Cup, Hiroake Iwadate, a 27 year-old Senior Constable from Sapporo, Japan, visited Auckland. Hiro is our first Japanese IPA visitor, and was home hosted by Murray Pirret, and taken out on one of the Police patrol vessels on a lay day, to view the two Team New Zealand yachts jousting in practice starts. The Waitemata lived up to its Maori meaning - "Sparkling Waters". Several days later Hiro was able to view Auckland from the Eagle helicopter, and he returned home most impressed with Kiwi hospitality.



Hiroaki Iwadate on one of the Police RHIBS

From the Hobbies Desk



This is a very onerous job. Not a single request or contact from a NZ member, despite sending several e-mails to collectors who have registered their interests with me. I have a number of patches to 'give away', but so far no takers. Here is your opportunity.

Petr Kriz, Z. Fibicha 391/2959,43401 Most, Czech Republic has forwarded his local patch, (pictured) and merely requests a NZ patch in return. If you would like to reciprocate, please contact me and you can have the patch.

Andrej Hrup, Opekarna 27, Trbovlje 1420, Slovenia. Andrej is a policeman in Ljubljana and would like to exchange patches with a NZ member.

Tony Picketts
Hobbies Secretary

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New Zealand

Numismatics

By Clint Libby

Nearly all of us are silly enough to be collectors of something. I'm silly enough to collect New Zealand coins and banknotes. My wife Julie on the other hand is exactly the opposite, she likes to spend it.

New Zealand did not get its own currency until 1933 so for a collector one does not have to go back very far to start the collection. Prior to that British and Australian coinage was mainly used with some local businesses minting their own coins or tokens. These went into general circulation as well. Trading banks also produced their own notes that were usually dated and hand signed. They really have become collectors' items and they are very expensive to obtain.

The New Zealand coins from 1933 to 1946 had a silver content and are more valuable than those from 1947 to 1965 when that series of coins ended and the decimal coins were introduced on 10 July 1967.

When the decimal coinage was introduced there were two variations to the coins. Some of the 50 cent coins had a dot over the 1 of 1967. Some of the 5 cent coins had the sea missing from behind the Tuatara's tail. They can still be found in circulation today but as they are 'circulated' they are only worth about two dollars each. If they were bright and uncirculated they would be worth hundreds of dollars. I note the new 1999 issue is said to have some coins that have been struck off centre. I have yet to check this but obviously if true they would become collectors' items and therefore more valuable. For example take the coin and hold between finger and thumb with the '5' at the bottom. Rotate and one would expect the '1999' to be aligned on the other side. You would have to do this with a number of coins to see if there was a variation.

Then there are those who collect medals for special occasions and it seems that many people not only collectors will buy these. For example I am a member of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand and we are in the process of

striking a millennium medal for New Zealand. Early indications were that a number of organisations were going to do the same but nothing eventuated. We are going to try and limit the numbers to about 500 so that they will be relatively rare and hopefully become valuable and collectors' items for the future. I believe the cost will be about $50. The draft artwork is shown and if anyone is interested in getting one they can contact me.

However my real love is collecting New Zealand bank notes. What other collecting can you have where for face value you can obtain an individually numbered item? And there are a number of bargains for those who are willing to look more closely at their money.

The older decimal banknotes are ridiculously expensive in crisp or near new condition. Sought after are those notes that have an asterisk (*) after the number. This was to denote a replacement note that substituted a damaged note during the printing process. You are now unlikely to find these in circulation but they are available as often people put strange notes aside as a curiosity.

The newer notes then had the asterisk replaced by the prefix ZZ prior to the numbers on the note. I have seen these often in circulation but the better condition the more valuable it is. For example for a collector to buy the $100 note in crisp condition would cost at least $1,000. A pretty good profit if you found it in your wallet.

And there are others to look for. A special ten dollar note was printed with the prefixes AAA, BBB, CCC, DDD, MBL, TNZ, RXX, FTC, CWB and RNZ. You will recognise some of the lettering as Television New Zealand, Farmers Trading Company, Countrywide Bank etc. Although not extremely valuable they too are sought after because they are unique.

There are those collectors who collect printing errors on notes. It is not uncommon to have notes with missing numbers or smudged or missing printing. They too are valuable and sought after by collectors.

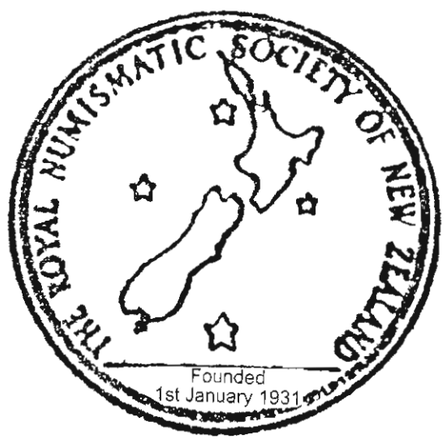
We now have the polymer or plastic notes and at this stage I am not aware of any anomalies or variations. That does not mean they are not there it is just that they have not been found as yet. Maybe you will be the one to make the discovery and find that you have a valuable note. For example I found an old $20 note that had been printed upside down.

Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand

Proposed Medal for the Year 2000

Size: 50mm x 4mm

Metals: Gold (possibly)
Silver
Bronze





Amateur Radio

Greetings from the 'Top of the South' and IPA Radio Club members; Brian Kidd ZL1AHZ; Des Coote ZL2LQ; and myself.

Radio communications improved during 1999, and contacts were made regularly. We have kept New Zealand on the map, IPA Radio Club wise. Australia has one semi-regular IPA member, Floyd, ex Californian Highway Patrol, married to an Australian girl and living in Sydney; he is one of five operators.

South Africa has one regular IPA operator, Franz, one of six operators. There are not many in the Southern Hemisphere. There are more than 1000 Radio Club members in the Northern Hemisphere.

In 1999 I received three American awards; one in particular, 'The Order of the Eagle' a prestigious presentation for service to the IPA Radio Club. A lovely surprise.

Best wishes for the year 2000 to each one of you and your families.

Regards Ron Bonnington



Ron Bonnington ZL2A W

Travel Desk

National Travel Secretary

By Marlene Merriman

Travel requests from overseas visitors have kept me very busy over the past six months. Enquiries have been received from many countries including the USA, UK, Scandinavia, Germany, The Netherlands, Japan and South Africa. I am sure the America's Cup has generated extra interest in New Zealand as a place to visit and I know some of our American friends have spent some time in the Hauraki Gulf, aboard some of those beautiful yachts moored in the Viaduct Basin.

A number of our members are heading off to the Scottish Friendship Week and to Bournemouth 2000 over the next few weeks, and I'm sure they'll all enjoy themselves.

Recent Visitors

From the Isle of Wight, UK, came Penni and John Houghton, who toured the South Island. They were in New Zealand for three and a half weeks and stayed in the holiday homes in Rotorua, Tanpo and Turangi. Penni is a bit of an adrenalin junkie (her words) and sought out the bungy jumping sites and jet boat trips.

