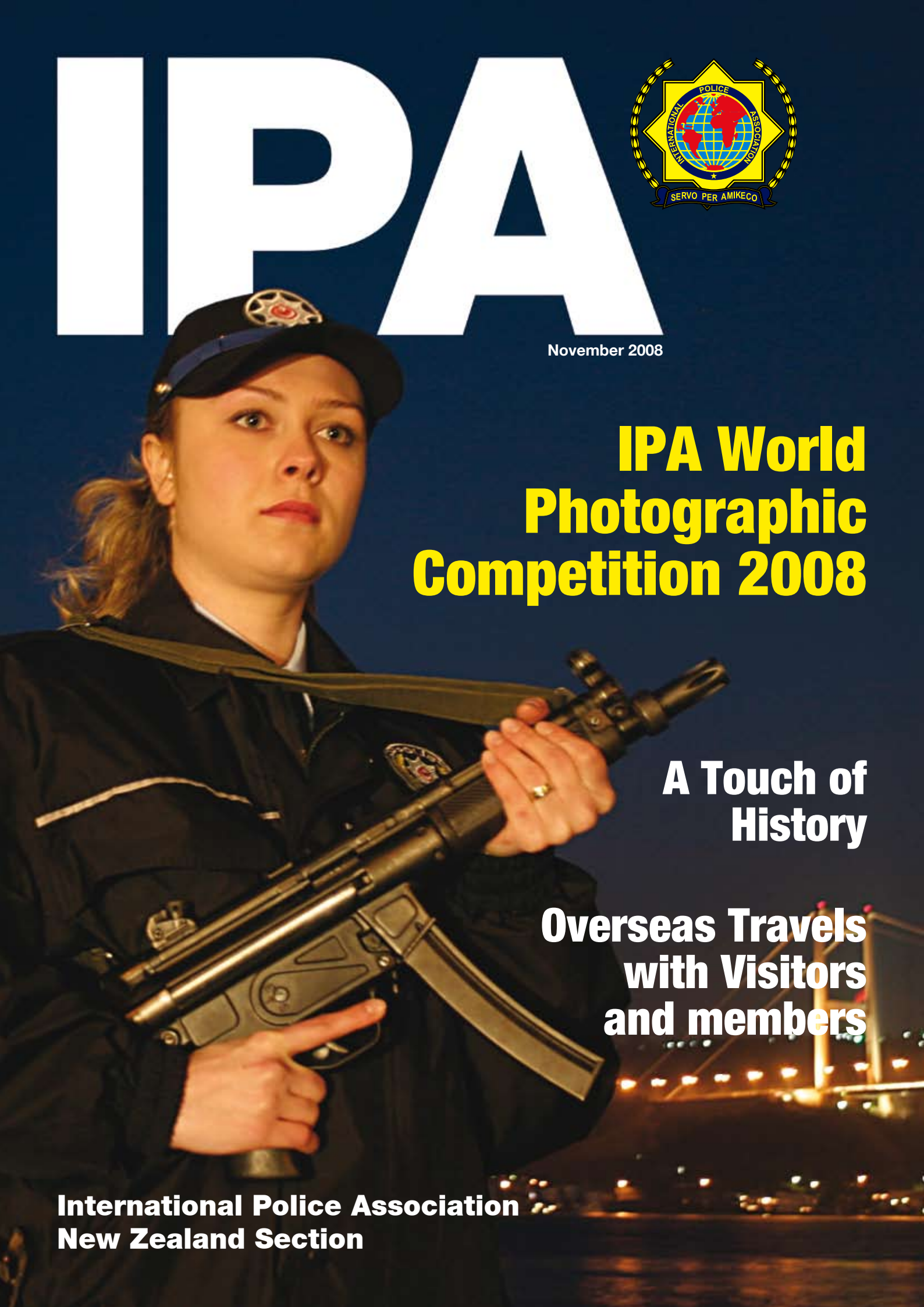
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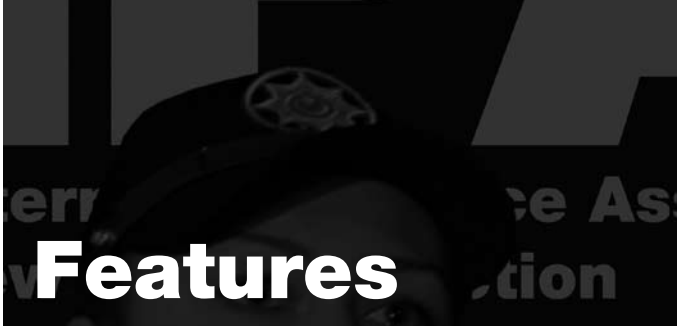


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Hello, my name is Ken Brewer and as many of you will not have heard of me before, please allow me introduce myself and explain exactly how I came to hold the position of editor of your magazine.

I was born in Devonshire and adopted New Zealand as my home when I immigrated here with my family in 1973. My background was the motor trade and I joined the New Zealand Police on 22 October 1974, serving 21 years in South Auckland based at Otahuhu and the Airport. I joined the IPA in April 1989 with the membership number of NZ 1876.

In 1982 I volunteered to assist in researching and writing the history of the Auckland Police, resulting in the book Without Fear Or Favour being released in 1990. From that research I wrote and self published the history of the Waiuku Police Station and then that of the Otahuhu Police in a book named Badge Of Honour. I have also written the histories of the Tuakau and the Papakura Police, but they remain as yet unpublished.

I am a founder member of the Friends of the New Zealand Police Museum and in 1990 became the Honorary Badge and Insignia Curator to that museum. Stemming from that role I wrote an illustrated record of New Zealand Police badges, uniforms and insignia used from 1840. This was purchased outright by the NZ Police in 2004 with the intention of making it available on their official website. It's been a long wait.

I left the police in 1995 and began an interesting career in the surveillance unit at Auckland's casino where, in addition to learning how to play the games I also had to learn how to cheat! In 2000 I became a Casino Inspector with the Department of Internal Affairs and still hold that position today in the renamed role of Gambling Inspector. In 2006 I became a Justice of the Peace, an honour which permits me to give something back to a country to which I owe so much.

In late May 2008 just prior to my taking a trip overseas, our President Stan Keith first approached me to take up the role of editor of this magazine and upon my return in July, I accepted. I am not a scholar, nor am I a skilled journalist, merely an enthusiastic amateur who will endeavour to do my best. In the interim I ask for your patience and with your help I will strive to keep this magazine alive as a flagship of the New Zealand Section.

Please remember this is your magazine and membership input is not only valued, it is essential. I may not get everything I receive into print, but I will try my utmost to do so. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions, comment and of course your valued contributions.

I cannot close without acknowledging our contributors for their support, plus President Stan Keith and Secretary General Coleen Meyers for their patience and trust. Also much of the credit for the impressive magazine you now hold in your hands must go to Steve Lovell and his team at Rainbow Digital in Porirua. My personal thanks to you all. With Christmas just a few weeks away, I extend season's greetings to everyone and I look forward to continue being of some service to the Association and to you its membership.

Best wishes.
Ken Brewer
Editor

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President's Report

Welcome to the new style and much improved IPA New Zealand magazine.

Many thanks are extended to the new Editor Ken Brewer for his tremendous effort in obtaining and writing articles, acquiring photographs and illustrations then preparing it for publication by Rainbow Digital, who were heavily involved in creating advertising revenue to support the magazine. IPA NZ recognises and thanks Rainbow Digital of Wellington for their role in the production of this outstanding edition.

Feedback is sought from both members and advertisers as the next issues are planned for March, August and December 2009.

In September of this year I represented IPA NZ Section as delegate at the International Executive Conference held in Moscow. I was ably assisted by the Past President Bruce Hutton, also a member of the International Culture Commission, who attended as an observer. Once again IPA NZ was to the fore with Bruce presenting the results of the international photograph competition that is also covered later in this magazine.

An outstanding overhead presentation was shown to the 150 plus representatives present from 58 countries. The best 48 photographs were also displayed at the conference hotel venue, creating huge interest among delegates, observers and IPA visitors.

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It was my pleasure and honour to accept on behalf of Fiona Foxall of Wellington, the Third Prize Certificate awarded for her entry in the 'Police At Work' category. This was the second occasion I have been called upon to accept a certificate for Fiona, the first being in 2006 when she won a prize in the very first IPA photographic competition. Congratulations Fiona.

A highlight of the four day conference was the workshop on family violence involving young persons. All international groups participated and supplied very similar conclusions. To overcome and combat this world wide crime wave it is obvious that more specifically trained and educated, specialist police personnel were needed.

An important factor relating to the problem was the development of modern technology that gives offenders access to immediate communications and technologies that create fantasy worlds, which in turn promote the application of violence in the real world. It was clear to all this was a social problem that would take generations to correct.

An unexpected incident took place on the day of my departure involving my wife Merle (who attended as a visitor) and I, when we arrived at Moscow Airport to return home. To our dismay we discovered that our flight had departed six hours earlier than we expected. The timing had been altered on 1 August, but we had not been advised of the change. Obviously our travel agent had been asleep and not updated our itinerary or tickets. So what do you do when stranded in a foreign country with your Visa due to expire in a matter of hours, making you an illegal immigrant in a city like Moscow that already has two million illegal overstayers?

Fortunately after approaching Singapore Airlines, we were given sanctuary in their office until arrangements could be made for us to depart Moscow the following day. We were taken to a very nice hotel for the night, with all expenses, meals and taxi fares generously paid for by Singapore Airlines.

Upon our return to the airport the following day, Singapore Airline staff approached the Moscow Embassy on our behalf and obtained Visas for our extra day in Russia – also at no extra charge. Their staff then sorted out our departure ticketing and got us safely on board the next available aircraft. Singapore Airlines staff were superb and we extend our sincere thanks to them. Would we fly Singapore Airlines again? YES – Definitely!

I would like to thank those members of the National Executive and Regional Committees for their dedication and efforts throughout the year on behalf of the IPA. Also congratulations to those members of the team who are newly elected, or have been recently re-elected at local level.