From Germany, Jurgen Arndt and his family recently began a 6 week visit to our lovely country and will be touring both islands extensively. They are hoping to drop into New Plymouth where they will be home hosted sometime in April. Jurgen is a police officer working as an Information Technology specialist in Kronshagen.

From Denmark, Hugo and Rita Hammelsvang toured New Zealand from 10 February. They spent three weeks in the South Island, which included walking the Milford Track, then explored the North, until their departure on 29 March. They made good use of the Police and Army holiday homes. Hugo retired from the Danish Police in 1996 after 34 and a half years' service.

From Northern Ireland, Andrew Rogers recently left for home after a brief 12 day holiday. He was in Christchurch, catching up with friends, then headed to Auckland. I arranged for him to travel by train to Rotorua for a couple of nights, and take in the sights, before returning to Auckland and his departure on 7 March. Andrew is a uniformed constable attached to a mobile support unit in County Fermanagh.

From Sweden, Ola Osterling arrived on 28 February after six weeks in Tonga visiting his Godson. Ola is a rugby prop forward and was keen to see some Super 12 action, before he left on 20 March. He is an inspector in Stockholm.

Forthcoming Visitors

From Germany, Jurgen Endres and his wife are planning a visit in early April for three or four weeks. Jurgen is in the CID at Police Headquarters in Cologne.

From the USA, Elvan Moen and his wife arrive on 16 May for one week. Elvan retired from the Los Angeles Police Department last year after 34 years' service.

From the UK, Ian Imray and eight family members will be touring for a month in July/August. They are planning to stay in Wellington with friends and travel around the country. Ian is retired and was based with the West Mercia Police.



Marlene Merriman

From South Africa, Pieter Van Rensburg arrived on 26 March and our Associate Secretary for Africa Carole Tipler has some scuba diving arranged for him up north.

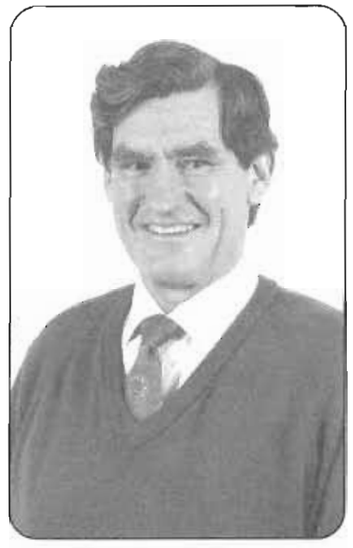
Home Hosting

This is a wonderful way of getting to know our overseas visitors, and if you are available to home host do not hesitate to contact the District Home Hosting Co-ordinator in your Region and let them know you are able to do so. Too often the same members are called upon to accommodate our guests.

Wine Chat With Ace

CENTRAL OTAGO - New Zealand's New Star

Central Otago has enjoyed a reputation for growing superb apricots and nectarines for many years but until 15 years ago it was always considered an impossible climate in which to grow grapevines. When radio personality Alan Brady planted grapes in Central Otago more than 15 years ago he was pushing the boundaries of possibility, and many people considered his gamble a "losing bet". I must confess that when I visited the area in April 1989 and saw his grape vine leaves "cut" by an early frost, I too felt that this was a brave effort that was doomed to fail. The pinot noir bunches had at that stage not developed sufficient grape sugar to enable them to be picked for wine-making, and with the leaves hit by frost, photosynthesis could not continue to function and thus the sunshine could not be converted into grape sugar in the ripening fruit.



Bob O'Hara

Since that disastrous year, grapes have been produced from the Central Otago region in growing quantities and the wines that have been made from them have improved so dramatically that more and more vineyards are being established to capitalise on what is proving to be New Zealand's fastest growing quality wine region. It seems that global warming coupled with careful site selection has seen this region's vineyards bloom and prosper.

Some very interesting wines have been produced from this area. Black Ridge, then the southernmost winery in the world in latitude was the first winery in New Zealand to produce a genuine ice wine. (That is wine made from grapes left on the vines till the frost freezes the water content of the grape juice in the berries, allowing them to be crushed while frozen releasing only the sugar concentrated juice that will not freeze, to be made into wine.)

Rippon winery at Lake Wanaka won the region's first gold medal for Pinot Noir, but others have since followed suit, to the point where Central Otago Pinot Noir is now fast overhauling Martinborough as the premium producing area for this difficult grape. Pinot Noir has always been considered a difficult grape to produce quality wine from. It needs a particular cool climate, soil, and special care both in the vineyard and in the winery to produce fine burgundy style wines that have a special magic when all things are favourable. The wines from Gibbston Valley and Bannockburn seem to be able to capture this elusive quality year after year, which is why there has been such a rapid expansion of plantings in these areas in recent years.

The new star label from the region is Mt Difficulty. This label is the result of five separately owned vineyards pooling their financial and grape growing resources to establish the single brand label. The Mt Difficulty label draws on grapes grown from 60 hectares of vineyards, which are still owned individually. There are presently five partner vineyards producing grapes, Cairnmuir, Full Circle, Manson Farm, Molyneux, and Verbeoket, with a sixth vineyard being planted at present.

Members of the Mt Difficulty Group share a

"There is a special magic about really good pinot noir..."

commitment to quality control at the highest level. Viticultural practices have been introduced that reduce crop levels, to ensure optimum ripeness and maximise flavour concentration in the harvested fruit.

Mt Difficulty is the 1295 metre high peak that towers over the eastern entrance to the Kawarau Gorge, and the view from the top of this peak now reveals a patchwork quilt of vineyards which have transformed the area from the parched almost desert-like landscape that these sun drenched terraces presented less than ten years ago.

The Cromwell basin, Bannockburn, Lowburn and Bendigo areas will by 2001 have well over 300 hectares in grape vines and in five years time it is estimated that the output of high quality Pinot Noir from the Central Otago region will be equal to the total New Zealand production of Pinot Noir in 1999, (about 150,000 cases). A high proportion of this wine is expected to be destined for export, with the U.K. market forming the biggest percentage.

The importance of Pinot Noir to the area is reflected in the high percentage of that variety now represented in Central Otago vineyards. Pinot Noir (60%) Chardonnay (14%) Pinot Gris (8%) and Riesling (7%) Sauvignon Blanc (4%) and Gewurztraminer (3%) show the mix of varieties grown in the region.

Readers may feel that some of the prices asked for Central Otago wines are high but they do reflect the quality of wine produced in the region. I invite you to try them and I am confident you will not be disappointed. New Zealand wine drinkers are far more perceptive than they once were and because they are now more price and quality conscious, wineries that charge high prices for their product have to match price with quality or they will quickly go out of business.