Well done team and keep up the good work.

Seasonal greetings to you all.

Stan Keith
President
IPA New Zealand Section

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The Secretary General's Desk

My first six months in office have been very interesting ones. Whilst I have no real problem getting my head around modern technology, the dispersing of emails in the right direction and giving correct information to the numerous phone calls has not been without its challenges nor has there been a dull moment.

To summarise the Secretary General's position, it has been a large learning curve despite having done 3 years as the Asst Secretary General. Its one thing sitting in the passenger's seat but certainly another being the driver and I have appreciated the huge amount of support that I have had from the Executive team.

Again we have had a busy time with overseas visitors and our Travel Secretary has been busy and continues to do a wonderful job accommodating the needs and requests of our guests.

Magazine - this has not been without its challenges, but by all accounts we are now on the right track with Ken Brewer the new Editor, plus the new publishers have now got their heads around our requests and needs.

Regional Secretaries [except Region 1] have not yet forwarded copies of the minutes of their meetings to me, in accordance with the Constitution. Are you there Regional Secretaries???

As yet no applications have been received for the 2009 International Youth Gathering in Israel from New Zealand young people. However, new membership applications are being steadily received, including a number of new residents in New Zealand who were former IPA and/or Police Personnel in overseas countries.

I thank those who regularly send in their updates, changes of addresses, bereavements etc at the end of each month as requested and remind those regions who have not, to please help the Assistant Secretary General maintain an up to date record of all our members by doing this.

If anyone has any information on new addresses for our "lost members," listed later in this magazine, I would also appreciate a communication from you.

Christmas is now just around the corner and I would like take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe festive season, and a wonderful family time. If you are holidaying make sure you get plenty of R & R or, if you are working like me then try to squeeze in some leisure time. May the year 2009 explode into being a good and prosperous year for you all.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you and your families.

Best wishes.

Coleen Meyers
Secretary General
IPA New Zealand Section



Regional Chairmen Reports

REGION ONE

In July we at last received the long awaited magazine, well past the date it was expected however, we hope you enjoyed reading it. We are hopeful that a more timely delivery will be evident in the future.

Social functions have been headed by our regular mid-winter movie/meal deal held on 14 June at Westwind Cinema in Avondale, It was well attended and enjoyed by all. A novel approach was used in selecting the movie to be viewed and "The Nephew" took the vote. It proved to be an entertaining film with humour and a few twists that even generated a few tears. Taking a vote on the selection of films seemed to go down well with those attending and is a method also likely to be adopted for the next event held there.

The venue for this year's Region 1 Christmas function is to be held at Valentines and it has been booked for Sunday 23rd November 2008 at midday. It was formerly operated as Happy Days and prior to that as the Springs Restaurant. This year the IPA will have the exclusive use of the restaurant for the duration of the function.

This years AGM is scheduled to be held at the Avondale Police Station at 1.00pm on the 1st October 2008. If any members have any suggestions for future outings, could they please approach the committee with your ideas.

Finally we have in stock some souvenirs specific to IPA New Zealand and these are listed within the pages of this magazine along with an order form.

Yours in friendship.

Bruce Revell
Chairman, IPA Region 1

REGION TWO

This is my second report as Acting Chairman of No. 2 Region as I was Vice-Chairman when the year started. Due to the sad and unfortunate death on 1 January 2008 of Sam Harris our Chairman, I became the Acting Chairman and have done what I could to follow Sam's vision and ideas. It was through him and our Secretary Michael Lucas who, with the help of others, revitalised our Region and made it strong once again.

On Saturday 20th September 2008, we held our Annual General Meeting in Rotorua, where I was elected as Chairman for Region 2 and a new committee also elected.

At this stage I would like to explain why it is that our AGM is being held in September and not April as originally scheduled. I noted the proposed date when I assumed office and recalled that our Constitution stated that Regional AGM's were to be held in September. It was to comply with Constitutional requirements that the date was changed and not through any desire to hold onto the Chairman's role for any longer than was necessary!!

Prior to our AGM and our elections for the various executive positions on the Regional Committee, I wrote to our members and informed them that I have always held the opinion that any organisation that has at least two members contesting the committee positions each year is healthy. When positions are not contested it shows a certain degree of apathy among members. To this end I strongly encouraged all interested members to put themselves forward for election and you will now note a few changes to our Committee.

This past 18 months has been reasonably busy for us with social gatherings in Cambridge, Tauranga and Hamilton for members and their families and then the hosting of 48 German IPA members in Rotorua. We were active as a Region in April when we hosted the New Zealand Section Annual General Meeting and the National Executive Council meetings. This took a fair amount of organisation and as my wife and I could not attend due to being overseas at the time, I would like to express my personal thanks to Michael Lucas and his band of helpers who came to the fore and helped throughout that weekend. My absence has been the case for much of this past 18 months and will continue that way for the next year as we have a seriously ill relative in Canada.

As a result of our recent AGM members are already keen to arrange events in both Whakatane and Rotorua, plus the possibility of a wine tasting tour of Hawks Bay.

In conclusion I would extend my personal thanks to all those members, whether committee or not, who have contributed in some way to the success of this Region over the past 18 months. I would like to single out our Secretary Michael Lucas, who has stepped up every time when needed without complaint. My constant absence overseas at various times has placed an extra load on Michael's shoulders. I would also like to congratulate him for being elected as the NZ Section's Assistant Secretary General.

This concludes my report. Best wishes.

John Turner
Chairman, IPA Region 2

REGION FOUR

I am pleased to present this annual report as the chairman of the Region 4 International Police Association which highlights the Committee's work from September 2007 to September 2008.

In October 2007 the local committee organised the National Executive meeting here in Wellington and is again organising another for November this year. In December 2007 Commissioner of Police Howard Broad continued the tradition of the Commissioner hosting our Christmas party at Police National Headquarters. He has again agreed to host this years Christmas party which will be held on Tuesday 2nd December.

Our mid year function, thanks to Mike Norden, was held at the "Marine House" on the evening of Thursday 3rd July. This is an annual event hosted by the US Marine Contingent assigned to the US Embassy here at Wellington. Although this was not just for IPA members it was an opportunity for us to go somewhere interesting and different.

The home hosting continues to be managed by Bruce Hutton. For some reason this has been a very quiet year as it seems that most overseas visitors do not stay in Wellington but merely pass through.

This year we have continued to have a small number of new members join the IPA, boosting the current membership within our Region is 169. Whilst quiet, it has been a successful year and I would like to thank all of the committee for their efforts towards fostering IPA in this Region. I would like to particularly thank Jill Craig our Treasurer who once again has done the hard work during the year including representing our Region at the National Executive meetings. My thanks also go to Val Redshaw our secretary, for recording and distributing the all important minutes.

To the incoming committee I wish them all the best for the challenges of the coming year.

Seasons greetings.

Clint Libby
Immediate Past Chairman, IPA Region 4

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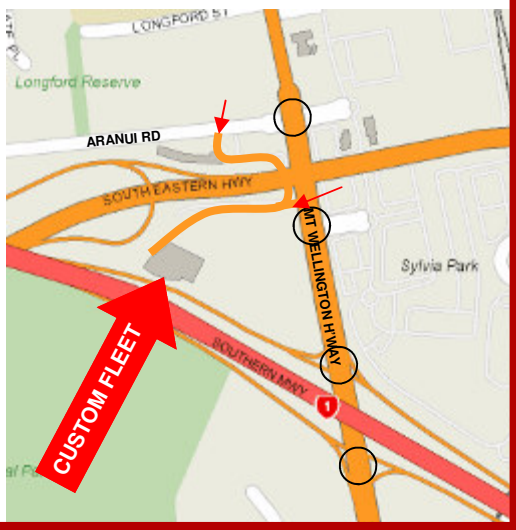
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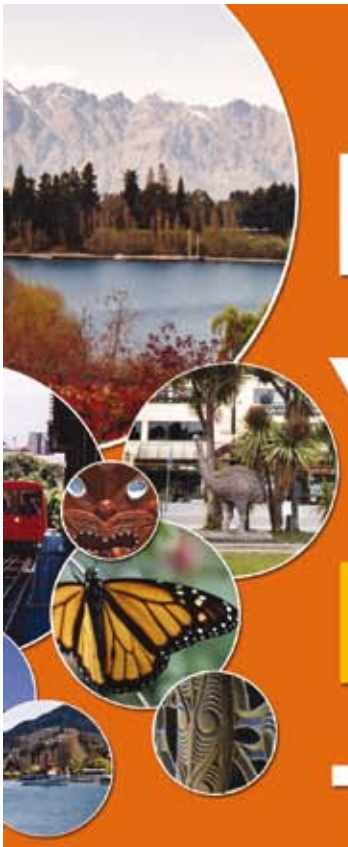
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Visitors and Members Travels

THE MONGOLIAN VISIT

In March 2008 Auckland members hosted a contingent of Mongolian police officers, made up of senior officers and heads of training departments. Shown with them here at Auckland are, 3rd from the left Secretary General Coleen Myers, 7th from left IPA President Stan Keith and 11th from left Region 1 Chairman Bruce Revell.

Photograph courtesy of Bruce Revell



WORLD TRAVELLERS IN NZ



Another visitor in March 2008 was Nick Poole a British police officer from the county of Norfolk who is traveling the globe with his wife Lesley on a BMW motorcycle.

With the support of IPA members around the country they saw a great deal of New Zealand and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which is evidenced on their official website

www.pooleglobaltrek.com

This site displays more photographs of New Zealand than any of the other countries they have visited. It is an interesting site that is well worth a visit.

In thev photograph, Nick proudly indicates a New Zealand IPA sticker gifted to him by Bruce Revell of Auckland.

Photographs courtesy of Bruce Revell

AN UNEXPECTED KOREAN EXPERIENCE

by Ken Brewer

In May 2008 my wife Shirley and I visited England to catch up with family and friends in the westcountry, many of whom are getting on in years. We were fortunate to obtain a great price from Korean Airlines and decided to step outside our comfort zones and experience a little of that country on our return trip.

With the help of our travel agent we pre booked our accommodation at the Koreana Hotel in the centre of Seoul, the fifth largest city in the world. In the process we learned of the amazing "retail therapy" possibilities available in the massive markets of that huge metropolis. Although we were acutely aware of the language difficulties, we both decided it was an opportunity too good to miss.

Before we left, obtaining currency in the form of the Won proved interesting. Shirley purchased the only available Won from our local bank for NZ$700 receiving 460.000 South Korean Won. A few days later we became "Won millionaires." Unfortunately the bubble burst as we arrived at our hotel on 26 June to find the building surrounded by reinforced "barricade" buses and uniformed police everywhere.



Above:
Police and barricade buses outside our hotel on arrival

Our concern increased on finding one of the two revolving door entries to the hotel smashed and in the process of being sealed off with duct tape. Reception staff brushed aside our concerns, advising us that it was perfectly safe and appeased us with an upgrade to the executive level. Our naive and jet lagged minds meekly accepted their word and we retired to our room for a much needed shower and nap.

After being reassured of our safety, we finally ventured out onto the street just after 7.00pm, but within minutes we realised they were maneuvering the last bus into position to completely seal off the hotel and we only just managed to squeeze back in again.

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Above:
Several thousand riot police in the street outside the hotel get ready for the approaching rioters

Retiring out of hunger to the first floor restaurant we watched as thousands of riot police massed outside on the street, between huge numbers of barricade buses that stretched for hundreds of metres down the road to our left, but seemed to end just to our right outside our hotel. Minutes later we could see hundreds of thousands of people approaching from up the road.

At this point hotel staff admitted it was an anti government demonstration against US meat imports and the hotel was targeted as it was government owned. Worse still, the US Embassy was right behind us and the riots had been going on continuously for seven weeks!

Despite being on the 21st floor and at the rear, the noise of that first nights "demonstration" kept us awake all night and it didn't stop until 6.30am. By the time they had cleaned up the streets it was 9.00am before we could get out of the hotel to start sight-seeing. Not surprisingly the atmosphere was rather tense and it spoiled an otherwise nice day. The next night it started all over again.



Above:
At the top of this photo hundreds of thousands of protester can be seen moving down towards the police barricades



Above:
A barricade bus badly damaged in an attempt to turn it over

This time we watched in fascination as the rioters massed up the road at the town hall before approaching the police barricades and as night fell it was all on again in a repeat of the night before. We didn't witness it ourselves, but other guests spoke of seeing petrol bombs being thrown. We certainly saw the water cannon operating.

This time the build up of fatigue got the better of us and we actually slept for much of the second night, waking only to the loudest of noises outside. The following morning the damage caused to the barricade buses was evident, with tyres slashed and some badly damaged in attempts to overturn them.

The next day we spoke with another guest, Dr. Stephen Turnbull, a middle aged history professor from the University of Leeds in England. He had returned the previous evening from a conducted



Above:
Ceremonial Guard at the Deok Su Gung Palace in Seoul

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tour of the mountains to find he was barricaded out of the hotel. Despite showing his room key and passport, the police had refused to let him in, so in desperation he had waited until they were diverted and crawled underneath one of the buses!

Having served through the 1981 Springbok tour riots it was interesting to find ones self looking upon such scenes with a different perspective. However this time I also had the safety of Shirley to consider, so needless to say we left for home a few days earlier than planned and we were fortunate that the hotel cooperated by providing a full refund of prepaid fees.

We did manage to experience a brief sample of the local pageantry when we were present at a ceremonial changing of the guard at the nearby historic Deok Su Gung Palace just prior to our departure.

Riots aside, we found South Korea to be a fascinating country and well worth a visit. Most hotel staff spoke good English and when on the street, we simply looked for the younger looking local as most students in recent years have been learning English. In general we found the people to be helpful and courteous, whilst the local city markets have to be seen to be believed.

THE RUSSIAN ARRIVAL



Above:
The Russian party about to depart New Zealand

Although now somewhat outdated this item is worth a mention if only to illustrate the ability of New Zealand IPA members to adapt under the most trying of circumstances. In early 2007, an e-mail communication was received from a Russian police delegation requesting information to assist them in arranging a visit to this country. Information was sent back along with several web site addresses and contacts to enable them to make appropriate bookings.

In March 2007 a further communication was received indicating the group were in Australia and about to depart for New Zealand for a two week stay, when it was learned they had made no advance bookings here at all. They were met at Auckland International Airport by Stan Keith and Bruce Revell who, with the assistance of other members, the Police Department and the Police Association's holiday homes, managed to scramble together accommodation, an itinerary and transportation for them. They finally departed these shores having experienced a memorable time that would not have been possible without the efforts and commitment of our members. Well done team.

Photograph courtesy of Bruce Revell

AUCKLAND OUTING

On 14 March 2008 the Auckland membership enjoyed a day out at a private cinema in Avondale where they not only viewed an entertaining movie, but were treated to a sumptuous meal as outlined in the Region 1 Chairman's report earlier in this edition. This was a popular event that was well attended. As can be seen they all enjoyed the after meal ice cream cones.

Photographs courtesy of Bruce Revell





MARY'S MEMORABLE TRAVELS

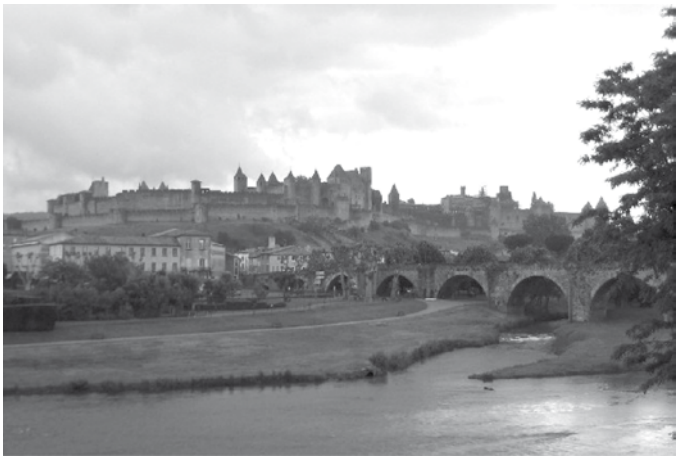
By Mary Cooper

At the end of May 2008 my husband and I travelled via Singapore to Switzerland to attend the wedding of an AFS student friend. Based in the Thurgau region north east of Zurich we had a wonderful time in the Alps and Appenzeller region tasting all the cheeses and meats, including BBQ'd horse! The wedding was extra special with a cruise on a lake included. We also visited the Rhein Falls on the border with Germany that rivalled Niagara with the power and intensity of the water.

In Lausanne we met a lovely young policewoman who showed us round their station and gave us a badge from Lausanne and one from the region her husband is a policeman in. She also gave me a cap – it is the smallest cap we have ever had – child's size!

We crossed into France at Geneva and stayed in a small town called Vienne which is just south of Lyon. This town was the first place in France settled by the Romans and the town is full of Roman buildings, including a temple that takes up a full square. A lovely place to visit and compact enough to walk everywhere.

After Vienne we travelled to Carcassonne, a place to include on any trip to France. The Cite is a citadel with a castle and takes up much of the skyline of Carcassonne. It is the most amazing mediaeval city which is still functioning as a village with shops and eateries fitting in perfectly with the ancient surroundings.



Above
Cite - Carcassonne

We also stayed with friends in the smaller village of Saissac, about 20 minutes drive north of Carcassonne, with a castle view outside the lounge window! There are many Cathar Castles in this area and each one would be worth a visit - but that will have to be on another trip



Above
Saissac Castle

From Saissac we had to move to Bordeaux, which was not our intended destination, but a French rail strike necessitated a move to a large town with daily connections to Paris. We were not particularly impressed with Bordeaux as here we encountered drunks, prostitutes, beggars, turds and litter lying on the footpaths each morning. However, in the late afternoon we were walking along the riverside when we came upon a marvellous area that had a black marble base and jets of water squirting up and steaming in the warm temperatures. This caused a mist in which young people were dancing and children and parents were frolicking.



Above:
Bordeaux

From Bordeaux we moved to Orleans - again because of the train strike - but this time we were pleasantly surprised by a lovely open, clean city centre. They also had the most amazing cathedral which could be seen from most city streets.

From Orleans we went on to Paris and IPA39. There we were very warmly welcomed by Pierre and Jacqueline and others who meet there every day. We managed to communicate despite them



Above:
Police bicycle patrol in Bordeaux

having very little English and us having very little French. They even handed me the phone when they had a German man call in who could speak very little French, and I had to try and assist with my German! Pierre also showed us the extensive collections they have of badges, hats and other memorabilia in the house.

FAST HUMOUR

Three ladies walked into a building.

An ambulance officer later said, "You would have thought at least one of them would have seen it!"

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Above:
IPA 39

Paris, was well - Paris - with all the obstacles incidental with a visit to the city on the same day as George W. Bush. Everything looked familiar and we were unable to get really close to some places because of detours and barricades, but we had a great overview from the Montparnasee Tower and from there walked to the Eiffel Tower and had lunch in the gardens before wandering along the Seine towards the Place de la Concorde and Champs Elysee.



Above:
A police patrol on the Seine

Below:
Our hosts Jacqueline and Pierre in Paris





From Paris we travelled via the Eurostar (under the English Channel) into England and Kent. Our two weeks in England and Scotland were spent visiting relatives and catching up with family and friends. We did not have very good weather while in France or UK and the photo of the police launch that patrols Loch Lomond shows that! Also interesting to see the Family Violence posters in ladies toilets in both UK and parts of Europe.