The inaugural Central Otago Pinot Noir Celebration was held in January 2000 at the Alpine Resort, Arthurs Point and was a one day event concentrating on tastings, panel discussions and seminars on the various facets of pinot noir growing, production and appreciation limited to 200 participants. The internationally acclaimed Australian wine author, wine judge and founder of Coldstream Hills winery, James Halliday, was the keynote guest speaker. Other international guests included Oregon winemaker Stephen Cary; Englishman Anthony Foster (M.W.) a specialist in Burgundy; and Californian Winemaker, Jim Clendenen. Leading New Zealand pinot noir wine producers from Martinborough, Nelson, Canterbury, and Marlborough presented their wines.

The event was co-organised by Otago pioneer wine producer Alan Brady and Rudi Bauer, who was voted New Zealand Winemaker of the Year in 1999. It was modelled on the now well-established International Pinot Noir Celebration held each year in Oregon, U.S.A. There are very few regions in the world where pinot noir is grown successfully, and Central Otago can now justifiably claim to be one of them.

There is a special magic about really good pinot noir. Firstly it is usually accessible young, even though it can be safely cellared for many years. Secondly it will display a delicacy and complexity of taste which will include hints of cherries, mushrooms, truffles and other berry fruits like strawberries. Thirdly it will not be dense or too dark in colour but can be seen through clearly and will pour with a delicate and very agreeable fragrance. Finally the flavour concentration will be intense and there will be a long lingering farewell after the wine has been swallowed. Good pinot noir is a taste treat to be savoured and remembered.

Bon Appetit!

From Near and Far

By Lawrie Philpott



With a gap in the publishing of our journal we have fallen behind somewhat in news and events both past and future from near and far.

We had our National Annual General Meeting in April 1999 which saw changes to our National Executive such as Arthur Mahan is now Secretary General, Brian Seager Assistant Sec.Gen. Marlene Merriman Travel Secretary and Sherwood Young our Editor. Some things didn't go quite right on the first two days of the weekend but as you read in our last edition, the Sunday expedition to Kapiti Island was a great success, the wood pigeons are still warbling about it, too. The Region A.G.Ms were held in September, which again confused some, and again it shows up the difficulty in getting younger members to attend and take on committee responsibilities.

Two of our youth attended the I.P.A. Youth Gathering in Canada –a report is elsewhere herein. They made such an impression on the organisers that two of them, Bruce and Linda Billings came south to check out what New Zealand was all about. They flew to Fiji and had intended flying on to N.Z. but having in mind a retirement (both had served in the Police service) which was to include enjoying yachting and having their own yacht, they accepted an offer to help crew a yacht coming from Suva, Fiji to Nelson, N.Z. They did arrive safely in Nelson but the extremely rough trip has severely dented their enthusiasm for further yachting and the sea - they flew on to Australia after a month's touring.



Kevin Vidler

As reported, we had some changes in our National Executive

but at the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Section held in Hobart later in the year quite extensive changes took place too. Merv Pegler of Western Australia (one of ex-patriat Kiwi, Commissioner Barry Matthews' Supts.) is President, Steve Pierce of Victoria is Vice Pres., Val Doherty is their new Secretary General while Bob Munday, Queenbeyan/ACT is Assist.Sec.Gen, and the new Editor is Melbourne's Kevin Vidler. The British Section has also had a major change. Allan Carter who has held the two important positions of International Secretary

General and Chief Executive Officer of the British Section has retired from the C.E.O. of the British Section but retains his International job - he's a good friend of N.Z. The new Secretary General for Britain is Roger Lincoln. These people with British President David Read and others have had their hands full preparing for the Golden Jubilee World Congress in May. They are highly delighted that it has been confirmed that Princess Anne will open the Congress - remember we, of course, had the Queen herself to officiate at our Police College for our Centennial and 100th Wing Graduation which included presenting the I.P.A. prize. Another preparation for the Bournemouth Congress is the composing of a new I.P.A. Anthem "PEACE FOR EVERMORE". It will be a major item at the big concert on Wednesday May 10 when the composer will conduct the Exeter Police Choir. If you stay on in the U.K. after the Congress or you just happen to be in London in mid-July the annual I.P.A. Visit to the Tower of London is set for 16 July. If you have ideas of wanting to go, make some inquiries NOW. A requirement on leaving on these visits is to shake your head to make sure it is still attached to your shoulders. Just as well a good number of Beefeaters are I.P.A. members.

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In addition to the Bournemouth celebrations, the French Section is suggesting that the I.P.A. worldwide hold a World I.PA. Day to honour the 50th anniversary. Sport seems to be encroaching more and more into I.P.A. affairs and there are suggestions of a World I.P.A. Soccer Cup.

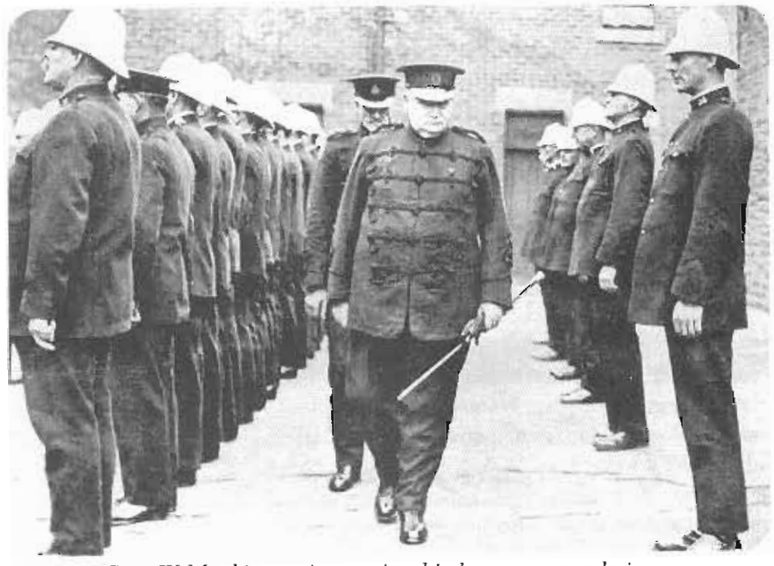
But here is one result N.Z. Rugby-ites may not like to know - the I.P.A. Kent Branch rugby team was beaten, but only by a few points, by a French team, Cergy Pontoise. Dave Ferris of Saltash, Cornwall, has taken over the stamp collecting group and is doing a good job. Any money he gets from the sale of excess used stamps goes to the Royal National Lifeboats Institute - a very good, worthwhile cause.

There is a possibility of a new model car club for I.P.A. members being set up. Our good friend, Bill Peterick of Ayrshire is behind the scheme. Also 'in-the-pipeline' is an I.P.A. Magical Society - the brainchild of amateur magician, Glasgow Constable Stuart Montgomery - I just hope they don't make themselves disappear!