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Student Profile

"I believe it is time for me to learn Te Reo"



I have been a member of the New Zealand police since 1994. With all my service in Whangarei, I have dealt with a wide variety of people, of all walks of life and economic standings. I firmly believe that dealing with the public and treating everyone how I would wish to be treated myself has allowed me to defuse many volatile situations, also to deal with people with respect and be respected by the public. This has made me proud to be a Māori police officer for 14 years. I believe it is time for me to learn Te Reo as a large percentage of our clients unfortunately, are Māori. Recently I received a 14 year long service award where my class members and Kaiako of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa came in support of my achievement. This shows me the aroha and support Te Wānanga o Aotearoa has for its students. - **Brian Cross.**

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Cover Story

A MOMENT IN TIME

by Bruce Hutton QSM, FPSNZ

What seemed to be a simple matter of organising an International Photographic Competition for the International Police Association soon turned into a technical nightmare.

The few photographs that were received as standard photographs were no problem and they were soon scanned and then placed on discs for judging. However the large majority arrived on CD and DVD. We were able to read some, but there were a number that took a large amount of time opening and down loading into a form that could be easily viewed by the judges.

In all 732 images arrived and were presented to the judges in Wellington. After 4 hours of working through the images, a total of 100 were selected and then from there it took another 2 hours to finalise the winners.

Sixteen countries entered and it was pleasing to see that Fiona Foxall from New Zealand was the only person to have gained places in both the 2005 and 2008 International Photographic competitions. Sam Harris from Matamata entered in November 2007 and as you have seen in the last magazine, he died on the 1st January 2008, so it was really pleasing to see that he had an acceptance in the Open Section of the competition with his image titled 'Biblical'.

New Zealand was well represented with Shelley Richardson and Ian Harris from Wellington both gaining an acceptance in each class. Of the final selection of 48 images displayed in Russia, the New Zealand Section ended up with 7 images in the final display of 48 and Fiona Foxall earned a 3rd equal placing in the Police At Work section.

Once we had the final numbers, a DVD musical presentation was put together by Bruce Poole in Wellington and each International Police Association country will be given a copy in Moscow to have for presentation evenings in their own countries.

This DVD was launched in Wellington at Region 4 Annual General Meeting and is available to other regions on request to the Secretary General. You are also able to see the images on line at the New Zealand Sections website. Also with the assistance of Wellington Photographic Supplies, the final selections were printed and taken to be put on static display at the 35th IEC Meeting in Moscow in September.

From there they will be taken to Malta to be displayed at a Police Conference at their Police Headquarters.

In all it has taken over 60 hours to produce a creditable display on behalf of the International Cultural Commission, organised by the New Zealand section.

Please take time to view and enjoy these moments in time on this website.

http://www.ipa.org.nz/events/photo-contest-2008-police.html

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Above:
FIFA World Cup by Ravida Giovanni, Italy.



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OVERALL WINNER OF BOTH SECTIONS:

Matjau Corel, Solvenia - Study in Ljubljana 7/190

OPEN SECTION

1st: Matjau Corel, Solvenia - Study in Ljubljana 7/190

2nd Fryderyk Parwicki, Poland - Freedom of Amsterdam 60/625

3rd Artur Grzeli-Ski, Poland - Always together 17/334

Merit Bahattin Erkol, Turkey - 16/294

Merit Ravida Giovanni, Italia - Lost Head 14/249

Merit Cionna Mirio, Italia - 6/181

POLICE AT WORK SECTION

1st. Amnon Ziv, Israel - Border guard 32/452P

2nd. Zenonas Gricius, Lithuania - Police Operation 3 29/419P

3rd= Metsel Ozabaykal, Turkey - For old colleague 56/579P

3rd= Fiona Foxall, New Zealand - 52/549P

Merit. Meir Vanunu, Israel - Police riot control 46423P

PHOTOJOURNALISM SECTION

Narkku Hotti, Finland - Bird Formation 25/399



Above:
I Cover your Back by Jan Hansen, Denmark

Below:
Untitled by Bahattin Erkol, Turkey



Below:
The Escort by Shelley Richardson, New Zealand



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Above:
Riot Control by Uzi Nagar, Israel

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Above:
A police patrol on Loch Lomond which is 26 miles long

I took nearly 3000 photos and kept an extensive diary of my six week trip and am happy to share any recommendations or information on the places I visited.

HOSTING KIWI'S IN SWITZERLAND

by Georg Gruber

It was with great pleasure that our members here at the IPA section Switzerland in the regional group Tyrol, were recently able to host Bruce Carr and his wife Nerida following their arrival at Innsbruck on a train from Zurich. Bruce is a member of the New Zealand branch of the IPA based in Rotorua, a place famous for its Maori culture and volcanic activity.

Extensively travelled, Bruce met his local host Georg Gruber at the train station with the words "Kia Ora," which is a Maori language greeting and this was especially well received.

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Once everyone had been introduced, a trip into town followed where they were shown the sights and entertained by our local members. This included a visit to the Police Station in Olberg where the local command arranged a tour of the facilities. The highlight during the afternoon was a specially arranged trip to Swarovski Crystal World in nearby Wattens.

In the evening our New Zealand guests, Kiwis they like to call themselves, were treated to some typical Tyrolean food and entertainment that was enjoyed by everyone.

The next day, more sightseeing was arranged for our guests, this time through the old part of the town before returning them to the train station to resume their travels on to Munich. Before our New Zealand friends departed Georg presented them with a small gift to remind them of their brief visit to the Tyrol.



Above:
Host Georg Gruber & Bruce Carr

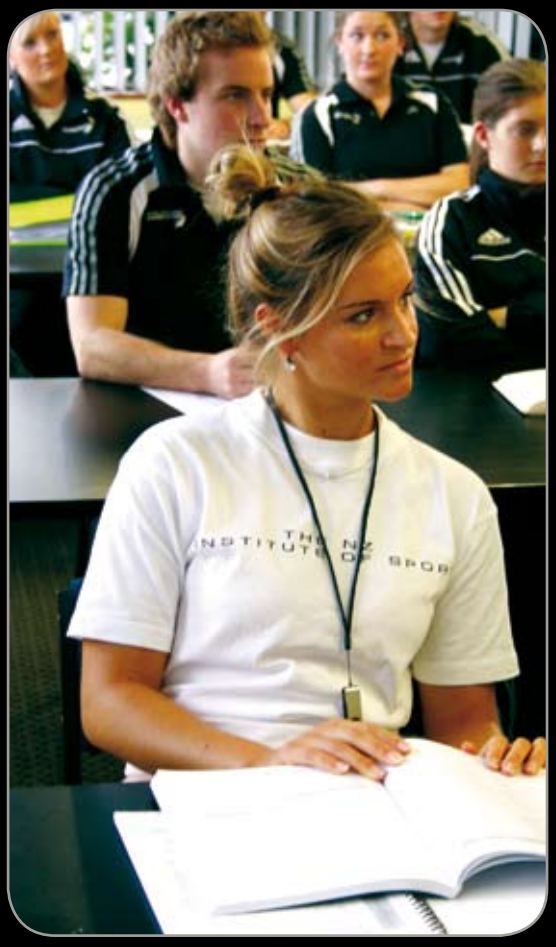
We look forward to meeting them again one day, perhaps at a reunion some where in the world.

Servo Per Amikeco

Editor's Note – It was clear that English was a second language for the author of this letter, so some editorial licence was exercised in its preparation for this magazine. Many thanks to Kerry Morrell of Region 4 for forwarding it.

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Hobbies Desk

COMPUTER "HOW TO" TIPS

by Steve Anderton

Modern technology has always been considered a bit intrusive to many, especially with computerisation becoming so common in the home and your confidential files, pin numbers and other details becoming the targets of international fraudsters.

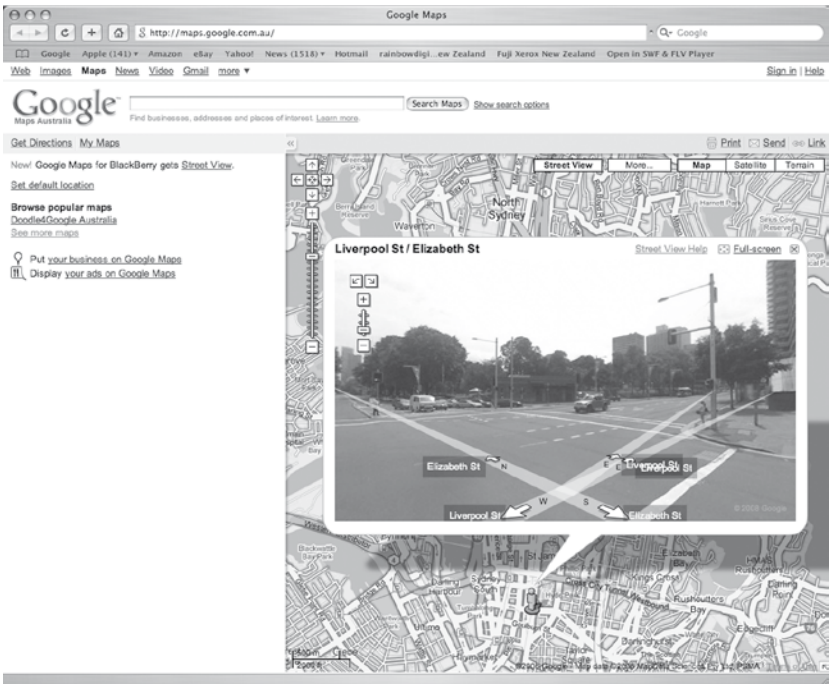
Google Earth is already well known, but Google.com has now potentially opened up the world to the street level camera in showing everyone on line recent photos of streets, shops, offices, beaches and other places around Australia through Google Maps. Don't be surprised, but New Zealand is next and photography has begun.

Google says 'Street View' can be used to explore Australia and other countries to check holiday accommodation and its location, view the neighbourhood of a property you are interested in buying or even search for buildings with wheelchair access.

Tour companies can use it to help plan customers itineraries…. Google also says Street View would enable fire, police and ambulance services to view locations before they arrive (NZ Herald – August 2008) I wish I had this available in the 70's when I was planning AOS operations.