Book Review

By Bob O'Hara

A POLICEMAN'S PARADISE?
by Graeme Dunstall (Volume 4 of the history of policing in New Zealand) sub-titled "Policing a Stable Society 1918 - 1945"



Supt W Mackinnon inspecting his last pay parade in Christchurch in 1926. (Weekly Press, 4 Feb 1926, p 27, Canterbury Public Library.)

A history lecturer at Canterbury University, Graeme Dunstall was commissioned to write a narrative history of a government department for a specific period, a relatively straight-forward task one would think. At the outset he gave careful consideration to the likely readership: present and past police personnel, his academic colleagues and lay people curious to learn more about police and policing. In attempting to meet the interest and expectations of such a disparate group of readers he accepted the risk of satisfying none but I believe he has achieved a wonderful balance. He has avoided the pedantic and often recondite writing style beloved by some historians and produced a narrative in a flowing style easily assimilated by the average reader without compromising his academic standards.

Research for this volume commenced in 1976 when a number of police who had served during the relevant period were still living and willing to be interviewed. A lack of police administrative files resulted in a greater reliance on oral history and this was garnered by the author during his personal interviews with more than 100 former policemen and women of all ranks including Constables, Detectives and Commissioners. Their reminiscences and recollections are freely quoted in the text, emphasising the human face of police history. He was given unrestricted access to official records and archival files and also had access to the many regional police history books that have been produced since 1985. Good use has been made of these in selectively compiling this overview of the New Zealand Police for the period covered.

Careful thought has been given to the format, dealing both chronologically and thematically with various subjects. Chapters are devoted to: Careers and Community, City Constables, Detectives, Policing Gambling, Suburban and Country Constables, Supervision, Political Surveillance, as well as the stressful years



A Wellington traffic accident in the late 1920s. (Evening Post Collection, ATL G799.5 - EP.)

following World War 1, the Depression era and policing the Home Front during World War 2. It has been embellished by a judicious selection of black and white photos and an impressive bibliography of published and unpublished sources, which includes a list of those former serving members interviewed. As befits an official history it concludes with a comprehensive index.

My only criticism of the book is that quoted sources and footnotes for each chapter have been located from pages 360 to 489 rather than published at the foot of each page. I found it rather irksome having to use two book-marks while flipping constantly backwards and forwards from the text to the footnote section to refer to original sources, explanations and elaborations on the text. However the footnotes are very comprehensive and contain much that adds interest to the text.

With all the reading, research and writing undertaken by the author over the past quarter of a century it has clearly become a labour of love for which Graeme Dunstall deserves the greatest recognition. A worthy addition to the growing list of published books on New Zealand Police history, I recommend it as a "must read" for every police member serving or retired.

(Published by Dunmore Press 1999). Available from the publishers at P O Box 5115, Palmerston North at a cost of $49.95 plus $3 for packing and postage.



Constable Martin Campbell mounted on his horse at Port Awanui in the 1920s. (John Robinson.)



"The coming terror" - New Zealand's Police Woman. (Free Lance, 29 August 1918.)

The Four Day Birthday Party

By Val Brannan

It is always a bonus on any holiday to meet new friends, socialise together and remain in contact long after returning home. After almost eight months overseas, we are back home and coming to grips with our newest acquisition, 'th' Beast', purchased because computers and email are supposed to make corresponding easier. Maybe so but all these great technological advances can also cause a lot of extra stress ...take Incis for example.

Enough of that, at least we know enough to use the word processor and atteinpt to decipher our diary jottings and feed them into 'the Beast'.

We drove to the I.P.A. headquarters in Nottingham on June 2, dnring one of the heaviest downpours I have ever encountered. The traffic was heavy, the wipers were going at full speed and the navigator/speed inhibitor sat very quietly, which is always a sign that she is rather worried about the chances of reaching our destination safely. We made it to Fox Road and went inro the homely looking brick building where Diana and later, Alan Carter greeted us warmly. We were grateful for the time Alan spent with us and we managed to gather useful information.

One of the events on the I.P.A. calendar was the thirtieth anniversary of the Derbyshire Branch to be held in and around Derby from Thursday June lO, finishing on Sunday June 13. When Geoff made contact with Robert Smith we were invited to attend.

The first evening, our group was given a Mayoral reception at Council House in Derby. We were met on the steps by one of the organisers, David Ashley. The mayor, Sara Bolton, a petite woman, dressed in a bright pink trouser suit and wearing a mayoral chain that appeared to weigh her down, was very gracious and even gave us a personalised tour of the Mayoral Chambers, relating points of interest on the way.

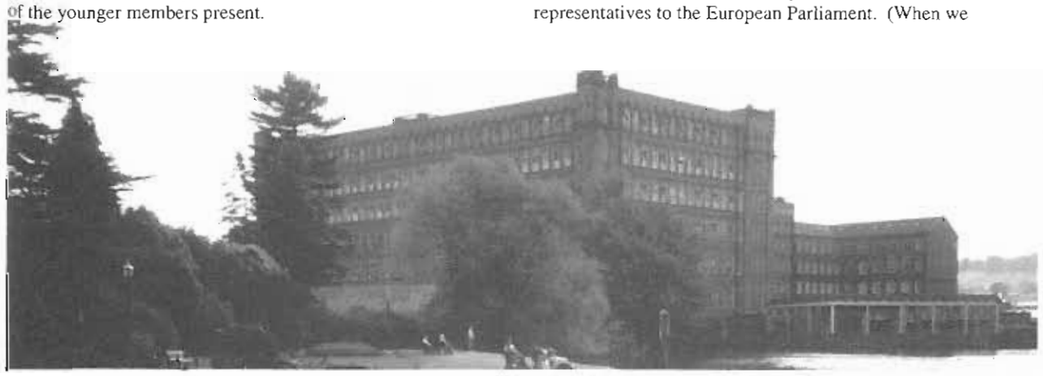
This tour made us a little late arriving at the Derby District Headquarters Social Club where a social evening was held. As well as the local members and partners, there were representatives from France, Italy and Germany. We spent some time talking to a man about his experiences as a member of the Derby Constabulary Choir and the visit the choir made to Osnabruck, Germany. We were soon 'rescued from that impostor' by Bill Worth, a jovial member in his seventies who explained that he was not, nor ever had been, a police officer. We were introduced to his wife and several of the older members, referred to quite openly as 'the wrinklies' by some of the younger members present.



Mayoral Reception Derby June 10, 1999

The Social Club was based in a rather dingy bar withiu a building that had certainly seen better days. It was explained that the Police Station was soon to be demolished, as it was not old, nor historic enough to be restored. It was soon to be replaced with a new building in a different area of Derby. The next morning we were up earlier than we had become accustomed to since leaving New Zealand. The first stop for the day, the Belper North Mill, was about nine miles from where we were staying. Jedediah Strutt, a local man whose fortune was made by manufacturing ribbed knitting, built this imposiug, red brick bnilding in 1804. He later joined with Richard Arkwright and together this team built the first cotton spinning mills. The mill is on the hanks of the Derwent River, which flows for more than fifty miles through Derbyshire. The Helper North Mill together with other mills built in the area established the Derwent Valley as 'The Cradle of the Industrial Revolution.' The original mill, established in 1786, was destroyed by fire in 1803. The new mill built on the site, used considerable technical advancements such as an irou frame and brick arches and is the second oldest fireproof building in the world.