Using Google is very easy, but you will need broadband. Simply go into your web browser, i.e. Mozilla Firefox or Internet Explorer and type in **www.maps.google.com.au** to access the Street View site. Once in the site:

1. Click on "Street View" to see the camera icons and where the coverage lies for street view photos in Australia.
2. Type in an Australian address you want to view in the "Search Maps" address bar.
3. Click on "Search Maps" and up will pop a small dialog map box showing the site.
4. On the map site you will also see a little yellow man showing the site you have chosen… double click on the little man and a larger photo will appear.
5. Toggle left or right along the street to see further views or use the "+ or –" to enlarge the photo.
6. Use the pan up or down arrows to bring the picture into a central position.
7. Click "Full Screen" to fill the screen with the picture.





Also, have you ever wondered what this odd looking key at the top right of your keyboard is for?

It can be a useful function to copy anything you currently have on your computer screen, especially for those that do not have a copy or print function available such as when using Outlook Explorer or an Application page.

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5. Office clipboard function should then appear in a pane on the right side of your screen.
6. Click once on the file showing in the clipboard pane and then click the mouse with the screen cursor inside the body of the document to see your photo copy of 'dump' appear.
7. You can then enlarge the page by using your mouse to pick up and drag the small adjuster boxes around the object/page etc.
8. Once adjusted for reading you can then mail it, print a copy of it or simply save it to your library as a record of your screen programs etc.

Have fun.

Fast Facts

THE ORIGINS OF THE CHRISTMAS LEGEND

by Ken Brewer

Whilst it is said that the number of Christians within our society are steadily being overtaken by a new arrivals of vastly differing Faiths, most of them still celebrate their religions during specific times of each year. Ramadan, Mecca, Yom Kippur to name just three of many.

Probably the most significant time for Christians is that of Christmas which celebrates the birth of baby Jesus. Many mourn the commercialism of that special day, yet the mythical customs that have evolved around it continue to be perpetuated. Exactly how did those customs begin and what lies behind the legend?

The legend of Santa Claus as we know him today is a little over 200 years old, but his origins stem from a much earlier time with the famous Saint Nicholas, a fourth Century Bishop living in the city of Myra in Asia Minor.

He learned of a bankrupt merchant about to be forced into selling his three young daughters into slavery to pay off his debts. On hearing of this, Nicholas tossed a bag of gold into the man's window to save the first girl and repeated it later to save the second and then the third.



The merchant eventually learned of Nicholas' identity and his generosity became famous. After this anyone receiving an unexpected gift gave thanks to Nicholas who was made a saint in 800 AD by the Eastern Church. In time the giving of gifts at Christmas grew to become a common practice.

In Holland children believed that Saint Nicholas sailed over from Spain with his Moorish helper Black Peter, who climbed down chimneys carrying sacks full of gifts for families.

The Dutch name for Saint Nick is Sinterklas.

There are several stories regarding early Christmas trees, but the first recorded use of such a tree is believed to have been created by Martin Luther, a great German orator of the sixteenth century who was renowned for making lengthy speeches from the pulpit. Returning home on horseback through a forest lane late one Christmas Eve, he stopped for a rest.

The sky was clear and the air cold as he looked up at a fir tree that was showing the first signs of frost.

He marveled at the thousands of stars that seemed to surround it, glistening and sparkling in reflection on the icy branches.

So taken by this sight, he returned home and felled a small fir which he then took inside his modest home. Mounting it on a wooden stand, he attached several candles throughout the branches and lit them. He then woke his family to see it.

Throughout the middle ages, trees were decorated with red apples and used as backdrops for the performance of miracle plays, a custom continued by many churches to this day with nativity plays.

Whilst such trees became common throughout Europe from the 1600s, it was not until 1840 that the popularity of Christmas trees soared in England. This followed the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German Prince Albert who brought the custom with him and introduced the first Christmas tree into the royal household, decorated with candles, baubles, sweets and presents.

In ancient Britain the Druids thought mistletoe to be sacred because it did not grow with its roots in the ground like other plants. We know it today as a parasite plant that encircles and lives off another tree. Each December solstice the Druids cut sections of mistletoe that were caught below by followers as it was considered most unlucky to let pieces touch the ground.

The Norse also believed Mistletoe to be sacred after the son of Goddess Frigga was killed by an arrow made of mistletoe. As she wept for him, her tears fell on the arrow and the famous white berries appeared. She decreed mistletoe would never again cause harm and anyone standing beneath mistletoe would in future receive a kiss.

Because of that belief, the Norse also ruled that enemies meeting underneath mistletoe whether by accident or design, would have to lay down their weapons and declare a day of truce.

The modernised fat Santa wearing a red suit is credited to American political cartoonist Thomas Nast. His sketched version of Santa Claus appeared in the magazine Harpers Weekly from 1863 to 1886. Nast also invented the idea of Santa's workshop and the notion of his living at the North Pole.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Factual material courtesy of Jane Yolen and Tomie de Paola

QUOTE OF THE MILLENNIUM

"They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist……."

The last words of Union General John Sedgewick in 1864 during the American Civil War.

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Members Letters

Dear IPA Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the future. As many of you will be aware I decided for health and personal reasons to stand down as president of Section UK. It has been a great six years and I have experienced so much during my time as president and ambassador for the IPA in my travels around the world.

There are so many friends that I would like to thank personally, but there is not enough room in the newsletter for me to do so. Suffice it to say that I wish you all well for the future and I thank you for your friendship and counsel and conclude by asking you to extend the same friendship to my successor Steve Connor when you meet him in Russia.

Finally, should you visit my part of the IPA, which is the South West of Scotland, please do not hesitate to get in touch. To you all thank you for the many, many happy memories and friendships.

Yours truly.

Bill Petherick
Immediate Past President
Section UK

To Stan Keith

I am very pleased to be able to congratulate you on your appointment as our National President. You have contributed a lot in the Auckland region and beyond. My wife Frances and I wish you all the very best and we look forward to taking a bit more of an active part with IPA in the future.

John O'Ferrall.
(First NZ National President)

To Stan Keith

Congratulations on your election to the post of National President and to all the newly elected members of your board. The information will be published in the April Newsletter.

Kind Regards.
Lesley,
International Administration Centre, (England)

To Stan Keith

Congratulations on your election as IPA President for New Zealand. See you in Moscow.

Kind regards.
Fritz Brand (South Africa)

IPA YOUTH GATHERING – AUSTRALIA 2008

by Keaton Fraser

I'm not quite sure how to start so I'll begin by saying thank you so much for this opportunity, it was a great trip and I wished it would never end. I also have to apologise because even though my parents sent me off with their good camera and my mother reminded me often, even writing it on every second page in my travel diary, I neglected to take even one photo! Sorry. What can I say, I'm a boy!

I arrived in Melbourne early on the morning of 20th July after a 3am wake up call and having to be checked in at the airport by 4am, not an easy thing for a teenage boy! I was met by Chris and while we were waiting for the American and Canadian people to arrive, something exciting happened. Who should walk through the doors but Mr. T with Mohawk bristling and chains clanking! Chris told me to go and talk to him so I did. Unfortunately I didn't have a pen and paper to get his autograph, but I did get to touch his Mohawk!

Once we were settled at the motel, a few of us went for a walk to the Victoria Markets and that's where I got my first lesson about pick pocketing. I had actually listened to Mum's advice about not carrying all of my money around in my wallet so thankfully, I had only taken $50. It was in a zipped pocket but, when I went to buy a sweatshirt, my pocket was unzipped and the money was gone. I never felt a thing.

When we got back from the market 5 people had arrived for the Gathering, but I went to my room and had a nap. When I woke up there were 40 people present and it was time for dinner.

We walked to dine at La Porchetta and I sat with Max from



Above:
Participants in the IPA Youth Gathering in Sydney

Canada, Katrine from Denmark, two Irish guys, Cormack and Ray, a Romanian called Bogdan, Chris from Luxemburg, Livio from Switzerland and Grace from England. We all hit it off right from the start and although I got to know everyone else, we stayed as a group throughout the whole trip. We still email and text each other and we hope to meet up again to travel together in a few years time.

The Melbourne part of the trip was interesting. I enjoyed the penguin colony, although it was freezing cold and we only saw 6 penguins. There was a good variety of activities including the Koala Conservation Centre and we did some sight seeing around the city, saw a replica mining village and went down into a real

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mine, had a paddle steamer trip on the Murray River and had an awesome indoor sports night when our team won.

After four days we crossed into the Australian Capital Territory and did some sightseeing around Canberra. The Hands-on-Science experience at Questacon was amazing. We saw Parliament House and the War Memorial. The Australian Federal Police were out on parade, which included their mounted branch and that was pretty cool. We got to ride in a police boat.

On Saturday we traveled up to New South Wales and stopped at the Police Academy for lunch where we saw the physical training course the recruits used, but didn't have enough time to try it out. We stayed at a Teen Ranch where you could do all sorts of activities like canoeing, horse riding and rock climbing. The first night we had an Aussie BBQ tea and a Blue Light Disco. We were getting to know each other pretty well by now and everybody had a great night.

While in Sydney we went to Bondi Beach and Manly. I didn't expect to be impressed by a building, but the Opera House was amazing. Darling Harbour is fantastic and we did some shopping there, but found everything expensive. We had a trip to the Blue Mountains and went on the scenic railway and skyway. That was very nice, but freezing! We had a games night and one of the activities was to climb up a stack of crates. A new crate would be passed up and you would add it to the stack and keep climbing. I was the only person who made it to the top. The highlight of the whole trip for me, was the awesome Sydney Harbour Bridge climb. We were all roped together to climb the 1027 steps and it was very windy up there.

After Sydney we flew to the Gold Coast where I found Queensland to be my personal favourite, as we stayed in one place for five nights and did some great day trips. Here we had our only five days of sunshine. The first day was a relaxing one which was nice, as we had done so much traveling around. We had surfing lessons (much harder than it looks, I only managed to get up once!) and beach games, then a movie night. We visited Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo and I loved it there. We saw awesome snakes, alligators, crocodiles, water lizards, kangaroos and spiders that freaked a lot of the girls out.