There was a notice on the door of the Mill stating that it was closed to the public that day because of the Elections. The publicity concerning the Elections was so low key that it took us some time to find out that they were actually a vote for representatives to the European Parliament. (When we



Belper North Mill

returned home to New Zealand some months later, we were instantly bombarded by media coverage of the upcoming New Zealand Elections. What a refreshing change it would be if we had less media coverage.) The visitor centre, guided tour and video proved very interesting. A water wheel display in a large room overlooking water and with a projecrion of a working wheel on the wall was most effective. The collection of silk and cotton stockings from 1820, Hargreave's Spinning Jenny, Arkwright's Waterframe, Crompton's Mule and the huge size of the Mill combined to give us a fascinaring insight into the Industrial Age and just what an important part these mills played in British history .



Surprise View Photo

We had all arrived at the Mill by private car but now it was time to board a bus driven hy a very patient driver who went well out of his way to pick up some more I.P.A. passengers at a little village, Clay Cross. We were fortunate to have an excellent guide who gave us an insight in to many of the places we passed through on our way to the lunch break at the Monsal Head Hotel. The little villages with stone houses and storybook names, dry stone walls, the green fields and trees of the English Midlands and, close to our lunchtime destination, the smoke from an incinerator disposing of carcases from animals with suspected Mad Cow Disease.

Despite the cremation smoke, our three-course meal, with a main of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding was still enjoyable. After the meal we were treated to the 'Surprise View' over the Wye River valley and an old srone viaduct. The misty weather that had some effect on the view did not prevent the 'oohs and aahs' as we looked around us and down to the river far below.

We all climbed back aboard the coach and it was not long before the conversation became more and more subdued and the odd snore was heard. Tbe wine, ale and good food was proving a great conversation killer. For those of ns who stayed awake there was even more scenery to absorb including the church with the crooked spire at Chesterfield.

Several rumours abound regarding this but the most plausible is that, as it was built around the time of the Great Plague, to which many experienced workmen had succumbed, tbe timber that was used to build the herringbone shingled spire was not given enough time to dry by the less experienced workmen.

Passengers were dropped off en route to Belper. Those left on board arrived back at 4.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. That night we were treated to the Captain Black's Ghost Tour of Friargate, Derby. The gathering place for the evening's entertainment was a parking lot in Agard Street. We were led down a path almost overgrown by weeds and into the dungeons of an old brick building that had once been Derby Gaol. The scene was well set for a night of scary tales. A most aggressive prison warden, wearing a tricorn hat and appropriate 18th century garb, 'greeted' ns as we enrered. He sat facing us, rattling a huge bunch of keys and writing down details of these new 'prisoners' with his quill.

A quick tour of the three cells with their displays of memorabilia relating to the past inmates and executions, informed us that several earlier visitors to the building had been hanged, beheaded, or drawn and quartered in or around the premises. A list of convictions showed witchcraft, bestiality and common theft to be among the most prevalent. Records show that the hangings included; 1726 - a man for horse stealing: 1734 - a woman for rick burning: 1786 John Shepherd and Richard Stanley were both hanged for housebreaking. Between 1341 and 1907, the year of the last execution in Derby, the list of executions was made up of 120 men, 15 women and 2 teenagers. After wandering through the dimly lit cells and learning these details, it was quite a relief to get out on the street again.

The warden then removed his hat and costume, cleaned his blackened teeth and the newly emerged Richard took us on a street tour of the Friargate district pointing out the spots where some gruesome occurrences had made their way into the history books. Several ghosts are believed to be still floating around the area. On the site of an old gaol in Vernon Street where the prisoners had once rioted, modern houses and an office block have been built within the old prison wall and the guardhouses are still sranding. The architecture is such that the complex blends well together. After walking some distance, we all felt that a sojourn at the Greyhound Pub was a grand idea. Unfortunately the bar 'maid' did not agree and told our guide that in future she should be informed in advance if such a large group was coming to her pub. We all eventually received the pint of ale we had longingly anticipated, then trekked back to the gaol and dined on pie (reminiscent of Sweeny Todd?), pea and mashed spud served up by buxom wenches.



Ghost and Greyhound Pub

Despite the late night, we were up at an early hour the next morning and drove to the world famous Den by Pottery Factory. The tour of the factory included a 'bands on' experience and we were all given a piece of clay and moulds of frogs or ducks. Even with a mould, it was still a tricky task and several rather missbapen objects emerged.

Some of us also tried our hands at china painting and it was obvious that some of our group had definite artistic

talent, but there were some whose talents surely lay in a different direction. There were several other craft outlet shops here and it took a lot of determination not to spend money.

As the next official function was not until the evening, we headed back to our accommodation. As we drove through Belper, we noticed signs directing vehicles to the Belper Vintage and Steam Event so we decided to have a look. It was a good decision as there were a lot of interesting exhibits. Sixteen large steam engines, thirty-four vintage tractors, thirty-four vintage and post vintage commercial vehicles and about ninety old cars were ou display. There was a fairground with vintage stalls including a 1950 shooting gallery, merry-go-round, several large ornate and colourful organs grouped together blasting the air with a cacophony of sounds, all different, and a traditional hoopla stall. Military vehicles were also on display and the enthusiastic owners gave a demonstration of the capabilities to the large crowd.



One of the large organs on display at the Belper Vintage and Steam Event

Stationary engines provided the power for a variety of activities including milking machines and hay balers. Several period caravans with the interiors kitted out in accessories of the era had proud owner-guides keeping a close eye on the curious visitors. The oldest of these was a 1931 Guildford 2-berth caravan towed by a 1932 Morris Isis.

A total of nineteen models and miniatures from caravans to more steam engines was another feature of the event. Perched under a large tree were several birds of prey; owls, hawks and falcons, patiently waiting for the falconry display that we were unable to stay long enough to see.

The area was surrounded by green, rolling hills where herds of mainly Friesian cows were grazing and preparing their next milky offering. Black plastic covered bales of winrer feed lay scattered around the fields and above all this was a real blue sky , not often enough seen in England. It all provided the perfect backdrop and we could easily have spent a lot longer but for a more pressing priority.

We were searching for a suitable camper van to spend the next four months living in and exploring Britain, and had earlier made arrangements to view one that we had seen advertised which meant a drive to Matlock. Tbis town and the neighbouring Matlock Bath are very popular with day-trippers from some of the larger surrounding cities such as Manchester and Derby. This Saturday was no exception. Motorcyclists, in particular the 'cafe racers', congregate here most weekends and there were well over a hnndred motorcycles parked on the road through Marlock.



Roy Potts, Chairman of Derby I.P.A. presents a souvenir of the 30th Birthday to Geoff and Val Brannan

The area, as the name Matlock Bath denotes, grew from visitors coming to take the curative waters. The Derwent River flows adjacent to the main road and provides water based activities: lots of hikes around the town: short train excursions: the cable car ride up to the Heights of Abraham, with audio visual displays of lead mining in tbe 16th century and a dramatic creation in the Great Masson Cavern of life three hundred and twenty five million years ago, combine to provide plenty of opportunities to fill in a day or so in the area.

As the camper van seemed to fit our requirements, (or so we thought at the time, but that is another story), arrangements were made for our return with the money the following day. The plan to have a short zizz before the function that night just did not eventuate. Instead it was a rushed trip home, quick showers and change of clothes and then back to the outskirts of Derby where the birthday dinner was being held at Pride Park Stadium, home of the Derby Rams Football Club.

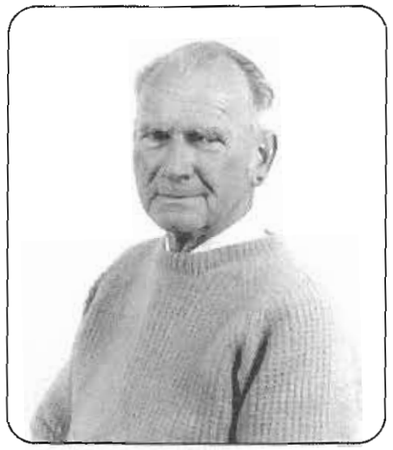
The Stadium was built on the site of old railway yards and had been used as a rubbish dump for years by the Gas Company next door. Although the large storage tanks next door are ugly, there are plans for future improvements. The complex seats 33,000 spectators and the corporate boxes cost 25,000 pounds per annum.

A three -course meal was followed by formal presentations and speeches in English, French, Italian and German. After that part of the evening was over, we were all urged to get up and dance which most did, until the early hours of the next morning.

Sunday was the final day of the Birthday celebrations and included a tour of the Derby Poliee Museum and a farewell get together at the D.H.Q. Social Club. The museum was in the old Derby Court building and included some interesting exhibits. The advertising blurb states 'a fine collection of truncheons, handcuffs and police uniforms (3242 from New Zealand was among these). The memorabilia includes records of the Force history, crime and punishment and the people on both sides of the law.'

Goodbyes, exchanges of addresses and gifts took place at the Social Club. A buffet lunch washed down with a few drinks was enjoyed and we departed. It had been a memorable start to our visit to Britain, made more so by the people we had met and hope to meet again some day. We both felt welcome and the friendliness and organisation of the Derby I.P.A. 30th Birthday celebrations will long be remembered by us. We hope that some of the friends we met will visit us in New Zealand so thar we have an opportunity to try to repay the hospitality shown to us.

Obituary



Ivo Davey
17/9/17-11/12/99

One of our regular Journal team's most colourful characters passed away in December at his home in Whangarei, aged 82 years. Under the pen-name "Scrutator" Ivo was our regular book reviewer and in 1995 he won the Mytton Rodd trophy for this popular feature. Ivo also made a significant contribution at a number of IPA editorial seminars. His sage advice on sub editing, lay-out and writing style was much appreciated by seminar attenders and helped to raise the standard of our publication. Born in Hawera in 1917, Ivo was fascinated by animals from an early age and began to study and dissect them.

By the time he reached his teens he was avidly reading textbooks on medicine, pharmacology and surgery supplied by the family doctor. He intended to undertake medical studies. By cruel chance he contracted diphtheria and chicken-pox at the same time and the combined effect resulted in damage which caused his hearing to gradually fail over the next three years. It dashed his hopes of a medical career. However Ivo was not one to allow his disability (total deafness) to get the better of him. During his life, he worked variously as a herbarium keeper, taxonomist, botanist (highly recommended by Sir Robert Falla the Director of the Dominion Museum), photographer, newspaper proof reader, reporter, leader writer, sub-editor and garden columnist (with the Northern Advocate).

He was Editor of Scientific Publications for the Forestry Research Institute, Rotorua and later a medical publication by Australasian Drug Information Services. He published a book on bee-keeping which is regarded as the "Bee-keeper's bible". He continued to write the Advocate gardening column right up until his 80th year. In the 1950s Ivo met and married a nurse, Vera, from Tasmania who was in New Zealand on a working holiday. Ivo is survived by his only daughter Elizabeth who is a senior midwife working in Auckland.

Over recent years Ivo suffered from polycythemia rubra, a severe blood disorder, but he used his accumulated scientific and medical knowledge to practical effect in understanding and managing his illness. Despite his condition he continued to write book reviews and also to maintain an interest in, and knowledge of, a wide variety of subjects. Ivo never allowed his disability to stand in the way of effective communication nor did he feel any bitterness. "Deafness was a serious handicap but was not the end of the world," he once said. He kept his razor sharp intelligence and exceptional ability to recall detail right up to his last days despite his failing health. I.P.A. was represented at Ivo's funeral service by Ace and Elaine O'Hara, Ace being one of five speakers who each paid tribute to Ivo in the various spheres of activity in which they had known or been associated with him.

Time of My Life

By Brent Philpott



Brent and Aimee with host in Canada before the two week journey.

The International Youth Gathering of 1999 in Canada is where I had the time of my life.

The thought of spending two weeks in a different country with 44 others in the same boat was pretty scary. I eased into the trip by meeting Aimee from Darfield, New Zealand and staying with her at the host family's house. We then went around to another home where we met people from Poland, Germany and Austria. This was the start, which woke me up to realise that everyone was different from my home, in the way that no one spoke fluent English. Trying to talk to people who don't speak English every day can be quite hard and tiring.

The next two weeks we were to be visiting some of the most amazing sights around Calgary , Edmonton and Lethbridge. We started in Calgary staying in one of the local universities. Everyone was jammed into a small room and it was all quiet and still the eyes were just peering around the room, with thoughts of how old? what country?, what is the English like?, things like that and more. No one realised but after three days everyone would be getting along just fine.

Meanwhile in these three days we got up to some great things. After the official welcome and hellos, the coach whipped us off to the Winter Olympic Park (site of the 1988 Winter Games). We enjoyed the life-like simulators of ski jump and bobsleigh.

A long day and then we had dinner and enjoyed a bus tour of the city all lit up. The next day was to have us taking in the breath taking views of the Rocky Mountains, but it wasn't the easiest to get to. To get the best views you must go as high as possible and to do that you have to hike up a mountain. I couldn't believe the view - it was just awesome.