On our second to last day we went to Dreamworld where we could go on anything we wanted. It was awesome. We got there early and Livio, Max and I went straight to the giant drop which was so great Livio and I did it another three times! After that we went to the Tower Of Terror which was also fun, but not as good as the giant drop.



Above:
The cake at the farewell dinner

The last day we spent time on the beach, with lots of fooling around and chucking people in the water. I did my share, but they only got me once and it took six guys to get me in! We went to Pacific Fair, a big shopping centre and whilst the girls loved it, I'm not big on shopping. The last night we had fun at a Farewell Dinner. There was a hip hop dance team and you could also do basketball. They had a soft floor room which was fun for tackling people and somersaulting etc. The dinner was hosted by the Queensland Police Commissioner, Mr. Bob Atkinson. It was an awesome night, but also a little sad for us too.

One of the things I noticed about being with people from all different countries was the instant recognition and appreciation of anything to do with the All Blacks. I had an All Black towel and an All Black sweatshirt and found there was a lot of 'mana' associated with those things. I was careful to keep my eye on them at all times! While I was away the All Blacks played the Wallabies twice. As you know, we lost the first game and the Aussie supervisors and organisers took great pleasure in rubbing it in and telling me the score about a thousand times! The next game we played we beat them by a comprehensive margin. This time, they were very reluctant to tell me who won and they refused to tell me the score. An interesting turn around!

Once again, I can't express how grateful I am to you all for nominating me for this trip. It was the best experience of my life so far. As well as having fun and making new friends, I learned heaps. Max, from Canada was lucky enough to be chosen twice (I'd like to know how he did that). Anyway, he came to New Zealand for the IYG two years ago and although this Australian trip was fantastic, he claimed the New Zealand one was way better.

I consider myself to be extremely lucky to have had this opportunity and I thank you and your membership from the bottom of my heart for the experience.

WRITING WITH LOVE

Gifting your stories to your grandchildren

by Robert (Ace) O'Hara

None of us can stem the passage of time, we are all getting older by the minute and whilst you are young it doesn't seem to matter nearly so much as when you reach my age. I retired from the Police 19 years ago and there are fewer and fewer cops that I knew and worked with still serving. The changes that have taken place in that time have caused me both concern and in some cases intense satisfaction. I was born in the horse and cart era and lived to see motor vehicles become so common that most families now have several. I remember when the piano and the wind-up gramophone playing fragile 78rpm records were the main home entertainment. The advent of television, i-pods, cell phones, CD and DVD discs today and the speed of communication via the internet now dominates our lives.

Politics hasn't changed all that much though and hearing Bob Semple, Paddy Webb or John A. Lee deliver a rabble rousing speech from a soap box was not a lot different to listening to Rodney Hide, Trevor Mallard or Dr Michael Cullen hold forth on TV today.

Interaction between generations today is not as good as it once was. In my youth, grandparents lived with their families when no longer able to cope in their own home. This provided opportunities, often in front of the open fire on winter nights, for them to tell their grandchildren of their experiences when they were growing up. It is different today when the oldies are moved into a retirement village and have little or no interaction with their families. The opportunities to pass on their reminiscences are lacking and grandparents play only a small part of the younger generations' lives.

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All is not lost however as there is a way that you can pass on the legacy of your lifetime experiences to succeeding generations. Write about it. Keep on writing about it. Every time you remember an experience jot it down, or save it on computer. Put them in letters to your grandchildren, or save them until you have enough to print them off as booklets. I've had mine bound into a book with a sturdy hardback cover that will last for generations.

Some years ago, Mike Paterson, a senior New Zealand Herald journalist, author and university graduate (now Dr. Paterson) saw the need for older people nearing the end of their lives to put down their recollections and publish them in book form to pass on to their grandchildren. He developed a week-long course titled "Writing with Love," later publishing a book of the same name setting out the suggested format of these courses and including valuable advice on every aspect of preserving family history.

In May 1995 along with ten others I attended one of Mike's courses held at McKenzie Bay, Whangarei, at the home of Douglas and Meg Chowns. Fired with the enthusiasm generated at that course, I began writing little vignettes of various experiences that I had been through during my infancy and while growing up on a farm in a quiet little valley in the Waimea West area of Nelson.

One was about getting drunk on home made apple wine siphoned from a keg in the tin shed next to our farmhouse when I was five. Another was celebrating the end of World War 2 with a bonfire on the top of a hill overlooking the Waimea Plains, with a highlight seeing a stuffed effigy of Adolf Hitler set up on a stake by the fire and then blasted into the flames with a resounding "WOOMP!" by a small home-made cannon that had been rammed with blasting powder, cotton wool and newspaper then detonated by a fuse lit by a taper from the fire to loud cheers from all present. Other stories covered episodes in my life ranging from quaint experiences singing on tour with the New Zealand Opera Company and later the PerKel Opera, to various bizarre episodes of my Police service.

One of these involved finding Rowe & Sons Flour Mill in a lane off Dixon Street, Wellington insecure on the night shift early one Sunday morning. Going through the mill with a fellow beat constable, we noticed dozens of huge rats running about among the sacks of wheat so we called in other beat members to witness it. We then decided to use a pet Alsatian dog owned by one of the constables to catch some of them. To allow the dog access it was necessary to move some of the sacks which were covered in dust and flour, and to avoid getting our dark blue serge uniforms dirty, we stripped off to our shirts and grundies. Brooms were used to trap the rats between the floor and the wall and the dog called over. It gave the first trapped rat a desultory sniff, whereupon the rat bit the dog's nose drawing blood and infuriated the dog so much that it grabbed the rat in its jaws and crushed it to a pulp in seconds. This fired the dog up and it must have accounted for at least 8 or 10 rats. Looking back on this episode, I often wonder what a member of the public would have thought had they seen us in a state of dishabille in this situation. I titled that story, "Hi-jinks on the beat."

In 2007 after having gathered together more than 50 stories written over a 12 year period, I duplicated 5 copies of each and had them hardback bound at the Auckland University Bindery. At the family celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary in February 2007 I was able to present a copy to each of our three children, plus a copy to each of our two oldest grandsons.

In future I will work on producing a second edition for the remaining five grandchildren. Each book is hardback bound in navy cloth and on the spine in gold leaf, "With Love" from Granddad Robert O'Hara." The feedback that I have had from the family members that have read them has proven to me that it was well worth the time and effort writing the stories, collecting them together in a coherent sequence and then assembling the pages for binding. Each A4 size 122 page volume cost about $50 to bind but the end result is a keepsake volume that will form part of our family history and hopefully be passed down to successive generations to pore over and have a good laugh as well as learning something about their ancestors and their way of life. I would welcome feedback from others who have done something like this or are contemplating doing so.

Contact me on aceoh@clear.net.nz

Editor's Note : I agree totally with 'Ace' that this is important. Earlier this year I completed a 300 page illustrated family history for my family both here and overseas. Its reception was overwhelming and well worth the effort. Don't leave your family and your descendants in the dark about your life and experiences. Insignificant as it may seem now, your writings will become part of our family history in years to come. You don't have to get it bound – just get it down on paper. I guarantee you'll enjoy the experience. It is also important to start writing dates and names on the back of your photographs too.





Feature

A TOUCH OF HISTORY

The design of the current New Zealand Police badge made its first appearance 95 years ago in 1913, when it was introduced in a darkened bronze form by Commissioner of Police John Cullen, the first man to have risen through the ranks to that position.



The badge was issued in two forms. The larger version shown here at right was domed in shape and worn on the traditional helmet. A smaller version flat in profile, was issued for use on the forage caps of all commissioned officers and later were also worn by senior sergeants when that rank was established in 1915. This design continued to be worn under three successive Police Commissioners until William Bernard McIlveney took over as Commissioner in 1926.



The following year he replaced it with a sterling silver badge that consisted of the Royal Crest and became popularly known as the "Lion and Unicorn" badge. Superintendents wore it gold plated in a slightly smaller form.

McIlveney however maintained the lineage by retaining the 1913 design for his own personal use and this was also gold plated. He also wore a large Sam Brown belt bearing gold plated versions of the larger helmet badge and this uniform is displayed in the New Zealand Police Museum. Unfortunately such extravagance leading up to the depression years and an enquiry into a dismissal he had personally authorised, led to him being asked to resign in 1930.



He was replaced by R.P. Ward the under secretary for Justice until the appointment that year of Ward George Wohlmann, who quickly withdrew the silver badge and reissued the original 1913 badges to all ranks. This design was to remain largely unchanged for the foreseeable future with the exception of some small cosmetic alterations due to manufacturing changes and new Crown.



In subsequent years a nickel plated version replaced the original until the first of the chromium plate versions appeared in the late 1940s.

The exact date the chromed version first appeared is not known, but it was the last variant to bear the Tudor Crown that was universally known as the "Kings Crown."

In 1953 the introduction of the first uniform for policewomen also saw a new cap badge specifically designed for their use. It bore the Tudor Crown above the words "NZ POLICE" in a curved form. Meanwhile, men continued to wear the existing badge.



However, the death of King George VI in 1952 and the Accession to the Throne of Queen Elizabeth II required an official change to the Saint Edwards Crown. Financial constraints prevented immediate replacement of all the badges worn by the New Zealand Police. But as steps were already in place to update the men's uniform to the open collar design, a decision was made to start implementing the badge changes at that same time.



The new men's uniform was introduced in 1956 and with it came a new forage cap badge for all men and women, including NCOs.

The first helmet badge to bear the Saint Edwards Crown of Queen Elizabeth II was also issued in 1956. Painted black, it was in use until withdrawn in 1960 and is today quite a rare item.



That year it was replaced by the familiar chromium plated version and remained in use on helmets and officers caps untouched until 1976 when the cap badge was modified. The larger helmet models ceased to be worn when the helmet was withdrawn in 1995.

Meanwhile in 1976 another uniform change occurred with the introduction of the vitric blue uniform for all ranks. At this time the previous forage cap badge was replaced with a smaller version of the helmet badge and it was also fitted with a red plastic insert.

In 1995 the helmet was replaced with the Australian style Akubra wide brimmed hat and with it came a new one piece moulded cap badge with a red enamel infill. That same year two designs were submitted for a completely new badge and two examples of one of them were made.



The primary change saw the introduction of the words "New Zealand Police" on the badge, but it did not gain favour, possibly due to cost and its production was not proceeded with.

Ken Brewer

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Obituaries

MEMBERS

It is with regret that we acknowledge the deaths of the following IPA members and family members. Our thoughts and condolences are extended to their relatives, families and friends.

Edwina Parsons on 1st February 2008
Wife of Region 2 Treasurer Keith Parsons

John Gough on 1 March 2008
IPA Member Region 1

Hugh Stoddard on 4 April 2008
IPA Member Region 3

Ken McLeod on 20th May 2008
IPA Member Region 4

Helen Hall on 20th May 2008
Wife of Region 1 Committee Member Des Hall

Raymond Radford on 10 June 2008
IPA Member Region 2

Roa Morrissey (nee Caldwell) on 15th June 2008
IPA Member 261 Region 1

Jim Sinclair on 11 July 2008
IPA Member Region 5

Dave Armstrong on 21 August 2008
IPA Member Region 3 - [serving member]

Anthony [Tony] White on 4 September 2008
IPA Member Region 3 [serving member]

FORMER COLLEAGUES

It is also with regret that the tragic loss on duty of two serving Police Officers this year is also acknowledged.

Sergeant Derek Wootten
Whilst on duty at Porirua on 11th July 2008.

and

Sergeant Don Wilkinson
Whilst on duty at Mangere on 10 September 2008

Our condolences are extended to the families, friends and colleagues of these serving officers who became the 27th and 28th New Zealand Policemen respectively, to have been slain on duty since the creation of the New Zealand Police on 1st September 1886.

Oh, it's 'Tommy this' an' 'Tommy that' an' Tommy go away,'
But it's 'Thank you Mister Atkins' when the band begins to play.
Then it's 'Tommy this' an' 'Tommy that' an' 'Tommy 'ows yer soul?'
But its 'thin red line of 'eroes' when the drums begin to roll.

Rudyard Kipling

It is appropriate we also acknowledge the recent passing of a retired Commissioner of Police who was well known to our membership.

Robert (Bob) Josiah Walton CMG, OBE, QPM, ED, aged 86 on 18th July 2008.

He held the rank of Commissioner from 1978 to 1983 and led the police through the turbulent Springbok Tour period of 1981. He is also credited with establishing the first drug squads and armed offenders squads.

NZ POLICE LOSE A LEGEND

by Bob Walker

On the 12th of August 2008 the New Zealand Police lost a true legend with the passing of Alan Symes. Alan (known as Taffy) Symes was one of the original three Kings or Musketeers of the New Zealand Dog Section. He was there at the birth of the elite Police Dog Section over 50 years ago. (In 1956 – Ed) Alan joined Inspector Frank Reilly who was brought out from England to set up the fledging Dog Section. Both were joined by Colin Guppy. Alan and Colin held the rank of Sergeant, but three stripes on Alan's uniform made little difference, you respected the man and gave him your full attention.

Alan was a solidly built guy and most new and young handlers knew that Alan was a person to be respected and he was held in total awe by those young and new handlers. Few ever tried to get the better of this Welshman. He knew how to get the best out of his new charges and one quickly learned to listen to each word of instruction, as one's future in the Dog Section depended on it.

Alan was a motivational speaker and Dog Whisperer long before those terms were ever thought of. He didn't waste time with long flowery words, he was blunt and straight to the point often using his sharp wit or eyes to underline a point he needed to bring home. Failure to heed his instructions could result in a sharp outburst, a whack with a length of rubber pipe or he would terrorize you with his faithful but ugly Police Dog Eska. He would kneel down and whisper into Eska's ear and you had little idea what would happen next. He had that dog under total control, but many a new handler got close to being bitten.

After that he had their 100% attention and that was his ultimate aim. He was not a person to be messed with and he was held in high esteem by his charges. He was the expert and could relate to the new handlers, but his forte was with dogs. He knew them inside and out. The bigger and meaner the dog and its problems the more Alan enjoyed the task of sorting it out. It was a personal challenge.

There are many stories about Alan and his two fellow cohorts, 90% are true while the rest have grown and developed with age. In the beginning the Dog Section had to beg borrow and steal equipment. They struggled to survive and luckily they were some distance from Police Headquarters so they managed to get away with things that those in Headquarters or "Bullshit Castle" could not even imagine. Stories like finding an old abandoned military tank (not uncommon when you are next to the Trentham Army Camp) and selling the metal for scrap. Using a Police van to cart meat obtained from local farmers, normally dying cows or horses. In one case a member of the public saw a dog van driving down the road with blood pouring out of the back and rung the Police Dog Section, only to be told by Alan Symes that they had just picked up a local 'crim' and the dogs were 'dealing to him' in the back of the van.

Later when the Dog Section bought their meat from a local butcher, this person made the fatal mistake of putting three pigs' heads in the shop window. He added the names Symes, Guppy, and Reilly. In due course the three turned up and grabbed the butcher, with Alan grabbing him by the front and with limited assistance deposited the

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shocked butcher up on a meat hook were he hung from his clothes. The trio left and jumped into their dog van, leaving the customers looking at the shocked butcher.

One of Alan's favourite party tricks was to offer to take anyone on with both hands behind his back. Most new Dog Handlers were warned about this Symes pastime and took a step back, but some slower and braver types decided to try Alan out. Most are still wearing the scars on their ears where Alan latched on with his teeth, still holding his hands behind his back. Often he would draw blood and many a high pitched scream came from the unfortunate victim. It did not matter what rank the victim held.

He clearly had a charmed life and managed to get away with blue murder. He certainly had a sharp wit and sense of humour. Alan was clearly an instructor and a father figure to many a young Dog Handler. Many of these Handlers came to the kennels from distant Police Districts and had to spend three months of intense training there. Alan's humour softened that hardship.

One of the "young Dog Handlers" who was stationed in Palmerston North in the late 1960's and 70's remembered being clearly instructed to act as a volunteer by Sgt Symes to sort out a large vicious dog from Auckland that was at Trentham for 're education". Apparently this dog became uncontrollable whenever it saw an "offender" put on protective clothing and start to act like a criminal. It would bite anything and anyone in range.

Alan suggested to the volunteer handler that he should act as a criminal without donning any protective gear, instead the only protection he would have were two large pieces of gorse that he would hold in each hand.

When the handler asked, "What if the dog gets through the gorse?" he was told to turn and climb onto some car packing cases which would be behind him. It did flash through this young Dog Handlers mind that if he turned away, he would never manage to make it to the packing cases let alone climb up without becoming dog tucker. The gorse lasted three attacks and the Auckland Dog Handler finally managed to get his dog under control, all due to the innovative skills of Taffy Symes. This was just another example of the faith people had in him and his training ability.

Alan's funeral was a large affair with Police Dogs and their Handlers turning out in force to form a guard of honour. Warm tributes came from Wayne Guppy (Colin Guppy's son) and Mayor of Upper Hutt. Doug Meiklen who later joined the Dog Section as a Sergeant Instructor and Senior Sergeant Mark Davidson who like so many was a young Dog Handler under Alan's control and is now an instructor at the Police Dog Unit.

In his tribute to Alan during the church service, Doug Meiklen Police Dog Instructor, mentioned that about 90% of the training that goes into current Police Dogs would have come from the skills and programmes put in place by Alan Symes all those years ago.

Alan touched so many Dog Handlers lives and he will live in their hearts forever. He will never know how much he impacted on these Young Handlers who are now in their late and middle life. Rest in Peace Alan you were a legend.

(Bob Walker was a Young Dog Handler')

NZ POLICE REMEMBERANCE PIN

Some of our members may be aware of the introduction by the New Zealand Police Association, of a Remembrance Day Pin in commemoration of New Zealand members of Police slain on duty.

It is intended to be worn each year on the week leading up to and also on 29 September, which is St. Michaels Day the Patron Saint of Police and now officially recognised as Remembrance Day by the New Zealand Police.

It can also be worn of the occasion of a Police funeral.



In the words of NZ Police Association President Greg O'Connor, "The pin commemorates those police officers who have been slain while carrying out their duty. They paid the ultimate sacrifice. It also serves as an important reminder of the unique nature of policing – where the nature of the job itself brings with it the risk of death."

Considered Tapu, or sacred by Maori, the wearing of the Huia tail feather as ornamentation is considered a great honour. The tail plumage of the Huia bird, now also lost to us, is extremely special. The incorporation of the Police chevron into the Huia tail feather, with the small cut at the top signifying loss, communicates the honour and loss of someone special to Police.

It should be worn on the left lapel, or on the left hand side above any medals.

They can be obtained through your local police stations for a minimum donation of $3 per pin and the profits will be placed in the Police Families Charitable Trust for the benefit of the families of members slain on duty, in accordance with the rules of that trust. Please note however that stocks are only held locally in the lead up to 29 September and after that time there may be delays in obtaining them.

The Editor acknowledges the generous assistance of the New Zealand Police Association in the preparation of this article and permitting the illustration to be used.

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Constable Peter Blaiklock

IPA Member No. 203

By Stan Keith

On 13th April 1970 Peter was the recipient of the Auckland District Police Commendation for Public Relations. It was quoted that Peter could be justly proud of the outstanding contribution he had made in promoting good Police public relations.

By his efforts he had helped to advance significantly the aims and objectives of the Police Department. On the occasion of his receiving the Police Districts first public relations award, it was reported that Peter explained his role as "ridding Police work of the bogey-man image".