After all that hard work we were to enjoy the Banff Hot Springs, with temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius. Then more time in the bus back to the university for birthday cake - there were four birthdays on the trip, so everyone had cake for his or her parties. I don't really enjoy horses but I was willing



Two old ice climbing machines.
Used on the Columbia Icefields.

with music playing.
We arrived in Edmonton and they didn't know what was to hit them with 45 energetic young people to take on anything that was thrown at them. Edmonton was to throw everything at us and we took it with confidence. The West Edmonton mall was huge with theme parks inside it. A roller coaster with the G-force of 5.2 on one corner. If I was a shopper then I could have spent all day in the shops but I am not, so after the theme park, it was off to Water World for the afternoon and I spent 2 1/2 hours straight on the slides etc.

to give it a go, and I actually enjoyed it. So that was a first for me and no more horse riding because you get a sore bottom afterwards. This is where Tom, my host dressed up in full uniform for a few photos. By now we were all starting to get to know each other a bit better and enjoying ourselves more.

Monday was the day everyone was waiting for, the go-karts and a chance to prove our driving skills. It was the guys

Living in Wellington, snow is rare so when we went to Columbia Ice Fields, I was thrilled to feel the snow and amused to see how snowmobiles have changed. They now have machines, each tyre for which costs $5000, and there are six on each one. On the first International night I taught Bruce, the tour guide our haka and then showed it off to everyone. It was a good night spent around the campfire



Brent with a few of the group and dressed up Mounted Policeman

together and the girls separate, as if it couldn't be any other way. The guys were kicked off and not allowed back on the track because of too much contact.



The whole group at the last evening of fun at the Great Canadian Barn Dance

Whenever there is a group photo, it seems that everyone needs one and in the 30-degree heat it was the official photo but everyone wanted one so we had to sit there for 4-6 photos - something I did not enjoy. However, this was a once in a lifetime and I was willing to put up with it. There were some strange things that went on like the neon bowling, it was five pins, with a ball that could fit in your hand.

Edmonton gave us everything and we took it, and some more. But it was now Lethbridge's try and they were as good. We were staying in another university as the students were on break. We visited an interesting farm, it was a religious colony and they made everything themselves, clothes etc.

Fort McLeod has a most enjoyable musical ride with the horses all in time and doing all the tricks. Off to my first rodeo and on TV it looks quite a bit easier than what it is up close. You have to be very tough and you deserve the label cowboy. They must be mad to do what they do.

The really last big event we had was the Great Canadian Barn dance. This is one amusing place - it has walls covered with names of people who have been there - my name is now there. If you can't line dance then by the end of the night you will be able to!

Saturday morning was the last time the 45 of us would be together and for breakfast it was pancakes. After Canada I have never touched a pancake or hamburgers because the whole two weeks was just that, pancakes and hamburgers. It seemed we had just started the tour when it was the end. The two weeks flew by and I loved every minute of it. It was the best time of my life and I would like to thank the New Zealand IPA for selecting me and the support from Wellington and Auckland Regions, and of course my grandparents and parents, as it would never have been possible without them.

To any other youngsters thinking of taking on the International Youth Gathering - take the chance with both hands - you will have the time of your life.

Thanks,
Brent

UK Jottings

By Roy Jones, Editor, Number 7 Region, British Section

Wet - and Getting Wetter.

Records are flooding (!) in. Here in the West Country 1999 was the warmest year since records began in 1659. It also brought the wettest December for 60 years. For those of us who live on or adjacent to the Somerset Levels the unrelenting rain caused some worries. The worst affected homes were flooded to a depth of two metres, main roads were closed and rescues of people and animals carried out by boat.

The Levels are primarily drained by the River Parrett, which just happens to run through the centre of Bridgwater. This, in turn, drains into the Bristol Channel, which has one of the highest tides in the world. So a combination of Spring tides and strong winds saw water pushing the wrong way up the river and overflowing its banks in the moorland areas. One particular defence, the Baltmoor Wall, was built in the 14th century to protect low-lying farmland. This had to be reinforced for the first time in its history with sandbags when the overflow washed away its earth cover. Well, nothing lasts forever, does it?

Did You Know?

The hippopotamus kills more people in Africa than any other animal?

Even now, at the end of February, water is still a couple of feet deep in places on the Levels and it will be some time before the farmers are able to work their land.

Much to the relief of us who live here, Bridgwater Town escaped the flooding. I do hope we continue to do so because our place is 16 feet below sea level. But we were not alone. Ferocious weather hit Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland leaving trails of damage, wrecked power lines and various other nuisances to add to the flooding. We live in the pious hope this may actually presage a hot summer. (We did have one in 1976).

It will be a Royal Celebration

But enough of doom and gloom. The World Congress is getting close and Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, will perform the opening ceremony of our Golden Jubilee celebration in Bournemouth. Princess Anne is a hard working patron and President of the Save The Children Fund, and the cheque David Read, President of the British Section, hands to her will be the total collected from all IPA sections.

We hope the strong £ won't have an adverse effect on bookings from New Zealand, especially as a lot of us hope to repay some of the splendid hospitality we have enjoyed in your country. At the moment it looks like we shall welcome in excess of 700 visitors to Bournemouth. We have a cracking programme laid on for them, memories of which we hope they will savour for many years. Come and join us - you will be very welcome.

An African Miscellany

Part 1: South Africa

By Roy Jones





View from Table Mountain Cape Town Robbin Island in the backround

Day 1 - Getting there.

It took two years to plan and save the money then, at the beginning of October, thirty six of us in the British Section met at Heathrow for the overnight flight to Capetown. We landed in the early hours to be met by William who was to be our guide for the next few days. He turned out to be an IPA member employed by the company making our tour arrangements, so things got off to a fine start.

Day 2 - Surprises

The huge shanty towns and their problems we saw on the way from the airport were an unpleasant surprise and were described in detail by William. He was great! All the time he was with us we got the benefit of his huge knowledge of history, fauna and flora. But what came through most was his pride in Africa.

We saw various bits of Capetown, deserted at that time of a Sunday morning, and tiredness after a twelve hour journey prevented us from absorbing much of what we were told.

By the time we met for a welcome dinner that evening on the famed Capetown waterfront, everyone was much brighter, pleased with the excellent exchange rate and looked with interest at the menu. Quite a few of us had the ostrich steak, which tasted like a gamey sirloin, while others took the fish option- kingklip. And at South African prices a lot of wine was drunk.

Day 3 - Early start and long distances

We started early from the hotel for the Cape Peninsular, travelled the coast to Hout Bay where we boarded a boat and visited an island seal colony. Hundreds of these aquatic mammals enjoying the swells got the cameras clicking and even a landlubber like me enjoyed the trip. Our return to the quay was greeted by three buskers. One concertina, one banjo and a young lad doing some sort of a dance. To my untutored ear the music seemed to lie somewhere between American country music and rock. The dance was certainly different. Along the coast for the

breathtaking Chapman's Peak drive where cliffs plunge hundreds of metres into the ocean, then a delicious seafood lunch prior to making the journey to the Cape of Good Hope. Some walked and others took the funicular railway to Cape Point. By which time we had begun to realise what a huge place Africa was compared with our little island, emphasised hy the fact we ran out of time and were unable to make the scheduled visit to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens on our way home. This day set the pattern for most of the trip. Early starts/long days in either air conditioned coaches or planes and superb food.

Day 4- Cheers, it's the winelands

Before setting off, our driver, Miles, presented each of us with a certificate proving we had visited Cape Point. The Paarl Rock overlooks the historic winelands region of the Berg River valley. A tour of the Nederberg winery started with various tasters and finished up with purchases ranging from lovely silk scarves to presentation packs of wine. After a general tour of the winelands we arrived at the Boschendale Wine Estate for lunch. The restaurant and cellars are hollowed out of the side of a hill. We were shepherded into the cellars to try various champagnes (sorry, I mean sparking wines - the French insist only they make champagne) and were shown how to open a bottle with a sabre. When volunteers were called for Ron Adams showed he had been paying attention and took the head of the bottle and the cork off as clean as a whistle. Another superb, leisurely, lunch was enhanced by wine from the estate after which we went to the student town of Stellenbosch. A pleasant place to wander round and do some shopping



Bungy Jumping View

Day 5- A whale of a time.

This was originally scheduled as a day of leisure but as most of us wanted to do some whale watching, William arranged the coach and we made another early start to Hermanus Bay. We left in beautiful sunshine and before we got to Hermanus we saw a Southern Right whale swimming a couple of huudred yards offshore with a calf alongside. Things looked good. But South Africa decided to remind us it was only springtime and we ran into rain.

Hermanus is where the mighty humpback whales meet up and we certainly saw a few sounding in the bay. But the steady rain forced us to find a beach front restaurant and indulge in another great seafood lunch. The Green Dolphin was the name of the water front jazz restaurant where we had had our welcome dinner. Our group was sat in an annex and, being somewhat. boisterous, didn't hear much of the music. Pam and I are jazz fans so we took ourselves back to the Green Dolphin for dinner. Sat on a balcony we pampered ourselves with a superb candlelit meal and listened to some great jazz.

Day 6- Well, you can't NOT do it, can you?

Be in Capetown and go to the top of Table Mountain, I mean this being our final day in Capetown, six of us hired a minibus, went to the cable car, and rose - with twenty others to the top. I dou't like heights, I even get nervous in planes. But the stunning views as we ascended made me forget about my stomach, and even enjoy the rotating platform inside the car, which ensured everyone saw all the views. We were told it was likely to be chilly on the top (it is 1319 metres high), so being prudent, took sweat tops with us. It was a pleasant 20C when we started the ride up, and a sweltering 28C when finished. We were among the early visitors. Before long the place was inundated with tourists of many nationalities. The views and the weather was great, but the crowds got so big we went down after an hour.

The rugby world cup was being played at home. So we went to Newlands, one of the shrines of South African rughy. We had a great tour of the place, walked on the hallowed turf and sat in the president's box (the rugby president that is). And Alan Bast, an avid cricket fan, also got to see the adjacent Newlands cricket ground. A great day was finished off by being treated to a sumptuous barbecue dinner at the Capetown IPA house. It is a magnificent place where any visiting member can avail themselves of this superb accommodation. An en-suite room costs less than eight pounds a day.



View from hotel in Durban 27 floors up

Day 7- Wilderness

An early start to travel the lovely garden route to Wilderness on the East coast via Somerset West, Elgin and Grabouw. Lunch was another test for waistlines in a converted farmhouse in the Dutch town of Swellendam. The location of the farmhouse, adjacent to a museum and preserved buildings, was a reminder of more leisurely times.

Wilderness was named by a man who brought his bride from the frenzy of early Capetown to this beautiful seaside. Our hotel overlooked the beach and we just had time for an early evening swim in the outdoor heated pool before travelling a few miles down the road to George where we were again royally entertained by the local IPA, some of whom had to travel very long distances to be with us.

Day 8 - North to Durban.

We would love to have stayed in Wilderness a bit longer but next morning saw us heading North to Port Elizabeth to catch a plane to Durban. It was a long drive through varied countryside. We stopped at a bridge which housed what was said to be the highest bungy jump in the world - 217 metres. Scary just to look at. What we didn't see was anyone attempt it. Durban is huge and we met Ernie who would be our guide for the next few days. Our seafront hotel was a biggie (our room was on the 27th floor) and overlooked the North Beach. It was Kelley-Ann's birthday so most of us joined her celebration dinner. We also said goodbye to our guide and mentor William. It was a delight to meet someone so knowledgeable and friendly. The 'traditional' lunch that followed was delicious and gave visitors the option of various local meats and vegetables, or those more suited to western taste. Most of us experimented a little. The Famous Fish Factory is a harbour-side restaurant and something of a local legend for the quality of its cuisine. So six of us decided to try it for dinner. The location is such that ships entering and leaving the harbour pass within a hundred yards. Suffice to say the food lived up to its reputation, and the wine was great as well.

Day 9- Zulus & The Famous Fish Factory.

Sunday with a difference! We headed North to

Shakaland and a Zulu village where we were met by a fearsome looking character who turned out to be very friendly. A fascinating tour of the village illustrated Zulu history very well, although a tiny sip of native beer was sufficient for most of us. The culmination was a display of traditional dances. The drumming was hypnotic and the dances performed with an energy that bordered on frenzy.

Day 10- Shopping!

A free day, which meant we could laze in bed until 8am! Pam, like a lot of other ladies, decided she couldn't resist the Pavilion shopping mall - a big complex on the outskirts of Durban. So, after a leisurely breakfast, a bunch of us hired a mini-bus and set off. Again, prices were so cheap that temptation was hard to resist. The evening saw us entertained by the Port Natal branch at their IPA house. Another superb evening where we also met two friends from California and a couple from Swaziland. Our African friends had arrived by train that day and did not seem concerned their journey of 200 miles had taken nearly 10 hours, stopping every few miles to pick up passengers. A shrug of the shoulders indicated 'situation normal'.

First Impressions

Tourists can only make snap assessments of any place, seeing it as they do from a privileged position. These are my views. The bad bits seem to be the huge shantytowns with their enormous populations of illegal immigrants; crime levels which

make parts of every town and city 'no-go' areas for locals and tourists alike; some residual hatreds from the apartheid era and an economy which has seen the rand lose a lot of its value in the past few years. The good bits are South Africa is a beautiful country with a lot of nice people of all races who seem determined to put the past behind them, and who have a pride in their country which is almost tangible. The hospitality we received from our IPA friends was superb, as was the welcome

we got from nearly everyone we came into contact with. South Africa is a great place. I hope the politicians get it right.



Our guide explaining about the Zulu Villiage



View of bungy jumping bridge



Table Mountain Cape Town

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Congratulations

To the winner who was awarded the I.P.A. Prize for their wing at the Royal New Zealand Police College.

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