Peter served in the Youth Aid Section in Auckland for over 18 years, since its inception providing a focal point throughout Auckland and elsewhere for the wellbeing of the young people.

He was a public speaker of plain down to earth effectiveness and as such was known to hundreds of city and suburban audiences interested in the welfare and education of children.

He spoke to church organisations, to Rotary clubs, to parent both in Teacher Associations, to youth camps and all manner of groups consistently and patiently explaining the work of salvage and counseling to which the Youth Aid Section was dedicated.

Always a team man it was nonetheless by his initiative and flare for public speaking that the Youth Aid Section was widely extended to produce that facet of usefulness which was so appreciated and so characteristically part of the pioneer work of the Auckland Police in the area of Public Service. It was part of the gift of a good public speaker to be able to adapt his audience with ease.

Peter was equally at home at a Law School Seminar or an infant class in schools, or speaking to those in periodic detention centres. In the school work he proved an apt and natural teacher.

Upon his departure from the New Zealand Police, Peter took up the newly established post of Public Relations Officer for the Automobile Association.

Peter's public activities did not stop when he left the Police. In November 1999 he was selected as a recipient of a Waitakere City Millennium Medal for outstanding service to the Community over many years.

Mayor of Waitakere City, Bob Harvey said, "It was the City's way of honouring those who had made an outstanding contribution to the life and vitality of the West. As a recipient of one of the final 100 medals Peter joined a select group of people whose dedication has helped build the West".

Peter has been a member of the International Police Association for many years and it is obvious he has never forgotten the years of service in the New Zealand Police. Congratulations Peter.

REQUESTING YOUR HELP

We have recently had a number of our magazines "returned to sender" and we would be grateful if any of our membership could please help with the current address, or whereabouts of any of the following members?

Geoffrey Catton
Peter Doone
Darrell Harpur
Graeme Harris
Pauline Joblin
Stewart Miller
David Palmer
Wayne Rains
Allan Richards
Lisa Tunnicliffe
Colin Yates

If you are able to assist, please contact our Secretary General Coleen Meyers. Her details are listed in the National Office Holders list in this magazine.

For Your Diary

IPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The International Police Association New Zealand Section (Inc) Annual General Meeting will be held at

New Plymouth on 27 March 2009 at 4pm.

All Members are welcome and further information can be obtained by contacting the Secretary General Coleen Meyers

REGION 1 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday 23rd November 2008

from midday to 2.30 pm

at

Valentines (formerly Springs Restaurant)
Great North Road, Western Springs, Auckland.

$20 per person (subidised)
bookings and payment please - to Mr. John Pegler
35 Shuttleworth Place, Manly, Whangaparoa, 0932.

Guest Speaker
Fruit juice & water on tables, bar facility available
IPA have sole occupancy for this event

IPA WORLD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Republic of Ireland

30 August to 5 September 2009

Playing at the Stackstown, Castlenock and Westmanstown Golf Clubs near Dublin.

For details please contact Coleen Meyers the New Zealand IPA General Secretary or Email ipaworldgolf@gmail.com

Bookings and deposits by 1 April 2009

Our President Stan Keith advises the local IPA organizers will be keeping some positions available for their New Zealand friends.

THE USA 2009 NATIONAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

IPA Region 57, Illinois, USA.

Sunday 25 to Thursday 29 October 2009

For details contact the website at
www.ipa-usa.org

Region 57 covers the Southern 34 Counties of Illinois, USA.

IPA FRIENDSHIP WEEK – BARCELONA

Spanish section, Catalonian Delegation,
Valles OCC. Branch

1 to 6 August 2009

Plus an optional additional program covering
6 to 10 August 2009
For details contact the Event Manager
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Registration deadline of 30 June 2009
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Maritim Pine Beach Resort
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6 to 11 October 2009

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www.ipa2009.org

740 Euros per person – Double room
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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE IPA - FINLAND

Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 June 2009
Sokos Hotel Hamburger Bors,
Turku, Finland.

450 Euros per person – Single room
350 Euros per person – Double/Twin room

Includes 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 buffet dinners, plus 2 excursions, IPA reception, Police concert and Gala Dinner, cocktails and program.

Alternate programme available

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 June 2009
Same location

320 Euros per person – Single room
250 Euros per person – Double/Twin room

Includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and buffet dinners, plus 1 excursion, IPA reception, Police concert and Gala Dinner, cocktails and programme.

For more information and registration
visit **www.ipafinland.net**

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE IPA AUSTRIAN SECTION – REGION STYRIA

Graz, the Capital of the State of Styria, Austria

Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 May 2009

330 Euros per person – Double room
Deposit of 100 Euros required at registration

Includes 3 breakfasts, 1 banquet, 1 Styrian lunch, 2 dinners, a Gala Evening with 5 course meal, tours of Graz, the Spanish Riding School, the glassworks and its museum, the Hundertwasser Church (all entrance fees included) goulash and beer, plus bus transfers.

Registration by 1 December 2008
Deposits no later than 12 December 2008
Balance due by 28 February 2009

Contact
IPA Steiermark, Paulustorgasse 8, Graz, Austria
or by Email steiermark@ipa.at

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Gifts & Souvenirs



Official IPA Gifts and Souvenirs

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY
☐ **Pens with IPA logo** – Choice of 5 colours	$1.00 each	.....
☐ **Wallet Calculators with IPA Logo**	$2.80 each	.....
☐ **Fridge magnet policeman**	$2.50 each	.....
☐ **Kiwi lapel badges** (not illustrated)	$3.00 each	.....
☐ **Clear plastic IPA ID card covers** (not illustrated)	$1.00 each	.....

Please make cheques payable to: IPA, Region 1
Place your order with: Coleen Meyers. email: ipa_nz@xtra.co.nz
or by post to: Coleen Meyers, PO Box 21061, Henderson 0650. (Ph: 09 8380338)

ORDER FORM

Name .....

Address .....

..... **Post Code** .....

Cheque Enclosed - $ .....

Please Select an Option

☐ **I request the item/s to be posted to me**
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These souvenir items make perfect gifts for your overseas friends and contacts and are available through the Secretary General Coleen Meyers by using the form below.

Also available, but only through Bruce Hutton direct, are a supply of IPA T-shirts of varying sizes.

Editor's Note – I have purchased a set of the pens and found them to be excellent. With blue ink and comfortable grips they write really well. I can definitely recommend them.

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TE TUĀPĀPĀ O TE HUNGA KĀPŌ O AOTEAROA

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION?

The International Police Association (IPA) is the largest police organisation in existence and one of the most unique and interesting social organisations in the world. It was formed on 1 January 1950 by founder Sergeant Arthur Troop from Lincolnshire in England as a non-profit, world-wide fraternal organisation whose membership consists solely of serving and retired police service personnel. The IPA is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and membership presently exceeds 320,000 of all ranks from over 60 countries.

The purpose of our organisation is strictly cultural, social and recreational. At no time does the IPA take part in any matter of departmental policy, discipline or unionism.

In 1986 a permanent administrative centre was created, followed in 1987 by the establishment of a permanent headquarters in Nottingham, England opposite the Trent Bridge cricket ground. Member countries are divided into Regions for administrative purposes and each member country is controlled by a National Council, which in turn is answerable to the International Executive Council.

In New Zealand there are six regions largely based on NZ Police District boundaries, each with an elected committee and a nominated representative serving on the National Council, but there is no permanent headquarters here. Officers on the National Executive are elected every three years, with all administrative matters being handled by the Secretary-General.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Opportunities exist for members to travel overseas to further their study. The Arthur Troop Scholarship is awarded annually to ten IPA members to attend a seminar at the International Conference Centre 'IBZ Schloss Gimborn', or at comparable institutions around the world. Many members have taken advantage of these amazing opportunities to further their careers or personal interests.

The IPA creates opportunities for cultural exchange and contacts on a local, national and international level allowing members and their families to travel anywhere in the world, with access to affordable IPA houses, homes and accommodation. Travellers find police officers around the world have much in common, and love to share their thoughts and experiences with fellow officers. Often special opportunities arise to view local police operations first hand.

Members can host visitors in their homes and act as guides in your local areas. Many lasting friendships develop this way and exchange visits often eventuate.

Local social committees arrange social activities within their own region and the possibilities for these are endless.

International Youth Gatherings (IYG) are held annually in one of the IPA member countries and nominations are open to the children, or grandchildren of current IPA members, who are aged between 16 and 17 years at the commencement date of the gathering they wish to attend. The event in 2009 this will take place in Israel.

Nominations close 26 March 2009 - see the website www.ipa-israel.org.il

International Police Association New Zealand Section

Application for Membership

Name

family name | first / christian names

Date of birth

/ / (day / month / year)

Country of Birth

Home address

street number and name

suburb

town / city | post code

Postal address (if different)

box number

suburb

town / city | post code

Email address

Phone

home | work | mobile

Police service

New Zealand station

duties performed

rank

registration no. (QID)

other Police service

/ / retirement date (if applicable)

Other related service

Languages (written or spoken)

Are you prepared to offer accomodation to visiting members?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Credit Union account number

If yes, what type of accomodation?

Interests

Ensure the following are enclosed prior to sending

1. One off joining fee of $13.50
2. Authority for Bank deduction for payment of annual subscription of #39.00
   OR
   Authority for Credit Union deduction of $1.50 per pay period
3. Passport sized photograph

Send completed form to

The Secretary-General
IPA New Zealand
PO Box 21061
Henderson
Auckland 0605
NEW ZEALAND

Declaration

I declare that I now apply for ordinary membership of the New Zealand Section of the International Police Association (IPA NZ) and that I agree with the aims and objectives of the Association as laid down in the Constitution and Rules. I shall conform to such rules as may be made by IPA NZ and will further the work of the Association by paying my annual subscription of $39.00 as required.

Signed ..... Date .....

Official Use Only

Application approved ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt number .....

Regional Secretary .....

Date ..... / /

IPA NZ Membership (04/2008)

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